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**Qualification:** MA (University of Calcutta, 2004)  
M.PHIL – (University of Calcutta, 2006)  
Ph.D (Jadavpur University, 2015)

**Designation:** Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

**Date of joining this College:** 09.12.2006

**Courses/areas taught:**

- Political Theory
- Indian Govt and Politics
- Indian Political Thought
- Comparative Politics
- Contemporary Issues in Politics

**Specialisation:** Women's Studies, Informal Economic Sector, Research Methodology

**Research:**

MRP topics with abstracts:

**MRP – POSITION OF WORKING WOMEN IN SELECTED  
SLUMS OF MUMBAI AND KOLKATA – A COMPARATIVE STUDY: CASE STUDY –  
FISHERWOMEN**

**Abstract of the Research Project submitted under UGC MRP SCHEME**

The MRP focused on the position of women informal sector workers attached with fishery industry in Mumbai and Kolkata. The project drew a comparative analysis of the position of women workers engaged in the fishing occupation residing in the slums of two cities – Kolkata and Mumbai. Kolkata fishworkers are known as the bheri workers. The women workers are extremely dominated in the society with almost no power to exercise. They are the marginalized group, and are never the principal bread earners and are engaged in such work which are derogatory like excavation of earth, clearance of jungles, garbage etc. The payment is meager. On the contrary, the workers in Mumbai who are called Kolis are well settled. They are powerful women, the principal bread earners, and the main workers in the fishing occupation. They are never looked down upon, richer than the bheri women workers; and have a firm voice in the society. The research tried to focus on position of the working women engaged in the fishing sector situated in two different locations are different.

**Ph.D. Topic:** WORKING WOMEN IN TRADITIONAL FAMILY – BASED OCCUPATIONS  
IN INDIA

**1. Current Research:**

Position of Clay based women workers and potters of West Bengal and Odisha

## **2. Papers presented Presentations**

- a. Paper presented on 'A Neglected Face of Urban Working Women in India: Case Study – Clay – based Work in Kolkata' under Sub-theme 3- Labour in the XIV National Conference on Equality, Pluralism and the State: Perspectives from the Women's Movement on 4th to 7th February 2014 at Gauhati University, Guwahati, conducted by Indian Association for Women's Studies, New Delhi
- b. Paper presented on "Does religion plays a decisive role for the Hindu and Muslim women in the political participation process in India?" in the 6th Summer Workshop on 'Analyzing Quantitative Data on Indian Politics' to be held at Jain University at Bengaluru from Thursday, 10 May 2012 to Tuesday, 22 May 2012
- c. Presented a paper on "Position of Working Women in Selected Slums: Case Study – Kolkata organised by the School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University on August 31, 2010.
- d. Participated in a Seminar on Politics of Marginalisation: Local and Global Perspectives" organised by the Centre for Refugee Studies, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University on Feb. 18, 2010.

## **Publications**

- 1) 'NGOs in Rainwater Harvesting Projects – A Case Study' published in Socialist Perspective (A Quarterly Journal of Social Sciences); Vol.33, No. 3 – 4, December 2005 – March 2006
- 2) Book Review – Review of the book 'The Argumentative Indian – Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity' published in The West Bengal Political Science Review, Vol. IX, No. I & II, Jan. Dec. 2007
- 3) An article entitled "Problems and Potentialities of Women Informal Sector Workers in India: A Case Study" published in Ghosh, Arunava (edt.), "Women in India: Problems, Potentialities and Power", Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2008, pp 168-188, ISBN :978-93-60036-07-6
- 4) Co-authored textbook entitled 'Rajnitik Tatwa – Pashchimi Chintadhara', with Siuli Sarkar, Progressive Publisher, 2012, ISBN : 978-81-89846-32-9
- 5) Chapter entitled 'Social Stratification' published in an edited text book 'Political Sociology' by Prof. Pradip Basu , Setu Prakashani, Kolkata & New Delhi, 2015, pp – 110-125, ISBN : 978-93-80677-71-2
- 6) Article entitled 'Clay-based Work in Kolkata with special reference to Women Workers: Case Study – Kumartuli, Section VII – Professional / Labouring Women, in edited book 'The Other Universe – An Anthology of Women's Studies' edited by Aparna Bandyopadhyay and Krishna Dasgupta, Setu Prakashani & Women's Studies Centre, 2015, pp 569-578, ISBN : 978-93-80677-73-6
- 7) Article entitled 'Development and Ecology' published in an edited Annual Academic Journal – Department of Political Science, Savitri Girls' College, compiled and edited by Alefiya Tundawala, published in 2015
- 8) An article titled Women in Marine or Capture Fishery in Mumbai: Case study – Versova published in an International Multilingual Research Journal named Vidyawarta, edited by Dr. Bapu G. Gholap, ISSN: 2319-9318

**College Post:**

HOD – 2009-2011

NAAC Committee Member, 2014 onwards

**College Subcommittees:**

Convenor, Sports Committee, 2009-10

Member, Academic Subcommittee, 2009-10

Member, Examination Subcommittee, 2009-10

Member, Office and Leave Committee, 2014-15, 2015-16

Member, Student Welfare Committee, 2014-15, 2015-16

Convenor, Research Cell, 2015-16

Convenor, Gender Resource Centre, 2015-16

**Others:****a. PG Teaching**

- Academic Counsellor in the Personal Contact Programme of Post-graduate Political Science Course of Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), Kolkata since January, 2008
  - Academic Counsellor in the Personal Contact Programme of Post-graduate Political Science Course of Rabindra Bharati Open University (RBOU), Kolkata since June, 2014
- Guest Lecturer, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata, October 2016 onwards

**b. Prestigious Awards/Grants**

1. P.C.Chandra Gold Medal for the Year 2001-02 (An Award of Excellence)
2. Niharbala Mukherjee Memorial Medal for “ Best All Round Student” of Lady Brabourne College for the year 2001-02
3. National Scholarship for obtaining First Class in B.A. Hons. Exam in 2002 under University of Calcutta
4. Rank certificate for ranking first class first in B.A. honours in Political Science from of University of Calcutta, 2002
5. South East Asia Subsistence Fellowship, 2003
6. SRTT – SWS JU Fieldwork Fellowship 2009-2010
7. UGC Grant received for pursuing FDP under 12th plan of UGC, 2011-2014

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