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PERSONAL STATEMENT & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Rituparna is an Independent Researcher (Self-Employed). Most of her projects are interdisciplinary and span across the disciplinary boundaries of Human Geography, Sociology, Social Work and Women's Studies but fall under the broad spectrum of gender, politics, sexuality, and development in South Asia. To accomplish her projects, Rituparna applies qualitative methods in triangulation with questionnaire survey and quantitative techniques (including GIS).

She obtained her PhD from the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University in July 2009. Rituparna is an immigrant from India to the UK. She had the responsibility of raising two children without any family support mechanism, so, she decided to work independently. Now that her children have grown up, she is looking for formal engagement. However, as an Independent Researcher, Rituparna has continuously pursued research either independently or in collaboration with different universities—Loughborough University, UK; Banaras Hindu University, Gauhati University, KK Handique University, University of Science and Technology, India; Shahjajal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh and Australian Catholic University, Australia. She has become an **Associate Fellow, Advance HE** (formerly Higher Education Academy), United Kingdom in 2018.

In April 2017, *Journal World Development* (Elsevier) awarded Rituparna for her **outstanding contribution in reviewing**. Earlier in 2011, she received **New and Emergent Scholar**, *Journal Gender, Place and Culture*, Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group for her contributions to gender and development in India.

Rituparna is the founding editor-in-chief of the open access, blind peer-reviewed journal **Space and Culture, India** (www.spaceandculture.in). It was launched in May 2013. The journal gained SCOPUS coverage in December 2016 and subsequently attained Scimago Journal & Country Rank (<https://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=21100814517&tip=sid&clean=0>).

Since 2012, Rituparna has been informally mentoring PhD students/research scholars of different universities of India to help them obtain their respective PhDs and publish articles in outlets of high quality peer-reviewed international standing. Currently, Rituparna is invited to teach in universities across India, notable amongst them are—Gauhati University, KK Handique Open University, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya and Banaras Hindu University.

Before joining PhD at Newcastle University, Rituparna worked as a **Lecturer in Geography in different colleges of India** (1996-2003). And during her PhD, she worked as a **Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, Newcastle University**. Rituparna actively renders her voluntary service especially in advancing gender studies and academic writing skills in different universities and colleges located in remote parts of India through Alliance for Community Capacity Building in North East India, the UK based charity (Charity Number 1106666) and Prag Foundation for Capacity Building, a public charitable trust of India.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2009:** PhD, Newcastle University
Title: Changing Status and Role of Indian Middle-Class Women
Overseas Research Students Awards (ORSA), Department of Employment and Learning, UK and Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship (NUORS) funded this project.
- 1996:** MA in (Geography), Department of Geography, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India
First Class First (in MA Geography)

EMPLOYMENT

2009-Present: Self-Employed (Independent Researcher)

Nov 2016 – Feb 2017: **Research Associate**, School of Aeronautical, Automotive, Chemical and Materials Engineering Loughborough University, Leicestershire, UK, LE11 3TU

May 2013-Present: **Editor-In-Chief**, Space and Culture, India

2011- 2012: In Charge of Skill Development Programme for the youths living below the poverty line, Mirza, Kamrup District, Assam, India, *Prag Foundation for Capacity Building* in association with *Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India*

2003-2004: **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Geography, Newcastle University, NE1 7RU

1999-2003: **Lecturer in Geography**, Cotton College (now University), Assam, India

1997-1999: **Lecturer in Geography**, Bajali College, Assam, India

1996-1997: **Lecturer in Geography**, Mangaldoi College, Assam, India

EXTERNAL GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

A grant from the Department of Chemical Engineering, Loughborough University, UK to conduct the field study in India on Access to Drinking Water in Humanitarian Crisis, 2018

Awarded Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing (2017), *Journal World Development* (Elsevier)

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) institutional supported (Loughborough University) project titled Decentralised Water Treatment System (DWTS) for Provision of Clean Drinking Water in Humanitarian Crises under Dr Diganta B Das, Senior Lecturer, Department of Chemical Engineering, November 2016- February 2017

