

Curriculum Vitae

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Present Status:

**Associate Professor of Anthropology &
Jt. Coordinator, M Phil in Development Studies**
Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK)
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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).

Research and Teaching Experiences at Associate Professor Level:07 Years

Position: **Associate Professor**

Date of Joining: **21 November 2014**

Research and Teaching Experiences at Assistant Professor Level:11 Years

- i) Position:**Assistant Professor**

- Date of Joining: 12th May 2010
- ii) Position: Lecturer
Date of Joining: 15th June 2007
- iii) Position: Research Coordinator (equivalent to Assistant Professor)
Date of Joining: 26th September 2003

Publications:

Book/s:

- i) “Rethinking Tribe in the Indian Context: Realities, Issues and Challenges” ,jointly with RajatKanti Das , Rawat Publishers , 2017
- ii) ‘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:

Published

1. *Resisting forestry sector reform: Institutional work during India’s Forest Rights Act implementation process*, **Journal of Environmental Planning and Management**, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09640568.2021.1943328>
2. *Recognising Local Communities’ rights in Forest Policy to meet Climate Targets*, **Monthly Bulletin, December 2021, Special Issue on COP 26. The Asiatic Society, Kolkata.**
3. *Are you talking about “Jungle Patta’ ? FRA implementation in West Bengal.* **Economic and Political Weekly, Vol: LIV, No. 43, October 26, 2019.**
4. *Denial of Rights Continues: How Legislation for ‘democratic decentralisation’ of forest governance was subverted in the implementation Process of FRA in India,* **European Journal of Development Research, 31(4): 957-983.**
5. *Re-examining Typologies in Environmental Change and Population Displacement: Need for Contextual Understanding*, **Refugee Watch, 2018**
6. *Locating Flood Disaster Displaced persons in the Environmental Refugee discourse: A case from the National Park Environment in India,* **Ethical Perspectives, 23(4):625-661, 2016.**
7. *How Do Women Respond in the Context of Acquisition of Agricultural land? A micro level study in Semi-urban South Bengal, India,* **Indian Journal of Human Development, 10(2). Pp. 253-269, 2016.**

8. 'Parks, 'Community Participation' and Poverty eradication: Assessing Developmental interventions in a National Park, India. **Journal of the Indian Anthropol. Society**, vol 47 pp. 75-98, **2012**.
9. '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**.
10. 'Geneticsof quantitative Traits in Human: Inbreeding as an Approach of study'**International Journal of Human Genetics**,vol: 11(3) pp:155-166, **2011**
11. "Exploring Demographic and Socioeconomic factors influencing utilization of ICDS service"**Asia Pacific Population Journal**,vol: 26 with Saswata Ghosh, **2011**.
12. 'Livestock reduction as a Management strategy in National Parks : Anthropological Observation' , **The Eastern Anthropologist** , Vol: 63 No 1 , **2010**
13. 'Flood Disasters and Forest Villagers in Sub-Himalayan Bengal'**Economic and Political Weekly**, Vol XLIV No 4 , pp. 71-76 , January 24-30, **2009**.
14. "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.
15. '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**.
16. "Inbreeding effects on the growth in Stature among Telaga boys and girls of Kharagpur , West Bengal , India"**AnthropologischerAnzeiger** vol. 65 no.1 pp.1-9 March, **2007** with D.P.Mukherjee .
17. "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**.
18. "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**)
19. "Inbreeding depression in Anthropometric traits among Telaga Boys of Kharagpur , West Bengal, India" **Collegium Antropologicum** , 29 , 2 pp-459-464 , **2005**.
20. "Growth of Ethnic groups in forest villages of Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal"**The Indian Forester**, Vol. 131, No.4, April, **2005**.

