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Professor Arun Kanti Jana obtained his MA, M Phil and PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and he is currently working as a Professor in Political Science at the University of North Bengal, India which the NAAC has accredited with A Grade status in 2016. He was a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Kandy, Sri Lanka for four months in 2005. He joined the University as a Lecturer on 2nd of March 1992 after completing his Master of Arts and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and while working for his PhD thesis in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He served the University as a Lecturer then as a Reader from 2nd March, 2001 (re-designated as Associate Professor as per University Grants Commission norms) and was appointed as a Professor from May 1, 2009.

His areas of interest include; Political Economy of Development, Social Movements, Identity Politics, Issues and Movements in Indian Politics and Political Parties. He has contributed several articles to various journals and book chapters to edited books apart from co-editing Class, Ideology and Political Parties in India (2002) and Development and Disorder: The Crises in Governance in the Northeast and East of India (2010). He has also presented papers in several international and national level conferences and seminars. All his writings go with the name Arun K Jana hence Arun K Jana and Arun Kanti Jana are one and the same person. He was awarded the Manas Chatterjee award of excellence in Research on Regional Science in the Annual Indian Regional Science Association Conference in 2008.

His current (2019) teaching activities include a course in Western Political Thought, Political Economy of Development and Electoral Politics at the Post Graduate (MA) level. At the MPhil and PhD levels his teaching activities include courses on Research Designs and Methods, Social Movements and Political Process in India. Apart from teaching he is also engaged in supervising MPhil dissertations and PhD theses and engages himself in personal or sponsored research in the areas of his interest. It is his research activities that had helped him in travelling to different parts of the country for collecting data, and to several countries for participating in seminars and conferences.

Academic Achievements

1. Master of Arts (MA), 1987-1989, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Courses Studied

First Semester (Monsoon)

PO401N: Political Philosophy I: Origins of Political Thought and Theory

PO402N: Indian Politics I: Social and Political Thought of Modern India

PO403N: Political Analysis

PO404N: Political Sociology

Second Semester (Winter)

PO405N: Political Philosophy II: Modern Political Thought and Contemporary Ideologies

PO406N: Political Institutions and Structure

PO407 N: Method in Social Science

PO408N: Comparative Politics I: Politics in Capitalist Societies

Third Semester (Monsoon)

PO501N: Indian Politics III: Social and Political Process

PO502N: Comparative Politics II: Politics in Socialist Societies

PO516: Political Parties in India

PO522: Indian Foreign Policy

Fourth Semester (Winter)

15551N: Introduction to Diplomacy

15553N: Arms Race, Arms Control and Disarmament

PO503N: Indian Politics IV: Development Politics and Policy Process

PO504N: International Relations

2. Master of Philosophy (1989-1991). Dissertation submitted in 1991. Degree Awarded in 1992, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Courses Studied

First Semester (Monsoon)

PO618: Philosophy and Methods in Social Sciences

PO602: Approaches, Concepts and Methods-Political Analysis

PO613: Imperialism and Problems of Underdevelopment

SECOND SEMESTER (Winter)

PO631: Seminar Course

PO623: Trade Union Movement in India

DISSERTATION (ONE YEAR DURATION, MONSOON & WINTER SEMESTER)

TITLE OF DISSERTATION: WORKERS IN UNION STRUGGLE: A STUDY OF JUTE MILL WORKERS IN WEST BNGAL (1977-1987) Submitted to the Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1991.

SUPERVISOR: DR. KIRAN SAXENA, Associate Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

3. DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD), Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Thesis Submitted: 1997; Degree Awarded: 1998.

Title of the PhD Thesis: The CPI (M) and Jute Workers in West Bengal: A Study in Mobilisation (1972-1992) submitted to the Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1997.

SUPERVISOR: PROFESSOR (Mrs) KIRAN SAXENA, Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

4. Post Doctoral Fellow: International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Kandy, Sri Lanka from July 2005 till November 2005.

Title of the Post Doctoral Project: Ethnic Parties in Multi-Party Democracies of South Asia: India and Sri Lanka in a Comparative Perspective

Publications

Edited Books

1. Jana, Arun K. & Sarmah, Bhupen (eds) Class, Ideology and Political Parties in India, South Asian Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2002. (ISBN 81-7003-261-X)

The analytical and penetrating essays in the book by well known political scientists provide information on the latest developments on party politics in the country. The articles focus on the class character, support base, electoral performance, and leadership of some of the leading national and regional political parties in India. The wide range of original articles in the volume contributes substantially to our understanding of party politics at the national and at the state level in contemporary India. It is a useful collection for the students of MA in politics, researchers, statesman and journalists. The contributors to this volume are; Arun K Jana, Bhupen Sarmah, Biplab Dasgupta, Sudha Pai, Rakesh Gupta, Pradip Kumar Sengupta, Soumitra De, Kiran Saxena, Javeed Alam, Prasenjit Saha, Sudipta Bhattacharyya, Jagpal Singh, Rekha Chowdhary, Ashutosh Kumar and Ranjita Chakraborty.

2. Jana, Arun K. & Ghosh, Maya (eds), **Development and Disorder: The Crises in Governance in the Northeast and East of India,** South Asian Publishers, New Delhi, 2010 (ISBN 81-7003-326-8)

The volume brings together essays focusing on the interface between development and democracy. The essays cover a wide spectrum of vibrant Indian state and society that include the role of capital in development, working of electoral democracy, ethnic violence and consolidation of democracy, the ills of corruption, the paradoxes in the development syndrome and the crises of governance. The contributors to this volume are; Maya Ghosh, Arun K Jana, Aparajita Mukherjee, Soumitra De, Sudipta Bhattacharyya, Anup Datta, Asok Kumar Mukhopadhyaya, Rahul Ramagundam, Saswati Biswas, Jagpal Singh, Rajasubhra Mukhopadhyay, Bidhan Golay, Padam Nepal and Sadiksha Waiba, Upendra Adhikari, Amal Mandal, Dipen Roy.

Articles

2016. Jana, Arun K., 'Confronting the Congress System in West Bengal: Electoral Strategies of the CPI in the 1950s', Journal of Political Studies (Journal of the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal), Volume 12, March-October 2016 (ISSN 2278-4039).

2010. Jana, Arun K., 'Ethnic Parties in Multi-Party Democracies of South Asia: India and Sri Lanka in a Comparative Perspective', International Journal of Ethnic and Social Studies, (Journal of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka), Volume I, No. 2, December, 2010 (ISSN 2012-712X)

2009. Jana, Arun K., 'Communalism and Indian Democracy, Journal of Political Science', (A Journal of the Post Graduate Department of Political Science), DAV College Jalandhar, Vol.V, No.1, April 2009.

2007. Jana, Arun K., Co-authored with Soumitra De, 'Democratic Decentralisation, Alleviation of Poverty and Administration of Scheduled Areas: A Focus on PESA', Indian Journal of Political Science, Vol. LXVIII, No. 1, Jan-Mar, 2007.

