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Academic Positions

- 2016 (June) – present: Associate Professor in Economics, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.
- 2006 (February) – 2016 (June): Assistant Professor in Economics, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.
- 2003 (June) – 2006 (February): Lecturer in Economics in Uluberia College, Uluberia Howrah, West Bengal, India.

Other Academic Positions

- September 2013 – December 2013: Visiting Scholar, **Department of Town and Regional Planning, University of Sheffield.**
- September 2014 – February 2015: Visiting Scholar, **Graduate School of Geography, Clark University.**

Research Interests

Urban Governance, Urban Finance, Urban Politics and Policy, Urban Studies, Participatory Development

Education

- 2009: **Ph.D , University of Calcutta (Department of Economics).**
- 2003: **M.Phil, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences).**
- 2000: **M. Sc in Economics, University of Calcutta.**
- 1998: **B.Sc. in Economics, University of Calcutta (Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira Belurmath Howrah).**

Fellowships and Award

- **Raman Post Doctoral Fellowship** for the year 2014-15 in USA (awarded by the University Grants Commission India).
- **Commonwealth Academic Fellowship 2013** (awarded by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission UK).

Other Awards

- Travel grant awarded by the German Research Foundation to attend 21st European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies at Bonn, Germany in 2010.
- Travel grant awarded by the Syria Development Trust to attend 1st International Development Conference at Damascus, Syria in 2010.
- Travel grant awarded by the European Association for South Asian Studies and International Institute for Asian Studies to attend 19th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies at Leiden, the Netherlands in 2006.

Academic Identity

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Referred Publications

1. (2020): “Effects of Trade Reform on Health and Tourism Sectors of the Reforming Country”, in *Review of Market Integration* (Sage Publications) (with Biswajit Mandal and Alaka S Prasad (<https://doi.org/10.1177/0974929220969680>)).
2. (2020): “COVID 19 Pandemic and its Consequences for the Elderly and the Disabled” in *Journal of Development Policy Review* (IMPRI and IndraStra Global), Vol 1 Issues 1-2, pp.82-100 (with I C Awasthi and A Kumar).
3. (2020): “Analysing Disparities in Access to Urban Basic Services under Decentralized Governance: Evidence from West Bengal” in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 55 Issue 26-27, 27 June, pp. 71 - 78 (with Maumita Das).
4. (2020): “Understanding Peoples’ Participation in Urban Local Government in West Bengal”, in *Development In Practice* (Routledge Publication/Taylor & Francis Group), Vol 30 (1), pp. 68-79 (with Maumita Das).
5. (2019): “An Analysis of Households’ Access to Toilet Facility in Rural Birbhum and it’s Implications for Public Policy” in *The Journal of Institute of Public Enterprise*, Jan-June, Vol 42, No 1&2, pp. 28 – 46 (with Subhasish Das and Raktimava Bose).
6. (2018): “Urban Service Delivery in West Bengal: Current Scenario and New Challenges” in *Journal of Infrastructure Development* (Sage Publications), 10 (1-2), pp. 18-36 (with Maumita Das).
7. (2018): “Strengthening Fiscal Health of Urban Local Bodies”, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol LIII, No. 39, pp. 53-61 (with Maumita Das).

