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<b>Current Position</b>	Assistant Professor in History, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, West Bengal
<b>Research Fields</b>	Medieval Indian History, Rajput architecture, Bundela architecture, Bundela painting, Islamic inscription, Medieval Archaeology, Cultural Studies, Sufism
<b>Research Interests</b>	Environmental studies, South Asian Islam, Social movements, Muslim cultural politics, Information technology, Transport communication and social change, Sufism
<b>Course Offerings</b>	<i>Art and Architecture in Medieval India</i> <i>World History 1789-1945</i> <i>History of Historical Writings in Medieval India</i> <i>History of Communication in Medieval India</i> <i>Understanding Heritage</i> <i>Indian Art and Architecture</i> <i>The Twentieth Century World</i> <i>History of India (c. 1550-1605)</i>
<b><u>Education</u></b>	
2010-2015	<b>Ph. D., Rajput Architecture, Aligarh Muslim University</b> Thesis: “ <i>The Schools of Rajput Architecture during Mughal Period</i> ”
2006-2009	<b>M. Phil., Bundela Architecture, Aligarh Muslim University</b> Dissertation: “ <i>Bundela Architecture during 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries</i> ”
2004-2006	<b>M.A. (History), Aligarh Muslim University</b>
2001-2004	<b>B.A. (Honours), Aligarh Muslim University</b>

## Publications

### Monographs

- 2021 ***Grand Architecture of Medieval Rajasthan: Innovation and Imitation***, 2 Vols., Shubhi Publication, Gurgaon, 2021, ISBN: 9788182903708; <https://www.amazon.com/Grand-Architecture-Medieval-Rajasthan-Vols/dp/818290370X>
- 2014 ***Marvels of Bundela Architecture: Temples, Palaces and Other Structures at Orchha***, Shubhi Publication, Gurgaon, 2014, ISBN-10: 8182903005 & ISSN-13: 9788182903005  
<https://www.amazon.in/Marvels-Bundela-Architecture-Temples-Structures/dp/818290305X>

### Journals

- 2023 “**Tradition, Innovation and Revival: The Imperial Tomb Architecture of the Marwar Rulers (Jodhpur and Bikaner)**”, *Journal of Indian History and Culture*, Thirty-First Issue, June 2023, pp. 138-157, ISSN: 0975-7805, UGC Care list link: <https://ugccare.unipune.ac.in/Apps1/User/WebA/ViewDetails?JournalId=101026381&flag=Search>  
[https://www.academia.edu/116205710/The\\_Imperial\\_Tomb\\_Architecture\\_of\\_Mewar\\_Rulers](https://www.academia.edu/116205710/The_Imperial_Tomb_Architecture_of_Mewar_Rulers)
- 2021 “**Water for Life: Architecture and Hydraulic Engineering in Medieval Rajasthan**”, *Summerhill: IIAS Review*, Vol. XXVII, No. 2 (Winter 2021), pp. 48-53, ISSN 0972-1452. UGC Care list link: <https://ugccare.unipune.ac.in/Apps1/User/WebA/SearchList>; <http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/summerhill/article/view/1402>
- 2021 “**The Waqf Estates of Pandua: Historical Analysis (from Fifteenth to Twentieth Centuries)**”, *Indian Historical Review*, published online on 9 October 2021, pp. 1-19. Doi: 10.1177/03769836211052103; Volume 48, Number 2, December 2021, pp. 273-291, ISSN 0376-9836; Scopus Indexed Journal: <https://www.scopus.com/sourceid/21100400140>; <https://doi.org/10.1177/03769836211052103>
- 2021 “**The Monumental Remains of the Bundela Rajputs in Mathura**”, *Indian Journal of Archaeology*, July-October, 2021, Vol. 6, No. 3, pp. 911-933, ISSN 2455-2798; <http://ijarch.org/Abstract.aspx?articleno=419>
- 2020 “**Bohar Madrasa: An Eighteenth-Century Centre of Islamic Learning and Modern Institution in Bengal**”, *Indo-Iranica*, Vol. 73, Nos. 1-4 (March to December), 2020, pp. 159-172, ISSN: 0378-0856  
[https://www.academia.edu/116249925/Bohar\\_Madrasa\\_An\\_Eighteenth\\_Century\\_Centre\\_of\\_Islamic\\_Learning\\_and\\_Modern\\_Institution\\_in\\_Bengal](https://www.academia.edu/116249925/Bohar_Madrasa_An_Eighteenth_Century_Centre_of_Islamic_Learning_and_Modern_Institution_in_Bengal)
- 2020 “**The Mosque of Kalinjar (Banda District, Uttar Pradesh: Retracing Its History and Architecture)**”, *Journal of Pakistan Historical Society (Historicus)*, July-September, 2020, Vol. LXVIII, No. 3, pp. 35-62, ISSN 0030-9796; peer-reviewed  
<https://www.phs.com.pk/index.php/phs/article/view/82>

