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24 YEARS 2 MONTHS

Present Employment:
Netaji Subhas Open University
16/07/2015- Till date

Past Experience at:
M.U.C. Women's College;
Maulana Azad College (WBES);
Hooghly Mohsin College(WBES).

Joined Teaching Career
As Assistant Professor in
2003.

AWARDED THE DOCTORAL DEGREE IN 2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS: AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STUDIES, GENDER STUDIES, POLITICAL THEORY, COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

FUNDED PROJECT :TWO ; MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT (FUNDED BY UGC); MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT (FUNDED BY UGC-DEB)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE : 22 YEARS

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE: 7 YEARS

UGTEACHING ASSIGNMENTS: 12 YEARS

& PG TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS: 13 YEARS

various national and international books and journals. Some of her major publications include 'Emergency Aid' published in *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Security Studies*; Communist Party in West Bengal and Some Gendered Paradoxes' in *Summerhill*, published by Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Simla (IIAS Review) etc. She has delivered a series of Video lectures as a Resource Person in Political Science for a MHRD Project through ICT (NME- ICT).. Her area of interest includes Autobiographical Studies, Gender Studies, Indian Political Thought and Communist Movement.

NO. OF CANDIDATES REGISTERED FOR PH.D.: 4

MEMBERSHIP OF DIFFERENT COMMITTEES: Director, Student's Service Centre; Chairperson, Equal Opportunity Cell ; Member of Executive Council, Academic Council, CIQA, Central Research Advisory Committee; Discipline Research Committee (Political Science) Board of Studies (Both UG and PG Political Science); Board of Studies (Both UG and PG Public Administration)

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES: West Bengal Political Science Association; West Bengal Council of Political Studies, Indian Political Science Association.

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ELIGIBILITY TEST CLEARED (NET/SET/GATE etc.):

Sl. No.	Details
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1.	State Level Eligibility Test (SLET), 2002
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CO-CURRICULAR/OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES/ EXPERIENCE

Sl. No.	Details
1.	Delivered Series of Video Lectures as a Resource Person in Political Science for a MHRD Project through ICT (NME- ICT). Year 2014-2016.
2.	Acted as a Course Coordinator for Swayam Prabha Programme under the initiative of Ministry of Education, Government of India. Course Title: Political Thought and Movements in Colonial India I Broadcast Schedule: January-June 2026

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Funding Agency	Period	Grant Mobilized	Outcome
1.	Title: Searching for an Inner Voice: Bengali Women Political Activists through their Autobiographies; Fifties & Sixties.	UGC	2014-16	150000/-	Completed Project and submitted in the year 2016
2.	Title: Autobiographies and Women Activists; A New Perspective of Open and Distance Learning	UGC-DEB	2015-2017	50,000/-	Completed Project and submitted in the year 2017

DETAILS OF PUBLICATIONS (BOOKS/ EDITED VOLUME / RESEARCH PAPERS/REVIEW):

Sl. No.	Title of the paper vol. No., Issue No., Page No,	Publisher	Year of publication	ISSN/ ISBN
1.	Communist Party in West Bengal and Some Gendered Paradoxes' in <i>Summerhill</i> , IAS Review Vol XXVI, No. 2, (UGC Care Enlisted Journal).	Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla	2020	ISSN: 0972-1452, Winter 2020
2.	'Emergency Aid' in <i>The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Security Studies</i> ed. by Manish Thapa and Scott Nicholas Romaniuk.	Palgrave Springer UK	2019	ISBN 978-3-319-74336-3
3.	Rethinking Communist Women of Bengal: The Early Legacy in Wesleyan Journal of Research (UGC Care Enlisted Journal).	Bankura Christian College	2020	ISSN 0975-1386
	A Book Review published in Socialist Perspective in Vol-37 No.3-4	Council of Political	December 2009-	ISSN 0970-8863

