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**‘Consequences of Partition, 1947-1971: Demographic,  
Political, Social and Human Consequences**

by

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**Time:4.00 PM.**

**Venue: ICHR’s Conference Hall, 3rd Floor, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi**

#### **ABSTRACT**

With the partition of India into India and Pakistan, serious demographic changes took in the Subcontinent. In West Pakistan and Pakistani Kashmir demographic change of non-Muslim minority took place with *jhatka* killing and cleansing in 1947-48. But in East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, slow killing and cleansing started with Noakhali Pogrom of 1946 but anti-Hindu pogroms continues to this day. Large scale pogroms took place in 1948, 1950, 1952, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1971 (genocide), 1990, 1992, 2001 till 2016. With cut off of information exchange, travel and ideas between India and Pakistan brought serious social, political and human consequences with long term effect that continues to this day. One of the consequence was that of Bangladesh Liberation War and extermination campaign of Hindu minority and genocide of secular Muslims. Self-censorship added another dimension to the problem. Having traveled to India, Bangladesh and Pakistan I feel that a large section of Indian intelligentsia, academics and

media – left to right – have failed to understand the seriousness of the issue and come to assist those like-minded peoples across the border as well as to the minorities they left behind in hostile land. I hope to highlight some of these issues with slides, references from my book ***Ai Bangla Oi Bangla, Empire's Last Casualty: Indian Subcontinents' Vanishing Hindu and Other Minorities, Memoirs of Homeland: Partitions of Bengal in India, Mukti: Free to be born Again – Partitions of Indian Subcontinent, Islamism, Hinduism, Leftism and Liberation of the Faithful***, our work with **Partition Documentation Center** and **Probini Foundation** (that helps educate the poor and the orphaned in 33 schools in Bangladesh, PaschimBanga, Assam and Mizoram.) The last two books have just been released.

It must be mentioned that discussion on social, political, and especially human, costs come from my post-1971 travel to partitioned India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. This is also true for my travel to far corners of India from Ladakh to Andaman, or from Mizoram to Bengaluru. Before 1971 I was too poor to take those trips and experience joy and pain of my new family.

### **About the Speaker**

Professor Dastidar is Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning from the Florida State University, Tallahassee, and M.C.P. Master of City Planning, Indian Institute of Technology at Kharagpur .

He has taught/worked at several educational institutions including The Florida State University, Indian Institute of Management at Calcutta, Alabama A&M University, Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, Irish Higher Education Commission, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta; and has worked as planner in Calcutta, Florida and Tennessee. He is Distinguished Service Professor, Politics, Economics & Law Department, State University of New York (SUNY), Old Westbury, Long Island, New York, since 1999 to present. Senior Fulbright Specialist from 2013 March-April at the Higher Education Authority of Ireland, Dublin. Chair of Trustee, Probini Foundation Inc. from 1990–present for educating the poor and the orphaned in India and Bangladesh, and for social service in Metropolitan New York [www.probini.info](http://www.probini.info) . Chair of the Board, ISPaD: Indian Subcontinent Partition Documentation Project Inc., New York [www.ispad1947.org](http://www.ispad1947.org) from 2008–present

He has authored and edited 19 books and journals. Here are few of the recent ones related to human and minority rights.

2016 Editor, Partition Center Journal, Indian Subcontinent Partition Documentation Project, NY; October [www.ispad1947.org](http://www.ispad1947.org)

2015 Mukti: Free to be Born Again – Partitions of Indian Subcontinent, Islamism, Hinduism, Leftism and Liberation of the Faithful, Author House. Indiana; December ISBN 978-1-4969-4483-2.

2015 Memories of Homeland: Refugees of 1947 Bengal Partition in India, with Dr. Shefali S. Dastidar, Firma KLM Publishers, Kolkata, India; October ISBN 81-7102-179-4

<http://empirelastcasualty.blogspot.com/2016/03/memoirs-of-homeland-refugees-of-1947.html>

2015 Editor, Partition Center Journal, Indian Subcontinent Partition Documentation Project, NY;

He has authored over 140 articles published in scholarly journals, dailies, weeklies both in English and in Bengali. These cover academic issues, human rights, public policy, minority issues, urban studies, travel and short stories.

He is a recipient of over 45 fellowships, honors and grants including Distinguished Service Professor award of the State University of New York; Senior Fulbright Specialist Award (to Ireland), Senior Fulbright Award (to Kazakhstan); Dharma Seva Award from the Hindu American Foundation (of U.S.); Special award and citation for human rights and community service from the Madaripur Pranab Ashram, Bangladesh; Martyr Surya Sen Orphanage, Bangladesh; Historic Mahilara Temple and the Nihar Kana Bhaktabash Pilgrim Center & School, Mahilara, Bangladesh; New York City Comptroller's award; community service *SamajSevak* Award by the International Brotherhood Mission Buddhist Vihar and Orphanage, Assam State, India; and by Sri Chinmoy of New York. In 2008 a college building in Malikanda, Bangladesh was named "S. G. Dastidar Sanskrit College Building" in his honor, and in June 2009 his profile on a marble tablet was unveiled at a computer school in Uzirpur, also in Bangladesh.