

**Curriculum Vitae of
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- 1. Date of Birth:** 18.02.1961
- 2. Residential address for communication:**
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- 4. Qualifications:** B.A. (Honours in Political Science) [from Presidency College – Calcutta University – 1981], M.A. in Political Science [Presidency College – University of Calcutta – 1983], M. Phil. in Political Science [University of Calcutta – 1986], Ph. D. (Arts) in Political Science [University of Calcutta – 2001].
- 5. Area of Teaching and Research:** Have been teaching Comparative Politics and Public Administration at M.A. level and Research Methodology and Democratic Governance in India at M.Phil / PhD Coursework level in the University of Burdwan for last 31 years. Total Work Experience is 33 years 06 months (as on 7.4.2019)

6. Awards/ Fellowships/ Honour enjoyed:

- i. Appointed as *Australia Awards Ambassador* by His Excellency, the Australian High Commissioner to India on 28.3.2014 at the residence of the Australian High Commissioner to India in New Delhi.
- ii. Received an important Endeavour successful notification letter from Ms. Julia Gillard, Minister for Education, Geovt. Of Australia (also the then Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister of Australia) on 22.10.2008 through the Endeavour Awards Team from endeavour.scholarships@deewr.gov.au
- iii. Enjoyed **Australian Government Endeavour Post Doctoral Research Award, 2009** in the Hawke Research Institute, University of South Australia, under the Host Supervisor Professor Alan Mayne during 26.10.2009 – 25.02.2010. Research was done on *Reducing Poverty and Encouraging Awareness: A Study on the Impact of NGOs and Self Help Groups on the Life Chances of People Living in Poverty in South Australia*.
- iv. Enjoyed **Australia India Council Australian Studies (Senior) Visiting Fellowship 2007 – 2008** availed of in Australia during 1 October 2007 – 7 December 2007. Visited Curtin University, Perth, Hawke Research Institute, UniSA, RSPAS, Australian National University, Monas University, Melbourne and School of History and Philosophy UNSW, Sydney during the Fellowship.

7. Research Papers:

In the Queue:

'Challenges to ending hunger and the national food security act, 2013: a study of west Bengal (India)' in a Springer Volume on *SDGs and Coastal Area Challenges* Editors: Amita Singh, Lalitha S Fernando and N. Haran.

Published: (If not mentioned otherwise, then the published papers remain single authored)

- i. Rabindranath Bhattacharyya and Jebunnessa, 2019, 'Food Security through Public (Food) Distribution System in a Post-Disaster Situation: A Comparative Study of Bangladesh and West Bengal (India)' in Huong Ha, R. Lalitha S. Fernando and Sanjeev Kumar Mahajan [Eds.] *Disaster Risk Management In Agriculture: Case Studies In South Asian Countries* published by the BEP [2019: New York] p.p. 117 – 140, ISBN 9781949443158

- ii. 'Can Laws Ensure Disaster Risk Reduction? A Study of Mandarmoni Sea Beach in West Bengal' in Amita Singh (Ed.) 2018, *Disaster Law: Emerging Thresholds* Routledge India [ISBN: 9781138036437] pp. 345 – 358
- iii. 'Poverty Alleviation Policies, Inequality and Socially Vulnerable Sections: Impact of MGNREGA on SC, ST and Women in Bardhaman District' in Bhattacharya, A. & Ghatak, M. (Eds.), 2017 *Rural Development Programmes in India : Effectiveness & Evaluation*, Serials Publications, New Delhi [ISBN: 9788193319093]
- iv. 'Feminization of Poverty' in Mehmet Odekon (ed.) 2015, *The SAGE Encyclopedia of World Poverty*, Sage [ISBN: 9781483345703]
- v. 'Administrative Planning and Political Response to a Post- Disaster Reconstruction: A Study of Aila (Cyclone) Devastated Gosaba Block in West Bengal (India)' in Huong Ha, L. Fernando and A. Mahmood, (eds.) 2015, *Strategic Disaster Risk Management in Asia*", Springer: New Delhi. [ISBN: 978-81-322-2373-3] pp. 115 – 128
- v. 'Policy Interventions for Slum Improvement and Poverty Alleviation: A Case Study of Low Cost Housing under JNNURM in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Area' in West Bengal Political Science Review, 2015. Volume XVII No. 1 & 2 [ISSN: 2230 – 8296]
- vi. 'Appraising the Impact of NGCSOs in Developing Capability of the Low-Income People in South Australia'. In Singh, Amita; Gonzalez, Eduardo T.; Thomson, Stanley Bruce (Eds.), 2013, *Millennium Development Goals and Community Initiatives in the Asia Pacific*, Springer. ISBN 978-81-322-0759-7
- vii. 'Globalization, Decentralization and Micro-finance: A Study of Self-Help Groups in the District Burdwan'. In Singh Amita, Kapil Kapoor and Rabindranath Bhattacharyya (Eds.) (2009), *Governance and Poverty Reduction – Beyond the Cage of Best Practices* (pp. 125 – 137). New Delhi, Prentice Hall India, 2009. ISBN: 978-81-203-3698-8
Google Books web link:
http://books.google.co.in/books?id=nh_RghsncMIC&printsec=frontcover&dq=Governance+and+Poverty+Reduction+%E2%80%93+Beyond+the+Cage+of+Best+Practices&hl=en&ei=nDR_TumvIsm8rAeeysDsDw&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CDMQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false
- viii. 'Self Help Groups and Good Governance: Government – Civil Society Interface in West Bengal'. In As-Saber, Sharif, Amita Singh, Raza Ahmad and Jennifer Jalal (Eds.) (2009). *Strengthening Governance in Asia Pacific, Myths, Realities and paradoxes* (pp. 62 – 71). New Delhi: Macmillan. ISBN 10:0230-32830-X

