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Short Bio:

Dr. Sourish Jha is serving the Department of Political Science at Emerald Bower campus of Rabindra Bharati University (RBU), Kolkata with the capacity of Associate Professor. He is responsible for both teaching and research in the Department. His teaching & research interest includes but not limited to political ecology and environmental movements, politics of development, theories of governance and Indian state and society. He regularly supervises PhDs in the Politics of Development & Environment

Apart from the faculty of political science at RBU he is passionately engaged with an experiment to make social science practical and useful to the people particularly in everyday life. To put the idea into practice he founded Activism Foundation for Social Research and Action in 2016 along with faculties, researchers, and students from various disciplines. Since then, Activism is engaged in research and dialogue with the specific problems of individuals and communities while providing them research-based guidance to handle the problems of daily life.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

MA, PhD

AWARDS:

1. Teacher Fellow
2. Junior Research Fellowship
3. MA Silver Medal Award

University Grant Commission
North Bengal University
North Bengal University

Major Publications (Books & Articles)

1. Jha Sourish (2025) Precarious by Design: Environmental Injustice and Institutional Functioning in India, pub in 2025 Situation International Conference Proceedings held in Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, October 23-24
2. Jha Sourish (2025) Why does injustice matter in the discourse on justice? pub in *Economic & Political Weekly*, 60 (20); 36-41
3. Jha Sourish (2025) Beyond The R.G. Kar Uprising: A Critical Reflection; pub in *Criticality* 3(01), 33-49,
4. Jha Sourish (2025) The R.G. Kar tragedy, workplace violence, and everyday injustice: A critical policy and gendered perspective, pub in *International Journal of Political Science and Governance*, 7(04), 274-280
5. Jha Sourish (2024) Everyday Injustice and Social Science Intervention, pub in Amlan Lahiri (eds) *Voices of Injustice: Interrogating Marginalization*, Kolkata, Levant Books
6. Jha Sourish (2023) The Naked King, Common Nonsense, and the Possibilities of Good Social Science, *West Bengal Political Science Review*
7. Jha Sourish (2018) The Dooars Movement: Radical Politics and Environmentalism in Bengal, New Delhi, Serial Pub
8. Jha Sourish (2017) Interrogating the Praxis of Sustainable Forest Management and People's empowerment in the District of Jalpaiguri pub in Karubaki Datta (eds) "Man and Forest in Himalayas and North east India, Delhi, B. R Publishing
9. Jha Sourish (2016) A Note on Rousseau's Concept of Power pub in *Rabindra Bharati Journal of Political Science*, Vol XI,
10. Jha Sourish (2015) Radical Politics and Environmentalism against Taungya in Dooars in Pulin .B. Nayak (eds) "Economic Development of India" Vol –IV, London, Routledge
11. Jha Sourish (2012) The Green India Mission: A Roadmap for Neo-Liberal Exploitation in Forest pub in *Indian Journal of Political Science*, April-June Issue
12. Jha Sourish (2012) Forest Governance and People's Protest: An Account of Forest Dweller's Resistance in North Bengal, pub in Nepal and Chakraborty (ed) *Politics of Culture, Identity and Protest in North East India*, New Delhi, Authorpress
13. Jha Sourish (2011) Enquiring into the Rhetoric of SFM: Reflections from East and North East India, in Ghosh Maya & Jana Arun (eds) *Development and Disorder: The Crisis of Governance in North East and East of India*, , New Delhi, South Asian Pub

14. Jha Sourish (2010) Process Betrays Spirit: Forest Right Act in Bengal, Economic and Political weekly (EPW), Vol XLV No 33
15. Jha Sourish (2010) Exploring the Horizon: Constructing Marx's Contribution on Praxis as Transcendence, Critique: Journal of Socialist Theory, Vol 38, No 2
16. Jha Sourish (2010) Struggle for Democratizing Forests: The Ongoing Forest Rights Movement in India, Social Movement Studies, Vol 9 No 4
17. Jha Sourish (2006) Governing Through Participation: An Experience from JFM as a Form of Collaborative Governance, Indian Journal of Political Science, Vol LXVII, No 4,
18. Jha Sourish (2005) *Forest Dependent Dalits in North Bengal: A Pre JFM and Post JFM Scenario*. Pub in the Centre for People's Forestry, Hyderabad

