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**Area of Interest:** Early Indian History, Archaeology of Buddhism, Cultural History, History of Medicine in early South Asia. **PhD thesis**, topic entitled *Buddhist monastery and Medicine: Healing, Hermeneutics and History (BCE 600-1200CE)*, working on the History of healing with prime emphasis on Medicine as an epistemic category in early and early medieval monastic contexts, Department of History, University of Delhi.

M Phil Thesis entitled “*Sacred Sites and Sacred Identities: A study of Nalanda and its Vicinity*” (c. 600-1200 A.D.) Department of History, University of Delhi 2010

M.A., in History (Ancient) from CHS-JNU 2006

**Teaching Experience and Professional Appointment:** Taught at various Colleges of University of Delhi such as LSR, Sri Venkateswara, SPM, Gargi, IP, Shyamlal and College of vocational studies from **2007 to 2019**. Presently working as an Assistant Professor in Department of History (since Nov 2019), C.M College LNMU (Darbhanga)

### **Research Papers:**

#### ***International Conferences:***

- Paper entitled ‘Othering the Yavana: A context of Yug Purana’ presented ‘Those, Othering, Alterity Appropriation in Ancient Art’ A digital conference organized at the Institute of Classical Archaeology Hamburg University 20-21 May 2021
- Paper entitled ‘Gazing the gendered Healing: Buddhist monastery and Medicine’ paper presented (through Zoom) in a symposium organized by Gender & History (An International Journal published by Wiley) held on 21- 23 May 2020 in Vancouver (Canada)

- Paper entitled ‘Epistemology of healings: Buddhist imagination of Medicine (c.500-1200 CE)’ selected for IIGRS (International Indology Graduate Research Symposium 11), Wolfson College, University of Oxford Nov 1-2, 2019
- Paper entitled ‘Monastery and Medicine in Early Medieval India: Healing, Hermeneutics and History (500-1200 CE) accepted for the Australian and New Zealand society of the History of Medicine conference (ANZSHM) 3-7 Nov 2019, The University of Auckland, New Zealand.
- Paper entitled ‘Mapping the Sacred: Archaeology of Some minor Buddhist sites in the vicinity of Nalanda’ presented on 11-13 Feb 2019, Conference organized under Anneliese Maier Research Programme Ludwig Maxmilian University, Munich in Collaboration with IIC Delhi.
- Paper entitled ‘Mapping the monastery: Nalanda and the Buddhist cosmopolis (500-1200CE) presented in an international conference on Centre of Educational excellence and site of knowledge in early India up to 13<sup>th</sup> century: History, Dimensions and New Researches organized by DDUC, University of Delhi 12-13 Oct 2018.
- Paper entitled ‘Nalanda and Buddhist Pilgrimage: Exploring Silk Route connections, presented in an international conference on Indian contribution to Central Asian art and Culture organized at IGNCA 29-30 March 2018, Indira Gandhi center for National art Delhi and Association for Central Asian Civilizations and Silk Road Studies, Cambridge, London, UK
- Paper entitled ‘Gazing the Buddhist Landscape: Images and Interpretation’ selected for 5th Forum East Asian Art History in Bonn, University of Bonn, Germany, May 27-28 2016.
- Paper entitled The Multiple sacred lives of Bodhgaya: Revisiting History and Pilgrimage presented in conference on Pilgrimage in India: Celebrating Journey of Plurality and Sacredness (3-4 March 2016) organized by Indiana University –India gateway (AIIS).
- Paper entitled ‘Monastery and Medicines in Early Medieval India: Healings, Hermeneutics and History (C.500-1200 C.E)’ presented at international conference on Buddhist Monasteries of South Asia and China (7-9 Dec 2015) at India International Centre, New Delhi.
- ‘Paper entitled ‘Sanskrit, Orientalism and Hermeneutics of Power’ presented at College de France 25-26 June 2015 (Paris) France
- Paper entitled “*Rituals, Texts and Transmission: Mapping the space between Tibet and Nalanda*, presented at International conference “*Interaction in the Himalayas and Central Asia: processes of transfer and transformation in art, religion and polity from antiquity to the present day*, was Organized by Socite Eurupene pour I Etude des Civilizations de I Himalayas et de I Asie Centrale, at Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna (Austria) ( 25-27 Nov 2013).
- Paper entitled *Heritage, Locality and Meanings: Anthropology and Archaeology of Sacred of Sacred sites located in vicinity of Nalanda* presented at International Conference Cultural Heritage: Environment, Ecology and Inter Asian Interactions, held in Rajgir (Bihar) India (6-8 Jan 2014) organized by IIAS Leiden, Netherlands and Nalanda University.
- Paper selected for European Association of Art and Archaeology organized by Palacky University Olomouc (Czech Republic) held on 25-27 Sept 2014
- Paper entitled ‘*Texts and Objects: A methodological appraisal of Archaeology of Religion*’ presented at the international conference on Textual and Lived Religions: Precepts and Practices organized by Centre for Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 20-21 March 2014
- Paper entitled ‘*The Asiatic Society and Biography of the Discovery of Buddhism*’ presented at the international conference “The Asiatic Society, Indology and

