

**U.G.C. MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT**

**Final Report**

**Project No.:**

**F. No. 5-180/2014 (HRP)**

**Project Tenure:**

**Three Years (01.07.2015 to 30.06.2018)**

**Principal Investigator:**

**Dr. Amarendra Kumar**  
*Associate Professor,*  
*Department of History,*  
*Visva-Bharati (A Central University)*  
*Santiniketan (West Bengal)*

**Project Fellow:**

**Mr. Mphid Mohd Iqbal Mujawar**  
*(UGC NET Qualified)*

**Project Title:**

**“Contesting Claims, Conflicting Interests: The  
Marathas, Siddi of Janjira and the European  
Merchant Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-  
1759)”**



22/7/2024

**Dr. Amarendra Kumar**  
**Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator,**  
**MRP-MAJ-HIST-2013-18294; F. No.5-180-2014 (HRP)**  
**Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**



FD-III Diary No. 2631  
Dated. 03.08.15

Office of the Registrar  
Visva-Bharati  
Docket No. Ug-232 Date 19/9

ज्ञान-विज्ञान विमुक्तये

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110002

S

F. No. 5-180/2014 (HRP)

MRP MAJ-HIST-2013-18294

The Under Secretary (FD-III)  
University Grants Commission  
New Delhi-110002

सं. 5/117 दिनांक 19/09/15  
DOCKET & DESPATCH  
GENERAL SECTION  
VISVA-BHARATI

8 SEP 2015

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sub:- Release of Grants-in-aid to Visva- Bharati , Santiniketan At & P.O. Santiniketan, Distt. Birbhum, West Bengal – 731 235 for the year 2015-2016 under Plan in respect of Major Research Project in entitled, " Contesting Claims- Conflicting Interests: The Marathas- Siddi of Janjira and the European Merchant- Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-1759) " awarded to Dr. Amarendra Kumar, Deptt. of History & Archaeology, Tenure of project for Three year(s) w.e.f. 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2018.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval –cum- sanction of the University Grants Commission for payment of grant of Rs.6,19,600/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninteen Thousand Six Hundred Only) as 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment for the year 2015-2016 towards Major Research Project to the Registrar, Visva- Bharati, Santiniketan At & P.O. Santiniketan, Distt. Birbhum, West Bengal – 731 235 for the Plan expenditure to be incurred during 2015-2016.


S.No.	ITEMS	Head of Account	Amount Approved	Grant Released as 1st instalment
<b>A.</b>	<b>Non - Recurring</b>			
1.	Books & Journals	3A(49/b) 35	90,000/-	90,000/-
2.	Equipment (Laptop, Printer)		70,000/-	70,000/-
<b>B.</b>	<b>Recurring</b>			
1.	Honorarium to Retd. Teacher @ Rs. 18,000/- p.m.		Nil	Nil
2.	Project Fellow @ Rs.14,000/- p.m. for 3 years	3A(49/b)31	5,76,000/-	2,88,000/-
3.	Contingency		75,000/-	37,500/-
4.	Hiring Services		40,000/-	20,000/-
5.	Travel/Field Work		90,000/-	45,000/-
6.	Overhead Charges 10% of approved recurring Grant (Except Travel & Field Work)		69,100/-	69,100/-
	<b>Total (A + B)</b>		<b>Rs. 10,10,100/-</b>	<b>Rs. 6,19,600/-</b>

- The sanctioned amount is debitble to the Major Head 3A(49/b) 31 Rs. 4,59,600/- & Head 3A(49/b)35 Rs.1,60,000/- and is valid for payment during financial year 2015-16.
- The amount of the Grant shall be drawn by the Under Secretary (drawing and Disbursing Officer), University Grants Commission on the Grants-in-aid Bill and shall be disbursed to the Registrar, to Visva- Bharati, Santiniketan At & P.O. Santiniketan, Distt. Birbhum, West Bengal – 731 235 through Electronic mode as per the following details

Payment Details	
(a)	Name & Address of Account Holder The Registrar, Visva- Bharati , Santiniketan At & P.O. Santiniketan, Distt. Birbhum, West Bengal – 731 235
(b)	Account No. 0826050001858
(c)	Name & Address of Bank Branch United Bank of India, Bolpur Bhubandanga Branch, P.O. Bolpur, Distt. Birbhum, West Bengal – 731 235
(d)	MICR Code of Branch 731027002
(e)	IFSC code UBBI0BOHC42
(f)	Type of Account: Nil/Current/Cash Credit Current


Sent to D. R. (Ales.)