8. (2018): “Social Sector Expenditure in India in the 2000s: Trends and Implications” in *Journal of Development Policy and Practice* (Sage Publication), 3 (1), pp. 16 – 40.
9. (2017): “Crop Diversification in West Bengal: A District Level Analysis for the Period 1980-81 to 2011-12”, in *Journal of Rural Development*, 36 (4), pp. 501-530 (with Sumana Mukherjee).
10. (2017): “Neoliberal Urban Transformation in Indian Cities: Paradoxes and Predicaments”, in *Progress in Development Studies* (Sage Publication), 17 (4), pp. 307 – 321.
11. (2017): “Reflecting on Complexities of Neo-liberal Urban Transformation in Indian Cities” in *Local Government Quarterly* (A Journal of the All India Institute of Local Self Government), LXXXVII (2), April-June, pp. 67-76.
12. (2015): “Financing India’s Urban Infrastructure: Current Practices and Reform Options” in *Journal of Infrastructure Development* (Sage Publications), 7 (1), pp. 55-75.
13. (2015): “Contesting Inclusiveness: Policies, Politics and Processes of Participatory Urban Governance in Indian Cities” in *Progress in Development Studies* (Sage Publication), 15 (1), pp. 22-36.
14. (2015): “Urban Property Tax in India: Problems and Prospects” in *Journal of Economic Policy and Research*, 10 (2), April-September, pp. 92-110 (with Smriti Prasad).
15. (2014): “Financing Urban Basic Services in Selected Municipalities in West Bengal: Lessons Learnt and Way Forward” in *Nagarlok* (Urban Affairs Quarterly – Indian Institute of Public Administration), Vol. XLVI No. 3, July-September 2014, pp. 70-85.
16. (2013): “Reform Initiatives in Financing India’s Urban Infrastructure: The Case of JNNURM” in *Urban India* – special issue on urban reforms (A Journal of the National Institute of Urban Affairs) July-Dec 2013 (with D M Tiwari).
17. (2013): “Bikendrikaran o Moulik Parisheba Pradan: Kichu Praman o Kichu Sambhabana” in *Arthabisleshan* (A Biannual Journal of Economics in Bengali), Vol 1 Issue 2, pp. 26-40.
18. (2013): “Decentralized Provision of Public Services in Developing Countries: A Review of Theoretical Discourses and Empirical Evidences” in *Social Change* (Sage Publications), 43 (3), pp. 421-441.
19. (2012): “Contours of Governance Reforms in India: Constraints and Possibilities”, in *South Asian Survey* (Sage Publications), 19 (1) March, pp. 113-132 (with Seemantini Chattopadhyay).

20. (2012): "Trend and Pattern of Rural Fiscal Decentralization in India" in *Journal of Economic Policy and Research*, Vol 8, Oct2012-Mar2013, No.1, pp. 156-179.
21. (2012): "Decentralized Urban Governance: Participation and Accountability in West Bengal's Municipalities" in *Environment and Urbanization ASIA* (Sage Publications), 3 (1), March, pp. 185-202.
22. (2012): "Decentralization and Delivery of Urban Basic Services: The West Bengal Experience" in *Development In Practice* (Routledge Publication/Taylor & Francis Group), Vol 22 No 1 February, pp. 57-70.
23. (2011): "Understanding Fiscal Decentralization: Theoretical Foundations and Practical Implications", in *The Indian Journal of Economics*, Vol. XIIC, Part I. No.364, July, pp.55-69.
24. (2011): "Decentralized Urban Governance and It's Implications for Resource Mobilization: The West Bengal Experience" in *Urban India* (A Journal of the National Institute of Urban Affairs) Vol 31 Issue 1 January - June 2011, pp. 103-122.
25. (2006): "Municipal Bond Market for Financing Urban Infrastructure" in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol XLI No 26, June 30-July 7, pp. 2787-2791.
26. (2004): "Strengthening Local Governments: Urban Fiscal Decentralisation in India" in *International Journal of Regulation and Governance*, December 2004, Vol 4, No 2, pp. 75-112.
27. (2004): "Decentralised Urban Governance in India Implications for Financing of Urban Infrastructure" in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol XXXIX No 49, December 4-10, pp. 5253-5260 (with Soumen Bagchi).
28. (2004): "Financing Urban Basic Services in India: Trends and Patterns during 90s" in *Urban Management* (A Journal of the Institute if Local Government and Urban Studies, Government of West Bengal), September (11th Issue), pp. 66-85.

Book(s)

1. (2019): *Globalisation and Development: Perspectives and Policies*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi (Edited Book: Co-editor(s) – Achiransu Acharyya and Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay) (ISBN: 978-81-2121-563-3).
2. (2018): *Decentralized Urban Governance in West Bengal*, K P Bagchi & Company, Kolkata (ISBN: 978-81-7074-371-2).