Research Grant for the project titled Domestic Violence Against Women in Sylhet, Bangladesh, University Research Center, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh; Prof. Tulshi Kumar Das (PI), **Rituparna Bhattacharyya (Co-PI)**, Md. Fakhru Alam (Co-PI) and Ms Amina Parvin (Co-PI), Department of Social Work, 2012 - 2016

Grant from Sunshine University, Australia to review , edit and create the book index of the book project: *The Lhotsampa People of Bhutan: Resilience and Survival*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, Hardback ISBN: 978–1–137–55721–6, E-PUB ISBN: 978–1–137–55139–9, E-PDF ISBN: 978–1–137–55142–9, DOI: 10.1057/9781137551429 (2014-2015)

New and Emergent Scholar, 2011 *Journal Gender, Place and Culture, A Journal of Feminist Geography*, Routledge, Taylor & Francis group for contribution to Gender Geography in India.

Overseas Research Students Awards (ORSA), Department of Employment and Learning, UK and Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship (NUORS) to pursue PhD at Newcastle University, UK

National Merit Scholarship (Government of India) to pursue a Masters in Geography, Banaras Hindu University (1994-1996)

Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial award for standing 'first class with first position' in BA Geography (Honours), 1993

ANONYMOUS JOURNAL REVIEWER AND PhD EXAMINER

- 2018- present** Geojournal, Springer
- 2018 - present** Women's Studies International Forum, Elsevier
- 2018 - present** *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine*, Elsevier
- 2018- present** *Journal Contemporary South Asia*, Routledge, Taylor & Francis
- 2017- present** *Polymath: An Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Journal*, a peer-reviewed journal of the College of Arts and Sciences, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- 2016 - present** *Journal World Development*, Elsevier
- 2016 - present** *Journal Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, John Wiley and Sons, Australia
- 2012 - present** *Journal Gender, Place and Culture*, Routledge, Taylor & Francis
- PhD thesis and Viva-Voce Examiner** Gauhati University, India (2018-2019).

Other Competencies and Skills

- 2016 - 2018** Vice President, Overseas Alumni Association, Europe Chapter, Gauhati University
- 2007 - present** In Charge of Training and Development, Alliance for Community Capacity Building in North East India, a UK registered charity—Charity Number: 1106666 (in association with Prag Foundation, Assam, India).

ONGOING PROJECTS

Currently working on the book project: ***Discrimination, Challenge, and Response: People of North East India***. This is an edited book to be published by Palgrave Macmillan. I am one of the co-editors. The other two editors are Dr Venkat Pulla, Senior Lecturer, Department of Social Work, Australian Catholic University, Australia and Professor Sanjai Bhatt, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, **2017-2019**

Probing the Unexplored: Trafficking of Young Women and Children in Assam (a joint project with Professor Madhushree Das, Gauhati University), **2018-2023**

***The Feminisation of Poverty*, 2017- 2022**

***Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA), Gender and Security (Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict)*, 2015-2020**

***Missing Children of India*, 2015-2022**

***Lives of Widows in Varanasi*, 2013-2023** (a joint project with Dr. Suman Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005).

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Funding Hacks for Researchers, Researcher Academy, Elsevier, 27 April 2018

Make the most of your research: publish your data & methods, Researcher Academy, Elsevier, 27 April 2018

Water Research Day and Relaunch of 'Changing Environments and Infrastructure (CEI)' Global Challenge, Loughborough University, 22 May 2017

10 tips for writing a truly terrible journal article, Elsevier Publishing Campus, 1 March 2017

Information Security Training, Loughborough University, 15 December 2016

Diversity in the Workplace, Loughborough University, 13 December 2016

Plagiarism, Elsevier Publishing Campus, 07 December 2015

Structuring Your Article, Elsevier Publishing Campus, 03 December 2015

Preparing Your Manuscript, Elsevier Publishing Campus, 03 December 2015

Using Proper Manuscript Language, Elsevier Publishing Campus, 03 December 2015

Successful Grant Applications: Getting it Right, Elsevier Publishing Campus, 02 December 2015