21. "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.
22. "Trends of consanguineous marriages among migrant Telugu speaking populations of Kharagpur, West Bengal" in *Jr. of the Indian Anthropol. Society*, Vol. 38, No.1, 2003.
23. "Incidences of consanguineous marriages among Telugu speaking populations of Kharagpur, West Bengal" in *Jr. of Human Ecology* , Vol. 14, No.5 , 2003.
24. "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.
25. "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 Anthropol. Society*, Vol. 30, No.3, 1995.
26. "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.
27. "Effect of migration on Adult Body dimensions among Oraons" in *Jr. of Human Ecology*, Vol. 5 , No. 3, 1994.
28. *Bio-cultural studies in Anthropology: a preliminary review*" with A.Guha, S. Ghosh, and H.Pradhan in *Jr. of the Indian Anthropol. Society*, Vol. 23, 1988, pp: 214-222.

Obituary:

29. Professor Deba Prasad Mukherjee (1931-2015), *The Eastern Anthropologist*, vol: 68, Issue:2-3, 2016.

Review of books/monographs:

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

In Edited Books:

1. *Devolving rights to Forest dwellers: Politics of Institutional Choice and recognition in the Forest Rights act implementation process in west Bengal, India.* In: **Handbook of Decentralised Governance and development in India. 2021** Edited by D. Rajasekhar, **Routledge Publications**
2. *'Situating Agrarian issues under the Forest Rights Act (2006): A missed opportunity?'* In a edited volume by Anthropological Survey of India (forthcoming)
3. *"Making Forest Dwellers Deprived: Examining Implementation Process of Forest Policies in India"* In : B K Das and R K Das (eds) "Rethinking Tribe in the Indian Context: Realities, Issues and Challenges" , **Rawat Publishers, 2017.**
4. *'Critiquing 'Fortress conservation approach': Is 'people centred conservation approach' viable option in Indian context?'*In: BidhanKanti Das and Ajit Banerjee (eds) 'Biodiversity Conservation in India: Management Practices , Livelihood Concerns and Future Options', **Concept Publishing Co.** New Delhi. **2014 .**
5. *'Cost sharing is essential to create belongingness: Experiences from Eco-development project in a national park of India',*In: BidhanKanti Das and Ajit Banerjee (eds) 'Biodiversity Conservation in India: Management Practices , Livelihood Concerns and Future Options', **Concept Publishing Co.** New Delhi. **2014.**
6. *'Applying 'Integrated Conservation and Development' Approach in India: constraints and future directions',* edited by SamitGhosal , Anthropological Survey of India, Govt. of India (forthcoming)
7. *'Ignoring Rights to Rehabilitation: 'Flood Disaster Displacees' in A National Park of Sub Himalayan West Bengal',* In :SumanKalyanSamanta(ed) Development for the Communities and Country: Role of Anthropology, Progressive publishers, Kolkata. **2014.**
8. *'Strategizing local institutions as 'community' for development intervention: Learning from World Bank assisted Eco-development project in a protected area of India'*In :RajatKanti Das and DipakMidya (eds) , Many Faces of Development, INCAA Occasional paper series 19 , INCAA : Jhargram. **2012.**
9. *'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 committees – 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**.

Current Research Interest:

- Forest Governance ; Institutional Issues;
- Climate Change related Livelihood , social vulnerability and resilience behaviour
- Knowledge-ignorance interactions
- Disaster / Development forced displacement and its consequences ;
- Problems of Tribal Development particularly PVTGs
- 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:

i) Ph D Dissertation :in progress

- a) NandiniKar , Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta. Title :*Understanding Livelihood Uncertainties and Mechanisms for coping with Environmental stress and shocks in two ecological zones of West Bengal*; Jointly with Dr Arnab Das , Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta.
- b) PritiBhowmick ,Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta. Title : *Local Governance of Water and Sanitation in the Metropolitan Area of West Bengal: An Ethnographic Inquiry*,Jointly with Dr Arnab Das , Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta
- c) Kundan Ghosh, Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta, *An ethnographic Study of the Culture Industry of Sholapith Craft in West Bengal*,Jointly with Dr Arnab Das ,Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta
- d) SumanDasgupta , Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta, Title: *A Study of the Marginalised Tribal communities in the Bordering Areas of the Three States of Eastern India*, Jointly with Dr Arnab Das , Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta
- e) AmrapaliMukherjee , Student of Ph D Programme, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata , Title: *Beliefs and Practices around Menstruation across different social groups in West Bengal, India*, Jointly with Dr Nandini Ghosh.
- f) Srija Mandal,Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta, Title: *“Living in the Streets : An Ethnography of ‘Homelessness’ in Kolkata”*, Jointly with Dr Arnab Das , Dept. of Anthropology , University of Calcutta

