

BIO NOTE:

Rupendra Kumar Chattopadhyay (Vivekananda Chair Professor of Social Science, University of Calcutta) former Paresh Chandra Chatterjee Professor of History at Presidency University (Kolkata), and former Professor and Head, Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta, has over the years extensively contributed to exploring ancient India, particularly in the field of archaeological orientations. His many books are a particular testament of his own academic interests and contributions, the most notable of which include: *The Archaeology of Coastal Bengal* (Oxford University Press, 2018), *Bankura: A Study of its Archaeological Sources* (Platinum, 2010), *Sangraha-khote Utpadak* (Paschim-banga Rajya Pustak Parishad, 2019), *Itkhor: A Sculptural and Architectural Complex in the Chhotanagpur Plateau* (Kaveri 2019). He also carried out many archaeological field excavations during his headship from 2003-2013 at the University of Calcutta.

He has edited books such as *Sankalane Subhankara*, and *Sanskriti Bichitra* (Dr. S. S. Biswas Felicitation Volume).

Apart from this Chattopadhyay has also published extensively in national and international journals.

During his tenure as Head, Chattopadhyay worked as Excavation Director at the sites of Dihar, Pakhanna, and Mongalkote.

He has also supervised many PhD theses since 1986, as representatives of various Universities: Delhi University, University of Calcutta, and Presidency University. Furthermore, he has operated in close academic association with the Late Professor Dibyendu Kanti Bhattacharya of the University of Delhi, as also Professor Dilip K Chakrabarti, Emeritus Professor of South Asian Archaeology at the University of Cambridge both in field operations as also publication endeavors.