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I was born and brought up at Nabadwip in Nadia. I studied at Don Bosco High School, Krishnagar Government College (Kalyani University), Presidency University and C.S.S.S.C (Jadavpur University). My research interest greatly lies within the perimeter of Religious History in general, Bengal Vaishnavism in particular. Initially at Presidency University I was trained to be a professional historian by world's leading scholars and Historians like Prof. Dr. Milinda Banerjee, Prof. Dr. Swarupa Gupta, Prof. Dr. Mridu Rai, and Prof. Dr. Pravat Kumar etc. They introduced me with the vast literary as well as historical sources in different genre of disciplinary practices ranging from religious studies to intellectual history and taught me how to pursue, analyze, and recognize potential sources for my research. An M.A from Presidency University includes an A+ dissertation titled *A Brief History of Vishnupriyā Family* (dealing with day-to-day praxis, thoughts and ethos of Gaudiyā Vaishnavism) was supervised under Prof. Dr. Milinda Banerjee. After that I did an M.Phil in an interdisciplinary institution named C.S.S.S.C affiliated to Jadavpur University where I was trained in interdisciplinary researches, methodologies, recent developments in cultural studies, political sciences, sociology and historical studies by world's leading intellectuals and scholars like Emeritus Prof. Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Prof. Dr. Rosinka Choudhuri, Prof. Dr. Souvik Mukherjee, Prof. Dr. Prachi Deshpande, Prof. Dr. Trina Banerjee, Dr. Rajarshi Ghosh, Dr. Satish Chenur, Dr. Asha Singh etc. They taught me at different levels of interdisciplinary approaches towards research and academic heights. The specialized courses I have studied at C.S.S.S.C were designed in a way that not only enrich my understanding of the existing field of niche field studies but also gave an unprecedented opportunity to explore the academic world through an expertise professional angle. My M.Phil dissertation titled *History, Genealogy and Religion: Vishnupriyā Family in Medieval Nabadwip* was supervised under Prof. Dr. Rosinka Choudhuri and Dr. Rajarshi Ghosh (co-supervisor). Over the last decade of my academic career, I have been associated with multiple research organizations, academic associations and reputed institutions such as DiGRA (Digital Games research Association) India, Scholars Club Library Network Visva-Bharati, West Bengal Political Science Association, Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture etc. Last year on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025, I joined Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies as a MAKAIAS Fellow.