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Rajat Sanyal is Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta. Graduating in Anthropology (1998), followed by Master (2000) and Ph.D. Degrees (2009) in Archaeology from the University of Calcutta, Sanyal has been a Junior Research Fellow of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India (2003-05), and Indian Council of Historical Research (2005-07) and a Post-Doctoral Associate of the Centre for Archaeological Study and Training, Eastern India (2009). He has been Principal Investigator/Co-Investigator/Collaborator of projects funded by the *Indian National Science Academy*, *British Academy*, *University Grants Commission* (Govt. of India), *European Research Council* and *The Asiatic Society* (Kolkata). He has completed a research project on 'Environmental and Ecological Change: Gleanings from Copperplate Inscriptions of Early Bengal' with funding from the *Indian National Science Academy* (2014-2017). He has been an excavator of a Buddhist monastic site in southern Bengal. Recently he has directed excavations at an early Protohistoric site in western Bengal. He was appointed *Visiting Research Professor* at the School of Natural and Built Environment, Queen's University, Belfast, from May 2017 to December 2017, in connection with the British Academy-funded Project on 'Surveying Empires – Archaeologies of Colonial Cartography in West Bengal', in collaboration with the School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology, Queen's University, Belfast.



Areas of Interest of Sanyal include Early Medieval Archaeology, Eastern Indian Epigraphy, Field Archaeology with emphasis on methods and practices in Historical Archaeology and Archaeology of Indian Buddhism, History of Geopolitics in early India and Environmental History. Currently, as an official collaborator of the ERC Synergy Project on DHARMA (<https://dharma.hypotheses.org/people>), he is preparing and editing a comprehensive database of dedicatory inscriptions of eastern India.

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**Research experience:** 15 years (excluding Ph.D.)

**Research Guidance (Ph.D.):** Ongoing 5, Awarded 2

**Teaching experience:** 15 years (post-Graduate teaching)

Position Held: Head of the Department (April 2017-March 2019 and Jun 2023-present)

Member of the Senate, University of Calcutta (April 2017-March 2019).

Member of the Syndicate, University of Calcutta (16-05-2024 -present)

### Excavation/ Exploration:

3 seasons of excavation and 6 seasons of exploration with license from the Archaeological Survey of India.

### Recent Publications:

**2024.** Scholarship Indelible: James Prinsep (1799-1840) [Guest Editorial]. *Journal of the Asiatic Society* [ Special Issue] 66/2: 1-22.

**2023** (with S. Sarkar and A.N. Sarkar, 1<sup>st</sup>). A Note on a Hitherto Unpublished Copperplate of Rājyapāla. *Pratna Samiksha (A Journal of Archaeology)*, New Series 13, 2023: 205-218.

**2021** (with Nicolas Revire and Rolf Giebel, 2<sup>nd</sup>). Avalokiteśvara of Three and a Half Syllables: A Note on the Heart-Mantra Ārolik in India. *Arts Asiatiques* 76: 5-30 <https://doi.org/10.3406/ARASI.2021.2095>

**Major publications at** <https://caluniv.academia.edu/RajatSanyal>

## COMPLETE CV

Name in Full : **RAJAT SANYAL**

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Areas of Interest : **Bengal studies, Epigraphy, Early Medieval Archaeology, Archaeology of Buddhism in South Asia, History of Geopolitics in Early India, Environmental History of Bengal**

### Positions held/ holding:

- Associate Professor (Stage IV) and Head (19.06.23-)
- Head of the Department, Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and from 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023-present
- Member of the Syndicate University of Calcutta for a period of one year w.e.f. 16.05.2024.
- Member of the Senate, University of Calcutta, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
- Chairperson, PG Board of Studies in Archaeology, University of Calcutta from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
- Member, Ph.D. Research Advisory Committee in Archaeology, University of Calcutta.

### Educational Qualification

Exam Passed	Board/ Council /University	Year of Passing	Subjects	Aggregate	% of Marks
B.Sc. (Hons.) Anthropology	University of Calcutta	1998	Anthropology (Hons.), Zoop, Botp.	467	58.37
M.Sc. Archaeology	University of Calcutta	2000	Archaeology	498	62.25 Rank: 3rd
Sanskrit Grammar (Pāṇini)	West Bengal Sanskrit Education Council	2002	Sanskrit (Intermediate)	239	59.75

### Highest Educational Qualification

**Ph.D.(Science, in Archaeology): University of Calcutta on 06.02.2009**

*Archaeology of Historical Settlements in West Bengal: An Approach through Epigraphic and Other Archaeological Sources (between C. third century BC and AD twelfth century)*

Regn. No. 1981 Ph.D. (Sc.) Proceed/2003 Date of Regn. 12.07.2003

### Teaching Experience

1. Fourteen years of PG teaching experience as Assistant Professor in the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta (Oct 2009-).
2. Four years of PG teaching experience as Guest Lecturer in the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta (Apr 2005-Sep 2009), in the course on *Indian Palaeography*.
3. Thirteen years of teaching experience as Part Time Lecturer in the PG evening studies in Sanskrit, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (July 2009-June 2018, July 2019-), in the courses on *Indian Epigraphy and Palaeography* and *Historical Geography of Ancient India*.

### Courses Taught

**Sem. I:** Core Courses: *Indian Epigraphy*; Discipline Specific Electives: *Archaeology of Eastern India, Political and Cultural History of Early India*

**Sem. II:** Core Courses: *Methods and Practices in Archaeology*; Discipline Specific Electives: *Indian Palaeography*

**Sem. III:** Core Courses: *Early Indian Numismatics, Text and Archaeology*

**Sem. IV:** Core Courses: *Material Culture from Sixth Century BCE to Twelfth Century CE*

### Visiting Title

1. *Visiting Research Professor*, School of Natural and Built Environment, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland from May-Dec 2017.

### Associations

Life Member, *The Asiatic Society*, Kolkata.

Life Member, *Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies*, Pune.

Life Member, *Indian Archaeological Society*, New Delhi.

Life Member, *Epigraphical Society of India*, Mysuru.

### Memorial Lecture

Delivered W.L. Owen Memorial Lecture 2018 at *Dignity 2018*, an initiative under the West Bengal Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes Development & Finance Corporation, in **November 2018**.

### Professional Qualification

A. **Ceramics.** Successfully completed the training course on *Ancient Indian Ceramics* under the CAST EI, Kolkata in September 2003.