3. The Grants is subject to the adjustment of the basis of Utilization Certificate in the prescribed form submitted by the University/Colleges/institution.
4. The University/College shall maintain proper accounts of the expenditure out of the grants which shall be utilized only on approved items of expenditure.
5. The University/College/Institution may follow the General Financial Rules, 2005 and take Urgent necessary action to amend their manuals of financial procedures to bring them in conformity with GFRs, 2005 and instructions/guideline there under from time to time.
6. The Utilization Certificate of the effect that the grant has been utilized for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned shall be furnished to the University Grants Commission as early as possible after the close of the current financial year.
7. The assets acquired wholly or substantially out of University Grant Commission's grant shall not be disposed or encumbered or utilized for the purposes other than those for which the grant was given, without proper sanction of the University Grants Commission and should, at any time the College/University ceased in function such assets shall revert to the University Grant Commission.
8. A Register of assets acquired wholly or substantially out of the grant shall be maintained by the University/College in the prescribed form.
9. The grantee institution shall ensure the utilization of grant-in-aid for which it is being sanction/paid. In case non-utilization/part utilization, the simple interest @ 10% per annum as amended from time to time on unutilized amount from the date of draw to the date of refund as per provisions contained in General Financial Rules of Govt. of India will be charged.
10. The University/College/Institute shall follow strictly the Government of India/University Grants Commission guidelines regarding implementation of the reservation policy (both vertical (for SC, St & OBC) and horizontal (for persons with disability etc.)) in teaching and non-teaching posts.
11. The University/College shall fully implement to Official Language Policy of Union Govt. and comply with the Official Language Act, 1963 and Official Languages (Use for Official purposes of the Union) Rules, 1976 etc.
12. The sanction issues in exercise of the delegation of powers vide Commission Office Order No. 69/2014-F. No.10-11/12 (Admn. IA & B) dated 26/3/2014.
13. The University/Institution shall strictly follow the University Grants Commission Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009.
14. The University/College/ Institution shall take immediate action for its accreditation by National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC).
15. The accounts of the University/Colleges/ Institution will be open for audit by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India in accordance with the provisions of General Financial Rules, 2005.
16. The annual accounts i.e. balance sheet, income and expenditure statement and statement of receipts and payments are to be prepared strictly in accordance with the Uniform Format of Accounting prescribed by Government.
17. It is certified from B.C.R. that the funds are available under the scheme. Entered in BCR at S. No. 585 P. No. 96.
18. The funds are available under the scheme or BE/RE of the year 205-2016
19. This issue with the concurrence of IFD Vide No. Diary No. 8599 Dated, 19.12.2014.
20. This issue with the approval of the Chairman, UGC, (MRP) Vide Diary No.30183 Dated 17/4/2015.

  
(Suresh Rani)  
Under Secretary

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Registrar, Visva- Bharati University, Santiniketan At & P.O. Santiniketan, Distt. Birbhum, West Bengal - 731 235.
2. Office of Director General of Audit, Central Revenues A.G.C.R. Building .I.P.Estate, New Delhi .
3. Accountant General, State of West Bengal.
4. Dr. Amarendra Kumar, Principal Investigator, Deptt. of History & Archaeology, Visva- Bharati University, Santiniketan At & P.O. Santiniketan, Distt. Birbhum, West Bengal - 731 235

  
(ARUN KUMAR SINHA)  
SECTION OFFICER



सत्यमेव जयते

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग  
University Grants Commission  
मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार  
(Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India)  
बहादुरशाह जफर मार्ग नई दिल्ली- 110002  
Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002



FD Diary No. 6383  
Dated: 23/10/2017

No. F. 5- 180/2014(HRP)

17 NOV 2017

The Under Secretary (FD-III),  
University Grants Commission,  
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,  
New Delhi-110002.

Sub:- Release of Grants-in-aid to Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan P.O. Santiniketan, Dist. Birbhum, West Bengal- 731235, West Bengal for the year 2017-18 under Revenue in respect of Major Research Project entitled "CONTESTING CLAIMS- CONFLICTING INTERESTS: THE MARATHAS-SIDDI OF JANJIRA AND THE EUROPEAN MERCHANT-WARRIORS IN THE KONKAN LITTORAL (1659-1759)" awarded to Dr. Amarendra Kumar, Deptt. of History, Tenure of project from 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2018.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the University Grants Commission for payment of grant of Rs.1,97,416/- (Rupees One lakh ninety seven thousand four hundred sixteen only) as 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment for the year 2017-18 towards Major Research Project to the Registrar, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan P.O. Santiniketan, Dist. Birbhum, West Bengal- 731235, West Bengal for the Revenue expenditure to be incurred during 2017-18.

