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### **Profile**

- Presently employed as Assistant Professor (Economics), Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK)
- Visiting Faculty, Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta
- External Consultant, ICRIER, New Delhi
- Before joining IDSK, worked as a Fellow at ICRIER from May 2009 to April 2010
- Worked as an Economist with Economic Research Foundation (ERF), New Delhi from August 2008 to April 2009.

### **Main Areas of Interest**

- Globalization and Impact on Labour
- Recent Growth Processes in India and China
- Labour in West Bengal and India
- Macroeconomics

### **Academic Qualifications**

#### **Doctor of Philosophy (Economics), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2008**

PhD Thesis title "Technological Progress and Persistence of Labour Reserves in Developing Countries: A Theoretical Cum Empirical Study"

Supervisor: Prof. Prabhat Patnaik, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP), School of Social Sciences (SSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

#### **Master of Philosophy (Economics), 2003 (CESP/JNU)**

Grade Point Average: 7.25 pts. on a scale of 9 (80%) and admitted to Direct PhD Programme in the Centre.

#### **Master of Arts (Economics), 2002 (CESP/JNU)**

**Final Grade Point Average: 6.75 pts. on a scale of 9 (75%)**

#### **Bachelor of Science (Economics Honours), 2000 (Presidency College, Calcutta)**

**Marks Obtained: 65.13 per cent of total marks**

#### **Higher Secondary Examination, 1997 (Ashutosh College, Kolkata)**

**Marks Obtained: 78.1 per cent of total marks**

#### **Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) Examination, 1995**

The Future Foundation School, Kolkata

**Marks Obtained: 91.2%**

### **Publications**

#### **Chapter in Books:**

"Globalisation, Growth and Informalization of Labour in India", in Development Process and Social Movements in Contemporary India, Abhay Prasad Singh (ed), Pinnacle Learning, 2016

"Employment and Growth in India: A Critical Analysis", in *Market, Regulations and Finance: Global Meltdown and the Indian Economy*", Ratan Khasnabis and Indrani Chakraborti (Ed), Springer, 2014

### **Journals**

"Declassification of Census Towns in West Bengal", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. (52), No. (25-26), (Co-author: Saurav Chakraborty, Utpal Roy & Kakoli Das)

"Growth, Imports and Inequality: Explaining the Persistently High Trade Deficit in India", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. (50), No.(48), (Co-author: Zico Dasgupta)

"Non-agricultural Employment Growth in West Bengal (2004-05 to 2009-10)", *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. (57), No. (4) (Co-author: Dr. Gorky Chakraborty)

"Tripura's Tryst with Literacy" in *Economic and Political Weekly*, October 19, 2013

"The Political Economy of Shadow Finance in West Bengal" in *Economic and Political Weekly*, May 04, 2013

"Looking at the Economy", in Seminar, Issue on West Bengal, May 2013 (with Prasenjit Bose)

"Fiscal Problem in West Bengal: Towards an Explanation", in *Economic and Political Weekly*, March 31, 2012 (with Zico Dasgupta)

"Employment in India: What Does the Latest Data Show?", in *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 6, 2011

"India-Nepal Economic Cooperation: Towards a New Paradigm", (Co-authored with Nisha Taneja) *India Quarterly*, Vol 67, No. 2 (June 2011)

"Role of Treaties in Facilitating Nepal's Trade with India", (co-authored with Nisha Taneja), in *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 13, 2010

"Expenditure on Education In India: A Short Note" co-authored with Prasenjit Bose in *Social Scientist*, Volume 32, No. 7/8 July-August 2004, pp. 85-89

### **Working Papers**

"Employment Growth in West Bengal: An Assessment", IDSK Occasional Paper No. 52, March, 2016

"Employment and Growth under Capitalism: Some Critical Issues with Special Reference to India", IDSK Occasional Paper No. 27, July 2011

### **Newspaper and Internet Articles**

"Replacing Income Tax with a Banking Transaction Tax is a Bad Idea" *Asian Age*, November, 24, 2016

"*Demonetisation Can Permanently Damage India's Informal Economy*", *The BRICS Post*, November 27, 2016

"Grain of Truth", (on the costs of Food Security Bill), in *Asian Age*, September 1, 2013

"A Repeat of 1991 Seems Imminent", (Debate on the looming economic crisis in India), in *Asian Age*, August 22, 2013

"Small Savings Schemes in India and the Saradha Scam", published in [www.macrosan.com](http://www.macrosan.com), April 29, 2013

"The Neo-liberal Paralysis", published in [www.macrosan.com](http://www.macrosan.com), March 6, 2013,

"FDI in Retail: Benefiting Neo-liberalism, Harming People", published in [www.macrosan.com](http://www.macrosan.com), September 26, 2012

"Will Have a Cascading Effect", (Debate on Hike of Diesel Prices), in *Asian Age*, September 21, 2012

"It will Raise Prices of Other Goods", (Debate on Diesel Price Decontrol), in *Asian Age*, May 24, 2012

"Employment and Growth under Capitalism: Some Critical Issues with Special Reference to India", IDSK Occasional Paper No. 27, July 2011

"India-Nepal Cooperation: Towards a New Economic Paradigm", Business Line, August 21, 2009

### **Research Projects**

#### **Ongoing:**

Working on a Research Project sponsored by the Government of West Bengal on. "Status of MGNREGA implementation in West Bengal"

#### **Completed**

"Trade Unions and Collective Bargaining in Urban Labour Markets: The Case of West Bengal" funded by ICSSR

"Imperialism in the Current Era: A Study with Special Reference to South Asia", funded by ICSSR

"Factors Impacting Growth of Non-agricultural Employment in West Bengal", funded by the Institute of Applied Man-power Research, New Delhi

"Determinants of Growth and Development in Indian States (Principal Co-ordinator), project report submitted to ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth (on behalf of ICRIER) on September 2010

"India-Nepal Economic Cooperation", (co-authored with Nisha Taneja) project report submitted to CII-FNCCI, completed in September 2009

"Mid-term appraisal of Tripura Plan" (worked with Prof. Achin Chakraborty, IDSK), submitted to Planning Commission in December 2010

### **Conferences and Seminars (Selected)**

- Presented a paper titled, "Between Hope and Despair: Trade Unions in Organised Sector in West Bengal" at the 11<sup>th</sup> Global Labour University Conference, 28-30 Sep, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Presented a paper titled, "Trade Unions and Working Class Politics under Left Rule: The Case of West Bengal", at the International Conference on Marxism and Contemporary South Asia, 11-12 Nov, 2016, South Asia University, New Delhi
- Presented a paper on, "Contemporary Imperialism: Some Issues", at a Conference on "Imperialism: Old and New", Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February, 201
- Presented a paper on "Employment and Informalization of Labour in West Bengal" at the Conference on West Bengal Economy, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2015

### **References**

- Prof. Prabhat Patnaik, Emeritus Professor, CESP/SSS/JNU (Email: prabhatptnk@yahoo.co.in)
- Prof. Achin Chakraborty, Director, IDSK, (Email: achinchak@gmail.com)