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Date of Joining: (Tarakeswar Degree College): 16 March, 1987

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Courses Taught:

Honours:

History of India, 650-1556 A.D. (selected portions);

Transformations of Europe from 15th to 17th Centuries (selected portions);

History of Europe from 1789 to 1919 AD

General:

Indian History (Pre-historic times to Sixteenth Century A.D.) – (selected portions);

Modern Europe – 1789-1939(selected portions);

India and the World: 1914-1964—Selected Themes

Research/Specialization: (Read More)

- Socialist Democracy and the Bolshevik Practice: 1847 – 1921
- Class and Gender in Marxist theory and communist practice, with special reference to the German and Russian experiences, and to India
- Communist Women and Literature with special reference to India
- Communalism, History and the Rights of Women.

Ph.D. Thesis: Theory and Practice of Workers' Democracy; 1847-1921

Ph.D. Abstract:

The thesis examined the specificity of Marxist socialism as a species of “socialism from below” in a gendered manner, where the achievement of emancipation was defined as the task of the working class itself. Three specific issues were examined by looking at the writings of Marx and Engels in detail, going through their complete works – the question of the nature and role of a revolutionary working class party, the strategy of revolution and the extent of commitment to democracy, and finally the concept of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. It was argued that the party was not counter-posed to the class, but instead, Marx and Engels tried to fuse class movement and socialist

theory together. The examination of their role in mass politics (1848-50, 1864-72, and later for Engels) showed a commitment to democratic reforms through working class struggles, as well as a goal for widest democratization as part of the long term goal. The chapter on the Dictatorship of the Proletariat argued that it was used only in a limited context, where the working class rather than the capitalists controlled the military apparatus and where there was no independence of the bureaucracy. The second part of the thesis looked at the theory and practice of Bolshevism. One chapter looked at Bolshevism before 1917, and how far party building and tactics were democratic. In the chapter on the year 1917, it was demonstrated that Bolshevik practice was very different from modern "communist" ones – with open debates, formation of factions, and the stress on mass mobilization through workers, peasants and soldiers' councils as the road to revolution. The final chapter argued that a combination of a murderous civil war and theoretical flaws about post-revolution politics combined to weaken the democratic structures that might be one of factors behind the emergence of a bureaucratic layer that finally subverted democracy from 1921 onwards but not without a struggle.

MRP-I -- Women and the Communist Party of India: Bengal 1930-1950, Communist Politics, Class and Gender in Women's Own Perception (1999-2001)

MRP I Abstract:

An attempt was made to combine the traditional historical narratives concerning the Communist Party of India with women members' perception of how they participated in the movements. This study reveals how their initiatives, rather than any official "line" of the party, was the key instrument in developing a mass women's movement with a markedly feminist consciousness. This was done by three methods. First, a number of published memoirs of women activists, as well as historical work written by them, were studied to see how their representation of events and persons differ, if at all, from the representations either in official party discourse which was and is dominantly male, or in mainstream (nongendered) historical work. Secondly, 25 women activists were interviewed, both from Bengal, and, for comparative purposes, from outside Bengal. 8 prominent male activists were interviewed, partly to supplement the information from the women, and partly to explore contrasting ways of looking at issues and personalities. Third, was the study of fiction by women members/activists, which deal with women and the question of participation in politics. The project report and the papers emerging from the project argued that classical Marxism had a conception of women's liberation, often constructed as a subset of class emancipation. Though there were repeated efforts, from within Marxism, to overcome the cleavages between class emancipation and women's liberation, these were not theoretically and practically fully integrated into Marxism, including Marxism-Leninism and Stalinism. The case of the Communist party of India is significant because in the period between the 1930s and 1950, the CPI, operating in a colonial country where however, there was some space for manoeuvring within an emerging civil society, began building up counter-hegemonic networks of a particularly dense kind. In the late 1930s, the first crop of women was recruited to the CPI in Bengal.

