

Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications

- PhD awarded in Political Science by Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, in November 2022.

Title of the Thesis: “The Past Constituting the Present: A Comparative Study of the ‘Naths’ of West Bengal and Assam”. <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.20238.37443>.

- M.A. in Political Science in 2008 from The University of Burdwan.
- B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science in 2006 from Rampurhat College, The University of Burdwan.

Professional Qualifications

- B.L.I.S. in 2011 from The University of Burdwan.
- B.Ed. in 2010 from The University of Burdwan.

Areas of Interest

Political theory; Political sociology, with special focus on the politics of identity: caste, ethnic and other vulnerable groups; and electoral politics.

Teaching Experiences

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| 1. Institution | : Rabindra Bharati University , Kolkata – 700050, India |
| Position | : Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science |
| Tenure | : From April 12, 2019 to Present. |
| | <i>Promoted to Assistant Professor (Stage – II) w.e.f. 04.08.2020.</i> |
| 2. Institution | : Kazi Nazrul University , Asansol – 713340, WB., India |
| Position | : Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science |
| Tenure | : From September 1, 2015 to April 11, 2019. |
| 3. Institution | : Murshidabad Adarsha Mahavidyalaya (Govt. Aided), WB. |
| Position | : Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science |
| Tenure | : From August 4, 2014 to August 31, 2015. |
| 4. Institution | : Majhira Noorani High Madrasah (H.S.) , (Govt. Aided), Murshidabad, WB. |
| Position | : Assistant Teacher of Political Science |
| Tenure | : From July 18, 2011 to August 3, 2014. |
| 5. Institution | : Sofia Girls’ College , Nalhati, Birbhum, WB. |
| Position | : Part-Time Lecturer, Department of Political Science |
| Tenure | : From July 1, 2010 to July 16, 2011. |

Select Publications

Monograph

1. *Caste, Marginalisation, and Resistance: The Politics of Identity of the Naths (Yogis) of Bengal and Assam*, Leiden, The Netherlands, & Boston, USA: Brill, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004689381>.

Edited book

1. *Marginalised Groups in India: Historiography, Politics, and Policies*, Oxford & New York: Routledge (Taylor & Francis), 2025. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003536611>. (Co-edited with Souvik Chatterjee).

Journal articles

1. "LGBT Identity: The Illustration of 'Othering' in India," *Sexuality, Gender, and Policy*, 1(1), 2017, pp. 89-100. Policy Studies Organization, US, and John Wiley & Sons, Inc. <https://doi.org/10.18278/sgp.1.1.6> (SCOPUS and UGC CARE II).
2. "LGBTQ Movement in India: A Post-Civil Society Resistance?" *The West Bengal Political Science Review*, XX, 2018, pp. 103-124.
3. "Ambedkar's Ideas of Nation-Building in India," *Studies in People's History*, 5(1), 2018, pp. 104-110. SAGE Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2348448918759875>. (SCOPUS, Web of Science, and UGC CARE II).
4. "Message of Sri Ramakrishna and Revisiting the Indian Society," *SSRN Electronic Journal*, 2018. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3823190>.
5. "Why State Intervention is required for Corporate Social Responsibility? An Indian Experience," *Amity Journal of Corporate Governance*, 4(1), 2019, pp. 28-42. (Co-authored).
6. "The Empirical Illusion and Reconsidering the Essence of 'the Political'," *The Indian Journal of Political Science*, 80(3), 2019, pp. 375-382. (Co-authored). (UGC CARE I).
7. "Radical-Pragmatic Debate over Reservation: A Study of the Naths of West Bengal and Assam," *Explorations – E-journal of the Indian Sociological Society*, 4(1), 2020, pp. 135-148. (UGC CARE I).
8. "Populist Mobilization, Role of Political Elites and Anti-Centre Leanings in Contemporary Tamil Politics in India," *SSRN Electronic Journal*, 2020. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3863839>.
9. "The Uyghurs of Xinjiang: Politics of Identity and Internal Colonialism," *Journal of Kolkata Society for Asian Studies*, 7(1), 2021, pp. 146-165 (Co-authored) (UGC CARE I).
10. "Reconsidering the Research Ethics in Social Sciences," *Academia Letters*, Article No. 1718, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.20935/AL1718>. (Co-authored).
11. "Populism in Electoral Politics: What We Learnt from the West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021," *Academia Letters*, Article No. 2855, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.20935/AL2855>. (Co-authored).
12. "The Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar: A Geo-Strategic Interpretation," *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, 29(5), 2022, pp. 825-848. Brill Academic Publishers. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15718115-bja10075>. (Co-authored). (SCOPUS, Web of Science, and UGC CARE II).

