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Ph.D History	University of Delhi			2002		
M.Phil. History	University of Delhi			1991		
M.A. History	St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi			1987	5 Position in the University	
B.A. (Honours) History	St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi			1985		
<b>Career Profile</b>						
Institution	Designation	Duration				
Department of History, University of Delhi	Professor	16 October 2009				
Indraprastha College, University of Delhi	Associate Professor	November 1999- 15 October 2009				
Indraprastha College, University of Delhi	Assistant Professor	August 1988				
St. Stephen's College/Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi	Assistant Professor(ad-hoc)	Nov. 1987-Aug 1988				
<b>Research Interests / Specialization</b>						
Ancient Indian Social History, Gender Studies						
<b>Honors &amp; Awards</b>						
<p>Elected <b>Sectional President of Ancient History</b> for 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of IHC by Executive committee of Indian History Congress on 29 December 2022</p> <p>Prof. <b>Vijay Kumar Thakur Memorial Prize</b>, for the best paper in the Ancient India Section, at the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Indian History Congress, 30<sup>th</sup> December 2008.</p>						
<b>Publications: Books</b>						
<p>(1) <i>Naritva Ka Gathan</i>, Granthashilpi, Delhi, <b>2016</b></p> <p>(2) <i>Mahabharata: A Book of Quotes</i>, Aryan Books International, New Delhi, <b>2014</b>.</p>						

- (3) Shalini Shah, et.al (eds) *Teaching History*, Aakar Books, New Delhi, **2013**
- (4) *The Making of Womanhood: Gender Relations in the Mahabharata*, **1995**, Second Revised Edition, Manohar, Delhi, **2012**.
- (5) *Love, Eroticism and Female Sexuality in Classical Sanskrit Literature: Seventh-Thirteenth Centuries*, Manohar, Delhi, **2009**.

#### Publications In Peer Reviewed Journals

- (1) 'Engendering Praise and Censure in Pre-modern Indic Tradition,' (*Forthcoming*)
- (2) 'Hierarchies of Oppression : Ancient Indian Antecedents of Caste and Gender', (*Forthcoming*)
- (3) 'Is Indian Culture Monolithic ? A Gendered Study of Ancient Indian Tradition', *Sambhāsan*, University of Bombay, Vol.2, Nos.1-2, 2021, pp. 21-36
- (4) 'Gendering the Sabarimala Conundrum: Female Body, Sexuality and Desire in the Sanskrit Brahmanic Tradition', *Orientalistica*, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Vol.4 No. 1 , 2021, pp.233-241.
- (5) Engendering the Material Body: A Study of Sanskrit Literature, *Social Scientist*, Vol. 47, Nos. 7-8, July-August 2019.
- (6) 'Articulation, Dissent and Subversion: Voices of Women's Emancipation in Sanskrit Literature, *Social Scientist*, Vol. 45, Nos.9-10, September-October 2017.
- (7)'On Gender, Wives and Pativratas', *Social Scientist*, vol. 41, July 2012.
- (8)'The Srngari versus the Prema Tradition in the Early-Medieval Classical Sanskrit Literature', *Sumangali* (Centre for Women's Studies, Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth), vol. 1, no. 2, 2011
- (9)'The Poetesses in Classical Sanskrit Literature, 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Centuries CE' *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, vol. 15, no. 1, 2008.
- (10) 'The Philosophy of Kama in the Classical Sanskrit Literature: 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Centuries CE', *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, Delhi, 2008.
- (11) 'Women and the Notion of *Kama* in the Dharmashastric Discourse', *Indian Historical Review*, Vol. 33, No. 2. July 2006.
- (12) 'Representation of Female Sexuality in the Ayurvedic Discourse of the Early-Medieval Period,' *Studies in History*, Vol. 22, No. 1. January-June 2006.
- (13)'Female sexuality in the Kamashastric discourse, circa 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> centuries A.D.', *Social Science Probings*, Summer 2003.

(14) 'In the business of *Kama*: Prostitution in classical Sanskrit Literature : 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> centuries', *The Medieval History Journal*, Vol. 5, No. 1, 2002.

(15) 'Women and sexuality in the Mahabharata', *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 52<sup>nd</sup> Session, Delhi, 1991-92.

(16) 'Patriarchy and Property in the *Mahabharata*', *Social Science Probings*, Vol. 6, Nos. 1-4, Jan-Dec, 1989.