4.		Studies	March 2010	
5.	Autobiographies and Women Activists; A New Perspective of Open and Distance Learning (BOOK)	Netaji Subhas Open University	2017	ISBN: 978-93-82112-58-7
6.	Gender School and Society (Edited Book)	Amitrakshar Publisher	April 2025	ISBN: 978-93-6008-702-9
7.	Drifts from the Dens of Democracy Vol 1 (Edited Book)	NSOU	January 2025	ISBN: 978-81-968283-9-4
8.	'Parliamentary Democracy and the Communist Other', in Malyasree Mukherjee & Nibedita Saha ed. <i>Rethinking India's Democracy</i> pp 104-119.	Allied Publishing House	2017	ISBN: 978-81-7648-235-2
9.	'Gender and Nationalism: Tagore's Home and the World and Four Chapters' in R.Basu ed. <i>Women and Tagore Recreating the Space in New Millennium</i> ,).	Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi	2012.	ISBN 978-93-5074-030-9
10	'Iliyasir Khoabnama: Deshbhager Ek Bhinno Path', A reviewed Article published in Bitorkika (Prasanga: Deshbhag);	Setu Prakashani	October 2013	ISSN:2321-855X
11	'Ek AsamaptaYodhya O Tar Asamapta Yuddhya', A reviewed Article published in Parichay (Samalochona Sankhya). A brief review of the stated Article was also published in Anandabazar Patrika (Kolkata Karcha) dated: 17 th September, 2011.	Parichay	Year: May-July 2011.	-
12	Relocating Contemporary Politics: Issues and Challenges (Edited Book)	P.A.I.L.OK	2019	ISBN 978-93-88207-24-9
13	Contemporary International Relations (Edited Book)	P.A.I.L.OK	2019	ISBN978-93-88207-62-1
14	NSOU Journal of Social Sciences (Co editor with Prof.Chandan Basu)	Netaji Subhas Open University	2017-2021	ISSN2581-5512
15	Beyond a Conjugal Life, Tagore's Home and the World: A Gendered Perspective in NSOU Journal of Social Sciences,	NSOU	2017	,ISSN2581-5512, pp 45-50
16	'Gender and Autobiography: Relocating the Bengali 'Other' in Left Politics', in Gender, Culture, Politics: Bengal in the 20th Century	NSOU	2016	ISBN: 978-93-82112-32-7
16	An "other" Modernity: Women's Question in Colonial Bengal in S. Chaudhuri &C.Basu ed. <i>Caste, Gender and Media- Significant</i>	NSOU	2017	ISBN:978-93-82112-

	<i>Sociological Trends in India</i>			57-0,
17	'Debating Open and Distance Learning: A Feminist Perspective' in Modak D & C. Basu ed. Teaching Social Sciences through Open and Distance Learning: A 21st century perspective,	NSOU	2017	ISBN: 978-93-82112-59-5
18	Gender, Culture, Politics: Bengal in the 20 th Century- Open and Distance Initiative (Edited Seminar Volume)	Netaji Subhas Open University	2016	ISBN: 978-93-82112-32-7
19	'Reconceptualising Mother Earth: A Feminist Perspective', published in the special seminar volume on Changing Face of Planet Earth: Partnership and Harmony with nature,	Maulana Azad College	2008,	-
20	'Rethinking Modern Women in Late Colonial Bengal' published in Academic Journal of Hoogly Mohsin College Vol-4 No.2	Hoogly Mohsin College	Year: February, 2010	ISSN 0973-6212)
21	Metaphorical Visibility: An Indian Perspective (Edited Volume)	Ekush Satak,	Year: 2012	ISBN 978-81-923688-9-4

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, ETC (Paper presenter/ invited talk/ Coordinator/chairperson).:

