

## KOUSTAB MAJUMDAR (CV)

### Personal Details

**Name** : Koustab Majumdar  
**Present Designation** : Teaching Assistant-cum-Field Organizer  
**Place of employment** : Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University, A++ by NAAC), F/C for Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development (Ranchi campus) Jharkhand-834008, India

**Qualification** : MA [RD], M.Phil. [RD], MSW (IGNOU- Pursuing) PhD (Submitted)  
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### Areas of Interest

Agrarian studies, ethnographic research, indigenous studies, environmental education, indigenous culture, rural and tribal livelihood, international social work education, social policy, human well-being.

### Education

PhD in Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development (ARTD) at Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational Research Institute, Ranchi campus- **Thesis submitted (06. 12.2021).**

Master of Social Work (MSW) at School of Social Work, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi (**Expected- 2022**).

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Rural Development (RD) at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (June 2015 – April 2017).

Master in Rural Development and Management (MRDM) at Department of Rural Development and Management, University of Kalyani (August 2013- May 2015).

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Integrated Rural and Tribal Development and Management (IRTDM) Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University (July 2010 - June 2013).

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### Academic Research

- Ecoliteracy, Livelihood and Well-being: A Study with Reference to Tribals of Eastern India (**PhD Thesis**); **Supervisor-** Dr. Dipankar Chatterjee.
- Dynamics of Agrarian Change and Dynamics of Rural Transformation in Contemporary India (**M. Phil. Dissertation**).
- Impact Assessment of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY): A Study on Sarati Gram Panchayat of Nadia District, West Bengal (**Master Dissertation**).
- Analysis of Socio-Economic Status and Livelihood Pattern of the Kawali Village, Namkum Block, Ranchi, Jharkhand (**B.Sc. Project Work**).

### Research / Teaching Experiences

- **Teaching Assistant** (June, 2019 onwards) at Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational Research Institute, Ranchi campus.
- **Research Associate** (July, 2017 – May, 2019): Project name: An Ethnographic Account on the Well Being of the Elderly and Related Public Issues with Reference to the Tribals of Eastern India from July, 2017 to April, 2019. Funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research, Government of India, New Delhi, India.
- **Research Associate** (March, 2017 – April, 2017): Project Name: Contributing Causes of Farmers Suicide in Osmanabad District of Maharashtra) from 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017. (Employer: Prof. Abdul Shaban, Deputy Director, TISS, Tuljapur).
- **Intern** at S M Sehgal Foundation (Project Name: A Comparative Analysis of Successful Model Villages in India) from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

### Research paper presentation in National or International Conferences or Seminars

1. Koustab Majumdar “**Rural transformation in India: A critical review**” in Two day National Seminar on “Regeneration of Rural India: Perspectives, Issues and the Way Forward” held on 25-26 September, 2019 at Faculty Centre for ‘Agriculture, Rural & Tribal Development (ARTD)’, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Ranchi Campus, in collaboration with Divyayan Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramakrishna Ashrama, Morabadi, Ranchi Jharkhand, India.

2. Koustab Majumdar “**Cultural Construction and Subjective Well-being of Elderly among the Tribals: A Narrative Discourse**” in National Seminar on collaborated by The Department of

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Art, Culture and Youth, Government of Bihar, The Indian Archeological Society, New Delhi, The Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies, Pune and The History and Culture Society, New Delhi at Patna, Bihar from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

3. Koustab Majumdar “**Labour Mobilization from farm to non-farm: Contemporary structural transformation of Indian economy**” at 5th National Conference of Network of Rural and Agrarian Studies (NRAS), Bhubneswar, Orissa from 27-29th October, 2017.

4. Koustab Majumdar “**Participatory Impact Assessment of Forest Right Act on Tribal Livelihood: A Study on Santhal Community of West Bengal**” in National Seminar on “Natural Resource Management: Technological Options” was held at National Institute of Rural Development- North Eastern Regional Centre, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, Guwahati from March 18-19, 2016.

