

Resume



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Academic Profile

- ✚ BA in History (58%) from Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata, in 2001.
- ✚ MA in History (60%) from Jadavpur University in 2003.
- ✚ PhD in History from Jadavpur University (Topic: Public Health and Sanitation in Colonial Bengal, 1880-1947) in 2009.

Areas of interest

- 1) Gender Studies
- 2) History of science, medicine and technology
- 3) History of religion
- 4) Research Methodology in History
- 5) Western and Indian Political Thought
- 6) Western and Indian Historiography
- 7) Environmental Sociology
- 8) Migration and Diaspora Studies

Teaching Experience: 15 years

- 1) Worked as a JRF at the Department of History, Jadavpur University, 2006-2008. She taught the Economic History of Modern India as a special paper.
- 2) Worked as a Part-time Lecturer at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata from July 2009 to June 2010.
- 3) Worked as a Guest Faculty at the Post-Graduate Department of History (Evening), Jadavpur University from 2010-2013, 2018- 2022, 2024-2025.
- 4) Worked as a Research Fellow at The Asiatic Society, Kolkata from 2010 - 2013.
- 5) Worked as a UGC Research Associate at WSRC, University of Calcutta from 2013-2014.
- 6) At present working as an Assistant Professor at, the Postgraduate and Research Department of History, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.

- 7) Working as a Visiting Faculty, Post-Graduate Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.

Supervision and Mentorship:

- 1) Principal Investigator and Mentor of undergraduate/postgraduate students engaged in research projects in their final semesters.

Administrative and Other Responsibilities

- 1) Member, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Cell, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.
- 2) Member, Intellectual Property Rights Cell, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.
- 3) Member, Internal Complaint Committee, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.
- 4) Coordinator, NAAC, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, Raghampur Campus, 2014-2016.
- 5) Founding Member, Hons. Department of History, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.
- 6) Founding Member, Centre for Gender Studies, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.
- 7) HOD, Department of History, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata from 2018 (January)-2023(June).
- 8) Coordinator, Centre for Gender Studies, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata from 2022 (April)-2024 (February).
- 9) Member, Academic Council, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata from 2018 (January)-2023(June).
- 10) Member, Admission Committee, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata from 2018 (January)-2023(June).
- 11) Former Assistant Editor, *Aequitas: A Xaverian Journal of Gender Studies*, 2022-2024.
- 12) Member, Editorial Board, *Aviskaar: A Xaverian Journal of Research*.
- 13) Former Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Bhaktivedanta Research Centre, Kolkata, India.

Select Seminars, Invited Talks and Conferences:

- 1) Presented a paper on 'Femininity and Imperialism – The Women and Raj' in the International Symposium of Women and Gender Studies, September, Paris, 2011.
- 2) Presented a paper on "Religion and Medicine – from the perspective of Hinduism – A Different Discourse based on 'Caraka Samhita'" at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, on 1-2 March 2012 at Trondheim, Norway.
- 3) Presented a paper on 'Disease and Women through the lenses of Vernacular Health Journals in Colonial Bengal' at the University of Edinburgh for the Annual Women's History Conference of Scotland, which was held on 13th October 2012.
- 4) In March 2013, presented a paper on Asian Ecology at the Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan.
- 5) Went to Sorbonne University, Paris to present a paper on 'Situating Health in India – The Colonial Legacy Revisited (1950-2000)' in September 2013.