Sl. No.	Title of Paper/ Lecture	Organizing Institute	Conference, Seminar, workshop etc.	International (Within Country)/ International (Abroad)/National	Role
1.	Invited Lecture delivered on From Policy to Practice: Situating Constitutional Values & Sustainability in Higher Education in India (Dated: 22/07/2026)	MMTTC, IIT Dhanbad	Faculty Induction Programme	National	Resource Person
2.	Invited Lecture delivered on Ethics in Research : Prospect & Pitfall (Dated: 23/07/2026)	MMTTC, IIT Dhanbad	Faculty Induction Programme	National	Resource Person
3.	Invited Lecture delivered on Gender, Culture & Development : A Critical Overview (Dated: 21/08/2025)	MMTTC, University of Calcutta	Short Term Course on Gender Sensitization and Women Empowerment	National	Resource Person
4.	Invited Lecture	MMTTC, IIT	Faculty	National	Resource Person

	delivered on Relativity of Absolute Truth (Dated: 15/01/2025)	Dhanbad	Induction Programme		
5.	Invited Lecture delivered on Reaching the Unreached : Situating Open & Distance Learning in Higher Education in India (Dated: 15/01/2025)	MMTTC, IIT Dhanbad	Faculty Induction Programme	National	Resource Person
4.	Invited Lecture delivered on Reviewing Vande Mataram through a Gender Lens (Dated: 13/01/2026)	Department of Political Science & Department of Hindi , Belur College	Seminar in Commemoration of 150 years of Vande Mataram	State	Resource Person
5.	Invited Lecture delivered on Women and Autobiographies (Dated: 20/12/2024)	Department of Political Science, Department of Bengali & Department of Sociology Serampore Girls College	Two Days International Seminar on Nineteenth, Twentieth & Twenty first Century Bengali Literature and Socio-Political Background in Bengal	International	Resource Person
6.	Chaired a Technical Session at the Social Science Research Scholars Conclave (Dated: 14/05/2025)	Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani	Research Scholars Conclave	National	Chairperson
7.	Chaired a Technical Session on Exploring Pluralism, Sustainability and Inclusion: Interdisciplinary Perspective (Dated: 23/06/2024)	Kanyashree University	International Conference	International	Chairperson
8.	Co – Chaired a Technical Session on	Indian Political Science	International Conference	International	Chairperson

	E- Governance, Digital Democracy & Good Governance at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar (Dated: 28/12/2025)	Association			
9.	Invited Lecture delivered on “Communicating with the Self”: Women & Autobiographies (Dated: 18/03/2025)	WSC, Krishna College, Howrah	Bijoy Girls International Women’s Day Celebration	State	Invited Speaker
10.	Invited Lecture delivered on Human Rights and Gender : A Deliberate Dialogue (Dated: 10/12/2025)	Pritilata Waddedar Mahavidyalaya	Human Rights: Our Everyday Essentials	State	Invited Speaker
11.	Invited Lecture delivered on Autobiography & Oral History (Dated: 25/03/2025)	Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani	Distinguished Lecture Series & International Women’s Day Celebration	State	Invited Speaker
12.	Invited Lecture delivered on Indian Federalism: An Overview (Dated: 16/02/2024)	Department of Political Science, Taki Government College	Special Lecture	State	Invited Speaker
13.	Chaired a Technical Session in a UGC DEB Funded Two Day National Seminar on IPR: Demystifying Intellectual Property for Educators (Dated: 26/07/2024)	IIC, NSOU	Seminar	National	Chairperson
14.	Invited for a Lecture Series delivered on Gender and Governance; Good Governance; e Governance. (Dated: 09/12/2024 – 11/12/2024)	Department of Political Science, Murshidabad University	Special Lecture Series	State	Invited Speaker
15.	Invited Lecture delivered on Electoral Politics and	Institute of Gandhian Thought and	Seminar	National	Invited Speaker

