

Department of History and Culture
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Professor

Prof. Rameshwar Prasad Bahuguna presently teaches at the Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia (a Central University by an Act of Parliament), New Delhi. He holds vast experience in the areas of teaching, research, student mentoring and counseling, research guidance, conduct and supervision of examination-related work and processes, curriculum development and preparation of self-learning materials, open and distance learning, online learning, and, finally, university administration and governance in his long academic career spanning over four decades. Apart from having served as the Head of the Department of History and Culture in the University, he was also responsible for the growth and expansion of the Department of Tourism, Hotel, Hospitality and Heritage Studies which he headed as Coordinator (Head of the Department) between 2015 and 2017. He also served first as Hony. Director and then as Hony. Director (Administration) as the Centre for Distance and Online Education in the University between 2018 and 2021. His research interests include (1) sociological and anthropological approaches to the study of religion from a historical perspective; (2) history of religious movements in late pre-colonial India with a focus on the making of religious identities; (3) comparative religion and evolution of the patterns of tolerance and conflict in India's religious traditions; (4) study of the interaction between medieval Bhakti and Sufism; (5) relations between the Bhakti-based religious communities and the Rajput states of the eighteenth century, and (6) history of pre-modern Central Himalayan kingdoms. His teaching interests centre on (1) history of religious interactions in medieval and early modern India; (2) history of religious movements in medieval India; (3) history of the eighteenth century India; (4) shared and connected histories of Ottomans, Safavids and Mughals; (5) global history and world history; (6) oral traditions in history, and (7) environmental history.

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- 6. Field(s) of Specialization:** History – Bhakti and Sufi Movements, Comparative Religion, Late Pre-colonial Rajasthan and History of Central Himalayan Region, Tourism and Heritage Studies, Open and Distance Learning

7. Employment Profile

| Job Title | Employer | From | To |
|---|---|------------|------------|
| Professor | Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. | 31.12.2009 | Present |
| Associate Professor | Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi | 01.01.2006 | 30.12.2009 |
| Reader | Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi | 19.07.2005 | 31.12.2005 |
| Reader | Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi | 26.02.2000 | 18.07.2005 |
| Lecturer in Reader's Grade (History) | Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi | 22.10.1995 | 25.02.2000 |
| Senior Lecturer in History | Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi | 22.10.1987 | 21.10.1995 |
| Lecturer in History (permanent) | Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi | 10.09.1982 | 21.10.1987 |
| Lecturer in History (temporary against a leave vacancy) | Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi | 22.10.1979 | 09.09.1982 |
| Total Teaching Experience | 42 years and 01 month | | |
| Total Teaching Experience as Professor: | Approx. 12 years | | |

8. Academic Qualifications:

| Examination | Board / University | Year | Subjects |
|-------------|--|------|---|
| Ph.D. | University of Delhi | 2000 | History (Specialization in Medieval Indian History) |
| M.A. | Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi | 1978 | History (Specialization in Medieval Indian History) |

9. Academic and Administrative Responsibilities within the College/University and Contribution to Corporate life of the University)

- (i) Hony. Director & Hony. Director (Administration), Centre for Distance and Online Education (C-DOL), Jamia Millia Islamia from 06.08.2018 to 13.04.2021
- (ii) Head, Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia from 26.05.2017 to 10.09.2018
- (iii) Coordinator (Head), Department of Tourism, Hotel, Hospitality and Heritage Studies (THHHS), Jamia Millia Islamia from 10.08.2015 to 0.06.2017

- (iv) Returning Officer for the Election of Teacher Representatives to the Academic Council, Jamia Millia Islamia, 2015 & 2018
- (v) First Appellate Authority for Centre for Distance and Open Learning, Jamia Millia Islamia under the RTI Act from 2018 Till Date
- (vi) Coordinated the UGC-SAP (DRS) Research Programme of the Dept. of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia from 2017 to 2018
- (vii) Member, Academic Council, Jamia Millia Islamia from 2015 Till Date
- (viii) Member, Standing Committee for Acts, Statutes and Ordinances, Jamia Millia Islamia from 2016 to 2019
- (ix) Member, NAAC Core Committee of Jamia Millia Islamia during Feb-March, 2015.
- (x) Member, Vision Document Preparation Committee, Jamia Millia Islamia, 2015-16.
- (xi) Member, Jamia Schools Prospectus Committee, 2016-19
- (xii) Member, Board of Management, MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, 2015-18
- (xiii) Member, Board of Management, AJK Mass Communications Research Centre (NCRC), Jamia Millia Islamia, 2016-18
- (xiv) Member, Editorial Board, JMI Quarterly News Letter 'Jauhar', 2017-18
- (xv) Member, Examination Committee, Jamia Millia Islamia from 2019 Till Date
- (xvi) Member, Board of Studies / Committee of Studies of the following Departments/Centres in Jamia Millia Islamia - Sociology, Psychology, Hindi, Tourism, Hotel, Hospitality and Heritage Studies (THHHS), KR Narayan for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies, Department of Art History and Art Appreciation, Centre for North East Studies, 2015 to 2020 or till date (each for three years at different points of time)
- (xvii) Member, Advisory Committee, UGC Centre for Pakistan Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia from 2017 Till Date
- (xviii) Programme Coordinator of M.A. History (Distance Mode) for the session 2015-16 at the Centre for Distance and Open Learning, Jamia Millia Islamia
- (xix) Member of the Board of Management of AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, JMI for a period of three years starting 18.08.2015
- (xx) Nominated by the Vice-Chancellor as a member of the Board of Management of the Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Jamia Millia Islamia for a period of three years w.e.f. 13 September 2011
- (xxi) Convener, Dean's Committee for preparing the proposals for the establishment of Foreign Languages departments in Jamia Millia Islamia (2011). Final report was submitted to the Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Languages, on 4 February 2011
- (xxii) Convenor, Committee for preparing the 12th Plan proposals of the Department of History & Culture, 2010-11.
- (xxiii) Worked as Assistant Superintendent for the B Tech, Diploma in Engineering and Class XI and IX Entrance Examinations (2010-11).
- (xxiv) Member of the Faculty Committee, Faculty of Humanities & Languages, Jamia Millia Islamia, during 2009 -2012 and 2015-Till Date.
- (xxv) Worked intermittently as a member of the Admission Committee, Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, between 2005 and 2013 and 2013-14.
- (xxvi) Coordinated (along with Dr. P K Basant) the 16th 3-week Refresher Course in History (5-27 August 2009) at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia. Also worked as part of the committee that designed the refresher course.