B. **Numismatics.** Successfully completed the Learner Course on *Ancient Indian Numismatics* under the IIRNS, Nashik, Maharashtra, in October 2003.

C. **Numismatics.** Successfully completed the training on *Numismatics of Eastern India* under the CAST EI, Kolkata in September 2004.

D. **Architecture.** Successfully completed the six months training course on *History of Indian Architecture* under the CAST EI, Kolkata in December 2006.

- E. **Quantification.** Successfully completed the two months training course on ***Application of Quantitative Techniques in Archaeology*** under the CAST EI, Kolkata in July 2009.
- F. **Epigraphy & Iconography.** Successfully completed the six weeks training course on ***Hindu, Buddhist and Jain Iconography and Related Epigraphy*** under the CAST EI, Kolkata in 2009-10.

#### **Experience in the Field**

- Worked in the **excavation** at **Pokhanna**, Dist. Bankura, West Bengal, undertaken by the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta from 2000 to 2002.
- Worked in **Excavations** at **Moghalmari** (W.B.) between 2003-04 and 2011-12 conducted by the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta.
- Worked in **Excavation** at **Mangalkot** (West Bengal) in February-March 2005-06 conducted by the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta.
- Explored archaeological sites in different parts of West Bengal and Bihar from 2003-04 to 2018-19.
- Extensively explored archaeological sites in southern and central Myanmar with funding from the UGC in 2018-19.

#### **Fieldwork with License from the Archaeological Survey of India**

- **2014-15:** Directed **exploration** in the Rampurhat area in the Police Station Rampurhat in the Brahmani-Dwaraka Interfluves in the Birbhum District of West Bengal (vide No. F.1/46/1/2014-EE, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015).
- **2015-16:** Directed **exploration** in the Mayureswar area in Mayureswar Block I (P.S. Mayureswar) along the Dwaraka-Mayureswar interfluves in the Birbhum District of West Bengal (vide No. F.1/46/1/2014-EE, dt. 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015).
- **2016-17:** Directed **exploration** in Pagla-Bansloi Interfluves (Mutralai Block I and II, PS-Muralai) in the Birbhum District of West Bengal (vide No. F.1/46/1/2014-EE, dt. 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016).
- **2017-18:** Directed **excavation** at an early protohistoric site called Asurdanga (J.L. No. 73, Mayureswar Block I, PS-Mayureswar), in the Birbhum district western Bengal (vide No. F.1/46/1/2014-EE, dt. 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017)
- **2018-19:** Directed further **excavation** at Asurdanga (J.L. No. 73, Mayureswar Block I, PS-Mallarpur), in the Birbhum district western Bengal (vide No.T-17011/160/2018-EE, dt. 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018).
- **2019-20:** Directed **exploration** in Brahmani-Pagla Interfluves (Nalhati and Muralai Block I and II, PS-Nalhati and Muralai) in the Birbhum District of West Bengal (vide No. vide No.T-17011/160/2018-EE, dt.25<sup>th</sup> November 2019).
- **2022-23:** Directed **exploration** in Brahmani-Pagla Interfluves (Nalhati and Muralai Block I and II, PS-Nalhati and Muralai) in the Birbhum District of West Bengal (vide No. vide No.T-17011/160/2018-EE, dt.25<sup>th</sup> November 2019).
- **2023-24:** Directed **excavation** at Asurdanga (J.L. No. 73, Mayureswar Block I, PS-Mallarpur), in the Birbhum district western Bengal (vide No.T-17011/160/2018-EE, dt. 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024).

#### **Refresher Course, Orientation Programme**

- Completed **Refresher Course** on “India and Her Neighbourhood in History”, conducted by the Department of History under the Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta, from 27.12.2012 to 16.01.2013 and obtained Grade A.
- Completed **Orientation Course no. 103** under the UGC Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta, from 28.01.2014 to 26.02.2014 and obtained Grade A.

- Completed **Interdisciplinary Refresher Course** on “Research Methodology”, under the Human Resource Development Centre, University of Calcutta, from 15.01.2018 to 05.02.2018 and obtained Grade A.
- Completed **Short Term Course** on “Gender Sensitization”, under the UGC-HRDC, Jadavpur University from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- Complete Online **Faculty Development Programme** on “Open Source Tools for Research”, conducted by the Teaching Learning Centre of the Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, under the MHRD Madan Mohan Malavya Mission on Teachers and Teaching, from 8<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- Completed Online **Short Term Course** on “NEP Implementation 2020” from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 organized by the UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

### Research Guidance

#### Awarded

- **Tumpa Paul** (Dec 2019): ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY IN BENGAL: A STUDY ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIALS (PRE AND PROTO-HISTORIC PERIOD) (vide Reg. No. 3218/Ph.D.(Arts.)/Proceed/2012) dated 11.07.2012.
- **Arabinda Singha Roy** (Mar 2023): ARCHAEOLOGY OF LOWER SUVARNAREKHA BASIN: A STUDY ON PREHISTORY AND PROTO-HISTORY (vide Reg. No. 5304/Ph.D. (Sc.)/Proceed/2016) dated 01.08.2016.

#### On-going

- **Saptarshi Chowdhury**: HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE AJAY-DAMODAR INTERFLUVES: A STUDY IN SOURCES (vide Reg. No. 02023/Ph.D.(Arts.)Proceed/2022) dated 21.03.2022.
- **Rik Chattopadhyay**: ICONOGRAPHY OF ŚAKTI ACCORDING TO DEVĪPURĀṆA: A STUDY IN TEXT AND EXTANT IMAGES (vide Reg. No. 0281/Ph.D.(Arts.)Proceed/2017, dated 18.01.2017 (in Bengali).
- **Bidhan Halder**: UNDERSTANDING ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN THE LOWER DWARAKA-BANSLOI INTERFLUVES (WEST BENGAL): PROTOHISTORIC TO THE EARLY MEDIEVAL PERIODS(vide Reg. No. 04592/Ph.D.(Sc.)Proceed/2018) dated 25.06.2018.
- **Anuja Bose**: INSCRIBED CLAY TABLETS OF EASTERN INDIA: A STUDY OF TEXTS AND CONTEXTS (vide Reg. No. 08170/Ph.D.(Arts.)Proceed/2024) dated 18.09.2024.
- **Aftab Mansur**: ARCHAEOLOGY OF BUDDHISM IN EASTERN INDIA: SIXTH TO TWELFTH CENTURY CE(vide Reg. No. 08174/Ph.D.(Arts.)Proceed/2024) dated 18.09.2024.