	Marginalisation of Gender: A Retrospect of Left Parties in West Bengal at University of Allahabad; 30-31 March. 2018	Peace Studies and Department of Political Science, University of Allahabad			
16.	Co chaired a session in the National Seminar at University of Allahabad, Year 2018.	Institute of Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies and Department of Political Science, University of Allahabad	Seminar	National	Resource Person
17.	Invited Lecture on The Peripheral Other: The Bengali Women Communists & their journey.	Council for Political Studies & Women's Studies Centre, RBU.	Invited Lecture	State	Invited Speaker
18.	Invited Lecture on Mapping Women based Movements in Indian context 2015	Ramkrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan	Seminar	State	Invited Speaker
19.	Invited Lecture On Gender and Environment: A New Dimension in Politics at. Year 2017	Kalyani Mahavidyalaya	Invited Lecture	State	Invited Speaker
20.	Invited Lecture in a National Webinar on 'Gender and Society in the Pandemic'13 August 2020	ICC, NSOU	Webinar	National	Invited Speaker
21.	Election, Communist Party and Second Sex: Some Gendered Observation in the 21 st Century	Jointly organized by University of Kalyani and Research Committee 23, International Political Science Association (IPSA RC-23)	International Conference	International	Paper Presenter
22.	Paper presented on	Women's Studies	International	International	Paper Presenter

	‘Gender and Nationalism in Tagore’s The Home and the World and Four Chapters’ at the International Conference on Women and Tagore : Recreating the Space in the New Millennium, organized by Women’s Studies Centre, R.B.U. Year: 2011	Centre, R.B.U	Conference	(within country)	
23.	Paper presented on ‘Mahila Atmaraksa Samiti O Challisher Dashake Banglar Communist Andolone Nari’ at the XXVth Annual Conference of the PaschimBangaItihasSamsad. Year: 2009	Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad.	Conference	National	Paper Presenter ‘

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Sr No	Type of Lecture	Date	Discipline	Duration	Title of the Topic	Uploaded Link
1	AVL	20.03.2017	PGPS	16:09	FEDERALISM IN INDIA PART - 1	http://hml1.schoolguru.in/Play/30168
2	AVL	20.03.2017	PGPS	15:36	FEDERALISM IN INDIA PART - 2	http://hml1.schoolguru.in/Play/30171
3	AVL	20.03.2017	PGPS	14:30	FEDERALISM IN INDIA PART - 3	http://hml1.schoolguru.in/Play/30176
4	AVL	21.03.2017	PGPS	19:31	DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY_PEPRENTIN G THE SOCIAL & ECONOMIC RIGHTS PART-1	http://hml1.schoolguru.in/Play/30213
5	AVL	21.03.2017	PGPS	10:35	DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY_PEPRENTIN G THE SOCIAL & ECONOMIC RIGHTS PART-2	http://hml1.schoolguru.in/Play/30214
6	AVL	21.03.2017	PGPS	17:06	DIRECTIVE	http://hml1.schoolg