- (xxvii) Coordinated the 15th Refresher Course in History at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia in 2007. Also worked as the part of committee that designed the Refresher Course.
- (xxviii) Coordinated the 14th Refresher Course in History at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, held between 17 June 2006 and 7 July 2006. Also worked as the part of committee that designed the Refresher Course.
- (xxix) Was a member of the Jamia Cultural Committee between 2005 and 2007.
- (xxx) Worked as member of various committees of the Staff Council of the Motilal Nehru College (University of Delhi) between 1982 and 2002.
- (xxxi) Worked as In-charge of the Department of History, Motilal Nehru College (University of Delhi) for three terms between 1984 and 2002.

10. Academic Responsibilities outside the University/Consultancy and Expertise provided

- (i) Member (External Expert), Board of Studies of the Department of History and Archaeology, H.N.B. Garhwal University, from 2019 to present.
- (ii) Member (External Expert) of the Board of Studies and Research Degree Committee of the Department of History, H.P. University Shimla, 2015-17 and 2017-19.
- (iii) Member and Expert, Selection Committee for Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) Panel for India Chairs abroad (2017-18)
- (iv) Adjunct Faculty in History in Kannur University (12.07.2019 - till date)
- (v) Coordinator, Course Material Preparation Committee for History, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, between 2014 and 2017
- (vi) Member of the Doctoral Committee of the School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management, IGNOU (2015 - Till Date)
- (vii) Member of the Expert Committee for Revising the Undergraduate History Programme of Indira Gandhi National Open University in 2017.
- (viii) Vetted the Hindi translation of Ziauddin Barani's "Tarikh-i-Firoz Shahi" in 2014. The work was published by Rampur Raza Library
- (ix) Expert for evaluating the research projects and proposals submitted to the Indian Council of Historical Research (2005 - 2014)
- (x) Advisor, Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) Examinations conducted by the Indian Council of Historical Research (2014)
- (xi) Participated as a Resource Person in a Two-day Workshop on 'SLM Development in History', organized by the Department of History, School of Social Sciences, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (Nainital), Uttarakhand on 28-29 June 2013
- (xii) Nominated as External Expert by the Vice-Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (Nainital), to the Board of Studies of the Department of History of the University (2012 - 13 and 2019 - Till Date)
- (xiii) Coordinator for the UGC e-PG Pathshala History Course titled Political History of Medieval India , 1200-1750, (2012-13)
- (xiv) Expert for developing the undergraduate History syllabi of the B R Ambedkar University, Delhi. Participated in a workshop organized by the University for this purpose in February 2011.
- (xv) Resource Person for evaluating the performance of participants at the 30th Refresher Course in History, organized by the Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, 20 September 2010.

- (xvi) Advisor to Primus Books, Delhi, for evaluating manuscripts in History for the purpose of publication (2009 onwards).
- (xvii) Was invited by the Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, to teach M. A. Monsoon Semester course entitled “Religion and Society in Medieval India” as Guest Faculty in 2001 and 2005.

11. Awards/Fellowships

| Year of Award | Name of the Fellowship/award | Awarding Organization | From (Month/Year) | To (Month/Year) |
|---------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2002 | UGC Post-doctoral Research Award in History | University Grants Commission (UGC) | March 2002 | Feb 2005 |

12. Curriculum Development

- (i) As Coordinator (Head of the Department) of the Department of Tourism, Hotel, Hospitality and Heritage Studies of Jamia Millia Islamia during 2015-17, introduced new CBCS based Post Graduate and Undergraduate programmes of study in Tourism and Hospitality as per UGC guidelines.
- (ii) As Head of the Department of History in the University during 2017-18, introduced new CBCS based Post Graduate and Undergraduate progress of study in History.
- (iii) Convener of the Departmental Committee for revising and restructuring the - semester-based B A (Hons) History Courses (2012-13)
- (iv) Convener of the Departmental Committee for revising, restructuring and rationalizing the semester-based M A Medieval Indian History Courses (2011-Till date).
- (v) Member of the Departmental Committee for framing the course structures and reading lists for the new semester-based B. A. (Hons) History courses (2011-12).
- (vi) Convener of the committee for framing the syllabi for the History courses of the semester-based B. A. Programme (2011-12).
- (vii) Worked as Convener of the Peer Review Workshop on M.A. Syllabi Restructuring, organized by the Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia on 26-27 March, 2008.
- (viii) As a teacher of Delhi University (Motilal Nehru College), played important role in the major exercise of revising Delhi University’s B. A. (Hons) History syllabus in the second part of 1990s. Contributed to the structuring of two B. A. (Hons) courses -paper III (*History of India, 750-1550*) and paper VI (*History of India 1550-1750*).
- (ix) Was actively associated with the revision of Delhi University’s M.A. History (Final Year) course titled Socio-Religious History of Medieval India during the mid-1980s.