How do Editors Look at Your Paper, Elsevier Publishing Campus, 30 November 2015

How to respond to reviewers' comments, Elsevier Publishing Campus, 30 November 2015

Equality and Diversity (2013), NCFE, Level 2, Credit Value 13

World Bank Data and Research: Opening the Vault, co-sponsored by the World Bank, and Library Journal, 15 June 2011

Training on Nvivo 8, QSR international, 2011

GIS training in 2011, School of Civil Engineering and Geosciences, Newcastle University

Dissertation writing, Language Centre (now Writing Development Centre), Newcastle University, 2009

Mentor Training, Newcastle University, 2009

Presentation skills for conferences, Language Centre (now Writing Development Centre), Newcastle University, 2005

Academic writing, Language Centre (now Writing Development Centre), Newcastle University, 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/ FELLOWSHIP

Annual Member, American Association of Geographers

Associate Fellow, Advance HE (formerly Higher Education Academy), United Kingdom

OTHERS

Clean UK Driving Licence

REFEREES

- Dr Diganta B Das, Senior Lecturer, School of Aeronautical, Automotive, Chemical and Materials Engineering, Loughborough University Leicestershire, UK, LE11 3TU, email: d.b.das@lboro.ac.uk, Phone: +44 (0)1509 222509

- Professor Hiranya K. Nath, Department of Economics and Intl. Business, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX 77341-2118 (USA), email: eco_hkn@shsu.edu, Phone: (936) 294 4760, Fax: (936) 294 3488
- Dr Venkat Pulla, Senior Lecturer and Coordinator, Social Work Discipline, Australian Catholic University (ACU), Brisbane, Australia, emails: Venkat.Pulla@acu.edu.au and dr.venkat.pulla@gmail.com, Phone: +61422345982
- Professor Tulshi Kumar Das, Department of Social Work, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet-3114, Bangladesh, email: tulshikumardas@gmail.com, Phone: +880171612088

PUBLICATIONS

Significant Publications

Journal Articles

Bhattacharyya, R. (2019). Symbolic Violence and Misrecognition: Scripting Gender among Middle-class Women, India, *Society and Culture in South Asia*, 5(1), 19-46, DOI: 10.1177/2393861718787870 (Publisher: Sage)

Bhattacharyya, R., Das, T., Alam, F and Parvin Amina (2018). Researching Domestic Violence in Bangladesh: Critical Reflections, *Journal Ethics and Social Welfare*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17496535.2018.1458889>, 1-16 (Publisher: Routledge, Taylor and Francis)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2018). Living with Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) as Everyday Life, *GeoJournal*, 83(1), 31-48, DOI: 10.1007/s10708-016-9752-9 (Publisher: Springer)

Bhattacharyya, R. and Singh, S. (2018). Exclusion (and seclusion): Geographies of Disowned Widows of India, *GeoJournal*, 83 (4), 757–774, DOI: 10.1007/s10708-017-9800-0 (Publisher: Springer)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2017). Sociologies of India's Missing Children, *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, 11(1), 90-101, DOI:10.1111/aswp.12116 (Publisher: Wiley)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2016). Street Violence against Indian Women in India: Mapping Prevention Strategies, *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, 10 (3), 311-325, DOI: 10.1111/aswp.12099 (Publisher: Wiley).

Das, T., **Bhattacharyya, R.** Alam, F., and Parvin, A. (2016). Domestic Violence in Sylhet, Bangladesh: Analysing the Experiences of Abused Women, *Journal Social Change*, 46 (1), 106-123, DOI: 10.1177/0049085715618561(Publisher: Sage Journals)

Das, T., Alam, F., **Bhattacharyya, R.** and Parvin, A. (2015). Causes and Contexts of Domestic Violence: Tales of the Help Seeking Married Women in Sylhet, Bangladesh, *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, 9(2), 163–176, DOI:10.1111/aswp.12055 (Publisher: Wiley).