MRP-II -- Women in the Indian Communist Movement: West Bengal 1947-1977: Towards an Oral History (2009-2011)

MRP II Abstract:

The primary objective was the collection of interviews of surviving women communists of the period 1947-1977, with particular emphasis on West Bengal. The initial target was about twenty to twenty-five women, both leaders and grass roots activists. A secondary objective was the collection of printed material, ephemera by women. The aim was to transform the existing gender-blind mainstream histories of communist party politics and movements into a gendered narrative. I was able to interview twenty eight activists, the majority of them women. I was also able to get considerable amount of printed and some handwritten material, documents, memoirs, biographies, writings by the women, etc. Along with work done in the past under a previous UGC Minor Project as well as a SWS-SRTT field fellowship, I now have about 48 interviews, some of massive duration. In summary, it should be stated that the work on oral history of communist women shows that male dominated discourse, even if presented as rational, objective, or materialist, ignores large dimensions and perceptions of women's existence through positing them as being in the "private domain" and therefore not within the ambit of communist party history. It was interesting to note a duality in most of them – almost all denied being feminists in any way. Yet all defended the autonomous character of the women's organizations discussed (Mahila Atma Raksha Samity, Girl Students' Association). An important dimension, almost unmentioned in male narratives and official histories, but recurring time and again in women's narratives, is the balancing of public and private lives, the relationship between party work and family responsibilities. This drove home the point that family remains women's responsibility, even in the communist party, despite its claims about gender neutrality and equality.

Current Research:

Reassessments of French and Russian revolutions and the space of gender in them; Communalism and gender. Oral History on Communist Women's Voices in India Communist Women of India in their own voices: 1940-1977.

Papers presented:

- i) 'Gender Just Laws,' National Workshop, organized by Human Rights Law Network, Lawyers' Collective, Forum Against Oppression of Women (Bombay) and Kashtakari Sangathana, Bombay, 30. 5.1996 to 2. 6. 96. Paper presented on 'The Politics of Uniform Civil Code' on behalf of Nari Nirjatan Pratirodh Mancha.
- ii) 'Various Aspects of Indian Democracy,' State level seminar, Sibpur Dinabandhoo College, 28.2.2002 to 1.3.02. Paper presented on 'The Constitutional Provisions and Reality of Women's Rights'.
- iii) 'Feminist Critiques of Marxism', 8. 3. 2005, panel discussion organized by Forum for Women, panelist.
- iv) Presented on Dangers of Teaching from History Text-Books: Workshop on Problem of History Teaching at School Level and History Textbook (with focus on gendering and secularization), organized by Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, 5. 10. 2005.

v) 'Changing Face of Indian Democracy: Regionalism and Coalition Governments', UGC-Sponsored National Seminar organized by the Department of Political Science, Loreto College, Kolkata, September 19.9.2006 to 20.9.06. Paper presented on 'Women and the Political Process: Rhetoric and Reality in West Bengal'.

vii) 7th National Conference of Autonomous Women's Movements in India, Salt Lake Stadium, 11.9.2006. Member of Organizing Committee. Plenary Speech on 'Women under the Left Front: Myth and Reality' with Krishna Roy.

viii) 'Gender Justice and Women Empowerment', UGC sponsored Seminar on East Calcutta, Girls' College, 31.1.2007. Paper presented on 'Gender Justice in the Left Front's Social Agenda: An Overview'.

ix) 'Our Struggle for Peace', paper presented at South Asian Peoples' Unity Conference, Faiz Peace festival, 25 May 2009, University of Toronto, session on Communalism, Ethnic Violence, and Militarism.

x) Women's Equality in the Communist Movement in Bengal and Manikuntala Sen – 13th Annual Shaheed Pritilata Waddedar Memorial Lecture, organized by the School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University and Biplabtirtha Chattagram Smriti Sanstha, 29 April, 2011.

xi) Centre for Marxist Studies, New Delhi—One Week Residential Workshop, on Marxist Theory and the Contemporary World: Dehra Dun, 27 June-3 July 2013– Presented on 'Marxism, Feminism and Revolutionary Struggles' on 1 July 2013

xii) Rewriting the History of the CPI through the Gender Lens: A Case Study of Bengal – 4th Sulekha Dasgupta Memorial Lecture, School of women's Studies, Jadavpur University, 24 March, 2014

xiii) Workshop on "Understanding South Asia 2014, Gender and Migration: Women as invisible Majority and Agents" organized by Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung and School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, 17-18 June 2014----- "Contemporary Relevance of Rosa Luxemburg in South Asia with Special Reference to India". Talk delivered jointly with Professor Kunal Chattopadhyay on 17 June 2014.