### Awards/ Fellowships/ Distinctions

- **Lectureship** by the University Grants Commission through the **National Educational Test** (1824 / UGC-NET-DEC. 2001) in 2001.
- **Junior Research Fellowship** in the field of **Epigraphy** for research in the topic entitled *Epigraphy and Settlement Archaeology of Bengal: A Case Study through Investigation into Epigraphic and Palaeographic Representations in Bengal Inscriptions* by the **Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India** (vide F.3-21/2002 S&F) in the financial year of 2002-2003 and successfully submitted the report.
- **Junior Research Fellowship** by the **Indian Council of Historical Research** for work on the Ph. D. proposal titled *Archaeology of Historical Settlements in West Bengal: An Approach through Epigraphic and Other Archaeological Sources (between C. third century BC and AD twelfth century)* in the financial year 2004-2005 (vide F. No. 4-380/04 (GIA-I) ICHR and successfully submitted the report after the completion of the Ph D research.
- **Post-Doctoral Associateship** by the **Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India** on the proposal titled *Archaeology of Early Mediaeval Rural Settlements in West Bengal: A Study in Epigraphic Sources*, in July 2009 (worked for three months).

- Member of the **Physical Verification Committee** of the **Indian Museum, Kolkata** by the Honourable Chairman of the Board of Trustees and worked from December 2011 to May 2014.
- Member of the **Publication Committee** of **The Asiatic Society, Kolkata** since July 2018.
- Member of the **Expert Advisory Committee for Antiquity** of the **Archaeological Survey of India** from April 2017 to March 2019.
- Member of the **Advisory Board for the nomination of the Awardees for Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal** for the Year 2021, by the **Asiatic Society, Kolkata**, in November 2021.
- **Coordinator of UGC-sponsored Interdisciplinary Refresher Course** in Social Sciences under the HRDC, University of Calcutta, in March 2022.
- **Officer in-Charge** of the University of Calcutta, Alipur Campus Test Centre, in the **UGC accredited 24<sup>th</sup> SET examination**, under the aegis of the WBCSC, in January 2023.
- **Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal of Bengal Art*** (International Centre for Study of Bengal Art, Dhaka), since February 2023.
- Member of the **Syndicate, University of Calcutta** from 16.05.2024 to Present.

### Completed Research Projects

1. **Principal Investigator:** Project titled *Environmental and Ecological Changes as Inferred from Copperplate Inscriptions of Early Bengal*, in the History of Science section of the **Indian National Science Academy**.

Duration: 3 years (Apr 2014 to Jun 2017)

Fund mobilized: ₹ 6,38,000/-

2. **Research Collaborator** in the project on *Surveying Empires – Archaeologies of Colonial Cartography in West Bengal* funded by the **British Academy**, in collaboration with the School of Natural and Built Environment, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, from Jan 2017 to Dec 2017, jointly with Keith Lilley (Queen's University, Belfast), Bishnupriya Basak (Co-Investigator, University of Calcutta) and other team members.

Duration: 1 year

Fund mobilized: £9,998= INR ~10,00,397.

<http://www.surveyingempires.org/>

3. **Co-Investigator:** Project titled *Corpus of Inscribed Images of Eastern India (Fourth to the Thirteenth Century CE)* funded by the **Asiatic Society, Kolkata**, jointly with Gautam Sengupta and Sayantani Pal.

Duration: Four years (Jun 2017 to May 2021)

Fund mobilized: INR 5,86,700/-

4. **Co-Principal Investigator:** Project titled *Understanding Interactions through Material Culture: Case of Indian and Myanmar (c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BCE to c. 13<sup>th</sup> Century CE)*, funded by the University Grants Commission, under **UPE Focus Area II of the University of Calcutta**, with KaushikGangopadhyay and Kamalika Sen.

Duration: One Year (Sep 2018 to Mar 2020)

Fund mobilized: INR 8,78,400

### Ongoing Research Projects

1. **Research Collaborator** of project *DHARMA: The Domestication of "Hindu" Asceticism and the Religious Making of South and Southeast Asia*, funded by the **European Research Council** (as Official Research Collaborator).

<https://dharmahypotheses.org/>

Duration: Six Years (Sep 2019 to Aug 2025)

Fund mobilized: N.A.

2. **Principal Investigator** in the project on *Following the Caitanya Trail: Situating the Cult of Jagannātha in Bengal*, funded by the **Bhaktivedanta Research Centre (BRC), Kolkata**.

Duration: 15 months (Dec 2022 to Feb 2024)

Fund proposed: INR 2,10,000

Fund mobilized: INR 1,00,000

### Seminars/Symposia Attended

Presented a paper on "Archaeology of a Locality: Inquiry into an Historical Settlement in West Bengal", in the Seminar on *Recent Trends in Archaeological Research in West Bengal* organized by the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta, in **February 2004**.

Presented a paper on "Context and Content of Early Historic Sites in the South Bihar Plains: A Preliminary Study" (jointly with R K Chattopadhyay), in the National Seminar on *Archaeology of Early Historic South Asia* conducted by the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India, Kolkata, in **November 2004**.

Presented a paper on "Context of Historical Settlements in the South Bihar Plains: A Case Study on Uren" (jointly with R K Chattopadhyay), in the 65th Session of the *Indian History Congress* at Bareilly, in **December 2004**.

Presented a paper on "Archaeological Research in West Bengal: A Brief Review" (jointly with R.K. Chattopadhyay), in the 66th Session of the *Indian History Congress* at Santiniketan, in **January 2006**.

Presented a paper on "Archaeology of Rural Settlements in Early Mediaeval West Bengal: A Case Study with the Malla Sarul Inscription" in the National Seminar on *Archaeology of Eastern India: Recent Researches* organized by the Asiatic Society, in **February 2006**.

Presented a paper on "Evolution of *Maṇḍalas* in the Lower Ganga Valley: A Study in Epigraphic Sources" in the National Seminar on *Recent Researches on Archaeology and Pre-Modern History* organized by Centre for Archaeological Studies & Training, Eastern India in collaboration with Indian Museum, Kolkata, in **March 2006**.

Presented a paper titled "Two Recently Discovered Inscriptions from West Bengal", after its selection for publication in the *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, in the Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society held in **August 2006**.