ii) M Phil Dissertations

Completed:

- i) ManotoshGayen, M Phil student (Session 2020-2021); Research Topic: *Forest ecosystem services and local communities: A case study of Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, West Bengal.*
- ii) SwarajGuria, M Phil student (session 2020-21); Research Topic: *“Livelihood of persons with disability : A case study in south twenty-four parganas”* with Dr Nandini Ghosh
- iii) Sanup Mandal, M Phil Student (Session 2019-2020); Research Topic: *“Some Aspects of Implementation Process of Integrated Watershed Management in Drought Prone Region: A case study of Bankura, West Bengal”*

- iv) Payel Banerjee, M Phil student (Session 2019-2020) “Constructing Childhood: Puja Literature in West Bengal” , with Dr Nandini Ghosh.
- v) Amir Sohel , M Phil Student (Session 2018-2020); Research Topic: *Understanding the REDD+ in Forest Governance in India: An Exploratory Study*
- vi) DipteshMitra, M Phil student (session 2018-2020);Research Topic:*Astrology: Profession, Belief system, and Practices - an ethnographic study in West Bengal*with Dr Subhanil Chowdhury
- vii) Acted as supervisor of Sheelita Das , M Phil student (2014-15) Research Topic: *Behaviour change communication in Maternal Health : A study of Rural Birbhum, West Bengal, 2018*
- viii) Acted supervisor of MohonaMaitra , M Phil Student (Session 2016- 2018) . Research Topic: Political Identities and Engagement: Kolkata’s Middle Class Youth , 2018
- ix) Acted as co- supervisor of ShibthakurHembram , M Phil Student (Session 2016-2018) . Research Topic: *Livelihood, Health and Social Security of Labourer in Stone crushing Industry: A case study in Md Bazaar Block of Birbhum, West Bengal. , 2018*
- x) Acted Supervisor of Shyama Prasad Dhebar , M Phil Student (Session 2015-2017)Research Topic: *Re-examining joint Forest Management: A Case from Bankura District of West Bengal, India,2017*
- xi) Acted as co- supervisor of AminulHaque, M Phil student (session 2015-2017);Research Topic: *Adapting with Soil Salinity in Sundarban : A Case Study of Kultali Block In South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India,2017*
- xii) Acted as co- supervisor of Masud Rana Mandal, M Phil student (session 2015-2017);Research Topic: *Tourism , Economy and Livelihood: A Study of Tarapith Temple Town, West Bengal.2017*
- xiii) Co-supervisor of Priyanka Mazumder ,M Phil student (session 2014-2016); *Research Topic: Abortion Experience among Married Women of Low Income group : a case from peri Urban West Bengal, 2016*
- xiv) Co-supervisor of Oindrilla Chattopadhyay , M Phil student (session 2012-2014); *Research Topic: Agrichemical use in India: Community responses in West Bengal,2014*
- xv) 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, 2013*
- xvi) Supervisor of Subhajit Das Sharma, M Phil student (2009-2011); Research Topic: *Bio social consequences of Arsenic Toxicity : a case from Nadia , West Bengal, 2011*

