

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC PROFILE			
Year	Degree	Board/College/University	Division
1983	High School	Bihar School Examination Board	1st.
1985	Intermediate	Bihar Intermediate Council	1st.
1988	Graduation	Allahabad University	2nd./ 1st class marks in Ancient History
1990 Session Delayed and Result Published in 1992.	Masters	Allahabad University	1st.
2000	Ph.D.	Patna University	Trade in Early Medieval Eastern India.
1991	NET/JRF (UGC)	University Grants Commission, Delhi.	
1993	A Course on Research Methodology in History and Indology	K.P.Jaiswal Research Institute, Patna.	
2001	Appointed Lecturer in AIHC&A, at Visva Bharati, Santiniketan		
2002	Refresher Course	Centre for Research And Training in History, Archaeology And Palaeo-environment, New Delhi	Grade A
2005	Orientation Course	Patna University	Grade A

2010	Refresher Course	Ranchi University, Ranchi	Grade A
2013	Refresher Course	Allahabad University, Allahabad	Grade A

Area of Specialization: Early Medieval Archaeology and Socio Economic History of Early Medieval India.

Books;

1. Trade in Early Medieval Eastern India, Janaki Prakashan, Patna, Delhi, 2001.
(Review published in Indian Historical Review, *ICHR*, New Delhi, Vol. XXXIV, No. I, pp. 301-305., The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies, Vol. XLIII, Nos. 3&4, Institute of Historical Studies Kolkata, and Journal of Dept. of History, Burdwan University, Vol.VI, No.I)

Second Edition of the Book Published in 2009.

2. Bihar Sthaniya Itihas Evam Parampara, (Ed.) (Hindi), Janaki Prakashan, Patna, Delhi, 1998.

(Review published in Hindustan Times, Delhi)

Published Articles in Refereed Journals and Proceedings of International Seminars:

1. “Krimila: A Forgotten Adhithana of Early Medieval Eastern India”, *Indian Historical Review*, Vol. 38.1, Page 27-48, Sage Publication, ISSN 0376-9836.2011.

2. “The Panchobh Copper Plate of Samgrama Gupta: A Study”, Published in Social Science Research Journal, *Past, Present and Future*, Vol.2,No.2, Page 39-41. India ISSN 0975-0274. 2009.

3. “Emergence of Temple Centered Society in Early Bihar: Mundesvari Inscription a Case in Point”, *History Research*, Vol. 2.No.5, Page 332-340,David Publications, USA 2012, ISSN 2159-550X, 2012.

4. “Towns in Pre-Modern Bihar”; *Sthāpatyam*, Vol 1, Issue 3, Page 265-274, New Delhi. ISSN 2349-2368, 2014.

5. “Latest Archaeological Finds at Lakhisarai: Fresh Light on the Reconstruction of Early Medieval Indian History”, *Prajna –Bharati*, Vol. XIX, Journal of K.P. Jaiswal Research Institute, Patna, pp. 196-208, 2016.

6. Recent Archaeological Finds at Krimila: Their Implications on the Historiography of Early Medieval Indian History, *Journal of Indian Research*, Vol. 4, 2016, New Delhi, pp. 18-30, ISSN Number 2320-7000.

7. Locating “Chaliya Parvat”, A Forgotten Stupa: As Centre of Shared Cullture and Different Histories in Early India, *Dharmadoot*, Maha Bodhi Society of India

(International Pali Institute) Sarnath, Varanasi, Vol. 81, pp. 62-79. 2015. ISSN No. 2347-3428

8. “The Excavated Remains of a Buddhist Nunnery The (*Matha*) at Lal Pahari (Jainagar)”, District Lakhisarai, Bihar: 2017-18, *Bharati*, Bulletin of Dept. of AIHC and Archaeology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Vol.42, pp. 107-131. ISBN -0523-1302.