Presented a paper titled "Village Budhavaḍā of the Rajibpur Inscriptions: Location and Nature of Archaeological Settlements", in the International Seminar on *Revisiting Early India through Epigraphy and Other Texts*, on the occasion of the D. C. Sircar Birth Centenary Celebration, organized by the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, University of Calcutta in **December 2007**.

# Presented a paper titled "Dedicatory Inscriptions of the Time of Mahendrapāla; A Reconnaissance" in an International Seminar on *Indian Epigraphy: Echoes from the East* on the occasion of the D. C. Sircar Birth Centenary Celebration, organized by the Department of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University in **December 2007**.

# Presented a paper titled "Names of the Snake Goddess on Images of Eastern India" in an International Symposium on *Indian Art and Architecture*, organized by the Department of Sanskrit of the Jadavpur University in **January 2010**.

# Presented a paper titled "Writing Systems in Early Mediaeval Eastern India: Re-addressing Problems of Terminology" in an International Symposium on *Early Mediaeval India: Society Economy Culture*, organized by the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture of the University of Calcutta in **March 2010**.

Presented a paper titled "Early Medieval Archaeology Vis-à-vis Epigraphic Source: A Case Study on Western Bengal" in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar of the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India, on the theme titled *Text and Archaeology: Sites and Settlements* in **November 2013**.

Presented a paper titled 'Pāla Genealogy and Chronology: Reconsidering Sources' in the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the *Epigraphical Society of India* held in Cuttack (Odisha) in **November 2013**.

- # Presented a paper titled 'Riddle of Epigraphic Provenance: The "Lost" Daśāvatāra Image of Mahendrapāla's Reign' in the International Seminar on *Inscribing the Pasts: India and Beyond* organized by the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, University of Calcutta in **March 2014**.
- # Presented a paper titled 'Moghalmari: An Early Medieval Buddhist Monastic Site in West Bengal' in the International Conference on *Indian Buddhism in its Social Context: From Sakyamuni Buddha to the Present* held at the Department of History, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, in **March 2014**.
- # Presented a paper on 'Boundary Specifications in Early Medieval Bengal Inscriptions: The Northern and Western Bengal Experience' in the international colloquium on *Land-holding and the Recording of Property Transfer: The Comparative Experience of Medieval Scotland and Early Medieval Bengal*, held at the University of Calcutta in **April 2015**.
- Presented a paper on 'Makers of the "Maker": An Interesting Inscribed Image from Telhara (Bihar)', in the National Seminar on *Society in the Epigraphs of Eastern India* organized by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata in collaboration with the Department of Sanskrit, Burdwan University, in **April 2015**.
- # Presented a paper on 'Situating the 'Unknown': Explorations into the Anatomy of a Newly Discovered Monastic Site in Southwestern Bengal' in the International Seminar on *Mobility and Circulation in the Eastern Indian Ocean* organized by the Institut de Chandernagore in collaboration with the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training Eastern India, in Kolkata in **January 2016**.
- Presented a paper on 'Proliferation of Jain Art Historical Remains' in the National Seminar on *Jainism and the Jaina-Culture in Eastern India* organized by the Department of History, Assam University, Silchar (with Suchandra Ghosh), in **February 2016**.
- Presented a paper on 'Monuments and Memory: Temple Architecture at Bhārāmāllapura' in the National Seminar on *Order of Hierarchy in the Realm of Religion and Society: A Study of Temple Institutions in Early Medieval India* organized by the Department of Ancient Indian History Culture and Archaeology, Visva-Bharatai, Santiniketan (with Sharmila Saha), in **February 2016**.
- Presented a paper on 'Recent Archaeological Explorations in Western Bengal' in the National Seminar on *Reconstructing History through Museums and the Living Issues of Archaeology and Museology* organized by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, in **August 2016**.
- Presented a paper on 'Early Indian History: Archaeological Sources' in the State Level Seminar on *Situating Sources in Indian History* organized by the Fakir Chand College, South 24-Parganas, West Bengal, in **September 2016**.
- Presented a paper on 'Local Polities, Cryptic Records: Purulia in the Early Medieval Period' in the State Level Seminar on *Exploring the Treasures of Purulia: An Art Historical and Archaeological Retrospect* organized by the Directorate of Archaeology and Museum, Government of West Bengal in collaboration with the Sidho-Kanho-Birsa University, Purulia, in **October 2016**.
- Presented a paper on 'Rural Landscapes, Local Environs: Rereading Boundary Clause in Early Bengal Inscriptions' in the National Seminar on *Recent Trends in History: Race, Gender, Environment and Urbanization* organized by the Bhattar College, Dantan, West Medinipur, West Bengal, in **November 2016**.
- # Presented a paper on 'Monuments and Memory: Rise of a Śaiva Pilgrim Centre in Pre-colonial Southern Bengal' in the International Workshop on *Ruptures and Breakdowns in Temple Life* organized by the Ecole Francaise D-Extreme-Orient, Pondicherry, in **December 2016**.
- # Presented a paper on 'Decorative Brickwork in Early Bengal: Archaeological and Stylistic Perspectives' at the *12<sup>th</sup> International congress on Bengal Art 2017*, held in the University of Calcutta in **February 2017**.
- Presented a paper on 'Situating Epigraphic Text in Archaeological Context: A Case from Western Bengal' in the Two-day National Seminar on *Literature and Inscriptions: Texts and Contexts* organized by the Department of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University under CAS Phase II, held in **March 2017**.



Presented the Final Report on the Project (under the category of History of Science) titled *Environmental and Ecological Change as Inferred from the Copperplate Inscriptions of Early Bengal*, at the *Annual Project Investigators' Meet* of the Indian National Science Academy, held in New Delhi in **April 2017**.

# Presented a paper titled 'Heritage, Culture, Community: Reflections from Local Museums in West Bengal' in an international symposium on *Preserving and Promoting the Historical Cultural Heritage of Rural Communities in West Bengal and Bangladesh*, organized by the University of Glasgow under the UK Government's GCRF at the Taj Bengal, Kolkata, held in **April 2017**.

Presented a paper on 'Recent Archaeological Investigations at Asuralay (District Birbhum, West Bengal)', at the international symposium on *Recent Field Researches and Scientific Studies in Indian Archaeology*, during the Joint Annual Conference of the ISPQS, IAS and HCS, held at the Benaras Hindu University (jointly with Sanjit Pal) in **November 2017**.

Presented a paper on 'Excavation at Asurdanga' in the *Annual Excavators' Meet* at the Office of the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, in **May 2018**.