S.NO	Name of the Item	Amount allocated RS.	Head of Account	Amount already Released RS.	Amount Being Released RS.	Total grant RS.
<b>(1) Non- Recurring</b>						
(i)	Books & Journals	90,000/-	3. A (65)(b). 35	90,000/-	---	90,000/-
(ii)	Equipment	70,000/-		70,000/-	---	70,000/-
<b>(2) Recurring</b>						
(i)	Honorarium	---	3.A (65)(b). 31	---	---	---
(ii)	Project Fellow @14000/- p.m +HRA@1600/- P.M.	4,02,267/-		2,88,000/-	74,040/-	4,03,416/-
		45,973/-			41,376/-	
(iii)	Contingency	75,000/-		37,500/-	30,000/-	67,500/-
(iv)	Hiring Services	40,000/-		20,000/-	16,000/-	36,000/-
(v)	Travel/ fieldwork	90,000/-		45,000/-	36,000/-	81,000/-
(vi)	Overhead	69,100/-		69,100/-	---	69,100/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,82,340/-</b>		<b>6,19,600/-</b>	<b>1,97,416/-</b>	<b>8,17,016/-</b>

P.T.C

2. The sanctioned amount is debitable to the Major Research Project head 3.A (65)(b). 31 and is valid for payment during the financial year 2017-18 only.
3. The amount of the grant shall be drawn by the Under Secretary (Drawing & Disbursing Officer), University Grants Commission on the Grant-in-aid bill and shall be disbursed to and credited to the Registrar, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan P.O. Santiniketan, Dist. Birbhum, West Bengal- 731235, West Bengal through Electronic mode as per the following details.

Payment Details		
(a)	Bank Name & Address of Branch	United Bank of India, Bolepur Bhubandanga Branch, P.O. Bolpur, Dist- Birbhum, West Bengal- 731 204
(b)	Account No.	0826050001858
(c)	Type of Account: SB/Current/Cash Credit	Current
(d)	IFSC code	UTBI0BOBC42
(e)	MICR Code of Branch	731027002
(f)	Whether Bank Branch is RTGS of NEFT enabled: RTGS/NEFT /Both	Yes
(g)	Name & Address of Account Holder	Registrar, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan P.O. Santiniketan, Dist. Birbhum, West Bengal- 731235, West Bengal

4. The Grant is subject to the adjustment on the basis of the Utilization Certificate in the prescribed proforma submitted by the University/College/ Institution.
5. The University/College / Institution shall maintain proper accounts of the expenditure out of the grants which shall be utilized only on approved items of expenditure.
6. The University / Institution may follow the General Financial Rules, 2005 and take Urgent necessary action to amend their manuals of financial procedures to bring them in conformity with GFRs, 2005 and those don't have their own approved manuals on financial procedures may adopt the provisions of GFRs, 2005 and instructions/guideline there under from time to time.
7. The Utilization Certificate to the effect that the Grant has been utilized for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned shall be furnished to the University Grants Commission as early as possible after the close of the current financial year.
8. The Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of the University Grants Commission's Grant shall not be disposed or encumbered or utilized for the purpose other than those for which the grant was given without proper sanction of the University Grants Commission and should, at any time the University ceased to function such Assets shall revert to the University Grants Commission.
9. A register of Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of the Grant shall be maintained by the University/College in the prescribed proforma.
10. The grantee institution shall ensure the utilization of grants-in-aid for which it is being sanctioned/ paid. In case non-utilization/ part utilization thereof simple interest @ 10% per annum, as amended from time to time on unutilized amount from the date of drawl to the date of refund as per provisions contained in General Financial Rules of Govt. of India, will be charged.
11. The University / Institution shall follow strictly the Government of India / University Grants Commission guidelines regarding implementation of the reservation policy [both vertical (for SC, ST & OBC) and horizontal (for persons with disability etc.)] in teaching and non-teaching posts.
12. The University/College shall fully implement the official language policy of Union Govt. and comply with the official language Act, 1963 and Official Languages (Use for official purposes of the Union) Rules, 1976 etc.
13. The sanction is issued in exercise of the delegation of powers vide University Grants Commission order no. 69/2014 [F.No. 10-11/12 (Admn. IA & B)] dated 26/03/2014.

