

**Professor Anil Kumar**  
**Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Visva**  
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**Expertise**

Area of specialization is socio-economic history of early India and early medieval archaeology. Experience of exploration in India and South Asian countries. Completed excavation of Lalpahari hilltop Buddhist Monastery, Lakhisarai, Bihar and documentation of antiquarian remains in Lakhisarai (Ancient *Krimila*), a project by Govt. of Bihar. Presently engaged in Geophysical survey of Mohane river valley in Jharkhand and Bihar, India.

**Educational Qualifications**

1. Ph. D. – 2000, Patna University, Patna, Bihar.
2. M.A. – 1992, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, U.P.

**Honours and Awards**

1. Chaired Session in International Conference "Archaeology, Culture and Religion of South Asia" - 2024  
Comilla University, Bangladesh.
2. Chaired One Academic Session of the three-day ICHR sponsored National Seminar on the Topic 'Origin & History of Sacred Spaces in Hinduism: Understanding Geography, Archaeology & Epigraphy of Temples & Religious Architectures' – 2023, Indian Council for Historical Research, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
3. Chaired International Conference on Land Transportation, Locomotive Heritage and Road Culture – 2017, Centre of Heritage Studies University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.
4. Chaired a Session in an International Conference entitled "Introspection on Buddhist Traditions", GBU, Greater Noida, U.P., India, 7-9 Sept. 2012.
5. Senior Research Fellow – 1994, University Grant Commission, New Delhi.
6. Junior Research Fellow – 1992, University Grant Commission, New Delhi.

## **Research Project**

1. DST: Research Project titled "Integrated Non -invasive geophysical, archaeological and biogeochemical characterisation of Itkhori heritage sites in the Mohane River Valley"  
Year 2021, Amount 14090144.00
2. Excavation at Lalpahari Buddhist Monastery  
Role: Director, Year 2017- 2021, Amount 50 Lakhs
3. Archaeological Works at Lakhisarai, Bihar, Year 2017,-21, Amount 50 Crore Approx.
4. International Collaborative Project for Preparing Digital Map of Buddhist Monuments in India and ASEAN Countries, Role: Historical Advisor  
Year 2013, Amount 125 Lakhs
5. Project of Making Explanatory Sinages of Historical Sites in Bihar, Year 2013, Amount 1,00,00,000
6. Documentation of Antiquarian Remains of Bihar (Lakhisarai), Year 2008, Amount 1000000/ Approx.

## **Publication**

### **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 Sthaniyaltihas Evam Parampara, ( Ed.) ( Hindi), Janaki Prakashan, Patna, Delhi, 1998. (Review published in Hindustan Times, Delhi)**

### **Articles**

1. Machine Learning-Driven Archaeological Site Prediction in the Central Part of Jharkhand, India Using Multi-parametric Geospatial Data Sanjit Kumar Pal, Shubhankar Maity, Amit Bera, Debajit Ghosh & Anil Kumar, Journal of the Indian Society of Remote Sensing, Year 2024. Springer Nature, London, USA.
2. Srimaddharmavihara-Monastic Sealing from a Recently Excavated Buddhist Site in South Bihar, Monthly Bulletin, Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Volume LIII (No. 5), Year 2024, Pages 45 – 49, Kolkata.

