

CURRICULUM VITAE



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| ➤ Date of Birth | 27.12.1963 |
| ➤ Area of Specialization | Modern and Contemporary Indian History/
Histories of Women and Gender/Biographical Studies |

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- B.A. (History Honors) from **Presidency College**, University of Calcutta in 1985 and ranked **First Class First**
- M.A. (History) from **University of Calcutta** in 1987 and ranked **First Class First**
- D. Phil. from **Oxford University** in 1997 for the thesis on '*Cornelia Sorabji 1866-1954: A Woman's Biography*'.
- Appreciation Course on Parliamentary processes and procedures, organized by **Bureau of Parliamentary Studies & Training, LOK SABHA**, and placed in **Grade - A**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Kalyani University from 1990-1994
- Calcutta University from 01.12.1994-till date

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Edited *Itihase Nari: Siksha* (in Bengali) (Kolkata: **2001**)
2. *Cornelia Sorabji: India's Pioneer Lawyer, A Biography* (Oxford University Press, New Delhi: **2006**)
3. *Itihase Jibani O Jibaner Itihas (In Bengali) [Life In History and History of Life: Cornelia Sorabji]* (Kolkata: 2012)
4. *On Gandhi* (Gandhian Studies Centre, University of Calcutta **2012**)

5. *Gandhi in Bengal: Places in History* (Gandhian Studies Centre, University of Calcutta, **2014**).
6. Edited *Themes and Individuals in History* (K.P. Bagchi: 2019)
7. Edited *Writing Women in History: Glimpses from India's Colonial Past* (K.P. Bagchi: 2019)
8. T.L Vaswani, A Sindhi Social Reformer in Search of an Indian Identity. (Forthcoming)
9. Dear Elena: Letters of Cornelia Sorabji and Elena Rathbone: A Chronicle of Friendship' (Compiled & Edited with an Introduction) (Forthcoming)

Articles

10. 'Bringing women into History: Cornelia Sorabji and the Woman's Persona', *Modern Historical Studies*, vol.2, **March 2001**, Kolkata
11. 'Women's World In The Folk Narratives of Bengal: View From An Early Twentieth Century Private Collection' *Calcutta Historical Journal* (in press Vol. 26, No.2, **2006**, Kolkata)
12. 'Capitalism, Imperialism and Unequal Development: Gleanings from Marxist Writings' in *Bengal Past and Present*, No. 125, (Kolkata: **2006**)
13. Review article 'Retrieving a Vision: Gandhi 60 years after' *Gandhi is Gone Who will Guide us Now?* edited by Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi and Rupert Snell (Permanent Black: 2007), published in *The Statesman* literary supplement on **30th September 2007**
14. Review article 'Dilemmas at Dusk' *The Last Thousand Days of the British Empire* by Peter Clarke (Allen Lane: London, **2007**), published in *The Statesman* literary supplement on **9th December 2007**.
15. Review article 'The Essentials of the Non-Essential Gandhi' *The Oxford India Gandhi Essential Writings* edited by Gopalkrishna Gandhi (Oxford: 2008), published in *The Statesman* literary supplement on **9th March 2008**.
16. Review article 'A Familiar Yet Neglected Phenomenon' *In Radha's Name: Widows and Other Women in Brindaban* by Malini Bhattacharya (Tulika Books: 2008), published in *The Statesman* literary supplement on **20th July 2008**.
17. Review article *Gandhi, Gandhism and the Gandhians* by Thomas Weber (Roli Books: 2006) in The ICFAI Journal of History and Culture **October 2008**
18. Review article *The Sentinels of Culture: Class Education and the Colonial Intellectual in Bengal* by Tithi Bhattacharya (OUP: 2005) in *Calcutta Historical Journal* (forthcoming issue)
19. Review article *Atmakatha Athaba Satyer Sandhane*, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi: translation by Khitish Ray (Dey's Publishing 2009) in *Desh* **17 June 2009**
20. Review article *Bangabhange Jignasa O Janamat: Bhandar Sankalan* Edited by Hirendranath Chakraborty (Netaji Institute For Asian Studies: 2011) in *Boier Desh* **January-March 2012**
21. Review article *Transfer of Capital: Calcutta To Delhi Documents and Reports* Compiled by Nityapriya Ghosh and Kritiyapriya Ghosh (Dey's Publishing 2011) in *Desh* **2012**
22. Review article, 'Shyamaprasader Swapno o Onyo Bharat' (in Bengali), in *Desh*, 17 June 2013.

