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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- M.A. (Political Science), St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata under University of Calcutta, 2022-2024, CGPA: 8.28 on 10, Rank: 1st Class 1st (Gold Medalist)
- B.A. (Political Science Honours) at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata under University of Calcutta, 2019 - 2022, CGPA: 8.75 on 10, Rank : 1st Class 1st (Gold Medalist)
- Qualified UGC-NET for JRF & Assistant Professor in Political Science, June, 2024 – Current, Top 0.15% amongst 90,000 + candidates
- All India Senior School Certificate Examination (AISCE XII), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) through Bhavan's Gangabux Kanoria Vidyamandir, Salt Lake, Kolkata, 2019, Percentage: 97.20% (West Bengal State Topper)
- Indian Certificate of Secondary Examinations (ICSE X), Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) through Don Bosco School, Park Circus, Kolkata, 2017, Percentage: 95.60%

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor in Political Science (Permanent), School of Liberal Arts and Culture Studies, Adamas University, Kolkata
February, 2025 -
 - Teaching and evaluating undergraduate and postgraduate courses on 'Indian Constitution and Government', 'Indian Democracy and Politics', 'Understanding Indian Polity and Politics through Multidisciplinary Lens', 'Governance : Issues and Challenges', 'Legislative Practices', 'Indian Administration', 'Personnel Administration'
 - Faculty in Political Science Through Univo for Amity University (Online)
November 2024 – January 2025
 - Teaching and evaluating papers on 'Public Policy and Diplomacy', 'Civil Society and Public Actions' for the course Master of Arts in Public Policy & Governance (MAPPG)
 - Coordinator/ Supervisor for the paper on 'Civil Services in India'
- Social Science Faculty at Bhavan's Gangabux Kanoria Vidyamandir, Salt Lake, Kolkata, July 2022 (Taught High School Students with class sizes of 50, 30 hrs. weekly, P/T)

RECENT RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- Researcher under the mentorship of Dr. Eswaran Sridharan, Director, University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India (UPIASI), New Delhi, July, 2024 – Current
 - Undertook an independent commissioned paper analysing the BJP's performance in the Indian General Elections of 2024 for UPIASI's Knowledge Series (Motwane CSR Grant)
 - Working on a research project on the Middle Class in India
 - Publishing an independent book volume with the Atlantic drawn from Master's Dissertation on contemporary state political leadership under Prime Minister Modi and the BJP's prospects beyond 2024
- Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP) Fellow & Research Assistant to Prof. (Dr.) Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy & Prof of Political Science, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA, May 2023 – Current
 - Undertook independent research projects on the changing nature of India's party system and the influence of the Hindutva ideology on BJP's Social Welfare schemes and its implications upon voting behaviour particularly that of women and the 'Politics of the Labharthi Varg' (beneficiary class) in contemporary Uttar Pradesh, India
 - Working on policy – polity intersections of Social Welfare in India

INTERNSHIPS/ ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Research and Election Analyst, Pol Tek Solutions, Noida, India, July 2023 – June, 2024 (6 hrs. weekly, P/T)
 - Conducted field and telephonic surveys, analysed election data, and prepared strategy reports for clients including political parties and individual politicians for an emerging political consultancy firm in India
- Researcher, Asia and Oceania, International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS), Montreal, Canada, April 2023 - Current (4 hrs. weekly, P/T)
 - Working on publishing papers, book chapters, and blogs related to topics on Indian Democracy and Politics
 - Researching the influence of party ideology on election promises, the politics of welfare, and the latent role of emotions in election campaigns of India
- Research Intern to Dr. Rahul Verma, Fellow, Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi, and Visiting Professor, Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana, June – July 2023 (10 hrs. weekly, P/T)
 - Assisted on a book project on the Indian National Congress
 - Performed comparative analysis of party constitutions since 1947 (post-Indian Independence)

