

Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Swati Guha

DR. SWATI GUHA

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Current Position

**Director, Institute of Language Studies and Research (ILSR), Kolkata,
Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal (2021, October – till date)**

Previous positions

**Director, Nazrul Centre for Social and Cultural Studies, Kazi Nazrul University
Asansol, West Bengal (2019, March – 2021 October)**

**Development Officer, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia, West Bengal (2012 July –
2019, February)**

**Executive Producer, Lok Siksha Sanchar, Department of Information and Cultural
Affairs, Government of West
Bengal (2007-2012)**

EDUCATION

Ph.D. | Jadavpur University, Kolkata | 1997

M.A. – Bengali Language & Literature | Jadavpur University, Kolkata | 1990 (*First Class First*)

B.A. (Hons) – Bengali Literature | Presidency College, Kolkata | 1987

Area of Academic Research:

Gender Studies, Queer Discourses, Gender and the Urban Space, Literature and Poetics, Literature and Activism

Previous Work Experience and Social Outreach

DIRECTOR

Nazrul Centre for Social & Cultural Studies, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol

- Oversaw the entire activities of the university research center as an academic and administrative head.
- Evaluated research proposals and executed required steps to materialize projects after the approval of the Advisory Committee members.
- Strong track record of organizing scholarly lectures, seminars, workshops, symposia, national & international conferences, and publications on Kazi Nazrul Islam's contribution towards social and cultural regeneration.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia

- Orchestrated and spearheaded the developmental needs of the university.
- Coordinated with the State Government and UGC, which involved assisting the University Registrar in the preparation of budgetary plans, implementing various academically development schemes, and assisting to apply for various grants from different funding agencies.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Lok Siksha Sanchar, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal

- Corresponded and executed several online programs which includes work plans, program designing, budgeting, personnel identification, system maintenance, coordination, and management of the entire technical team and liaising with different government departments and agencies.

PRODUCTION EXECUTIVE

Roopkala Kendro, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal

- Coordinated diverse audio-visuals and print production activities.
- Undertook major issues like community health and nutrition, women's empowerment, urban development, participatory planning, making work plans, budgeting, personnel identification, coordination and management of entire production, liaising with commissioning agencies and delivering key results.

LECTURER

Prafulla Chandra College affiliated to the University of Calcutta

- Worked with the Department of Bengali Language and Literature.
- Initiated, facilitated and regulated Bengali Language and Literature course discussions following the curriculum.

SELECT INVITED LECTURES

Accepted her research paper "Benevolent Reformer or Perpetrator of Gender Crimes? British Colonial Rule in India and the Woman Question" for the first MKGD-International Conference on *Gender and Violence in Colonial Wars, Colonial Rule and Anti-colonial Liberation Struggle* to be held on 30 and 31st January, 2025 in Germany

Invited to deliver the Jibanananda Memorial Lecture to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary of Jibanananda Das on 18th May, 2024 organised by the renowned cultural organization Anik.

Invited as a member of a Pannel Discussion on the newly published book "Selected Essays of Kazi Nazrul Islam, translated by Radha Chakravarty, published by Penguin Random House on 21st March, 2024

Presented her research paper on "Queering Kolkata" at the Third Vienna Workshop on Diverse Infrastructure: Gender, Queer and the Foundation of Society on 6-8 September, 2023

Invited to speak on University Social Responsibility on 21st March, 2023 in a programme organized by the Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University and the University of East Anglia (UEA), UK

Invited as Special Invitee to deliver the Presidential Remark at the inaugural Ceremony of Tow-Day International Conference on "Persian Impact on History, Literature and Culture of Central and South Asia" on 1st March, 2023

Invited as Guest of Honour to deliver the Lecture at the Inaugural Ceremony of the three-day National Seminar on “Influence of Sanskrit in Indian Languages and Literature”, on 23rd February, 2023, organized by The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata & Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi

Invited as the Guest of Honour to speak at International Webinar on the Occasion of 2566th Buddh Jayanti on “Development of Buddhist Art: Images of Buddha”, organized by the Department of Pali, University of Calcutta & The Mahabodhi Society of India on 20th May, 2022

Invited as a Resource Person to speak online in the North America Bangla Sahitya Sammelon, Sponsored by Bangladesh Foundation of Florida; 27th & 28th March, 2021

Invited for a Lecture on the Relevance of Kazi Nazrul Islam in Contemporary World, organized by the Calcutta Comparatist 1919, 8th March, 2021

Invited as a Speaker at the Jibanananda Festival organized by the Saudha Society of Poetry and Music, Leeds, UK; 17th February, 2021

Invited as a Speaker to deliver the Memorial Lecture on Anisuzzaman, organized by the Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1st June, 2020

MEMBERSHIPS

Life Membership Indian Association of Women Studies (IAWS)

Life Member of Comparative Literature Association of India

Member, Postcolonial Studies Association of the Global South (PSAGS)

Life Membership Itihas Academy, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Life Member Bengal Bratachari Society

Life Member of Touch World, an organization working with the Correctional Home Inmates and their Family

Life Member of International Society of Bengal Studies (Bangabidya); an academic organization to promote and research the Culture and Literature of Bengal across the globe

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Feminine Care, Brahminical Patriarchy and the Play of Dirt in Bengal, co-authored book chapter in a forthcoming book, “Filth, Dirt, Im/Purity and Feminine Care” edited by Madhurima Guha, Arizona State University and published by Vernon Press, USA

“Queering Calcutta: Postcolonial Urban Space and Gender Diversity” a research article for ***second issue of “insightOut. Journal on Gender & Sexuality in STEM Collections and Cultures”** * edited by Dr.in **Sophie Gerber; TMW**; Dep. Collections _ Curator _ Focus Gender

“Hindu Majoritarian Nationalist Discourse and the Violence of Language Games: A Case Study of India, 2014-2024”, co-authored book chapter in the fourth coming book –“Weaponizing Language : Discourse and Construction of Violence” edited by Dr Ramune Braziunaite and Dr Vokasovich will be published by Lexington Books, USA

“Biopolitical Governmentality in Urban Bengal: A Study of Queer-Kolkata”, co-authored article presented at Pannel Discussion at World Congress Foucault: 40 years after on “Foucault and Postcolonial Governmentalities in South Asia’ organised by ILSR, Kolkata and PSAGS

"Queer-Diasporic Consciousness and Minoritised Entanglements: A Critical Study of Sabina Khan's *Zara Hossain in Here* and Abida Jaigirdar's *The Henna Wars*", co-authored article for the Journal "Intersection", Journal of Gender and Sexuality in Asia and Pacific, edited by Carolyn Brewer, Australian National University

Published her Ph.D. degree thesis "Jeebanander Upanyas: Metaphor Byabohar", publisher Renaissance publishers, Kolkata

Complete Revised Edition – "Metaphor: Jeebananander Upanyas" (in print- Publisher, Sopan, Kolkata)

"Atolkatha", collection of memoirs (Publisher: Sopan, Kolkata)

Edited Books

Bhasha Bishyak Prabondho ; co-edited (ILSR Press); Proposed, July, 2024

Agrathiyto Rakhal Das Bandyopadhyay: Collection of Articles; Co-edited (ILSR Press), January, 2024

A Critical Edited Version of Folk Literature of Bengal: Dinesh Chandra Sen ; Co-edited (ILSR Press), January, 2024

Novels

"Samudro" (Publisher: Prativash, Kolkata)

Translated in French (Publisher Editions Banyan, Paris, France),

Translated in English "The Sea" (Publisher – Anonym, India)

"Mrityika" (Publisher: Prativash, Kolkata)

"Sanjhatarar Swapnokatha" (Publisher – Prativash, Kolkata)

"Kriti Patel's Diary O Chinho", collection of two novelettes (Publisher Mandakranta, Kolkata)