23. *Empowerment of Women: A Historical Trajectory In Empowerment of Women Issues, Challenges and Debates in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Century* Edited by Rajyasri Neogy and Sreyashi Sarkar. K.K. Das College and Elegant Publications, Kolkata 2015
24. Review article, 'Satyanweshi Sir Jadunath: Phire Dekha' in *Desh*, 2 April 2016
25. *Negotiating Identities, Asserting Women's Rights and claiming the Nation: Cornelia Sorabji 1866-1954, Challenges of Writing a Life in History in In Quest of The Historian's Craft, Essays in Honour of Professor B. B. Chaudhuri Part: II The Polity, Society and Culture* Edited by Arun Bandopadhyay and Sanjukta Das Gupta. (Manohar, New Delhi 2018)

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS

- The Status of Women on the threshold of 21st Century : A Historical Perspective in a Seminar on Issues in Contemporary India: Morality Freedom Women organized by **Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata** 11 to 13 September 1997
- 'Women in Modern Japan' in a workshop on 'Japanese society, politics and economy: historiographical perspectives' organized by **Netaji Institute For Asian Studies, Kolkata** in July 2002
- 'Bringing Women into History: Recapturing the Life-experience of Cornelia Sorabji, the First Woman Barrister of India' organized by **University of Kentucky, USA**, in November 2002
- 'Nationalism, colonialism and gender' organized by **Department of History, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan** in December 2003
- 'Development of feminism' and 'The framework of female empowerment' organized by **The Regional Training Institute of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, Government of India, Kolkata** in 2003 and 2005
- 'Society, Economy and Culture in the Colonial Period: Transition to Modernity' organized by **Gurudas College, Kolkata** in January 2004
- 'Person and Challenges of Modernity in India' organized by **Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion, Visva-Bharati University & Indian Council for Philosophical Research, Santiniketan** in February 2004
- 'Transformation of women's lives in colonial India' at the South Asia Seminar organized by **St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, Oxford** in June 2004
- 'Gender Research in India' at the History Seminar organized by **University of Uppsala, Sweden**, in November 2004
- 'Religious Reform Movement in the Nineteenth Century' organized by **West Bengal Board of Madrasah education and Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad**, 17 February 2005
- 'New Directions in the Study of Indian History: Interpretations, Revisions and Beyond' organized by **Department of History, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal**, 11 February 2005
- 'The Social Status of Women in North East India' organized by **Centre for Gandhian Studies, Manipur University, Imphal** and **Kasturba Gandhi Kendra, Imphal**, 3-4 June 2005

- ‘Gandhian Era in Indian Freedom Struggle’ organized by **Kalyani Mahavidyalaya, Kalyani, Nadia, WB**, 29th August 2005
- ‘Gandhian Thought and Women’s Empowerment’ organized by **Salt Lake Institute for Personality Development and Value-Education, Kolkata** on 4th September 2005
- ‘Contextualising the Gandhian Nationalism’ organized by **Gandhian Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University Midnapore**, West Bengal on 29th November 2005
- ‘Status of Women: Gender Budgeting and Policies’ at the national convention on ‘Nation Building and Youth in the era of Globalisation’ organized by **Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi** from 22nd to 24th December 2005
- ‘*Rammohan Ray O Bharater Adhunikata*’ organized by **BBC** (Bangla programme), **Kolkata** in January 2006
- ‘The Legacy of Gandhi: A Critical Assessment’ organized by **Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata**, 17th March 2006
- Cornelia Sorabji: India’s Pioneer Lawyer organized by **Raj Bhavan, Kolkata**, 25th July 2006
- ‘Indian Women in Professions: The Colonial Experience’ organized by **University of Paris, Paris**, 13th October 2006
- *Biplabi Prafulla Kumar Sener Jibanalekhyia O Swadhinata Sangramer Kichu Nathipatra* organized by **Readers Service, Kolkata at Jadavpur University, Kolkata**, 23 November 2006
- Global South Asians: Introducing the Modern Diaspora, organized by **British Council, Kolkata** on 13th December 2006
- ‘Gender Sensitization’ organized by **Accountant General office, West Bengal, Kolkata**, 19 and 20 February 2007
- Cornelia Sorabji: India’s Pioneer Lawyer, organized by **The Nehru Centre, London** on 15th June 2007
- ‘Gandhi and Non-violence’ organized by **Doordarshan, Kolkata**, 30th January 2007
- ‘60 years of India’s Independence’ organised by **24 Ghanta** (TV Channel), Kolkata, 15th August 2007
- ‘Gender and History’ organized by **School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata**, 9th January 2008
- Gender Sensitization’ organized by **Accountant General office, Kolkata, West Bengal**, 14th to 16th January 2008 Gandhi: Personality Cult or Charter of Hope at the **National Archives, New Delhi** , March 2011
- Gandhi: Personality Cult or Charter of Hope at the **National Archives, New Delhi** , March 2011
- International Women’s Day: A Historical Perspective in National Seminar on ‘**Women’s Empowerment: Commemorating 100 Years of International Women’s Day**’ on 24th 25th February 2011, organized by Department of History, Sammilani Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata
- **Telling Lives Re-Telling Narratives: Cornelia Sorabji and her Times in National Conference Organised by Departments of Bengali, English, History and Philosophy, Brhmananda Keshab Chandra College, Kolkata and Linguistic Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata 9th and 10th February 2012.**

