

ACADEMIC PROFILE



DR. MOUMITA GUPTA

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- **Specialization:** Social – Cultural Anthropology
- **Date of Joining in this College:** 14.08.2025
- **Total Teaching Experience in College Level:** 16 yrs. (Permanent Service) and 8 yrs (As a Guest Lecturer and Contractual Lecturer)
- **Area of Research:** Variegated Areas of Women Studies i.e. Women Empowerment, Domestic Violence, Child Marriage, Mental and Physical Stress of Working Women, struggles and success stories of Women Entrepreneurs.
- **Title of Ph.D. Thesis:** *Empowerment of women through the formation of Self-Help Groups in some villages of North and South 24-Parganas in West Bengal* (Awarded in the year 2017, January by WBSU)
- **Research Guidance:** Successfully guided three research scholars enrolled for Ph.D. in WBSU. (Supportive Information are the following)
- **Research Projects (Completed /ongoing (if any):** Nil
- **List of Publications: 20** 15 (Fifteen) in Journals , 5 (Five) in Edited Volumes

A. Published Papers in Journals:

1.Gupta, M. (2024).” Women Empowerment in West Bengal: Issues and Challenges – An Ethnographic Study”, Anthropology and Ethnology Open Access Journal,7(2): 000252.

2. Gupta, M., Patra. M., Hamiduzzaman, M., McLaren. H.& Patmisari. E. (2024). “Social Support Postpartum:

Bengali Women from India on Their Coping experiences following Childbirth”, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, Vol.21. No. 557.pp 1-15.

3.Gupta, M. (2023). “Study of Occupational Health Hazards among some Women Industrial Workers in the State of West Bengal”, *Journal of Kolkata Society for Asian Studies*, Vol.9, No.1, pp.112-120.

4. Gupta, M. (2023). “Enjoying Leisure Time by Aged Person in Kolkata Across Their Chronological Ages - An Ethnographic Study”, *Perspective in Social Work*, Vol. XXXVIII, No.2, pp.80-97.

5. Bose, T.& Gupta, M. (2021). “Rediscovering the issue of Child marriage and the school drop-out problem against the interplay of the socio - economic factors in the rural corners of West Bengal: A village level study of East Medinipur”, *Shodh Sarita*, Vol.8, Issue - 29 (January - March), pp.272-276.

6. Gupta, M. & Bose, T. (2021).” Child Marriage and the Grass Root Reality: An Empirical study of female gender discrimination in two villages of West Bengal”, *Kanpur Philosophers*, Vol.8, Issue-1(Summer, June), pp.9-26.

7.Gupta, M. (2020). “Role of Ethno Medicine in Sustainable Development Process -An Ethnographic Study in the villages of Bankura District, West Bengal,” *Journal of Kolkata Society for Asian Studies*, Vol.6, No.2, pp.103-114.

8. Gupta. M.& Das. A. (2019), “Ethical issues in the field: An empirical observation in a west Bengal Village”, *Genus Homo*, Vol.3, pp.43-51.

9. Gupta. M., Polley. T., Das. A. & Mondal. J. (2017). “Urbanization: issues and impacts on the villages of South 24-Parganas, West Bengal”; *International Journal of Scientific Research and Management (IJSRM)*, Vol.5, Issue - 06, pp.5546-5552.

10. Gupta. M.& Das. A. (2016), “Empowerment of women through self-help groups in the domestic spheres-an ethnographic study in the villages of West Bengal”, *The Asian Man*, Vol.10, No.1, Jan.-June, pp.32-39.

11. Gupta. M.& Das. A. (2016), “Economic Empowerment of women through Self-help Groups-A Socio-Cultural study in some villages of North 24-Parganas, West Bengal”, *Research Journal of Social Science & Management (Rjssm)*, Vol.5, No.11, March, pp.67-74.

12. Gupta. M.& Dutta. S. (2016-2017). “An appraisal towards the changes of traditions of Rabha populations in Alipurduar and Coochbehar districts of West Bengal”, *Indian journal of Developmental Studies* Vol.3& 4,

13.Gupta, M.& Das, A. (2014-2015): “Empowering women of SHGs through Microfinance-A selective study in villages of North and South 24-Parganas, W.B.”, *Nrtattv*, Jan.-June & July – Dec.Vol.5& 6, No.7 & 8, pp.91-101.

14.Gupta, M. & Gupta, N. (2014).” Impact of Consumption of Fast food on the health of children in the era of

Globalization”, *Indian Journal of Developmental Studies* Vol.2, No.1& 2, January, pp.36-47.