"Babulal, Pakhi Ebang Amader Katha" (Publisher: Parampara, Kolkata)

"Babulal, Pakhi Ebang Amader Katha"- 2nd Edition (Publisher: Arshinagar, Kolkata)

"Ateen Torar Galpo" (Publisher – Lalmati, Kolkata)

"Nadeejol" (Publisher – Kriti/ Karigar, Kolkata)

"Akashkum" (Publisher – Sopan, Kolkata)

"Kriti Patel's Dairy" (Publisher – Mondakranta / New Edition – Publisher- Saptarshi. Kolkata)

"Abohaman" (Publishers – Saptarshi)

"Banoja Ebang Ananya : Collection of Three Novellets" (Publisher – Deep Prakashan, Kolkata)

Short Story Collection

"Neela O Ful Chor Kaker Galpo" (Publisher: Gangchil, Kolkata)

"Jamin Asmaner Galpo" (Publisher: Sopan, Kolkata)

"Sandha Katwil Ebang Before Sunrise-er Galpo" (Publisher Boibhashik, Kolkata)

Children Book Series: National Book Trust, India

“Amader Chhou”

“Kazi Nazrul Islam”

“Sabuj Pari”

“Boi Chai Go Boi Chai”

Recent Research Articles

“Bangla Sahitya O Theater”; Theater-er Dersho Bachhor Smarak Gantho. Pashchimbanga Natya Academy (In Press)

“Madhusudan-e Naree : Samay Sangsarga Sahitya” Pashchimbanga Bangla Academy (in Press)

“Mayamridanga : Jouna Anandabad O Asttitwer Nandanikata”, KathaSahitya, 1st May, 2024
Boikatha :

Itihas O Dui Purusher Rong : Bartya Basu-r Adamrita Katha, Anyolekha, 2023

Swadhinata Andolon : Bangla Thiyetare Kal O Aaj – Swadhinata Sangram O Bangla Theater
published by Pashchimbanga Natya Academy, 15th August 2022

Nirman-Binirman Vidyasagar: Anyolekha, 2022

Ram Mohuner Naree Chintan: Manabividyar Gorar Katha: Rammohun 250 Smarak Grantha
(Published by – Rammohun Library and Free Reading Room); 2022

The Rights of Famers and Laborers: Understanding of Kazi Nazrul Islam (Anandabazar Online;
29th August, 2021)

Kolkata TV- Bharat Amar Bharatbarsha Show: Bhasha Series

“Bhashar Bahuta O Bahata”

“Bhashar Khamata”

“Samajik Bhasha”

“Bhasha O Dhvani: Arther Prasthan”

“Kabyabasha O Byboharik Bhasha”

Doctoral Research Guidance:

Supervisor: PhD Scholar at the ILSR (Ongoing)

Co-Supervisor: PhD Scholar at the ILSR (Ongoing)

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Co-Supervisor: PhD Scholar at the Department of MIL & LS, University of Delhi (Ongoing)

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Co- Supervisor :PhD Scholar at the Department of in JOURNALISM &MASS COMMUNICATION, Amity
University Haryana (Awarded)

RECENT PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE / WORKSHOP/ SYMPOSIUM/ COLLOQUIUM

Invited as a Resource Person in the Workshop on Identifying Language Problems in Multilingual Rural
Bengal organized by HSS, IIT, KGP during 23rd to 27th September, 2024

Invited as Resource Person for the Online Refresher Course on Translation and Transcreation on 17.09.2024, organized by the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, University of North Bengal.