- **Basic Education and Literacy: Gandhiji's Perspective on Women's Empowerment, Life and Philosophy at University Women's Association of Calcutta affiliated to Indian Federation of University Women's association on the occasion of World Literacy Day on 8 September held on 19 September 2012**
- **Delivered a lecture at the UGC sponsored State Level Seminar on 'Empowerment of Women: Some Issues, Challenges and Debates, 20th and 21st centuries', K.K. Das College, 11 November 2014.**
- **Delivered lecture at a National Seminar on Gender and Identity: An Interdisciplinary Perspective and its Repurcussions on the Education Industry on Gender in Disciplines at Loreto College, 15-16 February 2019**

LECTURES DELIVERED IN REFRESHER COURSES/ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

- **Spoke on 'Globalisation and Gender' at the United Nations Academic Impact Initiative for sharing a Culture of Intellectual Social Responsibility on 'Globalisation and Development: Current Trends' organized by Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, 2011.**
- **Delivered a lecture on 'Understanding the Himalayan Neighbourhood: Faith, Livelihood and Tradelinks, The Brocade Weavers of Benares' at The Refresher Course in History, Calcutta University 14 January 2013**
- **Delivered a lecture on 'Contemporary India: Transformation and Continuity in Indian Society/ The Woman Question' in the First Orientation Programme for Nepalese Students under the Bharat-Nepal Shiksha Maitri Karyakram during 1 – 26 November 2014.**
- **Delivered a lecture on 'Women Culture, Performance' organized by the School of Women's Studies and Academic Staff College, Jadavpur University on 5th December 2014.**
- **Delivered a lecture on 'Biography as History – A Comparative Perspective' in a UGC sponsored Inter-Disciplinary Refresher Course in Research Methodology, University of Calcutta, 15 January – 5 February 2018.**
- **Delivered a lecture on 'Development of Feminism and Framework for Women's Empowerment' in Gender Sensitization Course 2018 organised by UGC Human Resource Development Centre and Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta from 14th November – 20th November 2018.**
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Public Lectures at the National and International Bodies

- **Women's Lives and India's Transition to Modernity: Experiences of Cornelia Sorabji: India's Pioneer Woman's Lawyer, 1866-1954 at the Nehru Centre, London, 15 June 2007.**

- Negotiating Identities, Asserting Women's Rights and Claiming the Nation: Cornelia Sorabji, 1866-1954 at the **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti House, New Delhi**, 29 March, 2011
- **Ashin Dasgupta Smarak Boktrita (Memorial Lecture) 2012: Itihase Jibani O Jibaner Itihas (In Bengali) [Life In History and History of Life: Cornelia Sorabji] organized by Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad (Kolkata)**
- Delivered a Special Invitation lecture on 'Challenges of writing women's biography', **Australia-India Institute, University of Melbourne, May-June 2014**
- Inaugural Lecture delivered at the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, on the occasion of **150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, on Gandhi: Study of an Icon** on 12 October 2018.

