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Graduated from Presidency College, Kolkata (University of Calcutta) in 2009 with B.A. (Hons.) in History (55%)

Post-Graduation in History from University of Calcutta in 2011 with 1st Class Marks (64%) Secured

First Position in the Entrance test for PhD at University of Hyderabad,
2016

Secured First position in Entrance examination for admission to PhD at University of Hyderabad

Pursuing PhD in History at University of Hyderabad under the supervision of Prof. Anindita Mukhopadhyay (Last Semester)

Served as Guest faculty in History at Dum Dum Motijheel Rabindra Mahavidyalaya, August 2013 - July 2016. I have taught undergraduate course with International Relations, Europe and Modernity, Modern India, Medieval India etc.

Relevant Information

- Qualified UGC NET Assistant Professor, 2018 (July)
- Pursuing my research on Frontier, Violence and the Administration in Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Century India.
- Participated in relevant workshops throughout the research period.
- Researcher at the Bihar State Archives and West Bengal State Archives
- As Guest Faculty held the responsibility of conducting administrative duties.

Worked as Research Assistant with ZMO (Berlin) on a project from April 2023 - September 2023

Membership:

- Member of the *Itihas Samsad*, Kolkata, since 2019
- Member of Indian History Congress since 2018
- Member of International Society of Bengal Studies, since 2021
- Member of the Agricultural History Society, U.S.A., 2021
- Member of South Indian History Congress

Seminar/Workshop/Conference/Symposium:

- Completed a **Four-day certificate program on ‘Epidemics and Indian History’, conducted by Prof. Tirthankar Roy (London School of Economics), and organized by the Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics** from 13th to 16th August, 2020.
- Participated and completed the **Seven-day Online Workshop on ‘Sensing the Past: Thematic Departures and Archival Searches’** by the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit from 30th September to 30th October, 2020
- Presented a Research paper titled “An Impingement on Authority: Reading Encroachments on Lands in an Eastern Frontier in the late Eighteenth Century” in the Conference on ‘Understanding Land: Configuring Spaces, Making Identities, Department of History, **Shiv Nadar University**, January 2021
- Presented a Research paper titled ‘Tangible Territory and the Elusive Order: The Violence at the Purnea Frontier in the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Century’ at the 6th International Congress of Bengal Studies, 25th – 28th February, 2021
- My panel proposal for a Workshop titled ‘Decolonising Archives, Rethinking Canons’ hosted by the **University of Cambridge** was selected. The title of the panel was ‘Contesting Repositories: Practice as a Method in Studying Sovereignty’. My abstract and title for the Workshop is: “Sovereignty on Trial: Episodes of Violence as Practice in 18th Century Bengal”, 26th- 27th March, 2021
- Presented a Paper titled ‘Devastation and Dominion’ at the Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University on 28th May, 2021 in the South Asia section of the Conference
- Panel presented at the Agricultural History Society 2021 (U.S.A.) Challenging -Crops and Climates. The panel was selected for presentation on Fri. June 4, 2021 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.ET/ 9:30-11:00 p.m. IST. The panel abstract and title : Rhythms of Representation: Codes, Texts and the Lives of Agriculture in South Asia. My individual abstract for the same: “Text of Power/Text of Taming: Colebrooke and Codification of Agrarian Representations.”
- Presented a Paper at the 41st South Indian History Congress, Dindigul 2022
- Presented a Paper titled Frontier, Empire and the Unruly at the International conference on Crime and Punishment in Colonial India, K .K. Das College, Kolkata , 9th December, 2022

Publication:

Locating a Region in Historiography: The Many Definitions of Purnea in Pondering the Past: VOLII, Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O *Loksanskriti Charcha Kendra*, ISBN 978-93-88207-00-3

Language:

- English: Proficient in Reading, Writing and Speaking
- Bengali(Mother Tongue) : Proficient in Reading, Writing and Speaking
- Hindi: Proficient in Reading, Writing and Speaking
- Completed a One-year Certificate Course in Persian Language (SNAP Academy in collaboration Maulana Azad College), (August, 2020 – August, 2021)

Co-Curricular Activities:

Captain of the History Department Cricket Team (Presidency College), Intra College Tournament (Runners- Up)

