

# Resume

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## Academic Qualifications:

2005	West Bengal Board of Secondary Education	St. Lawrence High School	77%
2007	West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education	Patha Bhavan	76%
2010	B. A.(Hons) History	Jadavpur University	70.11% (Gold Medallist)
2012	M.A. History	Jadavpur University	71.89% (Gold Medallist)
2014	MPhil History	Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta	CGPA 7.63 Grade: A

- MPhil Dissertation Topic: *Famine Relief Policy in Bengal in 1896-97: A District-Oriented Micro-History*, research conducted under the supervision of Professor Prachi Deshpande

## **Current status:**

- Full Time Lecturer at St. Xaviers College, Kolkata (Raghabpur Campus) in the Department of History
- Nodal Officer – Gender Champions Club, and Centre for Gender Studies, Raghabpur Campus
- CO-Officer-in-Charge, Examinations, Raghabpur Campus
- Phd Scholar and ICSSR Fellow in The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta under the supervision of Professor Prachi Deshpande, Thesis Title: "History of Early Twentieth-Century Calcutta: Changes, Ruptures, Contestations"

## **Teaching Experience - Courses Taught**

### **PG Courses**

- Indian Historiography
- History of Revolution and Protest
- History of Modern Imperialism
- Modern International Relations

### **UG Courses**

- History of Ancient Greece
- History of Medieval Europe
- Transformation of Early Modern Europe
- History of Europe from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- History of the United States 1820 - 1945
- History of the Modern World 1945 – 1990
- History of Ancient India
- History of Modern India
- History of Modern Bengal
- History of Political Thought in India and History and Historiography
- History of Western Political Thought
- Research Methodology in History
- History of Gender
- Environmental History of India
- GE courses and Minor courses including History of Sports in the Modern World

### **Participation in SWAYAM Program**

I have delivered 26 MOOC lectures at the EMRC, Kolkata

### **Course: Research Methodology in History**

- History and Psychology
- History and Literature
- History and Science
- Kalhana's 'Rajtarangini'
- Intimate Relationships
- Definition and Preconditions of Historiography
- Roman Historiography
- Ancient Chinese Historiography
- Enlightenment, Scientific Revolution and Historiography
- Romantic –Nationalist-Literary Historiography
- History and Folklore
- Dreams and Death –Certain Concepts

### **Course: History of India (c750 – 1206)**

- Maritime Trade
- Inter-regional Trade
- Crafts and Guilds
- Forms of Exchange
- Urbanization - I
- Urbanization - II
- Overview of Religion and Culture
- Buddhism in Early Medieval India
- Science and Technology

### **Course: History of India (1206-1550)**

- Slavery in India during the Sultanate Period
- Military Technology and its application in the Sultanate Period

### **Course: History of India (1550 - 1605)**

- Pressure from the Ulema
- Campaigns and Conquests: Tactics and Technology
- Inclusive Political Ideas: Theory and Practice

### **Academic activities:**

- I have taken a leading role in framing the syllabus for MA. I have framed the syllabus for various papers for the MA programme – History of Revolution and Protest in Modern Europe, Imperialism in Action, Western Historiography, History of Modern International Relations, Western Political Thought, History of the United States of America.
- I have played a major role in helping the Department prepare for the 4 Year Program under NEP. I have framed the syllabus for many major and minor papers and I have played a major role I framing the overall course structure.
- I have helped organize and acted as MC in a number of seminars and conferences for the Department.
- I have acted as an academic guide for students completing their dissertations in both PG and UG and in both students supervised by me have been among the best performers in the Dissertation paper
- I have acted as mentor and advisor to students to help them overcome academic and related challenges.. I have helped students prepare for seminars and escorted them to the venues as per the needs of the Department.

### **Publications**

- *History of Popular Calcutta*, Book Review of *Claiming the City: Protest, Crime and Scandals in Colonial Calcutta c 1860 - 1920*, OUP by Anindita Ghosh, New Delhi 2016 , published in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LII No. 38, September 23, 2017, pp 40-42.
- “Representation of Women in the Colonial Archives”, *Aequitas: A Xaverian Journal of Gender Studies*, Issue 1, 2023.
- “Experiencing the Famine of 1896-97 in Bengal: British Policy and Local Initiatives”, *Journal of People’s History and Culture*, Vol. 9 No. 2, December 2023, pp 73-83.
- Ongoing publication under review – co-authored chapter in the edited book *Situating Gender in the Developing World: Focusing on the SDGs and the Viksit Bharat of 2047*

### **Seminar Presentation**

- Presented a paper entitled “Problems of Sanitation and Water Supply in an expanding Calcutta” in an international conference on *Parichhanatar Itihash* organized by the Corpus Research Institute at Jadavpur University on 25th August 2017.
- Presented a paper entitled “Digging up the past in Calcutta's New Market: Just a dead holy man, or communalism?” in an international seminar on *Comparative Methodologies: Microhistory, Global History and the Social Sciences* held in the The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta in 2019
- Presented a paper entitled "British Famine Policy and Local Initiatives: Experiencing the Famine of 1896-97 in Bengal" at the Two-Day National Level Seminar on "Revisiting the Intellectual History of India's Struggle for Independence: Decoding the Debates and Discourses Emphasizing the Importance of Thoughts and Actions" organised by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata (MAKAIAS) in collaboration with the Department of Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata on 13th of August, 2022 (Saturday) and 14th of August, 2022 at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata (MAKAIAS)
- I have also acted as External Resource Person and delivered 2 lectures on History of Greek Science at the Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Dakhineswar.

### **Recent Seminars and Workshops**

- National Webinar on Pandemics and Natural Disasters: Understanding and Coping, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Two day webinar on NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.
- Five Day International Faculty Development Program on Research Methods in Social Sciences with Emphasis on Cultural Studies, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- Seven Day International Faculty Development Program on Bengal Studies Through the Ages with Special Emphasis on Gender Centric Approaches, 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

- Seven Day International Faculty Development Program on The Nuances of Scientific Writing and Publishing, 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Previous research experience:**

- Worked as Research Assistant for **Centre for Policy Research Project: Calcutta: The Great Experiment** under KC Sivaramakrishnan in 2014.
- Worked as Research Assistant at The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta under Professor Lakshmi Subramaniam in the Calcutta Improvement Trust Project in 2016.

**Areas of Special Interest**

- History of Modern Bengal and Modern Calcutta
- History of Modern Europe.

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