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Professor, Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati

A short bio:

An alumnus of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, University of Calcutta and Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. Former Visiting Chair Professor at the CCIS, UOC, Sri Lanka. Taught at University of Calcutta, Rabindra Bharati University and S R L Mahavidyalaya (University of Kalyani) before joining Visva-Bharati. Specialises in Development Economics, Micro Economics, Agricultural Economics and Environmental Economics.

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Teaching & Research Experience

- Professor at the Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, since June 2011.
- Visiting **ICCR-MEA Chair Professor for Indian Studies** at the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka during April-July, 2012.
- Associate Professor at Visva-Bharati during June, 2007 to June 2011.
- Associate Professor at S. R. Lahiri Mahavidyalaya (University of Kalyani) during September 9-9-2006-June, 2007.
- Reader in Economics at S. R. Lahiri Mahavidyalaya (University of Kalyani) during September 18-03-2005 to 08-09-2006.
- Lecturer in Economics at S. R. Lahiri Mahavidyalaya (University of Kalyani) during 9-9-1992 to 17-03-2005

- Taught at University of Calcutta under the Faculty Council of P.G.Studies in Arts and Business Studies (as Guest Faculty) since the session of 2005-06 to 2011-12.
- Taught at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, (as Guest Faculty) during September, 2004 to September 2006.
- Principal Investigator of UGC Major Research Project on ‘Stagnation of the Agrarian Economy: An Enquiry into Its Nature and Causes in Five Central Districts of West Bengal’ (2012-2014)
- Principal Investigator of UGC SAP (DRS-1) funded project ‘Rural Non-Farm Employment: Characteristics and Determinants’ (Co-investigator: Dr. Saumya Chakrabarty) completed in 2011.
- Principal Investigator, UGC Minor Research Project on ‘Sustainability of the Small Farm Economy: The Case of Rural West Bengal’, completed in 2008.
- Principal Investigator, UGC Minor Research Project on ‘Distributive Impact of Agricultural Growth in Rural West Bengal’, completed in 2005.

Academic / Administrative responsibility:

1. Programme Coordinator of the Departmental Research Scheme (UGC-SAP-DRS-II Programme (2015-2020)
2. External Member of the Board of Post Graduate Studies in Economics, University of Burdwan from 2022-23.
3. Head of the Department, Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati during 2016-2019.
4. Chief Organiser, The International Conference on “Development Policy Research” at the Department of Economics & Politics, Viva-Bharati in 2020.
5. Chairperson, Board of UG and PG Studies in Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati University (2016-19)
6. External Member of the Board of Studies in Economics of the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belurmath (An Autonomous Institute with potential for Excellence as declared by the UGC) during 2011-13
7. Organising Secretary for the National Conference on ‘Prospects and Challenges for Rural Economic Development’ held at Visva-Bharati in 2011

8. Chief Organiser for National level Conference on ‘Development and Governance’ sponsored by the Eastern Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) in 2011.
9. Coordinator of the Steering Committee for Extension Programme, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati, during 2010-11
10. Organised as Secretary of the Organising Committee the National Conference on ‘Contemporary Issues in Agriculture, Environment and Rural Development’, at the Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati in 2008.
11. Member, **Governing Body** of S R Lahiri Mahavidyalaya, Majdia (university of Kalyani) during 2006-07.
12. Coordinator of the **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)** of S R Lahiri Mahavidyalaya (University of Kalyani) during 2004-07.
13. **Coordinator, NAAC Steering Committee** of S R Lahiri Mahavidyalaya (University of Kalyani) during 2006-07 and successfully coordinated the first NAAC visit to the Institution in 2007.
14. Organising Secretary of the UGC-sponsored National Conference on ‘Sustainable Development and Role of government’ during 3-4 August, 2006 at S R Lahiri Mahavidyalaya, Majdia (University of Kalyani).
15. Member, **Board of Undergraduate Studies** in Economics, University of Kalyani, during 2005-2008
16. Member, **Board of Undergraduate Studies** in Economics, University of Kalyani, during 2002-2005
17. Member, Editorial Board, Prantik Gabeshana Patrika (E-ISSN: 2583-6706)

Awards and Honours:

- ICCR Chair Professor at the **Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies (CCIS)**, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, for a period of one semester from March 2012.
- Awarded UGC Research Fellowship (JRF) during 5.12.1988 to 4.12.2090 at the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta.
- Awarded UGC Research Fellowship (SRF) during 5.12.1990 to 31.08.2092 at the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta.