9. Book Review Article on Archaeological Gazetteers of Districts Nalanda, Vaishali, Samastipur, Kaimur and Gaya, , *Bharati*, Bulletin of Dept. of AIHC and Archaeology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Vol.42, pp- 451-455. ISBN -0523-1302

Published Articles in Proceedings of National Seminars and Conferences:

1. “Passage to Early Medieval Phase: Emergence of Temple Centred Society in Bihar”, pp. 247-254, Proceedings of Indian History Congress, 64th Session Mysore, 2003.

2. “Precious Items of Trade: Gleanings from the *Brihatsamhita*”, pp. 82-85, Proceedings of Indian History Congress, 65th Session Bareilly, 2004.

3. “Changing Faces of Towns in Early Medieval Bengal”, pp. 173-182, Proceedings of Indian History Congress, 66th Session, Santiniketan, 2005.

4. “Market Centres and Trade Routes in Late Ancient Bihar”, pp. 131-144. Proceedings of Indian History Congress, 67th Session Calicut, 2006-07.

5. “Interesting Early Medieval Sculptures of Magadh: A Case Study of Recently Discovered Sculptures from *Krimila Adhithana*” , Proceedings of Indian History Congress, 2010.

6. “Valgudar: An Early Medieval River Port of Bihar”, Proceedings of Bihar Itihas Parishad.”

7. “Lakhisarai: A Gateway to South East Asia?”, Changing Perspectives and Methodologies in South Asian Archaeology, Proceedings of a seminar organized by KPJRI Published, Patna.

8. “Faith Ritual and Feudal Order: World of Early Medieval Women in Lower Ganga Valley”, *Indian Women Through The Ages*, Proceedings of a Seminar Organized by Arbind Mahila College, Patna, 2013, New Delhi.

Chapters in International and National Publications:

1. "Early Medieval Guilds in Bihar: A Study in Their Decline", pp. 140-146, *Readings in Indian History*, S.H. Askari Centenary Volume, K.P. Jayaswal Research Institute, Patna, 2001.
2. "Economy of Nalanda: An Early Medieval Perspective", pp. 38 – 48, *Nalanda-Buddhism and World*, Vol. VII, Nav Nalanda Mahavihar, 2001.
3. "Trade and Trade Routes in Early Medieval Mithila: An Archaeological Study", (Hindi), pp.221-226, *Region in History Perspectivising Bihar*, 2002.
4. "Urbanisation in Ancient India", *Indian Historiography, Vol.1*, , Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata.
5. "Valgudar: Ek Itihasik Punravalokan," *Bihar Sthaniye Itihas Evam Parampara*, Patna.
6. "Defining the Towns of Early Medieval Bengal", *Urbanity and Economy, The Pre Modern Dynamics in Eastern India*, SUCHI, Kolkata, 2014.

Articles Accepted for Publication:

1. "Archaeology of Early Medieval Trade Routes of Bihar", Proceedings of ASHA, New Delhi.
2. "Lakhisarai; A Forgotten Passage to Early Medieval Phase", Social Science Probings, New-Delhi.

Attended and Presented Articles in International Conferences/ Seminars:

1. "Late Pala Inscriptions from Krimila Adhithana: A Reapresal", 6th World Archaeology Congress, Dublin, Ireland, 2008.
2. "Pilgrimage Centres of Early Medieval Bihar" in 3rd Conference of SSEASR, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. 2009.
3. "Emergence of Temple Centred Society in Early Bihar: Mundesvari Inscription a Case in Point" , IAHR: XXth Quinquennial World Congress, 2010, Toronto, Canada.
4. "Recently Discovered Buddhist Sculptures from Krimila Adhithana: Their Implications", Buddhist Linkages in South and South East Asia: Perspectives And Prospects, International Conference, 2011, Delhi University, Delhi, India.
5. "Chaliya Stupa: Locating a Forgotten Stupa of Early India", International Conference on Introspection on Buddhist Traditions, GBU, Greater Noida, U.P., India, 7-9 Sept. 2012.

