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PERSONAL :

Date of Birth : 3rd January 1988.

Nationality : Indian.

Languages : Bengali / Bangla (native), English & Hindi (expert knowledge),
Punjabi & Rajasthani (basic speaking skills).

EDUCATION :

2009 – 2011 : M.A. in Economics, Jadavpur University.
Specialisation : Development Economics,
International Trade,
Advanced Econometrics,
Economics of Corruption,
Operations Research.

2006 – 2009 : B.Sc in Economics (Honours), Bidhan Nagar College (Affiliated to
the University of Calcutta).

2004 – 2006 : Indian School Certificate (ISC) Examination (12th grade) with
Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Computer Science, Calcutta
Girls' High School, Kolkata.

2004 : Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) Examination (10th
grade), Calcutta Girls' High School, Kolkata.

EMPLOYMENT :

2014 - Present : Research Associate, Center for Public Policy, Indian Institute of
Management, Bangalore.

2012 - 2013 : Course Presentation Developer & Assistant Instructor to Professor
Bhaswar Moitra, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University.

- 2011 - 2013 :** Project Investigator in “*A study on the relationship between R&D expenditure and Total Factor Productivity Growth of the firm level of the Indian export-intensive industries : A Non-Parametric Approach*” with Professor Arpita Ghose, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University. (Funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research).
- 2011 - 2012 :** Teaching Assistant to Professor Arpita Ghose, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University.
- 2011 :** Research Assistant to Professor Rajat Acharyya, Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, on “*Study of Review of American and European markets under Government Procurement*”. (Funded by World Trade Organisation and Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India).

RESEARCH (CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY, IIMB) :

- 1.** The Karnataka Household Asset Survey; India chapter of cross-country Gender Asset, Wealth, Debt and Saving Gaps studies involving Ecuador, Ghana and Karnataka, India. With Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y. (India team), Carmen Diana Deere, Zachary Catanzarite and Boaz Anglade (Ecuador team), Louis Boakye-Agyeman, Abena D. Oduro and William Bah-Boateng (Ghana team) and Cheryl Doss, Caren Grown and Marya Hillesland (comparative team). (Currently funded by UN Women and Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program; previously funded by UN Foundation and Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs under MDG3 Fund).
- 2.** Chapter on Asset Ownership in the forthcoming Karnataka Human Development Report; with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y. (commissioned by the Karnataka Government).
- 3.** Evaluating two housing schemes in Karnataka, *Ashraya* and *Indira Awas Yojana*, and providing recommendations from a Gender Budgeting perspective; with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y. (commissioned by the Karnataka Government).
- 4.** “Karnataka Household Asset Survey and Subjective Well-being”; with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y.
- 5.** “A Gendered Perspective and Analysis on Subjective Well-being”; with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y.

WORKING PAPERS (INDEPENDENT) :

1. "Reservation in Indian higher education : True Affirmative Action or opportunistic Vote-Bank Politics?"

Presented in National Seminar on Nature, Causes and Consequences of Social Exclusion, organised by The Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, BIDISA, at Chittaranjan, West Bengal, India, March 2012.

2. "Evaluating Professional Productivity in the context of Societal Interactions: The case of the Bengali *Adda*".

3. "Is the Mid-Day Meal Scheme not Enough to Raise Retention of Older Students in School?"; with Akansha Yadav (Social Auditor, Government of Andhra Pradesh, India).

4. "Unpaid Care Work Equals Effortless Work? The case of women and girls in the Indian societal framework"; with Akansha Yadav (Social Auditor, Government of Andhra Pradesh, India).

5. "The Bangalore Phenomenon: Real or Bubble?"

6. "Are Indian students making incorrect career choices? An Investigation on the backdrop of Personality Types".

RESEARCH (INDEPENDENT) :

1. "Nipping her in the bud: Investigating into a Disguised Form of Gender Bias in Educating Girls in a Developing Economy framework".

Revise and Resubmit to 'Quarterly Journal of Economics'.

2. "Female Empowerment and Gender-Based Violence: An Investigation into Microfinance Beneficiaries in a Patriarchal Societal Structure".

Revised and Resubmitted to 'International Journal of Conflict & Violence'.

3. "Does Participation in Microfinance really ensure Gender Empowerment? Exploring implications of lack of exit options for women in the Indian societal structure".

Revised and Resubmitted to 'Feminist Economics'.

4. "Are Public Sector Wage Hikes Good for the Public? Examining Its Role in Accentuation of Inequality and Perpetuation of Poverty" ; with Panchali Banerjee (M.Sc. in Economics, University of Calcutta).

Presented in the National Seminar on Prospects and Challenges for Rural Economic Development, organised by Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, India, March 2011, and the full paper is published in the Conference Volume published by the Department of Economics, Visva-Bharati University.

5. “The Pharmaceutical Industry in India : A Market beyond Perfect Competition”.

