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Dr Manan Kumar Mandal is designated as Professor in Bengali at Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, since 2017 and presently working as a Director, School of Humanities, NSOU.

Graduated from Presidency College, Kolkata, in 1996 in Bengali Language & Literature, Dr Mandal completed his Master's from the University of Calcutta in 1998 in Bengali with a specialisation in comparative literature and subsequently cleared UGC-NET in 1998. He earned his PhD from the University of Calcutta in 2006. He joined as a lecturer at Tamralipta Mahavidyalaya, West Bengal, in 2001 and subsequently joined Netaji Subhas Open University as an Assistant professor in Bengali in 2007.

He was the recipient of "Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund Scholarship for Doctoral Studies 2005" and received "International Visiting Fellowship" at Shanghai Open University, China, in 2017.

Dr Mandal has published several research articles in national & international peer-reviewed journals of Bengali & English in the field of literary studies and Open learning (ODL) in general. He has a handful of monographs and edited volumes to his credit. Dr Mandal has presented papers at the national & international level conference in Tokyo (Japan), Manila (Philippines), Dhaka (Bangladesh) and Shanghai (China) sponsored by the respective host institutions or by the various funding agencies (COL, Vancouver) along with the Dept of H.E of Govt. of W.B. He was invited as resource person in the university/ college workshop/RC/OP and national & international seminar in the field of Bengali literary studies.

Dr Mandal is a member of several academic bodies of the University and learned societies like Bangiyo Sahitya Parisat, Kolkata; Asiatic Society, Kolkata etc. He attended NAAC Orientation Programme at NAAC, Bangalore, in 2020 and registered as a NAAC assessor. He has planned and organised several national & international seminars/workshops/ lectures as convener.



Fellowships & Awards

- Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund Scholarship for Doctoral Studies, 2005
- International Visiting Fellowship" at Shanghai Open University, China, 2017
- Recipient of COL (Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada) sponsorship for paper presentation 30th AAOU conference held at University of Philippines, Manila in 2016

Projects undertaken as P I or Coordinator / Collaborator:

 Project Title: "Reading Indian Literature in Bengali: Curriculum based Open & Distance Praxis" Tenure: 2 years (2014-16)

PI: Dr Manan Kumar Mandal

Funded by UGC-DEB and formerly DEC, New Delhi (Amount: Rs 2,70,000/-) Host: Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata

 Project Title: "Open Repository of Bengal Partisan Memory: An Open University Initiative" Tenure: 2 years (2015-16)

PI: Dr Manan Kumar Mandal

Funded by UGC-DEB, New Delhi Fund utilized: Amount: Rs 2,50,000/-Host: Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata

 Programme Coordinator, "Curricula based Audio-Video Lecture development for Post Graduate Studies of NSOU 2016"; under School of Humanities, NSOU

Funding agency: UGC-DEB Amount utilized: 2,50,000

PI & Coordinator, Bengal Partition Repository (A Digital Repository on Bengal Partition)
 <u>www.cltcsnsou.in</u> (A Collaborative Research Project under the aegis of Centre for
 Language, Translation & Cultural Studies(CLTCS) of NSOU)

Collaborative partner: English Discipline, Khulna University & Bangladesh Open University

Date of Signing of MoU: 20th September, 2017 & 30th June 2019 Funding agency: NSOU, Kolkata; KU, Khulna & BOU Gazipur, Bangladesh Duration: 1year (2017-2021)

• Institutional Collaborator, Asian Association of Open Universities Collaborative Research Project 2020 on Indian MOOC's, Manila, Philippines.