- 2014 “**Unpublished Persian Inscriptions of Mir Ma'sum Bhakkhari ‘Nami’ at Akbari Masjid, Jaisalmer (1598-1599 A.D.)** known as Faqiron-Ka Takyah”, *Journal of Pakistan Historical Society (Historicus)*, January-March 2014, Vol. LXII, No. 1, pp. 21-34, ISSN 0030-9796  
[https://www.academia.edu/44780684/Unpublished\\_Persian\\_Inscriptions\\_of\\_Mir\\_Masum\\_Bhakkari](https://www.academia.edu/44780684/Unpublished_Persian_Inscriptions_of_Mir_Masum_Bhakkari)

### Chapters contributed to Edited Volumes

- 2023 “**The Tombs of the Amber Rulers: A Re-examination of Medieval Chhatrī Architecture**” published in Prof. P. Chenna Reddy Felicitation Volume edited by K. N. Reddy & etl., *Kalyana Mitra*, Volume-VI: Architecture, Bluerose Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 26 January 2023, pp. 320-331, ISBN: 978-935741108  
[https://www.academia.edu/107308687/The\\_Tombs\\_of\\_the\\_Amber\\_Rulers\\_A\\_Re\\_examination\\_of\\_Medieval\\_Chhatr%C4%AB\\_Architecture](https://www.academia.edu/107308687/The_Tombs_of_the_Amber_Rulers_A_Re_examination_of_Medieval_Chhatr%C4%AB_Architecture)
- 2022 “**Munshi Syed Sadruddin and Madrasah-i Jalalia**” published in Firoj High Sarwar (ed.), *Illustrating the Muslims of Modern Bengal*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, February 2022, pp. 15-27, ISBN: 978-81-8064-378-1  
[https://www.academia.edu/76188831/Munshi\\_Syed\\_Sadruddin\\_and\\_Madrasah\\_i\\_Jalalia](https://www.academia.edu/76188831/Munshi_Syed_Sadruddin_and_Madrasah_i_Jalalia)
- 2021 “**Observations on the word Baoli**”, published in V. N. Bahadur (ed.), *Stepwells of Rajasthan*, Subhi Publications, Gurgaon, First Revised Edition, 2021, pp. xv-xvii, ISBN: 978-81-8290-354-8
- 2020 “**Orchha and Its Temple Architecture**”, published in Uma Chakraborty & Basupurna Mukherjee (ed.), *India Unbound: A Collection of Essays*, Levant Books India, Kolkata, 2020, pp. 163-173, ISBN: 978-93-88069-65-6  
[https://www.academia.edu/45025380/Orchha\\_and\\_Its\\_Temple\\_Architecture](https://www.academia.edu/45025380/Orchha_and_Its_Temple_Architecture)
- 2020 “**Domes in Indo-Islamic Architecture**”, published in Taiyaba Munawer (ed.), *Science in Architecture*, Medtech (A Division of Scientific International), New Delhi, 2020, pp. 19-44, ISBN: 978-93-89393-60-6  
[https://www.academia.edu/45025279/Domes\\_in\\_Indo\\_Islamic\\_Architecture](https://www.academia.edu/45025279/Domes_in_Indo_Islamic_Architecture)
- 2016 “**Shaikh Fazlullah: A Suhrawardia Sufi of Delhi**”, published Emili Rumi and Swapan Kumar Sarkar (ed.), *Sufism in India: Interpretative Essays*, Ashadeep Publication, Kolkata, 2016, pp. 53-58 ISBN, 978-93-81245-76-6  
[https://www.academia.edu/44780535/Shaiikh\\_Fazlullah\\_A\\_Suhrawardi\\_Sufi\\_of\\_Delhi](https://www.academia.edu/44780535/Shaiikh_Fazlullah_A_Suhrawardi_Sufi_of_Delhi)
- 2014 “**Noble’s Structures at Orchha, The Haveli of a Minister- Bir Singh Deo Bundela**”, published in Omprakash Srivastava (ed.), *Essays on Humanities: Recent Discoveries*, LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, Germany, 2014, pp. 141-148, ISBN, 978-3-659-13764-8  
[https://www.academia.edu/44780527/Nobles\\_Structures\\_of\\_Orchha](https://www.academia.edu/44780527/Nobles_Structures_of_Orchha)
- 2010 “**Temple Architecture of the Bundelas: The Chaturbhuja Temple at Orchha**”, presented in Uttar Pradesh History Congress, 19<sup>th</sup> Session, 18-19 October, 2008, Allahabad, published in ‘*Conversations in Indian History*’, ed., by A. K. Sinha & S. Z. H.

