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CURRENT AFFILIATION

Assistant Professor of Political Science (Regular), Jamia Hamdard (Deemed University), New Delhi

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Political Science (Regular) at Bankura University, West Bengal, India

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

PhD: Institution: Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India

Masters: M.A in International Relations, Institution: Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India. Marks: 70.78%, C.G.P.A: 9.50.

Bachelors: B.A (Hons) in Political Science. Institution: Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India. Marks: 70.00%, C.G.P.A: 9.25.

PUBLICATIONS

AUTHORED BOOK

Guha, Ayan (2022). *The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics: Chronicling Continuity and Change* (Leiden/ Boston: Brill) [flyer available at <https://brill.com/view/title/61978>], ISBN: 978-90-04-51181-1.

The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics: Chronicling Continuity and Change is the first book length study on the politics of caste in post-colonial West Bengal. It explores the reasons for the relative insignificance of caste in post-colonial West Bengal's politics and also assesses the future possibilities of caste-based identity politics in the state.

The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics: Chronicling Continuity and Change critically engages with the dynamics of caste in the politics of West Bengal which unlike other parts of India has remained relatively free from large scale caste based political mobilization. The insignificance of caste in West Bengal politics has remained an enigma. Yet caste question in West Bengal politics has remained under-researched. However, there has been a growing interest in the politics of caste in West Bengal in recent years and this interest has grown due to the end of the world's longest serving democratically elected Communist government (1977-2011) that followed a class centric non-identitarian politics. It is in this backdrop that this book explores the reasons for the relative insignificance of caste in post-colonial West Bengal's politics and also assesses the future possibilities of caste-based identity politics in the state.

"Through meticulous research and balanced analysis, this book critically examines Bengal's claim to caste exceptionalism. It is the most analytically sound and theoretically grounded book on the subject that I have read in recent years. Everyone interested in the sociology and politics of caste in Bengal must read it."
– Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Emeritus Professor of History, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

"This book is an important contribution to the burgeoning literature on caste in contemporary West Bengal, a state long considered as 'exceptional' for being caste-blind and not having an overtly caste-brutal society. The book will remain a valuable testimony of a time when dalit politics is torn between callings of radical autonomy and conquests of Hindutva hegemony."
– Dwaipayan Bhattacharyya, Professor, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

"Ayan Guha has written an important and insightful book elucidating the complex trajectories of caste practice, politics and consciousness in West Bengal. Compelling reading for those interested in caste, representation and politics in India."
– Hugo Gorringe, Senior Lecturer of Sociology and Co-director, Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Ayan Guha, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi. He was associated with the York Centre for Asian Research, York University, Toronto as an External Research Associate. He has published extensively on caste and dalit politics.

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Published Reviews of The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics

Pacific Affairs (University of British Columbia): [<https://pacificaffairs.ubc.ca/book-reviews/the-curious-trajectory-of-caste-in-west-bengal-politics-chronicling-continuity-and-change-by-ayan-guha/>]

South Asia Research (Sage): [<https://doi.org/10.1177/02627280231165801>]

India Today: [<https://www.indiatoday.in/lifestyle/books/story/how-caste-shaped-politics-in-bengal-2295607-2022-11-10>]

The Print (excerpts): [<https://theprint.in/pageturner/excerpt/bengal-politics-is-not-casteless-or-bhadralok-free-but-its-still-not-a-deciding-factor/1177121/>]

Scroll (<https://scroll.in/article/1041806/what-is-the-role-of-caste-identity-in-west-bengal-politics-will-it-be-subsumed-in-religion>)

Wire (<https://thewire.in/books/why-is-caste-an-absent-present-category-in-bengal-politics>)

Mainstream Weekly (<http://mainstreamweekly.net/article12860.html>)

Forthcoming Reviews of The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics

Economic and Political Weekly

Asian Studies Review (Routledge)

Journal of South Asian Development (Sage)

Contemporary Voice of Dalit (Sage)

Journal of Dalit Studies

EDITED BOOK

Ayan Guha [with Uday Chandra] (Forthcoming, 2024): *Rise of Hindutva in Eastern India: Historical Roots and Emerging Dynamics*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Guha, Ayan (2021): “Caste Question in West Bengal Politics: Continuing Inconsequentiality or Rising Relevance,” *Contemporary South Asia* (Routledge UK), vol. 29, no. 3, ISSN: 0958- 4935, Doi:<https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2021.1886247>.