Invited as a Resource Person in the Panel Discussion on Literature and Translation Studies at 3 Day International Conference on Voices of India and Beyond : Mobility, Sustainability and Technology; jointly organized by Moulana Azad National Urdu University, Woxsen University and University of Hyderabad during 28th to 30th August, 2024

Participated ILSR-PSAGS Roundtable Webinar “DECOLONIALITY NOW: IDEAS, PRACTICES & NEW DEBATES”; Speakers: Dilip Menon, University of the Witwatersrand and Katucha Bento, University of Edinburgh; Pavan K Malreddy, Goethe University Frankfurt; Diran Soumonni, University of the Witwatersrand

Chair: Lesley McAra, University of Edinburgh

Conveners & Discussion Initiators: Mursed Alam, Gour College, University of Gour Banga

Anindya Sekhar Purakayastha, ILSR, Kolkata on 25th April, 2024

- Invited to present paper at the Conference on – “Interplay of Community Textuality & Orality: Comparative Perspectives of History, Culture and Society” organized by Dept of English, Sikkim University in collaboration with National Translation Mission, CIIL, Mysore; ILSR, Kolkata and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi at Gangtok, Sikkim during 20th to 22nd November, 2023

- Invited to present paper at the 3rd Vienna Workshop on STEM Museum, Gender and Sexuality: Diverse Infrastructure? Gender, Queer & the Foundation of Society; to be held at the Technisches Museum Wien (TMW), Vienna, Austria from 6th to 8th September, 2023, awarded partial travel grant of an amount of 500 Euros.

- Participated in an International Training Workshop on Endangered Archives at ILSR on 14th September, 2022

- Participated in the Four Day Author Illustrator Workshop organized by National Book Trust during 23rd to 26th March, 2021 at Gangtok, Sikkim

Editorship:

Executive Editor, “Sikshadarpan” an educational bi-annual Journal published by the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal since 2023

Editor “Arshinagar” bi-annual Literary Little Magazine from 2012-2023

Editor “Beej” a bi-annual Literary Little Magazine during 1987-1990

Convenor and Organizer of Academic Events:

Organized “Academic Social Responsibility: Locating Marginal Intellectual Traditions” jointly ILSR Kolkata & Ambedkar Centre for Social and Cultural Studies, Gour College as a part of the collaborative Project on Micro-texts and Micro-cultures Seminar Series: Mapping the Minor Intellectual Traditions: Thoughts from Bengal: Speakers: Anindya Purakayastha, ILSR; Swati Guha, ILSR; Daniel Rycroft, University of East Anglia, UK; Jon Cook University of East Anglia, UK; Sayantan Dasgupta, Jadavpur

University; Sucharita Chattopadhyay, Jadavpur University; Mursed Alam, Gour College Malda on 3rd June, 2024

Organized PSAGS-ILSR World Foucault Congress :“WORLD CONGRESS FOUCAULT 40 YEARS AFTER 24-25 MAY, 2024 ON "FOUCAULT AND POSTCOLONIAL GOVERNMENTALITIES IN SOUTH ASIA"- Speakers : Deana Heath, University of Liverpool Srila Roy, University of the Witwatersrand; Anup Dhar, Ruhr University Bochum; Jonathan Saha, Durham University; Sreenanti Banerjee, University of Bristol and Round-Table Speakers: Ajay Gudavarthy, JNU; Sabiha Huq, Khulna University; Amrita Ghosh, Central Florida University; Sumit Chakrabarti, Presidency University; Amitava Das, ILSR; Md. Inamur Rahman, Presidency University on 24th and 25th May, 2024

Organized ILSR Rabindra-Jayanti Celebration “সব ফুরালে বাকি রহে অদৃশ্য যেই দান সেই তো তোমার দান...” at ILSR campus on 8th May , 2024

Organized ILSR-BL Colloquium on “VERNACULAR SYNCRETISM AND CULTURAL HETERODOXY IN COLONIAL BENGAL: DIGITIZATION AND SURVEY OF RARE ARCHIVES AT MAHA BODHI SOCIETY, KOLKATA”: Speakers: Sam Van Schaik, British Library, UK ; Ruth Hansford, British Library, UK; Professor Abhijit Gupta, Jadavpur University, India; Frederick SchÖer, Max Plank Institute for Human Development, Germany; Alekhya Mandal and Maitrayee Mukherjee, ILSR-British Library EAP Project Team on 29TH April, 2024