2006. Jana, Arun K., 'The BJP and the Politics of Hindutva, Journal of Political Science', (A Journal of the Post Graduate Department of Political Science), DAV College Jalandhar, Vol.II, No.2, Nov. 2006.

Online Resources/Articles

2017. Jana, Arun K., Title of the Module: 'Politics of New States', E Pathsala, UGC Online Resource, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

Book Chapters

2017. Jana, Arun K., 'Backwardness and Political Articulation of Backwardness in the North Bengal Region of West Bengal' in Ashutosh Kumar (ed.), Regions within Regions: Rethinking State Politics in India (Second Edition/South Asia Edition), Routledge, Oxon & New York Simultaneously, 2017, (ISBN 978-1-138-28283-4) Page Nos. 157-200.

2016. Jana, Arun K., 'Aggressive Capitalist Development, Displacement of Tribal's and Tribal Protests in Odisha in the Era of Liberalization (1991-2011)' in Surinder Kumar, C. S. Verma & Prashant K. Trivedi (eds) State and Capitalist Development in India: A Political Economy Perspective, Aaakar Books, New Delhi, 2016 (ISBN 978-93-5002-373-0) Page Nos. 163-186.

2015. Jana, Arun K., 'The Construction of a Kosli Identity and the Movement for a Separate State of Kosal in Western Odisha' in Sanjay K Roy & Rajatsubhra Mukhopadhyay (eds), Ethnicity in the East and North-East India, Gyan, New Delhi, 2015, ISBN (978-81-212-1255-7) Page Nos. 69-94

2013. Jana, Arun K., 'Aftermath of the Assam Movement: The AGP and Politics in Assam (1985-2011)' in Pradip Kumar Sengupta & Manas Chakrabarty (eds), Dissenting Voices, Collective Actions and Politics of Assertions: A Pan Indian Perspective, Levant Books, Kolkata, 2013 (ISBN: 978-93-80663-91-3) Page Nos. 34-77

2012. Jana, Arun K., 'The Indian National Movement: Ideological Discourse and Political Legacies' in Mahendra Prasad Singh & Subhendu Ranjan Raj (eds), The Indian Political System, Pearson, Delhi, 2012 (ISBN 978-81-317-6124-3). Page Nos. 22-41

2012. Jana, Arun K., 'Ethnic Minorities, the Politics of Identity and the State in Contemporary West Bengal', India in Padam Nepal & Anup Shekhar Chakraborty (eds),

Politics of Culture, Identity and Protest in North east India (Volume II), Authorspress, New Delhi, 2012, (ISBN 978-81-7273-626-2) Page Nos. 310-338

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2010. Jana, Arun K., 'Development and Democratic Decentralization in Assam Under Asom Gana Parishad Led Government (1996-2001)' in Arun K Jana & Maya Ghosh (eds), Development and Disorder: The Crises in Governance in the Northeast and East of India, South Asian Publishers, New Delhi, 2010 (ISBN 81-7003-326-8) Page Nos. 113-131

2008. Jana, Arun K., 'Development (?) and Identity Politics in West Bengal: The Kamtapur Movement in North Bengal' in Ashutosh Kumar & Bhupendar Brar (eds) Globalisation, Development and Identity Politics in India, Pearson-Longman, New Delhi, 2008 (ISBN 81-317-0787-3) Page Nos. 97-126

2007. Jana, Arun K., Co-Authored with Saha, Asok K., 'Education, Human Rights and Development' in Asok Saha (Authored), Education Society and Youth Development Dynamics, R. N. Bhattacharya, Kolkata, 2007 (ISBN: 81-87661-90-9).

2005. Jana, Arun K., 'Dalit Movement in Social Movement and Politics in India', Post Graduate Study Material in Political Science (MPSE-007), Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi, 2005 (ISBN 81-266-1824-8).

2005. Jana, Arun K., 'Political Parties and Party Systems, State Politics in India', Post Graduate Study Material in Political Science (MPSE-008), Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi, 2005 (ISBN 81-266-1602-4).

2004. Jana, Arun K., 'Working Class and Peasant Movements in India, India: Democracy and Development' (Book I), Post Graduate Study Material in Political Science, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi, 2004, (ISBN- 81-266-1213-4).

2002. Jana, Arun K., Co authored with Bhupen Sarmah, 'Introduction: Democracy and Multiplicity of Political Parties in India' in Arun K Jana & Bhupen Sarmah (eds), Class, Ideology and Political Parties in India, South Asian Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2002 (ISBN 81-7003-261-X) Page Nos. 1-18

2002 Jana, Arun K 'CPI (M), Government and the Politics of Working Class Mobilisation in West Bengal' in Arun K Jana & Bhupen Sarmah (eds), Class, Ideology and Political Parties in India, South Asian Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2002 (ISBN 81-7003-261-X) Page Nos. 209-240

Book Reviews

2009. Rakesh Gupta, The Use of Metaphor by Jawaharlal Nehru, Shubhi Publications, Gurgaon, 2007, **Journal of Contemporary Asia**, Vol. 39, No. 1, February 2009.

2005. Veena Kukreja, Contemporary Pakistan: Political Processes, Conflicts and Crisis, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2003, Published in **The Journal of Development Studies**, Volume 41, Number 3, April 2005.

2005. Paranjoy Guha Thakurtha & Shankar Raghuraman, A Time of Coalitions: Divided We Stand, Sage, New Delhi, 2004 published in the **Journal of Contemporary Asia**, Vol. 35 No.3, 2005.

4. Vidhu Verma, Malaysia: State and Civil Society in Transition, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder, London, 2002 published in the **Millennium: A Journal of International Affairs** (A Journal Published from the London School of Economics).

2004. Kanchan Chandra, Why do Ethnic Parties Succeed? Patronage and Ethnic Headcounts in India, Cambridge, Cambridge, 2004, Published in the **Ethnic Studies Report** (Journal of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies), Vol. XXII, No.1, January 2004.

2004. Lawrence Saez, Federalism without a Centre: The Impact of Political and Economic Reform on India's Federal System Sage, New Delhi, 2002 published in **Journal of Contemporary Asia**, Vol.34 No.1, January, 2004.

2003. Sucha Singh Gill (ed.) Land Reforms in India (Vol.6): Intervention for Agrarian Capitalist Transformation in Punjab and Haryana, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2001 published in **Journal of Peasant Studies**, (A Frank Cass Journal Published from United Kingdom) Vol 31/No.1, October, 2003.

2003. Anne Kruegger (ed.) Economic Policy Reforms and the Indian Economy, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2002 published in **Contemporary South Asia** Vol.12 (3) September 2003.

2003. Sangeeta Kamat, Development Hegemony: NGOs and the State in India, Sage, New Delhi, 2002 Published in **The Journal of Development Studies**, (A FRANK CASS JOURNAL Published from United Kingdom) Volume 39 Number 4 April 2003.