- Research Assistant to Prof (Dr.). K. K. Kailash, Professor of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, and Managing Editor, Studies in Indian Politics Journal, Lokniti – CSDS, New Delhi, India, May 2023 – June, 2023 (2 hrs. weekly, P/T)
- Assisting on a project related to ‘Activities of Indian Political Parties in between Elections’
 - Performed content analysis of Bengali dailies with a focus on West Bengal; working towards analysis and subsequent presentation of the research findings in the form of a paper
- Research Intern, Indic Researchers Forum, New Delhi, India, January - March 2023 (8 hrs. weekly, P/T)
 - Worked on projects related to Indian Foreign and Security Policy with respect to its South Asian neighbours
 - Compiled research briefs, authored research articles, and helped in organizing special lectures /workshops
- Research Intern, Asiatic Society for Social Science Research, New Delhi, India, January- March 2023 (8 hrs. weekly, P/T)
 - Worked on a project related to Gendered Public Policy in India and its electoral implications
 - Edited abstracts and research papers; helped organize an international seminar on Empowerment of Women in Revitalising World: Past & Present in association with Utkal University, Odisha, Feb 2023, recognised by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)
- Research & Content Writing Associate at Confederation of Young Leaders (CYL), New Delhi, India, November- December 2022 (8 hrs. weekly, P/T)
 - Took up a project based on the intersections of Gendered Social Welfare Schemes and Politics in India
 - Compiled research briefs and authored research articles
- Research Intern to Prof (Dr.). Romain Lachat, Associate Professor at Sciences Po, Paris and Prof (Dr.). Christophe Jaffrelot, Senior Research Fellow at CERI-Sciences Po/ CNRS, Paris and Professor of Indian Politics and Sociology at King’s India Institute, London, October – December 2022 (5 hrs. weekly, P/T)
 - Working as project intern on a research project assessing the ‘Political Attitudes of Indian Youth’ in Kolkata, connected to respondents and conducted interviews

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- Reviewer, Politikon – IAPSS Journal of Political Science (ISSN [online] 2414-6633), June 2023 - Current
- Section Editor - Indian Politics, The Politique, Annual Journal, Postgrad & Research Depart, Pol. Science, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 2020-2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Master's Dissertation on 'Next in Line: State Leadership under Modi & The BJP Beyond 2024', 2023 – 2024, Supervisor: Prof. (Dr.) Moutusi Paul Choudhury
 - Forthcoming as a full book volume with Atlantic, Dissertation Hard Copy preserved in St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata Library
- Undergraduate Dissertation on 'New Enigmatic Coalitions and the Changing Party System in India: Implications for 2024' 2021 – 2022, Supervisor: Prof. (Dr.) Panchali Sen
 - Adjudged Best Dissertation, Hard Copy preserved in St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata Library
- Field Work on Opinion Poll/ Public Perception Survey, July 2022
Surveyed 100+ respondents in Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh as part of a political consultancy project
- Field Work: Socio – Economic Survey of a village, January 2018
Conducted fieldwork in Bergum village, Habra Block I, District of North 24 Paraganas of West Bengal, India surveying 100 respondents+ in the second week of January, 2018

SELECT PUBLICATIONS (DOUBLE BLIND PEER-REVIEWED)

BOOKS

- 'Next in Line: State Leadership under Modi & The BJP Beyond 2024' (Forthcoming with Atlantic)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 'In Pursuit of a New Geopolitics of Education: Reconciling Civilisational Idealism and Globalist Pragmatism in NEP, 2020' in 'Business Strategies and Public Policies in India and Europe : Ideas for a Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Society' eds. Dr. Bidisha Banerji and Dr. Sheetal Sharma, Springer Nature, 2025, ISBN : 978-981-96-1788-3 (Forthcoming)
- 'Treading the Path of Equipoise: Abul Fazl, the Akhlaqi Tradition & Its Impact on Mughal Polity' in The Crescent Has Its Own Stories: Essays on Medieval India – Politics, Culture and Society 2022 ed. Dr. Prothoma Rai Chaudhuri, Ukiyoto Publishing, 2022, pp. 117 – 124. ISBN: 9789356455191. IPP: 80879

JOURNALS

- 'Blending Dominance, Regionalism and Coalitions: A New Reading of India's Fourth Party System' in the Asian Affairs, 55(2), pp. 165 – 201, 2024, Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, Print ISSN: 0306-8374 Online ISSN: 1477-1500, SCOPUS Indexed. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03068374.2024.2380296>
- 'India's Congress Party: Demagogy, Dynasty, Disunity and Decline'. Co-authored with Praveen Rai in the Journal of Asian and African Studies, 2024, SAGE, Print ISSN: 0021-9096, Online ISSN: 1745-2538, SCOPUS Indexed. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096241249988>
- 'New Enigmatic Coalitions under the BJP System: The Case of Bihar' in the International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews (UGC, Govt. of India Approved Journal), 2023, pp. 439-447. ISSN 2348-1269(Online), ISSN 2349-5138(Print). http://ijrar.org/viewfull.php?&p_id=IJRAR23D1557
- 'From Sannyas to Siyasat: Contextualising Yogi Adityanath in UP Politics' in the Indian Journal of Society and Politics, 2023, pp.53-59. ISSN 2348-0084(Print), 2455-2127 (Online). https://ijsp.in/regular.php?post_id=51
- 'Indian Foreign Policy at 75: A Diplomatic Pathfinder for Taliban ruled Afghanistan' in the International Journal of Political Science and Public Administration, 2022, pp.16-27. ISSN 27888983. <https://doi.org/10.51483/IJPSPA.2.2.2022.16-27>

