# **Curriculum Vitae**

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#### Present Status:

# **Associate Professor of Anthropology**

Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) 27 / D, DD Block, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700 064

### Academic qualifications:

- i) Awarded Ph.D. Degree in Anthropology in **2001**;
- ii) Qualified National Educational Testing (NET) for both Junior Research
   Fellowship and Eligibility for Lectureship in Anthropology conducted by
   University Grants Commission, India
- iii) Passed M.Sc. Examination in Anthropology with 67.6% marks and stood *first class first* in the year 1988 (Exam. held in 1989).

#### **Publications:**

#### Book/s:

'Biodiversity Conservation in India: Management Practices, Livelihood Concerns and Future Options' edited jointly with Ajit Banerjee. Concept Publishing Co. New Delhi. 2014.

#### In peer reviewed Journals:

1. 'Parks, 'Community Participation' and Poverty eradication: Assessing Developmental interventions in a National Park, India. **Journal of the Indian Anthrop. Society, vol 47 pp. 75-98, 2012.** 

- 2. 'Making Women empowered in a Forest environment: A Self Help Group approach at Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal, India', Journal of the Indian Anthropological Society, vol: 47, no.3, pp: 293-312, 2012.
- 3. 'Genetics of quantitative Traits in Human: Inbreeding as an Approach of study' International Journal of Human Genetics, vol: 11(3) pp:155-166, 2011
- 4. "Exploring Demographic and Socioeconomic factors influencing utilization of ICDS service" Asia Pacific Population Journal, vol: 26 with Saswata Ghosh, 2011.
- 5. 'Livestock reduction as a Management strategy in National Parks : Anthropological Observation', **The Eastern Anthropologist**, Vol. 63 No 1, **2010**
- 6. 'Flood Disasters and Forest Villagers in Sub-Himalayan Bengal' **Economic and Political Weekly**, Vol XLIV No 4, pp. 71-76, January 24-30, **2009.**
- 7. "Correlates of Child Malnutrition and the Role of ICDS: An Exploratory Analysis from India', Journal of the Asiatic Society, Vol LI, No.4, 2009 with Saswata Ghosh.
- 8. 'The Policy of Reduction of Cattle Population from Protected Areas: A case Study from Buxa Tiger Reserve, India'. Conservation and Society, 6 (2): 1-5, 2008.
- 9. 'Prevalence of undernutrition among Telaga adolescents: an endogamous population of India', Internet Journal of Biological Anthropology, December, 2008 with S. Bisai
- 10. "Inbreeding effects on the growth in Stature among Telaga boys and girls of Kharagpur, West Bengal, India" Anthropologischer Anzeiger vol. 65 no.1 pp.1-9 March, 2007 with D.P.Mukherjee.
- 11. "The effect of Inbreeding on mortality and morbidity among Telugu speaking populations of Kharagpur, West Bengal, India" **International Journal of Anthropology,** vol 21 no.1, pp-151-163, **2006.**
- 12. "Consanguinity effect on fertility and related phenomenon among Telugu speaking populations of Kharagpur, West Bengal" Indian Journal of Biological Sciences, Vol. 10, 2004 pp.30-41 (published in June 2006)
- 13. "Inbreeding depression in Anthropometric traits among Telaga Boys of Kharagpur, West Bengal, India" Collegium Antropologicum, 29, 2 pp-459-464, 2005.
- 14. "Growth of Ethnic groups in forest villages of Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal" **The Indian Forester,** Vol. 131, No.4, April, **2005**.
- 15. "Role of Non- Timber Forest Produces (NTFPs) among Forest Villagers in a Protected area of West Bengal" in Jr. of Human Ecology, Vol. 18, No. 2, 2005.

