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Designation		Professor				
Department		History				
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Education Qualifications						
Degree		Institution				
Ph.D.						
		Ph.D.(Archaeology) Thesis Topic: Settlement Patterns In Sonipat District, University of Delhi, Delhi				1993
M.Phil		M.Phil (Archaeology, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi				1981
P.G.		M.A. (Ancient History & Archaeology), Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra				1975
Career Profile						
Organization/Institution		Designation		Duration		Role
Dept. of History		Professor		2000-2001 onwards		Teaching, Research and Supervision
Associate Professor	Department of History, University of Delhi, 2000-01 to 2004-05					
Associate Professor	Department of History, Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi, Delhi from 1992 to 2001					
Assistant Professor Senior	Department of History, Swami Shraddhanand College, University, Delhi, Delhi from 1986 to 1992					
Assistant Professor	Department of History, Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi, Delhi from 1978 to 1986					
Administrative Assignments						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman, Governing Body (2014-15), Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi, Delhi • Head, Dept. of History July 2011 onward • Head, Dept. Of History (Acting & Officiating) 2004, 2007-08 • Provost, P.G.Men's Hostel 2007 onward • Warden, P.G.Men's Hostel 2001-2007 						

Research Interests/Specialization				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prehistoric Archaeology • Protohistoric Archaeology • Historical Archaeology • Settlement Archaeology • Archaeo-botany • Archaeo-zoology • Archaeo-hydrology • Soil Morphology • Subsistence Archaeology • Climatology • Remote Sensing and Archaeology 				
<p>Papers Taught</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & Protohistory of India • Archaeological Theories and Methods • Ancient Civilizations 				
<p>Research Guidance</p> <p><u>M.Phil:</u></p> <p>Awarded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pallavi Dubey- <i>Kushanas in Uttar Pradesh: A Numismatic Study</i>, 2004. • Shika Prakash-<i>Rock Paintings of Bhimbetka</i>, 2007. • Vikram Singh Chaudhary-<i>Settlement Patterns in the Ganga and Ramaganga Doabs</i>, submitting soon. <p>Submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shweta Singh- <i>Prehistoric-Chalcolithic Burials in the Ganga Valley: A Study of Socio-Cultural Practices</i>. <p>To be submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harshdev Tomar – <i>Settlement of Archaeology in Tehsil Baraut Janpad Baghpat</i> <p><u>Ph.D.</u></p> <p>Awarded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pallavi Dubey - <i>Kushnas in Nothern India: A Numismatic and Archaeological Study</i>, 2014 Yashpal -<i>Evolution and Dissemination of OCP Settlements in the Indo-Gangetic and the Upper Ganga Plains</i>. • Shankar Kumar - <i>Ancient Indian Medicine in the work of Charaka, Susruta and Vagbhata- A Textual and Historical Study</i>, 2014 • Mamta Tyagi - <i>Money, Markets and Merchants: Economy and Society in Pre-Colonial Jaipur Kingdom</i>, 2015 • Niti Singh- <i>State, Society and Jati in Pre-Colonial Jaipur Kingdom</i>, 2015 <p>Submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nitin Goel - <i>Dynamics of Natural Resources and Management: An Environmental History of Nothwestern Rajasthan (1745-1887)</i> <p>To be submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sampurna Nand Mall - <i>Purvanchal Ke Puratatvik Sthal Evam Nagarikaran: A Cultural Study (6th Century B.C. to 2nd Century A.D.)</i> 				

Pursuing:

- Venu Puadi - *Archaeology of Swarnamukhi and Kalangi River Valleys, Andhra Pradesh*
- Devender Singh - *Settlement and Subsistence Patterns of Harappans in Kachchh, Gujarat*
- Vikram Singh Chaudhary - *A Study of Subsistence Patterns in Northern Upper Ganga Plains (from Protohistoric to Gupta Period)*
- Ishwar Dan - *Rajasthan Ke Haduati Kshetra Mein Tamarpashanik Purabastiyon, Sansadhan Upyog Aur Jeewan Nirwah Ke Taur Tareeko Ka Adhyayan*