5. Koustab Majumdar “**Impact Assessment of Indira Awaas Yojana: A Micro Level Participatory Analysis in Selected Two Villages of Nadia District of West Bengal**” in National Seminar on “The New Rural Paradigm: Policies and Governance” National Institute of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, Hyderabad, India on 3rd & 4th February 2016.

6. Koustab Majumdar “**Role of Good Health Care in Holistic Development: A Comparative study of Two States in India**” in ICSSR, New Delhi & UGC Sponsored National Conference on “Good Governance and Rural Development in India: Perspective, Challenges & Strategies” organized Department of Political Science & Economics (UG & PG) at SIR C R Reddy (Autonomous) Collage, Eluru Telengana held on 5th & 6th September, 2014.

7. Koustab Majumdar, “**Women Empowerment through SHPI, SHG and Microfinance: A Case Study**” in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Women Empowerment and Rural Development: Role of Micro Finance” organized by Berhampur Girls Collage, Berhampur, Murshidabad, West Bengal held during 23rd & 24th November, 2013.

8. Koustab Majumdar “**Rural Urban Disparities in Growing India with Special Reference to Health Sector**” in International Seminar Sponsored by the Planning Commission, Govt. of India & Department of Economics & Politics Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal on 28th & 29th November, 2014.

### Participation in National or International Workshops / Training Programmes

- **Chula Right Livelihood Summer School** from 7<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> July in Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Attended **One Day Sensitization Programme on Inter-Generational Bonding in University / Colleges** organised by National Institute of Social Defence in Collaboration

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with Calcutta Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology and in Association with Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

- Participated in “**One day National Seminar-cum-Panel Discussion on Agricultural Research towards Doubling Farmer’s Income**. Organized by Faculty Centre for IRTDM, School of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Morabadi, Ranchi.
- Participated in **National Seminar on Bio-cultural Heritage of Eastern India: Theoria, Praxis and Poiesis** from 28th to 29th March, 2018, organized by the Department of Anthropology at the University of Calcutta, Ballygunge Science College, Kolkata, West Bengal.

### Publications

#### Edited Books

Koustab Majumdar, Rajendra Baikady and Ashok Antony D'Souza (2023). *Social Work Practice with Indigenous People: A Global South Perspectives*. Springer, USA (**Under contract**).

Koustab Majumdar, Rajendra Baikady and Ashok Antony D'Souza (2023). *Indigenous Social Work: Perspectives from Global North*. Springer, USA (**Under contract**).

Koustab Majumdar, Rajendra Baikady and Ashok Antony D'Souza (2023). *State, Social Welfare Policy and Indigenous People*. Springer, USA (**Under contract**).

#### Journal Articles

Koustab Majumdar and Dipankar Chatterjee. (2021). The cultural dimension of environment: Ethnoscience study on Santhal community in eastern India. *International Journal of Anthropology and Ethnology*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41257-021-00057-2>.

Koustab Majumdar and Dipankar Chatterjee (2021). Ecoliteracy among the tribals of eastern India. *South Asia Research*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F02627280211056838>. [**SCOPUS & Web of Science**]

Koustab Majumdar (2020). Rural Transformation in India: Deagrarianization and the Transition from a Farming to Non-farming Economy. *Journal of Developing Societies*, 36(2): 182-205. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0169796X20912631>. [**SCOPUS & Web of Science**]

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- Koustab Majumdar and Dipankar Chatterjee (2020). Tangible resources, intangible systems: A study on environmental perception among the Lodha community of West Bengal, India. *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society* 55(3): 218-234.
- Koustab Majumdar and Dipankar Chatterjee (2020). Perception of poverty: A study on the non-social work students, *Social Work & Society*, 18(2): 1-15. [SCOPUS]
- Koustab Majumdar (2016). Could MGNREGA Parry the Seasonal Rural Migration? Micro Evidence from West Bengal, India. *Imperial Journal of Interdisciplinary Research*, 2(3): 37-42.