Publication of Book Chapters in Directorate of Distance Education (DDE) Study Materials for Students of PG in Political Science through the Distance Learning Mode

Chapters written for Part I Students for Course No. 1

Course Title: Western Political Thought

- 1. Plato
- 2. Aristotle
- 3. Church-State Controversy in the Medieval Period
- 4. Machiavelli
- 5. Thomas Hobbes
- 6. John Locke
- 7. J. S. Mill

Chapters written for Part II Students for Course No. 13

Course Title: Political Economy of Development

- 1. Origins and Growth of Economic Thinking and Classical Political Economy as an academic discipline
- 2. Decline and Fall of Classical Political Economy, Growth of Neo Classical Economics and J.M. Keynes
- 3. The Concept of Development
- 4. Origins and Development of Capitalism: Western Europe and Japan
- 5. Asiatic Mode of Production
- 6. Capitalist Development in the Third World
- 7. Imperialism: Marxist and Non Marxist theories
- 8. Theories of the State: Pluralist, Corporate and Elite Theories, The Marxist Theories of the State

Chapters written for Part II Students for Course No. 16 (Group D: Indian State and Society)

Course Title: Political Parties in India

- 1. The Evolution and the Nature of the Indian Party System
- 2. The Indian National Congress: From Dominance to Decline
- 3. The Political and Social Expansion of the BJP
- 4. The Indian Left: The CPI and the CPI (M)
- 5. The BSP: Origins, Growth and Ideology
- 6. Assam and the Asom Gano Parishad
- 7. Telugu Desam Party in Andhra Pradesh
- 8. DMK and the ADMK in Tamil Nadu

Unpublished Papers/Articles (Mimeo)

1. Backwardness and Identity Politics in the North Bengal Region of West Bengal

2. Ethnic Minorities, the Politics of Identity and the State in Contemporary West Bengal, India

3. Comparing late 19th Century Nationalism: Japan and India

4. Dalits and the Demand for Separate States in the North Bengal Region of West Bengal

5. Ethnic Minorities, Identity Politics and the Demands for Separate States in the North Bengal Region of West Bengal under the Left Front Regime

6. Ethnic Organisations and the Construction of Ethnic Identities in Western Odisha: Some Preliminary Observations

7. Ethnic Parties and State Party Systems in India (1991-2004)

8. Ethnic Parties, Social Conflict and Democracy in Post Congress Dominated India

9. Indian Federalism and the Sixth Schedule Provisions of the Constitution

10. Liberalisation of the India Economy and the Demand for Resources by State Governments in Federal India

11. New Economic Policy and the Political Economy of Poverty Alleviation in Rural India (1991-2001)

12. Political Leadership and Populism in India: Regional Party Leaders and Populist Mobilisation in Eastern India since 2000

13. Political Participation and the Issue of Substantive Democracy in the North Bengal Region of West Bengal (1977-2007)

14. State Policy: The Politics of Land Reforms and Decentralisation in Rural Areas

15. The Agrarian Roots of Identity Politics in West Bengal: the Movement for Separate Kamtapur State in North Bengal

16. The Construction of a Kosli Identity and the Movement for a Separate State of Kosal in Western Odisha

17. The Development (?) of Rajbansis under the Left Front Regime and Identity Politics in North Bengal

18. The Forgotten Men and Their Strike: The Railways Strike of 1974 and the Indian State

19. The General Election of 2014: India

20. The Kosli Identity, the Kosal Kranti Dal and the Demand for Separate State of Kosal

21. The Marginalised Rajbansis in Underdeveloped North Bengal: Analysing the Roots of Identity Politics in the Region

22. The Perceptions of Justice and Injustice in the Movements for Separate States in Eastern India

23. The Sixth Schedule of the Constitution and Federal India

24. The State and its Indigenous People: Tribal Impoverishment, Protest and State Response in Eastern India in the Era of Liberalisation

25. The State and Mass literacy among Ethnic and Religious Minorities in West Bengal since 1977

26. The State and the Tribal's in the Era of Liberalisation in Eastern India.

27. Tribal Discontent and Identity Politics in Contemporary West Bengal and Orissa

28. Turmoil in the Hills: The GJMM and the Renewed Agitation for a Separate State of 'Gorkhaland' in Darjeeling, West Bengal

29. Movement for a Separate State of Kosal in Western Odisha: The Early Phase

30. Understanding Underdevelopment in the North Bengal Region of West Bengal: Probing the Literacy Situation in the Districts

31. Liberalisation of the Indian Economy, Poverty Alleviation in Rural India and MGNREGA (1991-2001)

32. The Question of Autonomy of the States and the Indian Left: An Assessment of CPI (M)'S Position

33. The State and its Labour: Labour Policies of the Left Front Government in West Bengal Since 1977

Journals Edited

1. Journal of POLITICAL STUDIES (ISSN 2278-4039), March 2012 Volume 6, Issue Annual Journal of the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal.

2: Journal of POLITICAL STUDIES (ISSN 2278-4039), Volume 7, March 2013 Issue Annual Journal of the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal.

3. Journal of POLITICAL STUDIES (ISSN 2278-4039), Volume 8, October, Annual Journal of the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal.

RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

2018. Title of the Research Project: **The Movement for Separate State of Kamtapur and Greater Cooch Behar in North Bengal**, Project undertaken under SAP DRS III Project scheme of the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal, 2018.

Project funded by: University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi SAP DRS III Programme of the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal.

Abstract of the Project

The project focus on the Kamtapur People's Party (KPP) led Kamtapur movement and the GCPA led Greater Cooch Behar Movement. The movements though become powerful at times but in recent years both the KPP and the GCPA had suffered a decline in their support and had weakened which is reflected in the decline in the intensity of their activities and also in the poor performance of both the organisations in the elections held in recent years. The movements seems to have lost steam largely because of defection of the members and supporters of the organisations to the Trinamul Congress which had emerged as a strong force from the 2008 panchayat elections followed by the 2011 state assembly in which it emerged victorious. Some of the top level leaders of both the organisations had defected to the Trinamul. Several supporters of both the organisations had left the GCPA and also the KPP causing the weakening of both the organisations. But even though the KPP and the Greater Cooch Behar demanding organisations have declined but in future there is a possibility that the movements may be able to draw the support of the Rajbansis and others in Cooch Behar considering that it is a district which is underdeveloped and backward and considering Cooch Behar was a Princely State before its merger with India, and most importantly because during our interviews we have found that the overwhelming Rajbansis are in favour of a separate state.

2018. Title of the Research Project: **The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and the Politics of Identity in North West Odisha (2000-2016),** Project Report Submitted to the University of North Bengal, 2018.

Project funded by: University of North Bengal

Abstract of the Project

The formation of the state of Jharkhand in 2000 by bi-furcating the state of Bihar only created problems for the Jharkhand demanding parties in the states of Odisha and West Bengal. The non inclusion of the tribal dominated districts of other states within the state of Jharkhand created problems for the JMM. Left with no other option, the JMM started mobilising on the issue of 'Greater Jharkhand' in the region and claimed that the formation of the Jharkhand state is not yet complete and since then it had demanded the inclusion of the districts of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Sundargarh within the proposed state of 'Greater Jharkhand'. The JMM and others

are active and mobilise support on the issue of 'Greater Jharkhand' and in Odisha have social and electoral support in these districts, which lies in the North Western part of the state. Hence they still attempt to construct a Jharkhandi identity in this part of the state. The central research questions which the study answers are; how does the JMM mobilise support in favour of its principal demand for inclusion of the districts within the state of Jharkhand? What are the other issues raised by the JMM from time to time along with its principal demand? What is the support base of the JMM in the region? How successful it has been in the elections which it had contested? The answers to these questions have been given in different sections of the report.