xiv) Presented on 'Marxism and the Women's Question' Centre for Marxist Studies, New Delhi—One Week Residential School, on Marxist Theory and the Contemporary World: Dehra Dun, 7 July-13 July, 2014.

xv) Two Country Gender Workshop 2014 organised by SANGAT, Progroshar and Swayam session on "Women's movement in India" on 12.8.14

xvi) Naari o Banglar Itihas: Somoy Somaj o Songskriti, organised by Society for Understanding Culture and History in India (SUCHI) and Department of History, Vidyasagar College, 21-22 March, 2015. Invited paper on: Communist Nari Andolaner Gorar Yug: Communist Nari Oitihaskider Upasthapano. Also chaired a session (22/3/15) of papers selected out of CFP responses.

xvii) 'Mapping the Politics of Gender in Two Communist Women of Bengal', in Group Section, The Many Languages of Communist Cultural Resistance in India, International Comparative Literature Association 21st World Congress, University of Vienna, 23 July 2016

xviii) 'Critiques of Nation and Gender in South Asia: Akhtaruzzaman Elias' *Khwabnama* and Savitri Roy's *Trisrota* and *Swaralipi*, in Group Section South Asian Pathways: Languages, Gender and Politics, International Comparative Literature Association 21st World Congress, University of Vienna, 26 July, 2016

Sessions Chaired:

- i) 'Explorations in the History of U.S. Trotskyism', Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, New York, 29.9.2000 to 1.10. 2000. Chaired the inaugural session, 'An Internationalist Introduction'
- ii) International Conference on Bengal Studies, 2nd Conference, Dhaka, 17-20 December 2011. Chaired a Session on 19 December, 'Lok Sanskriti O Nari'.
- iii) International Comparative Literature Association 21st World Congress, University of Vienna, 21-27 July 2016. Chaired a Session in the Group Section, The Many Languages of Communist Cultural Resistance in India, 22 July 2016

Publications :

I. Books/ Monographs/ edited books:

- i) T.A. Jackson (Ed.): Ten Essays on the French Revolution, Calcutta: K.P. Bagchi, 1989. Edited and annotated translation in Bengali (with Kunal Chattopadhyay) under the title: *Farasi Biplab: Das Diganta*, Calcutta: K.P. Bagchi, 1989. ISBN No: 81-7074-086
- ii) *The Historical Roots of Stalinism, Bombay*: CG Shah Memorial Trust, 1992.
- iii) Maitreyee Chattopadhyay and Soma Marik (Eds.): *Garbhaghatai Gujarat* [Gujarat The Slayer of Wombs], Calcutta: Peoples' Book Society, 2002. Revised edition, Calcutta, 2004. ISBN No: 81-85383-36-7
- iv) Mira Roy and Soma Marik: *Women Under the Left Front Rule: Expectations Betrayed*, Vadodara: Documentation and Study Centre for Action. 1st edition, November 2006, 2nd revised edition, March 2007.
- v) *Reinterrogating the Classical Marxist Discourses of Revolutionary Democracy*, New Delhi: Aakar Books, 2008. ISBN No: 978-8189833-35-0
- vi) Associate Editor, *International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to the Present*, Malden, USA: Wiley-Blackwell, (General Editor Prof. Immanuel Ness), 2009. ISBN No: 978-1-4051-8464-9
- vii) *Lives in Struggle: Communist Women of Bengal 1951-1977*, SWS-SRTT Monograph, Calcutta: 2010. ISBN No: 81-86954-58-9
- viii) 'Introduction' to the first Indian edition of *Leon Trotsky, The History of the Russian Revolution*, New Delhi, Aakar Books, 2014 (jointly with Kunal Chattopadhyay). ISBN No: 978-93-5002-234-4
- ix) *Parijayi Nari* – by Prof. Jasodhara Bagchi – the First Maitreyee Chattopadhyay Memorial Lecture, Kolkata, Setu, 2014 (Edited with an Introduction). ISBN No: 978-93-80677-62-0

x) *Equal Partners in the Socialist Revolution: Clara Zetkin and her Contemporaries*, Kolkata, Setu, (Editor --in press).

