

CURRICULUM VITAE / BIO DATA

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DESIGNATION – Assistant Professor in History (Stage II/Senior Scale), Sivanath Sastri College, 23/49, Gariahat Road, Kolkata – 700029.

EDUCATION

Graduation –

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in History (Honours) (2009 - 2012), Presidency College, Kolkata

General Subjects : Political Science, Economics

Post-Graduation –

- Master Of Arts (M.A.) in History (2012 - 2014), University of Calcutta

Research -

a. Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in History (2014-2016), University of Calcutta

Topic of Dissertation: “Intellectual Foundations of Planning in India” (*published as a monograph, see Publications section*)

Research Supervisor: Prof. Bhaskar Chakrabarti

b. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in History (2020-2026), Department of History, University of Calcutta

Topic of Dissertation (As per Registration) : Structuring the Postcolonial Printed Press: A Study of English-Language Newspapers in India, 1947-75”.

Research Supervisor : Dr. Kingshuk Chatterjee, Professor, Department of History, University of Calcutta.

Awarded on January 14th 2026.

QUALIFICATIONS

UGC National Eligibility Test (UGC NET) Lectureship (LS) Qualification.

AWARDS

PDG Rtn. Dr. S. C. Nandy Award for Excellence 2015 – Awarded by the Rotary Club of Calcutta to the Student Standing first in the MA Examination in Modern History in University of Calcutta.

PUBLICATIONS

[A number of my works are available online. The most updated list can be found at –

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=0UBf59sAAAAJ&hl=en>

While some are free to access, the majority are paywalled. Due to agreements in place with publishers, these articles cannot be publicly uploaded to any repository other than those chosen by the relevant publishers. If required, I can send copies of the works requested out of my personal quota of article/chapter copies.

Works not included in the Google Scholar database but available online have relevant links beside their entries.]

Monograph

Towards a Planned Future: Roots of Economic Planning in India, 1927-52. Avenel Press, Memari, Burdwan, West Bengal. 2021. ISBN – 978-93-90873-59-3.

URLs - <https://www.flipkart.com/towards-planned-future-roots-economic-planning-india-1927-52/p/itm520f309e0b314> {Flipkart}

<https://www.amazon.in/-/en/Aritra-Majumdar/dp/B09BD5XMNF> {Amazon}

<https://bnetbazaar.com/product/towards-a-planned-future-rppts-of-economic-planning-in-india-1927-52/> {BnetBazaar}

Articles (Journals)

1. “Radicalization and the Limits of Propaganda in the Age of Social Media”, *Seemant*, Vol. 3, Issue 4, August 2017. ISSN – 2454-1184. p.89-97. (UGC Listed Journal No. 62772, removed from UGC List in May 2018). (Google Scholar)
2. “Planning, Economic Development and the Constituent Assembly : A Brief Study”, *Akados*, Vol. XII, 2017-18. ISSN – 2231-0584. p.47-70. [Not available on Google Scholar, URL - <http://akados.in/2018/02/03-akados2018/>]
3. “Rammohun and the Debate on Sati: Locating the Public Sphere in Early Colonial India”, *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, Vol. 78 (2017). ISSN - 2249-1937. pp. 627-634. (Google Scholar)
4. “A Partition of the Public Sphere: Violence, State Repression and the Press in India and Pakistan, 1947-49”, *Media History*, Vol. 29 (2023), Issue 3, p.368-83. Print ISSN: 1368-8804 Online ISSN: 1469-9729. (Google Scholar) doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13688804.2022.2079479>
5. “A Paper Agitation”: The All-India Newspaper Editors’ Conference, the Indian State, and the Struggle Over the First Amendment”, *Journalism History*, Latest Articles, 1-27. Print ISSN: 0094-

7679 Online ISSN: 2641-2071. (Google Scholar) doi :

<https://doi.org/10.1080/00947679.2023.2264714>

6. "Interrogating Press Freedom after Independence: The Press Laws Enquiry Committee and the Press Laws, 1947-54," *Vidyasagar University Journal of History*, Vol. XII (2023-4), 63-73. Print ISSN: 2321-0834. doi: <https://dx.doi.org/10.62424/VUJH.2024.12.00.06>.