Research Guidance

- Number of researchers awarded Ph.D degree: 01
- Number of researchers pursuing Ph.D degree: 05

External Visiting lecturer:

- Dept of Bengali, Jadavpur University 2007 2010
- Dept of Bengali Language & Literature, University of Calcutta (2009 2019)

Select Publications

Monograph & Edited Books:

_____2022 Anek Nayoker Itihas: An Indian Essay on Literary Historiography, অনেক নায়কের ইতিহাস -ইতিহাসতত্ত্ব বিষয়ক একটি ভারতীয় প্রবন্ধ (২০২২) দে'জ পাবলিশিং, কলকাতা,

অনুবাদঃ মননকুমার মণ্ডল ও মৃন্ময় প্রামাণিক (Translation of G.N Devy's 'Of Many Hero's) Demy size, p.260

___2022 Relocating Bengal Partition Milieu: Survival, Resiliance & Belongings)

Editor: Md Intaj Ali & Manan Kumar Mandal

Centre for Language, Translation & Cultural Studies, NSOU, Kolkata Demy size, Paperback, p.180

___2020 Banglar Partition Katha: Uttor Projanmer Khoj Vol.1

বাংলার পার্টিশন কথাঃ উত্তর প্রজন্মের খোঁজ, (প্রথম খণ্ড), Introduction, Compiled & Edited by Manan Kumar Mandal, Centre for Language, Translation & Cultural Studies, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, ISBN 978-93-82112-76-1, [Royal size. Hard bound with jacket, 354page]

Distributor: Dey's Publishing, Kolkata

___2017 Adhunik Bharatiya Sahitya Prasange Vol 3 আধুনিক ভারতীয় সাহিত্য প্রসঙ্গে, তৃতীয় খণ্ড

Ed. & introduction by Manan Kumar Mandal, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, ISBN: 978-93-82112-31-0

___2016 Partition Literature: An Open Praxis [Conference Proceedings]

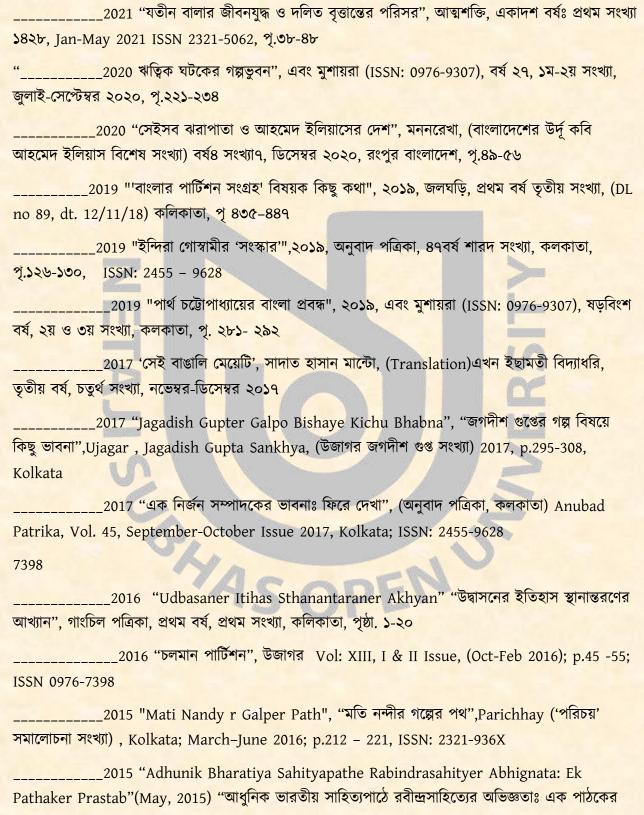
Ed.: Srideep Mukherjee & Manan Kumar Mandal, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata ISBN: 978-93-82112-11-2

___2016 Deshbhag: Harano Desh Harano Manus: Deshbhag দেশভাগঃ হারানো দেশ হারানো মানুষ – অমর মিত্র, (2nd Edn in 2017). Introduction & Edited by Manan Kumar Mandal, Sopan Publishers, Kolkata, ISBN: 978-93-82433-65-1; (p. 364)



