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#### General Information

**Department** : **History**

**Designation** : **Assistant Professor**

**Qualification** : **MA, MPhil, PhD, Post-Doctorate**

**Specialization** : **Ancient Indian History, Tribal Studies, Gender Studies, Roman History**

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#### Selected Lectures and Presentations

1. “*Developmental Hazards for Tribals in India*” presented at UGC Sponsored National Seminar organized by the Department of PG History of Malda College in collaboration with Kaliachak College during 16-17 September 2011.
2. “*Reconstructing Tribal History: A Recent Trend in Indian Historiography*”, presented at UGC-Sponsored State Level Seminar organised by Department of History, Saheed Anurupchandra Mahavidyalaya, Burul, 24 Pgs (S) in collaboration with Maheshtala College, Maheshtala, 24 Pgs (S) on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2012
3. “*Tribal Women’s Livelihood Pattern and the Issue of ‘Sustainable Development’ in Jangal Mahal of West Bengal*” presented at the Seminar organised by Corpus Research Institute, Kolkata, during 13-14 July, 2012

4. *"Honouring Tribal Women in Environmental Justice Movement"* presented at UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar organized by the Department of History, Tarakeswar Degree College in collaboration with Sambhu Nath College during 26-27 March, 2012
5. *"The Impact of Globalization on Adivasi Economy and its Environment in India"* presented at the International Conference organised by the Department of Economics of University of Kalyani during 12-13 January 2012.
6. *"The Culture of Crowd Politics in Democratic Transformation of India"* presented at the Three-day International Conference organised by Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, Sponsored by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin, during 20-22 November 2013.
7. *"My Days with the Starving Rich – A Visit to Dandakaranya"* presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference organized by Corpus Research Institute in collaboration with Kalyani University held on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2013
8. *"Understanding an Alternative Economic Development Programme of the Adivasis of Birbhum"* presented at the National Seminar organised by the Corpus Research Institute, Kolkata, during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2013.
9. *"Banadhangsha O Adibasi Surapan Avyase Rupantar"*, presented at Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata, during 22-24 January, 2015 at the Department of Ancient Indian History & Culture, University of Calcutta.
10. *"Stone Quarrying and Adivasi Women Labourers of Birbhum"*, presented at the National Conference on 'Labour (Un)Divided: Categories and Collectivities', organized by School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University and supported by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, on 18-20 November, 2015.
11. *"Speaking for the Subalterns: A Critical View on the Representation of Adivasi Women in Bengali Literature and Cinema"*, presented at the Annual International Conference organized by the Corpus Research Institute held on 25-26 March, 2016.
12. *Cultural Violence: Adivasi Women and Witch-Hunting*, presented at the UGC-CPE Sponsored International Conference on Gender and Empowerment, organized by Bijoy Krishna Girls' College, Howrah in collaboration with School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, from 16-17 December, 2016.

13. *Women's Studies: A Disciplinary or an Interdisciplinary Field of Research*, presented at the National Seminar sponsored by Higher Education Department (Government of West Bengal) on Women's Studies: Concept, Facets and Prospects, organized by Diamond Harbour Women's University, from 8-9 March, 2017.
14. Paper presented at a State Level Seminar on *Panchayat and Rural Development: The Recent Experience in West Bengal*, organized by the Centre for Studies in Decentralization and Rural Construction (CSDRR), Rabindra Bharati University on January 7, 2018, and the paper entitled as "PESA in West Bengal: The Tribal Experience".
15. Paper presented at an International Seminar on *Culture, Thought and Religion: Edges and Exchanges*, organized by the Departments of Philosophy, History and English and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), East Calcutta Girls' College, Lake Town in Collaboration with the Department of Philosophy, West Bengal State University on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, and the paper is entitled as "Are Adivasi Hindus? Analyzing the Role of "Religion" in Defining Adivasi Culture".
16. Paper presented at an International Conference held on *History and any History related Subject* organized by the Bangiya Itihas Samiti, Kolkata, at Sanskrit College and University, on 24 and 25 August, 2019 and the paper is entitled as "Development-induced Displacement: A Case Study on Anti-Mining Movement of Kashipur".
17. Paper presented at an International Conference held by Indian Social Sciences and Humanities Congress (SAMAGAM) organized by Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Charcha Kendra in collaboration with Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, on 7 and 8 September, 2019 and the paper is entitled as "The Challenge of the Global South: Analyzing the Role of Crowd Politics in India".
18. Paper presented at an ICSSR-ERC Sponsored Two-day National Seminar on *Gender in Indian History: Its Relation with Different Trajectories of History of Indian Women from 1857-1947*, organized by the Department of History, Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College, Kolkata, on 20 and 21 September, 2019 and the paper is entitled as "Tribal Female Education and the Civilizing Mission in the Colonial India".