Publications Profile

Books/ Monographs	Year of Pub.	Title	Publisher	Co- Author
	2013	<i>Bharatiya Upamahadweep Ki Sanskrityan</i> , Vol. 1, (eds.)	Hindi Madhyam Karyanvaya Nideshalaya, Dilli Vishwavidyalaya	
	2013	<i>Bharatiya Upamahadweep Ki Sanskrityan</i> , Vol. 2 (eds.)	Hindi Madhyam Karyanvaya Nideshalaya, Dilli Vishwavidyalaya	
	2002	<i>Kya Harappa Sabhyata Saraswat Thi</i> , (Hindi)	Joshi-Adhikari Institute, New Delhi	
	2000	<i>Dynamics of Settlement Archaeology</i> , (Haryana)	Gyan Publishing, New Delhi	

In Indexed/Peer Reviewed Journals

	Year of Pub.	Title	Journal/Books	Co- Author
	2015	“Early Cultures Identity Formations in Rajasthan: Emerging Perspectives, Presidential Address to 30 th Session of The Rajasthan History Congress from 15-16 December 2015 held at Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan	<i>Proceedings of The Rajasthan History Congress, Jodhpur 2015- 16 (Forthcoming)</i>	
	2014	‘Reconstructing Harappan Environment – Perspectives From Recent Archaeological Investigations’ Paper presented at The International Conference of The Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSHA) held at Raipur from 15 th – 18 th Feb 2014		
	2013	‘Perceiving Harappan Water Management Devices: Insights from Recent Ethno-archaeological Studies’.	<i>The International Conference on Harappan Archaeology.</i> (October 27-29, 2013) Chandigarh.	
	2013	‘Excavations at Kheda (2009-2010) Near Maham, District Rohtak, Haryana’	<i>Puratattva</i> , 43, New Delhi – 2013 PP 158-164 Pls. 33-1, 34-2 and 3 and 35-1	
	2013	Dr. Mathuralal Memorial Lecture on – “Was River Water a Pre- condition for Human Existence?”	<i>Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, Rajasthan</i>	

		Perceptions from Recent Researches', delivered at the Department of History		
	2012	'Excavations at the Harappan Site of Manheru (2009), District Bhiwani, Haryana.'	Bulletin of the Deccan College Research Institute <i>Pune, 2012, pp 1-14</i>	
	2012	Progress Report of the Further Excavations at the Harappan Site of Lohat District Jhajjar, Haryana. February-March 2012	Indian Archaeology: A Review , Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi	
	2012	Further Excavations at the Harappan Site of Lohat, District Jhajjar, Haryana, Feb 2012	Puratattva , 41	
	2011	Further Excavations at Badali (2009-10), District Jhajjar, Haryana.	Puratattva , 40, pp.208-213, New Delhi	
	2011	Excavations at the Harappan Site of Lohat, District Jhajjar, Haryana	Puratattva , 41 (Forthcoming)	
	2011	Progress Report of Excavations at the Harappan Site of Lohat, District Jhajjar, Haryana, A Survey of Land, Water Resources and the Excavated Cultural Material form Lohat, Haryana, <i>Men and Environment</i> , (Forthcoming) Evidence of Iron Use from Uttar Pradesh, Its context and Period – A Relook, Prof. B.N.Yadava Felicitation Volume (Forthcoming)	Indian Archaeology: A Review , Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi (Forthcoming)	
	2010	'Excavations at Harappan Site of Badali, (2008-09), District Jhajjar, Haryana.	Puratattva , 39, New Delhi, pp.165-71	
	2010	'Revisiting the Archaeological Landscape of Uttar Pradesh' Presidential Address to the Ancient Indian History Section of <i>The Uttar Pradesh History Congress</i> , 19 th Session held at Allahabad University, Allahabad, 18-19 th October,2008	<i>Conversation in History</i> , New Delhi, pp.31-42,.	
	2010	'Manheru Excavations (2009) and other Explorations in its Environs'.	<i>Aitihya- Journal of Ancient History Culture and Archaeology</i> , Vol. 1, N.J.P. Rohilakhand University, Bareilly, U.P., pp129-159	
	2010	'Progress Report of Excavations (2010) at Meham, District Rohtak, Haryana'.	<i>Indian Archaeology-A Review</i> , Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi (Forthcoming).	
	2010	'Progress Report of Further Excavations (2009-10) at the Harappan site of Badali, District Jhajjar, Haryana'.	<i>Indian Archaeology-A Review</i> , Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi (Forthcoming).	