13. "Reappraising B. R. Ambedkar's Thoughts of Inclusive Indian Nation," *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, 14(2), 2022, pp. 136–145. SAGE Publications, <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455328X211025785>. (SCOPUS, Web of Science, and UGC CARE II).
14. "Natural Resources and Ethnic Conflict: A Geo-strategic Understanding of the Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar," *Jadavpur Journal of International Relations*, 26(2), 2022, pp. 186–207. SAGE Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09735984221120309>. (Co-authored). (UGC CARE I).
15. "Conceptualizing the Perspectives to the Study of Caste and the Debates over Reservation in India: A Critical Enquiry," *Perspectives*, 1(1), 2022, pp. 31–37. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4152318>. (Co-authored).
16. "The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021: Analyzing the effectiveness of India's ban on commercial surrogacy," *Sexuality, Gender & Policy*, 6(2), 2023, pp. 81–92. Policy Studies Organization, US, and John Wiley & Sons, Inc. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sgp2.12061>. (SCOPUS and UGC CARE II). (Co-authored).
17. "The Naths of Bengal and Their Marginalisation During the Early Medieval Period," *Studies in People's History*, 10(1), 2023, pp. 45–56. SAGE Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23484489231157499>. (SCOPUS, Web of Science, UGC CARE II).
18. "An Untold Saga of the Politics of Identity: The Struggle for Recognition of the Naths of Bengal," *History and Sociology of South Asia*, 17(2), 2023, pp. 213–222. SAGE Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/22308075231155248>. (SCOPUS, Web of Science, UGC CARE II).
19. "The Beggars During the COVID-19 in India: Marginality, (In)visibility and the Role of Civil Society," *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, OnlineFirst, 2023. SAGE Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455328X231186249>. (Web of Science, UGC CARE II). (Co-authored).
20. "The Marxist Perspective of State," *SSRN Electronic Journal*, 2024, <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4711122>. (Co-authored).
21. "Lok Sabha Elections 2024: BJP's Difficulties and Prospects in West Bengal," *Rajneeti*, 4(1), 2024, pp. 16–18. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4779497>
22. "The people involved in begging in India and their lived experience during the COVID-19," *Development in Practice*, 34(5), 2024, pp. 648–654. Routledge (Taylor & Francis). <https://doi.org/10.1080/09614524.2024.2351941>. (SCOPUS, Web of Science, UGC CARE II). (Co-authored).
23. "General Election Outcomes in West Bengal," *Economic & Political Weekly*, 59(52), 2024, pp. 4–5. (Letter). <https://www.epw.in/journal/2024/52/letters/general-election-outcomes-west-bengal.html>. (SCOPUS, UGC CARE II).
24. "Beyond the Myth of a Casteless West Bengal." *Economic & Political Weekly*, 60(15), 2025, pp. 4–5. (Letter). <https://www.epw.in/journal/2025/15/letters/beyond-myth-casteless-west-bengal.html>. (SCOPUS, UGC CARE II).
25. "A Look Beyond Welfarism: Analysing the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 in West Bengal, India," *Contemporary South Asia*, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2025.2494620>. (SCOPUS, Web of Science, UGC CARE II). (Co-authored).