### **Workshops, Orientation and Refresher Courses:**

1. Seven-Day Interdisciplinary Research Methodology Workshop on 'Politics of Gender: Family, Community and the State', organised by Lady Brabourne College in collaboration with Sachetana and the School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, from 3-10 October 2015. The workshop has been held in accordance with UGC guidelines.
2. Ten-Day Workshop on Feminist Research Methodologies on 'Cultural Politics, Identities and Gender', jointly organized by School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University & Sachetana, from 6-17 April 2016. The workshop has been held in accordance with UGC guidelines.
3. University Grants Commission, Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), University of Calcutta, UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme 116, from 19 December, 2016 to 14 January, 2017, obtained Grade A.
4. University Grants Commission, Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Jadavpur University, Refresher Course in *Social Sciences, Social Inequalities and Public Policy: Reflections on Contemporary India* organized by the Department of Sociology from 3 -25 January, 2018, obtained Grade A.

### **Teaching Experience**

- Assistant Professor, Department of History, Maharaja Srischandra College, date of joining – 16 July 2014.
- Appointed as a Guest Lecturer by Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur, at the Post Graduation Level, Department of History, in the academic year 2016-17 till date.

### **Colleges/ Institutes Served**

- Taught in PG courses as a UGC Fellow at the Department of History, Jadavpur University from June to December, 2010 (Both the Day and the Evening sessions) on ‘Modern Indian Political Thought’.
- Taught in Extra-Departmental Courses at Department of History, Jadavpur University as Junior Research Fellow from January to June and July to December, 2011 on ‘Environmental History of Modern India’ and ‘History of Modern Europe’ respectively.

## Research

- PhD on ‘Adivasi Women in Eastern India (1947-2010)’, Jadavpur University, 2016.
- Completed M.Phil, Jadavpur University, 2010

## Publication

### 1. Books/Book Chapters/Articles in Edited Volumes

1. *Purba Bharater Adibasi Nari Brittantanta: 1947-2010* (in Bengali), Setu Prakashani, Kolkata, 2012, ISBN 978-93-80677-27-9.
2. *Jounota, Aslilata O Samproday: Ouponibeshik Bharate Nari, Muslim O Hindu Janagan*, (translated version of *Sexuality, Obscenity and Community: Women, Muslims and the Hindu Public in Colonial India*, by Charu Gupta), Book Post Publication, 2016, ISBN 978-81-930500-6-4.
3. *Prachin Romer Itihas: 753 BC to 718 AD* (in Bengali), Book Post Publications, Kolkata, 2017, ISBN 978-81-930500-8-8.
4. *A History of Adivasi Women in Post-Independence Eastern India – The Margins of the Marginals*, SAGE Publications and STREE, 2018, ISBN: 978-93-813-4538-2.
5. *Oitihashik O Itihascharcha: Prachin Greece O Rome* (in Bengali), Book Post Publications, Kolkata, 2019, ISBN 978-81-930500-4-0.