MAJOR SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES

Type of Seminar/ Conferences	Title of Paper Presented	Title of Conference / Seminar	Organized by
International	1. The R.G. Kar tragedy, workplace violence, and everyday injustice: A critical policy and gendered perspective	Reflections on the Past, Looking to the Future: Fifty Years of Towards Equality	Center for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi, 3 rd -5 th March
	2. The Everydayization of Injustice: Functioning, Adaptation, and the Deferred Crisis	20th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for Justice Research: Justice at the Intersections	International Society for Justice Research, held at Seattle University, Seattle, Washington, USA, July 1 st - July 2 nd , 2025
	3. Precarious by Design: Environmental Injustice and Institutional Functioning in India,	2025 Situations International Conference on Precarity and Injustice: A Global Reckoning of Our Time	Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, October 23-24, 2025
	4. Dealing with Everyday injustice and Irremediable Inequalities: A Draft Proposal to Use Social Science in Practice	Inequalities, Othering and Violence in everyday Life	Cluni Women's College, Kalimpong, India, 23 rd & 24 th November, 2023
	5. The Green India Mission: A Roadmap for Neo-liberal Exploitation in Forest	Nature Inc? Questioning the Market Panacea	Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, The Netherlands, 30 th June-2 nd July, 2011
	6. Forest Dweller's Movement in North Bengal: A Perspective on Citizen's Action Against the State	Citizenship and Governance	3 rd International conference held at BHU, 8-10 th Feb, 2005, Organized by Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi

National	1. How could theory provide insights to the Opposition? Critical Reflections on Bharat Joro Naya Yatra & the task of Democratization (Special lecture as Resource person) 2. Forest Degradation, failed Afforestation and Livelihood Innovation in Dooars 3. Modernization: An Approach to Development 4. Struggle For Democratizing Forest: An Account of Ongoing Forest Movement in North Bengal 5. Paradox in Policy: An Enquiry into the Rhetoric of SFM in India 6. Human Rights: State and Civil Society: An Indian Contribution with Ambedkarian Insight."	Democratization, Social Justice and Human Rights: Interrogating India's Experience since Independence Greening Indian Economy Use of Scientific and Technical Terminology in Political Science Social Movement and Democratic Politics in Contemporary India Democratization, Development and Governance	Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, March, 27th & 28th, 2024 Center for Advance Studies in Economics, Utkal University, March 25th-26th, 2015 Hiralal Mazumder Memorial College for Women, Sept, 2nd-3rd, 2016 Department of Political Science, NBU, 25th-26th March, 2010 (UGC sponsored) Department of Political Science, NBU, 15th-16th Feb, 2008, NBU (UGC & ICSSR sponsored) Department of Political Science, NBU, 25-26th March, 2004
Regional/State	1. The Silent Crisis: Why Indians Must Know Their Constitution 2. Why does injustice matter in the discourse on justice? 2. More Reservation or No Reservation: Interrogating Feasibility of Inclusion and Locating Future Alternatives in India 3. Where Process Betrays Outcome: A Study of Deforestation Related Issues in North Bengal	Invited talk on the occasion of Constitution Day 2024 Invited talk cum special lecture Politics of Inclusion and Responses 39th Annual Regional Science Conference	Raja Peary Mohon College, Uttarpara, Hooghly, held on 26th November 2024 Department of Political Science, NBU. Darjeeling held on 11th March, 2024 Department of Political Science, RBU, 8th Feb, 2016 Indian Regional Science Association (held at NBU) 24th-26th January, 2008