Guha, Ayan (2021): “Beyond Conspiracy and Coordinated Ascendancy: Revisiting Caste Question in West Bengal under the Left Front Rule (1977-2011),” *Contemporary Voice of Dalit* (Sage), vol. 13, no. 1, ISSN: 2455328X, vol. 13, no. 1. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F2455328X211008434>.

Guha, Ayan (2019): “Recent Debate on Landmark Anti-caste Legislation in India,” *International Journal of Discrimination and Law* (Sage UK), vol. 19, no. 1, ISSN: 13582291, Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1358229118814467>.

Guha, Ayan (2019): “Is there a Second Wave of Dalit Upsurge in West Bengal?,” *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 54, no. 2, January 12, 2019, ISSN: 0012-9976.

Guha, Ayan and Neha Chauhan (2018): “Debate, Discourse and Dilemma: Putting *Dr. Subhash Kashinath Mahajan v. State of Maharashtra* in Context,” *Verfassung und Recht in Übersee / Law and Politics in Africa*,

Asia and Latin America- Special Issue on the Indian Supreme Court in Crisis?, vol. 51, no. 3 (Berlin: *Nomos*), ISSN: 0506-7286. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.5771/0506-7286-2018-3-381>.

Guha, Ayan (2017): “Caste and Politics in West Bengal: Traditional Limitations and Contemporary Developments,” *Contemporary Voice of Dalit (Sage)*, vol. 9, no. 1, 2017, ISSN: 2455328X. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F2455328X17689861>.

Guha, Ayan (2016): “West Bengal Elections: Unchanged Amidst Change,” *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 51, no. 41, ISSN: 0012-9976.

Guha, Ayan [with Arvind Kumar] (2014): “The Political Future of Caste in West Bengal,” *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 49, no. 32, ISSN: 0012-9976.

Guha, Ayan (2019): “Polarization Plus Anti-Incumbency: A Full Scale View of BJP’s Rise in Bengal,” *Mainstream Weekly*, vol. 57, no. 34, ISSN: 0542-1462.

Guha, Ayan (2016): “Caste Factor in West Bengal Elections,” *Mainstream Weekly*, vol. 56, no. 33, ISSN: 0542-1462.

Guha, Ayan (2016): “Why Caste Politics Failed in Bengal?,” *Frontier Weekly*, vol. 49, no. 2, ISSN: 0016-2094.

Guha, Ayan (2015): “West Bengal at Crossroads: An Insight into Emerging Political Dynamics,” *Mainstream Weekly*, vol. 53, no. 14, ISSN: 0542-1462.

Guha, Ayan (2015): “India's International Climate Policy: Twists and Turns,” *World Focus*, vol. 36, no. 10, ISSN: 2230-8458.

Guha, Ayan (2015): “Changing Contours of India's Neighbourhood Diplomacy,” *World Focus*, vol. 36, no. 08, ISSN: 2230-8458.

CHAPTERS

Guha, Ayan (2022): “Caste, Class and Globalization in India Revisited” in Adebowale Akande edited *Springer Handbook on Racial Inequality, Xenophobia and Populism: All Forms of Discrimination in the United States and Around the Globe* (New York/ Geneva: Springer), ISBN: 978-3031135583. Doi: https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-13559-0_28.