Indologists during late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries” organized by DDUC, University of Delhi Feb 21-23, 2014.

- Paper entitled *Mapping Visuals: Tracing the Archaeology of Religion* presented in international conference “The Making of Religious Identities: Historical and contemporary Themes’ organized by Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi 14-15 March 2013)
- Paper entitled “*Archaeology of Ritual space, Visuals and Meanings*” Presented at International Conference on Dharma-Dhamma (22-23 September 2012)
- Paper entitled “*Sacred Sites, Identity and Embedded meanings*” presented at SAARC International Conference on Archaeology of Buddhism: Recent Discoveries in South Asia (Colombo 22-24 August 2012)
- Paper entitled ‘Archaeology of Nalanda monastery and its ritual space: Images, Symbols and Contested Meanings’ selected for Ananda Coomaraswamy Memorial International Conference, organized by University of Kelanya Sri Lanka (8-10 September 2012)

### ***Workshop/ Colloquium / Seminars on National level***

- *Delivered a talk on media, History and Post truth in ICSSR Sponsored National seminar organized by the Post Graduate Department of History, Dev Samaj college for women, Ferozepur 30 march 2019*
- *Delivered two talks on Nalanda and Vikramsila: Ancient site of learning at IGNCA a special invitation by IGNCA, New Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April 2018*
- *Paper entitled Querying Enlightenment: Presence of Nuns in Early Medieval Buddhist Monasteries (600-1200) presented on a national seminar on caste and gender: A historical perspective organized by shyam lal college, University of Delhi (19-20 Feb 2016)*
- Paper entitled ‘Reading Buddhist Sites’ presented at Workshop for Graduate students, History and Archaeology of Ancient India organized by IIT Gandhinagar, Jan 30-Feb 1 2015
- Paper entitled ‘Monks, Money and Monastery’ Gleaning from epigraphic sources from the Early Medieval Eastern India (600-1200), presented at Indian History Congress (28-30 Dec 2014), JNU (New Delhi)
- Paper entitled “*Exploring the Topography of Shavism in Early Medieval Bihar (600-1200 A.D)*” presented in 73th Indian History Congress at Mumbai University Mumbai (28-30 Dec 2012)
- Paper entitled “*The Archaeological Landscape of Nalanda*” presented at India International Centre. New Delhi 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
- Paper entitled “*The Texture of a local Cult*” presented at Department of History, University of Delhi (Student workshop sponsored by ICHR held in April 2011).
- Paper entitled “*Texture of Local Cult: A Case Study of Naga Worship in the Vicinity of Nalanda*” presented at the Seventieth Session of Indian History Congress, New Delhi Congress 2010.
- Paper entitled ‘*Locating Archaeology of Buddhism in the era of Globalization*’ at International Seminar on Buddhism and Globalization, organized by the Department of Buddhist Studies and Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Delhi in 2010.
- Publication:
- Sacred Sites, Sacred Identities: A Study of Nalanda and its Vicinity (forthcoming monograph by Manohar publication)

- Sacred sites, Identity and Meaning in Sanjay Garg (ed.,) Archaeology of Buddhism: Recent discoveries in South Asia. Manohar 2016 ISBN 978-93-5098-126-9
- *Exploring the Topography of Shavism in Early Medieval Bihar (600-1200 A.D)* proceedings of Indian History congress IHCP 2012. ISSN NO 2249-1937 2013
- *Sanskrit, Colonialism and Power'* (Edited volume) Asiatic Society its History (under publication).
- Media, History and Post Truth in Politics through Media: A historical outlook. Seminar proceedings published by sapatrishi publication 2019 ISBN 978-93-88-55-5
- Colonial Discovery of Buddhism and Brian Houghton Hodgson (1800-94), published in Academia vol-7 July 18-June 2019 ISSN 2321-934