13. Courses taught at Postgraduate and Undergraduate levels

- A. *As Professor/ Associate Professor/Reader, Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia (2005 - Till date)*
- (i) M.Phil/P.Hd. Courses -
 - a. *Readings in Trends in Historiography*
 - b. *Research Methodology*
 - (ii) Postgraduate semester-based courses (2010-Till date)
 - a. *History of Eighteenth Century India*
 - b. *Religious Movements in Medieval India*
 - c. *Medieval World*
 - d. *History of the Safavids (1501-1736)*
 - e. *History Of Modern World*
 - (iii) Postgraduate courses (2005-2010)
 - a. *History of Islam in India*
 - b. *History of the Mughals (1526-1707)*
 - (iv) Undergraduate courses - Political History of Medieval India (1206-1525) to B.A. (Hons.) History 2nd year between 2005 and 2007
- B. *As Guest Faculty at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University*
- (i) Taught a course to M.A. students on *Religion and Society in Medieval India* during Monsoon Semester (2001) and Monsoon Semester (2002)
- C. *As faculty member of Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi (1982-2005)*
- (i) Taught various B A (Pass) and B A (Hons) History courses on Indian and European History at the Motilal Nehru College (University of Delhi) between 1982 and 2002. These included B.A. (Hons.) courses such as *History of India (750-1550 AD)*, *History of India (1550-1750 AD)*, *The Rise of Modern West (from Renaissance to French Revolution)* and *History of Europe (from French Revolution to 2nd World War)*
 - (ii) Taught courses on *Socio-Religious History of Medieval India* (taught between 1986 and 1988) and *History of Medieval Rajasthan* (taught between 1990 and 2002) to M.A. (Final Year) History students of the University of Delhi at both the North and the South campuses as part of co-operative teaching programme.
- D. *As Lecturer (temporary), Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia (1979-1982)*
- (i) Post-graduate courses:
 - a. Capitalism, Colonialism and Imperialism: Problems, Perspectives and Approaches
 - b. Social and Economic History of Medieval India
 - (ii) Undergraduate (B.A. Hons.) courses
 - a. History of Medieval India
 - b. History of Modern Europe

14. Research Guidance

a. Number of P.HDs Guided

| # | Name of the Ph.D. Scholar | Title of Ph.D. Thesis | Role (Supervisor Co-Supervisor) | Year of Award |
|----|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Surbhi Sehgal | <i>Aspects of Dalit Political Culture: A Study with Reference to Western Uttar Pradesh</i> | Co-supervisor | 2010 |
| 2 | Mithilesh Kumar Mishra | <i>Dalit Consciousness, Caste Question and Anti-Colonial Struggle in Uttar Pradesh, 1920-1956.</i> | Supervisor | 2013 |
| 3 | Prabhat Kumar Chaudhary | <i>Emergence, Growth and Transformation of Nath Panth in Medieval Northern India between 13th and 18th Centuries</i> | Supervisor | 2015 |
| 4 | Salima Khanam | <i>Growth of Muslim Community in Manipur</i> | Supervisor | 2018 |
| 5 | Azmat Ali | <i>A Study of the Mughal Military Culture (1526-1707)</i> | Supervisor | 2018 |
| 6 | Sandeep Kumar | <i>Food, Power Networks and Economic Change in Mughal India</i> | Supervisor | 2019 |
| 7 | Salma Alam | <i>Narcotics and Drug Use in Northern India (16th century to 18th century)</i> | Supervisor | 2019 |
| 8 | Deepak Kumar | <i>From Mughals to Gorkhas: Polity, Warfare and Society in the Central Himalayas during the 18th Century</i> | Supervisor | 2020 |
| 9 | Pradeep Singh | <i>An Uneasy Inheritance: Examining the Life and Historical Impact of a Sikh Elite in the 17th Century, The Case of Guru Ram Rai (1646 – 1687)</i> | Supervisor | Thesis Submitted |
| 10 | Vijayalakshmi Labh | <i>Economy of the Delhi Sultanate (1206 – 1526)</i> | Supervisor | To be submitted shortly |
| 11 | Mohammad Kazim | <i>Historiography of Mohammad bin Tughlaq</i> | Supervisor | To be submitted shortly |
| 12 | Subarna Biswas | <i>Pan-Indian Networks of Scholars and Cultural Transfer in Navadip (15th – 18th century)</i> | Supervisor | Work in Progress |
| 13 | Mohammad Rahamatullah | <i>Growth of Pranami Community in Mughal India</i> | Supervisor | Work in Progress |
| 14 | Nagendra | <i>Growth of Bishnoi Community and the Rajput States of Marwar, 1600-1900</i> | Supervisor | Work in Progress |
| 15 | Vikas Malik | <i>Formation of Caste, Community and Kinship Networks Among the Jats of Medieval India</i> | Supervisor | Work in Progress |
| 16 | Nuti Namita | <i>History of Indian Police: Shifting Perspectives of Police since Colonial Times – Comparative Study of Kannada Districts of Madras Presidency and the Principality of Mysore</i> | Supervisor | Work in Progress |
| 17 | Shobhna Sinha | <i>Representations of Bhakti in the Vaishnava Literature of the Mughal Period</i> | Supervisor | Work in Progress |
| 18 | Khushboo Rashid | <i>Medicine, State and Society: The Role of Physicians in Mughal India</i> | Supervisor | Work in Progress |
| 19 | Mitali Tewari | <i>Cultural Landscape of Terai: Bhabar Region in Kumaon (1815-1950)</i> | Supervisor | Work in Progress |