Guha, Ayan (forthcoming- 2023-24): “Hindu Nationalism and Caste based Reservation: A Critical Analysis” in Pratick Mallick edited in *Contours of Democracy in New India* (Routledge UK)

Guha, Ayan and Suchismita Das (forthcoming-2023): “Dalits and the Naxalite Movement: Interrogating an Uncanny Relationship” in Pradip Basu edited *The Caste Question and Naxalite Politics* (Kolkata: Gangchil)

Guha, Ayan and Rounak Bose (forthcoming-2024): “Bharatiya Janata Party and the Politics of Citizenship in West Bengal,” in Uday Chandra and Ayan Guha edited *Hindutva in the East: Historical Roots and Emerging Dynamics*

Guha, Ayan (2017). “Secular Democracy in India: Debate, Discourse and Dilemma,” in Malyasree Mukherjee and Nivedita Saha edited *Rethinking Indian Democracy in New Millennium* (New Delhi: APH), ISBN: 978-81-7648-235-2.

BOOK REVIEWS

Guha, Ayan (2022): Review of Blood Island: An Oral History of Marichjhapi Massacre, *South Asia Research* (Sage), vol. 42, no. 1, ISSN: 0262-7280. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F02627280211058110>.

Guha, Ayan (2021): Joint Review of Left Front and After: Understanding the Dynamics of Poriborton in West Bengal and People-Party-Policy Interplay in India; Micro-dynamics of Everyday Politics in West Bengal, *Studies in Indian Politics* (Sage), vol. 9, no. 1, ISSN: 23210230. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F2321023021999218>.

Guha, Ayan (2020): Review of Emergency Chronicles: Indira Gandhi and Democracy's Turning Point, *Democratization* (Routledge), vol. 28, no. 3, ISSN: 13510347. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2020.1811689>.

Guha, Ayan (2020): Review of Caste, Entrepreneurship and Illusions of Tradition: Branding the Potters of Kolkata, *Contemporary South Asia* (Routledge), vol. 28, no. 4, ISSN: 0958-4935. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2020.1843796>.

POPULAR WRITINGS

Guha, Ayan (forthcoming): Review of the Book Caste in Bengal: Histories of Hierarchy, Exclusion and Resistance edited by Sekhar Bandyopadhyay and Tanika Sarkar, *Anandabazar Patrika* (Bengali).

Guha, Ayan (2023, August 12): “Book Review: Suman Nath's 'Democracy And Social Cleavage In India' Indicts Both TMC And BJP For Communalism In West Bengal,” *Outlook*. https://www.outlookindia.com/magazine/books/book-review-suman-nath-democracy-and-social-cleavage-in-india-indicts-both-tmc-and-bjp-for-communalism-in-west-bengal-weekender_story-310109

Guha, Ayan (2022, October 21): “Bengal politics is not casteless or Bhadrak-free. But it’s still not a deciding factor,” *The Print*. <https://theprint.in/pageturner/excerpt/bengal-politics-is-not-casteless-or-bhadrak-free-but-its-still-not-a-deciding-factor/1177121/>.

Guha, Ayan (2021, April 16): “BJP has married Mandal with Kamandal in Bengal, posing a dilemma for scholars,” *The Print*. <https://theprint.in/opinion/bjp-married-mandal-with-kamandal-in-bengal-dilemma-for-scholars/640524/>.

Guha, Ayan (2019, May 3): “Caste Politics, Secular Idiom,” *Indian Express*.

Guha Ayan (2019, September 23): “Reservation, Hindutva and Appeal for Debate: Discourse and Dilemma,” *Cafe Dissensus Everyday*. <https://cafedissensusblog.com/2019/09/23/ayanalysis-reservation-hindutva-and-appeal-for-debate-discourse-and-dilemma/>

Guha, Ayan (2019, October 4): “RSS and the Reservation Riddle”, *The Statesman*.

Guha, Ayan (2017, December 18): “A New Caste Agenda”, *The Statesman*.

Guha, Ayan (2017, December 20): “A New Caste Agenda in India,” *Daily Asian Age* (English Daily, Dhaka, Bangladesh).