- 16. "Trends of consanguineous marriages among migrant Telugu speaking populations of Khragpur, West Bengal" in Jr. of the Indian Anthrop. Society, Vol. 38, No.1, 2003.
- 17. "Incidences of consanguineous marriages among Telugu speaking populations of Kharagpur, West Bengal" in Jr. of Human Ecology, Vol. 14, No.5, 2003.
- 18. "Family formation among Muslims of a Calcutta slum" with A.Guha., P.Guha., and D.P.Mukherjee in **Jr. of the Family Welfare**, Vol. 44,No.4, **1998**.
- 19. "Patterns of marriage among Muslims of a Calcutta slum: a quantitative approach" with A.Guha., P.Guha., and D.P.Mukherjee in **Jr. of the Indian Anthrop. Society**, Vol. 30, No.3, **1995**.
- 20. "Nonlinear Inbreeding effect on Secondary Sex ratio in relation to Birth Order and Parental age" with D.P.Mukherjee and A. Guha in V.U. Jr. Biological Sciences, Vol. 1, 1995.
- 21. "Effect of migration on Adult Body dimensions among Oraons" in Jr. of Human Ecology, Vol. 5, No. 3, 1994.
- 22. *Bio-cultural studies in Anthropology: a preliminary review*" with A.Guha, S. Ghosh, and H.Pradhan in **Jr. of the Indian Anthrop. Society,** Vol. 23, **1988**, pp: 214-222.

### Review of books/monographs:

1. Reviewed a monograph on "Sexual Networking in a Provincial Thai Setting" with A. Guha, in **Jr. of the Indian Anthrop. Society.**, vol. 27, No.3, **1992**( published in December, 1994).

#### In Edited Books:

- 'Critiquing 'Fortress conservation approach': Is 'people centred conservation approach' viable option in Indian context?' In: Bidhan Kanti Das and Ajit Banerjee (eds) 'Biodiversity Conservation in India: Management Practices , Livelihood Concerns and Future Options', Concept Publishing Co. New Delhi. 2014.
- 2. 'Cost sharing is essential to create belongingness: Experiences from Ecodevelopment project in a national park of India', In: Bidhan Kanti Das and Ajit Banerjee (eds) 'Biodiversity Conservation in India: Management Practices, Livelihood Concerns and Future Options', Concept Publishing Co. New Delhi. **2014.**

- 3. 'Applying 'Integrated Conservation and Development' Approach in India: constraints and future directions', Accepted for publication in an edited volume by Samit Ghosal, Anthropological Survey of India, Govt. of India. 2014
- 4. 'Ignoring Rights to Rehabilitation: 'Flood Disaster Displacees' in A National Park of Sub Himalayan West Bengal', In: Suman Kalyan Samanta( ed) Development for the Communities and Country: Role of Anthropology, Progressive publishers, Kolkata. **2014.**
- 5. 'Strategizing local institutions as 'community' for development intervention: Learning from World Bank assisted Eco-development project in a protected area of India' In: Rajat Kanti Das and Dipak Midya (eds), Many Faces of Development, INCAA Occasional paper series 19, INCAA: Jhargram. 2012.
- 6. 'Eco-development in Practice at Buxa Tiger Reserve in West Bengal: Lessons from the field' In: 'Levels of Human Existence: Issues and Challenges'. Edited by A. Guha. INCAA Occasional Paper # 7. pp. 78-112. Published by Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA), Jhargram, February 2008.

### In Workshop Proceedings:

- 1. "Towards empowerment of women through SHGs in Buxa Tiger Reserve" with R. Sinha, published in "Joint Forest Management in West Bengal" at National Workshop on Joint Forest Management, Kolkata (28-29 August 2002), Dept. Of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal.
- 2. "Towards sustainable development through forest protection committee s a case study of Panialguri FPC in Buxa Tiger Reserve" with R.Sinha, published in "Joint Forest Management in West Bengal" at National Workshop on Joint Forest Management, Kolkata (28-29 August 2002), Dept. Of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal.

### **Occasional Paper:**

'Losing Biodiversity, Impoverishing Forest Villagers: Analysing forest policies in the context of Flood Disaster in a National Park of Sub-Himalayan Bengal, India' Occasional paper 35, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, July 2012.