Publications: Others

(1) 'In the Business of Kama: Prostitution in Classical Sanskrit Literature', in Vijaya Ramaswamy (ed) *Women and Work in Pre-Colonial India: A Reader*, Sage, New Delhi, 2016

(2) 'Patni Banam Pativrata', *Tadbhav*, vol. 33, no. 2, June 2016.

(3) 'Social-Sexual World of Vesavasa and Antahpura: A Study in Contrast', in D.N. Jha (ed) *The Complex Heritage of Early India: Essays in Memory of R.S. Sharma*, Sage, New Delhi, 2014

(4) '*Linga, Samaj Aur Itihasa*', Nehru Memorial Museum And Library, Hindi Lecture Series, 2013

(5) 'Scientific History: The Writing and Teaching of Social Studies in Schools', in K.M. Shrimali et al. (eds) *Teaching History*, Aakar Book, New Delhi, 2013.

(6) 'Homosexuality in Ancient Indian Literature', in D.N. Jha (ed) *Contesting Symbols and Stereotypes: Essays on Indian Culture*, Aakar Books, New Delhi, 2013.

(7) 'Women and the Notion of Kama in the Dharmasastric Discourse', in Chandrakala Padia (ed.) *Women in Dharmasastras: A Phenomenological and Critical Analysis*, Rawat Publications, 2009.

(8) 'Gender and Sexuality in early Medieval Sanskrit literature', in D.N. Jha and Eugenia Vanina (Eds.) *Mind Over Matter: Essays on Mentalities in Medieval India*, Tulika, Delhi, 2009.

(9) 'The Principle of Kama Purushartha in the *Mahabharata*: Its Conception and Variations', in Kalyan Kumar Chakravarty (ed) *Text and Variations of the Mahabharata: Contextual, Regional and Performative Traditions*, Munshiram Manoharlal, Delhi, 2009.

(10) Spashtaocharan, Asahmati Aur Unmoolan: Sankrit Sahitya Mein Nari Atmchetana aur Swantantra ki Chaviyan, *Tadbhav*, vol. 20, July 2009.

(11) Langik Rajniti Tatha Mahabharata Mein Matrivediyan, *Tadbhav*, vol. 18, July 2008.

(12) 'Patriarchy and the myth of the Panchakanyas', *Women's Watch*, Vol. 2, No. 4, July-Sept 2005.

(13) 'Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Punjab: Case Study of Karnaparva in the *Mahabharata*' in Aparna Basu and AnupTaneja (eds) *Breaking Out of Invisibility: Women in Indian History*, ICHR, Delhi, 2002.

(14) 'The Sexual Politics and the cult of the Mother Goddess in the Mahabharata', in N.Chitgopekar (ed.) *Invoking the Goddess*, Har-Anand, Delhi, 2002.

**Translation:**

*Themes in Indian History*, NCERT Class XII History Text Books, **Hindi Translation** of Chapters in Vol.I & II ,2007

**Book Reviews:**

1. Ruth Vanita, The Dharma of Justice in The Sanskrit Epics: Debates on Gender, Varna and Species ,OUP, *Book Review*, Vol.46(9),September, 2022,pp.45-46
2. Kanad,Sinha,From Dasarajna to Kuruksetra: Making of a Historical Tradition,OUP ,*Studies in History*, Vol. 38, (2), 2022,pp.180-182
3. Smita Sahgal, Niyoga: Alternative Mechanisms to Lineage Perpetuation in Early India: A Socio-Historical Enquiry, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, Vol. 27, (1), January 2020,pp.159-160
4. Kumkum Roy, *The Power of Gender and the Gender of Power: Explorations in Early Indian History*, *Social Scientist*,Vol. 39,(5-6,)May- June 2011,pp.99-102
5. Rahul Peter Das, The Origin of the Life of a Human Being, *Wellcome History*, Vol. 34, 2007,pp.20-21
6. Harsh V. Dehejia (ed), A Celebration of Love, *Indian Historical Review*, vol. 33,(2),2006,pp.204-206
7. Kirit K. Shah (ed), History and Gender: Some Explorations, *Social Science Probings*, Vol. 17, (1), June 2005,pp.156-158