3. (2018): *Economic Development in India Issues and Challenges*, Manak Publications Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi. (Edited Book: Co-editor(s) – Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay and Biswajit Mandal) (ISBN: 978-93-7831-458-2)

Book Chapter (s)

1. (2019): “Dreaming the Asian Economic Community and Beyond: Current Status, Reform Options and Possible Lessons” in A Acharyya, S Chattopadhyay and A K Chattopadhyay(eds) *Globalisation and Development: Perspectives and Policies*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, pp. 57-78 (ISBN: 978-81-2121-563-3).
2. (2017): “Availability of Infrastructure Facilities in India: Prospects and Challenges” in Ramesh Das (eds) *Handbook of Research on Economic, Financial and Industrial Impacts on Infrastructure Development*, Chapter 7, IGI Global, USA, pp. 143-163 (with Sampriti Pal) (ISBN: 978-15-2252-361-1)

Other Publications

1. “The Rhetoric vs Reality of Atmanirbhar Cities” in **The Pioneer**, March 18 2021, (Weblink: <https://www.dailypioneer.com/2021/columnists/the-rhetoric-vs-reality-of-atmanirbhar-cities.html>) (with A Kumar).
2. “Challenges of #Atmanirbhar Cities and Union Budget 2021-22” in **Counterview**, March 7 2021, (Weblink: <https://counterview.org/2021/03/07/challenges-of-aatmanirbhar-cities-and-union-budget-2021-22/>) (with A Kumar)
3. “Pandemic and Transition towards a Green and Just Economy” in **Mainstream** (Vol LIX No 5, January 16 2021), (Weblink: <http://www.mainstreamweekly.net/article10342.html>)
4. The Pulse/Economy/Environment/South Asia “India’s Cities Need Green Infrastructure Financing” in **The Diplomat**, 13th October 2020 (Weblink: <https://thediplomat.com/2020/10/indiias-cities-need-green-infrastructure-financing/>)
5. “Surviving the Pandemic: Time to Boost MSME Sector for the Sake of Inclusive Growth” in **Counterview**, July 25, 2020 (Weblink: <https://counterview.org/2020/07/25/surviving-the-pandemic-time-to-boost-msme-sector-for-the-sake-of-inclusive-growth/>) (with B S Mehta, I C Awasthi, S Mehta, B Singh, N Tagade, R Ranjan and A Kumar)
6. “The Third Anniversary of RERA: Streamlining to Energize the Sluggish Real Estate Sector” in **Observer Research Foundation (India Matters)**, July 11, 2020 (Weblink: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/the-third-anniversary-of-rera/>)(with A Kumar)
7. “Citymakers amidst Lockdown 3.0 and Search for Future Solutions” in **Counterview**, July 8, 2020 (Weblink: <https://counterview.org/2020/07/08/citymakers-amidst-lockdown-3-0->

- [and-search-for-future-solutions/](#)) (with B S Mehta, S Mehta, I P Singh, A Mehta, R Gupta and A Kumar)
8. “COVID 19: Window for India to Revive Slum and Urban Development Policies” in **Delhi Post**, June 27 2020 (Weblink: <https://delhipostnews.com/covid-19-window-for-india-to-review-slum-and-urban-development-policies/>) (with A Kumar)
 9. “Smart Cities: Why Pandemic Response Can’t Rely Heavily on High Tech Platforms, Apps” in **Counterview**, June 27 2020, (Weblink:<https://www.counterview.net/2020/06/smart-cities-why-pandemic-response-cant.html#more>) (with A Kumar)
 10. “Urban India’s Achilles Heel in **The Pioneer**, 26 June 2020 (Weblink: <https://www.dailypioneer.com/2020/columnists/urban-india---s-achilles-heel.html>) (with S Mehta)
 11. “COVID-19: How prepared is Urban India”, in **URBANET**, June 24 2020) (Weblink: <https://www.urbanet.info/covid19-how-prepared-is-urban-india/>)(with S Mehta and A Kumar)
 12. “Why Decentralized Structure Exemplified by Kerala Manage Worst Health Crisis Better” in **Counterview** (published on June 14 2020), (Weblink: <https://www.counterview.net/2020/06/why-decentralized-structures.html>) (with A Alakshendra and A Kumar).
 13. “Leveraging the Local Governance Networks In India to Strengthen War Against COVID 19 Outbreak” in **Medium** (published on June 5 2020) , (Weblink:<https://medium.com/@lauravonputtkamer/leveraging-the-local-governance-networks-in-india-to-strengthen-war-against-covid-19-outbreak-58f12b6a4072>) (with A Alakshendra and A Kumar).
 14. “Empowering City Governments Is Key To India’s Fight Against COVID 19” in **Mainstream Weekly** (Vol LVIII No 23, May 23 2020), (Weblink: <https://mainstreamweekly.net/article9414.html>) (with A Kumar and S Mehta)
 15. Interview – Cloud Wandering around India’s Cities during the Pandemic of COVID 19: Interview with Indian Scholars” in **Urban Planning International** (Weblink: <https://wemp.app/posts/6adec1cb-5a6f-4224-866a-c3608d54d215>)
 16. The Pulse/Society/South Asia – “Unraveling Urban India’s Water Challenges Amid COVID 19” in **The Diplomat**, 16th April, 2020 (Weblink: <https://thediplomat.com/2020/04/unraveling-urban-indias-water-challenges-amid-covid-19/>)