Doctoral Theses Guided:

1. “Institutional Credit to Agriculture in India and its Impact: A study of the Post liberalisation Period” by Abhijit Pathak (Awarded in April 2024). (<https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/browse?type=author&value=Chattopadhyay%2C+Apurba+Kumar>)
2. “Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households in West Bengal A Case Study in Birbhum District” by Hemanta Sarkar (Awarded in October 2023). (<https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/browse?type=author&value=Chattopadhyay%2C+Apurba+Kumar>)
3. “A Socio economic Study of the Changing Status of Women in Purulia District of West Bengal in The Post reform Period” by Kaberi Pal (Awarded in June 2022) (<https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/browse?type=author&value=Chattopadhyay%2C+Apurba+Kumar>)
4. “Some Economic Aspects of Marginal Farms in Five Central Districts of West Bengal During 2003-4 to 2013-14” by Amit Mandal (Awarded in 2017) (<https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/handle/10603/19453/browse?type=author&order=ASC&rpp=20&value=Apurba+Kumar+Chattopadhyay>)
5. “MGNREGS, Social Audit and Rural Development: A Study of Some Selected Gram Panchayats in West Bengal” by Somnath Bandyopadhyay (Awarded in 2016). (<https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/handle/10603/19453/browse?type=author&order=ASC&rpp=20&value=Apurba+Kumar+Chattopadhyay>)
6. “An Enquiry into the Nature and Problems of Canal Irrigation in India With Special Reference to West Bengal” by Raj Kumar Kundu (Awarded in 2015). (<https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/handle/10603/19453/browse?type=author&order=ASC&rpp=20&value=Apurba+Kumar+Chattopadhyay>)
7. “Gender Constraints in Socio-economic Participation: Some Case Studies In West Bengal” by Hillol Mukhopadhyay (Ongoing)
8. “Status of Agricultural Marketing and Agricultural Growth in West Bengal: A case study in Birbhum District.” by Moumita Maitra. (Ongoing)
9. “An Analysis of Formal-Informal Linkages through Subcontracting in India: A case study of West Bengal”, by Ushosi Chatterjee (Ongoing)
10. “Crop Diversification and Its Impact on Rural Livelihood: A Case Study” by Swapnanil Mukherjee (Ongoing)

Member Research Advisory Committees (External)

- i) Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, 2022 --2027.
- ii) Department of Economics, Tripura University, 2023 --2028.

M. Phil Thesis Guided:

1. “An Analysis of Structural Change in Agriculture: A Case Study of West Bengal during 1970-2014” by Sukanya Nandy. (Awarded, 2020)
2. Informal manufacturing in Urban and Sub-urban areas: Organization and Motive of Production, based on Primary Survey (2008-10) by Subrata Mukherjee(Awarded, 2010)

Supervision of Dissertation (Masters Level) (Select List):

- 2024: (i) “Changing Pattern of Agriculture in Bangladesh: A Study of the Coastal Areas” by Mst Jannatun Nahar Madhobi & Rawjatul Jannat Aurthy
(ii): “A Study of Some Economic Aspects of Purulia District in West Bengal” by Sourav Chakrabarty
- 2023: “Indian Tax Structure: An Evaluation through GST” by Ayush Mondal, Dibendu Sarkar and Monojit Samajder.
- 2022: (i): “Vulnerability in Rural Employment Structure: A Case Study of Bardhaman (undivided) District of West Bengal, With a Special Emphasis on Agriculture” by Arpita Banerjee
(ii): “The Footprint Laid Down by the Covid-19 Pandemic on Indian Education: A Micro Study of Selected Educational Institutions in Bolpur and Durgapur” by Anuska Roy
(iii): “Status of the Rural Agricultural Market in Memari-I Block of Purba Bardhaman: A Case Study” by Sarajit Das.
- 2021: (i): “Review of Covid19 Stimulus Package and Effect of Covid19 on MSME’s” by Vaibhav Kumar
(ii): “Skill Development, Its Nature and Requirements for India’s Economic Development by Mrinmay Sarkar
- 2018: (i) “Changing Scenario of Agricultural Productivity in Birbhum, West Bengal Moumita Mahato
(ii) “Rapid growth and poverty reduction- some case studies” by Sentu Shil
- 2017: (i): “The Socio-economic Conditions of Chakma Community in Chitagong Hill Track of Bangladesh—A Case Study” by Choice Chakma
(ii) “Status of Crop Insurance In Odhisha: An Overview” by Sadhu Singh Purty
- 2016: (i) Agricultural Growth in West Bengal: A Case Study of Northern and Southern Regions” by Dipika Bardewa
(ii) “Water Demand And Its Seasonality In Darjeeling Town” by Priti Sangray
- 2014: (i) “Problems and Prospects of Paddy Production of Burdwan District” by Sreejit Roy
(ii): “Returns from Agriculture: A Comparative Study of Two Villages in in Darjeeling District of West Bengal” by Manohar Thapa