Book Release and Panel Discussion, Valedictory Address

- Release of *Desi Dreams: Indian Immigrant Women Build Lives Across Two worlds* by Ashidhara Das , 26 July 2012
- 'Swami Vivekananda's Vision on Empowerment on Indian Women' at Netaji Institute For Asian Studies 27 July 2012
- 'Historical Consciousness in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century: Bengal, Some Reflections' at Department of History, Khudiram Bose Central College, Kolkata 23 February 2013.
- Valedictory Address on Mahatma Gandhi: Life and Works in the closing ceremony of the National Level Quiz , organized by National Council of Science Museums, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

- **M. Phil.**
- 1. 'Unish Sataker Sahitye Kolkatar Samaj O Samskriti' by Hirak Ray Chaudhuri (CU, 2007)
- 2. 'Swami Vivekananda: An Architect of India's Social Reconstruction' by Parama Mukherjee (CU, 2006)
- 3. 'Quit India Movement in a Local Context: The Case of Birbhum' by Nivedita Sarkar (CU, 2001)
- 4. 'Micro-Credit and Poverty Alliviation: Studies on Rayalaseema Seva Samiti and south Asia Research Society' by Ilina Roy (Gupta) (CU, 2001)
- 5. *Gender and Imperialism: A Hstoriological Survey* by Moumita Dutta (CU, 2009)
- 6. *Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan 1888-1975, Public Academician, Educationist and Political Visionary* by Zinia Kushari (CU, 2009-2010)
- 7. *Gandhi and Women Questions: 1906-1947* by Rini Goswami (M.Phil. :2013)
- 8. *Dakshin Chabbish Paraganar Sthanik Tukro Itibrititta*, by Debotpal Mondal (M.Phil. : 2014)

9. *Political Hinduism in Independent India* by Animesh Gupta (M.Phil.: 2015)
10. *The Journey of the Star Theatre (1883-2004)* by Sayani Roy (M.Phil: 2016)

- **Ph.D.**

1. *Upanibeshik Banglay Nari Chetanar Bikash: Kayekti Sangathaner Bhumika (1886-1925)* by Smt. Sarada Ghosh (CU, 2007)
2. *Saratchandra Chattopadhyay : A Historical Biography* by Gargi Nag (CU 2009)
3. *Gandhi's Journalism: The Early phase (1888-1914): A Study* by Anindita Bandopadhyay (CU: 2019)
4. *Gandhi and Women* by Rini Goswami (ongoing)
5. *Bengali Periodicals and Women's Issues in Early Twentieth Century Bengal* by Mandira Sarkar (ongoing)

VISITING TEACHER

- Department of History, Tripura University, Agartala (May 2002)
- University of Uppsala, Sweden (November 2004)
- Regional Training Institute, Indian Audit and Accounts Department, Government of India, Kolkata (December 2003, March 2005, February 2007)

COURSES TAUGHT

- Aspects of Bengali Society and Culture 1757-1900
- Social History of Modern India
- British History (19th century)
- Histories of Women and Gender
- Themes in Contemporary Indian History
- Gandhi Beyond Nationalism

INNOVATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS IN TEACHING

a. *Course Reformulation:*

- Took active part in the reformulation and drafting of the BA (Hons.) Undergraduate Course in History in 2003 as a member of the Undergraduate Board of Studies
- Took active part in updating and drafting of the MA Course in History in 2005 as a member of the Post-graduate Board of Studies. Drafted the syllabus on 'Gender in History' which was introduced as a Special Paper from the session 2003-4
- Co-ordinated drafting of MA Course in History 2011 and introduced two new courses on 'Gandhi Beyond Nationalism' and 'Themes in Contemporary Indian History'

b. *Teaching Methods:*

- Use of **visual slides and photographs** in the special paper classes
- **Students' seminar** to improve the art of expression and greater interaction

- Organising short **educational trips/tours** to different historical sites/places in the city and its vicinity to ensure a more intimate connectivity with the past
- Organising special seminars on the **sources of history** and addressing issues of the problems and prospects of preservation and presentation of the past in history
- Introduced **Wall Magazines** by students on historical events and current affairs
- Special initiative taken to organize **exhibitions** on important historical events and current affairs to generate awareness and interest among the students
- **Screening films** on important historical events and personalities
- Established **linkages with schools** to ensure greater interaction between University and School students

c. Remedial Teaching/Student Counselling (academic):

- Participation in students counseling (SC/ST and NET/SLET candidates).

