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EDUCATION

West Bengal Board of Secondary Education, West Bengal 1975

Higher Secondary. 1st division, 78.5% marks (1st in Humanities stream).

Presidency College, Calcutta University, Calcutta, West Bengal 1978

B.A. (Honours), History. 1st division, 63.1% marks. Stood second in Calcutta University.

Calcutta University, Calcutta, West Bengal 1980

M.A., History. 1st division, 65% marks. Stood first in Calcutta University and was awarded Gold medal.

Patna University, Patna, Bihar 1991

Ph.D. in History.

— Dissertation Topic: *Problems relating to marriage of Hindu women and remedial legislative measures from 1856 to 1956*

— Advisor: *Prof. B. K. Sinha*

Alliance Francaise Delhi, New Delhi 2005

Diploma in French.

WORK

EXPERIENCE

Dept. of History, Hansraj College, University of Delhi Dec. 2001 — present
Associate Professor

Dept. of History, University of Delhi Aug. 2001 — Jul. 2004
Taught M.A. classes

Dept. of History, Hansraj College, University of Delhi Aug. 1996 — Nov. 2001
Assistant Professor

Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Teen Murti House Sep. 1992 — Jun. 1996
Assistant Research Officer

Dept. of History, A. N. College, Magadh University Apr. 1987 — Apr. 1992
Ad-hoc Lecturer

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Gold medal* awarded by Calcutta University for standing 1st in First Division in M.A., 1981.
- *U.G.C. Junior Research Fellowship* for pursuing Ph.D. for 4 years awarded by the University Grants Commission (U.G.C.), 1980-1984.
- *National Scholarship* for performance in Higher Secondary Examination, 1975-1978.
- *Rai Bahadur G.C. Rai Memorial Scholarship* for acquiring 1st position in Humanities in Higher Secondary Examination under West Bengal Board, 1975.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Books published

- *Women and Law in India (Omnibus)*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2004. ISBN 0 19 566 767 0 This is an omnibus of three books by Flavia Agnes, Sudhir Chandra and Monmayee Basu respectively. Paperback edition published in 2016 by Oxford India Paperbacks. ISBN-13 : 978-0-19-946721-1 ISBN-10: 0-19-946721-8
- *Hindu Women and Marriage Law*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2001. ISBN 019564538-3
- *Iti Britte Bharat o Bharatbashi*, Vols. 1 and 2, The New Book Stall, Calcutta, 1987-88, *First volume, Vide Notification No. T.B.Syll/H/IX/87/44 dated 13.11.87. Second Volume Vide Notification No. T.B. Syll/H/X/88 dated 12.12.1988.* These are two high school textbooks in Bengali; volume 1 is for Class IX, and volume 2 for Class X.
Co-authored with Dilip Kumar Ghosh.

Book Chapters and Articles published

- *Marriage and Inheritance in Hindu Personal Laws: Gender Empowerment through Remedial Measures*, book chapter in *Women and Empowerment in Contemporary India*, published by Worldview Publications, Delhi, edited by Brati Biswas and Ranjana Kaul, 2016. ISBN 978-93-82267-25-6

– *Commercial Capitalism*, book chapter in the book *Modern World*, published by Indira Gandhi National Open University, School of Social Sciences, August 2004. ISBN 81-266-1391-2

– *Unknown victims of a major holocaust*, book chapter in *Pangs of Partition*, Vol. II, published by Indian Council of Historical Research, ed. by S. Settar and Indira B. Gupta, 2002. ISBN 81-7304-307-8

– Several chapters for Patna school of Correspondence Courses, 1989-90.

Book Review published

-- Review of *Suralakshmi Villa* -- a book by the Sahitya Academy winner author Aruna Chakravarty on women's issues published in *Mainstream Weekly* of 30 May, 2020.

WORK UNDER PUBLICATION

– *Europe : A comprehensive History from Batille to Munich*, a textbook in modern European history from 1789 to 1939 from both undergraduate and graduate students in history to be published by the end of 2020 by Orient BlackSwan

-- *Netaji and Empowerment of women : the Role of the Rani Jhansi Regiment in India's Independence* to be soon published by Indian Council of Historical Research.