### Article Published in Books

1. “Tribal Displacement – The Real Impact of ‘Sustainable Development’ in Post-Colonial India”, in *Indian National Congress: From Party to Movement, From Movement to*

*Governance*, edited by Dr. Nurul Islam and Dr. Rajlakshmi Kar, Kolkata: Laser Tech, 2012, pp. 107-113, ISBN: 01-901265-5-5

2. “Ecology and the Status of Tribal Women in Jangal Mahal of West Bengal”, in *Exploring the Green Horizon: Aspects of Environmental History*, edited by Amit Bhattacharyya, Nupur Dasgupta, Rup Kumar Barman, Kolkata: Setu Prakashani in association with UGC-SAP Phase II, History Department, Jadavpur University, 2013, pp. 111-139, ISBN: 978-93-80677-38-5
3. “Margins Reconsidered: Tribal Women’s Livelihood Security and ‘Sustainable Development’”, in *History and Beyond – Trends and Trajectories* edited by Jenia Mukherjee and Chittabrata Palit, New Delhi: Kunal Books, 2014, pp. 213-233, ISBN: 978-93-82420-38-5
4. “Folksongs: Reconstructing Tribal History through Reminiscence”, in *History Heritage and Culture*, edited by Samir Saha and Joyesh Rajguru, Siliguri (Darjeeling): Nepali Sahitya Prachar Samiti, 2014, pp. 39-54, ISBN: 978-81-927509-8-9.
5. “Indigenous Technique and Artisanal Works: Blacksmiths in Colonial Rarh Bengal” By Achintya Kumar Dutta, in *Essays in History of Science, Technology and Medicine*, edited by Nupur Dasgupta and Amit Bhattacharyya, Kolkata: Setu Prakashani in association with UGC-SAP Phase II, History Department, Jadavpur University, 2014, pp. 159-191, ISBN: 978-93-80677-64-4
6. “Developmental Hazards for Tribals in India”, in *Challenges and Prospects of Development*, edited by Utpal Roy and Rajes Hemrom, Setu Prakashani, Kolkata 2016, pp. 35-55, ISBN: 978-93-80677-85-9
7. “Tribal Rejas of Bihar”, in *Women’s Voices: Visions and Perspectives*, edited by Parna Ghose, Kolkata: Sampark Publishing in association with Women’s Studies Centre, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata, 2017, pp. 269-276, ISBN: 9788177680058.
8. “Moukhik Itihas O Adibashi Narir Smriti Nirman”, in *Nohi Samanya Nari: Itihase, Somaje O Chintay*, edited by Mahaswata Mukhopadhyay and Aparna Bandyopadhyay, Kolkata: Setu Prakashani, January 2018, pp. 129-152, ISBN: 978-93-80677-96-5.

## 2. Articles in Journals/ e – journals

1. “Tribal Women in Chipko Movement – An Appraisal” in *Man and Life* (ISSN 0972-4109), A Journal of the Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, Vol- 37, No- 1 & 2, January-June, 2011
2. “The Forests and the Palaces”, in *Economic & Political Weekly* (ISSN: 00129976), February 4, 2012, Vol- XLVII, No. 5, pp. 19-20.
3. “Evaluating Forest Rights Act of 2006”, in *Asian Studies* (ISSN 0970-7301), Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Vol-XXX, No. 1, January-June 2012, pp. 65-80
4. “The Onslaught of Globalization on Adivasi Economy and its Environment in Post-Colonial India”, in *SubalternSpeak: An International Journal of Postcolonial Studies* (ISSN 2277-3959), Vol- I, Issue- II, April 2012, pp. 107-118
5. “Adivasi Samaje Daini Pratha” (Reviewed by Professor Susanta Das, Dept. of History, Rabindra Bharati University), in *Antorjatik Pathsala*, April-June, 2012, Vol-I, Issue-III, pp. 30-48, ISSN 2230-9594
6. “Evaluating Forest Rights Act of 2006”, in *Exploring History* (ISSN-2230-8490), Vol-3, No-1, January-June 2012, pp. 64-83
7. “Barter System In India”, in *Deccan Review: An International Multidisciplinary Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* (ISSN 2278-506X), Volume I, Issue II, July-August 2012, available at [www.refereedjournals.com/deccan-review](http://www.refereedjournals.com/deccan-review)
8. “The Interface Between The Tribal Customary Law And The ‘Modern’ Law In Post-Colonial India”, in *Alternative Discourse: A Journal of Postcolonial, Queer, Dalit, Feminist Literature and Theory* (ISSN 2278-5078), Volume I, Issue II, July-August 2012, available at [www.refereedjournals.com/alternative-discourse](http://www.refereedjournals.com/alternative-discourse)
9. “Adivasi Women in the Bengali Literature and Cinema”, in *Journal of Bengali Studies: Bengali Cinema: Bengalis and Cinema* (ISSN: 2277-9426), Vol. 1, No. 2, August 9, 2012 pp. 76-86, available at <http://www.scribd.com/doc/103590907/Journal-of-Bengali-Studies-Vol-1-No-2>
10. “Tribal Women’s Empowerment and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005”, in *Asian Journal of Research in Social Sciences and Humanities*, A Peer Reviewed Monthly International Journal by Asian Research Consortium, Haryana, Vol. IV, Issue-