17. Analysis – “Not Such A Smart Move After All” in **The Pioneer**, 13th March 2020 (Weblink: <https://www.dailypioneer.com/2020/columnists/not-such-a-smart-move-after-all.html>) (with A Kumar)
18. ‘□□□□□□□□□□’ □□□□ □□ □□□ □□□ □□□□□□ □□ □□□□ □□□□□□□□, in **Observer Research Foundation (Urban Future)**, 5th March 2020, (Weblink: <https://www.orfonline.org/hindi/research/some-obstacles-and-some-challenges-in-the-path-of-smart-city-mission-61954/>) (with A Kumar)
19. “Smart City Making in India: Union Budget 2020 and the Way Forward” in **Observer Research Foundation (Urban Future)**, 4th March 2020, (Weblink: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/smart-city-making-in-india-union-budget-2020-and-the-way-forward-61933/>)(with A Kumar).
20. “Tapping the Revenue Potential of Property Tax in India” in **Ideas for India** (An Economics and Policy Portal of the **International Growth Centre** (directed by the London School of Economics, University of Oxford and Tata Centre for Development at the University of Chicago), 23rd October 2019, (Weblink: <https://www.ideasforindia.in/topics/macro-economics/tapping-the-revenue-potential-of-property-tax-in-india.html>) (with A Kumar).
21. Analysis – “How to Tap Property Tax Potential” in **The Pioneer**, 31st August 2019 (Weblink: <https://www.dailypioneer.com/2019/columnists/how-to-tap-property-tax-potential.html#>)(with A Kumar).
22. Analysis – “Financing Urban Projects” in **The Pioneer**, 20th July 2019 (Weblink: <https://www.dailypioneer.com/2019/columnists/financing-urban-projects.html>) (with A Kumar).
23. Op-ed article – “Smart Sohore Prantik Manushder Thai Kothai” in **Ei Samay** (Bengali Daily of Times of India Group), 27th October 2016.

Details of Projects/Consultancies

Consultancy

- Served as a Consultant in the Project titled, “*Life in the Era of COVID-19: Impact of Lockdown 3.0 on the City Makers*” conducted and coordinated by **Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI)** in association with **Centre for International Design and Planning University of Florida** with support from **Action Aid India, IIMR, Outline India** and local NGO partners of IMPRI.
- Served as a Consultant (for Data Analysis and Report Writing) for the project, “*Assessment of the Functioning and Socio-Economic Changes of the Members of the Water Users Association (WUA)*” at **Institute of Rural management Anand (IRMA)** (**Report Link - https://www.wbadmip.org/demo/intweb/images/uploaded/brochure_files/b6edc1cd1f36e45daf6d7824d7bb2283.pdf**).

Current Projects

	Title	Role	Funding Agency	Period
1.	Coping Strategies of Water User Association during COVID 19 Pandemic and Other Natural Calamities	Co-Investigator	WBADMI, Government of West Bengal	February 2021-May 2021
2.	District Human Development Report of Birbhum District	Principal Investigator	Department of Planning, Statistics and Program Monitoring, Government of West Bengal	March 2018 – August 2018

Completed Projects

	Title	Role	Funding Agency	Period
1.	District Plan of Birbhum	Principal Investigator	BAE&S Birbhum, Government of West Bengal	February 2018-April 2018

2.	An Analysis of Households' Access to Latrine Facility in Birbhum	Principal Investigator	UGC SAP DRS (II) of Department of Economics and Politics Visva Bharati	September 2017 – February 2018
3.	The Art of Smart City Making in India: Emerging Perspectives on Growth and Inequality	Principal Investigator	UGC SAP DRS (II) of Department of Economics and Politics Visva Bharati	2016-17
4.	Social Sector Priorities: An Analysis of Budget and Expenditures in India in the Post Reform Period	Principal Investigator	UGC SAP DRS (II) of Department of Economics and Politics Visva Bharati	2015-16