2013. Title/Subject of Research Project: Underdevelopment, Identity Politics and the Demand for Separate States in Orissa (Odisha) and West Bengal [Project No. F. No.2-080/2010-RP] Major Project

Date of Commencement: 26/03/2011

Date of Submission: Two year Project but submitted after two extensions each of six months duration.

Sponsoring/Funding Agency: Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.

[Project No. F. No.2-080/2010-RP]

Abstract

The study deals with the four movements for separate states in eastern India. In the northern region of West Bengal there is a strong demand for the formation of a separate state of 'Gorkhaland' consisting of the hills and plains of Darjeeling and parts of Jalpaiguri district. Apart from this there are also demands for the formation of a separate state of 'Kamtapur' and 'Greater Cooch Behar'. The territorial claims of these two demands overlap considerably. Similarly in the eastern state of Odisha there is a demand for the formation of separate state of Kosal in Western Odisha. Out of the two, the demand for a separate state of Kosal is much more organised and strong. At the moment, it is the Kosal Kranti Dal (KOKD) which is spearheading the movement for a separate state of Kosal. The questions that I address in the study are; Why these demands for separate states? Or in other words what are the reasons behind these demands? Which are the organisations that are leading the movements? What do they claim? What do they allege? What is the social base of these organisations or parties? To what extent they have succeeded electorally and socially? Apart from underdevelopment and backwardness how is the question of identity important? What are the other arguments that are being advanced? Do they also advance the argument of 'smaller states better governance', 'smaller state better political participation', 'smaller state better administrative convenience' etc.

We have argued in the concluding part of the project report that all the demands for separate states are located in the backward regions or the district of the respective states and hence the ethnic organisations that mobilise support in favour of the demand for separate states or autonomy raise the issue of backwardness, separate linguistic and cultural identity, smaller states better governance etc. Organisations like the GJM could mobilise all the sections of the hills in support of its demand for a separate state of Darjeeling but the other organisations like the KPP or GCPA had failed yet to get the support of the mass or the sections which they seek to mobilise. The Kosal movement in western Odisha as it stands today has not received support from all the sections of the society in western Odisha. The movement has the support of the urban educated elites which includes the professional classes like lawyers, businessmen, ex-servicemen etc. The movement is urban based and the organisations that mainly spearhead the movement, the KOKD like the WOPF and the KSP is an urban based political party. Even though these organisations are weak but in future particularly after the formation of a separate state of Telangana it appears that these organisations will resort to greater political mobilisation and grow and, the movement will intensify in future.

2010. Title of the Research Project: **Aftermath of the Assam Movement: The AGP and Politics in Assam (1985-2011),** Project undertaken under SAP DRS II of the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal.

Project funded by: University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi SAP DRS II Programme of the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal

Abstract (In Brief) of the Project

In this project which was published in the form of a long paper we look at the phenomenon of the AGP in Assam. We look at the AGP with a focus on its birth with the Assam movement, the constitution of the party, the frontal organs of the party, the policies and programmes it adopted when it was in power in the state for two terms (1985-1990 and 1996-2001) and then we look at the party when out of power. Then we finally arrive at a conclusion. The entire discussion is carried on in several sections and subsections.

2011. Title of the Research Project: **Nehru and the Issue of Substantive Democracy in India (1947-1964)** submitted to the Centre for Nehru Studies, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal.

Project funded by: University Grants Commission, New Delhi funded **Centre for Nehru Studies**, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal.

2009. Title of the Research Project: Gandhi's Critique of the Modern Industrial Civilisation and his Alternative for India' submitted to the Centre for Gandhian Studies, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal, 2009.

Project funded by: University Grants Commission, New Delhi funded **Centre for Gandhian Studies**, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal.

2006. Title/Subject of Research Project: Political Parties in Power: An Assessment of Regional Party Led Governments in Four Indian States: 1995-2002

Date of Commencement: 1.1.2005

Tenure of the Project: 1.1.2005 to 31.12.2006

Date of Submission: Submitted after extension on 24.09.2007

Sponsoring/Funding Agency: University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi

Political Parties in Power: An Assessment of Regional Party Led Governments in Four Indian States: 1995-2002 (Project Summary)

In India the Regional parties were increasingly successful at the national and state level in the 1990s and formed governments almost at the same period starting from 1995 and all the parties remained in office until the end of their term. With the assumption of office by the prominent Regional parties starting from the mid of 1990s several questions became important relating to how, did these parties perform when they acquired power at the state level? Did they perform in accordance to the expectation of the people? Where they able to fulfill their election promises? How did they handle the state level institutions? Why was it, that almost all the parties and their allies (except the TDP which remained in office for two terms till 2004) were voted out of power when the next elections were held? What are the problems which the regional parties confront when they are elected to power? What sort of regional party can perform better in the states under the existing constitutional arrangement? Answers to all the questions have been probed in the study. We have focused mainly on the manner in which and how it used the democratic institutions and how it performed in the economic front.

The specific questions that the study addressed are what were the content's of the economic policies the regional parties pursued when in power? How were the policies different from the policies of the national party led governments? How populist were these policies? Whether the parties were able to pursue these policies throughout their tenure? How did the policies affect the different classes in the societies of these states? Is it possible to relate these parties with any class or coalition of classes at the state level on the basis of the policies? Did the Regional Parties contributed to the consolidation and development of democratic institutions at the state level when in power? Out of the four governments which government performed better in the states under the existing constitutional arrangement? It focuses on the question of democracy and economic policy. The question of democracy has become crucial since political parties are considered as agents for preserving and strengthening democratic institutions. Did the Regional Parties contributed to the

general economic growth or development of the state? Did they help in the building, development and consolidation of democratic institutions at the state level. At the concluding we have attempted to make a comparative assessment of the performance of these governments at the state level.

2005. Post Doctoral Fellow at the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Kandy, Sri Lanka from July 2005 till November 2005.

Title of the Post Doctoral Project: Ethnic Parties in Multi-Party Democracies of South Asia: India and Sri Lanka in a Comparative Perspective

Abstract of the Project Undertaken

Recent times have seen a massive augmentation of the potency of ethnic power throughout South Asia. In India, the expansion of ethnic parties has affected the party system at the national level, which now manifests features of a bipolar system. Similarly in Sri Lanka, within the last two decades, there has been a growth in the prominence of ethnic forces representing both minority and majority ethnic communities. These parties have often been credited with the consolidation and development of democracy in academic literature. Although to some extend this is true, a careful analysis reveals that some of these ethnic forces often induce conflicts in the society predominantly because some of them pursue aggressive strategies.