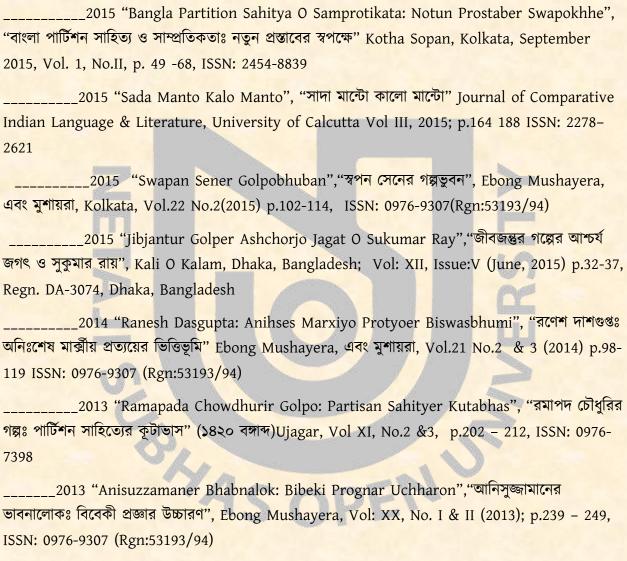
_2015 Adhunik Bharatiya Sahitya Prasange - Vol 2 (, আধুনিক ভারতীয় সাহিত্য প্রসঙ্গে, দ্বিতীয় খণ্ড, Ed. & introduction: Manan Kumar Mandal, Netaji Subhas Open University, ISBN: 978-93-82112-23-5 ;(p IX +318) ___2014 Partition Sahitya: Desh Kal Smriti (2014) পার্টিশন সাহিত্য দেশ-কাল-স্মৃতি, Ed. & introduction: Manan Kumar Mandal, Gangchil, Kolkata, ISBN: 978-93-84002-18-3; (p XII + 352) ___2014 Adhunik Bangla Upanyas: Byasti O Samasti (আধুনিক বাংলা উপন্যাস ব্যষ্টি ও সমষ্টি) Ebong Mushayera, Kolkata, ISBN: 978-93-81170-96-0; Demy size (p. X+335) ___2013 Adhunik Bharatiya Sahitya Prasange Vol 1(2013) আধুনিক ভারতীয় সাহিত্য প্রসঙ্গে, প্রথম খণ্ড, Ed. & introduction: Manan Kumar Mandal, Netaji Subhas Open University, ISBN: 978-93-82112-09-9(p IX + 210) Select articles in English Journal 2022 "Partition Literature: Paradign & Prespective", Yojana Spl issue, Vol.66 No.08 August, Publication Division, Govt of India, New Delhi. (ISSN 0971-8400), Lead article p.7-12 2020 "Revisiting Bengal Partition: A Prologue", (Foreword) in Revisiting Partition & Bangladesh Liberation War Contemporary Perspective, Ed. Sharmistha Chatterjee Sriwastav & Himadri Lahiri, New Delhi: Akhand Publishing House, 2020, p. vii - xvi __2017 "Augmenting Learning Space in Post Graduate Courses in Literature Studies through ODeL: A Critical Overview of NSOU Learning Praxis" (December, 2017), International Journal of Open & Distance Learning Manila, Philippines, (Peer Reviewed Online Journal) (ISSN 2467-7469) _____2015 "Multilingualism In Indian Literature: A Praxis Through MT based Reading: Problem & Challenges", The Heritage, (A Peer Reviewed Journal) Gauhati, Assam, Vol. VI, Issue.I (2015); p. 47-56, ISSN: 2229-5399 __2013 "Open Learning and RabindranathTagore's Idea on Mass Education: A Critical Study on Lokshikkha Samsad", Asian Association of Open University (AAOU) Journal, Vol.XIII, No.II (September 2013) ISSN: 1858-3431 (Emerald Pub./ Peer Reviewed Journal), Penang, Malaysia, p.55-65 Select articles in Bengali Journal (Last Ten Years) _2022 "গল্পকার অচিন্ত্যকুমার ও দেশভাগ প্রসঙ্গের খোঁজ", উজাগর ২০২২ (ISSN 0976-7398)







প্রতাব" Bangla Sahitya Patrika (Bangabhasa O Sahitya Bibhag, University of Calcutta, Vol. XVI; p 742 -750 ISSN: 0975-5504



Select International Conference

1. Paper Title: Exploring Student Support Service in Humanities: A Comparative Study of NSOU & SOU"

Institute of International Exchange, Shanghai Open University, Shanghai, China, 23rd November, 2017



2. Paper Title (Bengali): "Udbasaner Smriti O Deshbhager Akhyane 'Ora'", "উদ্বাসনের স্মৃতি ও দেশভাগের আখ্যানে 'ওরা'" Itihas Academy Dhaka Annual Conference 2017; 17th February, 2017; NAEM, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

3.Paper Title (English): "Augmenting Post Graduate Curricula in Literature Studies through ODeL: The Experience of Netaji Subhas Open University" 30th Conference of Asian Association of Open University (AAOU) on "Open Education in Asia: Changing Perspectives" held on 26th -29 th October, 2016; Crown Plaza Manila Galleria, Manila, Philippines, Organised by Open University of Phillipines Open University. Travel Grant and conference registration Sponsored by Commonwealth of Learning(COL), Vancouver, Canada.