Presented a paper on 'Evolving Orders, Lasting Landscapes: Caitanya Vis-à-vis Temple Building in Pre-colonial Western Bengal', in the One-day Seminar on *Chaitanyite Culture and Medieval Bengali Literature*, organized by the Department of Bengali, St. Xavier's Collge (Autonomous) Rghabpur Campus, in **August 2019**.

# Presented a paper on 'Towards a Database of Early Medieval Dedicatory Inscriptions from Eastern India' in the Kick-off Workshop of the ERC-funded Project DHARMA, in the Humboldt-Universität Zu Berlin, **Germany**, in **September 2019**.

Presented a paper on 'The Temple at Jagadanandapur', at the Silver Jubilee Conference of the International Centre for Study of Bengal Art, in Dhaka, **Bangladesh**, in **December 2019**.

Presented a paper on 'Jain Heritage in South-western Bengal: In Search of the Politico-Economic Settings', at the National Webinar on *Jain Heritage* held by the Sri Bharatvarshiya Digambar Jain Mahasabha, in **July 2020**.

Presented a paper titled 'Image of "Emergency" at an Early Urban Centre: Revisiting the Mahasthan Stone Inscription' in the 4-day National Webinar on *Indian Literature and Pandemic: Measures and Management*, held by the Department of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University, in **January 2021**.

# Presented a paper titled 'Between Natural and Built Environs: Revisiting Rural Landscapes in Inscriptions of Early Bengal' in the International Webinar on *Adaptations and Challenges from Pre-Covid to Post Covid Era: A Crucial Juncture of Human History*, held by the Department of History, North Bengal University, in **February 2021**.

# Presented a paper titled 'Elusive "Picturesque Landscapes? Elements of Natural and Built Environs in the Inscriptional Corpus of Early Bengal', in the International Seminar on *Built Heritage of India: Cultural Reminiscence*, organized by the Centre for Indological Studies and Research of the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, in **March 2021**.

# Presented a paper (online) on 'Elusive Shrines, Enduring Donations: Dedicatory Inscriptions from Eastern India', in the Midterm Workshop on *Institutionalised Religion and Asceticism in South and Southeast Asia in the Pre-Modern Period* under the ERC-funded Project DHARMA, in the Humboldt-Universität Zu Berlin, **Germany**, in **March 2022**.

Presented a paper (online) on 'Recent Archaeological Investigations in Western Bengal', in the National Webinar on *Cotemporary Essence of New Archaeology, Epigraphy and Art Heritage: Recent Authentic Research Knowledge from Across Asia*, held by the Department of History, Lingaraja College, Belagavi, Karnataka, in **March 2022**.

# Presented a paper on 'Contours of the Interplay of Form and Ideology: Revisiting a Lesser-known Temple of Early Colonial Bengal', in the International Seminar on *Multicultural Architecture and Social Behaviour in Colonial Bengal: Beginning of a New Discourse*, organized by the Department of History, Ramnagar College, Purba Medinipur, in April 2022.

Presented paper (online) on 'Archaeology of Buddhism in Early Medieval Eastern India: New Evidence from Moghalmari' in the International Conference on *Buddhist Cultural Heritage of India: Recent*

*Archaeological Findings*, organized by the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University, in **August 2022**.

Presented a paper on 'Image Inscriptions of the "Pāla-Sena" Period: Recent Discoveries', in the International Seminar on *Image Inscriptions of South Asia*, organized by the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, University of Calcutta, in **December 2022**.

Presented a paper on 'Two Hitherto Unnoticed Pala Images from Bihar' in the One-Day Seminar on *Early India: New Insight through Epigraphic and Numismatic Evidences*, organised by the Indian Museum, Kolkata, in **February 2023**.

# Presented a paper on 'Back to Data: Revisiting the Corpus of Pāla Dedicatory Inscriptions from Bihar-Bengal', in the International Seminar on *Recent Perspectives on Archaeology and History of Early and Medieval Bengal from a Regional Perspective [in Honour of Abdul Momin Chowdhury]*, organised by the Department of Archaeology Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, in **May 2023**.

# Presented a paper on 'Within the Pattern, Out of It: Archaeology of Buddhism in Western-Southwestern Bengal', in the International Seminar on *Revisiting Buddhism in Early Historic India: Texts, Artefacts and Visual Art*, organised by the Society of South Asian Archaeology and the Indian Museum, Kolkata, in **September 2023**.

Presented a paper on 'Planning Ahead: Potential Early Medieval Sites in West Bengal', in the two-day regional workshop on *Looking Beyond—Vision Statement for Excavations by 2035*, organised by the Archaeological Survey of India (Excavation Branch IV—Bhubaneswar), in **October 2023**.

# Presented a paper on 'Between Natural and Built Environs: Situating Rural Landscapes through an Archaeological Lens', in the International Seminar on *Man and Environment in India: An Anthropological Approach to the Development and Welfare over Time and Space*, organised by the Indian Anthropological Society during its 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, in **December 2023**.

Presented a paper on 'Daṇḍa Bhukti and Utkala Deśa: Locating Hyphenated Geographies through an Epigraphic Lens', in the International Seminar on *Recent Advancement in Archaeological Researches in Odisha: Issues and Perspectives*, organised by the Department of History, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, in **January 2024**.

# Presented a paper on 'Templescape and its Spatial Context: The Case of Garhpanchakot', in the International Seminar on *Tales of Timelessness: Understanding the Heritage of Bengal*, organised by the Department of History, Garpanchakot College, W.B., in **March 2024**.

# Presented a paper on 'Recent Archaeological Investigations in Western Bengal', in the 8<sup>th</sup> *International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA)*, organized by the Bihar Museum in collaboration with SOSAA, in **April 2024**.

Presented (jointly) a paper on 'Application of Geophysical Sciences in Indian Archaeology with Special Reference to West Bengal (Eastern India)', in the National Seminar on *Emerging Trends in Earth Sciences (ETES 2024)*, organised by the Department of Geophysics, IIT-ISM, Dhanbad in September 2024.

# **Indicates International**

#### **Invited Lecture (International)**

Delivered two lectures on 'Siddhamātrkā and Gauḍī: Writing Styles in Early Mediaeval Eastern India' in an International Workshop on *Manuscriptology and Sanskrit Text Editing* held by the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University in collaboration with the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford University, at the **Jadavpur University** in **August 2009**.