Chapters in Books

1. "1857 and the Bengali Periphery : Interrogating the Impact of the Great Revolt on the Bengali Bhadrakalok", *Pondering the Past*, Vol. II. Paschimanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Kendra : Kolkata. 2018. ISBN – 978-93-88207-00-3
2. "Nation, Revolt and the Bengali Intellectual : Responses of the colonial public sphere to the Revolt of 1857", *The Idea of India in the mind of the Bengalee Intellectuals*. Avenel Press : Kolkata. 2019. ISBN—978-93-80736-97-6
3. "A Radical Plan? : The People's Plan as an Alternative Economic Vision for Independent India", *Pondering the Past*, Vol. IV. Paschimanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Kendra via PAIOLCK : Kolkata. 2019. ISBN - ISBN 978-93-88207-50-8 (Paper Back), 978-9388207-51-5 (E-Book)
4. "Morality, Religion and Nation in the Ideas of M.N.Roy and Gandhi : A Comparison", *Perspectives on Culture and Cognition : An Interdisciplinary Approach*, East Calcutta Girls' College, Kolkata. 2020. ISBN - 978-93-88432-16-0
5. "Manabendra Nath Roy", Surath Kumar Malik and Ankit Tomar ed., *Revisiting Modern Indian Thought: Themes and Perspectives*, Routledge, New Delhi. 2021. ISBN – 978-03-67633-16-5 (Paper Back), 978-03-67536-54-1 (Hard Back).
6. "Impact of Pandemics on Population and Society in Historical Context, and Lessons for a post-Covid Future", K. Sasi Kumar ed., *Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Organizations, Society and Individuals*, PG & Research Department of Commerce, Vivekanandha College for Arts and Sciences for Women [Autonomous], Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu. 2021. ISBN – 978-93-5493-048-5.
7. "The First Public Intellectual: Rammohun Roy in the Public Sphere of Early Colonial India", Bijoy Prasad Das ed., *Raja Rammohan Roy: The Father of Bengal Renaissance*, Avenel Press. 2022. ISBN – 978-93-90873-66-1.
8. "Social Media for the Female Millennials and Generation Z: A study of Risks and Mitigation Possibilities in the Indian Context", Sumbul Nasim ed., *Women and Social Media: Situating Women in the Virtual World*, New Delhi Publishers. 2022. ISBN – 978-93-93878-48-9.
9. "Women Journalists in Early Postcolonial India and Pakistan: Challenges, Achievements and Activism (1947-71)", Soumitra Sreemani ed., *Eshana 2*, Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata, 2023. ISBN – 978-81-961439-0-9.
10. "From Colonial Perspective to Postcolonial Ethos: A Study of the Decolonization of the Press in Independent India, 1946-1964", Manjari Chakrabarti, Sudipa Chowdhury, Amlan Mandal, Subhadeep Das ed., *Discussions and Discourses: On Colonial and Post Colonial India*,

Surendranath Evening College in Collaboration With D.M. Library, 2023. ISBN – 978-81-964131-4-9.

11. “Press versus the Press Act: Revisiting the Debates on the Press (Objectionable) Matters Act, 1951”, Soumitra Sreenani ed., *Eshana 3*, Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata, 2024. ISBN – 978-81-970482-5-8.
12. “Defence of India Rules, the Press and the Postcolonial State: Censorship in India During the External Emergency (1962-1968),” Palash Mondal ed., *Eshana 4*, Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata, 2025. ISBN – 978-81-970482-7-2.

Book Reviews

1. The Indian Ocean in World History – Edward A. Alpers – Presidency Historical Review, Vol 1. Issue 1, 2015
ISSN : 2454-5058
2. Everyday Machines – David Arnold – Presidency Historical Review, Vol. 1 Issue 2. 2015
ISSN : 2454-5058
3. Mrityu Dahan Samadhi – Bela Chakraborty and Bholanath Bhattacharya – jointly reviewed with Vedatreyee Banerjee, Assistant Professor in English, Tarakeshwar College – Presidency Historical Review, Vol. 2 Issue 1, 2016. ISSN : 2454-5058
4. War Over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960 by Devika Sethi – Presidency Historical Review, Vol. 3, Issue 1, 2023. ISSN – 2454-5058.
5. Natural Disasters and Indian History – Tirthankar Roy – Perspectives, Vol. 8. 2014
6. Islam and the Army in Colonial India – Nile Green – Perspectives, Vol. 6&7, 2013
7. Between Freedom and Unfreedom: The Press in Independent India – V. Krishna Ananth, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol.58, Issue 43, Oct. 28, 2023. Link - <https://www.epw.in/journal/2023/43/book-reviews/reading-press-freedom-through-constitutional-and.html>

Note: The complete archives of *Presidency Historical Review* are available at <https://presidencyhistoricalreview2020.wordpress.com/previous-issues/>.

SEMINARS

Papers Presented

1. “Fragmented Public Spheres in the Age of Social Media” presented at UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Role of Communication: From Ancient Age to Digital Age” at Derozio Memorial College, Kolkata on February 7-8, 2017.