- 6) Presented a paper namely, 'Infertility: A Curse for Bengali Women - As Reflected in the Vernacular Literature of Colonial Period' at Martin Luther University, Halle, Wittenberg, Germany in October 2014.
- 7) Presented a paper on Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore at an online international conference jointly organized by the University of Warsaw, Poland and Charles University, Prague on 5th September 2021.
- 8) Presented a paper on fat studies in India at Variabilities'23 organized by the University of Winchester and Royal College of Surgeons England at Birkbeck, University of London on 19th July, 2023.
- 9) Presented a paper (online) at IAS, Shimla on Bhaktisiddhanta Thakur and his quest for scientific knowledge on 30th April, 2024.
- 10) Presented her research on the contributions of Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur in the field of Hindu Astronomy at the Symposium on Histories of Expertise by University of Turku, Finland on 19th September, 2024.
- 11) Gave a public lecture at the Department of Studies of Religion, Abo Akademi, Finland on Bhaktisiddhanta Thakur and national science on 23rd September, 2024.
- 12) Presented an online paper on Siddhanta Sarasvati and his Contributions in Hindu Astronomy on 29th May, 2025 at Science and Religion Forum, 50th Anniversary Conference, Sheffield, UK.
- 13) Presented an online paper on Siddhanta Sarasvati and *Bhakti Yoga* at the Mind, Brain and Consciousness Conference -2025 held between 4th to 7th June, 2025 at Indian Knowledge System and Mental Health Applications Centre, IIT, Mandi.
- 14) Presented an online paper on 'Understanding *Bhakti Yoga* in *Gaudiya Vaishnavism*' at "Trajectories of Yoga: Reception and Transformation" organised by the Yoga Research Unit at the University of Wroclaw held on 20th -21st June, 2025.
- 15) Presented an online paper on 'Biodiversity in *Sanatana*' at the International Conference on "Understanding Biodiversity: Philosophical Perspectives and Scientific Approaches" held between 27th to 28th June, 2025 organised by Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest.
- 16) Presented online at the "Bodytalk: Science Communication, Health, and the Body in Asia and the Pacific" organised by Deakin University, Australia on 17th November, 2025 on 'Health and Women in Colonial Bengal – A Case Study based on the Vernacular Health Journals (1880-1930)'.
- 17) Presented online (recorded) for the Panel on 'Brilliant Yet Shadowed- Shining a light on lesser-known thinkers of Education' organised by Dr. Nicola Robertson, Strathclyde Institute of Education, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, on 17th November, 2025 at SERA (Scottish Educational Research Association) Conference, 2025 on 'The Teachings of Sanatana Dharma and the Educational Philosophy of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur- Understanding Siddhanta Sarasvati as a Traditional Modernist'.

Ongoing Projects:

- 1) Working on a Project as a scholar with The Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Centre for Indological Studies and Research, Golpark, Kolkata, India on "Guru Paramparas and the Indian Knowledge Tradition: Revisiting the Life and Works of the Five Vaishnava Gurus of Medieval India- Nimbarka, Ramananda, Sankaradeva, Vallabha, and Caitanya."
- 2) Principal Investigator, Indian National Science Academy (INSA), for the Project on "Disease, Epidemics and Death in Bengal: The Perspective of Colonizers- A Case Study

based on the Lectures and the Sanitary Commissioners and the Directors of Public Health Department in Bengal (1880-1947)” for the year 2025-2026.

- 3) She is the recipient of the Intramural Research Grant (2026-2028) from St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata, along with Dr. Saunak Palit, Associate Professor in the Physics Department, to work on a project about the contributions of the Jesuits to astronomy in modern Bengal.

Fellowships and Achievements:

- 1) Recipient of Guest Fellowship at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India from April to June, 2025.
- 2) Recipient of ICHR (Indian Council of Historical Research) National Scholarship, 2006 – 2008.
- 3) Fellowship at The Asiatic Society, 2010-2013.
- 4) Fellowship (UGC Research Associate) at Women’s Studies Research Centre (WSRC), Calcutta University, 2013-2014.
- 5) Additionally, Dr. Goswami is the Coordinator of a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Research Methodology in History, which will be launched in July 2025. This course is under the Swayam portal by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Government of India. She gave MOOC lectures for various courses on environmental sociology, the History of modern China, Early Medieval India, Mughal India, Delhi Sultanate, India after independence.
- 6) She has been chosen by her college to teach gender studies under PMKVY, an initiative of the Skill India Project by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India.
- 7) She has designed certain UG/PG Courses for her Department. These are such as – An Introduction to Gender Studies (PG Semester 1), Migration and Diaspora Studies (PG Semester 2), History of Public Health in Modern India (UG, Sem 1 and 2, under 4 Year NEP), Archival and Translation Studies (UG, Sem 3, under 4 Year National Education Policy (NEP) Government of India).

Publications

Published Book and Monograph

- 1) *Sanitizing Society, Public Health and Sanitation in Colonial Bengal, 1880-1947*. B. R. Publishing Corporation, 2011. ISBN: 9788176467285, 8176467286.
- 2) *The Life and Works of Chunilal Bose*. Corpus Research Institute, 2010.

Journal Publication

- 1) ‘Public Health in Colonial Bengal – A gender perspective’. Journal of the History Department, Jadavpur University, 2006-2007.
- 3) ‘Public Health and Sanitation in England and India – A Comparative Study’. Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata, (2007-08)
- 4) ‘Empire Sanitation, Environment (1880-1920)’. Proceedings of History Congress, New Delhi, 2007-08.
- 5) ‘Mahamari O British Sorkar – Ekti Oponibeshik Prekhhit. *Itihas Anusandhan*, a state-level vernacular journal on history in Bengali.