II: Papers in Journals:

- i) 'The Withering Away of Stalinism', *Society and Change*, 6, 3& 4 (October 1989 – March 1990):231-262.
- ii) 'Classical Marxism and Proletarian Democracy: The Emergence of a Concept- 1', *Jadavpur University Journal of History*, 10 (1989-90):79-100.
- iii) 'Classical Marxism and Proletarian Democracy: The Emergence of a Concept- 2', *Jadavpur University Journal of History*, 11 (1990-91):29-44.
- iv) 'The "Anti-Leninism" of Rosa Luxemburg: A Reappraisal of her Theory of Party', *Society and Change*, 10, 1& 2 (April – September 1995):41-66.
- v) 'Pashchimbanger Rajnitite Meyera' ['Women in Left Politics in West Bengal'], *Dhanadhanye*, (March 1999):38-45.
- vi) 'Bolshevikbad O Linga Samata,' ['Bolshevism and Gender Equality'] *Loukik Udyan: Manabi Sankhya*, (August 1999): 379-406.
- vii) 'The Construction of Hostile Identities India: State, Gender, Community.' *Against the Current*, 91, (March/ April 2001):24-29.
- viii) 'State, Gender, Community: The Construction of Hostile Identities – Historical Roots of Contemporary Politics' *Jadavpur University Journal of History*, 19, (2001-2):113-140.
- ix) 'Narir Adhikar, Samajtantra o ek Bismritapray Biplabi' ['Women's Rights, Socialism and a Forgotten Revolutionary'], *Dhanadhanye*, (March 2003):10-13.
- x) 'Interrogating Official and Mainstream Discourses: Communist Women Remember the Forties', *Jadavpur University Journal of History*, 21, (2003-2004): 77-98.
- xi) 'Women Turning the World Upside Down', *Social Scientist*, 32, 3-4 (March-April 2004): 50-70.
- xii) 'A Pioneering Male Socialist Feminist: The Recovery of August Bebel', *Against the Current*, 109, (March/April 2004): 38-40.
- xiii) 'Hindutva, Fascism and the Politics of Gender', *SEPHIS e-magazine*, 1, 3, (April 2005): 15-19. <http://sephisemagazine.org/past/vol1-no3-apr-2005.html>
- xiv) 'The Elections of 2009 and the Prospects for Left Revival', (co-authored with Kunal Chattopadhyay) *Bharatiya Samajik Chintan*, vol VIII, No.1 (New Series), April-June 2009: 39-51.
- xv) 'Elections and the Left in India', (co-authored with Kunal Chattopadhyay), *International Socialist Review*, Chicago, No. 66, July 2009: 44-54.
- xvi) 'Breaking Through a Double Invisibility: The Communist Women of Bengal, 1939-1948', *Critical Asian Studies*, vol. 45, No 1, March 2013: 79-118
- xvii) 'A View from the Left: The Struggle Against Rape and Sexual Assault', *Against the Current* 163 March-April: 18-21 <http://solidarity-.org/pdfs/ATC%20163--RapeinIndia.pdf> 2013
- xviii) 'Greater than the Might of Armies', (co-authored with Kunal Chattopadhyay and Sushovan Dhar), *International Viewpoint Online Journal*, March 2013. <http://www.internationalviewpoint.org/spip.php?article2910>
- xix) 'Scrap Article 377, Defend LGBT/Queer Rights Through Mass Movements', *International Viewpoint Online Journal*, December 2013. <http://www.internationalviewpoint.org/spip.php?article3210>

- xx) 'Nibedita Nag (1918-2013): A Few words with Respect and Admiration', *Newsletter, School of Women's Studies*, Jadavpur University, Volume 32, December, 2013: 20-23.
- xxi) 'Protesting Rape Culture in India', *Socialist Resistance*, (London) May 2015, and also SR online journal, <http://socialistresistance.org/7421/protesting-rape-culturein-india>