The study has attempted to compare the role of ethnic parties in the sustenance and promotion of democracy of India and Sri Lanka. It is argued here, that the relationship between ethnic forces and democracy should not be assumed to be a direct one. Some of these forces foster ethnic conflict. The extent of conflict they generate in a society would depend upon the ethnic composition of the society (or State in the Indian context) in which they operate, the nature of the organisational structure of the forces themselves, and the mobilization strategy they adopt.

Administrative Positions held

Head Department of Life Learning and Extension (DLLE), University of North Bengal from 5th January 2017 to 23rd April 2018.

Head of the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal for Two years, February 17, 2012 to February 16, 2014

Served as Registrar (Officiating), University of North Bengal for Six Months, October 1, 2012-March 31, 2013

Conferences and Seminars Attended

a. Papers at International Conferences

1. Attended and presented a paper in the 2019 Asian Political and International Studies Association Conference (APISA) on 'Human Security, Multiculturalism and Democracy' held in the Faculties of Humanities, Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok, Thailand held on 24-25 October 2019.

Title/Subject of the Paper Presented: The Ascendance of Hindu Nationalism and the Issue of Community Security of the Muslims in India's Plural Society

Subject of the Conference: Human Security, Multiculturalism and Democracy

Duration: 24th & 25th October 2019

2. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the 10th ICSSR-NRCT (Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and National Research Council of Thailand) seminar organized by the ICSSR on 6th & 07th September 2016 at Hotel Metropolitan, New Delhi.

Title/Subject of the Paper Presented: Democratic Constitutionalism: The Indian Experience.

Subject of the Conference: Democracy and Governance in India and Thailand

Duration: 6th & 7th September 2016

3. Attended, Participated and presented a paper at the International Seminar on 'Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy', Department of Political Science, Bankura University in Collaboration with Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi on 10th -11th November, 2016.

Title/Subject of the Paper Presented: The Construction of a Kosli Identity and the Movement for a Separate State of Kosal in Western Odisha

Subject of the Conference: Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy.

Duration: 10th -11th November, 2016.

4. Attended, Participated and presented a paper at the First Asian Conference on Human Security, organized by the Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA) held in Overseas Chinese University, Taichung, Taiwan from the 5th till 6th of May, 2016.

Title/Subject of the Paper Presented: The Indian State and the Rural Poor in the Age of Economic Reforms: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and Economic security in Rural India.

Duration: The 5^{th} till the 6^{th} of May, 2016.

5. Attended, Participated and presented a paper at the 9th Annual conference of the Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA) held in Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia from the 11th till the 12 September, 2015.

Title/Subject of the Paper Presented: Reforming the Electoral System in India: The Recommendations in the Era of Liberalisation.

Subject of the Conference: *Asia in 2015 and Beyond: New Challenges and Governance Agendas*

Duration: *T*he 11th till the 12th of September, 2015.

6. Attended, Participated and presented a paper at the 8th conference of the Asian Political and International Studies Association held in Chiang Mai University, Thailand from the 19th till the 20th of September 2014.

Title/Subject of Paper Presented: Underdevelopment and Identity Politics: Ethnic Organisations and the Demand for Separate States in Eastern India

Subject of Conference/Seminar/Symposium/Workshop: An Agenda for Asia: Human Security Conflict Management, Security Sector Reform and Local Democratization

Organizing Institution/ and Name of City/Country: Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Duration: From 19th September to 20th September, 2014

7. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the ICHR Sponsored International Seminar on 'Memoirs and History-Exploring New Dimensions' organised by the Department of History, University of North Bengal held on May 23rd-25th, 2011.

Title of the Paper Presented: The Forgotten Men and their Strike: The Railways Strike of 1974 and the Indian State.

Theme of the Seminar: 'Memoirs and History-Exploring New Dimensions'

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of History, University of North Bengal, West Bengal, India

Duration: May 23rd-25th, 2011.

8. Attended, Participated and presented two papers at the 21st European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies organised by European Association for South Asian Studies held in the University of Bonn, Germany from 26th till 29th July, 2010.

Title of the Papers presented

a. Confronting the 'Congress System' in West Bengal: Strategies of Political and Electoral Mobilization of the CPI in the 1950s.

Paper was presented under the Panel: Communism Compared (Panel No. 34 HS 4)

b. Ethnic Minorities, Identity Politics and the Demands for Separate States in the North Bengal region of West Bengal under the Left Front Regime

Paper was presented under the Panel: Bengal Studies (Panel 23, HS 4)

Organizing Institution/ and Name of City/Country: European Association for South Asian Studies held in the Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of Bonn, Germany.

Duration: From 26th till 29th July, 2010.

9. Attended, Participated and presented a paper at the Annual Conference of British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS) held in Berkbeck College, University of London, London, United Kingdom held from 19th to 21st of April, 2006.

Title of the Paper/Subject presented: Ethnic Parties in Multi Party Democracies of South Asia: India and Sri Lanka in a Comparative Perspective

Organizing Institution/ and Name of City/Country: Berkbeck College, University of London, London, United Kingdom

Duration From: 19th April to 21st April, 2006.

10. Attended, Participated and Presented a paper at the Conference on "Ethnic Minorities in Asia: Subjects or Citizens" Organised by Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore 25-26 June 2009.

Title of the Paper Presented: Ethnic Minorities, the Politics of Identity and the State in Contemporary Wet Bengal, India

Subject of Conference/Seminar/Symposium/Workshop: Ethnic Minorities in Asia: Subjects or Citizens

Organizing Institution/ and Name of City/Country: Asia Research Institute, Singapore University, Singapore

Duration: From: 25th June to 26st June, 2009.

Papers Accepted for Presentation in International Conferences but failed or declined to attend.

2020. Paper Abstract accepted for presentation: The 11th Asian Conference on the Social Sciences (ACSS2020) to be held in Tokyo, May 24-27, 2020. (Declined to Attend)

Title of the Abstract: The Ascendance of Hindu Nationalism and the Issue of Community Security of the Muslims in India's Plural Society under the stream 'Politics, Public Policy, Law & Criminology'.

2020. Paper Abstract accepted for presentation: British Association for South Asian Studies Conference, 2020 to be held in University of Southampton, United Kingdom April 1-April- 3rd April, 2020. (The Annual Conference was cancelled because of COVID 19)

Title of the Abstract: Economic Reforms, Liberalisation of the India Economy and the Demand for Resources by State Governments in Federal India

2018. Paper Abstract accepted for presentation: 25th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, to be held in Brisbane (Australia), 21-25 July 2018, with the theme Borders and Margins.

Title of the Abstract: 'Political Leadership and Populism in India: Regional Party Leaders and Populist Mobilisation in Eastern India in the 21st Century' was accepted in the panel: **The Institutionalization of Populist Movements.**

2018. Paper Abstract accepted for presentation: APISA 2018 Conference in Indonesia

Title of the Abstract: Democracy, Development and the Socially Excluded in Asia's Largest Democracy, India.