3. Discovery of an Ancient Nunnery in Magadh: Its implication on the Bhikkhuni Samghas of Thailand, ANC Journal for Discourses in Humanities and Social Sciences, Volume 2, Year 2022, Pages 1 – 25, Patna.
4. A Typo-chronological Study of Ceramics from Lalpahari, Lakhisarai, Bihar, Pratna Samiksha, Volume 11, Year 2020, Pages 41 – 71, Kolkata.
5. Antiquarian Remains at Lakhisarai: An Apparisal, Syed Ejaz Hussain and Sanjay Garg Alternative Arguments, Essays in Honour of S. Gopal, Volume 1, Year 2020, Pages 152-186, New Delhi.
6. Excavation at Lalpahari (Lakhisarai, Bihar) 2018-2019, Interrogating Early India: Evolving Perspectives, Volume, Year 2019, Pages 26-48, Kolkata.
7. *Krimila: A Forgotten Nagar of Early Medieval Eastern India* Occasional Papers, Nehru Memorial Museum, Year 2019, Pages 1 – 35, New Delhi.
8. The Excavated Remains of a Buddhist Nunnery the (Matha) at Lal Pahari (Jainagar)”, District Lakhisarai, Bihar, Bharati, Volume 42, Year 2018, Pages 107 – 131, Varanasi.
9. Book Review Article on Archaeological Gazetteers of Districts Nalanda, Vaishali, Samastipur, Kaimur and Gaya, Bharati, ISBN -0523- 1302, Volume 42, Year 2018, Pages 451 – 455, Varanasi.
10. Recent Explored Buddhist Monuments at *Krimila Adhithana*: Its Implications, Archaeology of Buddhism: Recent Discoveries in South Asia, Volume, Year 2016, Pages 169-181, Manohar, New Delhi.
11. Latest Archaeological Finds at Lakhisarai: Fresh Light on the Reconstruction of Early Medieval Indian History, Prajna –Bharati, Volume XIX, Year 2016, Pages 196-208, Patna.
12. Recent Archaeological Finds at *Krimila*: Their Implications on the Historiography of Early Medieval Indian History, Journal of Indian Research, Volume 4 (No. 1-4), Year 2016, Pages 18 – 30, New Delhi.
13. Locating “Chaliya Parvat”, A Forgotten Stupa: As Centre of Shared Culture and Different Histories in Early India, Dharmadoot, Volume 81, Year 2015, Pages 62-79, Sarnath.
14. Material Background of Religion in Early Medieval Bihar, Reinterpreting History, Volume , Year 2015, Pages 1 – 15, New Delhi.
15. Towns in Pre-Modern Bihar”, Sthāpatyam, Volume 1 (3), Year 2014, Pages 265-274, New Delhi.

16. Defining the Towns of Early Medieval Bengal, Urbanity and Economy, The Pre-Modern Dynamics in Eastern India, Volume, Year 2014, Pages 121 – 134, Kolkata.
17. Faith Ritual and Feudal Order: World of Early Medieval Women in Lower Ganga Valley, Indian Women Through the Ages, Volume, Year 2013, Pages 49 – 61, Patna, New Delhi.
18. Emergence of Temple Centered Society in Early Bihar: Mundesvari Inscription a Case in Point, History Research, Volume 2 (5), Year 2012, Pages 332 – 340, David Publication, USA.
19. Lakhisarai: A Gateway to South East Asia?, Changing Perspectives and Methodologies in South Asian Archaeology, Volume , Year 2012, Pages- 163-182, Patna.
20. *Krimila*: A Forgotten *Adhithana* of Early Medieval Eastern India, Indian Historical Review, Volume 38 (1), Year 2011, Pages 27-48, Sage, USA, New Delhi.
21. Interesting Early Medieval Sculptures of Magadh: A Case Study of Sculptures from "*Krimila Adhithana*", Proceedings of Indian History Congress, Volume 70, Year 2010, Pages 1034 – 1048, New Delhi.
22. The Panchobh Copper Plate of Samgrama Gupta: A Study, Social Science Research Journal: Past, Present and Future, Volume 2 (2), Year 2009, Pages 39-41, Patna.
23. Urbanisation in Ancient India, Indian Historiography, Volume 1, Year 2008, Pages 61 – 98, Kolkata.
24. Market Centres and Trade Routes in Late Ancient Bihar, Proceedings of Indian History Congress, Volume 67, Year 2006, Pages 131 – 144, New Delhi.
25. Changing Faces of Gupta and Post Gupta Towns of Bengal, Proceedings of Indian History Congress, Volume 66, Year 2005, Pages 173 – 182, New Delhi.
26. Valgudar: An Early Medieval River Port of Bihar, Proceedings of Bihar Itihas Parishad, ISBN 8190869701, Volume 6th Annual Conference, Year 2005, Pages 249-258, Patna.
27. Precious Items of Trade: Gleanings from the *Brihatsamhita*, Proceedings of Indian History Congress, Volume 65, Year 2004, Pages 82 – 86, New Delhi.
28. Passage to Early Medieval Phase: Emergence of Temple Centred Society in Bihar, Proceedings of Indian History Congress, Volume 64, Year 2003, Pages 247 – 253, New Delhi.
29. Trade and Trade Routes in Early Medieval Mithila: An Archaeological Study (Hindi) Region in History Perspectivising Bihar, Volume , Year 2002, Pages 221 – 226, Patna.

30. Early Medieval Guilds in Bihar: A Study in Their Decline, Readings in Indian History, Volume S.H. Askari Centenary Volume, Year 2001, Pages 140-146, Patna.
31. Economy of Nalanda: An Early Medieval Perspective, Nalanda Buddhism and World, Volume VII, Year 2001, Pages 38 – 48< New Delhi.
32. Valgudar: Ek ItihasikPunravalokan, Bihar Sthaniyeltihas Evam Parampara, Volume , Year 1998, Pages 174 – 178, Patna.