### **Research Reports:**

Research Reports based on field level data submitted to Buxa Tiger Reserve, Dept. of Forests, Government of West Bengal, are as follows:

2. Empowering women through Self Help Groups at Buxa Tiger Reserve (2003).

- 3. Status of Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Buxa Tiger Reserve- a report (2003).
- 4. Participatory Micro-planning Exercise at Buxa Tiger Reserve under India Eco development Project (2003).
- 5. Alternative livelihood strategies at Buxa Tiger Reserve under India Eco development Project (2003).
- 6. Status of Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Buxa Tiger Reserve- a preliminary report(2003).
- 7. Nature and Composition of Executive committees of EDCs/FPCs of BTR-some observations (2002).
- 8. Functional status of various protection committees at BTR (2002).
- 9. Evaluating eco development activities in some FPCs/EDCs of BTR under India Eco development Project (2002).
- 10. Changing status of firewood collection from BTR- an evaluative study (2001).
- 11. Status of cattle population in BTR an evaluative study (2001).
- 12. Trend of NTFP collection in BTR a report (2001).
- 13. Report on sustainability strategy in some FPCs/EDCs and their eco development activities in BTR (2001)
- 14. Growth and composition of Ethnic groups among forest villages of BTR- A report (2000).
- 15. Staff attitudes regarding upgraded PA amenities in BTR under India Eco development Project A report (2000).
- 16. Natural disaster and displaced people- a case study (1999).
- 17. Relocation Strategy and People's Choice a case of Bhutri Forest village (1999).

#### Current Research Interest:

- > Current Forest policies and its impact on forest dependent communities;
- Disaster / Development forced displacement and its consequences;
- > Problems of Tribal Development;
- ➤ Anthropology of Development;
- ➤ Bio social aspects of Consanguinity and Inbreeding.

# Areas of Teaching Interest:

- > Forced displacement and its consequences;
- > Tribal / Indigenous people's issues;
- ➤ Forest policies and its impact on forest dependent communities;
- > Qualitative methods,
- > Field survey methods.

### Empanelment as Ph D Supervisor:

Empanelled as **Ph D Supervisor** in Anthropology at Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta.

## Supervision of M Phil/PhD Dissertations:

### Completed:

- i) Supervisor of Rajasree Ray, M Phil student (session 2013-15); Research Topic: 'Examining Implementation status of FRA 2006: A case of Jalpaiguri District, WB'
- ii) Supervisor of Soumita Dutta Karmakar, M Phil student (session 2011-2013); Research Topic: Contested meaning of 'perfect body' and its consequences: an exploratory study among Women's of suburban Kolkata
- iii) Co-supervisor of Oindrilla Chattopadhyay, M Phil student (session 2012-2014); Research Topic: Agrichemical use in India: Community responses in West Bengal
- iv) Supervisor Shreya Bhattacharya, M Phil student (2011-2013; Research Topic: "Presenting 'self' in virtual World"
- v) Supervisor of Subhajit Das Sharma, M Phil student (2009-2011); Research Topic: Bio social consequences of Arsenic Toxicity: a case from Nadia, West Bengal
- vi) Supervisor of Nabanita Guha, M Phil student (2008-2010); Research Topic: Understanding the consequences of land acquisition on occupation and education in neighbouring families: a case study from south west Bengal
- vii) Supervisor of Tanusree Das, M Phil student (2008-2010); Research Topic: Role of ICDS in urban slums of Kolkata
- viii)Co supervisor of Enakshi Das Gupta, M Phil student (2007-2009); Research Topic: Understanding social psychological condition: Some reflections on elderly in a municipal area of Kolkata
- ix) Co-supervisor of Arpita Lahiri, M Phil student (2006-2008); Research Topic: Decentralization and health care: a case study of CHCMI in West Bengal
- x) Co supervisor of Parama Ukil, M Phil student (2006-2008); Research Topic: Women's right to Health: some explorations in a slum of Kolkata