4. Paper Title (Bengali): "Uttar Prajanmer Partition Bhabna: Pashchimbangiyo Pathaker Antarbikkhan"

12th International Conference of History & Heritage organized by Itihas Academy Dhaka, NAEM, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 19th February, 2016

5. Paper Title (Bengali): "Samprotikota O Bangla Partition Sahitya: Natun Prastaber Swapakkhe" "সাম্প্রতিকতা ও বাংলা পার্টিশন সাহিত্যঃ নতুন প্রস্তাবের সপক্ষে"

International Conference on "Baichitre Oikyer Anwyesa", Organised by Bangla Gabeshana Samsad, Dept of Bengali, Bangla samity, Rajshahi University, Rajshahi, Bangladesh (13-14 March, 2015) & Invited as speaker in a Panel Discussion on "Bengali Fiction" chaired by Sd. Azizul Huq.[2nd Session Mumtazuddin Kala Bhaban]

6.Paper Title (English): "Open Learning, Accreditation & Resource: Rabindranath Tagore's Idea on Mass Education"

26th AAOU (Asian Association of Open University) Conference at Open University of Japan, Chiba, Tokyo, Japan (16th to 18th October, 2012).

Travel Grant by Dept. of H.E., Govt. of West Bengal.) Paper was selected(4th) among Seven nominees in "Young Inventor Award"(YIA) category by the adjudication committee.



Invited Speaker / Lecture / Resource Person

- 1. Invited lecture at Sushil Kar College in an International Symposium on 'সাহিত্যে দেশভাগ: অন্তর্বীক্ষণে বিবর্তিত সময় ও জীবন' organized by Dept. of Bengali, Sushil Kar College & Dept. of Bengali, Raydighi College on 1st November, 2022.
- 2. Invited as resource person in the Short Term course on "Research Methodology in Language, Literature and Culture—Bengali" organised by Central Institute of Indian Language, Mysore-Bhubaneswar (14th to 26th March, 2022),

Lecture date: March 19th, 2022 at 4.30pm to 5.45pm

Topic: Bangla Partition Literature

3. Invited as Resource person in the Refresher Course on Global Studies organized by HRDC, The University of Burdwan, dated 07/09/21 to 20/09/21. [https://meet.google.com/uif-gyjj-qbt].

Lecture date: 13.09.2021 at 10.30am

Lecture title: বিশ্বায়ন ও প্রান্তিক স্বরঃ বাংলা সাহিত্যের পরিপ্রেক্ষিত

4.Invited Online Lecture at Berhampore Girl's College, organized by Dept of Bengali & IQAC, 7th November, 2020 [Google meet and Youtube] বিষয়ঃ বাংলা উপন্যাসঃ ভারতীয় প্রেক্ষিত

5.Invited as panel discussunt in the One Day Bilingual International webiner on "Revisiting Narratives of Partition" on 18th October, 2020, organised by the Dept of Bengali & English, Karimganj College, Karimganj, Assam, India.

Lecture title: দেশভাগঃ কী কথা ভাবি, কেন ভাবি? [Google Meet & Youtube]

- 6. Invited as resource person in the National Webinar on "Teaching Learning Process of Bengali Literature in Techno-based Era" on 5th October, 2020, organized by Dept. of Bengali & IQAC, Gurucharan College, Silchar, Assam, India [Google Meet & You tube] Lecture title: সাম্প্রতিক প্রযুক্তি নির্ভর সময়ে বাংলা সাহিত্যঃ পাঠ-প্রতিক্রিয়া
- 7. Invited Online Lecture at Dum Dum Motijheel Rabindra Mahavidyalaya organized by IQAC & Dept. of History on 19th September, 2020. [Online Lecture through Google Meet & Youtube]