Delivered Special Lecture on 'Early Medieval Rural Settlements in Bengal: Perspectives in Texts and Contexts' at the *Medieval Culture Seminar* organized by the Medieval Forum of the Queen's University Belfast, **Northern Ireland**, in **May 2017**.

Delivered Special Lecture on 'Monastic Buddhism in Early Bengal: Evidence from a Recently Excavated Site' at the Pyay Field School of Archaeology, Department of Archaeology and National Museum, **Myanmar**, in **August, 2019**.

Delivered special lecture on 'Understanding the Mahabodhi Temple Complex' on the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Bodhgaya Global Dialogues*, held jointly by the Deshkal Society, IGNCa and the IBC, at **Bodhgaya** in **March 2022**.

#### **Invited Lecture (National and Regional)**

Delivered lecture on "Early Mediaeval Archaeology of West Bengal: Nature of Epigraphic Sources" in the *Monthly Lecture Programme* of the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture of the University of Calcutta in **November 2008**.

Delivered a lecture on "Adi Madhyajuger Puratattva: Paschimbanger Tamrasasaner Sakshya" (i.e., "Early Mediaeval Archaeology: Nature of Epigraphic Sources from West Bengal", in Bengali) in the State Archaeological Museum (Directorate of Archaeology and Museums), Government of West Bengal in **October 2009**.

Delivered a lecture on "Art, Artefact, Technology: Archaeological Perspectives" in a Refresher Course on *Sociology as an Art Form* organized by the Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University in **March 2012**.

Delivered a lecture on "Decipherment of Scripts" in a training course on *Heritage and Museum Studies* organized by the Indian Museum, Kolkata in **September 2012**.

Delivered two lectures on "Learning basic Brahmi" and "Deciphering Brahmi on Early Indian Coins" in a training course on *Ancient Indian Numismatics* organized by the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India, Kolkata, in **September 2012**.

Delivered a series of eight lectures on different aspects of *Indian Epigraphy and Palaeography* in a training course on *Indian Epigraphy and Palaeography* in the Indian Museum, Kolkata between **November 2012 and January 2013**.

Delivered two lectures on "Learning Gupta Brāhmī and its Derivatives" and "Reading some Excerpts from Inscriptions in Gupta and Post-Gupta Brāhmī" in a Training Course on *Early Indian Epigraphy and Palaeography* at the Bihar Heritage Development Society, Patna, in **March 2013**.

Delivered lecture titled "From Epigraphic Text to Archaeological Context: Perspectives in Early Medieval Archaeology of Bengal" in the *Monthly Lecture Programme* of the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, University of Calcutta in **December 2013**.

Delivered lecture on titled 'Text and Archaeology: The Interplay of Contexts' as Resource Person in Seminar on *Looking into Past through Sanskrit Related Issues: Texts and Epigraphy*, organized by the Department of Sanskrit, Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya, Haripal (Hooghly, West Bengal) in **January 2014**.

Delivered lecture titled 'New Evidence of Monastic Buddhism in Western Bengal: Excavations at Moghalmari' at the School of Historical Studies, Nalanda University, in **September 2015**.

Delivered Keynote Address on 'Excavation at Moghalmari by the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta' at the State level Seminar on *Recent Excavation on Mughalmari at PaschimMedinipur*, organized by the Department of History, Bajkul College (PurbaMedinipur, West Bengal), in **December 2015**.

Presented two lectures on 'Writing Styles in Early Medieval Eastern India' in the *Orientation Programme* organized by the Bihar Heritage Development Society, in **February 2016**.

Delivered a lecture on 'Epigraphic Text vis-à-vis Archaeology: Methodological Issues' in the Two-day National Workshop on *Research Methodology in Ancient Indian History: Epigraphy as a Tool and Source*, organized by the Department of History, Jadavpur University, in **September 2016**.

Delivered two lectures on 'Derivatives of Early Brahmi: 1<sup>st</sup> Century BCE to 4<sup>th</sup> Century CE' and 'Siddhamatrka and Gaudi' in the Workshop on *Early Indian Epigraphy*, organized by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, in **September 2016**.

Delivered a Lecture on 'Excavation at Moghalmari' in the inaugural meeting of the Forum titled *Reclaiming Heritage: A Forum for Public History and Archaeology*, under the egis of Jadunath Bhavan Museum & Research Centre, Kolkata, in **December 2017**.

Delivered lecture on 'Urbanization in Early Historic India: 600 BCE to 300 CE', at the Department of History, Bethune College, Kolkata, in **February 2017**.

Delivered two lectures on 'Learning Gupta Brahmi and its Derivatives' and Some Excerpts from Inscriptions in Gupta and Post-Gupta Brahmi' in the training course on *Numismatics and Epigraphy* organized by the Bihar Heritage Development Society, in **July 2017**.

Delivered Special Lecture on 'Archaeology for Our Historical Past: Methodological Issues' at the Department of History, Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal, in **February 2018**.

Delivered lecture on "'Hyperconnected" Museums: Where do we Stand?' at the State Archaeological Museum, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata on the Occasion of *International Museum Day*, in **May 2018**.

Delivered 3 lectures on 'From Early Brāhmī to Siddhamātrkā: Revisiting Lines of Genesis in North India' at the *Workshop-cum-Training Programme on Epigraphical Studies with Special Reference to Brahmi Script* organized by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, in **June 2018**.

Delivered a lecture on 'Textual Data for the Field Archaeologist: Two Cases' in a *Crash Course on Field and Applied Archaeology* organized by the Indian Museum, Kolkata, in **August 2018**.

Delivered invited lecture on 'Historical Urbanization in South Asia: Archaeological Perspectives' in the *Popular Lecture Programme* of the Department of History of Women's College, Government of Tripura in **August 2018**.

Delivered W.L Owen Memorial Lecture 2018 at Dignity 2018 under the West Bengal Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes Development & Finance Corporation, in **November 2018**.

Delivered Keynote Speech on 'Terracotta Art in Early Bengal: An Overview', in the National Seminar on *Bengal Temple Terracotta & Bardhaman*, organized by the Department of History, MUC Women's College, Bardhaman, in **December 2018**

Delivered special lecture on 'Archaeological Heritage of Bengal: Where do we Stand?' at the Institute of Hotel Management, Kolkata, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India in **February 2019**.

Delivered invited lecture on 'The Text-Artifact Battle: Varying Contexts in Bihar-Bengal' organized by the Department of Ancient Indian History, Archaeology and Culture, L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar, in **July 2019**.

