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Early Qualifications:

BA (Hon) in Political Science and Economics (CU), MA in Political Science (CU), PH.D in Politics and Public Administration from the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University.

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Positions held:

Professor Chaudhuri taught Political Science in different Colleges (Calcutta University). He was a Post Graduate Guest Faculty in the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, Department of Political Science with Rural Administration, Vidyasagar University, in NSOU Kolkata and Rabindra Bharati University in Distance Education System. Visited Soviet Russia and presented Two Papers in International Political Science Congress, and delivered a special lecture on “Indian Political Science today”, Paris, France, and Frankfurt, Germany.

In short, more than 44 years of College and university teaching and equal number of years in Research Experience(both Normative and Empirical) till November 2011; many Seminar participations either as Paper giver or Chair.

Amiya K. Chaudhuri till 2009 was Guest Faculty in the Department of Law, Calcutta University teaching Political Theory and Thought and, occasionally International Relations and in 2010 declined to accept next offer. He was a member of the UG Board of Studies in Political Science at Calcutta University (Chairman UG BOS in Political Science), Distance Education, Rabindra Bharati University and Netaji Subhas Open University (Public Administration), West Bengal.

He has been associated with Centre for the Study of developing Societies (CSDS) since 1996 when he first assisted in conducting the Surveys of the 1996 Parliamentary and Assembly Elections in West Bengal. He was the WB state coordinator for the 1998, 1999 and 2001, 2004 Parliamentary and Assembly elections, and presently member of *Lokniti* (Institute of Comparative Democracy) Network of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi-110054.

Research Projects:

- (1) ICSSR sponsored, “Indian Judiciary Supreme court and Four High Courts” (completed in 1977)
- (2) ICSSR sponsored, “Evolution of West Bengal Legislature 1862-1987” (completed in 1998)
- (3) University of Pennsylvania Institute of Advanced Studies in India (UPIASI) sponsored, “Coalition Politics in West Bengal” (completed 2006).under the auspices of the UPIASI on Parliamentary Elections 2004 and Assembly Elections 2006.
 MAKAIAS: Politics and Political Economy of the state of Bihar (completed in December 2008 and Published in January 2010)
 MAKAIAS, the Project on West Bengal since Partition; the Final Draft is completed to be submitted by the end of December, 2011.
- (4) Project on Politics of Bihar, (completed and Published), MAKAIAS

(5) West Bengal since Partition 1947 (Completed in 2012) to be published from Shipra, Delhi.soon.

Research interests:

Comparative Political Systems

State Politics and Governance in India and Sephology

Area Studies : Bangladesh and Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka

Electoral Studies and interest as a Psephologist.

Delivered Lectures;

- Moscow State University in n1979
Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow
Spoke on the Coalition Government of India 1977-79.
Delivered lectures in Sorbonne University.
Invite from Peter Drucker Institute, California, USA, for a month to deliver six lectures on Cotemporary Politics and Administration in West Bengal and India and the State Politics, in 2008, (but could not attend for personal and family reasons; although any time I intend, the invitation still stands valid.
- Delivered several lectures on invitations in Indian Universities, in Bihar like. MS. University, Gwalior, Vadadara, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Ujjain, Madras, Kerala, Jabbalpur, Meerut, UP, Pune, Gwuahati, Itanagar (Arunachal) and Bangalore University and in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, Viswa Bharati Universiti
- Delivered several lectures on different topics social, politics and Political Economy of the country in West Bengal like Calcutta University, Rabindra Bharati, Burdwan, Vidyasagar universities.Viwa Bharati, Santiniketan and several others Institute and Institutions for the last many years

Selected Publications:

A few selected Articles in Professional / Refereed journals

- A Conceptual Framework of Panchayati Raj, “The Calcutta Journal of Political Studies”,(Bilingual), New Series, Vol 1 Nos 1&2, April 2001-2002.
- Social Liberation: The Search for a Correct Perspective, “West Bengal Political Science Review” Vol 1, Jan-Dec’1998.
- Control, Politics and Perspective of a State Legislature, “The Indian Journal of Political Science, Vol. LIV, No. 1, Jan-March. 1993.
- Question Hour and Zero Hour in West Bengal Legislature, “The Calcutta Journal of Political Studies, Vol X Nos 1&2, 1991.
- Middle Class: An Amorphous Identity and Contradictions “ Lokayat” (English), New Delhi, October 15 2004

