

### **Central University of Karnataka**

- Guest Faculty in the Dept. of History , School of Social and Behavioural Sciences , Central University , Gulbarga
- Courses taught : Modern India ,Contemporary India , Contemporary Social Issues, Twentieth Century World
- Framed syllabus for Elective Paper titled “Caste and Class in India “and optional paper “Public Health and Medicine in India,” for post-graduation courses in the Department of History, Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga.
- Framing of Semester the Question Papers of Elective as well as Core papers of MA (History) titled Contemporary Social Issues, India since Independence, Modern India.
- Evaluating the answer scripts of PG courses in the Department of History , Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga

### **Milli Al Ameen College ( affiliated to University of Calcutta)**

- Guest Lecturer of History
- Taught Medieval Indian History (1200-1707)

### **St Joseph and Mary’s School, New Alipore , Kolkata**

- Assistant Teacher of History
- Taught History & Civics at the Secondary level { from class VII-X} & History in classes XI & XII ( higher secondary level)
- Examiner of History ICSE and ISC from 2010-2014 in the centralized marking system

### **Research experience in various projects :**

- Worked on a research project titled’ Health , Emergency in Asia and Africa: Societal Implications , Narratives on Media , Political Issues’ under the Department of Oriental Studies , La Sapienza University, Rome , Italy , November 2021-November 2022
- Co-investigator in a research project entitled Tribal History of Jungle Mahals (From Ancient to Pre-British period) along with Ms. Debarati Tarafder as principal investigator (Assistant Professor , Dhola Mahavidyalaya, P.O: Dholahat , South 24 Parganas , West Bengal ) sponsored by Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Research Institute, Ranchi ( March 2020 – April 2023)
- Research Fellow in the Department of History, University of Calcutta in the DPO/289/UPE II project entitled ‘India’s Maritime Relation – Trade and Culture with the South Asian Countries: the Past, Ancient and Modern’ with Prof.

- Raj Sekhar Basu as Principal Investigator (June 2019-31<sup>st</sup> March 2020).
- Research Assistant in Asiatic Society Project entitled “Recovering the History of an Underprivileged Group: The Varied Experiences of the Pulayas in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Kerala,” (Dec 2018- May 2019).
  - Research Assistant on the Research Project of Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, entitled ‘Land and Property Rights in Modern India’ under Prof. Y Chinna Rao (Chairperson, Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, JNU) and Prof. Raj Sekhar Basu ( Department of History, University of Calcutta), 2016-2017.
  - Research Assistant in the Project of History of Science for writing the institutional history of the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology under Prof. Chittabrata Palit, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (December 2012 - January 2013).

## **FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED**

- Awarded Junior Research Fellowship of Indian Council of Historical Research in April 2014.
- Received Charles Wallace India Trust Grant Fellowship in March 2018, for collecting materials from British Library, India Office Records, London, during the last year of the Ph.D

## **Educational Qualifications**

- PhD awarded on a theme entitled ‘**Reinterpreting Caste and Hierarchy in Bengal: *Mangalkavyas* as a counter narrative circa 1700-1931**’, School of Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on December 2019.
- B.ED. From Shri Shikshayatan College (affiliated to Calcutta University & recognized by N.C.T.E.) in 2007 {First Class with 68.3% marks} with History as 1<sup>st</sup> Method Subject, Bengali as 2<sup>nd</sup> Method Subject and Education of Women In India as Special Paper
- Post Graduation in the discipline of History from the University of Calcutta in 2005 with second class and under Graduation with Honors in History and Sociology and Political Science as pass subjects, from Asutosh College , affiliated to the University of Calcutta in 2003 with second class.
- Higher Secondary Examination with History, Political Science, Economic Geography, English(2<sup>nd</sup> language) & Bengali(1<sup>st</sup> language), Economics {optional} {under West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Examination} in the year 2000.
- School Final/ Madhyamik from South Point High School (under West Bengal Board of Secondary Education) in 1998 with first division.