- ix. 'E-governance in rural West Bengal (India): impact and implications' (2008). *Electronic Government, An International Journal*, Vol. 5, No. 4, 390 – 402. Inderscience. ISSN online: 1740-7508 ISSN print: 1740-7494
- x. 'Religious Fundamentalism and the Relevance of Gandhian Non-Violence'. In H. Bhattacharyya & A. Ghosh (Eds.) (2007), *Indian Political Thought and Movement: New Interpretations and Emerging Issues* (pp. 93 – 106). Kolkata: K.P. Bagchi and Co. ISBN 81-7074-302-8
- xi. 'Qualitative Participation and Social Harmony: A Study of the Literacy Movement in West Bengal (India)' in Ahmad, Raza (ed.), December 2006, *The Role of Public Administration in Building a Harmonious Society- Selected Proceedings from the Annual Conference of the Network of Asia-Pacific Schools and Institutes of Public Administration and Governance* (pp. 40–56). Asian Development Bank, Philippines. ISBN 978-971-561-616-4 Weblink:<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/pub/2006/Napsipag.pdf>
- xii. Terrorism and the Day After: Searching for a 'Trust'-Worthy Governance' In M. Bhattacharyya, S. Ghosh & R Bhattacharyya (Eds.) (2006), *Essays on International Terrorism* (pp. 230 – 250). Kolkata: Levant Books. ISBN 81-87169-71-0
- xiii. 'Social Capital through Participatory Democracy: J. P.'s Total Revolution Revisited'. In S. Das (Ed.) (2005), *Jayaprakash Narayan: A Centenary Volume* (pp. 331 – 346). New Delhi: Mittal Publications. ISBN 81-8324-001-1
- xiv. 'Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and the Reconstruction of National Education in India (1947-1958)'. In M. Singh (Ed.) (2003), *Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: Nationalist Profile* (pp. 117 – 130). New Delhi: Anamika Publishers. ISBN 81-7975-066-3
- xv. 'Social Capital and Participatory Democracy: Empowering People through Panchayats in West Bengal' (2005). In the *West Bengal Political Science Review* (Journal of the West Bengal Political Science Association), Vol. VIII, No. I & II, 10– 26. [Currently the Journal has ISSN 2230 – 8296]
- xvi. 'Judicial Activism in India and the Dilemma of the Judiciary'. In S. Ghose (Ed.) (1998), *Perspectives on Judicial Activism in India* (pp. 125 – 133). Calcutta: Sribhumi Publishers. ISBN 81-7384-152-7
- xvii. 'The Politics of Human Rights in a Post-Cold War World: Globalization in Question'. In B. Ghose, et. al. (Eds.) (1997), *Perspectives in Political Science* (pp. 120 – 130). Burdwan: Academic Staff College, the University of Burdwan.

- xviii. 'Secularism and Electoral Politics in India: A Theoretical Perspective' (1996). In *The Journal of Socio-Political Studies*, Vol.- II (pp. 43 – 56). The University of Burdwan.

8. Jointly edited book:

- i. *Land, Leadership and Local Resource Management* co-edited with Ahmad Martadha Mohamed (Utatara University, Malaysia), 2016, Mittal, New Delhi
- ii. *Governance and Poverty Reduction – Beyond the Cage of Best Practices*, Singh Amita, Kapil Kapoor and Rabindranath Bhattacharyya (eds.), New Delhi, Prentice Hall India, 2009. ISBN 978-81-203-3698-8
- iii. *Essays on International Terrorism*, edited jointly by Mohit Bhattacharya, Sekhar Ghosh and Rabindranath Bhattacharyya, Kolkata, Levant Books, 2006. ISBN 81-87169-71-0

9. Papers in International Conferences / Seminars/ Workshops including invited lectures: Paper presentations include: International Political Science Association Conference (2003, Durban, South Africa); Conference on Gandhi (2004, ANU, Canberra, Australia); Network of Asia-Pacific Schools and Institutes of Public Administration and Governance (NAPSIPAG) Conference (2004: Kuala Lumpur Malaysia; 2005: Beijing, China; 2012 & 2018: Colombo Sri Lanka; 2014: Dhaka, Bangladesh); Political Studies Association, UK Conference (2006, University of Reading); Information and Communication Technology Conference (2007, Manila, Philippines).