Lecture title: "পার্টিশন আখ্যানের বিম্ব-প্রতিবিম্ব"

8. Invited Online Lecture organized by Calcutta Comparatists 1919 on 5th September, 2020. [Online Lecture through Google Meet]

Lecture Title: 'ঘরে বসত করে কয়জনা': বিভ্রমের স্বরলিপি ও ভারতীয় লেখক

9. Invited speaker in the Online Inernational Seminar organized by IQAC, Sri Gopal Banerjee College, Hoogly, West Bengal, held on 31st August, 2020, titled "Ekush Satak O Bangla Sahityer Abhimukh". [Online Lecture through Google Meet]

Lecture Title: "একুশ শতকে বাংলা উপন্যাসের অভিমুখ"

10. Invited as Panel Discussant in the Three Day International Seminar on Partition: Memories & Texts, organized by Bhawanipore Education Society College in Collaboration with Dept of Bengali Jadavpur University on 6th to 8th February, 2020 Lecture Title: "পার্টিশনের দাগ", Chair: Prof. Pabitra Sarkar, 8th February 1st Session.

11. Invited as Panel Discussunt in the Three-Day National Level Centenary Commemoration Seminar on the Establishment of the 'Department of Modern Indian Languages' at University of Calcutta, In Collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages(CIIL), Mysore, held on 6th to 8th March, 2019 at University of Calcutta.

Lecture Title: "Bharatiya Bhasa Sahitya Pather Pratishanik Udyog: Parisar O Prekkhit

12. Invited as Panel Discussunt in the Plenary Session of "Nirikh Sahitya Sammelan" on "Theory & Bengali Literature" at University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh held on 22nd & 23rd February, 2019.

Lecture title: "পার্টিশন চর্চার তত্ত্ব ও বাংলা সাহিত্য" Chair: Prof. Tapodhir Bhattacharya

- 13. Invited as resource person for delivering a lecture on "Bengali Partition Repository: A prologue" followed by Q&A session in a One Day Seminar & Workshop on Bengal Partition Project in the Bangla Department, Rajshahi University on 5th October,2018.
- 14. Invited as Resource person in the Second International Seminar & Workshop on "Locating Post-Partition Amnesia in Memory & Literature" at English Disciplie, Khulna University, Bangladesh. On 15th & 16th March 2018 Inaugural Lecture Title: পার্টিশন সাহিত্যের পরিসরঃ সাম্প্রতিক ভাবনা



- 15. Invited as Resource Person at Ramkrishna Mission Vidyamandir, Belur for PG Bengali Course, 2016 Session. Course taught: Novel "Ichamati" by Bibhutibhusan Bandopadhyay
- 16. Invited as Resource person in UGC Sponsored Refresher Course(1st December to 22nd December, 2016) at Dept. of Comparative Indian Language & Literature, University of Calcutta.Presentation Title (Bengali):"Anubad Patrika: Ekti Samikkhya"; "অনুবাদ পত্ৰিকাঃ একটি সমীক্ষা" Date: 19/12/2016 at 12noon to 1.30pm
- 17. Invited as a panel speaker in ICSSR Sponsored International Conference on "Bengali Society, Language & Literature: Cultural Transaction among neighbor(s)" at Sidho Kanu Birsa Uiversity, Purulia, West Bengal. 8th to 10th February, 2017. Session chaired by Selina Hossain. Panel VIII.

Paper Title (Bengali): "বাংলা পার্টিশন সাহিত্যঃ পড়শীর টান, খোঁজে উত্তর প্রজন্ম"

18. Invited Panel Speaker in UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on "রাজনীতি, যুক্তিবাদ ও ধর্মঃ স্বাধীনতা উত্তর বাংলা" ("Rajniti, Juktibaad O Dharma: Swadhinata Uttar Bangla") at Domkal College, Mushidabad, West Bengal. 16th- 17th December 2016.