- 2011: “Drop-out Students at Primary Level: A Micro level Study in Birbhum District” by Itika Ghosh
- 2009: (i): The Mid-day Meal Scheme in West Bengal: A Study of Efficiency and Economic Viability” by Tushar Pal.
(ii) “The Impact of a Colliery on a Village Economy: A Micro Study of Village Porascole in the District of Burdwan, West Bengal” by Madhumita Bauri

Representative publications

1. “Transition from Agriculture to Non-Agriculture Occupations in West Bengal, India: Causes and Way Forward”, *Asian Journal of Agriculture and Development (AJAD)*, Volume 20, Year 2023, Pages 51-68. (Co-author: Raj Kumar Kundu)
2. “Looking into the Efficiency and Productivity of Major Irrigation Projects in West Bengal, India with Special Reference to the DVC Irrigation Project”, in Chattopadhyay and Chattopadhyay(Eds.), *Development Policy Making: Challenges and Concerns*, Year 2021, Pages 173-184. (Co-author: Raj Kumar Kundu)
3. “Agricultural Credit Growth and Credit Policy In India: A Critical Appraisal” in *Development Policy Making: Challenges and Concerns*, Volume, Year 2021, Pages 151-172 (Co-author: Abhijit Pathak)
4. COVID-19 Crisis and Role of the Indian State, *International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education*, Volume 12, Year 2021, Pages 71-79. (Co-author: Abhijit Pathak)
5. “Debates on Agricultural Loan Waiver Schemes in India: Myths and Realities”, *Contemporary South Asia*, Vol. 29 No.4, 2021. pp. 560-570, DOI: 10.1080/09584935.2021.1995326 (Jointly with Abhijit Pathak)
6. Financial Performance of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in India - Some Issues. *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*. 75(2):147-165. April-June 2020, pp. 147-165. ISSN: 0019-5014 (Jointly with Raj Kumar Kundu)
7. Water Resource Management of the Damodar Valley Corporation: Tail-end Deprivation of the Canal Network. *Economic and Political Weekly*. 55 (12): March,21, 2020. Pp. 46-53. ISSN: 0012-9976 (Jointly with Raj Kumar Kundu)
8. Spatio-temporal Variations of Crop Diversification: A Block-level Study in West Bengal. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol LIII No 21 May 26, 2018, ISSN: 0012-9976 (jointly with Raj Kumar Kundu).
9. Analysing Varying Crop Productivity in Canal Irrigation: A Case Study of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) in West Bengal. *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 72, No. 4. October-December 2017. Pp. 513-534. ISSN: 0019-5014. (jointly with Raj Kumar Kundu)
10. ‘Economics of Rural Non-Farm Sector: Certain Characteristics and Determinants’, jointly with S. Chakraborty & S. Mondal in M. Ghosh & A K Chattopadhyay (Eds.), *Rural Development in India: Challenges and Prospects*, Serial Publications, New Delhi, 2013. (ISBN:978-818387592-9).

