

## Curriculum Vitae

### Dr.Saraswati Kerketta

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#### **Current Position**

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, West Bengal.

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#### **Research Interest**

- Labour, Health, Gender and development issues.

#### **Academic Qualifications:**

- **Ph.D.** in Population Studies (2016): Thesis titled "*Utilisation of Maternal and Child Health Care Services in North Bengal: A Case Study of Tea Garden Workers of Darjeeling and Alipurduar Districts*", Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- **M. Phil.** in Population Studies (2008): Dissertation titled "*Process, Patterns and Trends of Urbanisation in North-Eastern States of India*", Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- **M. A.** in Geography (2005), Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.
- **B. A.** Geography (Hons.), 2001, Mahila Mahavidhyalaya, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.
- **Intermediate**(1998), Kendriya Vidyalaya, Hasimara, Alipurduar.
- **High School**(1996), Kendriya Vidyalaya, Hasimara, Alipurduar.

#### **NET/JRF**

- Qualified **UGC-NET** for lectureship in geography in Indian colleges and universities (June, 2005).
- Qualified **CSIR-UGC, JRF** for lectureship in geography in Indian colleges and Universities (December 2006).

#### **Academic Specialization**

- Population and Settlement Geography (M.A.).
- Population Studies (M.Phil.)

#### **Teaching Experience**

- Seven years of teaching experience as an Assistant Professor in Nistarini College, Purulia.
- Four years teaching experiences as an Assistant Professor in Rabindra Bharati

University, Kolkata.

**Paper Published In Journals/ Books**

- Mapping the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Menstrual Hygiene Management among Rural Girls in West Bengal, *Population and Ekistics- the Contemporary India Perspective*, joint publication of University of Calcutta and Institute of Landscape, Ecology and Ekistics (ILEE), Kolkata, 2021 (accepted, 4<sup>th</sup> June,2021).
- How Orissa Dealt with Cyclone Amphan While Battling with COVID -19 Pandemic? Conference Proceedings in Climate Change and Pathways to Self Reliant India : Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainable Development, Jamia Milia Islamia , 15-16 March, 2021, with R Kumrai
- Household and Civic Amenities a Key Indicator of Quality of Life: A Study from the Five Selected Slums of Kolkata Municipality Corporation, *International Journal of Social Research and Development*, Volume 3, Issue I, 2021 pg 14-18, with M. Karmakar
- An Analysis of Utilization of Maternal Health Care Services in EAG States and Assam *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research and Development*, Vol 8, Issue 1, 2021 pg 92-98 with P. Brajabasi
- Dimensions of Women Safety in Urban Public Places: A Cross Sectional Study of Kolkata Metropolitan Area, *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science and Research*, Vol 7, Issue I, 2021, pg 122-129, with A. Maiti
- Human Rights approach to Maternal Health: Barriers to Safe Motherhood in India, in K. Satish and K. Sudhir (eds.) *Human Rights, Concept and Issues*,: ABS books, New Delhi.
- Out of pocket expenditure on utilization of ante-natal and delivery care services in India: analysis based on NSSO 60th round, *International journal of reproduction contraception obstetrics and gynaecology*. 2015; 4(6): 1704-1709. doi:10.18203/2320-1770.ijrcog20151126.
- Knowledge of family planning and current use of contraceptive methods among currently married women in Uttar Pradesh, India, *International Journal of community medicine and public health*.2015;2(4):449-455. doi:10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20150922. with A. Kumar
- An Analysis of Fertility Decline in India: Evidences from Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research and Development*. 2015; 2(8): 354-363, with A. Kumar

**Technical Session Chaired/ Co-Chaired at Conferences/Seminars**

- Chaired a Technical Session on “Health and Human Rights at American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting (AAG), on, held at Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A, 05<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- Co-Chaired a Technical Session – Urbanization and Environmental Issues IV at XIV International Geographical Union (IGU)-India, *International Conference on Agriculture, Food , Water, Biodiversity and Health in Changing Climate*, organized

by Department of Geography, University of Burdwan, West Bengal, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

- Co-chair a Technical Session- Population Dynamics; The Mosaic of the World, at *National Seminar on Geography a Spatial Science; Contemporary Issues and Challenges*, Organised by Department of Geography, Aliah University, Kolkata, In collaboration with Foundation of Practicing Geographers, Kolkata, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- Co-chair a Technical Session- Water Resource Management, at 12<sup>th</sup> IGU International Conference on "*Climate Change, Natural Disasters and Sustainable Development*" organised by Department of Geography, Govt. P.G. College, Panchkula, Haryana, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.
- Co-chair a Technical Session- Rural Development, Role of Self Help Groups, Local Governance and Micro Finance, at *International Conference on Society and Sustainability: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, organised by Department of Geography, Vivekananda College, Kolkata, in Association with The Eastern Geographical Society, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