Delivered invited lecture on 'Recent Excavation at Asurdanga (Birbhum, W.B)' as part of the *Occasional Lecture Series* of the Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Visva-Bharati, Santiniken, in **September 2019**.

Delivered four lectures on 'Evolution of the Brāhmī Script' in the Workshop on *Indian Epigraphy and Palaeography*, organized by the Department of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University under the aegis of CAS-Sanskrit (Phase II), in **December 2019**.

Delivered invited lecture on 'New Light on the Buddhist Establishments at Moghalmari' held by the Kolkata Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India in **January 2020**.

Delivered Online Special Lecture on 'Archaeology of the Early Medieval Period: Towards a New Methodological Approach' held under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Lecture Series of the *Qafila Foundation*, in **May 2020**.

Delivered Online lecture on 'Recent Excavations at Asurdanga (Birbhum, West Bengal)' held by the Kolkata Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India as part of the *World Heritage Week Lecture Series*, in **November 2020**.

Delivered Online special lecture on 'Recent Excavations at Asurdanga (Birbhum, West Bengal)' held by the Kolkata Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India as part of the *World Heritage Week Lecture Series*, in **November 2020**.

Delivered Online special lecture on 'Understanding the Mahabodhi Temple Complex: Layers of the Temple' on the three-month training course on Bodhgaya and Buddhism, organized by the Deshkal Society, IGNC and the IBC in **September 2021**.

Delivered Online special lecture on 'An Archaeological Tourism Circuit in Western Bengal: Problems and Prospects', on the occasion of the National Tourism Day, under the aegis of the Kolkata Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India, in **January 2022**.

Delivered special lecture on 'Locating the Power of "Local" Archaeological Museums: The Case of West Bengal' in a Seminar titled *From Field to Display: Connecting the Powers of Museum and Archaeology*, organized by the Archaeological Survey of India, Kolkata Circle on the occasion of the International Museum Day, in **May 2022**.

Delivered a special lecture on 'Archaeological Profile of the Upper Damodar Tracts in Bardhaman' on the occasion of the *National Tourism Day*, organized by the Archaeological Survey of India, Kolkata Circle, in **November 2022**.

Delivered two (online) special lectures (two teaching hours each) on 'Reading Siddhamātrkā' for the Course on Buddhist Epigraphy under M.A. in Pali, in the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University, in **March-April 2023**.

Delivered a special lecture on 'Younger Incarnations of the Trio: Jagannātha on Late Medieval Bengal Temples' in the seven-day Workshop on House of Gods and Goddesses and the Art of Devotion: The Late Medieval Temples of Bengal, organized by the Department of Tourism and Travel, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandir, Belur W.B., in **July 2023**.

Delivered lecture on 'Tracking the Evolutionary Trail: Early Brāhmī to Proto-regional Scripts' in the Workshop on Computational Epigraphy organized by the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, in March 2024.

### **E-content Development (under UGC)**

Contributed Four (4) Modules for **EPG Pathshala Project** of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, under National Mission on Education through ICT, under the Course titled *Indian Culture*, in 2017.

- **M-09** (Paper 08): Brahmi Script: Origin-Decipherment-Features-Theories (IC/IEP/09)
- **M-12** (Paper 08): Evolution of North Indian Scripts from Brahmi (IC/IEP/12)
- **M-21** (Paper 08): Pattern of Dating Inscriptions (IC/IEP/21)
- **M-22** (Paper 08): Eras in Inscriptions (IC/IEP/22)

Link: <https://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/ahl.php?csrno=829>

Contributed Three (3) Modules on the 4 Credit **Buddhist Tourism Course** under the Project titled *Development of Non-Technology PG Degree Online Courses for SWAYAM* under UGC, in 2023.

- Module 13: Vikramashila (Antichak)
- Module 15: Telhara and Other Buddhist Sites of Bihar
- Module 16: Buddhist Sites of West Bengal

Link: [https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/ugc23\\_ge09/preview#:~:text=The%20course%20aims%20to%20provide,easy%20to%20approach%20from%20India](https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/ugc23_ge09/preview#:~:text=The%20course%20aims%20to%20provide,easy%20to%20approach%20from%20India)

### **Chair/ Moderator/ Discussant**

Chaired Session on 'Archaeology of Eastern India' in the National Seminar organized by the Archaeological Survey of India in Kolkata on the occasion of its Sesquicentennial Celebration in **March 2011**.

Conducted Session as Discussant, on 'Contributions of Ramesh Chandra Majumdar and Nalini Kanta Bhattasali towards Understanding of Ancient India/ Bengal', in the State Level Seminar on the same theme organized by the Department of History, Mahisadal Raj College, East Medinipur, West Bengal, in **September 2016**.

Chaired Session on 'Archaeology and Museology' in the *International Conference of the Indian Social Sciences and Humanities Congress 2018 (SAMAGAM)* in Kolkata, in **July 2018**.  
Moderated a session on 'Engaging with Bengal's Folk Heritage at the Gurusaday Museum' organized by the Sahapedia and the Makers' Collaborative, in **September 2018**.  
Chaired Academic Session 27 at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA), organized by the Bihar Museum in collaboration with SOSAA, in **April 2024**.  
Chaired Academic Session on Geoscientific Techniques in Delineating Archaeological Heritage", in the National Seminar on *Emerging Trends in Earth Sciences (ETES 2024)*, organized by the Department of Geophysics, IIT-ISM, Dhanbad in **September 2024**.

## *PUBLICATIONS*

### **BOOK (EDITED)**

**2019**

*Interrogating Early India: Evolving Perspectives* (with Sharmila Saha, Lead). Kolkata: PAIOLCK.

ISBN(PB): 987-93-88207-18-8

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### **JOURNAL (EDITED)**

**2024**

Scholarship Indelible: James Prinsep (1799-1840). *Journal of the Asiatic Society (Special Issue)*, Vol. 66, No. 2.

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### **ARTICLES (JOURNALS)**

**2024**

Scholarship Indelible: James Prinsep (1799-1840) [Guest Editorial]. *Journal of the Asiatic Society (Special Issue)* 66/2: 1-22.

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**2024**

Ahead of Time: James Prinsep's Musings on an Inscription from Bodhgaya in 'Gaur' Script. *Journal of the Asiatic Society (Special Issue)* 66/2: 281-290.