- 6) **‘Revisiting Health in Colonial Bengal: A Literary Overview (1880-1930)’**. Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences, Vol-3, Number 14, (2012): November, 2012-Special Issue, ISSN-2039-2117 (Online).
- 7) **‘Water, Sanitation, and Environment – Three aspects of rural health policy in colonial Bengal, 1880-1920’**. Aviskaar, the research journal of St. Xavier’s College, 2010.
- 8) **‘Cholera – An Enemy of the Raj’**. *Itihas Probandhamala* by Itihas Academy, Dhaka, February 2010.
- 9) **‘Environmental Sanitation in Colonial Bengal’**. CLIO, An Annual Interdisciplinary Journal of History, Vol-9, January – December 2009, (ISSN 0976-075XCL10).
- 10) **‘Religion and Medicine – From the Perspectives of Christianity and Hinduism’**. The Journal of Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata.
- 11) **‘Malaria in Colonial Bengal- In the Eyes of The Natives -Amritalal Bhattacharya and Pramathanath Bose’**. Journal of The Asiatic Society, Vol. LIV, No.2, 2012. ISSN:0368-3308.
- 12) **‘Tropical Diseases in India – In the Eyes of the British – A Question Arising from the Study of Medical Literature of the 19th Century’**. The Journal of Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata.
- 13) **‘Femininity and Imperialism- Women and Raj in Colonial Bengal (1880-1930)’**. History, Heritage and Culture. ISBN: 978-81-927509-8-9 (2014).
- 14) **‘Mahatama Gandhir Swasthyachinta-Ekti Prasongik Pratorkya’**. *Itihas Anusandhan*.
- 15) **‘Revising Environmental Sanitation in Colonial Bengal – An Analytical Discourse Based on the Cholera and Plague Epidemics (1900-1930)’**. Aviskaar: A Xaverian Journal of Research, ISSN(Print):2277-8411, ISSN (Online): 2278-1048 (2016).
- 16) **‘Diet and Disease: An Interdisciplinary Discourse based on the writings of the Natives and Official Documents (1900-1930)’**. Aviskaar: A Xaverian Journal of Research, ISSN(Print):2277-8411, ISSN (Online): 2278-1048 (2018).
- 17) **‘Religion and Medicine in Ancient India – A Different Discourse Based on Caraka Samhita’**. Marburg Journal Of Religion, Vol.22 No. 2, ISSN 1612-2941 (2020).
- 18) **‘Infertility: A Curse for Bengali Women as Reflected in the Bengali Literature of the Colonial Period’**. The Journal of Institute of Historical Studies, 2020.
- 19) **‘The Diseased Natives and the British Raj: Epidemics in Colonial Bengal, 1880-1930’**. Journal of People's History and Culture, ISSN No: 2395-7379 (2020).
- 20) **‘Spirituality in the times of epidemics/pandemics: A comparative study based on Plague and COVID-19’**. Journal of People's History and Culture, ISSN No: 2395-7379 (2020).

- 21) “The Intersection between Science, Religion, and Education in Colonial Bengal, exemplified by Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur” –published in **SERA Researching Education Bulletin, Scotland, 2025.**
- 22) Goswami, T. (2026). **Understanding Science and Religion in Modern Vaishnavism: The Life and Thoughts of Siddhanta Sarasvati Thakur (Bimala Prasad Datta) in Colonial Bengal.** *Summerhill IIAS Review*, 31(1), 169–175. Retrieved from <http://journal.iias.ac.in/ojs/index.php/summerhill/article/view/1741>.

Book Chapters

- 1) **Public Health, Epidemics and Reaction of the Indigenous People- A Discourse on Sanitation Based on the Colonial Health Journals** in *Science and Technology: A Concise History and Evolution* (eds. Ajahar Islam and Joyesh Rajguru), (Kumud Publications, 2020).
- 2) **Situating Health in India: The Colonial Legacy Revisited (1950-2000)** in *Medical History Of India, Discipline, Disease, Death* (eds. Chittabrata Palit and Aparajita Dhar), (Kunal Books, 2020).
- 3) **The Special or Nonsense Child and the Unique Mother - The Behavioural Problems of the Urban Children and the Art of Parenting: A Psycho-Social Discourse with Recent Approaches based on Ethical Experimentations and Common Sense** in *Issues of Gender Equality and Sustainable Development* (eds. Susmita Neogi, Swagata Biswas and Paromita Ghosh), (Aayu Publication, 2021).
- 4) Co-authored **Higher Education During Covid-19 Pandemic: A Case Study Based on a Rural College Campus in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India** in *COVID-19 and the Future of Higher Education In India* (eds. Saraswathi Unni, Raosaheb Bawaskar, K.V.S. Sarma, and Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit), (South Asian Education Policy, Research, and Practice (SAEPRP) Book Series, palgrave macmillian, 2023).
- 5) **Education for All—An Inclusive Endeavour to Enlighten the Self and the Other through a Social Movement** in *Transforming Our World Together towards Sustainable Development: Essays in Honor of 160 Years of St. Xavier’s College* (eds. Dominic Savio, Samrat Roy and Saswati Choudhury), (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2023).
- 6) **Situating Nationalism in the Realm of Indian Political Thought: Models of Critical Thinking of Divergent Perceptions in Tagore and Gandhi** will be published as an article in the book, *Literature and Philosophy. Research Methods, Forms and Categories of Thought* edited by Žaneta Nalewajk, Marcin Czardybon and Alan Lockwood from Brill, Netherlands, 2025.
- 7) **“Situating Medical Journalism in Colonial Bengal: The Role of Vernacular Health Journals”** published as a chapter in *Diseases, Medicine and Healthcare in Colonial Bengal*, edited by Bipul Mandal and Ritabrata Goswami, from Manohar, India, 2026.