#### **Papers presented at Conferences/Seminars**

- Menstrual Hygiene: The Public Health Crisis We Avoid Talking About at *XVI DGSI International Geography Online Conference (The Deccan Geographical Society) on Environment Population and Sustainable Development*, organized by Centre for Geographical Studies, Aryabhata Knowledge University Campus, Patna, 10-12 September, 2021
- An Assessment of Menstrual Hygiene Practices Among Rural Adolescent Girls in Assam at *XIV International Geographical Union (IGU)-India, International Conference on Agriculture, Food , Water, Biodiversity and Health in Changing Climate*, organized by Department of Geography, University of Burdwan, West Bengal, March 6-8, 2020. with P. Barua
- An Analysis of Causes and Consequences of Child Marriage in Bankura District at *Geography as Spatial Science: Contemporary Issues and Challenges*, organized by Department of Geography, Aliah University, in collaboration with Foundation of Practicing Geographers, Kolkata, 8-9 March, 2019. with J. Devbhuti
- Maternal Health Situation in India; Missing the Millennium Development Goals at *12<sup>th</sup> IGU International Conference on Climate Change, Natural Disasters and Sustainable Development*, organised by Department of Geography, Govt. P.G. College, Panchkula, Haryana held on 22-24 February 2019.
- Where do the Missing Women go? Narratives from Rescued Trafficked women of Assam at *International Conference on Society and Sustainability: an interdisciplinary approach*, Organised by Department of Geography, Vivekananda College, Kolkata in Association with The Eastern Geographical Society, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, held on 12-13 January, 2019. with D. Dey

- Exploring Determinants of Child Marriage in West Bengal; A Case Study of Bankura District at *International Conference on Society and Sustainability: an interdisciplinary approach*, organised by Department of Geography, Vivekananda College, Kolkata in Association with The Eastern Geographical Society, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, held on 12-13 January, 2019. with J. Devbhuti
- An Analysis of Quality of Household and Civic Amenities in the Slums of Kolkata at *National Seminar on Climate Variability, Vulnerability and Resource Management; Strategies for Sustainable Development and Geo-Spatial Technologies, 40<sup>th</sup> Indian Geographical Congress*, Department of Geography, Rajeev Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, held on 29-31 October, 2018. with M.Karmakar
- Right of Women to Maternal Health Care at *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting (AAG)*, on Mainstreaming Human Rights in Geography during 05-09<sup>th</sup> April 2017, held at Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
- Urbanization and Spatial inequality in the North-Eastern Region of India at *X<sup>th</sup> International Geographical Union, Conference on Urbanization, Health and Well Being and Sustainable Development Goals*, March, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2017, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India.
- Living on the Edge: Crisis in the Tea Industry and Consequent Maternal Health Risk among Plantation Workers of India at *33rd International Geographical Congress*, 20-25<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, Beijing, China.
- Reproductive Health Hazards Among the Women Workers in the Tea Plantations of West Bengal at *National Seminar on Rural Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development*, at D.A.V. College, C.S.J.M. University, Kanpur during 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.
- Social Inclusion in Elementary Education in India: Where Do We Stand? at *National Seminar on Rural Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development*, at D.A.V. College, C.S.J.M. University, Kanpur during 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.
- Relevance of Vocational Training in the Plantation Industry of India- A Case Study of Tea Plantations of North Bengal at *UGC-DEB Sponsored State Level Seminar on ODL and Vocational Training Education (ODL-VTE-2015)* during 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. Organized by Nistarini College Purulia .
- Human Rights Approach to Maternal Health: Barriers to Safe Motherhood in India at National Seminar on "*Human Rights: Present and Future*", organized by S.S.V. College, Hapur, during 26-27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.
- Trends and Patterns of Urbanisation in the North Eastern Region of India at *National Seminar on "Demographic Dynamism in India with Special Focus on North-Western India*, at Punjab University Chandigarh, during 7-8 February, 2013.

#### **Workshop/Training Programs Attended**

- Faculty Development Programme on Application of Geographical Information

*System organized by Department of Geography RPS College, Balan, Mahendragrh, Haryana in collaboration with 'Department of Geography, Swami Sraddhanand College, University of Delhi, 06-19 July, 2021*

- *Workshop on Research Methods in Education, organised by the department of Education Policy, National University of Education Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi, during 17-28 October 2016.*
- *Orientation course for NSS Programme Officers, organised by Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, during 10th - 16th March 2016.*
- *Orientation Programme on Social Science Research Methodology, organised by Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi during 22-27 February, 2016.*
- *Training Course on "Mainstreaming Gender in Health, Gender- Based Violence and Human Rights for Health Professionals, organized by National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi, from 26th -30th October 2015.*
- *UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in Human Rights & Social Inclusion (ID), organized by UGC- Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, during 30-07-2015 to 20-08-2015.*
- *Orientation Course, organized by Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, during 08-04-2013 to 03-05-2013.*

#### ***Sponsored Research Project:***

- *Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Menstrual Hygiene in Context of Rural Adolescent Girls in Bankura District, funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, under Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS) scheme.*

#### **Professional Affiliation**

- Life member of Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP).
- Life member of Indian Association for Social Science and Health (IASSH).
- Life Member of National Association for Geographers of India (NAGI)

#### **Member of Academic Board**

- Post Graduate Board of Study in Geography, Rabindra Bharati University from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017.

#### **Fellowship/ Financial Assistance**

- CSIR Junior Research Fellowship (2007-2010)
- Travel Grant provided by ICSSR for participating in Association of American Geographers (AAG), Boston, Massachusetts, USA (2017)

#### **Other Activities:**

- NSS Programme Officer, Nistarini College, Purulia.