

## TARAK CHANDRA DAS (1898-1964): A FORGOTTEN ANTHROPOLOGIST

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*Tarak Chandra Das was a pioneering Indian anthropologist during the formative period of the discipline and is largely forgotten by his successors. He made immense contributions through his meticulous fieldwork and theoretical insights on the applications of anthropology in India. His three major contributions are described and analyzed in this article from an anthropological perspective. It is revealed from the analysis that Das's contributions in Indian anthropology is still relevant having immense theoretical potential, since he moved beyond structural-functional theory and the study of small communities towards a dynamic approach for undertaking complex socio-economic problems like Bengal Famine of 1943.*

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