- xvii) 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, 2010*
- xviii) Supervisor of Tanusree Das, M Phil student (2008-2010); Research
Topic: *Role of ICDS in urban slums of Kolkata, 2010*
- xix) 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, 2009*
- xx) Co-supervisor of Arpita Lahiri, M Phil student (2006-2008); Research
Topic: *Decentralization and health care: a case study of CHCMI in West Bengal 2008*
- xxi) Co-supervisor of Parama Ukil , M Phil student (2006-2008); Research
Topic: *Women's right to Health : some explorations in a slum of Kolkata, 2008*

Projects:

In progress

1. Working as Project Director on a project titled "***Understanding Development Process among 'Denotified Tribes': A case of Lodhas of West Bengal***", sponsored by **The Asiatic Society, Kolkata.**
2. Working as Co-Project Director on major project titled "***Reaching Rural Resilience : A study of Island population of West Bengal***" with Dr Soutrik Basu, Sponsored by **Indian Council of Social Science Research , New Delhi**

Completed:

1. Completed and submitted report on project titled '***Exploring Implementation process of Forest Rights Act 2006: A comparative account of Orissa and West Bengal***', sponsored by R N Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies. **2017.**
2. 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
3. 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. AchinChakroborty and Dr.Subrata Mukherjee based on field level data from **May 2007 to September 2007**

4. 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.BarnitaBagchi 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:

1. A Two-Day National conference on "*Interaction of Knowledge, power and Ignorance: The Indian Context*" on behalf of IDSK with support from MaulanaAbulKalam Azad Instituteof Asian Studies, Kolkata; Anthropological Survey of India, Government of India and Raja Ram Mohan Ray Library Foundation, Kolkata on **19-20 December 2019** .
2. A week long Workshop on '*Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences*' held on **15th to 19th 2018** at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) , jointly with Dr Nandini Ghosh.
3. A week long Workshop on '*Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences*' held on **17th to 21st August 2015** at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK). .
4. 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**.
5. A week long Workshop on '*Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences*' held on **17th to 21st November 2014** at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK).
6. 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. A paper titled “*Politics of Institutional Choice and Recognition in Devolving Rights to Forest Dwellers: The Effects of Forest Rights Act Implementation in India*” accepted for presentation in the panel C5: Ethnographies of development policies: Understanding policy translation within Global South , in Development Studies Association Conference on ‘Global Inequalities’ to be held at University of Manchester , UK from 27th-29th **June 2018**
2. 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 5th August 2013 to 10th August 2013**.
3. 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 14th September 2012**
4. 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**.
5. 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, Malaysia**
6. 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**.

7. 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**.
8. 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.
9. 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. Presented an invited Lecture on "*Deba Prasad Mukherjee and the Essence of Bio-cultural Approach in Anthropology in India*", organised by Indian Anthropological Society and Dept of Anthropology, DinabandhuMahavidyalaya on **11 August 2020**, on the occasion of celebration of 100years of Teaching Anthropology in India.
2. Presented a paper titled '*Devolving rights to Forest Dwellers : Politics of Institutional Choice and recognition in Forest Rights Act Implementation process in West Bengal , India*' at a National Seminar on Twenty Five Years of Decentralized Governance in India: Status, Issues and the Way Forward , organized by Centre for Decentralization and Development , Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, on August 28-30, **2018**
3. *Delivered Lecture as invited speaker on Preserving Bio-resources in India : Need to understand conservation as Socio-political process*, at National seminar on " Bio-cultural Heritage of Eastern India : Theoria, Praxis and Poiesis, organised by Department of Anthropology , University of Calcutta with financial assistance from Department of Higher Education , Science , Technology and Biotechnology , Government of West Bengal on 28-29 March **2018**.