### Projects:

Ongoing:

Project title: Exploring Implementation process of Forest Rights Act 2006:

A Comparative Account of Orissa and West Bengal,

Funded by R N Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies (RNTCHDS) Kolkata from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

# Completed:

1. Prepared with financial assistance from Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin, **2009**. and submitted a Report on "*Employment, Empowerment and the State:* 

- Enhancing Women's Capabilities through Employment Generation Scheme' with Z Husain., M Dutta and D Mukherjee
- 2. Prepared and submitted jointly a report on 'An Evaluative Study on Advocacy of Safe Motherhood under Community Health Care Management Initiative' sponsored by Panchayat and Rural Development Dept. of Govt. of West Bengal, with Prof. Achin Chakroborty and Dr. Subrata Mukherjee based on field level data from May 2007 to September 2007
- 3. Prepared and submitted jointly a report on 'An Assessment of Impact of Teachers' Training programme in five districts of West Bengal" with Prof. A. Chakraborty, Dr. Barnita Bagchi from field based project 'An Assessment of Impact of in service teachers' Training programme in DPEP (Phase I) districts of West Bengal' sponsored by West Bengal District Primary Education Programme from June 2005 to November 2005.

# Organizing Seminars/ Conferences/ workshops:

- Organized jointly with Dr Nandini Ghosh a week long national Workshop on 'Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences' to be held on 17<sup>th to</sup> 21st November 2014 at IDSK.
- 2. Organised a three day National Conference on 'Conceptualising and Contextualising Tribes in Contemporary India' on behalf of IDSK in collaboration with Indian Anthropological Society with support from Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and Anthropological Survey of India, Government of India on 6-8 February 2014.
- 3. A two day National Conference on *'Potential of Diverse Bio diversity Approaches and Livelihood concerns in India'* on behalf of IDSK at IDSK Auditorium from **March 15 to March 16 2011** jointly with Dr Ajit Banerjee.

#### Participation/Acceptance in Seminars and Conference:

#### International:

- 1. Accepted a paper titled 'Sustainable Biodiversity Conservation: Is ICDP approach a viable alternative in Indian perspective?', In panel PE05: Sustainable Development and urbanization: socio-economic aspects, of the International conference, IUAES 2013 World Congress: Evolving humanity, emerging Worlds, in Manchester, UK from 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013 to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013.
- 2. Presented a paper titled 'Land Acquisition and its impact on Women: a case from semi-urban South Bengal, India' at the International Interdisciplinary conference on 'Issues of Legitimacy, entrepreneurial culture, Corporate responsibility and Urban development' organized by IUAES Commission on Urban Anthropology at Naples, Italy from 11th to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012

- 3. Participated in 'Asia Write Shop' organized by United Nations International Strategy of Disaster Reduction (ISDR) and Stockholm Environment Institute, Stockholm held at Bangkok, Thailand on September 20-24, 2010.
- 4. Presented a paper 'What do people want and how do they act? Responses to Disaster-caused Displacement in a National Park of Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, India' for presentation in the conference on "Displacement, Development and Renewal: Borneo Conference 2010" organised by RUSSIC, School of Social Sciences and Asian Languages, Curtin University of Technology, Australia held on July 8-9 2010 at Miri, Malayasia
- 5. Presented paper on 'Good strategies are not enough for Development Interventions: Experiences from India Eco development Project at Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal, India', in the 16th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) to be organized by Chinese Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences at Kunming, China from 27th to 31st July 2009.
- **6.** Presented paper on 'Participation in Eco development activities in a National Park environment in India: nature and consequences' in the 16th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) to be organized by Chinese Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences at Kunming, China from 27th to 31st July 2009.
- 7. Presented poster entitled 'Do the poor and the socially excluded utilizing Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in India? Some exploratory evidences from NFHS-3' in 'Priorities 2008' in the conference of the International Society for Priorities of Health Care, New Castle Gateshead, England, UK from October 28-31, 2008 and presented by co-author.
- 8. Presented a paper on 'People's choice and Action in Disaster induced Resettlement at Buxa National Park, West Bengal', at an International seminar on 'The Management of risk and vulnerability after the trauma of relocation' organized by Centre for Development Studies, University of Wales Swansea, UK supported by Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) at Bangkok from 17-18 September 2005.