b. Number of M.Phils Guided

| # | Name of the M.Phil. Scholar | Title of M.Phil Thesis | Role(Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor) | Year of Award |
|----|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Nagendra Kumar | <i>Abul Fazl's Perception of Hindu Religion</i> | Supervisor | 2009 |
| 2 | Deepankar | <i>Madhyakaleen Sufi PremakhyanakKavyon Mein Sanskriti, Samudaya Evam Laingikata (In Hindi)</i> | Supervisor | 2009 |
| 3 | Samuel Philip Mathew | <i>Synod of Diamper to Crooked Cross Oath: A Study of the History of Church in Malabar in the 16th and 17th Centuries</i> | Supervisor | 2011 |
| 4 | Poonam Chauhan | <i>Warfare and State in Central Himalayan Region in the Eighteenth Century</i> | Supervisor | 2012 |
| 5 | Mayurakshi Kumar | <i>State, Society, and the Order of Jatis in the Eighteenth Century Jaipur Kingdom</i> | Supervisor | 2012 |
| 6 | Randhir Kumar | <i>Socio-Religious History of a Community: Brahmans of Medieval Mithila</i> | Supervisor | 2014 |
| 7 | Deepak Kumar | <i>Regional Identity Formation in Central Himalayas: State, Society and Culture in Medieval Garhwal and Kumaon</i> | Supervisor | 2014 |
| 8 | Ratan Kumar | <i>Malik Muhammad Jaisi KritPadmavat Mein Itihas, MithakAur Dharma</i> | Supervisor | 2015 |
| 9 | Dipanjan Mazumdar | <i>Negotiating the Marches: Connections, Confrontations and Identity Formations in the North West Frontier of the Delhi Sultanate</i> | Supervisor | 2016 |
| 10 | Mohammad Riyajuddin | <i>Trade and Politics in 18th Century Rajasthan: A Case Study of the Shekhawati Region</i> | Supervisor | 2018 |
| 11 | Subarna Biswas | <i>Theological and Philosophical Debates in the Jaipur Court in the 18th Century</i> | Supervisor | 2018 |
| 12 | Arnisha Ashraf | <i>Socio-cultural Impact of the Mughals on the Assamese Society</i> | Supervisor | 2019 |

15. Publications/Research Work

A. *Published Articles in Refereed Research Journals/Edited Books*

- (i) "Formation of Santic Communities in Seventeenth Century Rajasthan: The Case of Dadupanth" in Mayank Kumar et. al, eds., *Reconfiguring the Historical Landscape of Rajasthan: Essays for G.S.L. Devra*, Aakar Books, Delhi, 2020.
- (ii) "Narratives of the Lives of Sants in Medieval Rajasthani Hagiographies" *Proceedings of the 32nd session of the Rajasthan History Congress, 2017* (Published in 2018).
- (iii) Rameshwar Prasad Bahuguna "Rajput States and Vaishnava Bhakti in Later Medieval Rajasthan", Prof. R.P. Vyas Memorial Lecture, *Proceedings of Rajasthan History Congress, December 2016*, pp. 33-41, ISSN 2321-1288
- (iv) "Religious Festivals as Political Rituals: Kingship and Legitimation in Late pre-colonial Rajasthan", in S.B. Bhardwaj, R.P. Bahuguna and Mayank Kumar, eds., *Revisiting the History of Medieval Rajasthan: Essays for Professor Dilbagh Singh*, New Delhi, Primus Books, 2017, pp. 84-92, ISBN: 978-93-86522-22-8

- (v) Rameshwar Prasad Bahuguna, "Dharma Aur Satta Ke Sambandh: Madhyakal Ke Sandarbh Mein" in Dhananjay Dube, ed. *Madhyakal: Ek Punarmulyankan* (in Hindi), NatarajPrakashan, Delhi 2017, pp. 59-67
- (vi) "Religion and State in 18th Century Rajasthan: Sawai Jai Singh and Reformed Vaishnavism", *Proceedings of Indian History Congress (PIHC)*, 74th Session, Cuttack, 2013, ISSN 2249-1937, pp. 353-362
- (vii) "Sufis and Sants: Religious Contestations and Negotiations in Medieval India", in Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, ed., *Rethinking the Cultural Unity of India*, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture: Kolkata, 2014, ISBN : 978-93-81325-49-0, pp. 221-239
- (viii) "The Ideological-Political Role of Brahmans in Later Medieval India", *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress (PIHC)*, 72nd Session, Patiala, 2011, pp. 353-359
- (ix) "Kabir and Other Medieval Sants in Vaishnava Tradition", *Proceedings of Indian History Congress (PIHC)*, 69th Session, Kannur, 2008, pp. 373-383
- (x) "Vaishnava Hagiographies as Sources for the Socio-Religious History of Medieval India: A Study of the Pushtimargi Varta Literature" in *Rampur Raza Library Journal*, No. 29, 2014, ISBN : 978-93-82949-15-2, pp. 192-197
- (xi) "Understanding Sufi-Sant Interaction in Medieval India" in Rameshwar Prasad Bahuguna, Ranjeeta Dutta and Farhat Nasreen, eds., *Negotiating Religion: Perspectives from Indian History*, Delhi, ISBN: 978-81-7304-924-8, Manohar, 2012
- (xii) "Beyond Theological Differences: Sant –Vaishnava Interaction In Medieval India ", *Indian Historical Review*, Vol 36, No.1, June 2009
- (xiii) "Modern Labels on Medieval Sants: The Sant Movement and Limits of Hindu Identity", *Social Science Probings*, Vol17 (2), December 2005
- (xiv) "Symbols of Resistance: Non-Brahmanical Sants as Religious Heroes in Late Medieval India", in Biswamoy Pati, B.P. Sahu and T.K.Venkatasubramaniam, eds, *Negotiating India's Past: Essay in Memory of Partha Sarathi Gupta*, Delhi, Tulika, 2003, ISBN: 81-85229-81-3 (Hb)

B. Published Articles in Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Publications

- (i) "Socio-Religious Movements: The Bhakti Movement" in Indira Gandhi National Open University publication (History) for B. A. students, EHI-03, 1991
- (ii) "Socio-Religious Movements: The Sufi movement" in Indira Gandhi National Open University publication (History) for B. A. students, EHI-03, 1991.
- (iii) "Languages and Literature" in Indira Gandhi National Open University publication (History) for B. A. students, EHI-03, 1991.

