

It was in the mid and late 19th century that India woke up to witness a cultural renaissance through the eyes of Bengal and rediscover her glorious past. Organic intellectuals and leading ideologues of Bengal became champions of new nationalism and socio-religious reformism. Political activists, appropriating the concepts, started their movement not only to free India from colonial rule but also to make her a strong and modern nation.

Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) wants to pay its tribute to those great nationalists and thinkers of Bengal by publishing monographs on their ideas and activities under the series title 'Man and Nation.' The aim of the series which centers on the theme of nationalism is to analyze how the makers of modern India conceptualized the notions of country, nation and the nation state. It aspires to provide a rigorous, analytical and scholarly study of primordial traits of emerging India through the writings of those great men.

In view of the above, The Institute of Social and Cultural studies (ISCS) invites from the authors proposals of monograph writing on the following personalities within 1,500 words, Bengali or English, with a short bibliographical note using Chicago 17th style.

1. Bhudeb Mukhopadhyay
2. Nabagopal Mitra
3. Prafulla Chandra Ray
4. Satish Chandra Mukhopadhyay

Proposals typed on A4 size paper with 1.5 line space and in 12 point Times New Roman or Abhra font may be sent to the Director , Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, 46 A, Jatin Das Road, Lake Terrace, Kolkata – 700 029 or emailed to iscskol@gmail.com by 31st March, 2026. For any further clarification on the project please contact Snehangshu Bhattacharjee, 8777479961

Deadline of the Man and Nation Workshop

- Launch of the advertisement on Man and Nation workshop [facebook and website of Institute of Social and Cultural Studies(ISCS)]
- Proposal acceptance deadline 31st March, 2026
- Reviewed write-up should be submitted by shortlisted respondents by 31st April, 2026

- Respondent finally selected would have to participate in the Man and Nation Workshop in the 3rd week of April, 2026.
- Draft literature review and chapterization should be submitted by 7th June, 2026
- Final manuscript should be submitted in-between September- October, 2026.