

Curriculum Vitae



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Date of Birth:

15/02/1957

Education

B.A. (Hons) in Economics, Calcutta University, 1976
M.A. (Economics), Calcutta University, 1978
Ph.D. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, 1986

Professional Positions:

Present:

- Adhyaksha(Dean) Palli Samgathana Vibhaga (Institute of Rural Reconstruction) Visva-Bharati from September,2016 to August, 2018.
- Professor in Economics, Palli Charcha Kendra (Department of Rural Studies), Visva-Bharati since 2007.
- Proctor & Chairman Students Grievance Cell, Visva-Bharati since 2017.
- Nodal Person & Coordinator of Programmes of National Council of Rural Institute (NCRI) at Visva-Bharati since 2017.

Past:

- Lecturer, Department of Economics with Rural Development at Vidyasagar University (1988-1998).
- Reader, Department of Economics with Rural Development at Vidyasagar University (1998-2007).
- Head, Department of Economics with Rural Development at Vidyasagar University for (2003-2005).
- Lecturer in Economics at undergraduate colleges under Calcutta University (1985-1988).
- Research Scholar (1980-1985) at Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpore.
- Research Analyst, Project on Social Cost-Benefit Analysis of Minor Irrigation Projects, Department of Economics, Calcutta University (1979-80).

Honours/Previous Prestigious Assignment

- Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for a period of two years, from May 1991 to May 1993.
- Appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee on Participatory Planning under Community Convergent Action (CCA), Government of West Bengal, 2000.
- Economist, Midnapore Kharagpur Development Authority (MKDA), appointed by the Governor of West Bengal for two terms.
- Evaluator of CAPART funded rural development projects.

Courses taught and other services provided to the students:

- Courses on research methodology, agricultural economics, farm management, environmental economics, economic development and planning, public choice theory, rural development, field survey methods, Tagore Studies etc.
- Designing questionnaires and schedules for field survey, supervision of the students during field survey, counseling and encouraging students for extra-curricular activities and participation in social-cultural-sports programs.

Research Guidance**At Ph.D Level**

No. of Ph.D. students awarded Ph.D. degree: 05

No. of students registered for Ph.D. work: 08

At M. Phil Level

Supervisor of Dissertation thesis of students awarded degree: 01

At M.A/M.SC Level:

Dissertation thesis of more than 250 students

Areas of Research Interest:

Studies, Research and action research in the areas of Development, NGO activities, Environmental Economics, Agricultural Economics, Decentralized participatory planning, Public Economics and Field study based research work.

Areas of interest in academic administration:

- Syllabus and curriculum development
- Community Engagement at Higher Education Institutions
- Management of hostels and other students' affairs

Publications:**Articles in Professional Journals:**

- Article entitled 'Changing Pattern of Economic Activities in Agricultural Sector and Role of Government Expenditure in India' by Dipak Kumar Mandol and Sankar Majumder in *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol.73, January-March 2018.
- Article entitled 'Changing Pattern of Industrial Employment of the Rural People during the Post-Liberalisation Period in India' Dipak Kumar Mondal and Sankar Majumder, in *Journal of Economics and Social Studies* published by A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Sciences, Patna, ISSN No 0377-0508, Vol.XXVI, No (1-2), 2016 (late published in May, 2017)
- Microfinance and Rural Development , Artha Beekshan(*Journal of Bengal Economic Association*), Vol 23, 2014. ISSN 0972-1185.
- Economic Analysis of Tuberose Production and its Marketing in Purba Medinipur district of West Bengal , *Vidyasagar University Journal of Economics*, Vol XVII, 2012-13, ISSN 0975-8003.
- Changing Pattern of Food Consumption Expenditure in India During 1950-2001: An Analytical Study, Artha Beekshan(*Journal of Bengal Economic Association*), Vol 15, 2006. ISSN 0972-1185.
- Bikendribhuto Parikalpanar Purbasartya (Preconditions for Decentralised Planning) in Bengali, *Arthaniti Rajniti* , 1999.
- Management of Forest Ecosystem at Arabari, Midnapore, West Bengal, *Journal of Save the Environment*. Vol. III, No. II, April-Sept. 1994.
- Prospects of Dryland Farming in West Bengal : A case study in Bankura District, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 48, No. 2, April-June 1993.
- Identifying Surplus Foodgrain Areas: A Different Approach. *Economic Affairs*, April – June 1993.
- Measurement of Economic Surplus and Possibilities of Utilising it for Economic Development – A Case Study of Midnapore District in West Bengal, *Economic Development Review*, Vol. I, 1990.

Books:

- Methodological Issues in Village based Decentralised District Planning, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 2002.
- Saving Investment Behaviour of Rich Farmers, *Classique Books*, Calcutta.