C. Books & Monographs Published

- (i) *Revisiting the History of Medieval Rajasthan: Essays for Professor Dilbagh Singh*, Co-edited with S.B. Bhardwaj and Mayank Kumar, New Delhi, Primus Books, 2017, ISBN: 978-93-86522-22-8
- (ii) *Negotiating Religion: Perspectives from Indian History*, Co-edited with Dr. Ranjeeta Dutta and Dr. Farhat Nasreen, Delhi, Manohar, 2012
- (iii) UGC- DRS e-Monograph titled *Conflict and Assimilation in Medieval North Indian Bhakti: An Alternative Approach*, SAP (UGC) Programme of the Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia. (uploaded on March 18, 2009)
<https://www.jmi.ac.in/upload/departments/history/drs/Conflict%20And%20Assimilation%20In%20Medieval%20North%20Indian%20Bhakti.pdf>

- (iv) *Distance and Open Learning: Challenges and Opportunities in Present Scenario*, Co-edited with Ahrar Husain, Arvind Kumar, Abdullah M. Chisti and Zarmina Israr
- (v) *Reconfiguring the Historical Landscape of Rajasthan: Essays for G.S.L. Devra*, Co-edited with Mayank Kumar, Suraj Bhan Bhardwaj and Sangeeta Sharma, Aakar Books, Delhi, 2020.

16. Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Symposia attended and research papers presented

- (i) Presented a paper on “History in the Classroom: Challenges, Innovations and Pedagogical issues in Undergraduate History Education”, at a National seminar on “*History in the Classrooms*” organized by Bharati College (University of Delhi), November 30 to December 1, 2019.
- (ii) Presented a paper on “Representation of Conflict and Cultural Difference in Medieval Rajasthani Bardic Narratives”, at a National conference on Conflict and Cooperation in Medieval India, organized by the Centre for Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University 28-30 January, 2019.
- (iii) Presented a research paper on “Narratives of the Lives of Sants in Medieval Rajasthan Hagiographies”, at the 32nd Session of the Rajasthan History Congress, S.S. Jain Subodh P.G. (Autonomous College), Jaipur, 22-24 Dec 2017.
- (iv) Presented a research paper on “Orality and Textuality in Vaishnava and Santic Bhakti during Sixteenth to Eighteenth Century” at the International Seminar on ‘Configuring Early Modern South Asia, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 12-13 Nov 2015
- (v) Presented a research paper on “Santism, Sufism and Vaishnavism in Mughal North India: Interactions and Transformations” at the International Seminar on Religion and Social Diversity in South Asia, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, 12-14 October, 2015.
- (vi) Presented a Paper on “Courtly Cultures of the Pre-Colonial Central Himalayan Kingdoms and Persianate Norms” at the 5th Session of the Uttarakhand History and Culture Association, 12-13 Feb 2015
- (vii) Presented a Paper on “Representations of Sufis in Bhakti Hagiography” at the Two-day International Conference on Sufism in Indian and Central Asia, organized by Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia on 11-12 Feb 2015
- (viii) A Research Paper on “The Eternal City versus the City Without Sorrow: Religious Contestation and Changing Sacred Geography of Banaras during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries” was circulated and considered as read in absentia at the Two-day International Conference on Cities in Indian History organized by the Department of History, University of Hyderabad on 16th and 17th December 2014. The Paper has been finalized for publication.
- (ix) Presented a Paper on “The Concept of Composite Religious Culture in the Nationalist Histories of Medieval India” at the Two-day National Seminar on Nehru’s Idea of Past and History Writing in Independent India, organized by Motilal Nehru College, 11-12 November 2014
- (x) Presented a Paper on “Representation of the Lives of Sants and Sufis in the Nirguni Bhakti Texts of the 17th and 18th Centuries”, at the International Seminar on *Maktubat and Tazkiras (13th – 19th Centuries): A Source of Indian History and Culture*, organized by Rampur Raza Library, 11th-13th October 2014