15.Gupta, M.& Patra, M. (2011). “A Note on Industrialization-Its impact on an Industrial Town-A preliminary Study”, *Man in India*, Vol.91, No.3-4, July-December, pp.597-604.

B. Articles in Edited Volumes

1. Gupta. M.& Das. A. (2020). “Role of Education in Women Empowerment - An Empirical Study among two villages in South 24-pgs. West Bengal”, in Mete. J.& Roy. S.K. (eds.), *Modern Issues in Education* NB Publications, pp.207-216.

2. Gupta. M.& Das. A. (2020). “Issues as catalysts of Women Empowerment in SHGs - Ethnographic study in the villages of South 24-Parganas, West Bengal”, in Kshatriya. G.K., Kumari. A.& Mahajan. N.(eds.), *Anthropology, Health & Development, trends and future perspectives*, B.R. Publishing Corporation, pp.47-63.

3.Gupta. M. & Das. A. (2018), “SHG- Empowering Women in Rural West Bengal: An Ethnographic Study”, in Nalini, Dr. R. & Aashita, Dr.(eds.), *Women and Work*, T.R. Publications, pp.69-84.

4.Gupta. M. (2016).” Empowerment of Rural women through political participation: An Ethnographic study in North 24-Pargana and South 24-pargana, West Bengal”, in Rahaman, Hasibul (ed.), *Social Dimension of Indian Women-Perspectives and prospect*, Kunal Books, pp.23-37.

5.Gupta M. (2015). “Dolls and Gender Socialization”; in Samanta, S.K. (ed.) *Development for the Communities and Country; Role of Anthropology*, Seminar Volume, Pragatishil Prokashak, pp.87-92.

C. Participation and Paper presented in Seminars / Conferences/Symposia/Workshops attended:

1. Paper presented in a National Seminar on *Indigenous Medicinal Systems-A comparative study between two Santal villages of Bankura District* on 4th -6th March,2010, organised by Department of Anthropology, WBSU, Barasat, WB.
2. Paper presented in a National Seminar entitled *Relationship between Social upliftment and Food-habit among the School Students-A Nutritional Perspectives* on 18th-19th Dec., 2010, organised by Indian Anthropological Society, Department of Anthropology, Ranchi University, Ranchi.
3. Paper presented in an International Conference on *The Effects of Urbanization in village (Semi-urban) life-A preliminary Analysis of four villages of South 24 Parganas District* on 14th-16th Feb.2011, organised by Department of Anthropology, WBSU, Barasat, WB.
4. Paper presented in UGC Sponsored National Seminar entitled *Occupational health hazards among women workers-An Empirical study among some industries of West Bengal* on 25th-26th Feb., 2011, organised by Post-Graduate Department of Studies and Research in Sociology, Karnatak University, Dharwad.

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5. Paper presented in a National Seminar on ***Ethics in Social-Cultural Fieldwork-An Empirical Study*** on 19th-20th Jan.,2012, organised by Department of Anthropology, WBSU, Barasat, WB.
6. Paper presented in UGC Sponsored National Seminar entitled ***Empowerment of Women: Issues and Impact-An Ethnographic Study in North 24-Parganas*** on 9th March,2013, organised by Indian Anthropological Society, Department of Anthropology, held at the Exhibition Hall, Indian Museum, Kolkata.
7. Paper presented in UGC Sponsored National Seminar entitled ***Towards the Stage of Developing of a small Santal Community-An Ethnographic study of a village in Purulia District*** on 22nd-23rd March,2013, organised by Department of Anthropology of Mahishadal Girl's College, Mahishadal, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal.
8. Paper presented in a National Seminar on ***Social, Economic and political Empowerment of Women through SHG: Concepts, issues and changes-An Ethnographic study in two selected villages of North 24-Pgs.***on 28th March,2014, organised by Department of Anthropology, WBSU, Barasat, WB.
9. Paper presented in two - day National Conference on Women and Work, entitled ***SHG-Empowering Women in Rural west Bengal-An Ethnographic Study*** on 17th - 18th March,2017, organised by Center for Women's Studies, Pondicherry University.
10. Paper presented in a National Seminar entitled ***"Issues as catalysts of women empowerment in SHGs - Ethnographic study on the villages of South 24- parganas, West Bengal"*** on 20th - 21st February,2018, organised by the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi.
11. Paper presented in a National Seminar entitled ***" Role of Ethno-medicine in sustainable development process"*** on 16th - 18th March,2018, jointly organized by School of Studies of Anthropology, Pt. Rabiratan Shukla University, Raypur, Society for Indian Medical Anthropology, Mysore.
12. Paper presented in a National Seminar entitled ***"Oral tradition and Folk medicine of Santhals - An Ethnographic study in the villages of Bankura District, West Bengal,*** on 1st - 3rd November,2018, organized by the Department of Anthropology, Cotton University, Guwahati.
13. Paper presented in a International Conference entitled ***" Social support in the post-partum care for women in Urban India: An empirical study in Kolkata, India*** on 7th July,2019 organised by Department of Sociology, Radhagovind University, Ramgarh, Jharkhand and Nur Mohammad Smriti Mahavidyalaya, Murshidabad.
14. Paper presented in World Congress on Women entitled ***" Changing concept of leisure among aged women in Kolkata across their chronological ages - An Ethnographic Study*** on 8th Sepember,2019, organised by J.N. Tata Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, India.
15. Paper presented in a International Seminar entitled ***"The Role of Women in Family: An empirical study coming different families in Kolkata, India"*** on 11th February,2020 organised by Department of Sociology, Radhagovind University, Ramgarh, Jharkhand and Nur Mohammad Smriti Mahavidyalaya, Murshidabad.