Jafri, Anamika Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd., New Delhi, 2010, pp. 114-120, ISBN 978-81-7975-342-2

[https://www.academia.edu/44780510/Temple\\_Architecture\\_of\\_the\\_bundelas\\_Chaturbhuj Temple\\_Orchha](https://www.academia.edu/44780510/Temple_Architecture_of_the_bundelas_Chaturbhuj Temple_Orchha)

### **Full Paper in Conference Proceedings**

- 2024 **“Tradition and Transformation: Continuity and Ingenuity in the Temples of Jaipur”**, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 82<sup>nd</sup> Session, Kakatiya University, Warangal, December 2023, pp. 547-560.
- 2017 **“The Presence of the Past: Communal Harmony in the Mughal Religious Policies”**, Proceedings Volume of the International Seminar on ‘Nation-Nationality and Communalism: Dialectics of Harmony in Indian Sub-continent’, published by Vidyasagar Centre of Indological Studies, Rabindra Bharti University, Kolkata, December 2017, pp. 202- 222.  
[https://www.academia.edu/44780773/Presence\\_of\\_the\\_Past\\_Communal\\_Harmony\\_in\\_the\\_Mughal\\_Religious\\_Policies](https://www.academia.edu/44780773/Presence_of_the_Past_Communal_Harmony_in_the_Mughal_Religious_Policies)
- 2015 **“Medieval Monuments of Mehrauli: Reality and Myth”**, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 76<sup>th</sup> Session, University of Gaur Banga, West Bengal, 27-29 December 2015, pp. 248-258. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44156643>
- 2014 **“The Organisation of Space in The Havelis of Rajasthan”**, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, Platinum Jubilee (75<sup>th</sup>) Session, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, December 2014, pp. 1090-1095. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44158496>
- 2013 **“Arcuate Techniques in Palatial Structures of Western Rajasthan”**, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 74<sup>th</sup> Session, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, 28-30 December 2013, pp. 875-884, ISSN 2249-1937; <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44158889>
- 2012 **“Rajput Architecture of the Mewar from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries”**, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 73<sup>rd</sup> Session, Mumbai University, Mumbai, 28-30 December, 2012, pp. 400-407, ISSN 2249-1937; <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44156230>
- 2011 **“Persian Inscription of Faqiron-ka Takiya, a Sarai in Jaisalmer: Its Meaning and Importance”**, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 72<sup>nd</sup> Session, Punjabi University, Patiala, 10-13 December 2011, pp. 543-546, ISSN 2249-1937; <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44146749>
- 2010 **“Continuity and Change in Architectural Elements at Amber Palace Buildings (1560-1880)”**, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 71<sup>st</sup> Session, Malda, 2010-11, pp. 1122-1133, ISSN 2249-1937 <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44147580>
- 2009 **“Medieval Remains at Kalinjar”**, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 70<sup>th</sup> Session, 2009-10, Delhi, pp. 960-974, ISSN 2249-1937 <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44147742>
- 2008 **“Wall Paintings at Orchha”**, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 69<sup>th</sup> Session, Kannur University, 28-30 December 2008, Kannur, pp. 1076-1082, ISSN 2249-1937;