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG NEW  
DELHI - 110 002**

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT**

1. Name of Principal Investigator: **Dr. Amarendra Kumar**
2. Dept. of Principal Investigator: **History**  
University/College: **Visva-Bharati (A Central University)**
3. UGC approval Letter No. and Date: **F. No. 5-180/2014 (HRP)**
4. Title of the Research Project: **Contesting Claims, Conflicting Interests: The Marathas, Siddi of Janjira and the European Merchant Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-1759)**
5. Effective date of starting the project: **08.09.2015**
6. a. Period of Expenditure: **01.07.2015 to 30.06.2018**  
b. Details of Expenditure:

S.No.	Item	Amount Approved (Rs.)	Expenditure Incurred (Rs.)
i.	Books & Journals	90,000/-	76,650/-
ii.	Equipment	70,000/-	69,900/-
iii.	Contingency	67,500/-	67,452/-
iv.	Field Work/Travel (Give details in the proforma at Annexure- IV).	81,000/-	77,429/-
v.	Hiring Services	36,000/-	36,000/-
vi.	Chemicals & Glassware	--	--
vii.	Overhead	69,100/-	69,100/-
viii.	Any other items (Please specify)	--	--

  
20/5/24


c. Staff: (NET Qualified)

Date of Appointment: 08.02.2016

S.No.	Items	From	To	Amount Approved (Rs.)	Expenditure incurred (Rs.)
1.	Honorarium to PI (Retired Teachers) @ Rs. 18,000/-p.m.			N.A.	
2.	<b>Project fellow:</b> i) NET/GATE qualified-Rs. 16,000/- p.m. for initial 2 years and Rs. 18,000/- p.m. for the third year. ii) Non-GATE/Non-NET- Rs. 14,000/- p.m. for initial 2 years and Rs. 16,000/- p.m. for the third year.	08.02.2016	30.06.2018	4,03,416/-	3,95,586/-

1. It is certified that the appointment(s) have been made in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the Commission.
2. If as a result of check or audit objection some irregularly is noticed at later date, action will be taken to refund, adjust or regularize the objected amounts.
3. Payment @ revised rates shall be made with arrears on the availability of additional funds.

4. It is certified that out of the released grant of Rs. 8,17,016/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventeen Thousand and Sixteen only) received from the University Grants Commission under the scheme of support for Major Research Project entitled "Contesting Claims, Conflicting Interests: The Marathas, Siddi of Janjira and the European Merchant Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-1759)" vide UGC letter No. F. No. 5-180/2014 (HRP), dated 08.09.2015, a sum of Rs. 7,92,117/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Ninety-two Thousand One Hundred Seventeen only) has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned and in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the University Grants Commission. The unspent amount of Rs. 24,899/- (Rupees Twenty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-nine only) has been refunded to the UGC through RTGS.

  
SIGNATURE OF THE  
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR  
**Dr. Amarendra Kumar**  
Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator,  
MRP-MAJ-HIST-2013-18294; F. No.5-180-2014 (HRP)  
Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

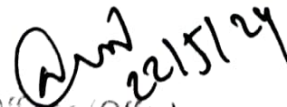
  
REGISTRAR/PRINCIPAL  
कुलसचिव (कार्यवाहक)  
विश्वभारती  
Registrar (Acting)  
Visva-Bharati

STATUTORY AUDITOR  
(Govt. Internal Auditor/ Char.  
Accountant)


(Seal)

checked and



  
Finance Officer (Offg.)  
वित्त अधिकारी (स्थानापन्न)  
Visva-Bharati / विश्व भारती  
Santiniketan / शान्तिनिकेतन

17

  
लेखा अधिकारी / संयुक्त कुलसचिव  
Accounts Officer / Joint Registrar  
विश्वभारती, शान्तिनिकेतन  
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

  
Date: 1/5/24

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI - 110 002**

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON FIELD WORK**

Name of the Principal Investigator:

Name of the Place visited	Duration of the Visit		Mode of Journey	Expenditure Incurred (Rs.)
Pune, Miraj, Mumbai and New Delhi	From 16.02.2016	To 30.06.2018	Air, Railways and Road	77,429/-

Certified that the above expenditure is in accordance with the UGC norms for Major Research Project.


