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Academic Profile : PH.D from Jadavpur University 2018 ; M. Phil from King's College, University of London, 1992; M.A. in Modern History from Calcutta University, 1981 ; B.A. (History Hons.) from Presidency College, 1979; Higher Secondary from Loreto Day School Sealdah, 1976.

My area of research is on the History of Bihar (1757-1820). It covers the early years of Colonial rule mainly concentrating on the various revenue experiments of the East India Company and other aspects of administration. I have also concentrated on the new economy of Bihar based on opium and indigo. I also dealt with the landed magnates viz. the zamindars of Bihar who were very unruly and adamant in their attitude towards existing government. My supervisor was Dr. Tilottama Mukherjee .

My M.Phil thesis was supervised by Professor P.J. Marshall. My research was partially funded by "The Charles Wallace India Trust" and the "Institute Of Historical Research" London U.K.

Teaching Experience

- a) **Lecturer** in History at **Malda College**, Malda from January 1985-January 1988.
- b) **Part-time Lecturer** in History at **Rabindra Bharati University**, Calcutta from July 1993-February 1996.
- c) **Lecturer** in History at **Chandernagar Govt. College**, Chandernagar from June 1999-January 2007.
- d) **Assistant Professor** in History at **Presidency College/University** from January 2007-April 2013.
- e) **Associate Professor and Head** at **Durgapur Govt. College**, Durgapur from May 2013-June 2015.
- f) Currently **Associate Professor and Head** at **Maulana Azad College** Kolkata from June 2015 onwards.

Administrative and other experience

Worked as paper setter B.A. Hons at Burdwan University, Vidyasagar University and as Head Examiner of B.A part 3 Hons paper 5 under Calcutta University 2009. Centre in Charge of U.G. & P.G. Examinations of Presidency University 2011 & 2012.

Selected Publications

- a) "Economy and society in Mid Eighteenth Century Bihar: A Review", Bengal Past and Present, Vol. 112, Nos. 214-, Kolkata -1993.
- b) "Narir opor Juddher Provab : Tritiya Bishyer Prekshapate", Itihas Anushandhan, Vol. 20, Kolkata 2006.
- c) "Explaining Chait Singh's Revolt in Bihar (1781) : The role of the refractory Bihar Zamindar's" Proceedings of the Indian History Congress Vol. 68 Delhi 2008.
- d) "Bihar Under the British 1764-1773 : An Economic and Political outline" The Calcutta Historical Journal, January 2008 to June 2008, Vol.28, Calcutta University, January 2010.
- e) Administration of Mughal Bihar (1707) the Legacy continued? In Administration Society & Politics in Medieval India (1206-1707) Ranjan Roy (edited) Kolkata 2010.
- f) Edited Book "Let's Go" translated from Bengali by late. Professor Samit Kar 2016.

Paper Presentation (Selected)

- a) Presented a paper entitled 'The Revenue Administration of the British in Bihar 1765-1771' at the BASAS Conference at Edinburgh (Scotland) in April, 1990.
- b) "Peasant Movements in Bihar, Desertion and Migration as Peasant options : Special Emphasis on Saran district - 1763-1921", to the students of History Department of Oslo University, Norway at Burdwan in April, 1995.
- c) "British Odhin Bihar -1764-1773: Ekti Orthonaitik ebong Rajnaitiki Ruprekha ", Conference organized by Itihas Sansad at Calcutta University, Calcutta, January, 2007.
- d) "Biharer Zamindarder opor Chait Singher Bidroher Provab : Ekti Paryalochana" Conference organised by Itihas Sansad at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, January 2009.
- e) "The Zamindars of Bihar : Their Resistance to Colonial Rule, 1765-1781" at the Indian History Congress 73rd Session, University of Mumbai, Mumbai 28th -30th December, 2012.
- f) "The revenue Situation in Bihar between 1781-1782; The Roles of Kalyan Singh and Kheyliram" at the Indian history Congress 75th session; Jawaharal Nehru University, Delhi; 28th-30th December, 2014.
- g) "Peasants as subjects in Bihar" at the Indian History Congress , Jadavpur University 2017.