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/44147269>

- 2007 “**Salient features of Bundela architecture at Orchha**”, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 68<sup>th</sup> Session, University of Delhi, 28-30 December 2007, Delhi, pp. 1409-1416, ISSN 2249-1937; <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44145650>
- 2006 “**Fort of Kalinjar and its Medieval Structures**”, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 67<sup>th</sup> Session, Farook College, Kozhikode (Calicut), 10-12 March 2007, Kerala, pp. 1020-1028, ISSN 2249-1937; <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44148019>

### Other Scholarly Contributions

- 2024 “**Obituary: Professor Shamita Sarkar: A Tribute (1965-2022)**”, *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 82<sup>nd</sup> Session, Kakatiya University, Warangal, December 2023, pp. 1514-1516.
- 2021 “**Forward to *The Known and the Unknown Monuments, Places and Persons of Awadh: A Travelogue***”, 3 Vols. by Abdullah Ramzi Khan, New Royal Book Company, Lucknow, pp. xiii-xiv, Third Revised and Enlarged Edition 2021 [ISBN: 978-93-92162-00-8]
- 2019 “**Forward to *The Known and the Unknown Monuments, Places and Persons of Awadh: A Travelogue***”, Vol. 1 by Abdullah Ramzi Khan, New Royal Book Company, Lucknow, pp. xi-xii [ISBN: 978-81-941705-9-4]

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## Invited Lectures

### International:

- 2018 “**The Waqf Estates of Pandua: The Baees Hazari and Shash Hazari**”, presented in the International Conference on *History and Governance of Awqaf in South and Southeast Asia: Colonial Interventions and the Modern States*, International Islamic University Malaysia, 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- 2017 “**Indian Architecture: Terminology and Use**”, International ‘Curriculum Development Workshop’, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, School of History, University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom.

### National:

- 2024 “**Waqf Estates in Pandua: Preserving Identity and Community Through Centuries of Social Welfare**”, delivered at the Two-Day National Conference on *The Bengali Muslim Experience Today: Identity, Culture and Belonging*, organized by Academia for Social Empowerment (BASE), Kolkata, West Bengal in collaboration with Department of English, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College, Nadia, West Bengal and Department of English, Nagar College, Murshidabad, West Bengal, 14-15 December 2024.

- 2024 “**Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Architecture**”, delivered 10 lectures for the Postgraduate programme in the Department of History, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belurmath (Kolkata), 04<sup>th</sup> March to 11 March 2024.
- 2024 “**Archival Practices and Writing Regional Histories in Early Modern Bengal**”, delivered the lecture as an invited speaker at the International Conference on *New Perspectives of Writing Regional History*, 6-7 March 2024, organised by the Department of History, Aliah University, Kolkata.
- 2023 “**Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Architecture**”, delivered 11 lectures for the Postgraduate programme in the Department of History, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belurmath (Kolkata), 26<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 2022 “**Architecture of Medieval India**”, presented (online) at the Department of History, Bankura University (WB), 28-29 May 2022.
- 2021 “**Architecture in Medieval India**”, presented (online) at the Department of History, Bankura University (WB), 10-11 July 2021.
- 2021 “**Indo-Islamic Architecture and Iranian Influence**”, presented as Dr. Hiralall Chopra Memorial Lecture, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Iran Society, Kolkata.
- 2018 “**Architecture of the Sufi Complexes in Hazrat Pandua**”, presented at the Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- 2017 “**Water works in Medieval Rajasthan**”, presented in the Annual Seminar, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Calcutta.
- 2015 “**The Presence of the Past: Communal Harmony in the Mughal Religious Policies**”, presented in International Seminar on ‘*Nation-Nationality and Communalism: Dialectics of Harmony in Indian Sub-continent*’, Vidyasagar Centre of Indological Studies, Rabindra Bharti University, Kolkata, December 2017.
- 2013 “**Influence of Mughal Art on Bundela Architecture of Orchha**”, presented in National Seminar on ‘A Critical Study of the Bundela Art and Architecture in National Perspective’, sponsored by UGC, Regional Office, Bhopal, Department of History, Govt. Autonomous Post Graduate College, Satna (M.P.), 15-16 February 2013.