6. “Political Aspects of Indian Religious Art in Early Medieval India: A Case Study of Recently Discovered Sculptures from Magadh”, 7th World Archaeology Congress, Dead Sea, Jordan, Jan. 13-18, 2013.
7. “Lesser Known Buddhist Centres of Bihar”, International Conference on Tourism, Organized by Govt. of Bihar, Patna, 2013.
8. “Women and Religion in Feudal Social Order of Lower Ganga Valley”, South Asian Conference in History, Patiala University, Patiala, 2013.
9. “Identifying "Chāliyā Parvat," A Forgotten Stupa of Early India: As Cultural Passage to South East Asia”, Indo-Cambodia Relations through Buddhism, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2015.
10. “Exploring Forgotten Buddhist Monuments of Magadh: Their Implications” 8th World Archaeology Congress, Kyoto, Japan, August 27-September 1, 2016.
11. “Locating Mediaeval Trade Routes of Eastern India: Their Implications on Early Medieval Historiography”, The International Conference on Land Transportation, Locomotive Heritage and Road Culture, Centre for Heritage Studies, University of Kelanya, Colombo, Srilanka. 14th-15th December, 2017.
12. “Revisiting Archaeological Remains at Mandar”, Hindu Cultural Trails”, Jointly Organised by SAARC Cultural Centre, Colombo and IGNCA, New Delhi 8th-10th October 2018.
13. “Buddhism and Women’s Liberation”, 30-31st January, 2019, Organized by Mahabodhi Society of India at Bodh Gaya.
14. “Recently Discovered Ancient Nunnery at Lal Pahari, Lakhisarai: Its Implications on the Modern Buddhist Nuns of Thailand”, Buddhasavika Foundation, Nakhonpathom, Thailand, 13th -14th August, 2018.

Chaired Academic Session:

Chaired a Session in an International Conference entitled “Introspection on Buddhist Traditions”, GBU, Greater Noida, U.P., India, 7-9 Sept. 2012.

Attended and Presented Articles in National Conferences/ Seminars:

1. “Early Medieval Economy of Bihar C.A.D. 600-1200,” 56th Session of Indian History Congress, 1995, Calcutta.

2. "Trade in Brihatsamhita", 57th session of Indian History Congress, 1996, Madras.
3. "Trade and Trade Routes in Early Medieval Bihar," 58th Session of Indian History Congress, 1997, Bangalore.
4. "Making of Early Medieval Eastern India," 59th Session of Indian History Congress, 1998, Patiala.
5. "Guilds in Early Medieval Eastern India," 60th Session of Indian History Congress, 2000, Calicut.
6. "Towns in Early Medieval Bengal," 62nd Session of Indian History Congress, 2001, Bhopal.
7. "Archaeology of Trade Routes in Early Medieval Bihar" in Kolkata session of ASHA, 1999.
8. "Trade Routes in Early Medieval Bihar" Seminar entitled, "Phases of Transition in The History of Bihar", organized by Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library, Patna, 2006.
9. "Role of Women in Agrarian Activities in Early Medieval Eastern India". Seminar on "Empowerment of Women in Rural Bihar, December, Patna.
10. "Participation of Women in Religious Practices in Early Medieval Eastern India", Seminar on Gender Equality: A Historical Perspective, A.M. College, Patna.
11. "Recently Discovered Sculptures from Krimila Adhithana: Their Implications", Seminar on "Heritage of Nalanda: Icons and Symbols; Thoughts and Literature, Nava Nalanda Mahavihar, Nalanda.
12. "Early Medieval Social Formation in Bihar", Seminar on Social History of Ancient India, Vinova Bhavne University, Hazaribagh, 2007.
13. "Role of Women in Buddhist Viharas during Early Medieval Eastern India", National Seminar, D.A.V. College, Kanpur, 2008.
14. "Religion and Women in Early Medieval Inscriptions of Bengal", Seminar on Gender Studies organized by Centre for Gender Studies, Patna, 2010.
15. "Recently Discovered Brahmanical Sculptures of Magadh: Their Political Implications", Workshop, Organized by Dept. of AIHC&A, V.B. Santiniketan, 2010.
16. "Interpreting Early Medieval Sculptures of Magadh: A Case Study of Sculptures from Krimila Adhithana", National Seminar, Heritage of Nalanda: Icons and Symbols; Thoughts and Literature" Organized by, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda, 2011.