Conferences:

Invited Presentations (International)

- Participated as Panelist in the **Web Policy Talk** on ‘Non-Ownership Housing in the Globalised Real Estate Market: Mainstreaming Rental Housing Agenda and Enhancing Opportunities amidst COVID-19 - Renter and Landlord Perspectives’ organized by **Center for Habitat, Urban and Regional Studies at Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI), New Delhi** on August 8, 2020.
- Participated as Panelist in the **International Webinar** on ‘Rethinking City Governance Amid COVID 19’ organized by **Centre for Habitat Urban and Regional Studies, IMPRI (New Delhi)** and **Department of Social Work Bharathidasan University Tamil Nadu** on 19 June 2020.
- Presented ‘Telephonic Survey Based Study Findings on Life in the Era of COVID 19: Impact of Lockdown 3.0 on City Makers’ in the **Web Policy Talk (Cities Edition Delhi)** organized by **Impact and Policy Research Institute, New Delhi** on 6 June 2020.
- Participated as Panelist in the **International Webinar** on ‘Corona Pandemic, Dislocation and Livelihood Challenges: Multilevel Perspectives on Concerns and Coping Strategies’ organized by **Government Arts College Sikar Rajasthan** on 4 June 2020.
- Presented ‘Telephonic Survey Based Study Findings on Life in the Era of COVID 19: Impact of Lockdown 3.0 on City Makers’ in the **Web Policy Talk** organized by **Impact**

and Policy Research Institute, New Delhi and Centre for International Design and Planning, University of Florida on 27 May 2020.

- Participated as Panelist in **online panel discussion** on ‘Water Urban Poor and COVID 19 in South Asia: Tackling the Water Challenge’ hosted by **IFSD Sydney Australia** on 11th May 2020.
- Presented a paper titled, “Financing Strategies for Smart Cities in India: An Analytical Perspective” in the Indo-German Workshop on ‘Smart Cities: Sustainable Urban Development’ organized by **Heidelberg University** and **Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI) jointly with Observer Research Foundation (ORF), School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) and Council for Social Development (CSD)** in collaboration with **Urban Development and Housing Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi Smart City Corporation Ltd, Central University of Jharkhand and Indian Institute of Management Ranchi** held on November 19-20, 2018 in Ranchi, India.
- Presented a paper titled, "Dreaming the Asian Economic Community and Beyond: Current Status, Reform Options and Possible Lessons” in the **China (Hainan)-ASEAN Think Tank Forum (II)** held on **September 26-28, 2018 in Sanya, Hainan Province, P.R. China**, hosted by **Hainan Tropical Ocean University** and cosponsored by **Hainan Provincial Association of Social Sciences, Hainan Academy of Social Sciences and Hainan Tropical Ocean University**.
- **Presented a paper** titled, “New Urban Policy – The Search for Growth and Competitive Restructuring in India and China: A Comparative Perspective” in an **International Conference on Civilizational Interface between India and China Opportunities and Challenges in South and South-east Asia** organized by **Cheena Bhavana Visva Bharati** in collaboration with **Institute of Chinese Studies Delhi (ICS)** and in partnership with **Association of ASIA Scholars (AAS)**, held in **Visva Bharati Santiniketan India, September 26-27, 2015**.
- **Presented a paper** titled, “Understanding Participatory Urban Governance in Indian Cities: Rhetoric vs Reality” at the **Graduate School of Geography, Clark University** on 19th November 2014.
- **Presented a paper** titled, “Towards a Discursive Evaluation of Participatory Governance in Indian Cities” at the **Brooks World Poverty Institute, University of Manchester** on 7th November 2013.
- **Presented a paper** titled, “Contesting Inclusiveness: Policies, Politics and Processes of Participatory Urban Governance in Indian Cities” at the **Development Planning Unit, University College London (First DPU Lecture of Academic Session 2013-14)** on 24th October 2013.

- **Presented a paper** titled, “Contours of Participatory Urban Governance in Indian Cities: Potentials and Challenges”, at the **Centre of South Asian Studies Seminar Series at SOAS, University of London** on 23rd October 2013.