III. Papers/Essays in edited volumes, Proceedings volumes and refereed Encyclopaedia:

- i) 'The Bolsheviks and Workers Democracy: 1917 – 1927.' In *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 52nd Session, New Delhi, 1992.
- ii) 'Stalinbader Utthan Ki Anibaryo Chhilo?' ['Was the Rise of Stalinism Inevitable?']. In A.W. Mahmood (Ed.), *Itihas Anusandhan* 7, Calcutta: K.P. Bagchi, 1993.
- iii) 'Bolshevikbad O Nari Mukti 1903-1917: Prayoger Alope Tatver Punarvichar [Bolshevism and Women's Emancipation 1903-1917: A Reappraisal of Theory in the light of Practice]. In G.Chattopadhyay (Ed.), *Itihas Anusandhan* 13, Calcutta: Firma KLM, 1999.
- iv) 'Abhinna Dewani Bidhi: Bitarka O Punarmulyayan' ['The Uniform Civil Code: Debate and Reassessment']. In Sutapa Dewanji (Ed.), *Mahila Samajkarmi Prashikshan Sahayika*, Calcutta: Gana Unnayan Parshad, 2000.
- v) 'Bampanthi Rajnitir Natun Sangya Nirman: 1940-er Dashake Bharater Communist Party O Meyera' ['Creating New Definitions of Leftwing Politics: Women and the Communist Party of India in the 1940s']. In Maitreyee Chattopadhyay (Ed.), *Eso Mukta Karo* [Come and Liberate], Calcutta: Peoples' Book Society, 2001.
- vi) 'Proletarian Socialism and Women's Liberation.' In *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, Millennium (61st) Session (Calcutta), Calcutta, 2001.
- vii) 'Hindutva Fascibader Lingabhittik Rajniti' ['The Gendered Politics of HindutvaFascism']. In Maitreyee Chattopadhyay and Soma Marik (Eds.): *Garbhaghathi Gujarat*, Calcutta: Peoples' Book Society, 2002. Revised edition, Calcutta, 2004.
- viii) 'German Social Democracy and Women's Liberation.' In Anuradha Chanda, Mahua Sarkar and Kunal Chattopadhyay (Eds.), *Women in History*, Calcutta: Progressive Publishers, 2003.
- ix) 'Gendering the Revolutionary Party: An Appraisal of Bolshevism.' In Biswajit Chatterjee and Kunal Chattopadhyay (Eds.), *Perspectives on Socialism*, Calcutta: Progressive Publishers, 2004.
- x) 'Gender and Sexuality in Early Marxist Thought.' In *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 65th Session (Bareilly), Delhi, 2005-6.
- xi) 'Prithibi Ulte Deoar Yuge Meyera' ['Women Turning the World Upside Down']. In Aniruddha Ray, Mahua Sarkar, Kunal Chattopadhyay, et.al (Eds.), *Samaj Rupantar O Matadarsha: Nimnabarger Alope Itihas Charcha*, Calcutta: Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad, 2005.
- xii) 'Naidu, Sarojini', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to the Present*. General Editor, Immanuel Ness. Wiley-Blackwell, Malden: USA. 2009
- xiii) 'Chakravartty, Renu', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xiv) 'Anabaptist Movement', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xv) 'Lilburne, John', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.

- xvi) 'Winstanley, Gerrard', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xvii) 'Robespierre, Maximilien de', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xviii) 'Counterrevolution, France 1789-1830', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xix) 'Germany, Peasants' War', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xx) 'Hindu Nationalism, Hindutva and Women', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxi) 'India: National Liberation', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxii) 'Women's movement, India', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxiii) 'French Revolution, historians' interpretations', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxiv) 'French Revolution, radical factions and organizations', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxv) 'English Revolution, radical sects', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxvi) 'Dictatorship of the Proletariat', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxvii) 'Vanguard Party', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxviii) 'Women in the Russian Revolution', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxix) 'India, women in the freedom struggle', (co-authored with Kunal Chattopadhyay) entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxx) 'English Revolution, women and', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxxi) 'Women's movement, Soviet Union', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxxii) 'French Revolution, women and', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*.
- xxxiii) Paper: 'Different Roads to Emancipation: Manikuntala Sen and Nibedita Nag and the Communist Women's Movement in Bengal', accepted for publication in the *Proceedings of International Conference on Bengal Studies*, 2nd Conference, Dhaka, 17-20 December 2011,
- xxxiv) 'Bhumika: Fascibad, O FascibirodhiAndoloner Path' (co-authored with Kunal Chattopadhyay), [introduction], *Fascibad: BJP-r Rananiti*, Radical Publications, Kolkata, 2015.
- xxxv) 'The Syriza Victory: A Working Class Victory. But is Parliament the Last Word?', in Kunal Chattopadhyay (Ed), *Greece: Class Struggle and the Limits of Left Reformism*, Boiwala, Kolkata 2015, 55-61
- xxxvi) 'Greece: Class Struggle and the Limits of Left Reformism', (co-authored with Kunal Chattopadhyay), in Kunal Chattopadhyay (Ed), *Greece: Class Struggle and the Limits of Left Reformism*, 116-132.