	2010	'Further Excavations at Badali (2009-10), District Jhajjar, Haryana'	<i>Puratattva</i> , 40, Archaeological Society of India, New Delhi. (forthcoming)	
	2010	'Excavations at the Harappan Site of Maham (2009-10), District Rohtak, Haryana'.	<i>Man and Environment</i> , Journal of prehistory and Quaternary Studies, Poona (forthcoming)	
	2010	'Excavations at Harappan Site of Manheru (2009), District Bhiwani, Haryana.'	<i>Bulletin of the Deccan College Research Institute</i> , Poona (communicated)	
	2010	'Reading Mind of the Harappan People Through the Location of their Settlement'	Paper presented at the seminar <i>The Mind and Soul of India</i> Organised by the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, M.J.P. University, Bareilly, 17-18 March.	
	2010	'Further Mapping Archaeo-hydrological Landscape of Northern Haryana and Punjab, under the Major Research Project(UGC) 2010'	<i>To be completed by March end 2011.</i>	
	2009	'Was the Saraswati A Mighty Perennial River? An Archaeo-geo-hydrological Analysis'	<i>Social Science Probing</i> , December. pp.1-18.	
	2009	'Progress Report of Excavations (2008-09) at the Harappan site of Manheru, District Bhiwani, Haryana'.	<i>Indian Archaeology-A Review</i> , Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi (Forthcoming).	
	2009	'River Valleys and Protohistoric Settlements – A case Study of the Harappan Site of Manheru, District Bhiwani, Haryana'.	Paper presented at The National Symposium on <i>The Planet Earth: Its Finite Resources and Human Civilization</i> , Organised by the Department of Geology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, U.P. from 17-19 March, 2009.	
	2008	'Uttar Pradesh Mein Lohe Ke Prachalan Ke Puratatvika Pramana, Sandarbha Kal-Punaraavalokana'	<i>Itihas Drishti, Vol.I</i> , Gorakhpur University, December, 2008 pp.1-15	
	2008	Rivers and Protohistoric Settlements: Negotiating Contrasting Perceptions in the light of Recent Explorations in Rajasthan'	<i>The Changing Perspectives and Methodologies in South Asian Archaeology</i> , K.P.Jaiswal Institute, Patna, 5-6 April 2008 (Forthcoming)	
	2008	Excavation at The Harappan Site of Badali, District Jhajjar, Haryana, 25th February to 07th June 2008.	<i>Indian Archaeology-A Review</i> , Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi (Forthcoming).	
	2007	Recent Archaeological Fieldwork Along The Ghaggar in Northwest	<i>PIHC (Calicut)</i> , pp.992-1000	

		Rajasthan		
	2006	Beginning of Rice Cultivation and Sedentary Life in the Middle Ganga Plain: An Archaeo-botanical Perspective	<i>Social Science Probings</i> , pp. 17-40.	
	2006	Was the Saraswati a Mighty Perennial River: An Archaeo-geo-hydrological Analysis	<i>The Punjab History Conference</i> , Punjabi University, Patiala, pp. 73-83.	
	2005	Dynamics of Information and Communication Technology in Harappan Period	<i>Webs of History: Information, Communication & Technology</i> , Manohar, New Delhi, pp. 23-43.	
	2005	Indo-Iranian Interactions In Protohistoric Period	in A. K. Sinha and A.K.Singh eds. <i>Dialogues Between Cultures-India and Iran</i> , Anamika Publishers, New Delhi, pp. 27-42	
	2004	Early Food Production Activities in Punjab: An Archaeo-botanical Study	<i>Social Science Probings</i> , XVI, 2, New Delhi pp.1-22.	
	2003	The Myth of Saraswati Civilization-A Locational Analysis of Harappan Sites	<i>PIHC (Bhopal)</i> pp.945-64., also in Veluthat, Kesavan and P.P.Sudhakaran eds. <i>Advances in History</i> , Calicut pp.22-43.	
	2002	'Punjab-Its Protohistoric Past: Problems And Issues,'	Presidentail Address (Ancient Section) at The Punjab History Conference , Punjabi University, Patiala, 2002, pp. 12-26. This paper was also published subsequently in <i>Social Science Probings</i> , 14, 1-4 March-Dec. 2002, pp. 1-15	
	2001	'Assessment of The Ride of Rivers in Promoting Protohistoric Settlement Patterns in Punjab'	The Punjab History Conference , Patiala 2001, pp. 29-43.	
	2000	'Implications of Partition on the Protohistoric Investigations in the Ghaggar-Ganga Basins'	Social Scientist , 28, -12, New Delhi 2000, pp. 42-67.	
	1999	'Protohistoric Settlement patterns in Haryana'	K. M. Shrimali ed. Reason and Archaeology , Delhi 1999 pp. 43-67.	
	1998	'Protohistoric Cultural Dimensions in Haryana,'	Social Science Probings , Delhi, 1998, pp. 1-16	
	1997	'Dissemination of Settlements in the Western Yamuna Khadar,'	Punjab History Conference , 1997, pp. 18-36	
	1996	'Understanding Settlement Patterns	K. M. Shrimali ed.,	