III, March 2014, pp. 90-100, ISSN (print) 2250-1665, Online version, pp. 165-183, ISSN 2249-7315

11. "Prantiker Prantik: Adivasi Nari O Prachalita Otikothon (Myth)", in *Itikotha* (An Interdisciplinary Half Yearly Research Oriented Refereed Journal Of History in Bengali) Bangiya Itihas Samiti, Kolkata, Vol. II, No. 1, January, 2014, pp. 201-220, ISSN: 2320-3447.
12. "Adivasis of the Crushers of Birbhum: A Dismal State of State-led Development Initiatives", in *International Journal of Physical and Social Sciences* (International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research Academy), Volume-4, Issue-3, March, 2014, pp. 221-235, ISSN: 2249-5894, available at [www.ijmra.us](http://www.ijmra.us)
13. "Bibartaner Pothe Adivasi Samaj: Vivah, Parivar, Uttoradhikar O Kortrittva" (in Bengali), in *Varnaparichay*, Vol- I, Issue-III, Regn. No. WBBEN/2012/43944, February 2014, pp. 182-201.
14. "Nehruvian Vision of Sustainable Development for Tribals in India: A Critique", in *South Asia Research* (ISSN: 0262-7280, eISSN: 1741-3141), Sage Publications, 2014, Vol. 34(1), pp. 1-18.
15. "The Impact of Globalization on Tribal Women of India", in *Man in India: An International Journal of Anthropology* (ISSN: 0025-1569), Vol- 94, Nos-1-2, January-June, 2014, Serials Publications, New Delhi, pp. 203-212.
16. "My Days with the Starving Rich – A Visit to Dandakaranya", in *The Eastern Anthropologist* (ISSN: 0012-8686), Serials Publications, Ethnographic & Folk Culture Society, Vol-67, No-1-2, January-June 2014, pp. 89-98
17. Review article on Pradip Chattopadhyay's Redefining Tribal Identity: The Changing Identity of the Santhals in South-West Bengal, New Delhi: Primus Books, 2014, published in *Journal of History*, Vol 31 (2016-17) 114-119, ISSN 0976-5476.
18. "Development-Induced Displacement: Impact on Adivasi Women of Odisha", *Community Development Journal* (ISSN 0010-3802), Oxford University Press, Vol. 50 (3), 2015, pp. 448-462.
19. "Haat: The Weekly Market System among the Bondas of Malkangiri", in *Socialist Perspective* (ISSN 0970-8863), Vol. 42 No. 1-2, 2015, pp. 49-69.



20. Review article on James Murton, Dean Bavington, and Carly Dokis (eds), *Subsistence under Capitalism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, London/Chicago: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2016, published in *Community Development Journal*, Oxford University Press, Vol. 53, Issue. 1, January, 2018, ISSN 0010-3802.