2017. Paper Abstract accepted for presentation: 11TH Conference of the APISA, at the College of ASEAN Community Studies, Naresuan University, Phitsanulok, Thailand, October, 20-21, 2017

Title of the Abstract: The Marginalized in 'New' India: The Indigenous People in the Era of Liberalisation and Globalisation

2017. Paper Abstract accepted for presentation: 23rd IFSSO General Conference, Bali, Indonesia, September, 11-12, 2017

Title of the Abstract: The Marginalized in 'New' India: The Indigenous People in the Era of Liberalisation and Globalisation

2016. Paper Abstract accepted for presentation: ICON-IR Conference on Human Security: Safeguarding and Empowering People, 27th October, 2016, Bandung, Indonesia

Title of the Abstract: Securing the Poor in India: State Policies and Economic Security for the Rural Poor in the Age of Globalization

2016. Paper Abstract accepted for presentation: International Political Science Association Congress 24th International Political Science Association World Congress of Political Science in Istanbul, Turkey (IIPSA) 2016.

Title of the Abstract: Liberalisation of the India Economy and the Demand for Resources by State Governments in Federal India.

2012. Paper Abstracts accepted for presentation: International Political Science Association, 2012 Madrid Congress Session

Title of the Abstracts:

a. The Shrinking Welfare State and the Tribal's: Tribal Distress, Tribal Protest and State Response in Eastern India in the Era of Liberalisation (1991-2011)

Paper was to be presented under the Panel: Towards a New Role of the Welfare State?: Between the Rule Maker and the Rule Taker

b. The Political Use of 'Language' in Movements for Separate States by Ethnic Minorities in India.

Paper was to be presented under the Panel Chair: Ethno-Linguistic Mobilisation and Vernacular Languages in a Globalised Context.

b. Papers Presented at National Conferences and Seminars

1. Attended, Participated and Presented a Paper in the 21st IPEA Conference, held in Department of Management Studies (DMS), Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, December 8-9, 2017.

Title of the Paper Presented: The State and the Marginalized in 'New' India: The Tribal's in the Era of Economic Reforms

Subject of the Conference: Inclusive and Sustainable Development: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives

Duration of the Conference: December 8-9, 2017

2. Attended, participated and presented a paper in the 15th Annual Conference of the Indian Political Economy Association held in Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow from Nov.15-16, 2014.

Title of the Paper Presented: Aggressive Capitalist Development, Displacement of Tribal's and Tribal Protests in Odisha in the Era of Liberalisation (1991-2011)

Subject of Conference/Seminar/Symposium/Workshop: Development, Displacement and Violence

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Indian Political Economy Association & Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow, India

Duration of the Conference: From November 15th to 16th, 2014

3. Attended, participated and presented a paper in Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi organised on 3rd and 4th March 2011.

Title of the Paper Presented: The State and Mass literacy among Ethnic and Religious Minorities in West Bengal since 1977

Subject of Conference/Seminar/Symposium/Workshop: Mass Literacy and Basic Life Skills: The Unfinished Modernist Project in India

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Duration: From 3^{rd} and 4^{th} March 2011.

4. Attended, participated and presented a paper at the 39th Annual Regional Science Association Conference held at Department of Commerce, University of North Bengal University, Darjeeling in January 25-25, 2008.

Title of the Paper presented: Political Participation and the Issue of Substantive Democracy in North Bengal Region of West Bengal (1977-2007)

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Commerce, University of North Bengal University, Darjeeling.

Duration: January 25-25, 2008.

5. Attended, Participated and Presented a paper in the Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions in the Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore on the 29th and 30th of April, 2005.

Title of the Paper Presented: Ethnic Parties and State Party Systems in India (1991-2004)

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Indian Association of Social Science Institutions in Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore

Duration: 29th and 30th of April, 2005.

6. Attended, Participated and Presented a Paper in the VIIth Indian Political Economy Association (IPEA) Conference held in ST. Joseph's College, Darjeeling on 17-19 November 2000.

Theme of the Conference: "India's Development Experience"; "Regional Autonomy"

Title of the Paper Presented: The State and its Labour: Labour Policies of the Left Front Government in West Bengal Since 1977

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: ST. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, West Bengal.

National Seminars

1. Attended, Participated and Presented a paper in the Department of Political Science, University of Gour Banga, Malda, West Bengal, India, held on July 20 & 21, 2017 on 'Challenges to Indian Polity: Concepts and Issues'.

Title of the Paper Presented: 'The Marginalized in the Era of Economic Reforms: The State and the Tribal's in the New Indian Polity and Society'.

Theme of the Seminar: Challenges to Indian Polity: Concepts and Issues

2. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the International Seminar on Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy organised by the Department of Political Science, Bankura University, West Bengal, India in Collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi from 10-11 November, 2016.

Title of the Paper Presented: Identity Politics in a Tribal Inhabited Region: Kosal Kranti Dal (KOKD) and the Construction of Kosli Identity in Western Odisha.

Theme of the Seminar: Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy

Duration: 10-11 November, 2016

3. Attended, Participated and Presented a paper in UGC Sponsored National seminar in the Department of Political Science, Bhawanipur Anchalik College, Bhawanipur, Barpeta, Assam held on 26th and 27th June, 2015 on 'The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution: Its Amendments, Expectation, Fallacy and Future Paradigm'.

Title of the Paper Presented: 'The Sixth Schedule of the Constitution and Federal India'

Theme of the Seminar: 'The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution: Its Amendments, Expectation, Fallacy and Future Paradigm'.

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Political Science, Bhawanipur Anchalik College, Bhawanipur, Barpeta, Assam (Sponsored by the UGC)

4. Attended, Participated and Presented a Paper in the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, Kolkata, 23rd-24th March, 2015 on 'Resource Conflict, Democracy and Federalism: The South Asian Context' under UGC-DRS Project Phase, on 'Democratic Governance of Indian States: Comparative Perspectives'.

Title of the Paper Presented: Liberalisation of the Indian Economy and the Demand for Resources by State Governments in Federal India

Theme of the Seminar: Resource Conflict, Democracy and Federalism: The South Asian Context

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, Kolkata under UGC-DRS Project Phase, on 'Democratic Governance of Indian States: Comparative Perspectives'.

Duration: 23rd-24th March, 2015

5. Attended, Participated and Presented a Paper in the Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Amedkar University, Lucknow in the seminar on 'Emerging Trends and Dynamics in Indian Politics', Dated 21st and 22nd March 2015 sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

Title of the Paper Presented: Underdevelopment, The Construction of Kosli Ethnic Identity and the Demand for a separate state of Kosal in Western Odisha

Theme of the Seminar: Emerging Trends and Dynamics in Indian Politics

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

Duration: 21st and 22nd March 2015

6. Attended, Participated and Presented a paperin the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Development Strategies of India: Its Socio-Economic and Political Impact' held on 27th and 28th June, 2014 at Baranagar College, Sorbhog, Assam.

Title of the Paper Presented: States and the Tribal's in Eastern India in the era of Liberalisation.