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7	AVL	21.03.2017	PGPS	14:25	DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY_PEPRENTIN G THE SOCIAL & ECONOMIC RIGHTS PART-4	http://hml1.schoolgurur.in/Play/30216
8	AVL	22.03.2017	PGPS	19:30	CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT- INITIATIVESIN RECONCILING THE INDIVIDUAL & THE SOCIAL PART - 1	http://hml1.schoolgurur.in/Play/30246
9	AVL	22.03.2017	PGPS	17:07	CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT- INITIATIVESIN RECONCILING THE INDIVIDUAL & THE SOCIAL PART - 2	http://hml1.schoolgurur.in/Play/30247
10	AVL	23.03.2017	PGPS	18:55	CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT- INITIATIVESIN RECONCILING THE INDIVIDUAL & THE SOCIAL PART - 3	http://hml1.schoolgurur.in/Play/30255
11	AVL	23.03.2017	PGPS	18:00	CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT- INITIATIVESIN RECONCILING THE INDIVIDUAL & THE SOCIAL PART - 4	http://hml1.schoolgurur.in/Play/30256
12	AVL	23.03.2017	PGPS	21:16	ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS PART - 1	http://hml1.schoolgurur.in/Play/30257
13	AVL	23.03.2017	PGPS	20:18	ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS PART - 2	http://hml1.schoolgurur.in/Play/30258
14	AVL	23.03.2017	PGPS	22:50	ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS PART - 3	http://hml1.schoolgurur.in/Play/30259
15	AVL	12.10.2017	PGPS	18.03	PEASANT & TRIBAL MOVEMENT PART - 1	https://player.vimeo.com/video/1076693286
16	AVL	8.11.17	PGPS	17.29	PEASANT & TRIBAL MOVEMENT PART - 2	https://player.vimeo.com/video/1076693349
17	AVL	8.11.17	PGPS	33.33	PEASANT & TRIBAL MOVEMENT PART - 3	https://player.vimeo.com/video/1076693368
18	AVL	25.10.17	PGPS	32.01	WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT PART - 1	https://player.vimeo.com/video/1076690217
19	AVL	25.10.17	PGPS	30.27	WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT PART - 2	https://player.vimeo.com/video/1076690201

20	AVL	25.10.17	PGPS	30.04	DALIT MOVEMENT PART - 1	https://player.vimeo.com/video/1076690226
21	AVL	25.10.17	PGPS	27.56	DALIT MOVEMENT PART - 2	https://player.vimeo.com/video/1076690231
22	AVL	16.11.17	PGPS	44.38	SWADESHI MOVEMENT PART - 1	https://player.vimeo.com/video/1076696856
23	AVL	16.11.17	PGPS	30.07	SWADESHI MOVEMENT PART - 2	https://player.vimeo.com/video/1076696955
24	AVL	22.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	16.15	PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA (AN INTRODUCTION)	https://vimeo.com/manage/800798372/embed
25	AVL	22.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	15.52	PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA (POWERS & FUNCTIONS)	https://vimeo.com/manage/800799751/embed
26	AVL	22.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	12.45	PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA (COUNCIL OF MINISTERS)	https://vimeo.com/manage/800801153/embed
27	AVL	22.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	10.58	PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA (PRIME MINISTER AND THE PARTY)	https://vimeo.com/manage/800802578/embed
28	AVL	22.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	19.55	PRIME MINISTER AND THE LOK SABHA	https://vimeo.com/manage/801142725/embed
29	AVL	22.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	11.1	PRIME MINISTER AND THE PEOPLE	https://vimeo.com/manage/801143772/embed
30	AVL	22.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	18.21	UNION COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (AN INTRODUCTION)	https://vimeo.com/manage/801144986/embed
31	AVL	22.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	16.03	UNION COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (POWERS & FUNCTIONS)	https://vimeo.com/manage/801146108/embed
32	AVL	27.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN	19.35	RAJYA SABHA	https://vimeo.com/manage/802576319/embed

			POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)			
33	AVL	27.02.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	23.44	POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF RAJYA SABHA	https://vimeo.com/manage/802577791/embed
34	AVL	12.06.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	20.41	DEBATES ON BICAMERAL LEGISLATURE	https://vimeo.com/manage/833604124/embed
35	AVL	12.06.2023	U.G. HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (HPS)	26.05	RELATION BETWEEN LOK SABHA AND RAJYA SABHA	https://vimeo.com/manage/833605677/embed

PROGRAMMES COORDINATED/ ORGANISED AS CONVENER / ORGANISING SECRETARY AT NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY

Sl. No.	Programme Name	Sponsored by	Period
1.	PGPS (Programme Coordinator)	NSOU	2015- Till Date
2.	BDP (Programme Coordinator)	NSOU	2015- Till Date
3.	AVL in PGPS	NSOU	2016-Till Date

Disclaimer: I assert that the details furnished above are all true to the best of my knowledge.