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## Conferences/Workshops/Outreach Programs

### As Presenter

- 2024 “**The Rafiq’l ‘Ārifin A Rare Malfūz of the Fifteenth Century Šūfī Saint of Manikpur**”, 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Indian History Congress, Punjabi University, Patiala, 28-30 December 2024.



- 2023 **“Tradition and Transformation: Continuity and Ingenuity in the Temples of Jaipur”**, presented in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the *Indian History Congress* at Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telangana, 28-30 December 2023.
- 2017 **“Evolution of Architecture of the Sufi Complexes in Hazrat Pandua”**, presented in the *Indian History Congress*, 78th Session, University of Jadavpur, West Bengal, 28-30 December 2017.
- 2016 **“Hazrat Pandua: Evolution and Architecture”**, to be presented in the *Indian History Congress*, 77<sup>th</sup> Session, University of Trivandrum, Kerala, 28-30 December 2016.
- 2015 **“Shaikh Fazlullah: A Suhrawardia Sufi of Delhi”**, presented in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on *Sufism and Indian Culture*, Department of History, Sripat Singh College, Jiaganj, Murshidabad, West Bengal, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
- 2015 **“The Presence of the Past: Communal Harmony in the Mughal Religious Policies”**, presented in the one-day International Seminar, *Legacy of Communal Harmony in India's History and Culture (Ancient to Modern)*, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.
- 2014 **“Organisation of Space in the Havelis: A Comparative Study of Rajput and Mughal Type”**, presented at *Indian History Congress*, 75<sup>th</sup> Session, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 28-30 December 2014.
- 2013 **“Influence of Mughal Art on Bundela Architecture of Orchha”**, presented in *National Seminar*, Govt. autonomous Post Graduate College, Satna, Madhya Pradesh, 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013
- 2012 **“Rajput Architecture of the Mewar from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries”**, presented in the *Indian History Congress*, 73<sup>rd</sup> Session, Mumbai University, Mumbai, 28-30 December 2012.
- 2011 **“Persian Inscription of Faqiron-ka Takiya, a Sarai in Jaisalmer: Its Meaning and Importance”**, Presented in *Indian History Congress*, 72<sup>nd</sup> Session, Punjabi University, Patiala, 10-13 December 2011.
- 2011 **“Continuity and Change in Architectural Elements at Amber Palace Buildings (1560-1880)”**, in the *Indian History Congress*, 71<sup>st</sup> Session, Gaur Banga University, Malda, 11-13 February 2011.
- 2010 **“Medieval Remains in and Around the Kalinjar”**, presented in the *Indian History Congress*, 70<sup>th</sup> Session, University of Delhi, Delhi, 15-17 May 2010.
- 2009 **“Kalinjar and its Medieval Remains”** and **“Amber Fort Palace Complex”**, Presented in *Research Scholar's Seminar*, Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, 2009.
- 2008 **“Temple Architecture of the Bundelas: The Chaturbhuja Temple at Orchha”**, presented in the *Uttar Pradesh History Congress*, 19<sup>th</sup> Session, Department of Medieval and Modern Indian History, University of Allahabad, Allahabad, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.

2008 “**Wall Paintings at Orchha**”, presented in the *Indian History Congress*, 69<sup>th</sup> Session, Kannur University, Kannur, 28-30 December 2008.

2007 “**Salient Features of Bundela Architecture of Orchha**”, presented in the *Indian History Congress*, 78<sup>th</sup> Session, Delhi University, Delhi, December 28-30, 2007.

2007 “**A Medieval Monument in the Fort of Kalinjar**”, presented in the *Indian History Congress*, 67<sup>th</sup> Session, Farook College, Calicut University, Feroke, 10.12 March 2007.