▪ **Attended in Workshop as a Faculty Member of Anthropology in the College:**

Participated a workshop entitled ***Anthropology for Archaeology***, organised by the Centre for

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Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India, on 29th -30th Nov.,2017at WBSU.

D. Invited Lectures/ Resource Person/ Guide and Supervisor in an Internship Projects:

Acted as Resource Person in the College:

Invited Lecture on the Session “**The Embodiment of Age**” on 4th Feb.,2017, in Two - day Seminar on “**Fashion, Age and Society: The Role of Media in the Constitution of Identities**” organised by the Department of Sociology & journalism & Mass Communication of **Bhawanipur Editorial College**.

Title of the lecture is “*Is the Fashion Constrained by Age? An Anthropological Study of Metro Commuters in Kolkata City*”.

Acted as Guide and Supervisor and Resource Person of an Internship Project in a College:

Invited for consecutive three lectures in an Internship Project on ‘**Human Geography and Heritage: Research Methodology**’ & “**Society and Heritage: Research Methodology**” in **South Calcutta Girls’ College**, organised by the **Kolkata Society of Asian Studies (KSAS), Kolkata** on 16th May,2025 and provided academic supervision during the field visits conducted on 22nd May,2025 and 26th May, 2025.

Title of the lecture was: *Research Methodology and its significance in Socio-Economic Field Work*.

Acted as Resource Person of an Internship Project in a Sarojini Naidu College for Women:

Invited for consecutive three online lectures in an Internship Project on **Heritage Management Course** for the students of **Sarojini Naidu College for Women** on 7th June,2025 and 23rd June,2025 under NEP rule 2020.

Title of the lecture is:

i. *Research Methodology and its significance in Socio-Economic Field Work*.

ii. *Importance of Research Methodology in Heritage Managements*

iii. *Importance of Literature review in Research Methodology*

E. Engaged as Ph. d Supervisor (Affiliated in WBSU) of

- ❖ Ms. Ivleen Kaur (*Title of the Paper – Women in Worship during Menstruation: An Ethnographic Study among the Bengalee Hindus, Bengalee Muslim, Jain, Sikh and Christian Communities of Kolkata and surrounding areas of West Bengal*)
- ❖ Ms. Priyanka Banik (*Title of the Paper – Status of women in educational and Domestic sphere – An Ethnographic Study in Rural Communities of North Parganas, West Bengal*)

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- ❖ Ms. Ananya Chandra (*Title of the paper – exploring the occupational and Social Stress among the working women in West Bengal: An Ethnographic Study on the impact of Women Empowerment*)

F. Participation in OP/ RC/ FIP/ FDP

Name of the Course	Place	Duration	Sponsoring Agency
Refresher Course on “Recent Advances in Anthropology” (Online Mode)	HRDC, Manipur University	12. 03. 2022 to 28.03.2022	UGC
Winter Refresher Course on Social Sciences	HRDC, Pondicherry University	08.02.2019 to 28.02.2019	UGC
Refresher Course in Orientalism and Cultural Studies	Academic Staff College, Burdwan University	04.02.20215 to 24.02.2015	UGC
Orientation Programme	Academic Staff College, Jadavpur University	11.11.2013 to 09.12.2013	UGC

G. Professional Membership of the Scientific Society:

- Life Membership of *Indian Anthropological Society (IAS)*
- Annual Membership of *Kolkata Society for Asian Studies (KSAS)*