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Area of Specialisation in Teaching & Research:

Microeconomics, Development Economics, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics

Teaching & Research Experience

- Visva-Bharati since June, 2007.
- Former Visiting Chair Professor at the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka during April-July, 2012.
- S. R. Lahiri Mahavidyalaya (University of Kalyani) during September 1992-June, 2007.
- University of Calcutta under the Faculty Council of P.G.Studies in Arts and Business Studies (as Guest Faculty) since the session of 2005-06.
- Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, (as Guest Faculty) during September, 2004 to September 2006.
- Principal Investigator of UGC Major Research Project on ‘Stagnation of the Agrarian Economy: An Enquiry into Its Nature and Causes in Five Central Districts of West Bengal’ (2012-2014)
- SAP (DRS -1) funded project ‘Rural Non-Farm Employment: Characteristics and Determinants’ (Co-investigator: Dr. Saumya Chakrabarty) completed in 2011.
- Principal Investigator, UGC Minor Research Project on ‘Sustainability of the Small Farm Economy: The Case of Rural West Bengal’, completed in 2008.

- Principal Investigator, UGC Minor Research Project on 'Distributive Impact of Agricultural Growth in Rural West Bengal', completed in 2005.

Awards and Honours:

- ICCR Chair Professor at the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, for a period of one semester from March 2012.
- Awarded UGC Research Fellowship (JRF) during 5.12.1988 to 4.12.2090 at the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta.
- Awarded UGC Research Fellowship (SRF) during 5.12.1990 to 31.08.2092 at the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta.

Doctoral Theses Guided:

1. Some Economic Aspects of Marginal Farms in Five Central Districts of West Bengal During 2003-4 to 2013-14 by Amit Mandal (Awarded, 2017)
2. MGNREGS, Social Audit and Rural Development: A Study of Some Selected Gram Panchayats in West Bengal by Somnath Bandyopadhyay (Awarded, 2016).
3. An Enquiry into the Nature and Problems of Canal Irrigation in India With Special Reference to West Bengal by Raj Kumar Kundu (Awarded, 2015)
4. A Socio-economic Study of The Changing Status Of Women In Purulia District of West Bengal In The Post-reform Period by Kaberi Pal (Submitted,2021)
5. Institutional Credit To Agriculture In India And Its Impact: A Study of The Post-Liberalisation Period by Abhijit Pathak . (currently working)
6. Crop Insurance and Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households in West Bengal: A Case study in Birbhum District by Hemanta Sarkar (currently working)
7. Gender Constraints In Socio-economic Participation: Some Case Studies In West Bengal by Hillol Mukhopadhyay (currently working)
8. Role of 'Kissan Mandi' in Agricultural Marketing: A Case Study of West Bengal by Moumita Maitra. (currently working)
9. Crop Insurance Awareness – A Comparative Study of West Bengal and Odhisa by Saswati Swain. (currently working)

M. Phil Thesis Guided:

1. Informal manufacturing in Urban and Sub-urban areas: Organization and Motive of Production, based on Primary Survey (2008-10) by Subrata Mukherjee (Awarded, 2010)
2. An Analysis of Structural Change in Agriculture: A Case Study of West Bengal During 1970-2014 by Sukanya Nandy. (Awarded, 2020)
3. Agricultural Prices Policy and Support to Farmers: A Study in the Context of New Agricultural Law, by Rajkumar Garai. (Currently working)

Representative publication

1. Debates on Agricultural Loan Waiver Schemes in India: Myths and Realities, *Contemporary South Asia*. 2021 (Forthcoming). (Jointly with Abhijit Pathak).
2. Financial Performance of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in India - Some Issues. *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*. 75(2):147-165. April-June 2020, pp. 147-165. ISSN: 0019-5014 (Jointly with Raj Kumar Kundu)