## PUBLICATIONS :

### Monograph

The Changing World of Caste and Hierarchy in Bengal : Depictions from the Mangalkavyas , c. 1700-1931 Routledge Taylor and Francis New York , Oxford 2023. ISBN 978-0-367-55755-3

### Chapters in edited volumes :

- Contextualising Risley's Ethnographic Survey in terms of Ethnicity of Caste and Hierarchy in Colonial Bengal (1870-1910)', in Y. Chinna Rao and Hitendra Patel ed. *Labour , Diaspora , Marginality, Essays in honour of Sabysachi Bhattacharya*, Primus Books, New Delhi 2024
- 'Rituals', 'Illness' and 'Public Health' Social Implications of Covid 19 : A case Study of West Bengal , India," in Giorgio Milanetti , Marina Morbiducci eds *The Covid -19 Pandemic in Asia and Africa*, Volume II , Societal Implications , Narratives on Media , Political Issues , Sapienza University Rome 2023 . 978 -88, 9377 -300-3
- 'Searching for a "Self and a Collective": The Creative Articulations of "lower caste" Bengali intellectuals', in Y. Chinna Rao & Raj Sekhar Basu ed., *Dalit Intellectuals: Ideas , Struggles and the Vision*, Primus Books, New Delhi, 2022. 978-93-5572-581-3
- Historical Background of the *Mangalkavyas*' in Karabi Mitra and Rituparna Basu ed., *Perspectives on the Early Medieval History of India*', Kolkata: Reader's Service, 2013, ISBN 978-8263-26-7.
- 'Land Power and Social Mobility: Settled Agriculture in the Frontier Regions of Pre-colonial Bengal', in Chittabrata Palit ed., *Dalit Movement in Bengal*, Kolkata: Institute of Historical Studies, 2018, ISBN 978-93-82710-06-6.
- 'Understanding the Caste Dimensions of Bengal: An Interpretative Discourse on the Indigenous Ritualistic Beliefs and Practices 'in Yagati Chinna Rao ed., *Perspectives on Social Exclusion: Essays in Honour of Sabysachi Bhattacharya*, Delhi:Meena Book Publications, 2019.
- 'Dharmamangalkavya of the Mangalkavya Genre' (with Raj Sekhar Basu), in Anne Viguier, Nathalie Kouame and Eric Meyer ed., *Historical Sources and Genres, Encyclopedia of Historiography, Africa, America, Asia Volume I*, Inalco Press Open Edition Books, 2019. Online edition: <https://books.openedition.org/pressesinalco/21819>
- " The Healing Power of Goddess: Oral History Narratives of Bengal," in Naseem Akhtar and Parvin Jolly ed. *Women's Voice a search for feminist consciousness*, Sangbed , Dhaka June 2020. ISBN 978-984-94587-8-4

### Journal Articles: (in English)

### UGC LISTED

- Making of the Harijan Sevak Sangh : The Gandhian Perception 1932-1970 , *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress* , 82<sup>nd</sup> Session held in Kakatiya University , Warrangal December 2023, ISSN No : 2249-1937
- Little known World of Protest and Community Consciousness: Engaging Popular Religion with the Power Structure of Contemporary Bengal', *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 80<sup>th</sup> session held in Kannur University Dec. 2019. ISSN 2249-1937
- 'Tribal Identity and Socio-Cultural Changes during the Seventeenth Century in the Rarh Region of Bengal', *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 2016, ISSN 2249-1937.
- 'Locating *Dharmamangal* in the Rarh Bengal: A Brief Analysis of its Social Significance, *Journal of History*(Vidyasagar University), Vol. VI, 2017,ISSN 2321-0834.
- 'Understanding the Religious Worlds of the Subalterns: An Analysis of Syncretic Culture in Bengal', *IAS Summer Hill Journal*, December 2019.

#### **Journal Articles: (in Bengali) UGC LISTED**

- '*Mangalkavye* Banglar Samaj Jiban', in *Ithihas Anusondhan*, Vol. 34,Kolkata: Paschim Banga Ithihas Samsad, 2019 .

#### **Peer-Reviewed Articles in Journals**

- 'Assimilating the Indigenous and the Savage: Brahmanical Absorption of Local Faiths in Sixteenth Century Bengal', *The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies*, Vol. LVIII Nos. 1&2, April - September 2018, ISSN -0033 -5800.
- Cosmopolitanism and Goddess Tradition in Bengal: Situating Mukundaram's *Candimangal* in the context of Nineteenth Century Bengal', *Journal of Academic Perspectives*, Vol. 2019, No. 1. (Assistant Editor: Louise Mulholland).

