

Curriculum Vitae

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Summary:

A highly accomplished agriculture , participatory planning and community development professional with over 35 years of experience specializing in Rural Development, Natural Resource Management, and sustainable livelihood initiatives. Proven expertise in biodiversity conservation, agricultural extension, and community empowerment. Currently leveraging extensive experience as a National Resource Person (NRP) for NRLM (NIRD&PR, Govt. of India) and as a Consultant for EY (Ernst & Young) on various SDG-related projects. Strong track record in project coordination, capacity building, and community mobilization across diverse funding bodies (e.g., DFID, JICA, World Bank, ICRISAT). International exposure gained through Participatory Rural Management (DFID, UK). Passionate about creating "Islands of Success" by empowering communities and fostering NRM towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Organizational records

Organization	Total Years	Funding Agency
Water Resources Investigation & Development, Govt of West Bengal	11	World Bank
KRIBHCO ,Ministry of Fertilizer & cooperation, Govt. of India	9	DFID, Govt of UK
Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal.	8	DFID, Govt of UK
Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal	2	JICA
Department of Agriculture, Govt of India	2	Ministry of Agriculture (NWDPRA Project)
Calcutta University	2	Ministry of Agriculture (SJD project)
TTI (Registered NGO)	1	ICRISAT,Hydrabad
Total	35	

Core competencies

Policy Advocacy- Research - Natural Resources Management-Sustainable livelihood-Impact Evaluation Studies- Networking & Liaison -Project management-Operations management -Team Management - Capacity Building & Training - Model Village Development-Community Mobilization -Participatory Planning-Women Empowerment- Agri-market Linkages-Project Coordination- -Public Speaking.

Key achievements:

- Increased agricultural production for small and marginal farmers through collective action and market linkages.
- Established comprehensive training modules to address various stakeholders of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI), Forest Protection Groups, Self-Help Groups, and key stakeholders from policymakers to field-level implementers.
- Demonstrated expertise in designing and deploying model activities on biodiversity conservation, livelihood activities, and sustainable agriculture projects. Projects consistently achieved strong community buy-in and measurable impact outcomes.
- Managed project budgets and activities, and ensured timely completion of complex projects.

Additional Information:

- **Associate Researcher:** Attached with 'Biochar Smallholder Farmers Project' under **Princeton University, USA.**
- **Principal Scientist:** Act as a Scientist under 'Global Forum For Sustainable Rural Development' (GFSRD) (FAO –UN Recognized)
- **Skill development Trainer:** Under the Institute of Co-operative Management for Agriculture & Rural Development (ICMARD), Bidhannagar, Kolkata.
- **Midnapore College (Autonomous): Sr. Faculty** - PG Diploma in Management in Rural Development with Panchayati Raj, (2018 till date.)
- **City College, Midnapore:** Faculty - B.Sc. Agriculture, (2022 till date.)
- **Freelance Consultant:** Datan Manab Kendra & Tetra Initiatives (NGO) - expertise in Good Agriculture Practices (GAP), promotion of various livelihood activities, organic / natural farming, nutrition-sensitive agriculture, FFS training etc. (2018 till date). West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project (WBFBCP), funded by JICA (2018-2021), implemented by Forest Department, GoWB.
- **Strengthening Rural Decentralization (SRD):** Successfully implemented a bottom-up participatory planning process 2004 under SUKHDEV PUR Gram Panchayet, Dakhin Dinajpur, demonstrating its feasibility and effectiveness under **DFID funding.**

Other credentials:

- **Contributing Author:** i) Contributed to a book on natural farming, "Joibi Chaser Sahoj Path" (Bangla Version), Published in January 2024. Published by Mahanati Prakashani, Kolkata. ISBN-978-81-955312-3-3 and
ii) Book on "Jibikar Sandhane Swanirbharatar Sahaj Path" (Bangla Version), Published in November 2025, Published by Parul Prakashani, Kolkata, ISBN-978-93-4918-60-9
- **Seasoned Mass Media Influencer:** Experienced video creator and sustainability advocate. My 50+ episodes have engaged a diverse audience, promoting sustainable practices and inspiring action. (Now available in YouTube channel (@tetrainitives4437))
- **Talk Show:** Live phone-in programme on various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-related issues, broadcast on Krishidarshan (Doordarshan, Prasar Bharati, India's public broadcaster, Kolkata Kendra.

Strong academic background

- Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Agriculture (Calcutta University) (1990)
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Honours in Agriculture (Agra University) - Ranked #1 in graduating class (1988)
- *Award : Secured 10th rank in West Bengal Higher Secondary Examination (1983)*

Current position:

National Resource Person (NRP), NRLM under NIRD&PR, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India, and Consultant, EY.

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