



## **Arunangsha Maity**

**Designation:** Assistant Professor, Department of History (UG)

**Qualifications:** M.A., M.Phil.

**About Me:** Earned Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in History in 2003 from Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, affiliated with Calcutta University, graduating with first-class honors. Obtained Master of Arts degree in History from Jadavpur University in 2006, achieving the distinction of standing first in the first class. Qualified the State Eligibility Test (SET) in 2008, conducted by the West Bengal College Service Commission, earning eligibility for lectureship in History. Pursued M.Phil. in History at the Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Shantiniketan, with the degree officially conferred on January 9, 2017. Submitted doctoral dissertation to Jadavpur University, West Bengal, on the social history of salt in colonial Bengal, examining the trajectory of this everyday condiment from a contested colonial monopoly to a symbol of Swaraj, on November 25, 2024, under the supervision of Dr. Sudeshna Banerjee.

**Research Interests:** Colonial and Post Colonial South Asia, Social History of Commodity, Global Intellectual History, Caste, Gender.

**Experience:** Joined West Bengal Education Service in 2015, initially posted at Taki Government College; subsequently transferred to Maulana Azad College, Kolkata, in 2025.

## Distinction & Awards:

- 2006** Awarded the University Medal for standing first in the order of merit in the Master of Arts Examination in History, Jadavpur University, 2006.
- 2006** Awarded the Ratnalekha Roy Memorial Gold Centred Silver Medal for standing First in History at the Master of Arts Examination, Jadavpur University, 2006.
- 2016** Awarded the Goutam Chattopadhyay Memorial Prize for being the author of the paper ‘Abashilpayan, Anchalikata O Paribesh: Aupanibeshik Medinipurer Laban Shilpa Prasange Ekti Samiksha’, presented in the Modern India Section of the Thirty-First Annual Conference of Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, held at the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, Calcutta University from 22 to 24 January, 2015. Certificate awarded on 24 January, 2016.

## Selected Publications:

- 2024** “Unish Sataker Banglay Laban Pratarka: Niti O Rajniti” [The Salt Discourse in Nineteenth-Century Bengal: Policy and Politics] *Anustup* [Festival Issue], Vol. LIX, No. 1, October 2024, pp. 359-388, [Peer-reviewed, included in UGC-Care List] [ISSN 0974 2697](#).
- “Bengal Salt in a Liberal Gaze: Commodity, Ideology and Empire”, *Insight*, Volume 4, Issue 7, September 2024, pp. 31-40, [Peer-reviewed Journal] [ISSN 2582-8002](#).
- “Taste, Tradition and Trade: A Social History of Salt Consumption in Nineteenth Century Bengal”, *Research Journal of Arts Management and Social Sciences* [English Edition], Vol. 27, April-Sept. 2024, pp. 168-175, [Peer-reviewed Journal] [ISSN 0975-4083](#).
- “Taxila Visvavidyalaya: Saraswata Utkarsher Suchanakendra”, [Taxila University: The Cradle of Academic Excellence], *Udbodhan*,

Vol. 126, No. 6, 10 June 2024, pp. 437-446, [Peer-reviewed, included in UGC-Care List] [ISSN 0971-4316](#).

**2022** “Nari Swadhinata O Netaji: Ek Sangrami Darshaner Uttaran” [Women’s Liberation and Netaji: The Ascendence of a Revolutionary Philosophy], in N.G. Patra (ed.), *Swapnadrashita Netaji* [Netaji: The Visionary], Kabitika, 2022, pp. 13-26, [ISBN 978-93-94830-23-3](#).

“Satyagraher Swaralipi? Prasanga Gandhiya Ganasangjog O Prarthana Sangeet” [The Notation of Satyagraha? Contextualizing Gandhian Mass Communication and the Sung-Prayer], in N.G. Patra (ed.), *Gandhimangal*, Kabitika, 2022, pp. 207-223, [ISBN 978-93-91309-96-1](#).

“Narimukti O Netaji: Swatantrer Sandhane” [Women's Emancipation and Netaji: In Search of Distinction], *Udbodhan*, Vol. 124 No. 1, 10 January 2022, pp. 48-53, [Peer-reviewed, included in UGC-Care List] [ISSN 0971-4316](#).

**2021** “Bisruta Raja O Ek Bismrita Swarnanagari: Sadya Abishkrita Luxorer Pratinakhetra O Egyptia Atiter Punarnirman” [The Famous King and the Forgotten Golden City: The Newly Discovered Archaeological Site of Luxor and the Reconstruction of Egypt’s Past], *Udbodhan*, Vol. 123 No. 5, 10 May 2021, pp. 342-346, [Peer-reviewed, included in UGC-Care List] [ISSN 0971-4316](#).

**2019** “Aswadaner Aitihya Banam Adhunikata: Aupanibeshik Banglay Laban Shilper Abanati Prasange Ekti Samiksha” [The Taste of Tradition versus Modernity: A Study of the Decline of the Salt Industry in Colonial Bengal], *Itihas Eshana*, Bangiya Itihas Samiti, 24 August 2019, pp. 101-108, [Peer-reviewed Volume] [ISBN 978-81-929386-6-0](#).

“Samasamyikatar Anushanga O Gandhi” [Contemporaneity and Gandhi], in N.G. Patra (ed.), *Mohandas: A Collection of Essays*, Kabitika, 2019, pp. 42-50, [ISBN 978-93-91309-96-1](#).

“Ganadebatar Nirman: Champaraner Ganaparisar, Gujab O Gandhi” [The Making of the Mass God: Champaran’s Public Sphere, Rumours, and Gandhi], *Itihas Anusandhan*, Vol. 33, Paschimanga Itihas Samsad, 2019, pp. 370-377, [Peer-reviewed Volume] [ISBN 978-81-939476-0-9](#).

- 2018** “Anchalik Swatantra O Aitihye Kheda satyagraha: Gandhi Rajnitir Abedan O Gujrate Ganaandolaner Dikbadal” [Kheda Satyagraha in regional distinctiveness and tradition: The appeal of Gandhian politics and the changing direction of the mass movement in Gujarat], *Itihas O Sanskriti*, Vol. 4, Part-IV, Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Charcha Kendra, 2018, [Peer-reviewed Volume] [ISSN 2394-5737](#).
- 2017** “Bisruta Mahatmar Bismrita Sahajatri: Champaran Satyagraha O Rajkumar Shukla” [The Forgotten Companion of the Famous Mahatma: Champaran Satyagraha and Rajkumar Shukla], *Itihas O Sanskriti*, Vol. 3, Part-II, Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Charcha Kendra, 2017, pp. 217-225, [Peer-reviewed Volume] [ISSN 2394-5737](#).
- 2016** “Abashilpayan, Anchalikata O Paribesh: Aupanibeshik Medinipurer Labanshilpa Prasange Ekti Samiksha” [Industrialization, Regionalism, and the Environment: A Case Study of the Salt Industry in Colonial Medinipur], *Itihas Anusandhan*, Vol. 30, Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, 2016, pp. 918-925, [Peer-reviewed Volume] [ISBN: 978-81-910874-7-5](#).
- “Jatiyatabader Andare-Antare: Visvavidyalayer Bahuttabad O Sir Ashutosh” [Inside and Within Nationalism: Pluralism in the University and Sir Asutosh], *Itihas O Sanskriti*, Vol. 2, Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Charcha Kendra, 2016, [Peer-reviewed Volume], pp. 277-286, [ISSN 2394-5737](#).

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### **Professional Memberships and Activities:**

- Life Member of Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad.
- Annual Member of Indian History Congress.