Invited Presentations (National)

- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Regression Analysis: Examples and Applications” in the **Seven Day Workshop on Research Methods in Social Sciences** organized by the **Jadavpur Association of International Relations, Jadavpur University**, 3-10 April 2021.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Tapping the Tax and Non-tax Revenue Mobilization Potential of ULBs” in the **Online Training Program** (17-18 February, 2021) on “Augmenting the Revenue Mobilization Potential of Urban Local Bodies” organized by **HUDCO’s Human Settlement Management Institute New Delhi** on February 18, 2021.
- Participated as Panelist in the **Panel Discussion on Pandemic and Economy I** organized by the Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati University on December 21, 2020.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Introduction to Regression Analysis by Examples” in the **STC on Research Methodology** (26.11.2020 – 02.12.2020) organized by the **UGC-HRDC, University of North Bengal** on November 26, 2020.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Regression Analysis by Examples (using E views)” in the **Ten Days Methodology Workshop on Development Policy Research** (September 21 – 30, 2019) organized by the **Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati** (under UGC-SAP DRS (II)) on September 23, 2019.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Panel Data and Time Series: Workshop in Eviews 7” in the **Workshop on Ten Days Research Methodology Course** (March 25 – April 4, 2019) sponsored by **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)** and **Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK)** on March 29, 2019.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Statistical Tools for Empirical Research” in the **Workshop on Research Methodology in Environmental Economics** (November 16-22, 2018) organized jointly by the **Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati** (under UGC-SAP DRS (II)) and **Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE)** on November 17, 2018.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Coping with Incomplete Decentralization: The Need to Revisit the 74th CAA” in the **National Round Table on “Looking Back at 25 Years: A Review of 74th Amendment”** organized by the **Indo Global Social Services Society**, held on November 12-13, 2018 at Bengaluru.

- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Classical Linear Regression Modelling using E-views” in 5th **Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences** organized by **A K Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan** during 25 June – 4th July, 2018.
- Participated as an **Invited Speaker** and presented a paper titled, “An Account of Quality Assurance in Official Statistics” in the Seminar on “**Quality Assurance in Official Statistics**” organized by **Bureau of Applied Economics and Statistics, Government of West Bengal** (on the occasion of celebration of **12th National Statistics Day**) on June 29, 2018.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Introduction to Econometrics Analysis using E-views” in 4th **Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences** organized by **A K Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan** during 15-25 June, 2018.
- Participated as an **Invited Speaker** and presented a paper titled, “Fiscal Decentralization to Urban Local Governments: Evidence from West Bengal” in the Seminar on “**Governing the Urban: Capability Concerns of the Urban Local Self Government in India**” organized by the **Center for Urban Economic Studies, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta**, on February 2, 2018.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Statistics for the Social Sciences” in **Research Methodology in Social Sciences** organized by **A K Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan** during 1-10 November, 2017.
- Participated as an **Invited Speaker** and presented a paper on "Issues with Teaching Econometrics in Indian Universities” in the **National Forum on “Rethinking Undergraduate Economics Education”** organized by **Azim Premji University Bengaluru** during October 13-15, 2017.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Introduction to Limited Dependent Variable Models” in **Research Methodology Workshop in Social Sciences** organized by **A K Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan** during 1-7 June, 2017.
- Participated as **Resource Person** and **delivered a lecture** on “Regression Analysis: Theory and Practice” in **2nd Refresher Course in Research Methodology in Social Sciences** organized by the **UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, The University of Burdwan** on 17th March, 2017.
- **Participated as Resource Person and delivered a lecture** on “Social Statistics” in a Five Day Workshop on Research Methodology organized by the Department of Political Science, Women’s Studies Centre and the Department of Adult, Continuing Education, Extension Work and Field Outreach, **Rabindra Bharati University** during 6-10 April, 2015.

- **Participated as Resource Person and presented a paper** titled “Inclusive urban development in India: rhetoric vs. reality” in a **National Level Seminar on “Nature, Causes and Consequences of Social Exclusion”** organized by **Deshbandhu Mahavidyalaya** in collaboration with **The Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, BIDISHA at Deshbandhu Mahavidyalaya Chittaranjan Burdwan West Bengal India** during 12-13 March 2012.