Young Student Economist Meet, State Level Inter-College meet, organised by Jadavpur University, Kolkata, December 2008. The paper was awarded the Second Prize in the Paper Presentation Competition.

6. “Political Economy of Oil and its Implications for India” ; with Dwaipayan Dutta, Avishek Bhowmick and Devraj Bharati (Bidhan Nagar College).

Confluence 2008, State Level Inter-College meet, organised by St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata, September 2008. The paper was awarded the Gold Medal in the Paper Presentation competition and the abstract was published in the Journal of the Department of Economics, St. Xavier’s College.

7. “Economic Hazards caused due to an Imperfect Market Structure and Asymmetric Information in the Pharmaceutical Market in India” ; with Debosree Banerjee (Bidhan Nagar College).

State Level Inter-College Seminar, organised by Presidency College, Kolkata, December 2007. The paper was awarded the Bronze Medal in the Paper Presentation competition.

8. “Future of Retail Trade in West Bengal” ; with Antara Rudra, Mohar Dey and Aniket Saha (Bidhan Nagar College).

Confluence 2007, State Level Inter-College meet, organised by St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata, September 2007. The paper was awarded the Gold Medal in the Paper Presentation competition and was published in the Journal of the Department of Economics, St. Xavier’s College.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION :

2014 : 9th Annual International Conference on Public Policy and Management at Center for Public Policy, IIM Bangalore. Staff organizer in charge of sessions on Education, Development, Financial Inclusion & Microfinance, Gender Empowerment, and, Right to Public Services.

2011 - 2013: 21st, 22nd & 23rd Annual General Conferences on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics at Department of Economics, Jadavpur University. Staff organizer in charge of sessions on Development Economics, Political Economy, Gender Economics, Microfinance, and, inclusive Development.

2009 - 2010: 19th & 20th Annual General Conferences on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics at Department of Economics, Jadavpur University. Student Volunteer in charge of registration & logistics, and, hospitality.

COMPUTER SKILLS :

1. GW-Basic / Q-Basic (Basic Programming Skills)
2. C++ (Basic Programming Skills)
3. MS-Office 2007, especially Word, PowerPoint & Excel (Expert knowledge)

4. STATA (Working knowledge)
5. SPSS (Working knowledge)
6. Data Envelopment Analysis Programming (Working knowledge)

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES :

- 2014 : Started writing a blog on various social issues titled “A Piquant Social Scientist”.
- 2011 : Presented the Paper titled “Competition in Bureaucracy and Corruption” by Mikhail Drugov, as independent research for our Professor of Economics of Corruption.
- 2011 : Wrote a Paper discussing the Globalisation Debate and critiquing the Paper titled “Trade, Growth and Poverty” by David Dollar and Aart Kraay, with Lipika Patra and Mrinmoy Sikdar (Jadavpur University), as independent research for our Professor of Development Economics.
- 2010 : Presented the Paper titled “The Economics of Lending with Joint Liability : Theory & Practice” by Maitreesh Ghatak and Timothy W. Guinnane, as independent research for our Professor of Development Economics.
- 2010 : Presented the Paper titled “Natural Oligopolies And International Trade” by Avner Shaked and John Sutton, as independent research for our Professor of International Trade.
- 2010 : Presented the Paper titled “Social Networks and Labour Market Outcomes : Toward an Economic Analysis” by James Montgomery, with Ishani Mitra (Jadavpur University), as independent research for our Professor of Development Economics.
- 2010 : Wrote an Essay titled “Capital Account Convertibility in India”, with Eesheekaa Datto, Sweta Sharma, Lakpa Doma Sherpa and Debalina Sikdar (Jadavpur University), as independent research for our Professor of Indian Economics.
- 2008 : Participated in the “Mock Class” event, Young Economist Students’ Meet, organised by Jadavpur University, India.
- 2007 : Delivered a talk titled “Why Economics is a true modern day Science” in an Inter-college meet on the occasion of National Science Day.
- 2006 : Wrote a short article about the Nobel winning work of Edmund Phelps and an article titled “My life with Economics” for the departmental magazine of Department of Economics, Bidhan Nagar College.
- 2005 : Participated in an exhibition organised by Calcutta Girls’ High School, as a part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration:

- a) Developed a Game using C++ Programming, for the Computer Science Exhibition.
- b) Worked on a project on creation of Optical illusions, for the Physics Exhibition.
- c) Worked on creating a simple Solar Cell, for the Physics Exhibition.
- d) Worked on a project on Recycling of Paper, for the Chemistry Exhibition.

2004 : Participated in a Summer Camp on Robotics, organised by Birla Industrial and Technological Museum, Kolkata.

2003 : Participated in an Inter-School Power-point Presentation Competition organised by Intel Corporation.

2003 : Made a PowerPoint presentation on Spectrum as a project for the Physics class.