 20/5/24

**SIGNATURE OF THE  
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**

**Dr. Amarendra Kumar**  
Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator,  
MRP-MAJ-HIST-2013-18294; F. No.5-180-2014 (HRP)  
Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

  
**REGISTRAR/PRINCIPAL**

कुलसचिव (कार्यवाहक)  
(Seal)  
विश्वभारती  
Registrar (Acting)  
Visva-Bharati


  
लेखा अधिकारी / संयुक्त कुलसचिव  
Accounts Officer / Joint Registrar  
विश्वभारती, शान्तिनिकेतन  
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

 21/5/24

  
**STATUTORY AUDITOR**  
(Govt. Internal Auditor/  
Chartered Accountant)

checked  
verified  
20/5



 22/5/24  
Finance Officer (Offg.)  
वित्त अधिकारी (स्थानापन्न)  
Visva-Bharati / विश्व भारती  
Santiniketan / शान्तिनिकेतन



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI - 110 002

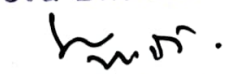
Utilization certificate

Certified that out of the released grant of Rs. 8,17,016/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventeen Thousand and Sixteen only) received from the University Grants Commission under the scheme of support for Major Research Project entitled vide UGC letter No. **F. No. 5-180/2014 (HRP)** dated 08.09.2015, a sum of Rs. 7,92,117/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Ninety-two Thousand One Hundred Seventeen only) has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned and in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the University Grants Commission. The unspent amount of Rs. 24,899/- (Rupees Twenty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-nine only) has been refunded to the UGC through RTGS. If as a result of check or audit objection some irregularly is noticed at later date, action will be taken to refund, adjust or regularize the objected amounts.

  
SIGNATURE OF THE  
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

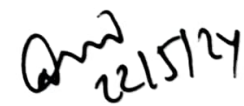
**Dr. Amarendra Kumar**  
Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator,  
MRP-MAJ-HIST-2013-18294; F. No.5-180-2014 (HRP)  
Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

  
REGISTRAR/PRINCIPAL  
कुलसचिव (कार्यवाहक)  
विश्वभारती  
(Seal)  
Registrar (Acting)  
Visva-Bharati

  
लेखा अधिकारी / संयुक्त कुलसचिव  
Accounts Officer / Joint Registrar  
विश्वभारती, शान्तिनिकेतन  
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

  
STATUTORY AUDITOR  
(Govt. Internal Auditor/  
Chartered Accountant)



  
Finance Officer (Offg.)  
वित्त अधिकारी (संयुक्त नापत्र)  
Visva-Bharati / विश्व भारती  
Santiniketan / शान्तिनिकेतन

**Statement of Expenditure**

UGC Approval Letter: F. No. 5-180/2014 (HRP)

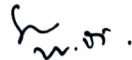
Item	Amount Released			Amount Spent			Balance/Unspent Amount
	1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment	2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	Total	Before Mid-Term Assessment	After Mid-Term Assessment	Total	
Books and Journals	90,000/-	----	90,000/-	76,650/-	---	76,650/-	13,350/-
Equipment	70,000/-	----	70,000/-	69,900/-	---	69,900/-	100/-
Overhead	69,100/-	----	69,100/-	69,100/-	---	69,100/-	---
Project Fellow	2,88,000/-	1,15,416/-	4,03,416/-	1,88,036/-	2,07,550/-	3,95,586/-	7,830/-
Contingency	37,500/-	30,000/-	67,500/-	37,500/-	29,952/-	67,452/-	48/-
Hiring Services	20,000/-	16,000/-	36,000/-	20,150/-	15,850/-	36,000/-	---
Travel/Field Work	45,000/-	36,000/-	81,000/-	14,439/-	62,990/-	77,429/-	3,571/-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,19,600/-</b>	<b>1,97,416/-</b>	<b>8,17,016/-</b>	<b>4,75,775/-</b>	<b>3,16,342/-</b>	<b>7,92,117/-</b>	<b>24,899/-</b>

The unspent amount of Rs. 24,899/- (Rupees Twenty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-nine only) has been refunded to the UGC via RTGS.

  
Signature of the Principal Investigator

**Dr. Amarendra Kumar**  
Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator,  
MRP-MAJ-HIST-2013-18294; F. No.5-180-2014 (HRP)  
Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

  
Principal/Registrar (कार्यवाहक)  
(Seal) विश्वभारती  
Registrar (Acting)  
Visva-Bharati

  
लेखा अधिकारी / संयुक्त कुलसचिव  
Accounts Officer / Joint Registrar  
विश्वभारती, शान्तिनिकेतन  
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

  
24/5/24

Statutory Auditor  
(Govt. Internal Auditor/  
Chartered Accountant)  
(Seal)  
  
checked & verified  
24/5/24  
  
Finance Officer (Offg.)  
वित्त अधिकारी (स्थापनापत्र)  
Visva-Bharati / विश्व भारती  
Santiniketan / शान्तिनिकेतन

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI – 110 002.