- (xi) Presented a Paper on “SajhaSanskriti Ki Parampara” at a National Seminar on MadhyakalAurSamkalinPrashn, organized by Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi on 25-26 March 2014
- (xii) Presented a Paper titled “ Influence of Persian and Islamicate Norms on the Kingdom of Garhwal in the 17th Century at the 4th Session of the Uttarakhand History and Culture Association held at Kumaon University Campus, Almora, on 21-22 March 2014
- (xiii) Presented a Paper on “Religion and State in 18th Century Rajasthan: Sawai Jai Singh and ‘Reformed’ Vaishnavism” at the 74th Session of the Indian History Congress at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, 28-30 December, 2013
- (xiv) Presented a Research Paper on “Formation of Hindu Identity in Medieval India: Religious and Political Dimensions” at a Two-day National Seminar on Thinking Through Religion and Religious Institutions, organized by the Department of History, University of Hyderabad under its SAP Programme on 25th and 26th October 2013
- (xv) Presented a Paper on “The Historical Significance of Jodhpur HakikatBahis” at the National Seminar on Documentation of Regional History Through Archival and Unpublished Records DRHAU – 2013, Sponsored by ICHR New Delhi on October 4-5, 2013 organized by Department of History, BSR Govt. Arts College, Alwar
- (xvi) Presented a research paper on “Sources for the study of Dadupanth” at the conference on Historiography and Sources of History Writing BSR Govt. Arts College Alwar (Rajsthan), on 5 February 2013.
- (xvii) Presented a research paper on “Sufis and Sants: Religious Contestations and Negotiations in Medieval India” at the international seminar on Cultural Unity of India Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, on 16-19 January 2013.
- (xviii) Presented a research paper on “Hagiography as History: Santic Religious Culture in Northern India during the 16th and 17th Century” at the Panel on Literature and Reality in Indian Culture organised by the Aligarh Historians Society in association with Indian History Congress, 73rd Session, University of Mumbai on 28-30 December 2012.
- (xix) Presented a research paper on “Vaishnava Hagiographies as a Source for the Socio-Religious History of Medieval India: A Study of the PushtimargiVarta Literature” at the International Seminar on Sources of Indian History and Culture, organised by the Rampur Raza Library (Govt. Of India, Min. Of Culture), Rampur (U. P.) on 2-4 November 2012.
- (xx) Presented a research paper entitled “Centre and Periphery: A Critique of the Historiography of Mughal Relations with Garhwal and Kumaun Kingdoms” at the National Conference on Himalayan States of India-History & Culture , organized by the Uttarakhand History and Culture Association at M P G College Mussoorie on 15-16 October 2012.
- (xxi) Presented a research paper on “Historiography of Bhakti Traditions in Medieval India at a conference entitled “Historiographical Engagements in India- a symposium in honor of Prof. R. S. Sharma” organized by Centre of Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 27-29 January 2012.
- (xxii) Presented a research paper entitled “The Ideological-Political role of Brahmans in Later Medieval India” at the 72nd Session of the Indian History Congress, Punjabi University Patiala during 10-13 December 2011.
- (xxiii) Presented a paper on “Emergence of Santic Communities in 17th Century Rajasthan: Dadupanth and Kabirpanth” at the National Conference on *Cultural*

- Heritage in India with Special Reference to Rajasthan and Its Neighbouring States* at the Department of History, Mohan Lal Sukhadia University , Udaipur (Rajasthan) on 2nd and 3rd December 2011.
- (xxiv) Presented a research paper on “Medieval Hagiographies and the Process of Sant-Sufi Interaction” at a Weekly Seminar organized by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) on 8 November 2011.
- (xxv) Participated and invited as a discussant in the International Workshop on *Labour Relations in India, 1500-1800*, organized by the Indian Council of Historical Research on 25-26 March 2011.
- (xxvi) Presented a research paper on “Problems of Medieval Religious History Writing: Christianity, Islam and Indic Religions” at the three- day UGC Sponsored Workshop (10-12 November 2010) entitled “Reckoning with the Past: History in the Classroom”. The workshop was organized by Department of History, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College (University of Delhi).
- (xxvii) Presented a paper on “The Biography of a Medieval Indian Sant: Jangopal’s *Dadu Janmalila Parachi*” at the conference on *Biography as History* organized by UGC-DRS Programme of the Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, 11-13 February 2010.
- (xxviii) Presented a paper on “Social Ideology on Medieval Sants” at the National Seminar on Culture, Community and Gender in Medieval India, organized by the Department of History, Lakshmi Bai College (University of Delhi), 7 August 2009.
- (xxix) Presented a paper on “The Imagined City of the Medieval Sants” at a Conference on Cities in Medieval India 1200-1800, organized by the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 5-6 March 2009.
- (xxx) Presented a paper on “Perceiving sainthood as a Universal Phenomenon: Creative Pasts of the Medieval Sant Communities” at the International Workshop on The Dynamics of Religious Pluralism: Conflicts, Articulation and Innovation in freedom India, organized by the Institute of Advanced Study , Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (JNIAS), 18-19 February 2009.
- (xxxi) Presented a research paper on “Religious Festivals as Political Rituals: Kingship and Legitimation in late Pre-colonial Rajasthan” at the International Conference on “Ritual Dynamics and the Science of Ritual” Heidelberg University (Germany), 29 September 2008 – 2 October 2008.
- (xxxii) Presented a paper on “The City of Benaras and Religious Traditions in the Medieval Period” at an international seminar on Cities in Medieval India (1200-1800), organized by the Centre for Historical Studies in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study (JNIAS) and Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, on 6-7 March 2008.
- (xxxiii) Presented a paper on “Understanding the Nature of Sufi-Sant Interaction in Medieval India” at the national conference on Religion in Indian History: Ideas, Practice and Change, organized by DRS-SAP Programme, Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, 29 February- 1 March, 2008.
- (xxxiv) Research presentation on a theme titled “The Role of Women in Medieval Rajasthan” at the national conference on Indian Women: A study in Historical Perspective, organised by the Department of History, Jainarayan Vyas University, Jodhpur, 13-14 January 2007.
- (xxxv) Presented a research paper on “Santic Perceptions of Labour” at the International Conference on Labour History, organised by V. V. Giri National Institute of Labour, on 6 November 2006.

