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Current Position **Assistant Professor**
Department of Economics
Deshabandhu Mahavidyalaya, Chittaranjan

Previous Employments

July 2015 – November 2016 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

May 2012 – June 2015 Research Assistant, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

April 2011 – April 2012 Research Fellow, The Goethals Indian Library and Research Society, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India

June 2011 – March 2012 Guest Lecturer in Economics, Centre for Management Studies, JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani, India

June 2009 – May 2011 UGC Project Fellow, Dept. of Economics, The University of Burdwan, West Bengal, India

Education

2015 **Ph.D.** Degree in Economics, The University of Burdwan
Title of the Thesis: Social Sector Development: An Integrated Approach to Education and Health Sectors in India

2008 **Master of Arts in Economics** with specialization in Statistics & Econometrics, The University of Burdwan

2006 **Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Economics** from Burdwan Raj College, The University of Burdwan

Research Project

- Contributed to the report on West Bengal State Finances prepared for the 14th Central Finance Commission, Govt. of India

- “Impact of National Rural Health Mission: A study on Impact Evaluation of ASHA and JSY in Rural Burdwan” Funding Agency: *Indian Council of Social Science Research*, 6 Months (April, 2014 – October, 2014)

Peer-Reviewed Publications (Latest First)

1. “Status Seeking Taxpayer and Tax Evasion”, (with Sugata Marjit and Lei Yang) *CEifo*, October, 2025
2. “Regional and Social Dimensions of Inequality in India: Evidence from NSS Data, 2002–2012”, *Acta Univ. Sapientiae, Economics and Business*, Vol. 13, November, 2025, pp. 140–152
3. “Value Added Tax Over Sales Tax: The Revenue Impact of Change in Tax Regime for Indian Economy”, (with Sattwik Santra), *International Journal of Accounting and Economics Studies*, Vol. 12, Issue 4, 2025, pp. 460-466
4. “R&D financing and production: A new Ricardian specific factor model”, (with Gouranga G. Das and Debkanika Gupta), *International Journal of Economic Theory*, Wiley, Vol. 20, Issue 4, December, 2024, pp. 478-501
5. “Growth impact of status seeking behavior: A counter example” (with Hamid Beladi and Sugata Marjit), *Economics and Politics*, Wiley, Vol. 36, Issue 1, March, 2024; pp. 398-406.
6. “Inexpensive and Effective Health Care” (with Dr. Kalyan Khan and Dr. Biswajit Mandal) in Sugata Marjit, Jyotsna Jalan and Sattwik Santra (eds.), *India Public Finance and Policy Report*, Oxford University Press, 2020, pp. 50-74
7. State Intervention for Safe Motherhood: Reflections from the Field in K P Kumaran, P K Nath, K Prabhakar and N Kalpalatha (eds.), *Flagship Programmes: Impact, Problems and Challenges Ahead*, Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2017, pp. 491-526.
8. “Assessing Fiscal Performance of Indian States: A Composite Fiscal Index” (with Prof. Sugata Marjit and Dr. Jayanta Kumar Dwibedi) in Sugata Marjit, Jyotsna Jalan and Sattwik Santra (eds.), *India Public Finance and Policy Report*, Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 76-89

9. “Tax Effort of West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh: A Comparative Study Based on Consumption Expenditure” (with Prof. Sugata Marjit and Dr. Jayanta Kumar Dwivedi), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LI, No. 7, February, 2016, pp. 63 – 69
10. “Relative Social Status and Conflicting Measures of Poverty: A Behavioural Analytical Model” (with Prof. Sugata Marjit and Dr. Sattwik Santra), *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, Springer, Vol. 13, Issue 1, April, 2015, pp. 77 - 86
11. “Proximate Determinants of School Dropout: A Study of Rural West Bengal” (with Dr. Rajarshi Majumder), in J. Felix Raj, Samrat Roy, Koushik K. Hati (eds.), *Indian Economy: A Visionary Perspective*, Regal Publications, New Delhi (2015)
12. “Health for Development: A District Level Study in West Bengal” (with Dr. Rajarshi Majumder), *International Journal of Applied Economics and Econometrics*, Vol. XXIII, No. 1, January – March, 2015, pp. 89 – 116
13. “Impact of Alternative & Innovative Education Programmes: A Study of Bridge Course Centres in Bardhaman District” (with Dr. Rajarshi Majumder), *Journal of Educational Planning and Administration*, Vol. XXV No. 3, July 2011, pp. 257-276
14. “Socio-religious Disparity in Educational Achievements: A District Level Study in West Bengal”, in Prankrishna Pal, Alok K. Bhaumik, Kausik Gupta (eds), *Emerging Issues in the Indian Economy*, Regal Publications, New Delhi (2011)

Edited Book

- Indian Economy: A Visionary Perspective – Essays in Honour of Sesquicentenary of St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata, Regal Publications, New Delhi, ed. jointly with J. Felix Raj and Samrat Roy (July, 2015)

Book Review

- Disinvestment in India: Trends, Problems and Prospects, By J. Felix Raj, Regal Publishers, New Delhi, 2012, in *Indian Economic Journal*, Volume 60, Issue 2, July-September, 2012, pp. 156 – 158

Working Papers (Latest First)

1. “Status Seeking Behavior of the Poor and Potential Policy Implications –A study on India (with Sugata Marjit and Sattwik Santra)

Paper Presentations (Latest First)

1. Presented a paper titled “*Health Infrastructure, Health Outcome and Economic Wellbeing: A District Level Study in India*” at the 7th Doctoral Thesis Conference organized by IBS Hyderabad dated 2-3 May, 2014
2. Presented a paper titled “*Proximate Determinants of School Dropout: A Study of Rural West Bengal*” at the 49th Annual Conference of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) organized by Patna University, Patna dated 9-11 January, 2013
3. Presented a paper titled “*Health for Development: A District Level Study in West Bengal*” at the 48th Annual Conference of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) organized by Pondicherry University, Pondicherry dated 1-3 March, 2012
4. Presented a paper titled “*Impact of Alternative & Innovative Education Programmes: A Study of Bridge Course Centres in Bardhaman District*” at the Global Conclave of Young Scholars of Indian Education organized by National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi dated 27-29 January, 2011.
5. Presented a paper titled “*Regional & Social Disparity in Educational Achievements: A District Level Study in West Bengal*” at the Two Day UGC Sponsored Seminar on Emerging Issues in the Indian Economy organized by Department of Economics, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata dated 25-26 March, 2010
6. Presented a paper titled “*Regional & Social Disparity in Educational Achievements: A District Level Study in West Bengal*” at the National Seminar on Emerging Issues in Indian Economy organized by Aliah University, Kolkata dated 20-21 February, 2010

Editorial Responsibility

- Associate Editor, *Arthabisleshon*

Academic Referee

- Journal of Quantitative Economics, *Springer*
- Journal of Social and Economic Development, *Springer*
- Heliyon, *Elsevier*
- Indian Economic Journal, *SAGE*

Research Interests

- Health Economics, Education, Public Finance

Econometric Software Skills

- STATA, R, SPSS, E Views

Administrative Experience

- Member, UG Board of Studies for Economics, Kazi Nazrul University
- Project Coordinator, RUSA 2.0, Deshabandhu Mahavidyalaya
- Former Bursar, Deshabandhu Mahavidyalaya