3. Water Resource Management of the Damodar Valley Corporation: Tail-end Deprivation of the Canal Network. *Economic and political weekly*. 55 (12): March,21, 2020. Pp. 46-53. ISSN: 0012-9976 (Jointly with Raj Kumar Kundu)
4. Spatio-temporal Variations of Crop Diversification: A Block-level Study in West Bengal. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol LIII No 21 May 26, 2018, ISSN: 0012-9976 (jointly with Raj Kumar Kundu).
5. Analysing Varying Crop Productivity in Canal Irrigation: A Case Study of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) in West Bengal. *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 72, No. 4. October-December 2017. Pp. 513-534. ISSN: 0019-5014. (jointly with Raj Kumar Kundu)
6. 'Continued Female Demographic Disadvantage in India: Evidence from 2011 Census Report', *Journal of Social Work and Social Development*, Vol. 2, No. 1. June 2010. (ISSN 2229-6468).
7. Distributive Impact of Agricultural Growth in Rural West Bengal. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume 40, No. 53, December 31, 2005—January 6, 2006, pp. 5601-10.
8. 'WTO and India's External Sector: Trends and Prospects', *Arthabeekshan*, Volume 15, No. 3, pp. 19-30, December 2006. (Jointly with Ratan Kumar Ghosal).
9. 'Globalisation, Inequalities in Consumption and Poverty in Rural India'. *The Asian Economic Review*, Volume 46 No. 3, pp. 425-39, December 2004. ISSN: 0004-4555. (jointly with Dr. Ratan Kumar Ghosal).
10. 'Development of Social Sector in West Bengal: A Comparative Analysis with Major Indian States'. *Arthabeekshan*, Volume 12, No. 1, pp. 74-81, June 2003.
11. 'Manab Unnayaner Dui Dasak', *Pathsala*, Vol.1. No.1. pp.91-97. ISSN: 2230-9594.
12. 'Looking into the Efficiency and Productivity of Major Irrigation Projects in West Bengal, India with Special Reference to the DVC Irrigation Project', in A K Chattopadhyay and S chattopadhyay (Eds), *Development Policy Making: Challenges and Concerns*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, 2021. (ISBN: 9788121220149)
13. 'Economics of Rural Non-Farm Sector: Certain Characteristics and Determinants', jointly with S. Chakraborty & S. Mondal in M. Ghosh & A K Chattopadhyay (Eds.), *Rural Development in India: Challenges and Prospects*, Serial Publications, New Delhi, 2013. (ISBN: 978-818387592-9).
14. "Water Resources in India: Some Issues in Irrigation Management" in S. Pan (Ed), *Economic Reforms and Common Property Resources in India*, Regal Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2013.
15. 'Two Decades of Human Development in India' in D. Chattopadhyay (ed.), *Human Rights and Human Development: Some Issues*, Amode Publications in collaboration with J K College, S-K-B University, Purulia, December, 2012 (ISBN: 978-81-9233634-3).
16. 'Declining Sex ratio of the Population in India: Implications and Policy Issues' in D. N. Bhattacharya (ed.), *Indian Economic Development: Contemporary Issues*, Regal Publications, New Delhi, February 2012, pp. 365-375.

17. 'Agrarian Crisis, Unemployment and Rural Livelihood' in N U Khan and Sigamani P (eds.), *Anatomy of Public Reforms and Development*, Macmillan Publishers India Limited (Macmillan Advanced Research Series), pp. 3-22. New Delhi 2011. ISBN No. 0230-33274-9.
18. *Agrarian Economy of West Bengal and the Question of Sustainability* in K Pal (Ed), Sustainable Development and Role of Government, Nath Publishing, Kolkata. 2010, Pp 97-126. ISBN: 978-81-8093-014-0.
19. 'WTO and the Inequalities Among its Member Countries', (jointly with Ratan Kumar Ghosal) in R. K. Sen & John Felix Raj (eds.), *WTO & Asian Union*, pp. 103-113, Deep and Deep Publication Pvt. Ltd. New-Delhi, 2009. ISBN: 978-81-8450-205-3.
20. 'Impact of Agricultural Growth on Rural Income Distribution in West Bengal and Orissa', in J. Felix Raj (Ed.), 'Indian Economy: Economic Ideas, Development and Financial Reforms', pp.325-349, Deep and Deep Publication Pvt. Ltd. NewDelhi, 2008. ISBN: 978-81-8450-055-4
21. 'Cross-State Differentials in the Nature and Dimensions of Rural Poverty in India', (jointly with Dr. Ratan Kumar Ghosal) in K Nageswara Rao (Ed), 'Poverty in India: Global and Regional Dimensions', pp. 222-242, Deep and Deep Publication Pvt. Ltd. New-Delhi, 2005. ISBN: 81-7629-669-4.
22. 'The WTO and the Feasibility of Formation of Asian Economic Community', (jointly with Dr. Ratan Kumar Ghosal) in IEA 87th Conference Volume, pp. 934-40, 2004, Varanasi.
23. 'Census 2001 and Sex Ratio: A Disaggregated Analysis of West Bengal', Conference Volume, pp. 128-34. Bengal Economic Association, February 8, 2002, Presidency College, Kolkata.

Books & Journals edited:

1. *Development Policy Making: Challenges and Concerns*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, 2021 (forthcoming) (Jointly with Soumyadip Chattopadhyay) (ISBN: 9788121220149)
2. *Globalisation and Development: Perspectives and Policies*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, 2019 (Jointly with Biswajit Mandal & Soumyadip Chattopadhyay) (ISBN: 9788121215633)
3. *Economic Development in India: Issues and Challenges*, Manak Publications Private Ltd, New Delhi, 2018 (Jointly with Achiransu Acharya & Soumyadip Chattopadhyay) (ISBN: 978-93-7831-458-2)
4. *Rural Development in India: Challenges and Prospects*, Serial Publications, New Delhi, 2013 (Jointly with M. Ghosh). (ISBN:978-818387592-9).
5. 'Globalisation and Problem of Unemployment in India', (Ed.), Sarat Book Distributors, Kolkata, December 2005. ISBN: 81-87169-63-X
6. *Reaching Out* (Report of the Extension Programme of the Deptt of Economics & Politics), Deptt of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati. December, 2012.
7. 'Open Eyes', A Biannual Journal of Social Science, Literature, Commerce and Allied Areas, Volume 1-3, December, 2004 to 2006. (ISSN: 2249-4332)