## In Regional/National:

1. Accepted a paper titled "Locating 'Flood Disaster caused Displacees' in the 'Environmental refugee' discourse: A case from National Park environment in India"

- for presentation in the Congress of Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) to be held at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar from **21-23 February 2015**.
- 2. Presented a paper 'Making Forest Dwellers Deprived: Examining Implementation process of forest policies in India', in the three Day National conference on 'Conceptualising and Contextualising Tribes in Contemporary India' organized by IDSK in collaboration with Indian Anthropological Society with support from Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and Anthropological Survey of India , Government of India at IDSK on 6-8 February 2014.
- 3. Presented a paper 'Applying Integrated Conservation and Development Approach in India: Constraints and future Directions' in the National Seminar on 'Biosphere Reserve, National Park and Protected Area Management, Human Dimensions: Issues and Challenges' organised by Anthropological Survey of India, Central Regional Centre, Nagpur on 26-27 September 2013.
- 4. Presented a paper titled 'Ignoring Rights for Rehabilitation: 'Flood Disaster Displacees' in a National Park of Sub Himalayan West Bengal' at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on 'Development for the Communities and Country: Role of Anthropology' held on **22nd 23rd March, 2013** at Mahishadal Girls' College, Purba Midnapore, West Bengal.
- 5. Presented a paper 'Parks, 'community participation' and poverty reduction:

  Assessing Developmental Interventions in a National park, India' in the Golden

  Jubilee National Seminar of the Indian Anthropological Society held at Ranchi
  University, Ranchi, on December 17-19 2010.
- 6. **Invited** as a discussant of a paper 'Whose breach was it? Disaster and the Development experience through embankment years' by M K Jha at a conference organized by Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group at **Gangtok** in **May 2010**.
- 7. Presented paper on 'Strategizing local institutions as 'community' for development intervention: Learning from World Bank assisted Eco-development project in a protected area of India' in the congress of Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) held at Indira Gandhi Manav Sangrahalay, Bhopal from 21-23 February 2010.
- 8. Presented paper on 'Creating belongingness through cost sharing in eco-development investments in a national park environment: how forest villagers' responded? in the congress of Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) held at Indira Gandhi Manav Sangrahalay, Bhopal from 21-23 February 2010.
- 9. Presented a paper entitled 'Forest villagers' responses on reducing cattle population from national parks: lessons from a national park in sub- Himalayan Bengal' in the 4th inter congress of Indian national confederation and Academy of Anthropologists

(INCAA) held at Dept. of Anthropology, **Hyderabad Central University** from **21-23 February 2009.** 

- 10. Participated workshop on '*Internal Displacement in India: Causes, Linkages, Responses, and Durable Solutions*' from **3rd 6th September 2007** at Kolkata , Organised by Calcutta Research Group.
- 11. Presented a paper entitled "Eco development in practice at Buxa Tiger Reserve Experiences from field" at First Indian Anthropological Congress held at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong from 25-27 March, 2004 jointly organized by Indian National Confederacy and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) and Dept. of Anthropology, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong.
- 12. Presented a paper entitled "Status of Self Help Groups of Buxa Tiger Reserve- a Report" at Partnership Meet of CARE-CASHE Project of CARE-WB in 2003.
- 13. Presented a paper entitled "A comparative study on the effect of migration on adult body dimensions among the Oraons" in seminar on "Migration, Ethnicity & Industrialization" jointly organized by Dept. of Sociology and Social Anthropology, , North Bengal University, Siliguri, 1997
- 14. Presented a joint paper on "Bio cultural studies in Anthropology: a preliminary review" jointly organized by Dept. of Anthropology, **Vidyasagar University** and Indian Anthropological Society, **1988.**

### Teaching as Guest Teacher at Post Graduate Level:

Taught as *Guest Teacher* in Post Graduate Department of Anthropology, Vidyasagar University for the sessions 1994-95 to 1997-98, 2003-04, 2005-06 to 2007-08 (a total of eight years).