-- *Underlying Causes of India's Partition* to be published by Indian Council of Historical Research

INVITED TALKS

-- Invited for a Special Lecture on the occasion of 125th Birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) on 23rd January 2021. Delivered a talk on *Netaji -- the People's Man*.

-- Invited for a talk on *The Role of the Rani Jhansi Regiment and Bal Sena of INA in India's Independence* at an international seminar on *INA and Netaji*, organised by Asiatic Society, Kolkata, on 11th and 12th December 2018.

-- Invited for talk on *Hindu Women's Right to Property in historical perspective* at the national seminar on *Women's Issues in Historical Perspective*, organised by Jagriti, the women's Cell in Bharti College, Delhi University, in collaboration with ICHR on 22-23 March, 2018.

-- Invited for a talk on *Underlying Causes of India's Partition : A Reassessment*, at the national Conference on *Indian History : Emerging Perspectives*, organised by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) at Delhi on 5-7 March 2018.

— Invited for a talk on *Impact of Partition on Hindu Bhadrolok Community of East Bengal* in the national conference on India's Partition at Viswabharati University, Shantiniketan on 13-14th November 2017

- *Netaji and Empowerment of Women*, invited talk at the National Conference on *Netaji and contribution of INA to India's freedom struggle* organised by Indian Council of Historical Research(ICHR), New Delhi, 8-10th February 2017

- *Women and Dowry in India*, invited talk in Dept. of English, Hansraj College, University of India, 8th November 2017

- *Position of women in marriage and inheritance laws in India*, invited talk in Dept. of English, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, November 2015.

— *Influence of Religion on Women's Legal Rights in India*, invited talk at the *International annual conference* organised by *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, Chicago, USA, November 2008.

— *Impact of partition on Hindu women*, invited talk by the *Oral History Association of the USA*, New Orleans, USA, September 1997.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Paper setter of the examination for Research Scholarship for PhD organised by ICHR

- Examiner of PhD proposals submitted at ICHR for Fellowship at ICHR

- Reviewing books for ICHR journal *Indian Historical Review*

- Member of the selection committee of National Talent Search, appointed by NCERT (National Council of Education, Research and Training), Govt. of India, 2007 — 2012.

— Member, Syllabus Revision committee for History for University of Delhi, 1997, 2012.

- Member, Paper setting and evaluation board for History (Honours) for University of Delhi, 2011, 2012, 2016.
- Head of History department, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, 2003--04, 2008--09, 2011--12, 2014--15, 2016--present.
- Superintendent of examinations, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, 2008.
- Convenor of Admissions, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, 2011.
- Chair of the organizing committee, History Festival, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2016.
- Seminar in-charge, Dept. of History, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, 1996--2001.

TEACHING

EXPERIENCE

POSTGRADUATE COURSES

- *History of Modern France*, 2004 – 2007 at Department of History, University of Delhi
Introduction to the history of France from 1848 to 1919.

Undergraduate courses

- *History of Modern Europe*, from 1996 until present at Department of History for History Honours students, Hansraj College, University of Delhi.
Introduction to the history of Europe from 1780 to 1939.
- *History of the USA*, from 1996 to 2017 at department of History for History Honours students, Hansraj College, University of Delhi.
Introduction to the history of the USA from early Colonization to the Civil War.
- *Environmental Issues in India*, from 2008 – 2011, at department of History for History Honours students at Hansraj College, University of Delhi.
Problems related to the environment from the times of the Harappan Civilization until modern times.
- *History of Ancient India*, from 2014 to 2019, for B.A. Program Students (students who do not opt for Honours course) at Hansraj College, University of Delhi.

Introduction to the history of India from prehistoric times till the coming of the Muslim invaders in India.

-- Issues in World History, from 2019 to 2020, for B.A. Program students at Hansraj College, University of Delhi.

Introduction to selected landmark issues in world history from the French Revolution to the present day.