10. A) Research Guidance: Successfully supervised five PhD candidates, who have already been awarded. Currently I am supervising seven PhD candidates. Also I have supervised 13 M. Phil. Candidates successfully.

Have supervised/ been supervising PhD scholars from Bangladesh:

- i) Dr. Jebunnessa, currently Chair Person and Associate Professor of the Dept. of Public Administration, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh [and former Asst. Director (Administration) at Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, also former Gender Training Officer in a UNDP funded project], has been awarded Ph. D. in Political Science under my supervision in the Dept. of Political Science of the University of Burdwan on 05.04.2017.
- ii) Nibedita Roy, an ICCR Ph.D. Fellow from Bangladesh and Assistant Professor of Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, has been enrolled as a registered PhD scholar under my supervision on 31.08.2016

B) Ph.D. examiner of various universities including JNU in India and also of foreign University like Central Department of Public Administration, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal.

11. Completed Sponsored Projects:

- i. Completed as Principal Investigator in ongoing University Grants Commission sponsored Major Research Project for two and half years (F. No. 5-257/2012 (HRP); date – 31.7.12) on ‘Promoting Environmental Awareness for Poverty Alleviation: a Study of NGOs, Self Help Groups and Panchayats in Select Districts of West Bengal’.
- ii. Submitted Report as Principal Investigator on ‘Impact Assessment of MGNREGA in Burdwan district’ [Project date: November 2012 – March 2013], being conducted by the Burdwan local branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration on the request of the District Magistrate Burdwan.
- iii. Carried out Research Project on *Reducing Poverty and Encouraging Awareness: A Study on the Impact of NGOs and Self Help Groups on the Life Chances of People Living in Poverty in South Australia* during Australian Government Endeavour Post Doctoral Research Fellowship, 2009 in the Hawke Research Institute, University of South Australia, under the Host Supervisor Professor Alan Mayne during 26.10.2009 – 25.02.2010.

12. **Former Member of the Editorial Board** of the West Bengal Political Science Review [ISSN 2230 – 8296] – bi-annual journal of the West Bengal Political Science Association.

13. **Acted as Expert** of West Bengal College Service Commission, UPSC, Bihar Public Service Commission and many other universities in various capacities.

14. **Special diplomatic job:** On the invitation of the Australian High Commissioner to India Mr. Patrick Suckling, I met the Australian Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, over the CII Business lunch on the 5th September, in New Delhi. I also joined the seven Vice Chancellors of the Australian Universities, who were part of Australian Prime Minister’s official delegation on an exclusive Australia-India Innovation round-table to discover Australia’s world-class industry-focused research and development ecosystem on that day.

On the invitation of the Australian Acting High Commissioner to India Mr. Chris Elstof, I met as an Endeavour Awards Ambassadors the Australian Minister for Education and Training, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP, on 23 August 2015 in the High Commissioner’s residence in New Delhi and presented my views on ‘how Australia’s education collaboration with India can be further strengthened.’

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Dear Dr Bhattacharyya

On behalf of the Australian Government, it is my pleasure to advise that you have been selected to receive a 2009 Endeavour Research Fellowship.

The Endeavour Awards are the Australian Government's internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program providing high-achieving individuals with a unique opportunity to undertake study, research or professional development.

The Endeavour Awards enable collaboration in areas of shared interest between the people of Australia and the region. In doing so, the Awards aim to develop mutual understanding and foster enduring linkages between individuals, organisations and countries.

Austraining International manages the post-selection support services for the Endeavour Awards on behalf of my Department and will assist you in your preparation for your Award.

On successful completion of your Award, you will become a member of the Endeavour Awards Alumni Network. This network will assist you to maintain the personal, business, institutional and educational links and friendships you make during your Award.

I offer you my congratulations on joining the select group of individuals who have received a prestigious Endeavour Award. I trust that the experience you gain through your participation will be both challenging and rewarding, and wish you well in this undertaking.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia Gillard'.

**Julia Gillard
Minister for Education**



Australian High Commissioner Hon'ble H.E Patrick Suckling appointing as Australia Awards Ambassador on 28.03.2014