- (xxxvi) Presented a research paper on “Sufis as Bhagats in Early Sikh Tradition” at the International Conference on Sufism: Tradition, Poetry and Philosophy, organised by Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature at the India International Centre, New Delhi, on 18 March 2006.
- (xxxvii) Presented a paper on “Nature of Sant-Sufi Interaction in Medieval India” at the conference on Sufism and Communal Harmony, organised by Cultural Committee, Jamia Millia Islamia and Sadbhavana Mission in October 2005.
- (xxxviii) Was invited to a seminar on Economic History of Medieval India, organized by the Centre of Advanced Study in History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, on 18-20 March 2004.
- (xxxix) Presented a paper on “Invoking the Past: Representation of Puranic Celebrities in Medieval Santic Literature” at the international conference on Rethinking Millennium (held in honour of Prof. Harbans Mukhia) at Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi on 2-4 February 2004.
- (xl) Presented a paper on “Resisting Mughal Dominance: Some General Characteristics of Maharana Pratap’s Approach towards Ideology, Politics and Strategy” at the seminar on Polity of Maharana Pratap, organized by the Institute of Rajasthan Studies, Sahitya Sansthan, Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur, on 2-4 June 2003. Also presided over of the sessions of the seminar.
- (xli) Presented a paper on “Recent Western Writings on Medieval Indian Sant Movement” in the national seminar on Dialogue with the Past: Trends in Historical Writings in India, organized by the Indian Council of Historical Research at Bangalore, on 14-16 February 2003.

**17. Workshops/Symposia/Conferences/Colloquia/Seminars/Refresher Courses
Organized (as Chairman/ Organizing Secretary/ Convener / Co-Convener)**

- (i) Organized a National Conference on *Revisiting Eighteenth Century in Indian History* under the UGC-DRS Programme of the Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, 21-22 March, 2012
- (ii) Organized the Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya memorial lecture on “Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya’s Humanism” by Prof. I. H. Siddiqui on 20 January 2012 at Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. The lecture was held under the aegis of the Faculty of Humanities and Languages, Jamia Millia Islamia.
- (iii) Coordinated (along with Dr. P K Basant) the 16th 3-week Refresher Course in History (5-27 August 2009) at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia.
- (iv) Worked as Convener of the Peer Review Workshop on M. A. Syllabi Restructuring, organized by the Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia on 26-27 March, 2008.
- (v) Coordinated the 15th Refresher Course in History at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia in 2007.
- (vi) Coordinated the 14th Refresher Course in History at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, held between 17 June 2006 and 7 July 2006.
- (vii) Convener of the Committee that organized a lecture by Prof. Irfan Habib on “1857” on 14 February 2007. The lecture was part of the celebrations organized by the University to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Revolt of 1857.
- (viii) Convener of the Extension Lectures Programme, Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, from 2005-06 to 2011-12.

18. Invited Talks/Lectures delivered

- (i) Delivered two lectures on the “Bhakti Movement in Medieval India” as a resource person at the Refresher Course in History organised by the UGC-HRD, Kannur University, Kerala on 06.08.2018.
- (ii) Invited to a Round Table on “ODL for Our Times: Unleashing its Infinite Potential”, organised by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, 11-12 November, 2018
- (iii) Presented a paper on “Mapping the Marginalised in South Asia with Special Reference to the Legacy of Guru Nanak Dev” at the 6th South Asian History Conference, Punjabi University, Patiala, 1-3 February, 2019.
- (iv) Invited as a panellist at the 79th session of the Indian History Congress to speak on “Elements on popular syncretism in the Santic Religious culture of Mughal India” as part of panel discussion on “Religious interactions, syncretism and social harmony: historical context and perspectives”, Bhopal, February 2019.
- (v) Invited to deliver a lecture on “Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism: Different Perspectives” at the Department of History, MD University Rohtak, 20 Feb 2018.
- (vi) Presented a paper on Remembering Kabir in the 16th and 17th Centuries at a National Seminar on Kabir: Different Perspectives organized by the Department of History, ARSD College, University of Delhi, 30 Jan 2018
- (vii) Invited to make a presentation on ‘The Sacred City of Banaras during the Mughal Period’ at the National Seminar on The Holy City of Banaras: Through the Ages, organized by the Department of History, Shyam Lal College, 12-13 March 2018-05-08
- (viii) Presented a paper on “Vernacular Literary Traditions in Medieval India” at the National Seminar on Religious and Literary Traditions in Indian History, organized by the Department of History, RLA College, University of Delhi, 16th March 2018
- (ix) Chaired a technical session at the 5th South Asian History Conference organized by Department of History, Punjabi University, Patiala, 10-11 Nov 2017.
- (x) Invited to deliver Professor R.P. Vyas Memorial Lecture, 31st Session, Rajasthan History Congress, Jodhpur, 16-18 December 2016
- (xi) Delivered a Lecture on “The Category of ‘Hindu’ in the Indo-Persian and Vernacular Sources of the 15th-18th Centuries” at the 21st Refresher Course in History organized by the UGC-ASC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi (22nd January 2015)
- (xii) Delivered a Lecture on “Devotional Hinduism in Historical Perspective” on 13th September 2014 at World Learning (India Pvt. Ltd.) for the undergraduate students of various US universities and colleges
- (xiii) Delivered a Lecture on the “Historiography of the Medieval Sant Movement” at the Refresher Course in History, organized by the UGC-ASC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 2014
- (xiv) Delivered a Lecture on “Historiography of Mughal State” at the 89th Special Foundation Course, organized by Haryana Institute of Public Administration in October 2014
- (xv) Delivered a Lecture as a Resource Person at the 34th Refresher Course in History at the Academic Staff College, JNU on ‘Bhakti in Medieval India’, on 7th October 2014
- (xvi) Delivered a Lecture on “Mughal State an Culture” at the 88th Special Foundation Course, organized by Haryana Institute of Public Administration in October 2013