Guha, Ayan (2015, August 13): “Understanding the Neo-Liberal Agenda of Knowledge,” *Kafila*.
<https://kafila.online/2015/08/12/understanding-the-neo-liberal-agenda-of-knowledge-the-unexposed-dimensions-of-the-csat-controversy-ayan-guha/>

COURSE MATERIALS

UGC SWAYAM Course on Understanding Global Politics Module 22: Identity & Culture: Concept, Evolution & Different Perspectives

UGC SWAYAM Course on Understanding Global Politics Module 23: Defining Identity & Culture: Power, Politics & Security perspectives

UGC SWAYAM Course on Understanding Global Politics Module 42: The Idea of Global Resistances (Global Civil society, NGOs & Global Social Movements)

INVITED TALKS/ LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talk on ‘Politics of Memory: Namasudra Mobilisation and Rise of Hindutva in West Bengal’ Delivered in the International Workshop on ‘Metamorphoses of the Political: Bengal Politics in the New Millennium’ held at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen from 21st June, 2023 to 24th June, 2023.

Invited Book Talk titled ‘Caste Question in the Politics of West Bengal: Some Reflections’ at York University, Keele Campus, Toronto, Canada delivered on 16th November, 2022 with regard to the book *The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics: Chronicling Continuity and Change* (Leiden/Boston: Brill).

Invited Book Talk (forthcoming) on *The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics: Chronicling Continuity and Change* (Leiden/Boston: Brill) to be delivered at National University of Singapore (NUS) on 8th September, 2023.

Invited Briefing on Recent Political Developments in West Bengal at Embassy of Netherlands, New Delhi on 3rd March, 2023.

Invited Panel Discussion on the book *The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics: Chronicling Continuity and Change* (Leiden/Boston: Brill) at Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 21st March, 2023. Other panellists were Prof. Partha Pratim Basu (Jadavpur University), Dr. Rajat Roy (Presidency University, Kolkata) and Suman Nath (West Bengal State University).

Invited Lecture in the *One Day National Seminar on Forgotten Heroes: Revisiting the National Movements of India* on 9th August, 2023 in Kurseong College, West Bengal.

Invited Lecture in the *One Day International Seminar on Revisiting the Struggle for Azadi and Its Unsung Heroes: Role of North Bengal* on 10th August, 2023 in Kurseong College, West Bengal.

Invited Book Talk on *The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics: Chronicling Continuity and Change* (Leiden/Boston: Brill) delivered at Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata on 17th March, 2023.

Interviewed (online) by Prof. Pradip Basu, Former Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Presidency University, Kolkata on the book *The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics: Chronicling Continuity and Change* on 4th June, 2023 for Rashtrabigyan Charcha Kendra, the organizer of the interview.

Invited Lecture on 'Identity and Culture: Concept, Evolution and Different Perspectives' delivered at UGC-Educational Multimedia and Research Centre, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata on 14th March, 2023

Invited Lecture on 'Defining Identity and Culture: Power, Politics and Security Perspectives' delivered at UGC- Educational Multimedia and Research Centre, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata on 16th March, 2023

Invited Lecture on 'The idea of Global Resistances' delivered at UGC- Educational Multimedia and Research Centre, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata on 23th March, 2023

Invited Talk/ Panel Discussion (online) on 'Social and Political Philosophy of Dr. B.R Ambedkar' organized by Rashtrabigyan Charcha Kendra on April 14, 2022. Other Panelists were Prof. Bankim Chandra Mandal, (Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata) and Dr. Debashis Mitra (Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal).

Invited talk/Panel Discussion (Online) on 'Caste, Class and Religion in Contemporary India' on 26th March, 2022, organized by Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata. Other Panelists were Prof. Debi Chatterjee, [Editor of the Journal Contemporary Voice of Dalit (Sage)], Prof. Partha Pratim Basu, (Jadavpur University, Kolkata) and Dr. Maidul Islam [Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (CSSS), Kolkata].

Invited talk (online) on 'Bhadraloks of Bengal: Misplaced Nostalgia of a Lost World' at the Second Barak Valley Annual Conference on 'Can You Hear the Subaltern Speak? Tracing the Trajectory of Choices' on 9th September, 2021.

Invited Talk (online) on 'Dalit Politics and Caste Mobilisation' organized by Rashtrabigyan Charcha Kendra on 19th December, 2021.

Interviewed (online) by Prof. Pradip Basu, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Presidency University, Kolkata on 'West Bengal Politics Today' on 9th June, 2021 for the online platform E-spartacus.