Forthcoming Publications:

- 1) **“Reclaiming Astral Knowledge: Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati and Indigenous Science in Colonial Bengal”** – will be published as an article in the book, *Reclaiming Indigenous Wisdom: Decolonizing Indian Knowledge and Epistemic Justice: Philosophy, Identity, and Intellectual Resistance in Postcolonial India*, edited by Dr. Amlan Lahiri, from Peter Lang, Switzerland, 2026.

- 2) “**Situating Bioethics and Symbolic Violence in History: Human and Animal Remains in the Museums of the United Kingdom and India**” will be published as a chapter in *Bioethics in and of the Archives: Body Talk* edited by Madeleine Mant (University of Toronto Mississauga, Canada) and Chris Mounsey (University of Winchester, UK) from **Routledge**, 2026.
- 3) Submitted article (“**Revisiting the Holy Mother: Gender, Religion and Empowerment in Colonial Bengal through the Life of Sarada Devi**”), for the book *Texts, Rituals and Stories: Women’s Experiences of Religion* edited by Juhi Gupta and Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham, UK will be published in 2026 from **Routledge**.

MOOC Courses:

MOOC Coordinator

- 1) History of India (1206-1550)
(ongoing), re- running for the third time.
https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec24_hs89/preview
- 2) Mughal India (1550-1605)
Run for two times.
https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec21_hs36/preview
- 3) Research Methodology in History

https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec25_hs69/preview#:~:text=This%20unique%20Course%20will%20introduce,along%20with%20an%20interdisciplinary%20aptitude.

Gave lectures as the **Resource Person**

- 1) Environmental Sociology (Coordinator, Dr. Arup Kumar Mitra) – 7 Lectures
- 2) History of Modern China (Late Siddhratha Guha Roy) – 11 Lectures
- 3) History of Modern India (1947-64), Coordinator- Dr. Soumitra Sreemani- 1 Lecture
- 4) History of Research Methodology – 18 Lectures
- 5) History of India (1206-1550) – 4 Lectures
- 6) Mughal India (1550-1605) – 4 Lectures
- 7) History of Early -Medieval India – 5 Lectures

TEACHING EXPERTISE:

1. History of Medieval Europe (UG).
2. History of Public Health in Modern India (UG).
3. Research Methodology in History (Both UG and PG).
4. Western Political Thought [Both UG (SXC) and PG, RBU]
5. Indian Political Thought (PG, RBU).
6. Western Historiography (PG, RBU).
7. History of America (UG).
8. History of China (UG).
9. History of Korea (UG).
10. History of Modern Europe (UG).
11. History of Early Medieval India (UG).

12. History of Medieval Bengal (UG).
13. History of Medieval India (UG).
14. Life and Thoughts of Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Bengal (UG).
15. History of Modern India till 1964 (UG).
16. International Relations (UG & PG).
17. An Introduction to Women's Studies (M.Phil. and PhD Coursework for Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta, and UG)
18. History of Science and Technology in Modern India (UG).
19. History of Japan (UG).
20. Slavery Studies.
21. The Naxalite Movement in West Bengal.
22. Communalism in modern India.

WORKSHOPS & PROFESSIONAL COURSES:

1. Participated in the Six-day workshop on the History of Science at The Asiatic Society and completed the course from 22nd March to 27th March 2010. The theme was "Science, Society and the Scientists (Pre-Modern Period), 13th Century to 18th Century".
2. Did a Course on Feminist Research Methodology from the Women's Studies Research Centre, Calcutta University in 2013.
3. Attended the 5-day workshop on Research Methodology from the perspective of Asia organized by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies from 23rd to 27th June. 2014
4. Attended Research Methodology Workshop organized by the Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan, in 2017.
5. Attended the Academic Leadership Training Program at AMU, Murshidabad Centre in 2018.
6. Attended the Orientation Program at Delhi University in 2018-2019.
7. Attended the Refresher Course (IDC) at Delhi University in 2019.

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