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“The major significance of these grants for me is not only getting publications and being able to present these data at international conferences, but that they have helped me get further grants, extend my network and help others by mentoring them”.

Prof Ratna Ghosh had received Millennium Development Goals Grant of SICI as the principal Investigator in 2009. The project was based on Women’s Empowerment and Education: Panchayats and Women’s Self Help Groups in India. This project continued till 2011. One peer reviewed article (accepted* for 2015) and one conference presentation was brought out of this project. Based on her work she went for an invited talk at the Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne in 2014. Her work in this project had been appreciated in many places.

Earlier she received Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Development Seed Grant as the principal Investigator on the National Knowledge Commission Report, 2006; Its Implications for Women’s Education in West-Bengal. This project was for 2008-2009. As a result of this project one peer reviewed book chapter, one peer reviewed article and two conference presentations were published.

Apart from these publications, she had been able to arrange for free Computer and English classes for local women through an NGO based in New York in one of the districts where she did the Panchayat research. There was a great demand for this and the classes have been going very well. She had also tried to help the CI in many ways by writing letters of support for her funding for many international visits and fellowships. She had funded students both in India (Jadavpur and JNU) and at McGill through the grants that she received from SICI.

The above SICI grants and subsequent publications and presentations enabled her to obtain an important Social Science and Humanities Research Council grant through a national competition. The project is on Middle class educated women in India: Caught between dichotomies of globalization and a patriarchal social matrix for 2011-2014 which has just been completed.