**Annual/Final Report of the work done on the Major Research Project.**


1. Project report No: **Final**
2. UGC Reference No.: **F. No. 5-180/2014 (HRP)**
3. Period of report: from: 01.07.2015 to 30.06.2018
4. Title of research project: **Contesting Claims, Conflicting Interests: The Marathas, Siddi of Janjira and the European Merchant Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-1759)**
5. (a) Name of the Principal Investigator: Dr. Amarendra Kumar  
(b) Deptt.: Department of History  
(c) University/College where work has progressed: Visva-Bharati (A Central University)
6. Effective date of starting of the project: 08.09.2015
7. Grant approved and expenditure incurred during the period of the report:
  - a. Total amount approved: Rs.10,10,100/-
  - b. Total amount released (Two Installments): Rs. 8,17,016/-
  - c. Total expenditure: Rs. 7,92,117/-
- d. Report of the work done: (Please attach a separate sheet)
  - i. Brief objective of the project: Separate sheet attached
  - ii. Work done so far and results achieved and publications, if any, resulting from the work (Give details of the papers and names of the journals in which it has been published or accepted for publication: separate sheet attached
  - iii. Has the progress been according to original plan of work and towards achieving the objective? If not, state reasons: Yes, the objectives have been achieved.
  - iv. Please indicate the difficulties, if any, experienced in implementing the project: None

- v. If project has not been completed, please indicate the approximate time by which it is likely to be completed. A summary of the work done for the period (Annual basis) may please be sent to the Commission on a separate sheet: The project has been completed.
- vi. If the project has been completed, please enclose a summary of the findings of the study. One bound copy of the final report of work done may also be sent to University Grants Commission: Attached.
- vii. Any other information which would help in evaluation of work done on the project. At the completion of the project, the first report should indicate the output, such as
- (a) Manpower trained: One. The Project Fellow has been trained to locate, handle and interpret the primary sources available in the archives.
- (b) Ph. D. Awarded: None
- (c) Publication of results: Separate sheet attached
- (d) Other impact, if any: Separate Sheet attached

 22/7/2024

SIGNATURE OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

**Dr. Amarendra Kumar**  
Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator,  
MRP-MAJ-HIST-2013-18294; F. No.5-180-2014 (HRP)  
Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

  
REGISTRAR/PRINCIPAL  
कुलसचिव : कार्यपालना  
(Seal)  
Registrar (Acting)  
Visva-Bharati

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI - 110 002

PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF  
SENDING THE FINAL REPORT OF THE WORK DONE ON THE  
PROJECT


1. Title of the Project: **Contesting Claims, Conflicting Interests: The Marathas, Siddi of Janjira and the European Merchant Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-1759)**
2. Name and Address of the Principal Investigator: **Dr. AMARENDRA KUMAR**
3. Name and Address of the Institution: **VISVA-BHARATI (A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)**
4. UGC Approval Letter No. and Date: **F. No. 5-180/2014 (HRP), dated 08.09.2015**
5. Date of Implementation: **08.09.2015**
6. Tenure of the Project: **THREE (03) YEARS (01.07.2015 to 30.06.2018)**
7. Total Grant Allocated: **Rs. 10,10,100/-**
8. Total Grant Received: 

1 <sup>st</sup> Installment:	Rs. 6,19,600/-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Installment:	Rs. 1,97,416/-
<b>Total:</b>	<b>Rs. 8,17,016/-</b>
9. Final Expenditure: **Rs. 7,92,117/-**
10. Title of the Project: **Contesting Claims, Conflicting Interests: The Marathas, Siddi of Janjira and the European Merchant Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-1759)**
11. Objectives of the Project: Separate sheet attached
12. Whether Objectives Were Achieved: Yes (Sheet attached)
13. Achievements from the Project ... (Sheet attached)
14. Summary of the Findings: Attached (In 500 Words)
15. Contribution to the Society: (Sheet attached)
16. Whether any Ph.D. Enrolled/Produced out of the Project: No
17. No. of Publications Out of the Project: ...(05).....(Attached)

  
(PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)

**Dr. Amarendra Kumar**  
Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator,  
MRP-MAJ-HIST-2013-18294; F. No.5-180-2014 (HRP)  
Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

22

  
(REGISTRAR/PRINCIPAL)  
कुलसचिव (का. विभा. एक)  
विश्वभारती  
Registrar (Acting)  
Visva-Bharati

**Final Report Assessment / Evaluation Certificate**

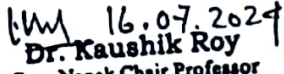
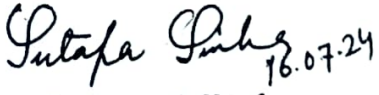
**(Two Members Expert Committee Not Belonging to the Institute of Principal Investigator)**  
(To be submitted with the Final Report)

It is certified that the Final Report of Major Research Project F. No. 5-180/2014 (HRP) entitled "Contesting Claims, Conflicting Interests: The Marathas, Siddi of Janjira and the European Merchant Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-1759)" by Dr. Amarendra Kumar, Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, has been assessed by the committee consisting of the following members for final submission of the report to the UGC, New Delhi under the scheme of Major Research Project.