Bhattacharyya, R. (2015). Understanding the Spatialities of Sexual Assault against Indian women in India, *Journal Gender, Place and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*, 22(9), 1340-1356 DOI: 10.1080/0966369X.2014.969684 (Publisher: Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group).

Book Chapters

Bhattacharyya, R. (2019). Chapter Six: Did India's Partition lead to Segregation of North East India? In A. Ranjan. (ed). *Partition of India: Postcolonial Legacies*. Oxon and New York: Routledge, 105-131

Bhattacharyya, R. and Prasad Sanjay (forthcoming, in press). Geographies of Indian Women's Everyday Public Safety. In Rajiv Thakur, Ashok Dutt, Sudhir Thakur, George Pomeroy (eds.). *Urban and Regional Planning and Development: 20th Century Forms and 21st Century Transformations* (Springer)

Bhattacharyya, R. and Prasad Sanjay (forthcoming, in press). Water Scarcity in Delhi: Mapping for Solutions and the Way Forward. In Dr R.B. Singh (eds.). *Urban Health Risk and Resilience in Asian Cities* (Springer)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2009). Feminist Political Economy. In R. Kitchin and N. Thrift (eds.). *The International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, Oxford: Elsevier, Vol.4, pages 79-86

Book Reviews

Bhattacharyya, R. (2019). Child Sponsorship: Exploring Pathways to a Brighter Future. *Progress in Development Studies*, 19(1), 83-84, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1464993418799895> (Publisher: Sage Journals)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2017). What Gender is, What Gender Does, *Journal Gender, Place and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*, DOI:10.1080/0966369X.2017.1338432 (Publisher: Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group).

Bhattacharyya, R. (2017). The Lhotsampa People of Bhutan: Resilience and Survival, *Journal South Asia Research*, 37 (1), 113-115, DOI: 10.1177/0262728016663300 (Publisher: Sage Journals)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2016). Discounted Life: The Price of Global Surrogacy in India, *Journal Gender, Place and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*, 1813-1814, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2016.1211585> (Publisher: Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group).

Bhattacharyya, R. (2015). Some Aspects of Community Empowerment and Resilience, *Journal Social Change*, 45(4) 628-632, DOI: 10.1177/0049085715602795 (Publisher: Sage Journals)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2015). Working Childhoods: Youth, Agency and the Environment in India. *Progress in Development Studies*, 15(3), 292-294, DOI: 10.1177/1464993415578570 (Publisher: Sage Journals)

OTHER PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book

Bhattacharyya, R. (2013). *Are We Empowered? Stories of young Indian working women*, Saarbrücken, Germany: Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, (ISBN: 978-3-659-20580-4)

Book Chapters

Bhattacharyya, R. (2017). Economic Reforms, Higher Education, and New Career Aspirations: Findings from a Study of Indian women in Higher Education. In Baleshwar Thakur, H.S.Sharma, Suresh Mishra and S. Chattopadhyay (eds.). *Regional Development: Theory and Practice* (In 5 Volumes), New Delhi: Concept Publishing (ISBN: 9789351252023)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2017). Feminisation of Poverty: A Global Phenomenon. In Baleshwar Thakur, H.S.Sharma, Suresh Mishra and S. Chattopadhyay (eds.). *Regional Development: Theory and Practice* (In 5 Volumes), New Delhi: Concept Publishing (ISBN: 9789351252023)

Bhattacharyya, R., Vauqueline, P. and Singh, S. (2011). Towards a Socially Sustainable India: An Analysis of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, 2006, in S.K. Singh, Raj Kumar, H.P. Mathur, N.B. Singh and V.K. Kumra (eds.). *Energy Resources, Alternative Search and Sustainable Development*, New Delhi: Shree Publishers, pages 73-88, (ISBN: 978-81-8329-395-2)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2008). Marriage, motherhood and career salience: young women in the contemporary society of Assam, in edited by A. K. Ray and B. Dutta Ray (eds.) *Women Emancipation: Focus North East India*, New Delhi: Om Publications, pages 163-182, (ISBN: 81-86867-85-6)