		in the Light of Recent Explorations in Sonipat-Haryana’	Indian Archaeology Since Independence , Delhi, 1996, pp. 55-81.	
	1996	‘Investigating Medieval Settlement Patterns in District Sonipat – Haryana	PIHC (Calcutta), Delhi, 1995, pp. 868-82.	
	1995	‘Dynamics of PGW Settlement patterns in the Old Alluvium of Sonipat District – Haryana’,	PIHC (Aligarh), Delhi, 1995, pp. 864-71.	
	1994	‘Protohistoric Settlement Patterns: Some Dimensions of PGW settlements in Sonipat District of Haryana	World Archaeological Congress , New delhi 1994.	
	1994	‘Problems of Sequel Cultures to the Indus Civilization in the Greater Indus Valley’	PIHC (Mysore), Delhi, 1994, pp. 802-12	
	1993	‘Growth of Human Habitations in The Union Territory of Delhi’,	PIHC (Warangal), Delhi, 1993, pp. 802-12	
	1991	‘Protohistoric Settlements and Subsistence Patterns in the Bhangarh – Haryana’	PIHC , Delhi 1991-92	
	1990	‘Protohistoric Archaeological remains in The Union Territory of Delhi’	PIHC (Calcutta) Delhi 1990, pp. 800-06	
	1989	‘Recent Archaeological Explorations in District Sonipat – Haryana’	PIHC , Delhi 1989, pp. 808-15.	
	1988	‘The Western Margins of the Yamuna and Protohistoric Settlement Patterns’	PIHC (Dharwad), Delhi, 1988, pp. 649-56.	
	1986	‘Element of Change and Continuity in Protohistoric Settlement patterns’	The Journal of Bihar Puravid Parishad , New Delhi, 1986, pp. 26-33.	
	1986	‘Change and Continuity of Protohistoric tradition in the Sutlej-Yamuna Divide’	PIHC (Srinagar), Delhi, 1986, pp. 150-60.	

Paper Presented at the Conference

Invited by the Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library to make a presentation on **‘Ancient Rivers in India Seminars: Exploring Environmental Imaginations as Politics’** in a workshop on Environmental Transformations and the Place organized by Nehru memorial Museum and library on 26 November, 2011.

Thakran, R. C. **‘Cultural Interactions Between India and Iran with Special Reference to ‘S’ shaped ceramic Types’**, International Seminar on *India and Iran: Our Cultural Legacy of the Past*, Poona College, Pune, 3-5 March 2011.

Thakran, R. C. **‘Rivers, Settlements and Civilizations: A Contrasting Perception’**, International Seminar on *River, Society and Sustainable Deveplopment*, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam, 26-29 May 2011.

Thakran R. C. 2009, **‘River Valleys and Protohistoric Settlements- A case Study of the Harappan Site of Manheru, District Bhiwani, Haryana’**, Paper presented at the National

Symposium on *The Planet Earth: Its Finite Resources and Human Civilization*, March 17-19, 2009 organized by the Department of Geology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, U.P.

Thakran R. C. 2007, '**Delhi's Protohistoric Past: Negotiating Diverse images, Imaginations and Perceptions**' in a Seminar on *Delhi: Images, Imagination and Perceptions*, by the History Association of Kamala Nehru College, university of Delhi, 4-7 December 2007.

