

BIO-PROFILE OF PROF. N. C. JANA



Prof. Narayan Chandra Jana is an Applied Geographer with a Post-Graduate and Doctoral Degrees in Geography, Post-Graduate Degree in Disaster Mitigation, PG Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development and Diploma in Tourism Studies. He has contributed more than 125 research papers published in various national and international journals and edited volumes. He is also the regular contributor to the Report on *Progress in Indian Geography*, published by INSA, New Delhi. He has **authored four books** entitled (i) *The Land: Multifaceted Appraisal and Management*, published by Sribhumi Publishing House, Kolkata (with Prof. N. K. De); (ii) *Transformation of Land: Physical Properties and Development Initiatives*, published by Bharata Vidya Charcha Kendra, Burdwan; (iii) *Tsunami in India: Impact Assessment and Mitigation Strategies*, published by Prayas, Kolkata; (iv) *Sustainable Livelihoods of Tribal Communities in Odisha, India: The Case of Mayurbhanj* (with Prof. Anuradha Banerjee and Dr. Prasanta Kumar Ghosh), published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing, England; **edited eight books** entitled (i) *Disaster Management and Sustainable Development: Emerging Issues and Concerns*, published by Pentagon Press, New Delhi (with Prof. Rajesh Anand and Dr. Sudhir Singh), (ii) *Human Resources*, published by Concept Publishing Co., New Delhi (with Prof. Sudesh Nangia and Prof. R. B. Bhagat), (iii) *West Bengal: Geo-Spatial Issues*, published by the Department of Geography, The University of Burdwan (Chief Editor); (iv) *Resources and Development: Issues and Concerns*, published by Progressive Publishers, Kolkata (with L. Sivaramakrishnan and others); (v) *Population Dynamics in Contemporary South Asia: Health, Education and Migration*, published by Springer Nature, Singapore (with Prof. Anuradha Banerjee and Dr. Vinod Kumar Mishra); (vi) *Resonance of Environment, Society and Space: Global Perception through Regional Perspective*, published by La Strada, Kolkata (with Prof. N. Chakma and others); (vii) *Livelihood Enhancement through Agriculture, Tourism and Health*, published by Springer Nature, Singapore (with Dr. Anju Singh and Prof. R. B. Singh); and (viii) *Climate, Environment and Disaster in Developing Countries*, published by Springer Nature, Singapore (with Prof. R. B. Singh). Dr. Jana was also actively engaged in post-Doctoral research and teaching in the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi for five years. He was the coordinator

(Eastern India) of the *International Geographical Union: Commission on Geography of Commercial Activities* (1992-96). He is the Life Member of 30 academic societies of repute. He was the Vice-President of *National Association of Geographers, India* (NAGI), Delhi (2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2019-20) and was the Convener of 33rd Indian Geography Congress, 2011; 35th Indian Geographers' Meet, 2013 and XIV IGU-INDIA International Conference, 2020. Dr. Jana was the Deputy Coordinator of UGC-SAP-DRS Programme (2012-17), and was the Coordinator of DST-FIST Programme (2012-13). He is the Associate Editor of *Indian Journal of Landscape Systems and Ecological Studies*, Kolkata; Member of the Advisory Board of the journal *Earth Surface Review*, Gorakhpur and Member of the Advisory Board of the *Indian Society of Spatial Scientists*, Kolkata. He was the Secretary of *Institute of Indian Geographers*, Pune (2016-19) and Founder Secretary of *Association of Bengal Geographers*, Burdwan. He is also the Editor of newly launched journal *Contemporary Geographer*. He is the Member of PG Board of Studies in Geography in Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol; Bankura University; Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University; Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan; Biswa Bangla University, Bolpur as well as BRS Member in Geography in the University of Gour Banga, Bankura University and Kazi Nazrul University, West Bengal. Dr. Jana visited *Nepal (1994)*, *Sri Lanka (2012)*, *Bangladesh (2013)*, *Thailand (2013 & 2017)*, *Russia (2014)*, *China (2016)*, *Japan (2016)*, *Ireland (2024)*, and *Bhutan (2024)* for various academic purposes. He has delivered more than 150 lectures in Human Resource Development Centre, sponsored seminars/conferences and various academic departments of different universities. Dr. Jana chaired more than 50 technical sessions in various national and international seminars and conferences. He is also the Expert in a number universities and state government organizations within and outside West Bengal. He has successfully guided 15 M. Phil and 12 Doctoral dissertations. He has completed one Major Research Project entitled Tribal Livelihood and Sustainable Development in Mayurbhanj, Orissa sponsored by ICSSR and one small research project on Wasteland sponsored by NRDMS of DST. He has also conducted one Research Methodology Course sponsored by ICSSR and two Training Programmes sponsored by National Institute of Disaster Management, MHA, Government of India. His areas of research interest cover Applied Geomorphology, Hazards & Disasters, Environmental Issues, Land Use and Rural Development. He is Member of NAAC Peer Team. He is also Nodal Officer of Burdwan University for India Universities and Institutes Network for Disaster Risk Reduction of NIDM

(IUINDRR-NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Prof. Jana has been nominated as Steering Committee Member (2020-24) in ***Commission on Research Methods in Geography, International Geographical Union***. Dr. Jana is at present Professor & Head in the Department of Geography, The University of Burdwan, West Bengal, India.