Chapters in Books

1. “Chakma Refugee in Arunachal Pradesh: Their Inclusion and Setback,” in S. K. Das & N. Chowdhary (eds.), *Refugee Crises and Third-world Economies: Policies and Perspectives* (137–148). Bingley, England: Emerald Publishing Limited, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1108/978-1-83982-190-520201015>. (Co-authored).
2. “Corporate Social Responsibility and Role of the Indian State: A Transition Beyond Corporate Philanthropy,” in S.K. Msosa, S. Mugova, and C. Mlambo (eds.), *Corporate Social Responsibility in Developing Countries: Challenges in the Extractive Industry* (pp. 265–279). Switzerland: Springer Nature, 2023. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-27512-8_17. (Co-authored).
3. “Welfare Populism and Electoral Politics,” in J.C. Chennattuserry, M. Deshpande, & P. Hong (eds.), *Encyclopedia of New Populism and Responses in the 21st Century* (pp. 1040–1042). Singapore: Springer Nature, 2024. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-99-7802-1_282.
4. “Ambivalent Effects of Globalization on Developing Countries,” in R. Baikady et al. (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Change* (pp. 1–17). Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, Cham, 2025. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-87624-1_438-2. (Co-authored).
5. “Apolitical Community and Elections: A Comparative Study of the Naths in West Bengal and Assam,” in Y.S. Sisodia and P. Chattopadhyay (eds.), *Electoral Narratives of Democracy and Governance in India* (pp. 148–166). London: Routledge (Taylor & Francis), 2025. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003499404-12>.
6. “Introduction: The Axes of Marginality,” in K. Debnath and S. Chatterjee (eds.), *Marginalised Groups in India: Historiography, Politics, and Policies* (pp. 1–13). London: Routledge (Taylor & Francis), 2025. <http://doi.org/10.4324/9781003536611-1>. (Co-authored).
7. “Sunk in Oblivion: The Marginalisation and Resistance of the Naths of Bengal,” in K. Debnath and S. Chatterjee (eds.), *Marginalised Groups in India: Historiography, Politics, and Policies* (pp. 17–33). London: Routledge (Taylor & Francis), 2025. <http://doi.org/10.4324/9781003536611-3>.
8. “Beggars and Policy Discourse in India: Searching for a Solution of an Age-Old Marginality,” in K. Debnath and S. Chatterjee (eds.), *Marginalised Groups in India: Historiography, Politics, and Policies* (pp. 219–234). London: Routledge (Taylor & Francis), 2025. <http://doi.org/10.4324/9781003536611-19>.

Book and Article Reviews

1. “Book review: Sekhar Bandyopadhyay and Tanika Sarkar (Eds), *Caste in Bengal: Histories of Hierarchy, Exclusion, and Resistance*. Permanent Black, 2022, ₹1495, x+605 pp. ISBN: 9788178246512 (Hardback),” *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, 2022, SAGE Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455328X221135243>. (Web of Science and UGC CARE II).
2. “Review of: Economics Rationality in the World of Amartya Sen,” *Qeios*, UK, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.32388/YRIJKA>.

❖ **Invited Lectures as Resource Person**

1. ***'Socialist Approach to the Study of Political Science'***, organized by the Department of Political Science, Pandaveswar College on 11th January, 2017.
2. ***'Politics of "Othering": Contemporary Indian Feminism'***, organized by the Department of Political Science, Durgapur Government College on 25th January, 2017.
3. ***'Ambedkar and Nation-building in India'***, in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Relevance of D.R. Ambedkar's Vision and Mission: Present Scenario' organized by Abhedananda Mahavidyalaya, Sainthia, Birbhum on 11th March, 2017.
4. ***'Administrative Corruption in India: Problems and Proposed Remedies'*** in Departmental Seminar on 'Administrative Corruption: Reflection on Problems and Potential Solutions', organized by the Department of Political Science, Krishnath College, Berhampore on 26th April, 2017.
5. **Lecture delivered in Personal Contact Programme (PCP)** in P.G. 1st year, Political Science as Resource Person in Directorate of Distance Education, The University of Burdwan on 15th May, 2017.
6. ***'Political Development or Politics of Development?'*** in Departmental Seminar on 'Modernization and Dependency: An Alternative Perspective to the Study of Developing Countries', organized by the IQAC and Department of Political Science, Durgapur Government College on 1st September, 2017.
7. ***'Resurgence of Dravida Nadu! A Potential Challenge to the Indian Polity'*** in National Seminar on Trends and Challenges in Indian Polity since 1990s, organized by Kazi Nazrul Islam Mahavidyalaya, Churulia, Paschim Bardhaman, on 12th April, 2018.
8. ***'What is Politics and the Political'*** in a state Level Seminar organized by Plassey College, Nadia, 31st August, 2018.
9. ***'Theorizing the Postmodern: The New Ways of Interpreting the World'*** in a State Level Seminar organized by R. B. C. Evening College, Naihati, N. 24 PGNS, on 31st August, 2018.
10. ***'Socio-Political Philosophy and Contemporary Contentions in Society'*** in a State Level Seminar organized by R. B. C. Evening College, Naihati, N. 24 PGNS, on 7th September, 2018.
11. ***'Kautilya and His Seven Pillars of Statecraft'*** in a State level Online Value-added Course organized jointly by the Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal, on 25th and 26th June, 2020.
12. ***'Gandhian Narratives of Modernity and Present-Day World Situation'*** in a State Level Webinar organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Chapra Bangalji Mahavidyalaya, Bangalji, Nadia, WB. on 15th August, 2020.
13. ***'Social Exclusion of the Householder Naths of Bengal'*** in an International Conference on Global Contribution of Nath Panth, organized by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, UP, on 20th – 22nd March, 2021.
14. ***'Subalternity, Exclusion, and the Marginalized Communities in India'*** in a National Level Webinar organized by SALS, Department of Sociology, VET Institute of Arts and Science, Erode, Tamil Nadu, on 6th August 2021.
15. ***'Research Ethics in Social Sciences and Writing Research Papers'*** in a State-level Webinar organized by Political Science Study Circle, Kolkata, on 16th January, 2022.