- ‘Freebie Models and State Politics in India: A Political Economy Approach’. Co – authored with Dr. Meenakshi Bansal & Thirupatthi. P. (Currently under peer-review at the Madhya Pradesh Journal of Social Sciences (MPJSS), UGC, Govt. of India Care Listed)
- ‘BJP’s Patrimonial Welfare Model in Uttar Pradesh : Hindutva and Emerging Politics of the Labharthi varg’ (Currently under consideration at the Academics Stand Against Poverty Journal, Yale Global Justice Program, USA)
- ‘Seat Retention, Seat Reclamation and New Seats Won : Explaining BJP’s 2024 Victory’ (UPIASI Knowledge Series, <https://casi.sas.upenn.edu/upiasi/whatsnew>, Currently under consideration for publication in the India Review, Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, SCOPUS Indexed)

POPULAR MEDIA

- ‘Deficits in Democracy’ in *The Telegraph (India)*, 2024. OCCL No.:
- 271717941. <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.telegraphindia.com/amp/opinion/deficits-in-democracydemocratic-theoryconceptualises-democracy-into-procedural-and-substantive-categories/cid/2055520>
- ‘Congress’ Growing New – Old Conundrum: Complicating Prospects of Opposition Unity in India’ in the Blog of Asian Affairs, Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2024. <https://rsaa.org.uk/blog/congressgrowingnewoldconundrum-complicating-prospects-of-opposition-unity-inindia/>
- ‘Contesting Dominant Politics in North East India : Lok Sabha Election 2024’ co-authored with Dr. Vikas Tripathi in *India Today North East*, 2024. <https://www.indiatodayne.in/opinion/story/contestingdominantpoliticsinnortheast-india-lok-sabha-election-20241026695-2024-06-12>
- ‘The Men’s Club’ in *The Telegraph (India)*, 2023. OCCL No.: 271717941. <https://www.telegraphindia.com/amp/opinion/the-mens-club-overcoming-this-crisis-infemalepoliticalleadershipinindia/cid/1957694>
- ‘Disunity continues to plague India’s opposition parties’ in the East Asia Forum, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, 2022. ISSN1839-0242. <https://eastasiaforum.org/2022/12/06/disunitycontinuestoplague-indias-opposition-parties/>

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- Presented a paper titled 'In Pursuit of New Geopolitics of Education: Reconciling Hindutva and Pragmatism in NEP, 2020' at the International Public Policy Conference hosted by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in association with the Amity Institute of Public Policy, Nodal. Cofunded by the Jean Monnet Module, Erasmus + Programme of the European Union, April 2023
- Presented a paper on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Kanyashree: A Comparative Policy Assessment at the International Conference on India 2.0: Vision 2047' hosted at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata in association with the Bhopal School of Social Sciences, Bhopal. Funded by Rashtriya Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Ministry of Education, Government of India, March 2023
- Presented a paper titled 'New Enigmatic Coalitions under the BJP System: The Case of Bihar' at London School of Economics (LSE) Undergraduate Political Review International Conference, London, United Kingdom, June 2023
- Presented a paper titled 'Decoding Voting Patterns and Changing Coalition Dynamics under BJP Dominance : The Case of Maharashtra' at Australian Political Studies Conference, Sydney, Australia, November 2023

- Presented a paper titled, 'Blending Dominance, Regionalism and Coalitions: Deconstructing India's Fourth Party System' at South West Conference on Asian Studies hosted by University of Houston, Houston, United States of America, November 2023
- Chaired an International Conference on 'Global Cooperation in an Era of Disruption', World Congress 2023, IAPSS, Montreal, Canada, May 2023
- Presented a paper titled, 'BJP's Patrimonial Welfare Model : A Case from Uttar Pradesh' at Yale Global Justice Program Conference by Yale University, United States of America, October, 2024