**Comments/Suggestions of the Expert Committee:**

We found the final report satisfactory and it may be submitted.

**Name & Signatures of Experts with Date:-**

Name of Expert	University/College name	Signature with Date
1. Kaushik Roy	Jadavpur University	 16.07.2024 Dr. Kaushik Roy Guru Nanak Chair Professor Department of History Jadavpur University Kolkata - 700 032
2. SUTAPA SINHA	University of Calcutta	 16.07.24 Professor & Head Department of Islamic History & Culture University of Calcutta

It is certified that the final report has been uploaded on UGC-MRP portal on .....  
It is also certified that final report, Executive summary of the report, Research documents, monograph academic papers provided under Major Research Project have been posted on the website of the University/College.

  
(Registrar/Principal)

कुलसचिव (कार्यवाहक)  
विश्वभारती  
Registrar (Acting)  
Visva-Bharati

**Project Title:**

**Contesting Claims, Conflicting Interests: The Marathas, Siddi of Janjira and the European Merchant Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-1759)**

**Report of the Work Done**

**Objective of the Project:**

1. To study the manifestation of maritime sovereignty and related claims in the Konkan waters based on the perception of the sea of the Europeans as well as the native political entities.
2. To examine the conflict of interests, viz. political, economic, geographical or strategic, of the various polities in the Konkan littoral during the proposed period.
3. Analyzing the geopolitical interactions between various polities of the Konkan and assess the role of European Companies in the local conflicts.
4. To find out, in what ways did technological disparity influence the outcome of the conflict and cooperation on the Konkan littoral.
5. To briefly outline the main elements of the naval warfare with special reference to the Maratha navy.

**Summary of the Findings: (Executive Summary: 500 words)**

The arrival of the Europeans in the Indian Ocean region established direct contact between Western Europe and maritime Asia, ushering in periods of commercial, cultural, artistic, and technological exchange. While in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, the main focus of the Europeans largely remained on trade and monopolies, in later years, their interactions and activities became more varied and encompassed a range of issues within the overall domain

of maritime history. The Europeans violently competed with each other and with native merchants for trade monopoly. They coerced native shipping on the strength of their navies, backed by their claim of sovereignty over the sea, which gave rise to contested claims over the sea and its usage in the Indian surroundings. The present study has examined the following:

- (i) Contestations: Causes and manifestations; Maratha tactical ingenuity in Euro-Maratha naval contests
- (ii) Collaborations: Aspects of diplomacy; role of the Europeans in local conflicts

The study establishes that the urge for trade control, command of the sea, and navigation were the most fundamental causes of the contestations. While intra-European conflict was mostly for trading settlements and monopolization of commodities, Euro-Indian contestations arose primarily because of purported European sovereign claims over the sea articulated through their navies and navigational passes. The Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb resorted to military means to control the aggressive activities of the Europeans. In 1690, his admiral, the Siddi of Janjira, successfully carried out a naval blockade of Bombay, the headquarters of the English EIC. Aurangzeb subsequently directed the European Trading Companies to ensure the security of the sea route and the ships on the Surat-Mecca route. On the other hand, Shivaji had developed a sea-going flotilla to project Maratha power in the Konkan littoral. Shivaji also fortified the Maratha coast and a couple of offshore rocks. Furthermore, like the Europeans, Shivaji started issuing navigational passes and made it compulsory for all to purchase them.

The study also reveals that diplomatic manoeuvres played a crucial part in maritime interactions alongside naval conflicts. Trade and profit remained the primary concern of the



Europeans. Therefore, they would send envoys and emissaries to native courts to obtain favourable terms and other trade privileges. At times, they collaborated with their allies against their adversaries. The study further divulges that on many occasions, the Europeans would take up the role of arbiters in local conflicts. A peaceful coast and hinterland facilitated trade and commerce. On the other hand, the study also finds that during the reign of Shivaji, the Maratha navy refrained from engaging in any severe or long-drawn conflict with the Europeans. Shivaji's navy mostly acted as a deterrent and was also used as a tool to gain political or economic gains vis-à-vis the Europeans. During the eighteenth century, however, under the command of Maratha Admiral Kanhoji Angre, the Maratha navy started giving offence to the Europeans and seriously challenged them in the Konkan waters. The study ends with a general appreciation of the naval strategy and tactics used by the Marathas to come to grips with their opponents.