### **As Participator**

2022 *Intersections: Architectural History and Conservation in South and East Asia*, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022, organised by the Society of Architectural Historians, Chicago, Illinois

2022 “पर्यावरण, वास्तुकला एवं इतिहास: Environment, Architecture and History”, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022, organised by the Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute, Bikaner.

2022 “राजस्थान इतिहास लेखन एवं प्राच्य पांडुलिपियाँ: Historical Writings and Oriental Manuscripts of Rajasthan”, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022, organised by the Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute, Bikaner.

2022 *Excellence in Peer Review: How to be an Effective Peer Reviewer*, 21 April 2022, Organised by Taylor & Francis.

2021 *Excellence in Peer Review: How to be an Effective Peer Reviewer*, 21 October 2021, Organised by Taylor & Francis.

2021 ‘*Decolonization and Studying the History of Contemporary India*’, 13 February 2021, Organised in the Department of History, Hansraj College, University of Delhi

2012 ‘*Women and Modern Political Systems*’, 25-27 February 2012, Centre for Women’s Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

2010 ‘*Women Rights and the Legal System: Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspective*’, 11-13 December 2010, Centre for Women’s Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

2009 ‘*Women in Modern Political and Social Thought*’, 03-05 October 2009, Centre for Women’s Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

2008 ‘*The Future as Conceived in the Past-The Evolving Visions of Women’s Emancipation*’, 20-22 October 2008, Centre for Women’s Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

2006 ‘*State and Society in Medieval India*’, 3-5 April 2006, Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh



2005 ‘*Art, Architecture and Secular Thoughts during Mughal India*’, 5-7 April 2005, Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

2002 ‘*Economic and Social History of Medieval India*’, 1-3 February 2003, Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

### **As Organiser/Convener**

2025 **Joint Convener** of Organising Committee, 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Science and Technology Congress, 17-18 January 2025, Presidency University, College Street Campus, Kolkata.

2021 **Initiated and Organised** an online *Web Lecture Series* (2021–2024) under the aegis of the Department of History, PU, Kolkata, hosted internationally recognised scholars: Prof. Francis Robinson (University of London), Prof. Francesca Orsini (SOAS, London), Prof. Dina Siddiqi (New York University), Prof. Prof Raziuddin Aquil (DU) and Prof. Ranabir Chakraborty (JNU).

2020 **Founder and Organiser**, Online *Distinguished Lecture Series* (2020–2024), Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata — hosted distinguished international scholars such as Prof. Irfan Habib (AMU), Prof. Ali Nadeem Rezavi (AMU), Prof. Faisal Devji (University of Oxford), Prof. Aditya Mukherjee (JNU), Prof. Prabhat Patnaik (JNU) and others.

2018 **Convener**, “*Religion and Politics in South Asia*”, One Day Student Seminar organised in the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 28 March 2018.

2018 **Convener**, “*Archaeology, Heritage and Religion in South Asia*”, One Day National Conference organised in the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 14 March 2018.

### **Workshop**

2025 UGC-MMTTC Sponsored Multidisciplinary Refresher Course on ‘*Indian Society, Culture and Tradition in Transition: Challenges in the Context of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*’, organised by the Department of History, Assam University, Silchar, under the aegis of UGC-MMTTC, Assam University, Silchar, during April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

2024 UGC Sponsored Online Refresher Course on ‘*History*’, UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, 15.10.2024 to 28.10.2024.

2022 UGC Sponsored Online Short-Term Course on ‘*Academic Writing*’, 11-18 May 2022, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