Theme of the Seminar: Development Strategies of India: It's Socio-Economic and Political Impact

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Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Baranagar College, Sorbhog, Assam.

Duration: 27th and 28th June, 2014

7. Attended, Participated and Presented a paper in the Regional Symposium on 'Justice in Transition' jointly organized by the Department of Law, University of North Bengal Department of Management, University of North Bengal & Calcutta Research Group held on 16th August, 2012 at the Conference Hall, University of North Bengal.

Title of the Paper Presented: The Perception of Justice and injustice in the movements for Separate States in eastern India

Theme of the Seminar: Justice in Transition

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Law, University of North Bengal Department of Management, University of North Bengal & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

Duration: 16th August 2012

8. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the National Seminar on 'Modes of Ethnic Identity Construction in India' organized by the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal under the Special Assistance Programme of the UGC on 10-11 March 2012.

Title of the Paper Presented: Ethnic Organisations and the Construction of Ethnic Identities in Western Odisha: Some Preliminary Observations.

Theme of the Seminar: Modes of Ethnic Identity Construction in India

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal under the Special Assistance Programme of the UGC.

Duration: 10-11 March 2012.

9. Attended, Participated and Presented a Paper in Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati on 'Neo Liberal State and its Challenges', during December 20-21, 2011.

Title of the Paper Presented: The State and its Indigenous People: Tribal Impoverishment, Protest and State Response in Eastern India in the Era of Liberalisation.

Theme of the Seminar: Neo Liberal State and its Challenges

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati

Duration: December 20-21, 2011.

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10. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the ICSSR sponsored national seminar on 'Social Exclusion and Conflict in Northeast India' organised by the Institute of Tai Studies & Research Moranhat, Assam on January 8-9, 2011.

Title of the Paper Presented: The Development of the Rajbanshis under the Left Front Regime and the Politics of Identity in North Bengal

Theme of the Seminar: Social Exclusion and Conflict in Northeast India

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Institute of Tai Studies & Research, Moranhat, Assam

Duration: January 8-9, 2011.

11 Attended, participated and presented a paper in the Seminar organised by the Department of History, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal on the 6th of December 2010.

Subject of Conference/Seminar/Symposium/Workshop: Late 19th century India and Japan, Comparative Nationalism: Syed Ahmed Khan and Fukuzawa Yukichi.

Title of the Paper Presented: The Origins and Growth of Capitalism and Nationalism in Japan after the Meiji Restoration of 1868, and the thinking of Fukuzawa Yukichi.

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Organised by the Department of History of University of North Bengal & The United States-India Educational Foundation, India.

12. Attended, Participated and Presented a paper in the ICSSR sponsored seminar on 'Regional Backwardness: Social Consequences and Concerns', Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal, 17th to 19th May 2010.

Title of the Paper Presented: Underdevelopment, Poor Adivasis and Forms of Protest in Contemporary Orissa and West Bengal

Theme of the Seminar: Regional Backwardness: Social Consequences and Concerns

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal

Duration: 17th to 19th May 2010.

13. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the seminar 'Ethnicity and Social Unrest' organized by the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal, 29th to 30th March 2010.

Title of the Paper Presented: The GJMM and the Agitation for a Separate State of 'Gorkhaland' in Darjeeling.

Theme of the Seminar: Ethnicity and Social Unrest

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal.

Duration: 29th to 30th March 2010.

14. Attended, Participated and Presented a paper in the UGC sponsored National seminar on "Assertion of the Regions: Exploring the Demand for New States in India" Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 22-23 February, 2010.

Title of the Paper Presented: Turmoil in the Hills: The GJMM and the Renewed Agitation for a Separate State of 'Gorkhaland' in Darjeeling, West Bengal

Theme of the Seminar: Assertion of the Regions: Exploring the Demand for New States in India

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Duration: 22-23 February, 2010.

15. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the UGC sponsored National seminar on 'The Other Side of Politics: People's Movement in India', Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 13-14th March, 2008.

Title of the Paper Presented: The Forgotten Men and Their Strike: The Railway Strike of 1974.

Theme of the Seminar: The Other Side of Politics: People's Movement in India

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Duration: 13-14th March, 2008.

16. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the National Seminar on 'Contemporary Society: Issues and Problems Gender and Development Ethnic Identity and Movement' held in the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal on the 4th of January 2008.

Title of the Paper presented: Ethnic Parties, Ethnic Mobilisation and Democracy in India

Theme of the Seminar: Contemporary Society: Issues and Problems Gender and Development, Ethnic Identity and Movement

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal

Duration: 4th of January 2008.

17. Attended, Participated and Presented a paper in the UGC sponsored National seminar on Regions within Regions: Rethinking State Politics in India in the Department of Political Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh, 26-27 February 2007.

Title of the Paper Presented: Backwardness and Political Articulation of Backwardness in the North Bengal Region of West Bengal

Theme of the Seminar: Regions within Regions: Rethinking State Politics in India

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Political Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Duration: 26-27 February 2007.

18. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the National seminar on 'Society in India: Structure, Change and Sustainable Development' in the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal, 11-13 April, 2007.

Title of the Paper Presented: Backwardness and the Politics of Identity in the North Bengal Region of West Bengal

Theme of the Seminar: Society in India: Structure, Change and Sustainable Development

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal

Duration: 11-13 April, 2007.

19. Attended, Participated and presented a paper in the UGC sponsored National seminar on 'Politics of Globalisation, Identity and Development' in the Department of Political Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh (23-24 March, 2005)

Title of the Paper Presented: Pro Poor Development and the Roots of Identity Politics in West Bengal

Theme of the Seminar: Politics of Globalisation, Identity and Development

Organizing Institution/and Name of the City/Country: Department of Political Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Duration: 23-24 March, 2005

(iii) Invited Lectures

2019. Delivered a lecture entitled "General Elections 2019; Democratic Awareness and Voting Behaviour at the Grassroots Level" at Indian Institute of Legal Studies, Siliguri, Darjeeling, 2nd of March, 2019.

Theme of the Conference/Seminar: General Elections 2019; Democratic Awareness and Voting Behaviour at the Grassroots Level

Organising Institution: Indian Institute of Legal Studies, Siliguri, Darjeeling

Duration of the Seminar: 2nd of March, 2019

2019. Lectures Delivered on 25.02.2019 at HRDC, Golapbag, Burdwan University [2nd Refresher Course in International Relations held from 06.02.2019 to 26.02.2019].

Title of the Lectures Delivered

02:15 PM - 03:45 PM: International political economy: Marxist & Neo-Marxist theories

03:45 PM - 05:15 PM: English school in International Relations

2018. Keynote address delivered in the 63rd All India Adult Education Conference held at the University of North Bengal from November 27-29, 2018.

Title of the Address Delivered: The State and Rural Development: The Issue of Poverty Alleviation and Literacy in Independent India.

2018. Delivered a special Lecture in the One-day Research Methodology Training Workshop on 16.03.2018 organised by the Department of Economics, University of North Bengal.

Title of the Lecture Delivered: The Importance of Research Question/Questions in Research Methodology

Date: 16.03.2018

Organising Institution: Department of Economics, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal.