Thakran R. C. 2007, '**Recent Archaeological Fieldwork along the Ghaggar/Saraswati in Northwest Rajasthan**' Paper Presented at the 67th Session of *The Indian History Congress*, held at Calicut, 12-14 March 2007.

Thakran R. C. 2002, '**Settlement Antecedents to the Harappa Civilization in the Trans-Indus Areas**' Paper presented at the 63rd Session of *The Indian History Congress* held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar 28-30 December 2002.

Thakran R. C. 2002, '**Early Food Production Activities in the Trans-Indus Areas**' Paper Presented at the Seminar on *Economic Activities in Ancient India*, organized by the Department of History, Bombay University, Mumbai, March 2002.

Thakran R. C. 1992, '**Protohistoric Settlement Patterns In Sonapat District, Haryana**' Paper Presented at the 52nd Session of *The Indian History Congress*, held at New Delhi 1992.

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

- 2010. Further Mapping Archaeo-hydrological Landscape of Northern Haryana and Punjab, under *the Major Research Project (UGC) 2010*.

Field Research

Excavations Directed:

- Excavations conducted at the *Harappan Site of Lohat, District Jhajjar, Haryana* from February-April, 2012
- Excavations conducted at the *Harappan Site of Lohat, District Jhajjar, Haryana* from 01.02.2011-15.04.2011
- Excavations conducted at *the Protohistoric Harappan and PGW site of Maham, District Rohtak, Haryana* during the sessions of 2009-2010.
- Excavations conducted at *the Harappan site of Manheru, District Bhiwani, Haryana* during the sessions of 2009-2010.
- Excavations conducted at *the Harappan site of Badali, District Jhajjar, Haryana*, for two Consecutive sessions 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.
- Excavations conducted at *the Harappan site of Dabadi, District Hanumangarh, Rajasthan*, during the sessions 2006-2007.

Excavations Attended:

- Excavations attended at *the Historical Site of Babari Masjid – Ram Janma Bhumi, 2003*
- Excavations attended at *the Harappan Site of Mirzapur, Kurukshetra District, Haryana, 1974-75*
- Excavations attended at *the PGW and Historical Site of Raja Kayan Ka Qila, Kurukshetra District, Haryana, 1975*

Explorations Undertaken:

- Undertaken **Archaeo-hydrological Explorations along the Sutlej River in Punjab** during months of March, April and May, 2012.
- **Archaeo-hydrological Explorations along the Upper Ghaggar in Haryana and Punjab 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.**
- **Explorations conducted in northern Haryana during the sessions 2008-2009, 2009-2010.**
This exploratory exercise would cover remaining parts of northern Haryana and would be extended to parts of Punjab along the Ghaggar River in the coming years.
- **Explorations in Districts Bhiwani** during the academic session 2008-09 around the Harappan Site of Manheru a survey of village ponds, natural water bodies and soil types was carried out in order to situate the archaeological evidence in their proper contexts.
- Worked on **'Mapping Archaeo-hydrological landscape of Northern Haryana and Punjab'** under Major UGC-Project 2008 onwards. This exploratory exercise covered parts of northern Haryana and was extended to parts of Punjab along the Ghaggar River in the months of 2010, **2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.**

Explorations undertaken in Rajasthan:

- An intensive archaeo-geo-hydrological exploration was undertaken in 2006-07 in a limited area of **Bhadra and Rajgarh** tehsils of Hanumangarh and Jhunjhunu districts respectively of Rajasthan. This was aimed at understanding the human responses to the surrounding landscapes for their survival.
- In the year (2006) my area of investigation was confined to parts of tehsils **Bhadra, Rawatsar, Suratgarh, Anupgarh, Karnapura,** etc for archaeo-geo-hydrological purpose. The new data thus gathered help to understand the nature of the river Saraswati/Ghaggar and the responses of the people to natural challenges since ancient times.
- In the year (2005) the scope of the archaeological exploratory exercise was extended to collect empirical data on archaeo-geo-hydrology of the areas of tehsils **Rawatsar, Nohar and Bhadra in Hanumangarh** district and more data were gathered to this effect through an intensive village to village survey. In addition only a snap survey of **Jaipur, Jodhpur and Jaisalmer** districts was also undertaken to get more data on these points from the further southern parts of Rajasthan, especially to assess the hydrological nature and potential of the region to understand archaeological data and the claims of scientists regarding the rich fresh ground water reserve in the area.
- In 2004 the area along the right and left banks of **the Ghaggar river** in Hanumangarh, Suratgarh, Sardargarh and Anupgarh of northwestern parts of Rajasthan was intensively explored. During this exercise very interesting information on archaeology, hydrology, processes of soil formation and ethnographic subsistence practices was gathered in March 2004 which will enhance the quality of analysis and interpretation of the work under progress.
- Also surveyed intensively the **Middle Saraswati Ghaggar Basin** comprising districts of Hanumangarh and Ganganagar in Rajasthan and parts of Sirsa district in Haryana in March 2003.