- xxxvii) 'Greek General Elections: The Crisis of Left Politics', in Kunal Chattopadhyay (Ed), *Greece: Class Struggle and the Limits of Left Reformism*, 140-144.

IV. Book Reviews:

- i) 'Problematising Democratisation and Women's Grassroot Movements', Review of Jill M Bystydzienski and Joti Sekhon Eds., *Democratization and Women's Grassroots Movements*, New Delhi: Kali for Women, South Asia Edition, 2002. In Sephis e-magazine, 1, 2 (2004):45-46.
- ii) 'Katy Turton, Forgotten Lives: The Role of Lenin's Sisters in the Russian Revolution', *Minerva Journal of Women and War*, New Series, 3, 1 (Spring 2009): 100-102

V. Articles on Women and Gender:

- i) 'Marriage: A Contract for Oppressing Women?' *Sachetana News Bulletin*, October, 1987:1-3.
- ii) 'Blazing a Trail'. *The Telegraph*, 3.3.1994
- iii) 'Zealots have little Respect for Women'. *The Telegraph*, 4.8.1994.
- iv) 'Rights take a Backseat'. *The Telegraph*, 29.9.1994.
- v) 'Cairo Conference and Abortion'. *Mainstream*, 32,49 (October 22, 1994):29-30.
- vi) 'Sex Workers have a Right to Dignity'. *The Telegraph*, 23.4.1995.
- vii) 'Underlining the Civility'. *The Telegraph*, 4.7.1995.
- viii) 'Beijing Women's Conference'. *Mainstream*, 33, 49 (October 28, 1995):11-13.
- ix) 'The Beijing Conference and Third World Feminism'. *Socialist Action*, 13,11 (November 1995):6.
- x) 'Samrajyabadi Shoshan O Anunnayan, Bharater Structural Adjustment Ebang Meyera' [Imperialist Exploitation and Underdevelopment, India's Structural Adjustment, and women]. *Sangathaner Dishari, Special Issue*, February, 1996:23-28.
- xi) 'The Left's Natural Allies? Electoral Promises, performance and Women.' *Mainstream*, May 4, 1996: 21-23.
- xii) 'Touch of Rouge'. *The Telegraph*, 1.5.1996.
- xiii) 'Please put your money where your mouth is, Mr. Vajpayee.' *The Asian Age*, 11.5.1996.
- xiv) 'Sansade Asan Sanrakshan O Narimukti' ['Reservation of Seats for Women in Parliament and Women's Liberation'] *Chaturtha Antarjatik* [Fourth International], October-November 1996:2.
- xvi) 'Ladies' Cue'. *The Telegraph*, 21.11.1996.
- xvii) '8-i March: Sediner Itihas O Aajker Tatparyya' ['March 8: History and Contemporary Relevance']. *Kalantar*, 8.3.1997.
- xviii) 'Janasankhya Neetir Natun Khasra: Janmaniyantraner Rajneeti' ['The New Draft Population Policy: the Politics of Birth Control']. *Kalantar*, 30.6.1997 & 1.7.1997.
- xix) 'Barking up the wrong tree.' *Humanscape*, 4,11(November 1997):19-22.
- xx) 'What's Chastity got to do with it'. *The Telegraph*, 4.8.1999.
- xxi) 'Strategy to Combat the Discourse on Chastity'. *Mainstream*, 37,41(October 2, 1999):29-31.
- xxii) 'He for god only, She for god in him'. *The Telegraph*, 29.11.1999.