4. Paper titled *'Is State really interested in securing livelihood of Forest Communities? Findings from Implementation Process of historic legislation in Independent India'* presented in the International Conference on Indigenous People, Human Security and Sustainable Development: Emerging Challenges in the Present Global Context, Organized by Commission on Human Rights, :International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) and Dept of Anthropology, West Bengal State University , held at West Bengal State University on 19-21 January **2018**.
5. Presented an article *'Creation of 'Wilderness Area' in Conserving Biodiversity: Does it make any sense in India?'* in the National Seminar on Biosphere Reserves and Protected Areas in India: Man-Nature interface" organized by Anthropological Survey of India , Eastern Regional Centre , Kolkata, Govt of India held on 9th-10th March **2017**.
6. Presented a paper titled, *"When legislation meets reality: How new 'institutional design' is used for denial of rights to forest dwelling communities"* accepted for presentation in the national seminar on "Discourses on Diversity, Identity & Integrity: Multidisciplinary Approaches towards Indian Society" to be organized by the Eastern Regional Centre of the Anthropological Survey of India, during 6-8 December, **2017**.
7. Presented an article *'Situating Agrarian issues under the Forest Rights Act (2006): A missed opportunity?'* in the Diamond Jubilee Seminar on "Agrarian Situation in India: Issues and Prospects" organized by Anthropological Survey of India , Central Regional Centre , Nagpur , Govt of India, held on 22-24 November **2016**.
8. Presented a paper titled *'Decentralisation of forest governance in India in the context of Forest Rights Act: Some observations'* at two day national conference on "Economics and Politics of Local Governments : The Indian experience" held at IDSK from 28th to 29th December **2015**
9. 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**.
10. 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**.

11. 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, PurbaMidnapore, West Bengal.
12. Presented a paper *‘Parks, ‘community participation’ and poverty reduction : Assessing Developmental Interventions in a National park, India’* in the **Golden Jubilee NationalSeminar** of the Indian Anthropological Society held at **Ranchi University** , Ranchi , on **December 17-19 2010**.
13. **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 **GangtokinMay 2010**.
14. 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 ManavSangrahalay , Bhopal** from **21-23 February 2010**.
15. 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 ManavSangrahalay , Bhopal** from **21-23 February 2010**.
16. 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**.
17. 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.
18. 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.**

19. 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.**
20. 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**
21. 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.**

As Session Chair in International/National conference:

1. Chaired in the technical session, “*Regional resilience, climate change and spatial vulnerabilities*” in International conference on “**Resurgence of Regions**” held on **8-10 December 2021**, Jointly organized by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata and Regional Science Association with collaboration with Regional Science Policy and Practice (virtual).
2. Chaired in a session in the International conference on “*Anthropology of Epidemics*”, held on **28-30 October 2021**, jointly organized by SevaBharatiMahavidyalaya, Jhargram, in collaboration with SukumarSenguptaMahavidyalay, West Midnapore.

As Resource Person in Workshops/Refresher Courses etc.

- a) Acted as **Resource person in Faculty improvement Programme** organised by UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of North Bengal on March 11, 2022.
- b) Acted as a **resource person** in a week long Workshop on ‘Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences’ held on **15th to 19th January 2018** at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK). Topic presented : ‘**Ethnography in Qualitative Research**’
- c) Presented a lecture as a **resource person in Refresher Course in Behavioural Sciences** on the theme ‘*Theories and Practices in Anthropology and other Behavioural Sciences*’ on **14th February 2017**, Organised by Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta. Topic presented: ‘*Discourses on Forced Migration*’

- d) Presented a lecture as a **resource person** in a Work shop on “Research Methodology” on 21st February 2017, organized by Department of Sociology, RabindraBharati University. Kolkata. Topic presented: *Ethnography : method and product*
- e) Acted as a **resource person** in a week long Workshop on ‘Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences’ held on 17th to 21st August 2015 at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK). Topic presented : ‘**Ethnography as method and product**’
- f) Acted as a **resource person** in a week long Workshop on ‘Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences’ held on 17th to 21st November 2014 at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK). Topic presented : ‘Ethnography as method and product’

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, Sidhu Kanu Birsa University ,Purulia.and Dept. Of Social work, St Xavier’s University , Kolkata.

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 Kharagpur, West Bengal*’ from 1992 to 1994.

Research Degree:

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

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

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

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.



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