



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

FACULTY ACADEMIC PROFILE/ CV

1. **Full name of the faculty member:** RITA CHAUDHURI
2. **Designation:** ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
3. **Specialisation :** SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF EARLY INDIA
4. **Passport size photograph :**



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6. **Academic qualifications:**

College/ university from which the degree was obtained	Abbreviation of the degree
LORETO COLLEGE, CU	B.A. HISTORY (HONOURS)
DEPT. OF AIHC, CU	M. A.
DEPT. OF AIHC, CU	PH.D

7. **Positions held/ holding:**
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPT. OF AIHC, CU
8. **Research interests:**
 - GENDER STUDIES, SOCIAL ISSUES
 - POLITICAL PROCESSES AND STATE FORMATION

9. **Research guidance:**

Number of researchers awarded M.Phil/ Ph.D degrees: 14 AWARDED M.Phil / 1 Ph.D

Number of researchers submitted Ph.D: 1

Number of researchers pursuing M.Phil/ Ph.D : 2 M.PHIL AND 6Ph.D

10. **Projects:**

Completed projects :

MHRD Project under NME – ICT on *Social and Cultural History of India (From Earliest to 1707)*. Paper XI of Indian Culture as Coordinator.

Current projects:

Participant in international project on *Early India's Interaction with South-East Asia Interpreting the Old and Opening Up New Vistas*. On-going project sponsored by University of Calcutta (UPE Phase II).

11. **Select list of publications:**

a) **Journals:**

- Some Aspects of Society in Ancient India, *Itibritta*, Vol. II, 2015, Kolkata.
- PrachinBharaterVrikshaPujanerPrrashar – EktiNritattvikBisleshan, *PurolokBarta*, Durgapur, 2016.

b) **Books/ book chapters :**

- *Economic History of the Gangetic Plains as gleaned from Land Grants (8th – 12th Centuries A.D.)*, Best Books, Kolkata, 2004.
- Agriculture as Known from Khana's Vacanas, *History of Agriculture in India (upto c.1200 A.D.)*, Vol. V, Part 1, PHISPC, New Delhi, 2007-2008.
- Evolution and Character of State in Ancient India, *Indian Historiography*, Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata.
- Vijayanagar: The City and its Environs, *Aspects of Indian History and Culture*, New Delhi, 2012.

c) **Conference/ seminar volumes:**

- Buddhist Monastic Organisations in Inscriptions of Bengal (6th – 12th Centuries A.D.) , Essays on Early Bengal Epigraphy, Jadavpur University
- The Genesis and Evolution of Human Rights in India, Seminar on *The Evolution on Human Rights in India Through the Ages*, Dept. of History, Bankura Sammelani College, Bankura, 2010.

d) **Other publications :**

- Other articles and Book reviews have been published in various journals.

12. **Membership of Learned Societies:**

- Asiatic Society, Kolkata
- Ramakrishna Mission, Golpark, Kolkata.

- Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata.
- Member of the General Committee and the Academic Committee of the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India.
- ItihasSansad, Kolkata.

13. **Patents:**

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14. **Invited lectures delivered:**

- Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata, Course on Indology.
- Delivered lectures on invitation by the Depts. Of History and Sanskrit, Jadavpur University, as well as many undergraduate colleges.
- Deliver lectures in Women Studies Research Centre, Calcutta University, on invitation.
- Delivered Justice Binayak Nath Banerjee Lecture, 2012-2013, at the Institute of Historical Studies.
- Special Summer School, Department of Museology, C.U. Delivered lecture on *Devdasis in Early Medieval India*, 28 July, 2013.
- Jadavpur University, Department of History, delivered lecture in International Seminar on *Recent Trends in Environmental History: Narrating Biodiversity Loss in India*. Topic: *Khanar Vachana: Aphorisms Reflecting on the Specificities of Bengal's Natural Environemnt and Textures of Rural Life*. 28 February, 2017.
- Baharampur College, Department of history, delivered lecture on *Ancient Indian Caste System and Untouchability*. 27 September, 2018.
- Workshop on *Indian Epigraphy and Paleography*, organized by Sanskrit Department, Jadavpur University under the auspices of CAS – Sanskrit Phase II on *Sarnath Edict of Asoka*. 27 December, 2018.
- Delivered a series of seven lectures on General Discourse on Asokan Edicts.
- Jadavpur University, Sanskrit Department, delivered lecture on *Reading Inscriptions on Early Indian Context*.

15. **Awards:**

Awarded the Mrinalini Gold Medal, 1988, by the University of Calcutta.

16. **Other notable activities :**

- I was a member of the College Inspection Team, University of Calcutta till 2012.
- Participated in a workshop organised by *Paschimbanga Rajya Sishu Shiksha Mission* (under the administrative control of Panchayats and Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal) on the preparation of training module on History for Classes V-VIII, under the Madhyamik SikshaKarmasuchi.
- Resource Person of Educational Media Research Centre, St. Xavier's Autonomous College, Kolkata, sponsored by UGC.

- Member, Board of Studies, St. Xavier's Autonomous College, Kolkata.
- Invited as Resource Person of the CTE programme conducted by Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira.
- External Examiner, M.Phil and Ph.D thesis of other Universities, the most recent being of ShadviAnugya, working under the supervision of Dr. Maithili Rao of JAIN (Deemed to be University), Bangalore.