### Examiner at Post graduate Level:

Engaged as *Examiner* at Post Graduate Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta and Sidho Kanho Birsha University, Purulia, West Bengal.

### Other Working/Research Experiences:

- 1. Assisted in coordination of small projects on "Health, nutrition and public policies in West Bengal and Assam" conducted by IDSK, 2004.
- 2. Worked as *Protected Area Sociologist* under India Eco development Project, sponsored by World Bank and Global Environment Facility (GEF) at Buxa Tiger Reserve, Jalpaiguri, North Bengal from **1998 to 2003**.
- 3. Worked as Senior Research Fellow (UGC-SRF) for Ph. D work on 'Types, Trends of Consanguinity and Inbreeding among the Telugu speaking populations of Kharagpur. West Bengal' from 1994 to 1997
- 4. Worked as Junior Research Fellow (UGC- JRF) for Ph. D work on 'Types, Trends of Consanguinity and Inbreeding among the Telugu speaking populations of

### Research Degree:

Types and Trends of Consanguinity and Inbreeding among Telugu-speaking populations of Kharagpur, West Bengal, India and some biological consequences.

# Current Research / Academic Assignment:

#### *Sent for Publication:*

- 1. "Improving forest policies in the context of Flood Disaster in India: a case from a National Park of Sub Himalayan Bengal, India" in *Asian Journal of Environment and Disaster Management* (AJEDM)
- 2. 'Expanding 'Risk model' for Development forced Displacement to Disaster forced Displacement in a National Park environment: An exploration'
- 3. 'Why integrated conservation and Development approach fails? Examining Eco-Development Implementation process in India' for *Occasional Paper* at IDSK

#### *In process:*

#### **Article:**

- 1. Draft title: 'Acquiring agricultural land for industrialisation and its Impact on Women: a case from West Bengal'
- 2. Draft title: 'Involving local people in managing 'Bio diversity Hotspots' in India: Need for change in traditional forest management system'.

### Book form:

- 1. Manuscript in final stage on the proposed book 'Marriages between Blood Relatives: An Exploration from Biosocial perspective' based on my Ph.D thesis.
- 2. Working for edited volume on 'Re-examining Tribes in Context: Issues and Priorities' jointly with Professor Rajat Kanti Das, Former Professor of Anthropology, Vidyasagar University, primarily based on selected articles presented in the conference on 'Conceptualising and Contextualising Tribes in Contemporary India' held at IDSK between February 6 and 8, 2014.

## Project:

- ➤ Work in progress on implementation status of FRA under the project entitled 'Exploring Implementation process of Forest Rights Act 2006: A Comparative Account of Orissa and West Bengal'
- > Sent a Project proposal entitled 'Changing Perspectives of Tribal communities: A

comparative analysis of Jharkhand and West Bengal, India' under ICSSR major Research Project, with Dr Gorky Chakraborty of IDSK and Sudip Bhui of Sidhu Kanoo Birsa University, Purulia, West Bengal.

Association with other universities, research institutes, learned societies, policy making organizations etc:

- i) Member, IUAES Commission of Urban Anthropology
- ii) Member, IUAES Commission of Environment and Development
- iii) Member , Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)
- iv) Member, Indian Anthropological Society, Kolkata
- v) Member, Asiatic Society

### Awards or Distinction in Academic Sphere:

Awarded with **University Gold centered Silver Medal** for *first class first* in order of Merit among the successful candidates in M.Sc. Examination in Anthropology in the year 1988 (Exam held in 1989).

The above statements made by me are true to my knowledge and belief.

Date: **07.01.2015** (*Bidhan Kanti Das*)

Place: Kolkata