### 3. Seminar/ Conference Proceedings

1. "Ecology and the Status of Tribal Women in Jangal Mahal of West Bengal", in *Exploring the Green Horizon: Aspects of Environmental History*, edited by Amit Bhattacharyya, Nupur Dasgupta, Rup Kumar Barman, Kolkata: Setu Prakashani in association with UGC-SAP Phase II, History Department, Jadavpur University, 2013, pp. 111-139, ISBN: 978-93-80677-38-5
2. "Tribal Displacement – The Real Impact of 'Sustainable Development' in Post-Colonial India", in *Indian National Congress: From Party to Movement, From Movement to Governance*, edited by Dr. Nurul Islam and Dr. Rajlakshmi Kar, Kolkata: Laser Tech, 2012, pp. 107-113, ISBN: 01-901265-5-5
3. "Folksongs: Reconstructing Tribal History through Reminiscence", in *History Through Reminiscences: Diaries, Memoirs & Oral History – UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar Volume*, edited by Kakoli Sinha Ray, Published by Department of History, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata, 2014, pp. 77-90, ISBN 978-81-928421-0-3
4. "Podu: Encountering a 'Primitive' Mode of Subsistence in Tribal Odisha", in *History and the Changing Horizon: Science, Environment and Social Systems*, edited by Amit Bhattacharyya and Mahua Sarkar, Kolkata: Setu Prakashani in association with UGC-SAP Phase II, History Department, Jadavpur University, 2014, pp. 165-212, ISBN: 978-93-80677-70-5
5. "Adhunik Itihascharchar Bibhinnodharae Adibashi Samaj" (in Bengali), in *Itihas O Sanskriti*, Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Charcha Kendra, Vol. I, Year 2015, pp. 51-59, ISSN 2394-5737.
6. "Ouponibeshik Purbo Bharate Bonodhonsho O Adibashi Surapan Ovyashe Biborton" (in Bengali), in *Itihas O Sanskriti*, Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Charcha Kendra, Vol. II, Year 2016, pp. 519-525, ISSN 2394-5737.

7. 'The Impact of Mining on Water and Tribal Health in Odisha', in *Environment and Sustainability*, edited by Dr. Alpana Ray, J.B. Books & Learnings, Berhampore, West Bengal, 2016, pp. 51-66, ISBN 978-93-83010-30-1.
8. 'Evaluating the Role of Christian Missionaries in Educating Tribal Girls in Nineteenth-century Orissa and Bengal', in *Colonial Bengal: The Making of Female Education*, Proceedings of UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar, organized by Department of History, Lady Brabourne College in collaboration with Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, edited by Subhalakshmi Pandey, 2016, pp. 53-60, ISBN 978-81-928421-0-5.
9. "Handia: Suppression of a Tribal Beverage in the Wake of Deforestation and Cultural Change in Colonial Eastern India", in *Environment and the Adivasi World*, edited by Mahua Sarker, Published by Jadavpur University & Alfabeta Books, Kolkata, 2017, pp. 214-234, ISBN: 978-81-92963-52-5.
10. 'Are Adivasi Hindus? Analyzing the Role of "Religion" in Defining Adivasi Culture', in *Perspectives on Culture and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach* edited by Sukla Hazra, Kolkata: Dhansere Publications, 2019, ISBN: 978-93-88432-16-0.

### Invited Lectures/ Paper Presentations

- Invited to deliver a lecture on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on the occasion of his 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2016 by Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur.
- Delivered extension lectures in the Department of History, Lady Brabourne College, in August-September, 2016.
- Delivered extension lectures B.A. History Honours Semester II students in the Department of History, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan on "Slavery – Slave Mode of Production – Impact on the Economy and Imperialism. Its Crises" on 17 February, 2020.

### Awards/ Fellowships/ Grants

1. Awarded with UGC National Eligibility Test (NET)-Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), December 2009.

2. Conducted UGC Minor Research Project as the Principal Investigator on ‘The Impact of Mahatma Gandhi on Adivasi Movements of Chhotonagpur (1914-1948)’, 2016-18.
3. Post-Doctorate, funded by RUSA at Department of History, Jadavpur University, on ‘The Challenge of the Global South: Tribal Displacement and Resistance in Neo-Colonized India’, 2019-2020
4. Conducting ICSSR Minor Research Project as the Principal Investigator on ‘The Policy of Land Acquisition and Tribal Development in Rural Jharkhand and Odisha during the Neo-liberal Regime’, 2019-2021.

### Honorary Posts/Positions/Responsibilities Held

The State Public Information Officer of Maharaja Srischandra College.

### Any other relevant information

Appointed as the PhD Supervisor by the Department of History, University of Calcutta, 2020 and onwards.