

# *Congratulations*



**Dr. Kakoli Das**

Dr. Kakoli Das is currently an Assistant Professor of Geography (CDOE) at Vidyasagar University, where she is actively engaged in teaching and multidisciplinary research. She also serves as Coordinator of Geography at the Centre for Continuing and Adult Education (CCAЕ) and contributes as Joint Coordinator to the interdisciplinary Department of Population and Development Studies.

Dr. Das completed her M.Phil. in 2014 from the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) and was awarded her Ph.D. in Development Studies in 2023 from the same institution. Her academic interests span population geography, gender, maternal and child health, and advanced quantitative methods. She has held visiting positions at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata and has contributed to teaching and research across multiple institutions. She has been involved in several academic and field-based research projects, including collaborations supported by the World Health Organization (WHO). Her work has been published in reputable academic journals, featured in prominent media outlets, and presented at various academic platforms.

Dr. Das was awarded the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Institutional Fellowship for her doctoral research and received the Seal of Excellence from the European Union for her research proposal under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA-PF) 2025.

Dr. Das has recently been awarded the prestigious Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowship for the upcoming academic year. As part of this award, she will be based at Pennsylvania State University, under the mentorship of Professor Mary K. Shenk (Head of Anthropology and Professor of Anthropology, Demography, and Asian Studies). Her research seeks to advance a socio-cognitive framework for understanding the complex dynamics of fertility transition in India and to inform policy-relevant interventions in developing contexts.