### **Chapters in Edited Book**

- Majumdar K., Chatterjee D. (2020). Forest Rights Act 2006, Customary Laws, and Sustainable Community Development: Study on Lodha Tribe of West Bengal, India. In: Momen M.N., Baikady R., Sheng Li C., Basavaraj M. (eds) *Building Sustainable Communities*. pp.717-732 Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-2393-9\\_33](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-2393-9_33).
- Majumdar K., Raul M., Chatterjee D. (2020) Social Status and Subjective Well-Being of Tribal Elderly: A Narrative Discourse. In: Gao J., Baikady R., Govindappa L., Cheng SL. (eds) *Social Welfare in India and China*. Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-5648-7\\_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-5648-7_11)
- Ribhu, A., Majumdar, K. & Chatterjee, D. (2019). Victim of the system: A study on crime committed by children and child victims with special reference to the Ranchi district of Jharkhand, India, Channaveer R. M., Rajendra Baikady, Haruhiko Sakaguchi, Cheng Sheng-Li (Eds.), in *Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in South Asia*, London: Routledge. [SCOPUS & Web of Science]

### **Scholarly Works in Progress**

#### **Journal Articles (Under review)**

- Koustab Majumdar and Dipankar Chatterjee. Perception of Subjective Well-being: A Study on Lodha Tribe of West Bengal, India. *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*. (Revision submitted). [SCOPUS & Web of Science]

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### Course Taught (2017 onwards)

Name of Course	Degree	Place (University/College)-Year
Research Ethics and Publication (Theory & Practical)	PhD (Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development)	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute- <b>2021</b>
Rural Development: Thoughts and Theories (Theory)	MA/M.Sc. (Rural Development and Management)	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute- <b>2021 onwards</b>
Social Policy and Planning in India (Theory)	MA/M.Sc. (Rural Development and Management)	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute- <b>2018 onwards</b>
Participatory Rural Appraisal (Theory & Practical)	MA/M.Sc. (Rural Development and Management)	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute
Rural Development: Field Work (Practical)	MA/M.Sc. (Rural Development and Management)	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute- <b>2018 onwards</b>
Rural and Tribal Demography (Theory & Practical)	B.Sc. (Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development)	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute- <b>2017 onwards</b>
Agriculture Extension (Theory & Practical)	B.Sc. (Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development)	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute- <b>2017 onwards</b>
Agriculture Extension (Theory & Practical)	B.Voc. (Bachelor of Vocational) (Sustainable Agriculture)	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute- <b>2020 onwards</b>

### Academic Association

- Member of Development Studies Association (DSA), UK.
- Member of Australian Association of South Asian Studies
- Distinguished research committee member of State Government (Jharkhand) funded project (Project name: Livelihood intervention in selected villages in Jharkhand).

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### Peer Reviewer of Journal

- Human Ecology, Springer (2021 onwards)
- Australian Journal of Environmental Education, Cambridge University Press (2020 onwards)

### Academic achievements and scholarships

- Qualified UGC-NET (National Eligibility Test) in Social Work (2022).
- Best Paper (**Rural transformation in India: A Critical Review**) Presentation (Oral) Award in National Seminar (25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019) at RKMVERI.
- **Tuition fee scholarship** (\$670) to attend Chula Right Livelihood Summer School, 2019 (Bangkok, Thailand)- **One of among 24 scholars selected across the globe.**
- **Recipient of University Research (PhD) Fellowship** (2017-19) by Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute.
- Recipient of **M.Phil. Research Fellowship** (2015-17) by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
- Standing position (Second) at post-graduate level (2013-15 Batch).
- Standing position (third) at under-graduate level (2010-13 Batch).
- Star Awardee (2009) at school (class 10) for securing more than 75 percent marks.

### Academic References

- Rajendra Baikady, PhD, FRSA, URC, Special Post-Doctoral Fellow & Senior Research Associate, University of Johannesburg, South Africa (Founding Editor: The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Problems; The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Change; Mapping Global Inequality [Major Reference Work]) and Principal Investigator (Summer Research Fellowship), International Socioeconomics Laboratory Harvard University, Cambridge, United States., e-mail: [rajendra.baikady@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:rajendra.baikady@mail.huji.ac.il)
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