- Intensive field work done in **Haryana** from 1982 to 92 which put on record over 400 sites in addition to data on soil types, sub-surface water conditions, geological formations, crop patterns, shifting vegetal cover in the area.
- Further surveyed intensively the **Northern & Western Sections of the Union Territory of Delhi** with a view to not only collect settlement data but also gather information on drainage patterns, ground water, soil types and cropping systems in early nineties.
- Surveyed also the **Southwestern parts of the Union Territory of Delhi** by extending the same methodology.

Awards and Distinctions

Governing Council/Executive Council/Academic Council/Planning Board

- **National Coordinator**, National Mission in Education-ICT (History), E-Content Human Resource of Development Ministry, Government of India, New Delhi, 2014 Onwards
- **National Coordinator**, Courses Committee of History, Central Board of Secondary Education, Human Resource Development Ministry, New Delhi, 2012 Onwards
- **National Coordinator**, Curriculum Framework Committee, (History), University Grants Commission, New Delhi
- **Member**, Curriculum Review Committee (History), National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT), 2015, New Delhi
- **Chairperson**, Committee of Courses, Department of History, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007, 2011-2014
- **Member**, Academic Council, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, 2015 onwards
- **Member**, Academic Council, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007, 2011-2014
- **Member**, Standing Committee, Academic Council, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007, 2011-2014
- **Member**, Board of Research Studies (BRS), University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007, 2010-2015
- **Member**, Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (CABA), Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi, 2013 onwards
- **Member**, Committee of Courses, Department of History, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007, 2008-2011
- **Member**, P. G. Board of Studies, Department of Ancient history, Culture and Archaeology, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur, Maharashtra, 2015 onwards
- **Member**, Board of Studies, Department of History, Central University of Haryana, Jant-Pali, Mahendergarh, Haryana, 2015 onwards
- **Member**, Board of Studies, Faculty of law, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007, 2014 onwards
- **Member**, Board of Research Studies (BRS), Department of History, Dev Sanskriti University, Haridwar, Uttarakhand, 2015
- **Member**, Central Consultative Committee, Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga, Karnataka, 2009
- **Member**, Board of Research Studies (BRS), Department of History, Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind, Haryana, 2014 onwards
- **Member**, Board of Research Studies (BRS), Department of History, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana, 2009 onwards
- **Member**, Board of Research Studies (BRS), Department of History, BPS Mahila University, Khanpur, Sonapat, Haryana, 2007 onwards
- **Member**, Board of Research Studies (BRS), Department of History, M. D. University, Rohtak, Haryana, 2006-2008, 2011 2013 & 2014 onwards
- **Member**, Executive Council, Hindi Madhyam Karyanvaya Nideshalaya, Dilli Vishwavidyalaya, 2011-14
- **Member**, Governing Body, Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110036
- **Member**, Governing Body, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College (2005-09), University of Delhi, Delhi

- **President-Elect**, *The Rajasthan History Congress*, Jodhpur, 2015
- **President-Elect** *The Indian History Congress*, 2012 (Archaeology)
- **President-Elect**, *The Uttar Pradesh History Congress*, 2008 (Ancient)
- **President-Elect**, *The Punjab History Conference*, Punjabi University, Patiala, 2002 (Ancient)
- **Secretary (Joint) and Incharge Permanent Office**, *The Indian History Congress*, Delhi, 2002-2005
- **Treasurer**, *The Indian History Congress*, Delhi, 2007 (Local)
- **Treasurer**, *The Indian History Congress*, Delhi, 2010 (Local)
- **Treasurer**, *The Association for the Study of History & Archaeology (ASHA)* 1994 onwards
- **Member**, National Executive Council, *The Indian History Congress*, 2000-2009
- **Member**, National Executive Council, *The Joshi Adhikari Institute of Social Sciences*, New Delhi, 2007-2009
- **Member**, *The Advisory Committee-SAP*, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, M. S. University, Baroda, Gujarat, 2007-2012
- **Member**, *The Advisory Committee-SAP*, Department of Archaeology, Deccan College, Pune, Maharashtra, 2015 onwards
- **Member**, *The Advisory Committee-SAP*, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, M. S. University, Baroda, 2015 onwards
- **Member**, *A large number of other State and National Academic Organizations.*
- **Member**, *A large number of State and National Commissions*