11. "Water Resources in India: Some Issues in Irrigation Management" in S. Pan (Ed), *Economic Reforms and Common Property Resources in India*, Regal Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2013.
12. 'Two Decades of Human Development in India' in D. Chattopadhyay (ed.), *Human Rights and Human Development: Some Issues*, Amode Publications in collaboration with J K College, S-K-B University, Purulia, December, 2012 (ISBN: 978-81-9233634-3).
13. 'Declining Sex ratio of the Population in India: Implications and Policy Issues' in D. N. Bhattacharya (ed.), *Indian Economic Development: Contemporary Issues*, Regal Publications, New Delhi, February 2012, pp. 365-375.
14. 'Agrarian Crisis, Unemployment and Rural Livelihood' in N U Khan and Sigamani P (eds.), *Anatomy of Public Reforms and Development*, Macmillan Publishers India Limited (Macmillan Advanced Research Series), pp. 3-22. New Delhi 2011. ISBN No. 0230-33274-9.
15. 'Continued Female Demographic Disadvantage in India: Evidence from 2011 Census Report', *Journal of Social Work and Social Development*, Vol. 2, No. 1. June 2011. (ISSN 2229-6468).
16. Agrarian Economy of West Bengal and the Question of Sustainability in K Pal (Ed), *Sustainable Development and Role of Government*, Nath Publishing, Kolkata. 2010, Pp 97-126. ISBN: 978-81-8093-014-0.
17. 'WTO and the Inequalities Among its Member Countries', (jointly with Ratan Kumar Ghosal) in R. K. Sen & John Felix Raj (eds.), *WTO & Asian Union*, pp. 103-13, Deep and Deep Publication Pvt. Ltd. New-Delhi, 2009. ISBN: 978-81-8450-205-3.
18. 'Impact of Agricultural Growth on Rural Income Distribution in West Bengal and Orissa', in J. Felix Raj (Ed.), *Indian Economy: Economic Ideas, Development and Financial Reforms*, pp.325-349, Deep and Deep Publication Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, 2008. ISBN: 978-81-8450-055-4
19. Distributive Impact of Agricultural Growth in Rural West Bengal. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume 40, No. 53, December 31, 2005—January 6, 2006, pp. 5601-10.
20. 'WTO and India's External Sector: Trends and Prospects', *Arthabeekshan*, Volume 15, No. 3, pp. 19-30, December 2006. (ISSN: 0972-1185) (Jointly with Ratan Kumar Ghosal).
21. 'Globalisation, Inequalities in Consumption and Poverty in Rural India'. *The Asian Economic Review*, Volume 46 No. 3, pp. 425-39, December 2004. ISSN: 0004-4555. (jointly with Dr. Ratan Kumar Ghosal).
22. 'Development of Social Sector in West Bengal: A Comparative Analysis with Major Indian States'. *Arthabeekshan*, Volume 12, No. 1, pp. 74-81, June 2003. (ISSN: 0972-1185)
23. 'Manab Unnayaner Dui Dasak', *Pathshala*, Vol.1. No.1. pp.91-97. ISSN: 2230-9594.
24. 'Cross-State Differentials in the Nature and Dimensions of Rural Poverty in India', (jointly with Dr. Ratan Kumar Ghosal) in K Nageswara Rao (Ed), *Poverty in India: Global and Regional Dimensions*, pp. 222-242, Deep and Deep Publication Pvt. Ltd. New-Delhi, 2005. ISBN: 81-7629-669-4.

25. 'The WTO and the Feasibility of Formation of Asian Economic Community', (jointly with Dr. Ratan Kumar Ghosal) in IEA 87th Conference Volume, pp. 934-40, 2004, Varanasi.
26. 'Census 2001 and Sex Ratio: A Disaggregated Analysis of West Bengal', Conference Volume, pp. 128-34. Bengal Economic Association, February 8, 2002, Presidency College, Kolkata.

Books & Journals edited:

1. *Development Policy Making: Challenges and Concerns*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, 2021 (forthcoming) (Jointly with Soumyadip Chattopadhyay) (ISBN: 9788121220149)
2. *Globalisation and Development: Perspectives and Policies*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, 2019 (Jointly with Achiransu Acharya & Soumyadip Chattopadhyay) (ISBN: 9788121215633)
3. *Economic Development in India: Issues and Challenges*, Manak Publications Private Ltd, New Delhi, 2018 (Jointly with Biswajit Mandal & Soumyadip Chattopadhyay) (ISBN: 978-93-7831-458-2)
4. *Rural Development in India: Challenges and Prospects*, Serial Publications, New Delhi, 2013 (Jointly with M. Ghosh). (ISBN: 978-818387592-9).
5. '*Globalisation and Problem of Unemployment in India*', (Ed.), Sarat Book Distributors, Kolkata, December 2005. ISBN: 81-87169-63-X
6. *Reaching Out* (Report of the Extension Programme of the Deptt of Economics & Politics), Deptt of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati. December, 2012.
7. '*Open Eyes: Indian Journal of Social Science, Literature, Commerce & Allied Areas*', Volume 1-3, December, 2004 to 2006. (ISSN: 2249-4332)