- Legislature of A state in Perspective, “Indian Journal of Political Science”, Jan-July, 1993.
- India’s Socio-Political Development-Constraints & Consequences: A Recent Scenario, “Journal of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies, Vol.XIII, No.2, July-September 1979.
- Political Culture in Post Independence India: West Bengal and Its Political Idiom, “The Calcutta Review”, (A Calcutta University Journal), Vol.V, Nos. 1&2, 1979.
- Relevance of Political Sociology to the Study of Parties with Reference to Indian Part System, “ The Calcutta Review”, New Series, Vol. III, No.4, April – June, 1978.
- A Note on Naxalism- Its Making in Contemporary Indian political Thought, “ The Calcutta Review”, New Series, Vol. III, No. I, July-September 1977.
- Judicial Appointments in High Courts, “ The Indian Journal of Political Science, Vol XXXVIII, No 4, Oct-Dec’1977.
- Minority Government: Coalition Politics Indian Experiments, “Indian Journal of Political Science, Vol. LXVI, No. 2, Apr. –June, 2005.
- Electoral Politics West Bengal: A predominant Party Government (1977-2006), Asia Annual 2006, MAKAIAS, 2007.
- Coalition Politics; Left Front in a Unique Coalition in West Bengal, A UPIASI, Project (2004- 2006) submitted (Forthcoming soon from Oxford University Press, 2007)
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri “Politics, Governance, Political Economy of Development Or Stagnation: West Bengal 2009.” India Economy Review (IER), IIPM, Vol VII, March 31 , 2010
- “Sorry state of Education System during the Left Front Regime of West Bengal (1978-2010)” A Bengali Journal *Tehai*, edited by *Saptarshi Bhattacharya*, January Issue, 2011, Kolkata
- Soviet Russia Bhanganer sei Dingulo (lengthy article based on the reportage of Three Journalists located in falling Soviet Russia on those fateful days, *Sukanta* a monthly journal, Special Number, Howrah, 1999.
- “Ekta Bisforok Sloganer Bastabayan” (An explosive Slogan that that came to be a reality (a very big and main article written in Bengali, a part of a literature on change of Regime or Paribortan in West Bengal) *Pala badal’11*, Madhumoy Pal (ed), Gangchill, Kolkata, October 2011.
- “Bhoy Theke Abhoy”(Freedom from Fear), based on a writings of Arefin Khan, a special Manabadhikar issue, No 3, 41 year October-December, 2007, Kolkata, edited by Mahasweta Devi
- Antarbortikalin Nirbachan: India, August 14, Ekdin (daily), Kolkata, 2012
- Mamatar Khamotayan and Achal Ayantan Dhulisat 27 August, Dainik Statesman, Kolkata, 2012
- Astom Panchayat Nibachan 2013, Festival Number Jago Bangla, October, Kolkata 2012.
- A number of Articles on “Gandhi”, “Soviet Revolution”, “Jalliunabag”, “Indian Federalism”, “Kashmir” “state of Human Rights in India”, “Speaking Within” etc in Bengali Journals like *Darpane Muktamoni*, *Majhi*, *Janabani*

Samajbhabnai, Subhas National Economic Planning in a Bengali Fortnightly of Subhas Chandra and a number of Little Magazine

Articles in Edited Volumes:

- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Regime Changes in West Bengal and Parliamentary Elections 1999”, Wallace and Roy (eds), *India’s 1999 Elections and 20th Century Politics*, Sage, New Delhi, Thousand Oaks and London, 2003.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Appointment of a Chief Justice – The Study of the Controversy in a New Perspective, Verinder Grover (ed), *Political Process and Role of Courts*, New Delhi, 1997
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Legislature and the Process of Development: A Study of West Bengal Legislature in a New Political Context, R.B. Jain (ed), *The Legislative Process in Development*, Gitanjali Publishing House, New Delhi, 1985.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “The Judges of the Supreme Court and the philosophy of a Judge”, Ram Avatar Sharma (ed), *Justice and Social Order in India*, Intellectual Publishing House, New Delhi, First Edition, 1984.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Political Sociology and Political Parties”, L.S Rathore (Ed), *Political Sociology*, Meenakshi Prakashan, Meerut, New Delhi, 1981.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Regime Changes in West Bengal and the 1999 Parliamentary Elections”, Paul Wallace and Ramashray (eds), *India’s 1999 Elections and 20th Century Politics*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2003.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, *A predominant Party Government in a Coalition situation*, Asian Annual 2006, Suchandana Chatterjee (ed), Standard Publishing, New Delhi, 2007.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “CPI(M)’ Dominance and ‘Other’ Parties in West Bengal”, Paul Wallace and Ramashray Roy (eds), *India’s 2004 Elections: Grassroots and National Perspectives*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, Thousand Oaks, London, 2007.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “In Search of Good Governance”, Anita Sen Gupta (ed), *Asia Annual 2007*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2008
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Social and Political Ideas of Professor RK. Dasgupta (*a comprehensive assessment in Bengali language*) Hridayer Uchcharan, Deys Publications Kolkata, 2002.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “National Planning of Subhas Chandra” (revised and enlarged) Desbesh Ray Chaudhuri (ed), *Sangrami Subhas Chandra (Bengali)*, Progressive Publishing, Kolkata, 2008.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Mapping a Political Challenge” Paul Wallace & Ramashray (eds), *Indian Politics and Parliamentary Election 2009*, Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, California, 2011
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri “National Economic Planning”, conceptualized by Subhas Chandra Bose”, A commemorative Volume on the birth Centenary of Bose, edited by D. Roy Chaudhuri and TK Banerjee, Progressive Publishing Co. Kolkata, 2006.

Authored Books:

- **Legislative Control over Public Administration**, Minerva Associate, Calcutta, 1993.
- *Legislative Control over Public Administration: India*, Revised edition, Willis and company, London, 1998.
- **Contemporary Politics and Changing Economy of Bihar**, Shipra Publications, Delhi, 2010.
- *Bharater Bartaman Rajniti O Prasashanik Bikriti*, Sujan Publication, Calcutta, 1998; to be reprinted soon in 2012.
- *Bharater Samasamayik Rajnitir Kusilab*, Sujan Publications, Kolkata 2008; all copies of the book has been exhausted and a revised edition to be reprinted as early as possible.
- **Bahota Sqmoyer Sthir Chitra Prasano Paschimkbanga**, Gangchil, Kolkata, Boimela 26th January, 2012,
- **Bharater Bartaman Rajnitir Prekshapat**, Sujan, Kolkata, 2012.

Monograph :

- **Evolution and Development of West Bengal Legislature (1862-20001)**, Mimeo, Kolkata, 1999.
- “Electoral Politics in West Bengal (1952-2001): A Predominant Party in the Coalition with a Difference” (mimeo), Kolkata, 2002.
- **Coalition Politics and Government in West Bengal**, UPAISI, New Delhi

Review articles and Book Reviews: Quite A Number, both in English and Bengali Journals, *Indian Journal of Political Science*, Indian Political Science Association *Journal of Political Studies*, *West Bengal Journal of Political Science*, Calcutta, *Journal of Administrative Science*, Madras, *Calcutta Journal of Political Studies*, *Journal of Political Studies*, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, *Indian Book Chronicles (IBC)* Jaipur, *Dainik Statesman* etc.

Edited: a Bengali Journal “*Rastra*” (stopped since 1998).

200 post edits, features, Review articles and Book Reviews in different Bengali newspapers, professional Journals and Magazines like “*Pratyahik Sambad*”, (Kolkata) “*Khabarer Kagaj*”, (Kolkata) “*Dainik Statesman*” (Kolkata) “*Alipurbarta*” (Kolkata), and other Bengali Magazines, (Published from Kolkata, and Districts, WB). Presently occasionally writing Features and Post edits in *Bartaman*, *Sambad Pratidin* and *Dainik Statesman* (particular mention may be made of “Relooking Sainbari Massacre in 1970, Marichjhapi Massacre in 1979, Women Reservation Bill as passed in Rajya Sabha, March 2010).