- (xvii) Delivered a Lecture as a Resource Person at the 33rd Refresher Course in History at the Academic Staff College, JNU on ‘Sant-based Religious Culture During the 16th and 17th Centuries’, on 24th September 2013.
- (xviii) Delivered a Lecture on “The Mughals and their Contemporaries” at the Inaugural session of the International Summer School, New Delhi hosted by the Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia on July 1, 2013
- (xix) “Mughal-Rajput Relations: Recent Historiography”, at a Seminar organised by the Department of History, Motilal Nehru College (University of Delhi) 10 April 2013.
- (xx) “Sant-Vaishnava Interaction during the 16th and 17th centuries”, at the Department of History, University of Delhi, on 19 September 2012
- (xxi) “Sant-Vaishnava Interaction during the 17th and 18th centuries: Some Historiographical Issues“, at the 32nd Refresher Course in History, Organised by the Academic Staff College (ASC), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on 18 September 2012.
- (xxii) “The Images of Kabir in Bhakti Literature of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries” and “State and Religion in Eighteenth Century Rajasthan”, at the Refresher Course in History organized by the UGC – Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, on 24 July 2012.
- (xxiii) “Historiography of Bhakti-Sufi Interaction in Medieval India”, at the 19th three-week Refresher Course in History, organized by Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, in May 2012.
- (xxiv) “Medieval Hagiographies and the Process of Sant-Sufi interaction”, organized by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), Teen Murti House, New Delhi, on 8 November 2011.
- (xxv) “Bhakti –Sufi Interaction in Medieval North India”, at Centre for the study of Comparative Religion and Civilization, Jamia Millia Islamia, on 28 October 2011.
- (xxvi) “Vaishnavism and State Ideologies: Rajput states in the 18th Century”, on 20 October 2011 to the participants in the 18th 3-week Refresher Course in History (3-27 October 2011) at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Also worked as a Resource Person to evaluate the performance of participants in the seminar presentations held during the Refresher Course.
- (xxvii) Was a Resource Person for a three –week workshop on “Historiography and Research Methodology”, organized by University of Hyderabad and sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research between 8 February 2011 and 28 February 2011. Delivered two lectures on “Recent trends in Bhakti Historiography” and “Historiography of Regional State Formation in 18th Century with special reference to the Rajput States”, on 21 February 2011.
- (xxviii) “Higher Education and Teaching of History”, at the 85th Orientation Course (19 February -18 March 2010), organized by the UGC-Academic Staff College, Punjab University, Chandigarh, on 2 March 2010.
- (xxix) “Bhakti-Sufi Interactions and the Medieval Social Formations”, at the Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, under the academic programme *Beyond Globalization: Nature, Culture and Justice*, on 15 October 2010 for a group of undergraduate students from the United States of America.
- (xxx) “Lessons from History”, at the Government Inter College, Narayan Bagar (Chamoli, Utrakhand) as part of the workshop organized by the “People’s Association for Himalaya Area Research (PAHAR), during 7-10 May 2010.
- (xxxi) “Bhakti in Medieval India”, at the Shivaji College (University of Delhi) on 2 December 2009.

- (xxxii) “History and Society”, at various colleges and schools in Almora and Champawat (Uttarakhand) as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of “People’s Association for Himalaya Area Research” (PAHAR), during 24-27 October 2009.
- (xxxiii) Participated as Resource Person in teleconference sessions organized by the School of Sciences, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, and lectured on “Jambhoji and his Teachings on Environment” and “Bishnois and their Traditions of Nature Conservation”, on 10 July 2009.
- (xxxiv) “Kabir and Other Medieval Sants in Vaishnava Tradition”, at the 69th Session of the Indian History Congress, Kannur University, 28-30 December 2008.
- (xxxv) “Communal Harmony, Non-Violence & Secularism”, as a panelist at a seminar organized by the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia as part of the 86th four-week Orientation Programme (7 November – 5 December 2008), on 17 November 2008.
- (xxxvi) “Secularism and National Integration”, as a panelist at a seminar organized by the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia as part of the 85th four-week Orientation Programme (5 August -2 September 2008), on 26 August 2008.
- (xxxvii) “Understanding Sant- Sufi Interaction in Medieval India”, at the 28th Refresher Course in History, organized by The UGC Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on 1 December 2008.
- (xxxviii) “Vaishnavism and the Sant Movement”, at the Lady Shri Ram College for Women (University of Delhi) on 28 January 2008 and 25 February 2008. The lectures were organized by the History Association of College.
- (xxxix) “Medieval Bhakti Movement”, at the 3 -week Refresher Course in History organized by Government College, Bahadurgarh (Haryana), sponsored by Commissioner, Higher Education, Govt. of Haryana, on 13 May 2008.
- (xl) “Images of Kabir”, by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi, in March-April 2007.
- (xli) “Kabir and Medieval Indian Sant Movement”, at a seminar organized by the Dept. of History, Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi, in September 2006.
- (xlii) “Historiography of the Medieval Indian Sant Movement”, at the 13th Refresher Course in History, organized by the UGC- Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, in September 2005.
- (xliii) “The Role of Kabir in Medieval Bhakti”, at a seminar on *The Medieval Indian Bhakti Movement*, organized by the Dept. of Hindi, Janaki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, in March 2004.
- (xliv) “Interpreting the Medieval Indian Bhakti Movement”, at an interdisciplinary seminar organized by the departments of Hindi and History of the Bharati College, University of Delhi, in February 2004.
- (xlv) “The Role of Women in the Medieval Indian Bhakti Movement”, at a symposium organized by the Dept. of History, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, University of Delhi, in January 2004.
- (xlvi) “Medieval Bhakti Movement”, at a symposium conducted by the Dept. of History, Janaki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, in January 2004.
- (xlvii) “Historiography of the European Renaissance”, at the interdepartmental seminar on Renaissance in Europe in the Shyamlal College, University of Delhi, on 17 December 2003.
- (xlviii) Invited regularly by the UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, as Resource Person for delivering lectures at the Refresher Course in History between 1995 and 2005.