16. **'Ambedkar's Ideas of Nation-building in India'** in a State-level Webinar on Relevance of Ambedkar's Ideas for Contemporary India, organized by Political Science Study Circle, Kolkata, on 20th April, 2022.
17. **'Kautilya and His Seven Pillars of Statecraft'** in a State level Online Value-added Course organized jointly by the Department of Philosophy and Centre for Studies in Ethics and Socio-political Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal, on 18th and 19th June, 2022.
18. **'Gandhi, the Critique of Modernity, and the 21st Century'** in ICSSR-ERC sponsored two-day International Level Conference on Debating Gandhi in 21st Century India, organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal, India on 10th and 11th November, 2022.
19. **'Nation, National Movement, and Ambedkar: A Retrospect'** in Two-Day UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar and Workshop on Revisiting the Struggle for Indian Independence and Its Historiography, organized by Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on 2nd and 3rd March, 2023.
20. **'Women and subalternity: "Lived experience" or "theorisation from outside"?'** in Two Days National Seminar on Breaking the Barriers and Women: Achievements & Challenges, organized by Department of Political Science, S.R. Fatepuria College, Beldanga, Murshidabad, West Bengal, on 16th and 17th March, 2023.
21. **'Caste, Marginalization, and Resistance: The Politics of Identity of the Naths (Yogis) of Bengal'** in National Seminar on India and Identity in the Context of History, Polity, Society & Economy, organized by Department of History and Department of Political Science, Murshidabad Adarsha Mahavidyalaya, Murshidabad, West Bengal, on 22nd March, 2023.
22. **'The Marginalization and Resistance of the Naths of Bengal: Interpreting History through Lived Experience'** in the session **Antiquity from Below: Investigating the Writings from Indian History Through Subaltern Lense** of International Relations Scholastic Conclave 2023, organized by the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, on 27th April, 2023.
23. **'Caste in India and Politics of Reservation'** in International Seminar on Caste in India: Society and Politics, organized by the Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology, Serampore Girls' College, Hooghly, West Bengal, on 22nd May, 2023.
24. **'Theorising the Postmodern with Special Reference to Foucault, Derrida, and Rorty'** in a Special Lecture Series organized by the Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal, on 4th July, 2023.
25. **'Navigating the Ocean of Knowledge: Discovering Journals and Research Platforms'** in a Workshop on **Research Paper Writing & Methodology in Social Science**, organized by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University and Jadavpur Association of International Relations, Kolkata, on 27th August, 2023.
26. **'Universality of Universal Declaration of Human Rights'** in an International Seminar on Human Rights in Contemporary World Order, jointly organised by Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women and West Bengal Political Science Association at Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Dakshineswar, Kolkata, on 9th December, 2023.
27. **'Revisiting Ambedkar's Idea of Nation'** at Jangipur College, Murshidabad, on 22nd May, 2024.
28. **'The Key Factors that shaped Lok Sabha Elections 2024 in the East and North-east India'** in a National Level Online Panel Discussion, organised by Department of

