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Publications

i. Books

1. *Minority Nationalisms in South Asia* (ed.), Delhi and London: Routledge, 2012
2. *Violence, Justice and Reconciliation: Communalism in Our Times* (ed) Delhi: NMCPDR, 2009.
3. Edited Special Issue of the Journal, *South Asian History and Culture*, Routledge, April 2012, ISSN 1947-2498 (Print), 1947-2501 (Online)

ii. Research Papers in Journals / Chapters in edited Volumes

1. 'Being Muslim' in Contemporary India: Nation, Identity and Rights, in Robin Jeffrey and Ronojoy Sen eds., *Being Muslim in South Asia*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013 (forthcoming)
2. With Rajeev Kumar, Muslim in India: A Study of Socio-Economic and Educational Levels in Four Focus States, in Zoya Hasan ed., *India: Social Development Report, 2013*, Delhi: Council for Social Development and Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2013 (forthcoming)
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iii. Book Reviews

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3. 'Muslim, and Indian too': Review of *Composite Nationalism and Islam* by Hussain Ahmad Madani', *Biblio: A Review of Books*, Vol. X, Nos. 7 & 8, 2005.
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3. Muslims in India: Specific Vulnerabilities and Needs, Oxfam India, 2012.
4. Evaluation of SPQEM and IDMI, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India.

Membership of Committees

1. Ex-officio member of the *Planning Commission's Working Group on Empowerment of Minorities for the 11th Five Year Plan*
2. Member of the Minority Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor, JMI to look into the implementation of PM's 15-Point Programme.
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4. Member, International Editorial Advisory Board, *South Asian History and Culture*, published by Routledge, U.K