2. "Rammohun and the Debate on Sati: Locating the Public Sphere in Early Colonial India" presented at 78th Session of Indian History Congress at Jadavpur University, Kolkata on December 30, 2017. (*published as Article in a Journal*)
3. "Nation, Revolt and the Bengali Intellectual: Responses of the Colonial Public Sphere to the Revolt of 1857" presented at UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "Idea of Nation in the Minds of Bengali Intellectuals" at Serampore Girls' College, Serampore, Hooghly District, West Bengal on January 31, 2018. (*published as Chapter in a Book.*)
4. "1857 and the Bengali Periphery: Interrogating the Impact of the Great Revolt on the Bengali Bhadrakalok" presented at 4th International Conference (SAMAGAM) of Paschim Banga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Kendra, on "History and Heritage" at Ashutosh College, Kolkata, on July 13, 2018. (Published as a book – see *Publications* section). (*published as Chapter in a Book*).
5. "Morality, Religion and Nation in the Ideas of M.N. Roy and Gandhi: A Historical Comparison" presented at National Seminar on "Culture, Thought and Religion: Edges and Exchanges" at East Calcutta Girls' College, Kolkata, on January 28, 2019. (*published as Chapter in a Book*).
6. "A Radical Plan?: The People's Plan as an Alternative Economic Vision for Independent India" presented at 5th International Conference (SAMAGAM) of Paschim Banga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Kendra, at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, in September 2019. (*published as Chapter in a Book*).
7. "Women Journalists in Early Postcolonial South Asia: Challenges, Achievements, and Activism in Newspapers, 1947-1971" presented at the International Conference of the Bangiya Itihas Samiti, Surendranath College, Kolkata on 24 March 2022. (*published as Chapter in a Book*)
8. "Locating the Tribal in the Fourth Estate : A Historical Study of Tribal Culture and Languages in Relation to Newspaper Journalism of Independent India" presented at the International One-Day Seminar on 'Tribal Culture and Movements in India: Before and After Independence', at Heramba Chandra College on December 17th, 2022.
9. "A blueprint for Freedom of the Press: The Press Laws Enquiry Committee, the Press and the Indian Government, 1947-54" presented at the 81st Session of Indian History Congress at Madras Christian College, Chennai, India on December 30, 2022.
10. "Press versus the Press Act : Revisiting the Debates on the Press (Objectionable Matters) Act of 1951" presented at the 6th Annual International Conference of the Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata at Belur Matha Vidyamandir, Belur, West Bengal on March 25, 2023. (*published as a Chapter in a Book*)
11. "From Colonial Perspective to Postcolonial Ethos: A Study of the Decolonization of the Press in Independent India, 1946-1964" presented at the One-Day State Level Seminar on "Perspective & Personalities: Colonial & Post-Colonial India" at Surendranath Evening College, Kolkata on March 28, 2023. (*published as a Chapter in a Book*)
12. "War, Press and the Indian State: Debating War Reportage and Publicity in the Sino-Indian Conflict of 1962" presented at the 82nd Session of Indian History Congress at Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telangana, India on December 28, 2023.
13. "Defence of India Rules, the Press and the Postcolonial State: Censorship in India During the External Emergency, 1962-1968" presented at the 7th Annual International Conference of the

Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata at Bethune College, Kolkata, West Bengal on March 15, 2024.
(published as a Chapter in a Book)

14. "Industrial Action and the Fourth Estate: Revisiting the Newspaper Strikes of 1968," presented at the 8th Annual International Conference of the Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata at Basanti Devi College, Kolkata, West Bengal on March 22, 2025.
15. "Media History in India: From Monochrome Media to Pluralistic Narratives," presented at the 4th Annual International Conference of the Garia Society for the Study of Marginalized People at Maulana Azad College, Kolkata, West Bengal on January 12, 2026.

Participated

1. "Ancient Monuments, Modern Perspectives", March 20, 2015, AJC Bose Auditorium, Presidency University
2. UGC-Funded National Seminar on "Jawaharlal Nehru and the Making of Modern India" organized by Nehru Studies Centre, Dept. of Political Science and Dept. of History, March 30-31, 2015, University of Calcutta
3. UGC UPE Phase II "India Looking East" Programme National Seminar on "Lineages of Interactions: India, Southeast Asia and East Asia" organized by Dept. of Ancient Indian History and Culture and Dept. of History, January 19-20 2017, University of Calcutta.