Delivered a few Memorial Lectures: The latest being,

- Memorial Lectures: Satindra Nath Memorial Lecture in Jadavpur University (NEC) on “Contemporary scenario of Indian Democracy: roles of the National and Regional Political Parties” April 11, 2010.
- Frequent Television Appearance: As Political commentator and Psephologist both in Local and National English Channels as also Radios.

More about Chaudhuri:

- Life Member:
- Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi.
- Indian Political Science Association (presently located in Meerut, UP)
- All India Federation of College and University Teachers Organization.
- West Bengal College and University Teachers Association (WBCUTA).
- Council of Political Studies, Kolkata.
- Life and Founder Life Member of West Bengal Political Science Association (New Phase since 1980)
- New Public Administration Society of India, Hyderabad.

Social Activities: During the Bangladesh Liberation Movement

- During Bangladesh Liberation movement Calcutta University by a resolution formed a committee “Calcutta University Bangladesh Sahayak Samity” to help Teachers who had to take shelter in and around Calcutta. Teachers of all categories from Vice-Chancellor down to the ordinary Primary School Teachers including A.R.Mullick VC Chittagong University and Professor Anisuzzaman and many others. The Samity was headed by the VC, Calcutta and Professor Dilip Chakraborty a Member of the Syndicate and leader of West Bengal College and University Teachers Organization as the General Secretary. AS a young College teacher I was Assistant Secretary with Professor Jnanesh Patranobis. Professor Mira Ganguly and Professor Bangendu Ganguly wrote a number of Booklets describing the terror let loose by the Khan Sena in the then East Pakistan. Both of them are no more with us. A large number of teachers in WB were associated. Nearly Ten Thousand Teachers of that country newly formed Bangladesh used to get some amount of money so that they could have a minimum monetary support. By organizing different

cultural programmes in different parts of India and from individual and collective donations we collected a huge amount of resources to extend help to the displaced teachers.

- For the purpose, as a representative of the Bangladesh Sahayak Samity Professor Amiya K. Chaudhuri was to participate in many Seminars in large City Universities like the JNU Delhi, Bombay University, and Madras University, to mobilize elite opinions in the Country along with Prof Saral Chatterjee, Anirudha Roy, Professor Amlan Dutta, Professor Aloo Dastur and Prof. Usha Mehta of Bombay University and Professor Parimal Das of JNU. From the Bangladesh side Professor Anisuzzaman was always with us among a few others. .To reiterate thus came to help the cause, Professor Aloo Dastur and Prof. Usha Mehta of Bombay University, Prof Parimal Das of the JNU, to name a few only. Professor Chaudhuri had a very hectic time and had to visit many border areas of West Bengal to write reports for Samity's monthly Bulletins to bring into focus on the inhuman conditions of the temporarily migrant teachers. A young man Sri Manas used to work as an office Assistant After the Liberation movement was complete, the Dhaka University counter organization in a function issued 20 certificates to the members involved in the Samity activities. In recognition the University teachers organization of Bangladesh in a meeting at Dhaka in the mid 1990s gave 20 certificates. Personally Amiya Chaudhuri could not attend but his certificate was received by Professor Dilip Chakraborty and handed him in Calcutta. One of the signatories of the Certificate was Professor Annisuzzaman. Professor Chaudhuri still holds that memento Certificate as a proud possession.
- A large amount of Money (50 lakh) was given to the Jahangir Nagar University, Dhaka. Some amount of money may be 40/50 lakh are still kept in the suspense account of the CU as reported by the present VC of Calcutta University.

West Bengal during 2006 to 2011:

During Internal Emergency and before the Elections in 1977;

- By attending and organizing different seminars to help Jayprakash Narayan Movements I played a part to contribute my mite.

Active participant as a Change Agent during the Civil Society Groups

- **Movement from September, 2006 to May 2011.**

- **During this period, I wrote several invited Articles(not less than 30 in numbers) in widely circulated language dailies, like Bartaman, Dainik Statesman, Sambad Pratidin, Weeklies like Saptaha and monthly like Saha Nagarik Mancha, Bijalpa and a few others.**

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