**Conference/Seminar Presentations/Talks in last 5 years**

1. 'The Evolution of Social Hierarchies in India: Ancient Antecedents,' Symposia paper presented at 81 session of Indian History Congress,28<sup>th</sup> December,2022, Chennai
2. "Teaching and Researching Feminist History: A Comparative Study", paper presented at a conference of Association of Ancient Historians , University of California, San Diego, April 28-30, 2022
3. Is There a Female Voice in Sanskrit Literature? Talk at Hansraj College, University of Delhi, 12 November 2021

4. Review seminar, Deptt. Of History, University of Delhi, 17 September,202 for Seema Bawa( ed) *Locating Pleasure in Indian History*, Bloomsbury,2021

5. Vagina Varsity **Podcast** Episode 3 titled 'Morality, Medicine and Eroticism ' December 2021 Link:

Google Podcast

<https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9hbmNob3luZm0vYcy82MzgxNDU2Yy9wb2RjYXN0L3JzY291Y2JjMWItMzgxYi00M2FmLWlONWQtZDk4ZGQ2ODQ0MTIj?ep=14>

Spotify

[https://open.spotify.com/episode/7yjA5ib4snjM4qKQlfhDQT?si=vAJ3quiORqmbd7RHQ\\_wZWw&utm\\_source=copy-link](https://open.spotify.com/episode/7yjA5ib4snjM4qKQlfhDQT?si=vAJ3quiORqmbd7RHQ_wZWw&utm_source=copy-link)

6. 'Is there a Monolithic Indian culture? : A study of Ancient Indian Tradition' at 10<sup>th</sup> K.M Ashraf Memorial Webinar, 'Rediscovering the Past: Cultures, Contestations and Cohesiveness in History' Kirorimal College, University of Delhi ,22 March, 2021
7. ' Women in Indian Mythology' Webinar at Indraprastha College, University of Delhi, 12th October, 2020
8. 'Engendering the Female Body: Sexuality and Desire in the Sanskritic Tradition', at the Conference on Women in Indian History, Organized by Historians of Aligarh Muslim University, Kannur, 29-30 December 2019.
9. 'Engendering Sexuality and Desire in the Sanskritic Tradition', at the Seminar on Performing Bodies in the Arts, Painting, Music and Literature, Department of History, Ramjas College, February 22, 2019.
10. 'Lectures on Ancient Indian History', under UGC SAP-DRS-II Programme, Department of History, University of Dibrugarh, March 21-23, 2018.
11. 'Engendering the Material Body: A Study of Sanskrit Texts' at Centenary seminar on 'Writing Social and Economic History: Issues and Perspectives', Department of AIHC, University of Calcutta, March 8, 2018.

#### **Research Supervisor for M.Phil Thesis**

- (1) Sumit, 'Production, Consumption and Cultural Responses to Intoxication in Sanskrit Literature', 2021
- (2) Fathima Razila K.V, 'Menstruation in Sanskrit Texts: An Anthropological and Historical Perspective— 2019
- (3) Guneet Kaur, 'Representation of Body in Jaina Texts of First Millennium A.D.', 2017.

- (4) Ratnapriya, 'Representing Masculinity in the Kamasastriya Tradition: Reading Kamasutra and Anangranga', 2017.
- (5) Ramchandra, 'Baudhayana Aur Gautama Dharmasutra Mein Shudra: Ek Anusheelan', 2016
- (6) Virendra Singh, 'Socio-Economic, Political and Cultural History of Delhi and its Environs: An Inscriptional Study 400-1328 A.D.', 2014.
- (7) Anuradha Goswami, 'Social Dynamics of Kushana, Satavahana period: A Study of Vajrasuchi and Gahasattasai', 2013.

**Research Supervisor for Ph.D Dissertations:**

- (1) Ratan Lal, 'K.P. Jaiswal: The Making of a 'Nationalist Historian'', Degree awarded 2016.
- (2) Mritunjaya Kumar, 'Uttari Bihar evam Purvi Nepal Tarai mein Shakti ki Upasana ka Itihasa, c. 700-1500 Awarded 2021
- (3) Priyanka Thakur, 'Structure and Spaces in the Shastric Tradition: A Study of Manusmrti and Yajnavalkyasmrti with their Commentators - Awarded 2021
- (4) Ratnapriya, 'Social Aspects of Death and Death Rituals: A Study of Sanskrit Texts 400-1200 C.E', (In Progress)
- (5) Kundan Raj, Prayascitta :In The Early Indian Sanskrit Textual traditions During first millennium CE (In Progress)