2018. Special Lectures Delivered at the Summer School organised by the Department of Political Science on behalf of the Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), University of Calcutta, Kolkata on the 19th and 20th of September, 2018.

Title of the Lectures Delivered:

a. Politics of New States: The Kosal Movement in Western Odisha.

b. Evolution of the Indian Party System

2015. Key note address delivered in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on 'Employment Guarantee and Rural Regeneration: An Appraisal' organized by Tufanganj Mahavidyalay, Tufanganj, Cooch Behar and B.T and Evening College, Cooch Behar held on December 3rd and 4th December, 2015.

Title of the Address: Liberalisation of the Indian Economy, Poverty Alleviation in Rural India and MGNREGA (1991-2001)

2014. Participated in the Special Round Table on 'Super-Election Year in Retrospective: The Democratic Process in South Asia' organized by South Asia Democratic Forum, Brussels, Belgium at the APISA 8 Conference, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 19-20 September 2014.

Title of the Address: The General Elections 2014 in India

2012. Special Lecture delivered to Post-Graduate students under the UGC Merged Scheme 2011-12 in the Department of Political Science, Vidyasagar University on 29th March 2012.

Title of the Special Lecture delivered: Contemporary Theories of Development

Organisation Institution: Department of Political Science, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal.

Date of Lecture: 29/3/2012

2007. Special Lecture delivered in the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, University of Pune, Pune, Maharashtra in early March 2007.

Title of the Special Lecture delivered: Ethnic Parties and Democracy in India and Sri Lanka.

2007. Special Lecture delivered in the Department of Civics and Politics, Bombay University, Mumbai, Maharashtra in late February 2007.

Title of the Special Lecture delivered: Liberalism

2006. Special Lecture delivered in the Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 12.08.2006.

Title of the Special Lecture delivered: Ethnic Parties in Multi-Party Democracies of South Asia: The Case of India and Sri Lanka

2005. Special Lecture delivered at the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka in November, 2005 as a part of the Post Doctoral programme. Was a Post Doctoral Fellow at the ICES, Kandy from July 2005 till November 2005.

Title of the Special Lecture delivered: Ethnic Parties in Multi-Party Democracies of South Asia

Chairing Sessions during Seminars, Conferences and Workshops

2020. Chaired a session in the One day International seminar under UGC SAP 'Social Movements and Democratic Process in India' organised by the Department of Political Science, North Bengal University on 6th March, 2020.

Theme of the National Seminar: Social Movements and Democratic Process in India

2020. Chaired a session in the One day International seminar 'Rethinking State and Civil Society' organised by the Department of Political Science, North Bengal University on. March 5th, 2020.

Theme of the National Seminar/Conference: Rethinking State and Civil Society

2019. Chaired a session in the One day International seminar UGC SAP DRS International Seminar on 'Social Movements and Development Issues', 8th to 9th March, 2019.

Theme of the National Seminar/Conference: Social Movements and Development Issues

2016. Chaired a technical session in the International Seminar on 'Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy' organised by the Department of Political Science, Bankura University, West Bengal, India in Collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi from 10-11 November, 2016.

Theme of the Technical Session: DISCOURSING THE PERIPHERIES: VOICES FROM THE MARGINS (Time: 3.00 pm-4:00 pm), ROOM NO: 102

2016. Chaired a session in the 17th Annual Conference of West Bengal Political Science Association held at Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri on 5th-6th March, 2016.

Theme of the Technical Session Chaired: Indian Politics with special Emphasis in the State Politics (Panel 3).

2015. Chaired a technical session in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on 'Employment Guarantee and Rural Regeneration: An Appraisal' organized by Tufanganj Mahavidyalay, Tufanganj, Cooch Behar and B.T and Evening College, Cooch Behar held on December 3rd and 4th December, 2015.

Theme of the National Seminar/Conference: Employment Guarantee and Rural Regeneration: An Appraisal

2015. Chaired 2 technical session's (Technical session I on 26/06/2015 & Technical session II on 27.06.2015 in UGC Sponsored National seminar in the Department of Political Science, Bhawanipur Anchalik College, Bhawanipur, Barpeta, Assam held on 26th and 27th June, 2015.

Theme of the National Seminar: The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution: Its Amendments, Expectation, Fallacy and Future Paradigm'

2015. Chaired a technical session in the seminar organised by the Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Amedkar University, Lucknow and sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi held on 21st and 22nd March 2015.

Theme of the National Seminar: Emerging Trends and Dynamics in Indian Politics, Dated 21st and 22nd March 2015 sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

2014. Chaired a technical session in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Development Strategies of India: Its Socio-Economic and Political Impact' held on 27th and 28th June, 2014 at Baranagar College, Sorbhog, Assam on 27th and 28th June, 2014

Theme of the National Seminar: Development Strategies of India: It's Socio-Economic and Political Impact

2012. Chaired three sessions and acted as a resource person in a workshop on Methods of Research and Proposal writing on the 30th June and 1st July 2012 in OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, Assam.

Theme of the Workshop: Methods of Research and Proposal writing

Organising Institution: OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, Assam

Duration: June 26-July 27, 2012.

2011. Chaired a technical session in the ICSSR sponsored national seminar on 'Social Exclusion and Conflict in Northeast India' organised by the Institute of Tai Studies & Research, Moranhat, Assam on January 8-9, 2011.

Theme of the National Seminar: Social Exclusion and Conflict in Northeast India

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

SUPERVISION OF PhD THESIS

(i) PhD Thesis Awarded

1._Sanghamitra Choudhury, 'The Railway Workers Strike of 1974: Impact in the Eastern and North East Frontier Railway Zones' Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal, 2019.

2. Mouli Dey, 'The Indian Party System and Party Systems in the States Since 1989'
Submitted to the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, 2018. (Degree Awarded in 2019)

3. Hitesh Ray, 'Organisation, Policies, Electoral and Social Support of a Regional Political Party: The Case of Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) in Assam (1985-2006)' submitted to the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal, 2016.

4. Buddhilal Subba 'Democracy and Development Experience in Sikkim: A Study of Sikkim Sangram Parishad Government (1984-1994)' PhD thesis submitted to the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal in 2012 (Degree Awarded in 2014).

5. Genvive Tsangpo, 'Regional Parties and Political Mobilisation in India: The Sikkim Democratic Front (1993-2004)' PhD Thesis submitted in 2010 to the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal, West Bengal (Degree Awarded in 2011).

6. Kaushik Ghosh, 'Poverty in Rural Cooch Behar, West Bengal (1999-2005): Role of the Non Governmental Organisations' PhD Thesis submitted in 2008 to the Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal, West Bengal. (Degree awarded in 2009).

Scholars Working for PhD

Anushuya Pal

1. Title of the Research Work: Development Policies in the Social Sector and the State Party Led Coalition Governments: A Study of Two States of Odisha and Bihar (2000- 2010)

2. Eden Dukpa

Title of the Research Work: The All India Gorkha League and the Contemporary Politics in Darjeeling, West Bengal.

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