EXTENSION WORK/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Participation in **Literacy Programme** for School drop-outs
- Visit to **Khadi Workshop** and interaction with the weavers and spinners
- Participation in **Counseling Camps** under the auspices of the State Legal Service Authority
- Teaching School Children under the auspices of the Gandhian Studies Centre at the **AIWC Buniyadi Vidyapith, Beliaghata Main Road., Kolkata**

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES, SOCIETIES etc.:

- Member, **Faculty Council of Arts**, University of Kalyani, 1992-1993.
- Member, **Under Graduate Board of Studies in History**, University of Calcutta.
- Member, **Academic and Advisory Committee**, Women's Studies Research Centre, Calcutta University.
- Member, **Executive Committee, Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad**, Calcutta. (Forum for promotion of history teaching and research in vernacular language).
- Member, **State Legal Services Authority** For West Bengal
- Member, **Indian History Congress**.
- Member, **Executive Committee, Calcutta University Teachers' Association**.
- Member, **Governing Body, Bethune College**, Calcutta
- Member, **Executive Committee, Calcutta Historical Society**.
- Member, Advisory Committee, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
- Member, Heritage Commission, Government of West Bengal
- Chancellor's Nominee , **Executive Committee of North Bengal University**
- Chancellor's Nominee **Executive Committee of Netaji Subhas Open University**
- Member, Grants Committee, **National Archives of India, New Delhi**
- Member, Departmental Committee, Department of History, Hyderabad University

- Member, M. Phil. Research Advisory Committee, Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta
- Member, West Bengal Book Board

Association with Academic Bodies under University Grants Commission

Served as Chairperson of the UGC Expert Team for Autonomous Colleges: *St. Mira's College* (Pune), *St. Theresa's Autonomous College for Women* (Eluru), *Baba Bhairabananda Mahavidyalaya* (Chandikhole, Jajpur, Odisha), *Maris Stella College (Autonomous)* (Vijayawada), *St. Ann's College for Women* (Santoshnagar Colony, Mehdiapatnam, Hyderabad), *Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous)* (Coimbatore), *Maharani's Science College for Women* (Mysore), *Kohima Science College* (Jotsoma, Nagaland), *Farook College* (Calicut) and *Ethiraj College for Women* (Egmore, Chennai)

- UGC nominee to the Governing Body, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata (2012-2018)
- UGC Nominee to the Governing Body, St. Xavier's College, Jharkhand
- UGC Nominee to the Governing Body, St. Joseph's College, Kohima, Nagaland

EDITORSHIP OF JOURNALS

- Member, Editorial Board, *Itihas Anusandhan* (in Bengali) of the Itihas Samsad.
- Associate Editor, *Calcutta Historical Journal* of Department of History, University of Calcutta
- Associate Editor, **Bengal Past and Present**, Journal of Calcutta Historical Society

PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Presidency College Prize** for ranking first in Honours in B.A. Part-I Examination (1984)
- **Kuruvilla Zachariah Prize** for ranking first in History Honours in B.A. Part-II Examination, awarded by Presidency College (1985)
- **Jubilee Merit Prize**, awarded by the University of Calcutta, on B.A. Part II Examination results (1985)
- **National Scholarship**, awarded by the Government of India, on B.A. Part II Examination results (1985)
- **Chandra Narayan Silver Medal** for ranking first in M.A. Examination awarded by Presidency College (1989)
- **Laura Ashley Scholarship**, St. Antony's College, Oxford (1991)
- **Overseas Research Students' Award**, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the United Kingdom, London (1991)
- **Charles Wallace India Trust**, London (1991, 2004)
- **Beit Fund Award**, Oxford University (2004)
- **British Council Travel Grant 2010**
- **British Council Travel Grant 2013**

INTERNATIONAL VISITING FELLOWSHIP

- Visiting Scholar, **Mershon Centre, The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA**, 15 October – 15 November 2002
- Senior Associate Member, **St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, U.K.**, 19th May – 1st July 2004
- Visiting Fellow, Department of History, **University of Uppsala, Sweden**, 15-30 November 2004
- **UGC Fellow under Indo-French Social Scientists Exchange Scheme** for a one-month research visit to Maison Des Sciences, Paris, in 2006