Referred Conference Presentations (International)

- **Presented a paper** titled, “Contrasting Urban Policy Making and Governance in India and China” in **International Conference on India China Cultural Resonance** organized by **Department of Chinese Language & Culture (Cheena Bhavana) Visva Bharati** in partnership with **Consulate General of the People’s Republic of China in Kolkata, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Institute of Chinese Studies Delhi (ICS) and Asia in Global Affairs**, held in **Visva-Bharati Santiniketan India, November 03-04, 2017.**
- **Presented a paper** titled, “Decentralized Urban Governance in West Bengal: Does Rhetoric Match Reality?” in **ISEC Diamond Jubilee Conference on Statistics, Economic Development and Public Administration**, held in **Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India**, February 11-12, 2011.
- **Convened a panel** (jointly with Dr Conrad Schetter and Dr Soumen Bagchi) [Panel No 20: Contours of Local Governance in South Asia: Legitimacy and Empowerment] and **presented a paper** titled, “Participatory Urban Governance in West Bengal: Does Rhetoric Match Reality” in the **21st European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies** held in **University of Bonn, Germany, 26-29 June, 2010.**
- **Presented a paper** titled, “Decentralized Urban Governance: Participation and Accountability in West Bengal’s Municipalities” in the **First International Development Conference of Syria** held at **Damascus, Syria, 23-34 January, 2010.**
- **Presented a paper** titled, “Decentralized Urban Governance: Participation and Accountability in West Bengal’s Municipalities” in the **2008 NAPSIPAG (Network for Asia-Pacific Schools and Institutes of Public Administration and Governance) International Conference** held in **New Delhi, India, 5-7 December 2008.**
- **Presented a paper** titled, “Decentralized Urban Governance in West Bengal: Implications for Participatory Governance, Resource Mobilisation and Service Delivery” in the **19th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies** [organised by the **International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) in cooperation with the European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS)**], held in **Leiden, the Netherlands, 27-30 June 2006.**

Other Talks

- Host of the talk series on “**The State of the Cities # City Conversation**” organized by the **Centre for Habitat Urban and Regional Studies, Impact and Policy Research Institute New Delhi** (https://www.impriindia.com/event_listing_type/cityconversations/).
- Participated in the **Discussion Program on ‘Bharotiyo Arthaniti – Bortoman Prekshit’** of **Doordarshan Kendra Santiniketan** (recorded on 8th August 2019).
- Participated as an expert in the **Discussion Program on ‘Cashless lenden nirapotta ki surakshit?’** of **Doordarshan Kendra Santiniketan** (recorded on 20th June 2018).
- Participated as one of the **panelists in the Discussion Programme on ‘Economic Elevator of Poor and Downtrodden People of India’** of **Doordarshan Kendra Santiniketan** (recorded on 2nd May 2017).
- Participated as one of the **panelists in the Discussion Programme on ‘Janahite Krendiya Prakalpa’** of **Doordarshan Kendra Santiniketan** (recorded on 9th May 2016).

Others

- Selected to present my **PhD Dissertation in ESNIE (European School on New Institutional Economics) 2009**, held in **Cargese (France) 18-22 May 2009**.
- Selected as a **Panel Convener** (jointly with Dr. Soumen Bagchi) to convene **Panel No. 40 (“Does Decentralisation Necessarily Imply Pro-Poor Service Delivery: Issues In The Context Of Developing Economies”)** in the **20th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies**, held in **University of Manchester, Manchester, U.K., 8-11 July, 2008**.

Research Supervision

PhD Theses (Awarded)

1. “*Informal Sectors in Developing Economies: Some Contemporary Issues and Policy Implications*” submitted by Sangita Roy and the degree awarded by Visva Bharati in June 2019. (Principal Supervisor: Dr Biswajit Mandal)
2. “*Decentralization and Urban Public Service Delivery: The West Bengal Experience*”, submitted by Maumita Das and the degree awarded by Visva Bharati in November 2018. (Co-supervisor: Dr Biswajit Mandal)
3. “*Transformation of Indian Agriculture under the New Economic Policy Regime: An Enquiry into its Nature and Causes (With Special Reference to West Bengal)*”, submitted

by Sumana Mukherjee and the degree awarded by Visva Bharati in December 2016. (Co-supervisor: Prof Aparajita Mukherjee)

M Phil Dissertations (Awarded)