#### **Content Writings:**

- E-pathsala content writer on Media and Margins Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, University New Delhi. Module name: 'Mitigating Social Exclusion through Social Interaction'

## **Book / Article Reviewed**

- ✚ Goddesses of the *Mangalkavyas*: Integration of Puranic and Folk Goddesses in the Folk Epics of Bengal South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies

## **Thesis Evaluation :**

- ✚ Evaluated the thesis titled “ Educational Disparities among Social Groups in Rajasthan” A Comparative Study in Higher Education , “ submitted by Kokila Meena in the Centre for the Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, School of Social Sciences , Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

### **International**

- Participated and presented a paper titled “ Partition and the erosion of Caste identity in post-independent Bengal 1947-2011” at the Fifth International Conference organized by the Asian Association of World Historians, held on 12th and 13th October 2022, in the India International Centre , New Delhi.
- Participated and presented a paper (online) titled “ Rituals” , “ Illness” and “ Health” : Social Implications of Covid 19 : A case study of West Bengal , in an international conference organized by Department of Oriental Studies , La Sapienza University , on the theme titled “ Health Emergency in Asia and Africa: Societal Implications Narratives on Media, Political issues,” held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 in Rome.
- Participated and presented a paper entitled ‘The subaltern denizens of rural Bengal : Locating Bengal’s seasonal tradition with the cult worship’ at the First Annual Conference of Indian Association for South Asian Studies (IASAS), New Delhi, based on the broader theme Rethinking South Asia: Alternative Paradigms, Practices, and Discourses. This virtual conference was held between 7th and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- Invited to participate in the 23<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Asian Studies Society, International Conference at Victoria University of Wellington, 24-27 November 2019.
- Participated and presented a paper entitled ‘Understanding the Spirituality of the Subalterns; An Analysis of the Syncretic Culture of Bengal’ at the Eleventh International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS 11) held at Leiden University, 15 – 19 July 2019.
- Participated and presented a paper entitled, ‘Cosmopolitanism and Goddess Tradition in Bengal: Situating Mukundaram’s Candimangal in the context of nineteenth-century

Bengal,' in the Oxford Symposium of Religious Studies held on 19, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at Queens College Oxford, U.K.

### National

- Participated and Presented a paper titled “ Revisiting the Lineage Histories and Caste Associations: Defining Caste Identity and Caste Consciousness in Colonial Bengal ,in the special panel on Dalit History under the aegis of the Indian History Congress held at Punjabi University , Patiala during 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- Participated and Presented a paper titled “ The Emergence of Dalit Labour Culture: An Analysis of the Political Discourse of caste in Contemporary West Bengal 1977-2011 ,” in the special panel of Dalit History and Politics under the aegis of Indian History Congress held at Kakatiya University, Warrangal, Telengana during 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- Presented a paper on Making of the Harijan Sevak Sangh Sangh : The Gandhian Perception 1932-1970 in Section VI ; Contemporary History of India IN 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Indian History Congress at Kakatiya University, Warrangal , Telengana during 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- Participated and Presented a paper titled “ Dalit Intellectual space in Bengal: Essentialization of Ambedkar’s thought “ in the special panel on Dalit History and Politics on the theme titled “ Untouchability , Caste and History: Contestations and Evidences “ under the aegis of Indian History Congress held at Madras Christian College , Chennai during 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- Missionary Understanding of Native Bengal : Negotiating traditions and indigenous beliefs and practices in the National Seminar titled Marginalization and Social Exclusion: The Cultivation of Indian Socio-Cultural thought held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy , School of Social Sciences , Jawaharlal Nehru University , New Delhi.
- Presented a paper titled “ Nationalism and tribal identity : Role Aluri Sitaram Raju in the tribal movement of Andhra Pradesh,” organized by Indian Social Science Academy under 45th Indian Social Science Congress on a theme titled People (Dalits, Tribes, Women, Peasants, ) Struggles and Movements for Equitable Democratic Society ' (Freedom Movement in South India: The role of Dalit and Tribal Nationalist Leaders, 1857-1947' ) held on 29-30th March 2022 at B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Vandalur, Chennai .
- Presented paper entitled ‘The World of Bengali Dalits in Literary Representations in Colonial and post-colonial periods’ in a Special Panel on “Dalit History and Politics,” Indian History Congress, 80<sup>th</sup> Session Kannur University, Kannur, 28-30 December 2019.