ADMINISTRATION AND ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

- **Head**, Department of History, University of Calcutta, from 15th September 2005 to 9th September 2007
- **Co-ordinator**, UGC-ASIHSS Programme, Department of History, University of Calcutta from 15th September 2005 to 9th September 2007
- **Director**, Gandhian Studies Centre since July 2005
- **Co-ordinator, Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of History, University of Calcutta**
- **Serves as Chairperson & Member of the UGC Expert Team for Autonomous Colleges**

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AS CO-ORDINATOR, CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

- Organised a national seminar on 'Women's Lives in Colonial India' on 19 September 2014
- Organised an international seminar on 'Bengal 1905-1947: A Quest for Identity' on 21 March 2017
- Organised a national seminar on 'Contemporary India: Issues and Challenges in Historical Perspectives' on 19 September 2018.
- Conducted the Visiting Professorship Programme by inviting 15 national and 5 international scholars.

ACTIVITIES AS DIRECTOR OF GANDHIAN STUDIES CENTRE, Organization of Seminars, Conferences, Symposia, Workshops

- 1) Organised an international seminar on 'Mahatma Gandhi and the Making of Modern India' in March 2005, in which Professor Judith Brown of Oxford University and other dignitaries delivered their lectures.
- 2) Organised a Students' Seminar in March 2005 on 'Aspects of Swadeshi Movement in Bengal' to mark the 100 years of the Anti-Partition Movement in Bengal.

- 3) Undertook field trips to Ahmedabad Sabarmati Ashram and Barrackpore Gandhi Museum with members of the Advisory Committee during March 2005.
- 4) Organised the following lecture series in March 2005 on aspects of Gandhi's life and thought:
 - Trends in recent researches on Gandhi's life and thought
 - 'Little Gandhis' in Bengal
 - Aspects of Mahatma Gandhi's Political Thought
 - Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the Contemporary World
- 5) Organised a seminar on 'Relevance of Khadi and Village industries in contemporary India' in collaboration with Gandhi Memorial Committee, West Bengal and Chandrakanta Lalitmohan, Resham Khadi Samity, Murshidabad, West Bengal in September 2005.
- 6) Organised a seminar on 'Gandhi and Tagore: Their Message for the World' in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi, on 26th September 2005, in which Professor Tatsu Morimoto of Meijyo University, Nagoya, Japan, delivered a lecture.
- 7) Organised a seminar on 'Remembering the Mahatma' on the occasion of Gandhi's birth anniversary in October 2005. Professor Jyanatanuj Bandopadhyay, Emeritus Professor of Jadavpur University spoke on 'Satyagraha Against Foreign Invasion and Occupation'.
- 8) Organised a Photographic Exhibition on Gandhi's life in collaboration with Directorate of Visual and Publicity Department, Government of India, in October 2005.
- 9) Organised Literacy Camp for children and school drop-outs in collaboration with Panchagram Women's Institute for Social Uplift and Education, December 2005.
- 10) Organised the following lecture series in January 2006 on Mahatma Gandhi:
 - Cultural Diversity and the Constructive Programme: Bengal's Response to Mahatma Gandhi by Dr. Mario Prayer, University of Rome.
 - Gandhi's Vision and the New Millennium by Prof. Anurag Gangal, University of Jammu, Jammu.
- 11) Organised an interactive session for the Directors of Gandhian Studies Centres under the auspices of the University Grants Commission, February 2006.
- 12) Lecture Series in March 2006 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Salt Satyagraha by Professor Pratap Chandra Chunder, former Education Minister, Government of India; Professor Arun Dasgupta, former Professor of History, University of Calcutta; Professor Tapan Raychaudhuri, Emeritus Fellow, St. Antony's College, Oxford.
- 13) Students' Session on 20 March 2006 on 'Towards Making a Self-sufficient India'; 'Khadi and Amul India'.
- 14) Organised the annual lecture by Professor Gita Dharampal-Frick of the University of Heidelberg, Germany, on 'Reclaiming 9/11 Through Satyagraha' on 19 December 2006.
- 15) Collaborated with Chandrakanta Lalitmohan, Resham Khadi Samity, Murshidabad, West Bengal, to organize a workshop on *Khadi*, February 2007.
- 16) Organised a lecture by Sri Sailesh Kumar Bandyopadhyay, 'Gandhiji And Communal Harmony' on 8 March 2007.
- 17) Organised a seminar on 'Gandhi, Nehru and The Making of Modern India', in collaboration with Nehru Studies Centre, University of Calcutta and Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, at Giddhapahar, Kurseong. Personalities like Professor Atluri Murali of University

of Hyderabad, Professor Aswini Ray, formerly of JNU, and Professor Chitra Ghosh, formerly of NIAS, were among the speakers.