Organized Second Seminar on ILSR Project-Micro-texts from Bengal “Minor Intellectual Traditions: Thoughts From Bengal”, Speakers: June McDaniel, College Krishnapriyo Bhattacharya, Independent Researcher & Writer, Epsita Halder, Jadavpur University; Niharul Islam, Fiction Writer ; Alekhya Mandal, ILSR- British Library EAP Project and Maitrayce Mukherjee, ILSR- British Library EAP Project Round-table: “Provincial Publishing Houses: Challenges and Opportunities “ Speakers: Tanmay Basak, Shohortoli Publication; Ashim K. Sarkar, Gour College; Swati Guha, ILSR Amitava Das, ILSR; Manas Dutta, Aliah University; Dhritiman Chakraborty, Gour College; Anindya Sekhar Purkayastha, ILSR; Mursed Alam, Gour College at Gour College, Malda on 18th April, 2024

Organized Part of First Seminar on ILSR Micro-texts from Bengal “Minor Intellectual Traditions: Thoughts from Bengal” by Professor Tony K Stewart, Vanderbilt University on 5th April, 2024

Organized 1st Seminar on ILSR Project-Micro-texts from Bengal “Minor Intellectual Traditions: Thoughts from Bengal”: Speakers: Daniel Rycroft, University of East Anglia and Journalist and Author Krishnapriya Dasgupta on 22nd March, 2024

Organized ILSR Book Talk “Selected Essays of Kazi Nazrul Islam “by Radha Chakravarty, on 21st March, 2024

Organized ILSR Research Conversation “Amita Bhose, from the Great Ganges to Bucharest , Bengali-Romanian Relations” y Carmen Musat-Coman, Writer and Journalist, Romania and Dr. Srabanti Basu, Professor and Head, Department of Biotechnology, Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata on 19th March, 2024

Organized ILSR Research Talk “The Mughal Aviary: Women’s Writings in Pre-modern India” By Professor Sabiha Huq, Professor, Department of English and Humanities, BRAC University Dhaka, Bangladesh and Khulna University, Bangladesh on 15th March, 2024

Organized a Workshop on Archival Digitization Training as a part of the ILSR-British Library Endangered Archives Programme 1546 on 29th Feb, 2024

Organized Invited Lecture on “The Language of My Writing Journey So Far” - Dr. Sowvendra Shekhar Hasda, Writer and Translator, to celebrate the International Mother Language Day. Inaugural Speech delivered by Shri Bratya Basu, Chairperson ILSR & Honorable Minister-in-Charge, Departments of School and Higher Education, Government of West Bengal on 21st February, 2024

Organized ILSR Research Talk – “Transdisciplinary Approaches in Urban Conservation: A Citizen Science Response” by Dr. Kaberi Kar Gupta, Research Affiliate, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, USA on 6th February

Participated in International Kolkata Book Fair during 18 Jan - 31 Jan 2024 and awarded the 1st Prize for thematic stall

Organized Invited Lecture – “Tracks through Nature: Infrastructure and Socioecological Change” By Dr Eleanor Marcussen, Researcher, Dept of Cultural Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Linnaeus University, Sweden on 16th January, 2024

Participated in Little Magazine Fair organized by the Department of I & CA during 10th-14th January, 2024

Organized Invited Research Talk on “উপনিবেশ প্রসঙ্গে (In the context of Colonialism)” Speaker: Auritro Majumder, Associate Professor, Dept of English, University of Houston on 3rd January, 2024

Organized Invited lecture on “Marginalizing Histories, Historicizing Marginalization: Representing Adivasi Pats in Jharkhand” by Dr. Sanjukta Das Gupta, Associate Professor, Modern Indian History, Sapienza University of Rome on 29th December, 2023

Organized Invited lecture on “Different Dimensions of Swaraj in Ideas in the Academic Domain” Speaker: Prof. Amitava Chakraborty, Professor, Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, on 22nd December 2023