Interviewed as an expert by Ujan Natic, University of Kassel, Germany in connection with the thesis 'Financialization of Caste: The Case of West Bengal'.

Invited as a subject expert/resource person at a workshop organized by National Test Agency (NTA), Government of India during December, 16-20, 2020.

Invited Lecture on 'Lower Caste Movements in Post-Colonial West Bengal: From Absence to Apparent Resurgence', delivered at the National Conference on Social Movements in India in University of North Bengal, West Bengal on 8th March, 2017.

Chaired a session at the Conference on Ageing, Disability and Rural Elderly Population in Rural West Bengal held at Bankura University, West Bengal on 29th March, 2017.

Chaired a Session at International Conference on Population Ageing and Social Change held at University of Burdwan, West Bengal on 24th January, 2016.

Invited Lecture on 'Cultural Psychology of Diaspora: Understanding the Interface between Community and Territoriality' delivered at a Colloquium on Diaspora: Collective Memories, Cultural Imagination and Concrete Realities held at Bankura University, West Bengal on 22nd November, 2016.

Delivered a series of Invited Lectures as a resource person at Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal, India on Issues of Indian Politics and Society during 2014-2016.

Delivered a series of Invited Lectures as a resource person at Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Kolkata during 2014-2015.

Invited Lecture on 'Bio-Politics of Population Ageing: Moving Beyond Traditional Frontiers of Gerontology' delivered at International Conference on Population Ageing and Social Change held at University of Burdwan, West Bengal during 23-24 January, 2016.

Presented a paper on 'The Story of Caste Politics in West Bengal: From Significance to Irrelevance' at International Conference on History and Heritage, 2016 Organized by Itihas Academy, Dhaka, Bangladesh on February 19, 2016.

Presented a paper on 'No Rusting Raj In Smart Swaraj: What Not to Do with Victoria Memorial-A Conservationist's Viewpoint' at the World History Conference, 2016 on Historical Monuments: History, Culture, Heritage and Beyond Organized by Amity Institute of Social Sciences held at Amity University, Noida on September 6, 2016. Received the Best Paper Award.

Presented a paper on 'An Investigation into the Political Prospects of Emerging Dalit Politics in West Bengal' in National Seminar on 'New Dalit Agenda in 21st Century' Organized By the Ambedkar Chair, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi on 11-12 April, 2015.

Presented a paper on 'Caste, Class and Electoral Strategy in West Bengal' at International Conference on Elections and Political Parties in South Asia: A 21st Century Perspective at University of Kalyani, West Bengal during 7-9 December, 2015.

PROJECTS

Co- Director of a Completed ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research) Sponsored Major Research Project Titled "Discoursing the Homeless Elderly: Tropes, Desires And Containment" (2016-18). Nodal Institution: Bankura University, West Bengal. Fund Sanctioned: INR 720000

Drafted the Parliamentary Report on 'Procurement and Storage of Foodgrains', Committee on Estimates, 2013-14.

AWARDS

External Research Associate, York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR), York University, Toronto, Canada (2021-2024).

Junior Research Fellowship by UGC (University Grants Commission), India in 2011

Junior Research Fellowship by UGC (University Grants Commission), India in 2014 for second time

Felicitated by Jamia Hamdard on February 28, 2023 for significant research contribution

Felicitated by Bankura University, West Bengal for Significant academic achievement and contribution on December 30, 2021.

Best Research Paper Award at World History Conference- 2016 Held at Amity Institute of Social Sciences, Amity University, Noida, India

FUNDING RECEIVED

INR 720000 from Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for the project “Discoursing the Homeless Elderly: Tropes, Desires and Containment” (2016-18).

INR 250000 from Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for organizing the International Conference on Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy in 2016-17.

For attending International workshop on “Metamorphoses of the Political: Bengal Politics in the New Millennium” at Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen from 21st to 24th June, 2023 travel, accommodation and all other costs were fully borne by International Centre of Advanced Studies, ICAS: MP institute (an India-Germany collaborative research center).

ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

Convener of ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research) funded International Conference on Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy held on 10-11 November, 2016 at Bankura University, West Bengal, India.

Convener, Workshop on Approaches to Socio-Legal Research, 17th to 21st October, 2022 at Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi

Member, Seminar Organizing Committee, Seminar cum Workshop on Ageing, Disability and Rural Elderly Population in Rural West Bengal held at Bankura University, West Bengal on 28-29 March, 2017

Member, Seminar Organizing Committee, National Seminar on Technical Terminology in Political Science at Bankura University, sponsored by MHRD, Government of India in March, 2018.

Member, Executive Committee (Session and Panel Discussion), Two Days Education Conference 2022- Education and Nation Building: The Way Forward Organised jointly by Jamia Hamdard and Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged.

Coordinator, Lecture Series on ‘Law and Society’, HILSR, Jamia Hamdard.

- a) ‘Indian Constitution and Minority Rights’ on 2nd December, 2021. Speaker: Dr Abdul Matin, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- b) ‘Understanding Dr. B.R Ambedkar’s Contributions to Indian Constitution’ on 7th March, 2022. Speaker: Professor Narender Kumar, Chairperson, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
- c) ‘Elements on Constitutionalism in the Indian Constitution.’ On 15th March, 2022. Speaker: Dr. P. Puneeth, Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
- d) ‘Feminist Jurisprudence’ on 27th May, 2022 Speaker: Prof. Rukmini Sen, Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Dean, School of Heritage Research & Management and Director, Centre for Publishing, Dr. B.R Ambedkar University, New Delhi

OTHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS/ ENGAGEMENTS

Editorial Board Member

South Asia Research (Sage)

Reviewer (Book Manuscript)

Routledge (Taylor and Francis)

Reviewer (Journals)

Religion (Routledge)

Rural History (Cambridge University Press)

Contemporary South Asia (Routledge)

Journal of Asian and African Studies (Sage),

International Journal of Discrimination and the Law (Sage),

South Asian Survey (Sage)

Social Science Quarterly (Wiley)

International Journal of the Sociology of Leisure (Springer)

Deusto Journal of Human Rights.

Interviewed by the *Outlook Magazine* for the essay titled “Invisible Casteism in West Bengal” (Interviewed by the *Outlook Magazine* for the essay titled “Mahakal Corridor Project: Killing Two Birds with a Single Stone” (<https://www.outlookindia.com/national/mahakal-corridor-project-killing-two-birds-with-a-single-stone-magazine-231218>).

Expert Participant in Party Expert Survey conducted by Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi in October, 2022.

Interviewed by Quint for the essay titled “Will BJP's 'OBC Hindu vs OBC Muslim' Pitch Work Against TMC in Bengal?” (<https://www.thequint.com/news/politics/west-bengal-obc-list-hindu-muslim-castes>).

Interviewed by the *Outlook Magazine* for the essay titled “Mahakal Corridor Project: Killing Two Birds with a Single Stone” (<https://www.outlookindia.com/national/mahakal-corridor-project-killing-two-birds-with-a-single-stone-magazine-231218>).

Interviewed as an expert by Ujan Natic, University of Kassel, Germany in connection with the thesis ‘Financialization of Caste: The Case of West Bengal’.

Member (Subject expert of Political Science) of Selection Committee of J N Tata Endowment Scholarship, 2019 for the Higher Education to select candidates for grant of scholarships for higher studies abroad.

Examination Observer on behalf of Centre for Distance and Open Learning, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India in 2015 and 2016.

Examiner of M.Phil thesis of Toushali Raina entitled ‘Invisibilizing Exclusion: Caste and Politics in West Bengal’ at Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK), University of Calcutta, India. Also conducted viva voce examination as an external evaluator.

Visiting Faculty/Resource Person at Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Kolkata, India (2014-2015).

Visiting Faculty/ Resource Person at Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal, India (2014-2016).

**LANGUAGE SKILLS
MOTHER TONGUE(S)**

**Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2:
Proficient user**

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

MOTHER TONGUE: BENGALI

OTHER LANGUAGE(S)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Hindi	C2	C1	C2	C2	B1