- Political Science, Bangalore University, and Bangalore University Political Science Alumni Association, on 9th June, 2024.
29. ***'Ethnography: A methodology or a method?'*** in a two-day Workshop on Mapping Neighbourhoods: A Study of Daptaripara, organised by the Department of History and Political Science, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, in collaboration with Know Your Neighbour, on 29th August, 2024, at St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata.
 30. ***'Philosophy of the Indian Constitution and Its Present Implications'*** in a day-long Seminar jointly organised by Gurudas College and Scottish Church College on 26th November, 2024, at Gurudas College, Kolkata.
 31. ***'Philosophy of the Indian Constitution'*** in a Webinar organized by Acharya Sukumar Sen Mahavidyalaya, Purba Bardhaman, on 26th November, 2024.
 32. ***'Universality of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights'*** in an International Webinar to observe Human Rights Day organised by the Department of Political Science and Research Cell in collaboration with IQAC, S. R. Fatepuria College, Beldanga, Murshidabad, and the Department of Political Science, Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, on 10th December, 2024.
 33. ***'Digital Governance and the Marginalised Groups in West Bengal: Strategies and Challenges'*** in a two-day National Conference on Technology, Public Policy and marginalized Communities in India: Challenges and Strategies, organised by the Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, and Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Branch, at Bangalore University, Bengaluru, on 6th-7th February, 2025.
 34. ***'Ethnography: A methodology or a method?'*** in a certificate course on 'Pre-Research Training in Social Sciences', jointly organised by the Vivekananda Centre for Research and the Department of Political Science, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College (Autonomous), Narendrapur, Kolkata, on 19th February, 2025.
 35. ***'How to Write a Dissertation'*** in a State Level Webinar on How to Write a Dissertation, organised by the Department of Political science, S. R. Fatepuria College, Beldanga Murshidabad, in collaboration with Hazi A.K. Khan College, Hariharpara, Murshidabad, and Hiralal Bhakat College, Nalhati, Birbhum, on 20th February, 2025.
 36. ***'The Politics of Space and Reclaim the Night in West Bengal'***, in a Two-day National Conference on Democracy and Women: Landscape of Indian Politics, organised by the Department of Political science, IQAC, and Research Cell, S. R. Fatepuria College, Beldanga Murshidabad, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, on 11th and 12th March, 2025.
 37. ***'Dr B. R. Ambedkar's ideas of nation, nationalism, and nation-building in India'*** in a National Seminar on Revisiting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Legacy: Democracy, Equality, and Social Justice, organised by the Institute of Dalit Studies and Research (ISDR), Kolkata, in collaboration with the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, Department of Political Science & Social Outreach Cell, Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Dakshineswar, Kolkata, on 16th April, 2025.

❖ Extended Lectures

1. Extended Lecture delivered on **Postmodern Philosophy** in Semester – IV, Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University, in the academic session 2017-18.
2. Extended Lecture delivered on **J.S. Mill's text 'On Liberty'** in Semester – III, Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University, in the academic session 2017-18.

3. Had been appointed to cover some portions of PG course in the Department of Women's Studies, The University of Burdwan as Guest Lecturer in the academic session 2018-19.

❖ Research Talk

1. **"Social Normativism and the Politics of Identity"**, in 6th KNU Research Talk organized by the Kazi Nazrul University Research Talk Group on 22nd November, 2017.

❖ Organized Seminar/Conference/Workshop

1. Acted as **Convener** in One-Day State Level Workshop on **"UG Syllabus in Political Science under CBCS Pattern"**, organized by the Department of Political Science, KNU, on 28th August, 2017.
2. Acted as **Coordinator** in Two-Day National Level Seminar on **"Use of Scientific and Technical Terminology in Political Science"**, sponsored by the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, MHRD, Government of India, organized by the Department of Political Science, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, on 3rd and 4th January, 2018.
3. Acted as **Joint Convener** in National Seminar on **"Revisiting 75 Years of Indian Independence"** organized by The Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on 3rd February, 2023.
4. Acted as **Joint Convener** in National Level Seminar on **Democratization, Social Justice, and Human Rights: Interrogating India's Experience since Independence**, organized by the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on 27th & 28th March, 2024.
5. Acted as **Joint Convener** in International Level Seminar on **Democracy at a Crossroads in South Asia**, organized by the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on 17th & 18th March, 2025.