Guides (Compilation)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2011). *Academic Writing*, North Shields: ACCB Publishing (ISBN: 9781908368003)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2011). *Searching Scholarly Information on the Web*, North Shields: ACCB Publishing (ISBN: 9781908368010)

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Bhattacharyya, R. (2018). # Metoo Movement: An Awareness Campaign, *International Journal of Innovation, Creativity and Change*, 3 (4), Special Edition: Teaching and Training in Cross Cultural Competencies, 1-12

Bhattacharyya, R. (2017). India Rising. *Space and Culture, India*, 5(1), 1-11. doi:10.20896/saci.v5i1.258

Bhattacharyya, R. (2016). Draft Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill 2016: Rhetoric or Surrogate-centric? *Journal Space and Culture, India*, 4(2), 9-21, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.20896/saci.v4i2.219>

Bhattacharyya, R. (2016). Balancing Motherhood And Career In STEM Jobs, *Journal Space and Culture, India*, 3(3), 28-31, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.20896/saci.v3i3.178>

Bhattacharyya, R. (2016). An Account of India's under-5 Mortality Rate, *International Journal of Social Work and Human Services Practice*, 4(4), 82-88, DOI: 10.13189/ijrh.2016.040402

Sarma, J.B. and **Bhattacharyya, R. (2015).** Half Empty or half filled? Notes on Universal Health Coverage in Northeast India, *The Clarion*, 4 (1), 154-184.

Bhattacharyya, R. (2014). Good Governance and Development Mandate, *Journal Space and Culture, India*, 2(1), 1-4, DOI: 10.20896/saci.v2i1.65

Bhattacharyya, R. (2014). *Life and Times of Unborn Kamla*, *Journal Space and Culture, India*, 2(2), 57-58, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.20896/saci.v2i2.89>

Meena, M.L., Singh, S. and **Bhattacharyya, R. (2014).** After the Kosi Avulsion, August 2008, North Bihar, India: Notes on the Socio-economic Impact, *Journal Asian Profile*, 42(3), 203-220, Asian Research Service, Canada V5H 4J8

Bhattacharyya, R. (2013). Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013: Will it ensure women's safety in public spaces? *Journal Space and Culture, India*, 1 (1), 13-27, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.20896/saci.v1i1.11> (ISSN: 2052-8396)

Bhattacharyya, R. and Vauqueline, P. (2013). A Mirage or a Rural Life Line? Analysing the impact of Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Act on Women Beneficiaries of Assam, *Journal Space and Culture, India*, 1(1), 83-101, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.20896/saci.v1i1.10> (ISSN: 2052-8396)

Bhattacharyya, R., Meena M.L. and Singh, S. (2013). Some Reflections of the Geographies of Socio-Economic Impact of the Kosi River Floods, 2008, *Journal of Earth Science and Engineering* 1, 57-65, David Publishing: EL Monte, USA (ISSN: 2159-581X)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2013). The Volga River in R.W. Howarth (ed.) *Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia*, Salem Press: A Division of EBSCO Publishing Ipswich, Massachusetts Hackensack, New Jersey, USA (ISBN: 978-1-4298-3813-9)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2013). Vistula Estuary in R.W. Howarth (ed.) *Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia*, Salem Press: A Division of EBSCO Publishing Ipswich, Massachusetts Hackensack, New Jersey, USA (ISBN: 978-1-4298-3813-9)

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Bhattacharyya, R. (2012). Parsons, Charles in M.A. Pierce (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Energy*, Salem Press: A Division of EBSCO Publishing Ipswich, Massachusetts Hackensack, New Jersey, USA (ISBN: 978-1-58765-849-5)

Bhattacharyya, R. and Sarma, J.B. (2012). Building research capacity in resource limited countries, *The Clarion: International Multidisciplinary Journal*, 1(2), pages, 168-181, (ISSN: 2277-1697)