Association With Professional Bodies

a) International:

- Member**, *The World Archaeological Congress*
- Member**, *The Association of South Asian Archaeology*
- Member**, *The Indo-Iranian Historical Association*
- Member**, *The Indo-French Rock Art Association*
- Member**, *Ahsan-Newsletter of the Archaeology, Anthropology, History, South Asian Network*

b) National:

- Member**, *Archaeological Society of India, New Delhi*
- Member**, *The Indian Society for Archaeological Studies, New Delhi*
- Member**, *The Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies, Deccan College, Pune*
- Member**, *The Bihar Puravid Society, Patna*
- Member**, *The Indian History Congress, Delhi*
- Member**, *The Indian Sciences Congress, Kolkata*
- Member**, *The Punjab History Conference, Punjabi University, Patiala*
- Member**, *The Uttar Pradesh History Congress*
- Member**, *The Rajasthan History Congress, Jodhpur, Rajasthan*
- Member**, *The Anthropological Society of India*
- Member**, *The Association for the Study of History and Archaeology, Delhi*
- Member**, *Resonance – Journal of The Indian Science Academy, Bangalore*
- Member**, *Social Scientist, New Delhi*
- Member**, *The Indian Numismatic Society, Varanasi*
- Member**, *The Palaeobotanist, Lucknow*

Other Activities
Excavations Conducted:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excavations conducted at the Harappan Site of Lohat, District Jhajjar, Haryana from 01.02.2011-15.04.2011. • Excavations are conducted at the Protohistoric site of Maham, District Rohtak, Haryana during the sessions of 2009-2010. • Excavations are conducted at the Harappan sites of Manheru, District Bhiwani, Haryana during the sessions of 2009-2010. This will be resumed in the month of August, 2010. • Excavations are conducted at the Harappan sites of Badali, District Jhajjar, Haryana, for the two consecutive sessions 2007- 2008, 2008-2009. • Excavations are conducted at the Harappan sites of Dabadi, District Hanumangarh, Rajasthan, during the sessions 2006- 2007.
Explorations Undertaken:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explorations were conducted in northern Haryana during the sessions 2009-2010, 2008-2009 in under the UGC Major Project, '<i>Mapping Archaeo-Hydrological Landscape of Northern Haryana and Punjab</i>'. This exploratory exercise would cover remaining parts of northern Haryana and would further be extended to parts of Punjab along the Ghaggar river in the coming months of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. • Explorations in District Bhiwani during the academic session 2008-09. • Explorations were conducted in Northwestern Rajasthan during the sessions 2003-2005.
Lecture Delivered:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited by The Director, Centre for Professional Development in higher Education (CPDHE) to deliver two lectures on 'The Role of Copper Technology in the Development of First Urbanization in the Indo-Gangetic Divide' and 'The Role of Iron Technology in the Development of Second Urbanization in the Ganga Plains' on 26th November 2015. • Invited by The Director, Centre for Professional Development in higher Education (CPDHE) to deliver two lectures on 'Reconstruction of Past Environment in the Indo-Gangetic Divide' and 'Understanding Subsistence Practices During The Civilization Period' on 19th November 2015. • Invited by Department of History, Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind, Haryana to deliver a lecture on 'Semi-Arid Areas And Development of Harappan Civilization' on 31st October 2015. • Invited by the Maharaja Surajmal Institute Of Technology, Delhi to deliver a lecture on 'Beginning And Dispersion Of Human Habitations In The Indo-Gangetic Divide: An Appraisal', October 2015. • Invited by the Director ILL, University of Delhi to deliver a lecture on 'Was the River water a Pre-Condition for Human Existence as well as the Development of Harappan Civilization in the Indo-Gangetic Divide' on 2nd July 2012.