❖ Paper Presented/Participated in Seminar/Conference/Workshop

1. Presented a paper on **'Subaltern Studies is a New Horizon in Political Science'** in 16th Annual Conference of the West Bengal Political Science Association at University of Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, on 21st and 22nd March, 2015.
2. Presented a paper on **'LGBT Movement in India: An Outline'** in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Social Movements in India: Their Impact on Society and Polity', organized by Berhampore College, Murshidabad, W.B. on 2nd and 3rd May, 2015.
3. Presented a paper on **'Plurality and National Integrity in India: Barriers and Remedies'** in 7th National Seminar on 'National Integration: Barriers and Remedies' organized by Institute for Social Development and Research, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 4th – 6th April, 2015.
4. Presented a paper on **'LGBT Rights: The Politics of Otherness in India'** in National Seminar on 'Recent Trends in Indian Politics' at the Department of Political Science, University of Gour Banga, Malda, W.B. on 22nd January, 2016.
5. Presented a paper on **'LGBT Identity: The Illustration of 'Othering' in India'** in ICSSR Funded National Seminar on 'Identity and Security in India in the Era of Globalization' organized by the Department of Political Science, The University of Burdwan, W.B. on 17th and 18th March, 2016.
6. Presented a paper on **'Good Governance: Theory and Practice in India'** in 9th International Seminar on 'Good Governance' organized by Institute for Social Development and Research, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 23rd – 25th April, 2016.

7. Presented a paper on “***‘Othering’ within the ‘Other’: A Subtle Politics in Society***” in International Seminar on ‘Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy’ organized by the Department of Political Science, Bankura University in Collaboration with ICSSR, New Delhi, on 10th and 11th November, 2016.
8. Presented a paper on ***‘Social Exclusion in Undivided Bengal: A Case Study of the Yogi Community in the Late-Twelfth Century’*** in International Seminar on ‘Social Exclusion and Development’ organized by Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, Bidisha, Fulgeria, Pashchim Medinipur, West Bengal on 4th and 5th December, 2016.
9. Participated in a one-day **State Level UGC Sponsored Seminar** on ‘Intellectual Freedom and the State’ on 20th February, 2017, organized by the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.
10. Presented a paper on ***‘Democracy in India: A Competitive-Conflict Model of Democracy!’*** in 18th Annual Conference of the West Bengal Political Science Association, jointly organized by the WBPSA and the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 4th and 5th March, 2017.
11. Presented a paper on ***‘Human Rights and Politics of Identity: A Case of the Nath Community’*** in Three-Day National Workshop cum Orientation Programme on ‘Rethinking Marginality: Conjunctions and Contradictions’, organized by Women’s Studies Center, Department of Human Rights and Human Development and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, supported by ICSSR-ERC on 29th to 31st March, 2017.
12. Presented a paper on ***‘Social Exclusion of the Nath Community: From Interdisciplinary Perspective’***, in UGC Sponsored Seven-Day Research Workshop Programme (6th Phase) on “Breaking the Borders of Conventional Research: An Inter-disciplinary Approach”, organized by Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on 22nd to 28th May, 2017.
13. Presented a paper on ***‘Rethinking Marginality: From Binary to Multinary Point of View’***, in Two-day International Seminar on “Challenges to Indian Polity: Concepts and Issues”, organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Gour Banga, Malda, West Bengal on 20th and 21st July, 2017.
14. Presented a paper on ***‘West Bengal and Bangladesh: Cultural Unification vs. Nationalist Bifurcation’***, in International Seminar on “Indo-Bangladesh Relations in the 21st Century”, organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal in collaboration with ICWA, ICSSR, and MAKAIAS on 8th to 10th November, 2017.
15. Participated as a **Discussant** in a daylong National Level Roundtable on “Etienne Balibar and Immanuel Wallerstein’s *Race, Nation, Class: Ambiguous Identities*”, jointly organized by the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, and Calcutta Research Group on 11th January, 2018.
16. Presented a paper on ***‘Message of Sri Ramakrishna and Revisiting Indian Society’***, in UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on “The Idea of India in the Mind of Bangalee Intellectuals”, organized by the Department of History, Bengali and Political Science, Serampore Girls College in collaboration with Corpus Research Institute and Savitri Girls’ College, on 30th and 31st January 2018.