Paper Title (Bengali): "স্বাধীনতা উত্তর বাংলা সাহিত্যঃ পার্টিশন চর্চা কেন্দ্রিক পাঠ"

- 19. Invited as Panel Speaker on পোস্টমডার্নিজম ও সমাকালীন ভারতীয় সমাজ ("Postmodernism & Contemporary Indian Society") in UGC Sponsored State level Seminar at Rani Dhanyakumari College, Jiagunj, Mushidabad, West Bengal, 29th March, 2016.
- 20. Invited as Panel Speaker on "পার্টিশন ও সাম্প্রতিক বাংলা উপন্যাস" ("Partition O Sampratik Bangla Upannyas") UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar at Khejuri College, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal, 16th 17th November, 2016
- 21. **Paper Title (Bengali):**"Bharatiyo Sahityer Bharatiyatwa: Rabindranath O Amra"(Invited Lecture)Two Days National Seminar on"Tagore & Hindi Literature"at Joygaon College,Jalpaiguri, West Bengal (6th 7th March, 2011)
- 22. Paper Title (English): "Multilingualism and Indian Literature: A Praxis through MT based Reading" (Invited Panelist) National Seminar at Lady Keane College, Shilong, Meghalaya, September, 2012



Workshop & Visiting Fellowship (National & International level)

- Invited as an expert from NSOU, Kolkata in a week long Collaborative Editing Programme of Course Material on August, 2008.
 Host and Collaborative partner: Dhaka Ahasania Mission, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Sponsored and Nominated by Commonwealth of Learning(COL) Vancouver, Canada & NSOU, Kolkata.
- Successfully completed weeklong "SAARC workshop on Multimedia Programme Development" at Bangladesh Open University (BOU), Dhaka, Bangladesh. (February, 2011)Organised by Bangladesh Open University(BOU), Commonwealth of Learning Vancouver, Canada & UGC, Bangladesh.
- International Visiting Fellowship Programme at Shanghai Open University from 12th November to 26th November, 2017. (Two Weeks)
 Dissertation Title: "Exploring Student Support Service in Humanities: A Comparative Study of NSOU & SOU"
- NAAC Assessors Orientation Programme at Banglaore January, 2020

Programme / Workshop / Seminar conducted as Coordinator

Founder Coordinator of Centre for Language, Translation & Cultural Studies (CLTCS) under School of Humanities, NSOU

Organizing Secretary of International Seminar on "Partition Literature: Memory & Inheritance of Self", at NSOU, 08-10th February 2014

Organizing Secretary of Five (05) Workshops on Under Graduate & Post Graduate Level Bengali Counselling in ODL for Bengali counselors across the state.

Programme Coordinator "ICT enabled Student Support Service through Face book & Google Chat" carried out under School of Humanities, NSOU. Duration: 15th February to 29th April 2016 & 2017. Funded by UGC-DEB

Coordinator/ Convener of Five Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lectures of NSOU since 2008 to 2016

Organizing Secretary, International Seminar on "Memories of Partition and the Liberation War: Remembrance and Amnesia". 13-14th January, 2018 at NSOU, Kolkata

Organizing Secretary, International Seminar on "Banglar Partition 'Katha': Refugee, Border, Citizenship & Memories in Literature". 29th February & 1st March, 2020

Convener, Fourteen Lectures under *Partition Lecture Series* of CLTCS, NSOU, since October 2018 - July 2020



Membership of Academic and Administrative Bodies

- Member of 4th Court, Vidyasagar University.
- Member of 5th Court, Vidyasagar University.
- Member, Executive Council, NSOU, (2008-11)
- Member, Executive Council, NSOU (Since 2011)
- Member, Academic Council, NSOU (Since 2017)
- Member, CIQA, NSOU
- Life Member, Bangiyo Sahitya Parisat, Kolkata
- Life Member, Sahitya Academy Library, Kolkata
- Co-coordinator, B.Ed (Spl. Education), NSOU, (2010-11)
- Working Committee Member,(119th 120th) of Bangiyo Sahitya Parisat, Kolkata (2012-13 & 2013-14)
- Life Member, Asiatic Society, Kolkata
- Founder Coordinator, Centre for Language, Translation & Cultural Studies (CLTCS), NSOU

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 External Member, Ph.D Committee & M.Phil Committee, Dept. of CIIL, University of Calcutta 2017 - 2020