Bhattacharyya, R. (2004). Conducting in-depth interviews in Assam, *North Eastern Geographer* 33(1/ 2), pages 79-87,

Bhattacharyya, R. (1997). Role of women in the use of domestic energy: A case study of poor families in and around Gauhati University Campus, Guwahati, *North Eastern Geographer* 28 (1 and 2), pages 70-71

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PAPERS

The Imbroglia: Geographies of India's Missing Children, 2017 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, 5-9 April 2017, Hynes Convention Center, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Sexual Violence in Conflict and India's Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act Quagmire, 3 September at Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) Annual International Conference 2015 held at the University of Exeter, 1 - 4 September 2015

Scripting the Lives of Widows in the Briddha Ashrams of Varanasi (with Dr Suman Singh), 3 September at Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) Annual International Conference 2015 held at the University of Exeter, 1 - 4 September 2015

Gender Discrimination in Assam (with Ms Rimili Das), 5 September 2015, Assam Forum Great Britain Conference, London School of Economics

Can we save Majuli?, presented at Assam Forum Great Britain Conference, London School of Economics, London, 13 September 2014.

Natural hazards reshape the map of Majuli, presented at Assam Forum Great Britain Conference, London School of Economics, London, 1 June 2013.

Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY): An analysis of the attitudes and lived experiences of the Kamrup Centre, Assam' presented at the annual conference of Royal Geographical Society (with Institute of British Geographers), Edinburgh, UK, 03-05 July 2012

Social geographies of street sexual harassment: an analysis from India presented at the Gendered Violence conference, Bristol, UK, 23 – 25 November 2011

Problems of women labourers at Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Act: An analysis from Assam presented at the International Seminar "Contextualizing Geographical Approaches to Studying Gender in Asia", organised by the International Geographical Union Commission on Gender and Geography in collaboration with the Department of Geography, University of Delhi and the College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University, 03 March 2010

Pierre Bourdieu's symbolic violence: Findings from a study of Assamese middle class women in higher education presented at the International Seminar "Contextualizing Geographical Approaches to Studying Gender in Asia", organised by the International Geographical Union Commission on Gender and Geography in collaboration with the Department of Geography, University of Delhi and the College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University, 04 March 2010

Towards a socially sustainable India: An analysis of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, 2006' presented at the International Conference on Strategic Management of Energy, Environment and Disaster for Sustainable Development organised by Global Strategic Management Inc, Saxon Drive, Beverly Hills, Michigan, the USA in collaboration with Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India, 11-15 January 2010

Impact of global economic crisis on India's Flagship Social Welfare Programmes and Way Forward: A focus on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (education for all mission) presented at the International Conference on Strategic Management of Energy, Environment and Disaster for Sustainable Development organised by Global Strategic Management Inc,

Saxon Drive, Beverly Hills, Michigan, the USA in collaboration with Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India, 11-15 January 2010

Selective Westernisation: An example from Assam, presented at the Second Global Conference on Economic Geography held in Beijing, China, 25-28 June 2007

A reflection on conducting fieldwork in developing countries: Lessons from India, a joint paper presented by Urmi Sengupta and me, at a workshop 'Going Back Home: International Fieldwork for International Scholars', organised by The Developing Areas Research Network (DARN), University of Newcastle, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK, 06 June 2006

Marriage, motherhood and career salience: A study of young women in the contemporary society of Assam, a paper presented at the Royal Geographical Society – Institute of British Geographers, Annual Conference held in London, 28-31 August 2006

Attitudes of students in Assam towards Increase in sexual harassment against women in the public sphere a paper presented in the Royal Geographical Society –Institute of British Geographers Post Graduate Forum Mid-term Conference, 04 March 2006

Researching on Assamese women's changing status and role: Reflection on its different methodological issues, a paper presented at the Annual Academic Session, North-East India Geographical Society, organised by Department of Geography, Cotton College, 24 May 2003.