- Presented paper entitled 'Little Known World of Protest and Community Consciousness: Engaging Popular Religion with the Power Structure of Contemporary Bengal', Indian History Congress, Kannur University, 28 – 29 December 2019.
- Presented paper entitled 'Linking the occupational castes with the goddess tradition: A reflection of social and cultural mobility in the context of Bengal' at the national conference on "Livelihoods of Vulnerable Groups: Empirical and Theoretical Dimensions", organized by the Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, Indira Gandhi Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, and Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata, 26-27 September 2019.
- Presented paper entitled '*Mangalkavye Banglar Samajchitra*,' 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, West Bengal, 24-26 January 2019
- Presented paper entitled, 'Missionary Overview about Castes: An Analysis of Indigenous beliefs and Practices of the lower orders of Bengal,' National Seminar on 'Problems of Caste in India: Investigating History and Historiography,' 29-30 November 2018, University of Allahabad.

#### **INVITED SPEAKER IN SYMPOSIUM:**

- Participated as Symposium Speaker as a "Remembering Santhal Liberation Movement ; A Commemorative Symposium" organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy , School of Social Sciences , Jawaharlal Nehru University , New Delhi held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOP**

- Participated in the seven day online workshop on "Studying History: Perspectives and Sources" organized by the Department of History , Jadavpur University on 23<sup>rd</sup> February -1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
- Participated in the UGC-sponsored Five Day Research Workshop ( 9<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015) organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

#### **REFRESHER COURSE ATTENDED:**

- Participated in the Refresher course on " Epistemological Issues, Methodological Uses , Skill Development in New Trend in Social Sciences," between 5<sup>th</sup> June to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

organized by Amity Academic Staff College in association with Amity Institute of Social Sciences.

## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

- Completed the one-week-long online Faculty Development Program on “ Myths and Realities: Emerging Trends in History,” organized by the Department of History, School of Liberal Arts and Culture Studies, Adamas University, Kolkata (following UGC guidelines ) in collaboration with Sidho Kanho Birsa University, Purulia from 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> 2023 .

## **MEMBERSHIP :**

- ❖ Life Member of Paschim Banga Ithihas Sansad
- ❖ Annual member of Indian History Congress ( Since 2013-) Ordinary Member of Asiatic Society Kolkata
- ❖ Life Member of Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata Life Member of Corpus Research Institute

## **PERSONAL SKILL AND COMPETENCES:**

- ❖ Mother Tongue: Bengali
- ❖ Other Languages: English and Hindi

## **Social Skills and Competences :**

- ✚ Worked for mentally and physically handicapped children on behalf of an organization named Pratibandhi Kalyan Kendra, situated in the district of Hooghly. I also received a certificate of Social Service in 2007 for spreading awareness about disability and mobilizing resources from the community for the benefit of disabled children.

## **Artistic Skills and Competences :**

- ✚ In 1999, I received the Gita Bharati Upadhi from Gitabitan Shikshayatan, a renowned Rabindra Sangeet Institution founded by one of Tagore's disciples, Sailajaranjan Majumder, Kolkata, for completing the 6-year Degree Course in Rabindra Sangeet.
- ✚ Received the first prize in the Inter College Collage Competition organized by the B.ED. Department Shri Shikshayatan College, University of Calcutta, in 2007.



## Technical Skills and Competences

- ✚ Proficient in using main Microsoft Office Microsoft Office™ (Word™, Excel™, and PowerPoint™) applications.

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## References:

- ✚ Prof. Y. Chinna Rao ( Chairperson, CSSEIP, School of Social Sciences) Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi [cryagati@gmail.com](mailto:cryagati@gmail.com)
- ✚ Prof. Hitendra K. Patel (Head of the Dept. History) Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata [h.k.patel@rbu.ac.in](mailto:h.k.patel@rbu.ac.in)
- ✚ Prof. Raj SekharBasu, (Dept. of History) University of Calcutta [rajsekharbasu2001@gmail.com](mailto:rajsekharbasu2001@gmail.com)

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