Articles in Edited Books: psd. Rajat, prankrish

- Article entitled 'Poverty Development and Corruption in the States of India' by Sankar Majumder in the Book 'Combating Corruption: Black Money and Money Laundering ---Issues and Challenges Ahead' By Prof. B. C. Nirmal and Dr. Sabari Bandopadhyay Published by Satyam Law International, ISBN: 9789382823896 year: 2018.
- Indicators of Rural Development: Experiences from Gram Panchayat Planning in West Bengal, Perspectives of Rural Development Problems and Prospects, Publication of Indian Anthropological Society and Department of Anthropology, Vidyasagar University, 2006.

Articles in popular journals and news papers: 15**Book Review: 02****Other Academic Distinctions:**

- Organiser of Workshops, Training programmes, Conferences and Seminars in the home institution: 04
- Organiser of Workshops, Training programmes, Conferences and seminars in the previous institutions: 20
- Papers at International Conferences: 06
- Papers at National Seminar and Conferences: 10
- Invited Lecture & Special Lecture delivered: 12
- Member of Editorial Board of Academic Journal: 02
- Reviewer of peer reviewed journals

Former Members of Other University Bodies:

- University Council, Gour Banga Visvabidyalya(University), West Bengal
- Act & Statute framing Committee, Raiganj University, West Bengal
- Court, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal
- Board of Research Studies in Economics, Burdawn University, West Bengal

Research Projects done:

- Principal Investigator, Research Project on Impact Assessment of Joint Forest Management on Forest and Local Economy (Completed and report submitted). World Bank aided and Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education sponsored project.
- Supervisor, Project on Rural Energy Consumption in Six villages in Midnapore District, sponsored by Department of Panchayat, Government of West Bengal (Completed and report submitted)

- Preparation of Five years perspective plan for Binpur II block (Belpahari) identified by the Central Govt. as the most Backward block (Gandhi Block) in Midnapore in West Bengal (Completed and report submitted)

Action Research undertaken:

Undertook the responsibility (as a Member of the West Bengal State Level Resource person and the Secretary of Midnapore Planning & Development Society**) of Introducing Convergent Community Action (CCA) at Salboni Block in the district of Midnapore funded by UNICEF, 2000-01. The success of this experiment attracted the attention of many. Teams and dignitaries from different states, countries and organisations visited this experiment. Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, made a study on the Salboni experiment. Based on this report, DFID send their Consultant to prepare a detailed report on the feasibility of funding this type of grassroots planning all over the state of West Bengal. Ultimately DFID sanctioned an amount of Rs.1200 crs. to Govt. of West Bengal for introducing village (Gram Samsad) level planning.

** Midnapore Planning & Development Society(MPDS) was established in the early 1980s by a joint venture of Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpore, Vidysagar University, Midnapore (undivided) Zilla Parishad (district level local self government), and Midnapore District Administration for making participatory peoples' planning a reality.

Consultancy:

Worked as a Consultant in the 'Detailed Design Study on Evaluation of the Panchayat Planning and Implementation Experience in West Bengal' in the context of getting funds from DFID, UK for 'Strengthening Rural Development' programme, Govt. of West Bengal, 2004.

Services rendered to Other Academic Institutions:

- Resource person in workshops, refresher courses, summer schools, winter schools.
- External expert member of syllabus and curriculum development in Economics, Rural Development and Rural Studies.
- External expert member in UG and PG Moderation Boards.
- Member of the Site Committee of the ICAR funded projects at WBUAFS.
- Adjudicator of Ph. D theses of different Universities.
- Member of Selection Committees for recruitment of faculties in Colleges, Universities and Institutes.
- Member of the Governing Bodies of affiliated colleges.

Services rendered to Government:

- Member of the Team of Co-ordinators for preparation of 'Report on District Human Development Index of West Medinipur District'.
- Trainer and Resource person in various training programmes of different government departments.
- Member of the Advisory Committee on Participatory Planning, Government of West Bengal, 2000.
- Trainer and Resource person in various training programmes of different government departments.
- Member, State Level Resource Persons for Universalisation of the Community Convergent Action (CCA) strategy in West Bengal adopted by Government of West Bengal in collaboration with UNICEF.
- Member, District Planning Committee, Midnapore, appointed by the Governor of West Bengal 1996-2007.
- Member, District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, Midnapore District 1999-2006 of Burdwan Division.
- Member, District Literacy Cell, Midnapore District.
- Member, District Training Cell, Midnapore District

Membership of Professional Body:

Life Member of Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.

Services to the society:

Worked (1996-2016) as the Honorary Secretary of a NGO named Midnapore Planning & Development Society (MPDS). As the Secretary of MPDS I undertook various rural development programmes, organised workshops, training and research on Village level planning and technology dissemination, Rural Industries Programme(RIP) of Small Industries Development Bank of India(SIDBI), Entrepreneurship Development Programme of PMRY and PMEGP beneficiaries, Watershed Development programme of NABARD, Land use mapping, Ground water survey etc.

I am actively involved in the venture initiated by my well-settled former students who are voluntarily working and giving services to the poor people in different capacities.