1. “*A Study of Urbanization, Urban Service Delivery and Urban Governance Reforms in Odisha*”, submitted by Puspallata Das and the degree awarded by Visva Bharati in 2016.
2. “*Urbanization and Availability of Urban Services: A Study of Fifteen Major States in India*” submitted by Atashi Bhattacharya and the degree awarded by Visva Bharati in 2014.
3. “*Microfinance and Poverty Alleviation: A Case Study of Nayagarh District Odisha*” submitted by Umesh Chandra Nayak and the degree awarded by Visva Bharati in 2013.
4. “*Income-expenditure Pattern and Organisation of Production: A Study of Some Rural Handicrafts of West Bengal*” submitted by Pritikana Char and the degree awarded by Visva Bharati in 2010 (Co-supervisor: Dr. Saumya Chakraborty).

- Currently supervising Ph.D. thesis of five students and M Phil Dissertation of one student.

Teaching

- Research Methodology (PhD Coursework)
- Research Methodology (M Phil Coursework)
- Urban Planning and Governance (Post Graduate)
- Econometrics (Post Graduate)
- Quantitative Methods (Under Graduate)

University and Departmental Service

1. (2020 -): Member, Visva Bharati Young Researchers Symposium.
2. (2020 -): Member, MOOCS Committee, Visva-Bharati.
3. (2017 - 2020): Deputy Coordinator, UGC SAP DRS-II (2015-2020), Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati.
4. 2019 (September 21 -30): Co-convenor: Ten Days Methodology Workshop on Development Policy Research (sponsored by UGC SAP DRS II, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati)
5. 2017 (November 8 – 14) – Co-convenor: Research Methodology Workshop on Economic Theory (sponsored by UGC SAP DRS II, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati)

6. 2016 (September 17-23) – Convener: Research Methodology Workshop on Applied Econometrics (sponsored by UGC SAP DRS II, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati)
7. 2011 (November 11-12) – Organizing Secretary (Jt.): Conference on ‘Development and Governance’ (ERC-ICSSR sponsored).
8. 2012 – present: Coordinator, PhD Coursework, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati
9. 2012 – present: Coordinator, M Phil Coursework, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati
10. Coordinator, MA Admission Test 2014, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati
11. Coordinator, Visva Bharati Research Eligibility Test 2015, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati
12. Member, UG students’ Admission Committee (Counselling) Visva Bharati
13. Member, Syllabus Restructuring Committee for UG and PG courses (Mathematical Economics, Quantitative Methods, Econometrics (General and Special Paper), Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati.

Editorial Services

1. Serving as an **Associate Editor** of *International Journal of Rural Management* (Sage Publications) since August 2018
2. Serving as **Editor** of *Journal of Development Policy Review* (IndraStra and Impact and Policy Research Institute, New Delhi)
3. Serving as an **Associate Editor** for *Arthabisleshan* (A Biannual Journal of Economics in Bengali of Society for Economic Research in Bengali) since 2013
4. Member, Editorial Review Board, *Amity Journal of Economics*.

Referring/Reviewing

Reviewed manuscripts for Academic Journals/Books –

- Cities (Elsevier)
- Development In Practice (Taylor & Francis)
- International Area Studies Review (Sage)
- Urban Research and Practice (Taylor & Francis)
- Contemporary South Asia (Taylor & Francis)
- Journal of Cleaner Production (Elsevier)
- Transactions in Computer Human Interaction (ACM)
- Journal of Infrastructure Development (Sage)
- Journal of Health Organization and Management (Emerald)
- Planning Practice and Research (Taylor & Francis)

- Territory, Politics and Governance (Taylor & Francis)
- International Journal of Rural Management (Sage)
- Journal of Water Sanitation and Hygiene for Development (IWA Publishing)
- International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education (InderScience)
- GeoJournal (Springer)
- Journal of Rural Development
- Journal of Economic Policy and Research
- Amity Journal of Economics
- Book Chapter (Springer)
- Book Chapter (Taylor and Francis, CRC Press)

Other Academic Assignments

- 1) Examined the M Phil Thesis of
 - Jawaharlal Nehru University
 - University of Calcutta
- 2) Examined the PhD Thesis of University of Calcutta
- 3) Member, Research Advisory Committee, PG Department of Commerce, St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.
- 4) Subject Expert, Board of Studies of Commerce, St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata (01.07.2019 – 30.06.2022)