17. “Vratyas of Magadh”: A Historical Critique , MM Bikram (Patna), 2011.
18. “Poorva Madhyakalin Mithila Me Vyapar”, 7th Congress of Bihar Itihas Parishad, 2011.
19. “Temple Centred Society in Early Medieval Magadh”, Buddhist Heritage of Magadh, Seminar Organized by Nava Nalanda Mahavihar, 2012.
20. “Political Interpretations of Recently Discovered Sculptures from Magadh”, Seminar on Recent Trends of History Writings, Problems and Prospects, DAV College, Kanpur, 2012.
21. “Interpreting Local State Formations in Early Medieval Magadh”, Seminar on Heritage of Magadh in Present Developmental Context, Barahiya Collage, T.M. University, Bhagalpur, 2012.
22. “Religio-Political Interpretations of Recently Discovered Sculptures from *Krimila Adhithana*” , Seminar on Social Ideals and Reality in Ancient India, B.H.U. Varanasi, 2012.
23. “Women and Religion in Early Bihar”, Third Annual Conference on Gender Issues, 2012.

Invited Lectures:

1. “Pre History of Chota Nagpur: Problems of Dating of Artifacts”, Archaeology of Chota Nagpur, Seminar organized by Vinova Bhave University, Hazaribagh, 2006.
2. “Buddhist Art of Eastern India- Some Specimens,” Buddha Study Circle, Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kanpur, 2007.
3. “Nature of Trade of Early Medieval India,” Lecture organized by D.A.V. College, Kanpur, 2008.
4. NSS, “ Rabindranath Tagore and his Ideas of *Ashrama* ”, Santiniketan, 2011.
5. “Archaeology of 7th cent. A.D. to 10th Cent. A.D. in Different Regions”, Institute of Archaeology, ASI, New Delhi, 30 June, 2016.
6. “Nature of Early Medieval Urbanization in Eastern India: *Krimila* a Case in Point”, Nehru Memorial Museum, New Delhi, 2017.

Project:

1. Completed a major project by Govt. of Bihar, entitled “Documentation of Antiquarian Remains of Bihar” 2009. Govt. of Bihar.
2. Principal Investigatory and Historical Advisor to a Project of making explanatory Sinages of Historical Sites in Bihar, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of Bihar, 2013-14.
3. Historical Adviser in a project of preparing map of *Saktipithas* and *Jyotirlinga* of India by NATMO, Govt. of India, 2013-14.
4. Minor project by KPJRI, Patna to write a Monograph of *Vikramshila* Monastery, 2013-14.
5. Consultant in an international Collaborative Project for Preparing Digital Map of Buddhist Monuments in India and ASEAN Countries by NATMO India and GISTDA, Thailand. Completed the work and submitted the final manuscript for publication. 2015.
6. Engaged in a project t with Bihar Heritage Development Society for Archaeological Works at Lakhisarai, Bihar as Convener.
6. Principal Investigator of a project entitled “Archaeological Works at Lakhisarai, Bihar”, by Bihar Heritage Development Society, Dept. of Art and Culture, Govt of Bihar, from 2017 onwards.

Teaching Experience:

Eighteen years and four months in Post graduate and undergraduate level at Visva Bharati, Santiniketan.

Five Years in Post graduate level at Patna University as U.G.C. J.R.F/ S.R.F.

Experience of Field and Excavations:

1. As Student of Ancient History Culture and Archaeology, University of Allahabad, Allahabad.
2. Participated in Excavation at Panr for three seasons, conducted by K.P. Jaiswal Research Institute, Patna.
3. Participated in ongoing Excavation at Binjor, 2016.
4. Carrying out excavation at Lalpahari, Lakhisarai, Bihar from 2017.

Membership of International and National Organizations:

1. World Archaeology Congress.
2. International Association for History and Religion.
3. South East Asian Studies of Religion, Bangkok, Thailand.
4. Indian History Congress.
5. Bihar Itihas Parishad.