- xxiii) 'Barasater Gonodhorshon O Hatya – Samasya, Andolon, Chinta' – *Radical*, August 2013: 9-13
- xxiv) 'Bolshevikbad O Narimukti 1903-1917', *Radical*, November-December 2013: 13- 20
- xxv) 'Marxbad O Narimukti: Otit Itihas O Koyekti Samprotik Prosongo', *Radical*, May 2015: 7-19
- xxvi) 'Poshchim Bonge Dhorshon-Jouno Hingsha Birodhi Lorai O Suzete Jordan', *Radical*, March 2016, 7-9
- xxvii) 'LGBTQIH Prosongo Ebong Biplobi Samajtontri Andolon', *Radical*, March 2016, 10-16.

Other Engagements:

I. PG Teaching:

- i) : Guest Faculty, Post Graduate Evening Courses in History, Jadavpur University, 9.7.1991 to 30.4.2006. Subject taught: European Political Thought Since the Renaissance/ Modern Western Political Thought;
- ii). Guest Faculty, School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, M. Phil course, 2000 - 2014. Classes taken on: Core Course I (State Community and Gender), Core Course II: Development of Feminist Thought; Optional Courses: Cultural Construction of Gender; Gender and Nationalism;
- iii). Guest Faculty, Department of Women's Studies, Diamond Harbour Women's University. M.A. Course, September 2014 – March 2015

II. Invited Lectures/Talks:

- i) 'The Making of England: Anglo-Saxon to the Elizabethan Times', Department of English, RKSM Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, 14 August, 2015.
- ii) 'History of the International Working Women's Day and Relevant Issues of Women's Movement in India', at programme organised by Swayam, for Empowerment of Women Survivors of Violence, 8 May, 2016
- iii) 'Ardhek Tar Koriachhe Nari – Panel Discussion on Women's Equality' in DD Bangla, Ghare Baire, 27 August 2016

III. Prestigious Awards/Grants:

- i) Recipient of Sipra Burman Ray Medal for student scoring highest in the special paper group Russian History, in the M.A. examinations, Jadavpur University, 1985
- ii) ICHR Senior Fellowship 1.8. 1991 to 31.1.94, for the project The Theory and Practice of Workers' Democracy; 1847-1921
- iii) Sir Ratan Tata Trust – School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University Fieldwork Fellowship 2008, on Rewriting History: Capturing the Voices of Communist Women of Bengal 1940-2000 (A few Case studies), 1.09.2008 to 30.11.2008

IV. Honorary Posts Held:

- i) Member of the Syllabus Committee for Women's Studies, Diamond Harbour Women's University, May, 2014
- ii) Coordinator of the M.A. Syllabus Committee, School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, 2013-September 2014

iii) Member of the M. Phil Syllabus Committee, School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University (2013-14)

V. College Administrative Posts Held:

- i) Coordinator – NAAC SSR Steering Committee, RKSM Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, 2003-4
- ii) Co-ordinator, UGC-Sponsored National Seminar on Exploring the Universality of Human Rights Discourses, RKSM Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, 21.12.2001 & 22.12. 01
- iii) Co-ordinator from Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan for collaborative seminar between the college and Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad 'Samaj Rupantar O Matadarsha: Nimnabarger Alope Itihas Charcha' 7.4. 2003
- iv) Co-ordinator from Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan for collaborative workshop on revised syllabus, Calcutta University, History Honours Paper III, organized by Departments of History, BKC College, Bidhannagar Government College and RKSM Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, 20.11.2004
- v) Coordinator of Seminar, The Diverse Impact of Islam on Literature and Culture: India and Central Asia.3.9.2014

VI. College Posts:

- i) TC Secretary, 2008-09
- ii) Head of the Department of History: 2001-2009
- iii) Sub-committee Members:
 - ✓ 2015-2016 Member, Library Sub-committee Student Welfare Sub-committee Office and Leave Subcommittee
 - ✓ 2014-2015 Member, Library Sub-committee; Student Welfare Sub-committee; Office and Leave Subcommittee
- iv) Chairperson, Committee for Gender Sensitisation and Awareness of the Students: From 2016

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