- 2021 UGC Sponsored Online Refresher Course on '*Teacher Education*', 03-16 August 2021, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2020 UGC Sponsored Online Refresher Course on '*Human Rights*', 03-18 September 2020, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2018 UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme-150, 18 July to 14 August 2018, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2012 Short Term Course on '*Academic Writing Skills*', 16-21 April 2012, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2012 Workshop on '*Understanding the Threat of Violence and Terrorism in a Multicultural World*', 19-23 March 2012, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, in collaboration with Dept. of Political Science, AMU and the British High Commission, New Delhi
- 2011 Workshop on '*Legacy of Islamic Architecture and its Impact on Contemporary World*', 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2011, organised by Centre of Islamic Architecture, Department of Architecture, Z.H.College of Engg. and Tech., AMU, Aligarh
- 2010 Workshop on '*Linguistics for Language Researchers*', 02-07 March 2010, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2009 Crash Course Program in '*Classical Persian*' from 15.02.2008 to 03-01-2009, Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2009 UGC Sponsored Special Interaction Program conducted by UGC Academic Staff College, 16 March - 04 April 2009, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2007 '*Gender Equality: Problems and Perspectives*', 6-15 February 2007, Centre for Women's Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2006 NCW Regional Workshop on '*Women and Land Rights*', 21-23 August 2006, Centre for Women's Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2006 '*Women and Society*', 22 Feb-07 March 2006, Centre for Women's Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- 2006 Aligarh Summer University Course on '*Historical Method*', 10-16 February 2006, sponsored by Prof. Asad Ahmad, Canada, at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
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## Research/Innovation/Teaching Methods/Production of Teaching Material

- **Subject Matter Expert (SME)** for Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (*TCSiON*) for History for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Contributed to the creation, review, moderation, translation, and editorial evaluation of assessment and learning materials, including MCQs, descriptive questions, passages, and videos, in the field of History.
- **Honorary Reviewer** for *Journal of Islamic Economics Lariba*, published by Universitas Islam Indonesia, 2025.
- Served as **Question Paper Setter** for B.A. (Honours) in History, Aliah University Admission Test (AUAT), Aliah University, Kolkata, 2024 and 2025.
- **Participant**, State-Level Online Awareness Programme on “PDS Shodh Shuddhi,” Kolkata, West Bengal, organised by Plagiarism Detection Software Team, *INFLIBNET Centre (An IUC of UGC)*, Infocity, Gandhinagar, 12 July 2024.
- **Reviewer**, *The Yore: Research and Review*, Apricus Journals, an imprint of Apricus E-Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Uttar Pradesh, 2021 to date.
- Served as **Paper Setter** for the PhD. Admission Test, Department of History, Aliah University, West Bengal (appointed by the Vice-Chancellor), 2019-2020.
- **Authored Self-Learning Material** on Medieval Indian History for the Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal, 2017.
- **Research Assistant**, India City Walks, New Delhi, Investigated Medieval monuments of Mehrauli Archaeological Park, New Delhi, focusing on dating buildings, historiography, and religious recognition, 2015.

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## Fellowships and Grants

2017	Travel Grant for ‘Humanities in India: Curriculum Development Workshop’, 28-29 March 2017, School of History, University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom
2012-2014	Senior Research Fellow (Maulana Azad National Fellowship), 2012-14
2010-2012	Junior Research Fellow (Maulana Azad National Fellowship), 2010-12
2010	Study cum Travel Grant, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, 2010

2006-2009	University Grants Commission Research Fellowship, M. Phil, 2006-2009
2007	Study cum Travel Grant, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, 2007
2006	Scholarship from DSW, AMU, named as 'Studentship', 2006-07
2004-2006	University Grants Commission National Scholarship, for M.A., 2004-06

### **Teaching**

May 2016-till date	Art and Architecture in Medieval India; History and Historiography in Medieval India; History of Communication in Medieval India; World History, 1789-1945; Understanding Heritage; Art and Architecture in Indian History; History of India (c.1550-1605); History of India I (Pre-history to 300 BCE); History of India III (300 to 750 CE)
2013-2014-2015	Teaches Indian National Movement, B.A. /Social Science Faculty, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University
2011-2012-2013	Assigned Tutorial classes for B.A, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University

### **Research Supervision**

#### **PhD Awarded**

1. Utpal Biswas 'Temples as Cultural Sites: Case Studies from Radha Bengal (16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> century)', awarded on 25.08.2025, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata.