### **Publication of Results:**

1. 'The European Merchant-Warriors and the Marathas on the Konkan coast: A brief note on alliances and naval conflicts in Early 18<sup>th</sup> century', in Mohammad Nazrul Bari and H. M. Maheshwaraiyah (eds.), *Deccan: Heritage, Culture and Literature*, Manak Publishing, New Delhi, 2017, pp. 432-444. ISBN: 978-93-7831-433-7.
2. 'Aspects of Pre-modern Cartography of the Konkan Coast and the Causes of the Success of the Maratha Naval Enterprise (1660-1750)', in *Indian Cartographer* (Journal of the Indian National Cartographic Association), Vol. 36, Part-II, 2016, pp. 420-25, ISSN: 0972-8392.

3. 'The Khanderi Rock: A note on its strategic Importance during the 17th century', in *Indian Cartographer* (Peer Reviewed; ISSN: 0972-8392), Volume 42, No. 1, 2022, pp. 32-40
4. 'Shivaji Kaal me Marathon ki Nausena', in *Itihas Drishti* (A UGC Care Listed Journal; ISSN 0976-349X), Volume 20-21, 2022, pp. 54-63
5. 'Rise of British Naval Power in the Indian Ocean', in Kaushik Roy and Michael W. Charney (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of the Global History of Warfare*, Routledge, London, January 2024, pp. 261-276; ISBN 9781138345386
6. **Communicated:** 'The Maratha Naval Activities and the English East India Company (1660-1690)', in Kaushik Roy and Gavin Rand (eds.), Routledge, (U.K.)

### **Other impact and achievements:**

#### **Invited Lectures:**

Two (02) Invited Lectures delivered at the Centre for French and Francophone Studies, Jawaharlal University, New Delhi, on 16.02.2017.

1. French Sources on Indian History
2. French-Maratha Interactions (1670-1760)

#### **Participation in Seminars and Paper Presentation:**

1. Paper entitled 'Sovereignty and the Sea: A Note on the Contested Claims of the Marathas, Mughals and the Europeans on the Konkan Littoral (1650-1750)', presented at the Oxford Naval History Conference 2017 on "Economic Warfare and the Sea (1650-1950)" held at All Souls College, Oxford from 13-15<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

2. Paper titled 'Battle for Khanderi-Underi: An Episode in the History of the Maratha Navy (1679-80)' presented at 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the Indian History Congress at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, from 28-30 Dec, 2017.

### **Memberships of Academic/Professional Bodies:**

The comprehensive nature of this project adds to its interdisciplinary relevance. It is a detailed study of the Konkan littoral and its geomorphology. It also considered the formulation of strategy and tactics used during the naval engagements concerning the location of the coastal forts and the pattern of tidal waters. Moreover, the role of technology (military and shipbuilding), influencing the outcome of such conflicts, was also critically analyzed. Realizing the need for more collaborations and an interdisciplinary approach to the Project Work, the Principal Investigator reached out to other institutions and departments. In July 2016, the PI, on his own, visited the NHO (National Hydrographic Office) located at Dehradun (Uttarakhand). The NHO is a government body and is the nodal agency for hydrographic surveys and nautical charting. The PI's visit to NHO has been quite fruitful as he could interact with the cartographers and get to understand more about the hydrographic features of the Konkan coast. The PI also acquired life membership in academic bodies like (a) The Indian History Congress and (b) The Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA) in the year 2016. The PI was nominated as an Executive Committee Member of the INCA in 2017.

### **Contribution to the society:**

Though this study restricts itself to the geopolitics of the Konkan littoral, it has also explored and enriched our international understanding of the area in the period under review. While exploring the impact of the European arrival in the Indian Ocean world and the Arabian Sea

upon the political economy of the Afro-Asian systems, it was seen that the political authorities in the Konkan littoral emulated the way the Europeans projected and implemented the concept of maritime sovereignty. Apart from studying the salient features of the Maratha navy, the diplomatic manoeuvres for the control of the Konkan, which saw the forging of alliances (of convenience) involving the European powers and the local rulers, have also been delineated.