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**2024**

(with K. Gangopadhyay, S. Chatterjee, P. Singh, C. Shaha, N. Naskar, D. Morgan, K. Sen, 2<sup>nd</sup>) Finding historical linkages between India and Myanmar through Finding historical linkages between India and Myanmar through archaeological and physicochemical analysis of ceramics c. 1st century BCE to 13th century CE. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 60: 1-11.

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**2024**

(With Pritam Kumar, 1<sup>st</sup>) Epigraphic Practice in Shared Sacred Space: Tow Unnoticed Multiscriptual TempleInscriptions from Bateshwar (Bhagalpur, Bihar). *Mithilā Bhāratī* 11: 227-244.

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**2023**

(with S. Krishnamurthy, 1<sup>st</sup>) Notes on a Late Medieval Temple Inscription from Kumarkhat (District Madhubani, Bihar). *Mithilā Bhāratī* 10: 217-221.

ISSN: 2349-834X

**2023**

(with Subir Sarkar and Aditi Nath Sarkar, 1<sup>st</sup>)

A Note on a Hitherto Unpublished Copperplate of Rājyapāla. *Pratna Samiksha (A Journal of Archaeology)*, New Series 13, 2023: 205-218.

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**2021**

(with Nicolas Revire, 2<sup>nd</sup>) Three Inscribed Early Medieval Images from Bihar: new Evidence on the Identity of Tentadīgrāma as Tetravan. *Journal of Bengal Art* 26: 579-596.

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**2021**

(with Nicolas Revire and Rolf Giebel, 2<sup>nd</sup>) Avalokiteśvara of Three and a Half Syllables: A Note on the Heart-Mantra Ārolik in India. *Arts Asiatiques* 76: 5-30.

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**2021**

(with Gautam Sengupta, 2<sup>nd</sup>) A Prelude to the 'Making of the Great Buddhist Temple' at Bodhgaya (Notes on Gleanings). *Journal of the Asiatic Society* 63/3: 157-166.

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**2021**

In the Name of Myself: Donors of Images at Bodhgaya. *Seminar* No. 745 (September 2021): 58-64.

ISSN: 0971-6742

**2020**

The Donor-Executor Dilemma: An Enigmatic Inscribed Sculpture from Bihar in the Indian Museum (Kolkata). *Pratna Samiksha (A Journal of Archaeology)*, New Series 11, 2020: 205-218.

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**2019**

Environmental and Ecological Change: Gleanings from Copperplate Inscriptions of Early Bengal. *Indian Journal of History of Science*, 54/1: 119-124

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<http://doi.org.10.16943/ijhs/2019/v54i1/49606>

**2019**

Two Monastic Sealings from Moghalmari. *Pratna Samiksha (A Journal of Archaeology)*, New Series 10, 2019: 79-93.

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**2018**

Another Inscribed Image dated in the Reign of Vīgrahapāla III. *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, 60/4: 26-41.

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**2018**

(with Sharmila Saha,Lead) An Inscribed Stone Sculpture of 'Māricī' from Birbhum (West Bengal) in the Gurusaday Museum (Kolkata). *Pratna Samiksha (A Journal of Archaeology)*, New Series 9: 137-145.

ISSN: 2229-7979

**2018**

(with Claudine Bautze-Picron, 2<sup>nd</sup>) An Unpublished Devī Donated during Mahendrapāla's Reign and Her Cult in Bihar in the Ninth Century. *Journal of Bengal Art* 23: 215-236.

ISSN: 1607-1344

**2017**

(with Sujit Dasgupta and Bidhan Halder, Lead) Protohistoric Settlements in Western Bengal: New Evidence from Asuralay (Birbhum, West Bengal). *Puravritta: Journal of the Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of West Bengal*, 2: 1-15.

ISSN: 2455-3565

**2016**

(with Sharmila Saha, 2<sup>nd</sup>) Political Culture and 'Local' Patronage: Relocating Some Lesser Known Temples of Mallabhūma. *Pratna Samiksha (A Journal of Archaeology)*, New Series 7: 73-93.

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#### 2016

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#### 2014

(with B. Basak, S. Chatterjee, K. Gangopadhyay, S. Ghosh, 4<sup>th</sup>) Recent Discovery of Black and Red Ware Sites in PurbaMedinipur, West Bengal. *Pratna Samiksha (A Journal of Archaeology)*, New Series 5: 1-6.

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#### 2013

(with Arlo Griffiths and Nicolas Revire, 3<sup>rd</sup>) An Inscribed Bronze Sculpture of a Buddha in *bhadrasanaat* Museum Ranggawarsita in Semarang (Central Java, Indonesia). *Arts Asiatiques* 68: 3-26.

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#### 2013

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#### 2011

Another Inscribed Image of the Reign of Rāmapāla from South Bihar. *Pratna Samiksha (A Journal of Archaeology)*, New Series 2: 139-44.

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#### 2011

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#### 2010

Copperplate Inscriptions of West Bengal: Finding Find-spots and Locating Localities. *Pratna Samiksha (A Journal of Archaeology)*, New Series 1: 107-34.

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#### 2010

Two Inscribed Images of Early Mediaeval Eastern India. *Journal of the Asiatic Society* 52/1: 69-84.

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#### 2009

Geo-polity in Early Mediaeval Bengal under the Sena Rule: Rereading Epigraphic Sources. *Journal of Ancient Indian History* 25: 94-113.

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#### 2007

(with R. K. Chattopadhyay, and Kumkum Bandyopadhyay, 2<sup>nd</sup>) Early Village Farming Settlements in Eastern India: An Appraisal. *Purātattva*, 37: 68-93.

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#### 2007

Notes on the Mohanpur Rādhikā Image Inscription. *Journal of Ancient Indian History* 22 (2004-05): 65-70.

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#### 2006

Two Recently Discovered Inscriptions from West Bengal. *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, 48/2: 91-104.

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#### 2006



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## BOOK CHAPTERS

2019

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2019

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2019

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2018

Nalanda. *History of Bangladesh: Early Bengal in Regional Perspectives (up to c. 1200 CE), Volume 1 (Archaeology, Political History, Polity)*, eds. Abdul Momin Chowdhury and RanabirChakravarti, pp. 291-316. Dhaka: Asiatic Society of Bangladesh.

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2014

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**2014**

Eastern Chalukyas. **History of Ancient India [Volume 5]: Political History and Administration (c AD. 750-1300)** (eds. Dilip K. Chakrabarti and Makkhan Lal), pp. 384-91. New Delhi: Aryan Books International and Vivekananda International Foundation.

ISBN: 978-81-7305-484-6 (HB)

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