- 18) Organised a Photographic Exhibition on 'Gandhi and Kolkata, in collaboration with University Library, in March 2007.
- 19) Organised Abinash Chandra Dutta Memorial Lecture 2007, in which Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, gave the Presidential Address and Professor Mool Chand Sharma, Vice-Chairperson, UGC, was the Guest-in-Chief. Mr. Jeremy Cronin, Member of the South African Parliament, spoke on 'Gandhi and the South African Liberation Struggle'.
- 20) Organised a lecture by Professor Richard Sorabji, Wolfson College, Oxford, on 'Gandhi and the Stoics: Squaring Universal Love with Emotional Detachment, in January 2009.
- 21) Organised a heritage tour for students to the following historical sites in Kolkata: (a) Flagstaff House, Barrackpore; (b) Gandhi Museum, Barrackpore; (c) Rishi Bankim Public Library, Naihati; (d) Sodepur Khadi Pratisthan; Chandrakanta Lalitmohan, Resham Khadi Samity, Murshidabad.
- 22) Organised Abinash Chandra Dutta Memorial Lecture 2009, in which Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, gave the Presidential Address, and Dr. Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Historian, lectured on 'Gandhi and His Swaraj'.
- 23) Organised a lecture by Professor Sudarshan Kapur, Peace Studies Department, Naropa University, USA, spoke on 'Influence of Gandhi on Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement, in March 2009.
- 24) Seminar on 'Gandhi and Mira Behn: In Search of a Larger Meaning of Life' (2012)
- 25) Workshop on 'Social change, education and Gandhi' (2013)
- 26) Symposium on 'Gandhi's Economic Thought and Trusteeship' (2014)
- 27) Symposium on 'Guilt, Conscience and Atonement the Indian Experience' (2014)
- 28) Symposium on 'J. C. Kumarappa: Life and Thought' (2017)
- 29) Seminar on 'Gandhi on Ethics and Truth' (2017)
- 30) Seminar on 'Gandhi's Non-Violent Satyagraha and the Sikhs in the Punjab' (2017)
- 31) Students' workshop on 'Gandhi in His Times and Ours' (2017)

Research and teaching programme initiatives as Director of Gandhian Studies Centre

- With Gandhi Museum, Barrackpore, for collaborative research (2013-14)
- Collaborative research and symposia organized with All India Harijan Sevan Sangh (2017)
- Publication by the Director (a) *On Gandhi* (edited) and (b) *Gandhi in Bengal: Places in History* (compiled and edited).
- Under the initiative of the Director, Gandhian Studies Centre, the Centre has been able to publish a translation of an abridged version of Gandhi's Autobiography *My Experiments with Truth* from Bengali (by Shri Sailesh Kumar Bandopadhyay) to Santali (by Satyeswar Murmu)
- A specialized course on Gandhi Beyond Nationalism is being offered in the M.A. course of the Department of History, University of Calcutta.
- The Centre has acquired a repository of 1000 books on Gandhi.

Community and out-reach activities under **Gandhian Studies Centre**

- Students' extension programme with institutions like Gandhi Museum, Barrackpore, Kasturba Gandhi Memorial Trust, Kolkata, AIWC Buniadi Vidyapith, Kolkata, and Gandhi Peace Foundation, Kolkata
- Installation of a permanent exhibition on the Evolution of the Spinning Technology: From Khadi to Handloom', in collaboration with Khadi Commission of India
- Awareness generation programme on *Khadi* and Village industries in association with Chandra Kanta Lalit Mohan Resham Khadi Samiti, Murshidabad, West Bengal

MEMBERSHIP IN GANDHIAN ORGANISATIONS

- Member, Governing Body, **Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti**, New Delhi
- Member, Advisory Council, **All India Harijan Sevak Sangh**, New Delhi
- Member, Board of Trustees, **Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust**, Indore