#### **PhD Pursuing**

2. Shamima Nasrin 'Religion and Culture in the Local Context: The Case of Temples of Maluti', Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, since 2019.
3. Arghya Protim Bala 'The Matuas and the Namasudras: A Study of Migration, Cultural Assimilation and Electoral Politics (1971 – 2021), Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, since 2020.
4. Pinki Ghosh 'Art, Aesthetics, and Colonialism: European Artists and Visual Narratives of Colonial Power in India (c. 1757 - 1857), Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, since 2025

#### **Post-Graduate Dissertation Supervision (Awarded)**

Supervised **23** Master of Arts students on topics related to Indian Art and Architecture.

### PhD/M.Phil External Examiner

1. Subhajit Halder, Visva Bharati University, Department of History, “The Architecture of Adhmadnagar (1490-1636), External Examiner, M.Phil. 2022

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### Languages

Speaking/Reading/Writing:	English/Urdu/Hindi/Bangla
Reading/Writing:	Persian/Arabic

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### Institutional Activities/Administrative Experience, Research Groups, and Committees

#### Institutional Service (Within University):

- **Head of the Department**, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 1 April 2019 to 16 January 2023
- **Officiating Head of the Department**, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, June 20 to August 8, 2017.
- **Member**, Anti-Ragging Committee (Nominated by Governing Board), Presidency University, Kolkata, 2023-24; 2024-25; 2025-26.
- **Member**, Planning and Development Committee (Nominated by Governing Board), Presidency University, Kolkata, 2017-18; 2018-19; 2020-21; 2021-22; 2022-23.
- **Member**, University Annual Report Committee (Nominated by Governing Board), Presidency University, Kolkata, 2017-18; 2018-19; 2019-20; 2020-21.
- **Teacher In-charge**, Boys’ Common Room, Presidency University, Kolkata, 2017-18; 2018-19; 2019-20.
- **Convener**, Hall Management Committee, Annual Convocation-2018, Presidency University, Kolkata.
- **Coordinator**, NAAC Peer Team Visit Preparation Committee, Department of History, PU, Kolkata, June 2024.
- **Member**, Course Allocation and Time-Table Committee, Department of History, PU, Kolkata, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24
- **Member**, Examination Committee, Department of History, PU, Kolkata, 2017 to date
- **Convener**, Finance, Purchase and Maintenance Committee, Department of History, PU, Kolkata, 2017 to date
- **Coordinator**, GenED History, Department of History, PU, Kolkata, 2017-18, 2018-19

- **Member**, Syllabus Revision Committee, Department of History, PU, Kolkata, 2019 to date
- **Member**, Committee for Organising Seminars, Conferences and Lectures, Department of History, PU, Kolkata, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.
- **Departmental Coordinator**, Annual Convocation-2017, Department of History, PU, Kolkata.
- **Co-Convener**, Committee for International Collaboration and Exchange, Department of History, PU, Kolkata, 2017-2018.
- **Member**, NAAC Peer Team Visit Preparation Committee, Department of History, PU, Kolkata, December 2016.

### **Professional Service (Other Universities and Academic Bodies)**

- DPI nominated the **Inspection Team Member** of the West Bengal State Council of Higher Education for examination of the feasibility of introducing History (Honours), Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose College, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Acted as **Moderator** (Question Paper) of all Courses of UG and PG offered by the Department of History, Aliah University, Kolkata, 2024-25; 2025-26.
- **External Subject Expert** of Research Advisory Committee (**RAC**) for Mr. Chiranjit Roy, Ms. Soumi Nandi and Mr. Shuvajit Sarkar under the supervision of Prof. Ashis Kumar Das, Department of History, Rabindra Bharti University, Kolkata.
- **External Subject Expert** of Research Advisory Committee (**RAC**) for Mr. Dhananjoy Garai and Ms. Biswasti Bhattacharjee under the supervision of Prof. Susnata Das, Department of History, Rabindra Bharti University, Kolkata.
- **External Member** of the Board of Studies (**BoS**), Department of History, Aliah University, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-2026.
- **In-charge**, M.A. Students' Weekly Seminar, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, 2004-2005
- **Secretary**, Students' Seminar, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, 2005-2006
- **Member**, *Aligarh Historians Society*
- **Member**, *Indian History Congress*, AM 21752
- **Member**, *Uttar Pradesh History Congress*, AM 1327
- **Member**, *Paschimanga Itihas Samsad*, AM 2015

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