- Invited by the Director, Nehru Memorial and Museum library to deliver a lecture on **‘The Concept of Changing River Courses, Climatic Conditions and Harappan Settlement Patterns in the Ghaggar Basin’** in January 2012.
- Invited by the Department of History, Hindu College, University of Delhi to deliver a lecture on **‘The Role of Iron in the Development of Second Urbanization in the Gangetic Plaine’** on 30th November 2011.
- Invited by the History Association of P.G.D.A.V. College, University of Delhi to deliver a lecture on **‘Source of Water, Climate Conditions and the Harappan Civilization’** November 2011.
- Invited by the Academic Secretary-ILLL/CPDHE, University of Delhi to deliver two lectures on **Land, Climatic Conditions, Water Sources and Settlements During Proto-Historic period in the Indo-Gangetic Divide’**.
- Invited by the Academic Secretary-ILLL/CPDHE, University of Delhi to deliver lecture on **‘Rivers, River Valleys and Civilizations’** on 2nd July 2011.
- Invited by the Principal and the History Association of Bharati Mahila College, Janakpuri, University of Delhi to deliver a lecture on **‘Harappan Civilization and Arrangement of Water Supply-An Ethnographic Study’** on 27.03.2011.
- Invited by the Deccan College, Post Graduated Research Institute, Pune (Deemed University) to deliver a lecture on **‘Local water Harvesting Devices in the Harappan Zone: A Possible Guide to the Past Water Management Practices’** on 4th August 2010.
- Invited by the Principal and History Association of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi to deliver a Lecture on **‘The Interdisciplinary Approaches for the Study of Indus Civilization in a Seminar on Forgotten Civilization: Inderdiciplinary Approach for the case of Indus** on 28th January 2010.
- Invited by the Principal and History Association of Motilal Nehru College (E), University of Delhi to deliver a Lecture on **‘The Changing Perception on the Harappa Civilization’** in March 2010.
- Invited by the Principal and History Association of Satyawati College, University of Delhi to deliver a Lecture on **‘Water Sources and the Harappa Settlements’** in January, 2010.
- Invited by *the Principal, Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi*, to deliver a lecture on **‘Harappan Rural landscape and Methods of Arranging Drinking Water’** on 28.01.2010.
- Invited by the Principal and History Association of Laxmi Bai College, University of Delhi to deliver a Lecture on **‘Archaeology and History: Recent Researches’** on 16th December, 2009.
- Invited by Academic Secretary-ILLL/CPDHE College, University of Delhi to deliver two Lectures on **‘River Valleys And Settlements’ and ‘Remote Sensing and Rivers’** 27th February, 2009.
- Invited by the Principal and History Association of Kalindi College, University of Delhi to deliver an

Inaugural Lecture of their association on **'Latest Research Trends in Study of the Harappa Civilization'** on 16th August, 2009.

- Invited by the History Association of A.R.S.D. College, University of Delhi, to deliver two lectures on **'Indus Civilization and Remote Sensing'** in February, 2009.
- Invited by the Principal, Govt. College, Bahadurgarh, Haryana to deliver a lecture, on **'The Interface of the Social and Natural Forces in the Development of First Urbanization'** on 09.05.2008.
- Invited by the Head and Coordinator SAP-III and ASIHSS of UGC, DST-FIST Sponsored, Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi to present a paper in the Seminar on **Environments of Ancient India: Archaeological and Literay Critique**, 8-10 March, 2008.
- Invited by the Principal, Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi to present a paper on **'Protohistoric Cultures and Sources of Water Supply in Haryana'** in a Seminar on **Cultures in Indian Subcontinent**, 21-22 February, 2008.
- Invited by the Principal, Tecnia Institute of Art and Design, Indira kala Sangit Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, Chhatisgarh to speak on **'Role of Art in the Development of Society in Historical Contexts'**. 30th August, 2008.
- Invited by the Principal and the History Association of Kamla Nehru College, University of Delhi to present, a paper on **'Delhi's Protohistoric Past: Negotiating Diverse Images, Imagination and Perceptions'** in a seminar on **Delhi: Images, Imagination and Perceptions**, 4-5 December, 2007.