17. Presented a paper on '***Social Normativism and Resistance: From Liberal to Postmodern Feminism***', in International Seminar on "Women, Society and Politics: A Study on Indian and Bangladesh", organized by MAKAIAS in collaboration with Karimpur Pannadevi College, Nadia, and association with Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, on 24th and 25th April, 2018.
18. Presented a paper on '***Mapping B. R. Ambedkar's Ideas of Inclusive Indian Nation***' in Two-day National Level Seminar on "Nationalist Discourse on Inclusion", organized by Centre for the Gandhi and Peace Studies, School of Social Sciences, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, on 4th and 5th August, 2018.
19. Participated in the Workshop on "Social Science Research: Methods and Problems", organised by Council for Political Studies and the Department of Political Science, Presidency University on 13th March, 2019.
20. Presented a paper on '***Caste, Marginalization, and the Naths of Bengal***' in ICSSR-ERC sponsored Two-day National Seminar on "Envisioning India in the Future World Order", organized by the West Bengal Political Science Association in collaboration with St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata on 30th and 31st March, 2019.
21. Presented a paper on '***Radical-Pragmatic Debate over Reservation: A Study of the Naths in West Bengal and Assam***' in Two-day National Seminar on "Revisiting Reservation Policy in India", organized by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, on 29th and 30th November, 2019.
22. Participated in a State-level Webinar on "Sammukh Samare Dragon-Oirabot: Bharot-Chin Samporker Bartaman Goti-prokriti", organized by Department of Political Science & IQAC Maharani Kasiswari College, Kolkata, on 18th August, 2020.
23. Participated in the Two-Day International Webinar on "Dissent and Democracy: Critical Perspectives", organized by Rabindra Bharati University Teachers' Association, held at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on the 8th and 9th November, 2021.
24. Participated in the International Seminar on "75 Years of Indian Independence" organized by West Bengal Political Science Association in collaboration with Maharaja Manindra Chandra College, Kolkata, on 4th June, 2022.
25. Presented a paper on '***Apolitical Community and Elections: A Comparative Study of Nath Community in Assam and West Bengal***' in ICSSR sponsored two-day National Seminar on "Issues of Democracy and Governance in Elections at the State and National Level in India", organized by Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research (An Institute of ICSSR), Ujjain, on 28th and 29th July, 2022.
26. **Virtually acted as the Co-chair and Discussant** in the Panel "**Protest, Contentious Mobilization, and Repression in India**" of the Session "**Politics of South Asia**" in the 80th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL, USA, on 13th April, 2023.
27. Presented a paper on '***Is Participation in Electoral Politics Sometimes Considered Scary? A Comparative Study of the Naths in West Bengal and Assam***' in the Panel "Party Mobilization & Political Participation in India & Pakistan" of the Session "**Politics of South Asia**" in the 80th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL, USA, on 14th April, 2023.
28. Presented a paper on '***Does Caste Matter in West Bengal Politics?***' in ICSSR sponsored two-day National Seminar on "Contemporary Context of State Politics in India:

Conundrums and Possibilities”, organized by Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research (An Institute of ICSSR), Ujjain, on 22nd and 23rd February 2024.

29. Participated in the 22nd Annual Conference & International Seminar on “75 Years of Indian Republic: Some Reflections”, organized by West Bengal Political Science Association in collaboration with The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata, on 21st & 22nd June, 2024.
30. Participated in the National Seminar on the 18th Lok Sabha Election (2024) and the Future of Indian Democracy, organised by the Council for Political Studies, and the Department of Political Science, Presidency University, on 20th November, 2024.
31. Jointly presented a paper on ***‘India's Act East Policy: Where Does Mongolia Stand’*** in Two Day National Seminar on Bridging Borders, Building Bridges-Exploring Connections between North East India and South East Asia, Organised Jointly by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata, and, Department of Political Science, Assam University, Silchar, on 12th-13th March, 2025.

❖ Affiliation to the Professional Bodies

1. West Bengal Political Science Association (Life member & Executive Committee member since 2022).
2. Council for Political Studies, Kolkata (Life member).
3. Bengal Institute of Political Studies (Life member).
4. Received Developing Nations Membership in the Midwest Political Science Association, USA, 2016-2017, 2023-2024.

❖ Web Links

1. RBU Website : <https://rbu.ac.in/home/page/178>
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