Organized

- A. One-Day Seminar on "Sister Nivedita and Revitalization of Indian Culture", Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, 12th September, 2018.
- B. Two-Day Seminar on "ঋপদ বাংলা ভাষা: বিবিধ বিদ্যাচর্চা" in collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India at Sivanath Sastri College, Golpark, 8-9th January, 2024.

ONLINE WEBINARS/WORKSHOPS

Organized

1. One-Day International Teachers' Workshop on "Forced Migration : Humanity at the Crossroads", Organized jointly by Departments of History and Political Science, and Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, through Google Meet on 9th July, 2020.
2. One-Day National Webinar on "Intersectionality Between Gender, Caste And Class : Genesis of Gender Violence in India", organized jointly by Departments of History and Women's Studies through Google Meet on 11th August, 2020.
3. One-Day National Webinar on "The Condition of Indian Labour: Myth and Realities in the Backdrop of the Covid-19 Pandemic", organized jointly by Departments of History, Political Science and Economics, through Google Meet on 19.9.2020.

4. One-Day National Webinar on “Inequality, Equity and the Law: Myth of Gender Justice in India”, Organized jointly by Departments of History, Political Science and Women’s Studies, through Google Meet on 28.9.2020

Paper Presented

1. “‘We Must Suffer the Pain of Disillusionment...’: State Action, Press Dissent and Contradictions within the First Amendment Discourse of 1951”, presented via Google Meet at the Two-Day International Webinar on “Dissent and Democracy: Critical Perspectives”, organized by the Rabindra Bharati University Teachers’ Association (RBUTA), on 8th and 9th November 2021.

Participated

- 1) One Day International Webinar on “Living with Lockdown: Lessons From India’s Covid-19 Response and the Way forward to Economic Survival”, Organized jointly by The Department of Commerce, Malda College, Malda and The Department of Commerce and Economics, Sivanath Sastri College, Kolkata through Google Meet on 5th June, 2020.

ACADEMIC COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Academic Courses of One-Week/Two-Week/Four-Week Duration (Participation)

1. “Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences”, July 27-31, 2015, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata (*One Week Duration*)
2. “Methodological Approach to Research in Social Sciences and Languages”, October 11-17, 2017, Department of Education, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. (*One Week Duration*)
3. 103rd Orientation Programme, February 11-March 9, 2019, UGC-HRDC, Rani Durgawati Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. (Four Weeks’ Duration)
4. “Workshop on MOOCs, Online Courses and Open Educational Resources” on the Theme “ICT Tools for Online Teaching”, conducted by Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (UGC-HRDC), University of Delhi, through Google Meet, May 23-29, 2020. (*One Week Duration*)
5. Refresher Course on “Research Methodology for Faculty of Social Sciences”, July 19-31, 2021, UGC-HRDC, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana (Two Weeks’ Duration).
6. Refresher Course in History, October 15-28, 2024, UGC-MMTTC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu (Two Weeks’ Duration).

Academic Administration and Curricular Development Courses (Participation)

1. “Navigating the Future: Implementing NEP 2020 for Educational Excellence” organized by IQAC Cluster India and WhiteCode between May 2-23, 2024 through Zoom (Four Days Across 3 weeks)

2. “Strategies for Developing Outcome Based Curriculum and Utilizing Digital Tools in Education” organized by Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC), Netaji Subhash Open University (NSOU) in collaboration with Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) between November 11-19, 2024 through Zoom (7 Days’ Duration)

Short Academic Workshops of less than One Week Duration (Participation)

1. One-Day Workshop on UG CBCS Syllabus of History in Behala College, Kolkata, June 2018.
2. One-Day Workshop on ICT Enabled Teaching at Muralidhar College, Kolkata, July 2018.
3. One-Day Workshop on Core-Course 2 and 4 Under CBCS, RSVV, Bangur (under West Bengal State University), 10th August 2018.
4. One-Day Faculty Enrichment Programme on “Negotiating Assessment Frame Work of UG studies in compliance with NEP-2020” at Sivanath Sastri College, on 20th January 2026.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic

a) Guest Lecturer – Rani Birla Girls’ College (February 2015-August 2015)

b) Whole Time Teacher/Lecturer – Bhawanipur Educational Society College (July 2015-December 2015)

c) Assistant Professor – Government General Degree College, Tehatta, Dist. – Nadia (December 2015 – June 2017) Assistant Professor under the West Bengal Education Service (WBES)

d) Assistant Professor – Sivanath Sastri College (South City College Morning), Kolkata, West Bengal (June 2017-Present)

I) Promoted to Assistant Professor (Stage II) w.e.f. 17.6.2022.

Place: Kolkata

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