Organized ILSR Colloquium – “Bangla Loko Sahitya and Its Deviant Poetics: Revisiting the Eastern Ballads or Mymensingh Geetika on its Centenary” on 18th December, 2023

Jointly organized PSAGS Annual Meet Conference – “Towards World Critical Theory? Contributions from the Global South” on 4th-5th December, 2023

Organized 1st Suniti Kumar Chatterji Memorial Lecture on “How Language Holds Us” Speaker: Prof. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, University Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University on 25th November, 2023

Jointly organized a Conference on – “Interplay of Community Textuality & Orality: Comparative Perspectives of History, Culture and Society” organized by Dept of English, Sikkim University in collaboration with National Translation Mission, CIIL, Mysore; ILSR, Kolkata and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi at Gangtok, Sikkim during 20th to 22nd November, 2023

Organized Distinguished Lecture under Hara Prasad Shastri Language Literature and Cultural Histories Lecture Series 2023; Delivered by Professor Neilesh Bose, University of Victoria, Canada on 27th July 2023

Organized research talk on Conflictual Borderlands: Understanding the Shadow lines and the Hinterlands: A Research Talk by Dr Amrita Ghosh, Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, USA on 26th July 2023

Organized Faculty Development Programme: Writing and Difference – Theories, Economy of Signs and Practices – 10th –18th July 2023

Organized Distinguished Invited Lectures on Ranajit Guja, the Renowned Historian of the Subaltern Studies Collective in 25 April & 26 April 2023; Delivered by Professor Gautam Bhadra & Professor Sukanta Choudhury

Organized One day Colloquium on Archiving Cultural Assemblage: Exploring Shared Goals Amidst Diversities on 4th May, 2023

Organized a conference in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore and Department of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University on Language Multiplicities, Micro-Texts and Acts of Empowerment and also organized a Language Festival on 25 and 26 March 2023 at Rabindra Tirtha and Asanna Building New Town, Kolkata - 25 March 2023 - 26 March 2023

Organized an International Seminar on Excavating Buddhist Cultural Heritage Through Pali Narratives on 17th & 18th March, 2023

Organized Two-Day International Conference on “Persian Impact on History, Literature and Culture of Central and South Asia” on 1st March, 2023

Organized a Workshop on Preparation of Materials for Teaching Bengali & Santali jointly organized by CIIL & ILSR during 30th January to 3rd February, 2023

Organized a Translation Evaluation Workshop jointly organized by National Translation Mission, CIIL & ILSR during 16-20 January, 2023

Organized a Symposium on Intercultural Dialogues and Divergent Thought Geographies jointly Organized by Postcolonial Studies Association of the Global South & ILSR on 20th December, 2022

Organized ILSR Workshop on "Exploring Official and Professional Vocabularies in Santali" in collaboration with Sidho Kanho Birsha University, Purulia - 25 Aug, 2022 - 26 Aug, 2022

Organized ILSR Writing Workshop, and the Faculty member in that workshop was, Liesl Schwabe, Yeshiva University, New York - 11 July, 2022 - 16 July, 2022

Organized ILSR Hara Prasad Shastri Language, Literature and Cultural Histories Lecture Series - 1st Lecture on Path Finders of New India - 1st June, 2022; Delivered by Professor Brian A Hatcher (Tufts University and Professor Milinda Bannerjee (University of St Andrews)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

- Recipient of “Uttaran – Academic Excellence Awards, 2023” by the media house TV9
- Received the “*Sahitya Mandir Puroskar*” award from the Haripada Sahitya Mandir, a literary organization of Purulia for her achievement as a Short Story Writer in 2016.
- Received the “*Namita Chattopadhyay Smriti Puroskar*” award for the short story collection “*Jamin Asmaner Galpo*” in 2016.
- Recipient of “*National Women Literature Award*” by Women’s Agency for Generating Employment, New Delhi, an organization working for the upliftment of women in 2015.