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Positions held: Rtd Reader in Political Science (Bk. Girls College, Calcutta University)
Experience: Teaching experience nearly 40 years, in Colleges under Calcutta University and as Post Graduate Guest Faculty in the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University. Guest Faculty, Department of Political Science with Rural Administration, Vidyasagar University for 10 years.

Amiya K. Chaudhuri is currently a Guest Faculty in the Department of Law, Calcutta University where he teaches Political Theory, Thought and occasionally International Relations. He is a member of the UG Board of Studies in Political Science at Calcutta University (Chairman UG BOS in Political Science 1994-1999), Distance Education, Rabindra Bharati University and Netaji Subhas Open University (Public Administration), West Bengal.

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).

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 1999 and 2001 Parliamentary and Assembly. Presently a member of *Lokniti* (Institute of Comparative Democracy) Network of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi-110054.

Election studies completed under the auspices of the UPIASI on Parliamentary Elections 2004 and Assembly Elections 2006

Research interests:

Comparative Political Systems
State Politics and Governance in India
Area Studies; Bangladesh and Pakistan
Local Politics and Governance both Rural and Urban

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 Politicalscience”, Jan-July, 1993.

India’s Socio-Political Development-Constraints & Consequences: A Recent Scenario, “Journal of Constitutional and Parliamenrary 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 Appoinments 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 Publications, 2007)

A number of Articles on “Gandhi”, “Soviet Revolution”, “ “Jalliunabag”, “Indian Federalism”, “Kashmir” “state of Human Right in India”, “Speaking Within” etc in Bengali Journals like *Darpane Muktamon*, *Majhi*, *Janaban*, *Samajbhabnai* and a number of Little Magazine

Articles in Edited Volumes:

“ 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.

“ 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

“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.

“ 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.

“Political Sociology and Political Parties”, L.S Rathore (ed), *Political Sociology*, Meenakshi Prakashan, Meerut, New Delhi, 1981.

“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.

Authored Books:

Legislative Control over Public Administration, Minerva Associate, Calcutta, 1993.

Bharater Bartaman Rajniti O Prasashanik Bikriti, Sujan Publication, Calcutta, 1998.

Evolution and Development of West Bengal Legislature(1862-20001), (forthcoming)

Bharater Samasamayit Rajnitir Kusilab, Sujan Publicatins (forthcoming)

Monograph: “Electoral Politics in West Bengal (1952-2001): A Predominant Party in the Coalition with a Difference” (mimeo), Kolkata, 2002.

Monograph, “Parliamentary Election 1999; A Study in Perspective of a Uniquely Different Party Regime” (mimeo) Kolkata, 2000. Book & Article Reviews

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). Dr. Chaudhuri has contributed more than 200 post edits, features, Review articles and Book Reviews in different Bengali newspapers, professional journals and Magazines like “*Pratyahik Sambad*”, (Kolkata) “*Khabarer Kagaj*”, (Kolkata) “*DainikStatesman*” (Kolkata) and “*Alipurbarta*” (Kolkata), and other Bengali Magazines, (Published from Kolkata, and Districts, WB). For sometime he has been invited by Lokayata (a Fortnightly English Magazine) as a columnist.