SPECIAL LECTURES DELIVERED

- Delivered a Public Lecture titled 'Insights into the World's Largest Democratic Exercise: Indian General Elections 2024 – Issues, States & Stakes', IAPSS, Montreal, Canada, 9th November, 2023
- Delivered a Special Lecture titled 'Rediscovery of India at 75 : Constitution, Polity & Democratic Experience since Independence' to a group of visiting students from Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), University of Calcutta, 29th January, 2024
- Delivered a Special Lecture titled 'Locating the Feminine in Indian Polity and Policy Discourses', IAPSS, Montreal, Canada, 27th June, 2024
- Resource Person, CBSE City level Workshop for High School Faculty delivering a talk on 'Deconstructing History through the Lens of Polity : Experiences from the Indian Subcontinent' organised by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kolkata, 26th September, 2024

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Professor Kushal Kumar Sengupta Gold Medal Award from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), University of Calcutta for scoring highest marks across in Political Science Honours batch, 2022 – 2024
- Ph. D. Candidate & Graduate Instructor in Political Science, Georgia State University, USA, Fall 2024 onwards (Selected on Full Scholarship, Offer Declined)
- Postgraduate Department of Arts & Science Merit Awards from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), University of Calcutta for scoring highest marks in Semester 3 & 4 in Political Science MS department, 2023 – 2024, To be conferred in January, 2025 Convocation
- Father Albert Huart Gold Medal Award from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), University of Calcutta for scoring highest marks across in Political Science Honours batch, 2019 - 2022
- Department of Arts & Science Merit Awards from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), University of Calcutta for securing highest marks in all 6 semesters in Political Science Honours department, 2019 - 2022
- Chief Minister of West Bengal Merit Award for CBSE XII State Topper, 2019
- Motwane CSR Major Grant, 2024 with UPIASI
- ASAP Fellowship, Global Justice Programme, Yale University, USA

LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Deputy Director of Academics, International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS), 2024 – Till Date
- Chair, Student Research Committee (Comparative Politics), International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS), 2023 - 2024
- First Secretary, The Xavierian Gender Championship Club, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 2024 – Current
- Chief Convenor, Gender Sensitization Workshop'24, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 2023 – 2024 managing a team of 60+ organizers, 500+ participants
- Chief Editor, UGC Book Project, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 2023 – 2024
- Student Coordinator, Oslo Metropolitan University Student Exchange Programme, 2024
- Student Coordinator, International Conference'23, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata in association with Bhopal School of Social Sciences, funded by RUSA, Ministry of Education, Government of India, 2022 – 2023 managing a team of 60 + organizers, 500 + participants
- Convener and Chief Organizer, Postgraduate and Research Department of Political Science Departmental Events, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 2021 – 2022 managing a team of 30+ organizers, 300+ participants
- Convener and Chief Editor, The Politique, Annual Journal of the Postgraduate and Research Department of Political Science, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 2021 – 2022 managing 20+ editors, 50+ articles
- Fundraiser/ Organizing Committee Member, Xavotsav 2020 (Kolkata's Biggest College Fest), St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 2019 – 2020

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Adjudged Best Speaker on 'Unsung Nationalist Heroes from Colonial Bengal' from amongst 20+ participants in a Government sponsored national level event as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (75 years of Indian Independence), 2023
- Adjudged Special Mention (within top 15%) in a cohort of 50+ participants from colleges/ universities around India, representing Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in Lok Sabha, 2022
- Adjudged Best Delegate in a cohort of 50+ participants from colleges/ universities around Kolkata, representing Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in Lok Sabha, 2019
- Worked on multiple social work projects including teaching underprivileged children of the locality, visit to old age homes, anti-drugs campaign, empowerment of girls also during the Covid – 19 lockdown period, 2019-2020

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Advanced Experience with Excel Formulas), HTML, Java, Q – Basic & R (ongoing) Programming Languages
- Trained in Social Science Research Methodology (qualitative & quantitative)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Know Data Science, Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana, United States, September 2023

- Methods and Statistics in Social Sciences Specialization, University of Amsterdam, October, 2024 – Current

Key Learnings:

- Qualitative (Ethnography, Textual Analysis and Interviews)
- Quantitative (statistics, hypothesis testing, causal inference, regression, probability distributions and basics of econometric modeling using R)