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Educational Qualifications					
Degree	Institution			Year	
Ph.D.	University of Delhi			2001	
M.Phil. / M.Tech.	University of Delhi			1992	
PG	University of Delhi			1988	
UG	University of Delhi			1986	
Any other qualification	Post Doctoral Fellowship			2010-2012	
Career Profile					
<p>Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi since 22.1.2014.</p> <p>Director, Women's Studies and Development Center since September, 2015.</p> <p>Presiding Officer, Internal Complaints Committee, University of Delhi (September, 2015 to April, 2017).</p> <p>Associate Professor/Reader, Department of History, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi from 27.7.1998-21.1.2014.</p> <p>Senior Lecturer, Department of History, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi from 23.6.1996-27.7.1998.</p> <p>Permanent faculty, Department of History, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi from 22.7.1990-21.1.14.</p> <p>Post doctoral Fellowship- Fellow, Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla (2010-2012). Completed research project published as monograph, 'Contestation and Compliance, Retrieving Women's Agency from the Matsyamahāpurāṇa', 2014, published by Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Course in Historical Linguistics from Harvard University, Cambridge. Massachussets, Spring Term, 1998.</p>					
Administrative Assignments					
Director, Women's Studies and Development Centre, University of Delhi.					

The Women's Studies and Development Centre, University of Delhi, is a nodal Centre for conducting academic, research, training and extension activities related to women. It came into existence since 1987 and since then has been striving to explore and focus on social issues which are directly related to women.

Presiding Officer, Internal Complaints Committee of University of Delhi, (upto April 2017).

The University of Delhi has constituted an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) according to the guidelines given under Section 4 (2) of the Sexual Harassment of women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (14 of 2013), section 4 (1), Act.

Chairperson and Member, Governing Body, Vivekanand Mahila College, University of Delhi (upto March, 2017).

Member, Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), NIOS.

Before January 2014-

-Head of Department, Department of History, Sri Venkateswara College (2004- 2006 and 1995 to 1997).

-Convenor, Library Committee, Sri Venkateswara College- 2013 to Jan, 2014.

- Coordinator, Women's Development Cell in Sri Venkateswara College from 2004-2006 which looks after and addresses issues related to gender sensitization and includes all women staff and students of the college and which works towards creating a gender sensitive environment in college.

-Convenor and Teacher In charge, Mass communications Courses in the College.

-Coordinator, Tourism and Travel Management Course for BA students in Sri Venkateswara College from 1995 to 1997, 2002-2003.

Areas of Interest / Specialization

Ancient Indian History; Gender and Social History; Household and Society; Religion, Social Context of Rites and Rituals, Exploring Early Texts and Traditions.

Subjects Taught

-HSM OO1 The Practice of History (Semester I in North Campus and South Campus)

-HSM OO7 Cultural History of Early Urbanisms (Semester II, North Campus)

-HSM 316 Gender and Women in Early India (Semester III, North Campus)

-HSM329 Religion, Arts, Society (200BCE- 300 C.E.) (Semester IV, North Campus)

Postgraduate teaching (Before Jan, 2014; between 2002 and 2007).

MA PREVIOUS- Ancient Civilizations, Mesopotamia.

MA FINAL -Course V, Delhi University, Social and Economic History upto 320 A.D. (Taught the Social History part).

MA Previous students of Women's Studies, Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University,

Wardha, MP., in January 2005- Course on Gender in Ancient Society.

Under Graduate teaching experience-

September 1988- October 1988, Maitreyi College, University of Delhi.

Oct 1988 to March 1989, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, taught Ancient Indian History.

From 1989 to 22.01.2014, in the Department of History, Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University. Part of the permanent faculty since 22nd July,1990 and Senior Lecturer since 23.6.1996 and Reader since 27.7.98 .

Taught the following papers –

1. Social Formations and Cultural Patterns in the Ancient and Medieval World.
2. History of Early India upto 750 A.D.
3. Ancient Culture- Interdisciplinary course for all IInd year Honours students,
4. Gender portion of Human Rights, Gender and Environment paper, course for IInd year BA Programme students.
5. Indian History and Culture, Foundation Course for First Year students (in 2013).

I have been External examiner for M.Phil and Ph.D. students for various universities and have been Additional and Head Examiner in the University of Delhi for under-graduate examinations for several years.

Research Guidance

List against each head (If applicable)

1. Supervision of awarded Doctoral Thesis
2. Supervision of Doctoral Thesis, under progress-Two students
3. Supervision of awarded M.Phil dissertation –One.
4. Supervision of M.Phil dissertations, under progress.

Publications Profile

Authored Books/Monographs-

Contestation and Compliance: Retrieving Women's 'Agency' from the Matsyamahāpurāṇa' Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2014.

Engendering the Early Household, Brahmanical Precepts in the Early Grhyasutras, Middle of the First Millenium B.C., Orient Longman Pvt Ltd, Delhi, 2008.

Coedited book- *Indian History and Culture*, coedited with Shankar Kumar, Ratna Sagar and University of Delhi, 2013.

Research Papers/ Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

- ‘The Question of Women’s Agency: Women, Work and Domesticity in Early Textual Traditions’ Chapter published in Book- *Women and Work*, Ed. Vijaya Ramaswamy, Sage Publishers: New Delhi, 2016, pp. 65-87.
- ‘The dynamics of the Early Indian Household: Conjuality, Domesticity, Patronage and Propriety in Textual Traditions’ Research Paper in Kumkum Roy edited, *Looking Within, Looking Without: Exploring Households in the Subcontinent Through Time, Essays in Memory Chof Nandita Prasad Sahai*, Primus: New Delhi, November, 2014.
- ‘Prologue by Jaya Tyagi’, Research Paper published in new edition of R.S.Sharma’s *Early Medieval Indian Society, A Study in Feudalization*, Orient Blackswan: New Delhi, 2014.
- ‘Reconstructing the Social Histories of the Purānas: Kings and Wives as Upholders of Propriety in the Matsyamahāpurāna’ Research Paper in D.N Jha edited, *The Complex Heritage of Early India, Essays in Memory of R.S.Sharma*, Manohar: New Delhi, 2014.
- ‘Gender and Society’ Chapter in Jaya S. Tyagi and Shankar Kumar ed., *Indian History and Culture*, Ratna Sagar and University of Delhi, 2013.
- ‘Cultural Forms and Expressions’ co-authored Chapter in Jaya S.Tyagi and Shankar Kumar ed., *Indian History and Culture*, Ratna Sagar and University of Delhi, 2013.
- ‘ Negotiating Spaces through Traditional Rituals’ Research Paper published in Report on Workshop on ‘Leadership Development’ Conducted for Senior Women Leaders from Afghanistan, conducted by INGAF, Government of India (7th to 15th April, 2010).
- ‘Organized Household Production and the emergence of the sangha’ Research Paper in *Studies in History*, July-December 2007, Volume XXIII, Number 2.
- ‘Hierarchical Projections of Women in the Household’. Research Paper in *Social Scientist*, volume 32, numbers 5-6, May –June 2004.
- ‘Production Activities and Resource Acquisition in the Household: Gendered Perspectives Prevalent in the Early Grhyasutras Texts c.800-500 BC’. Research Paper in *Social Science Probings*, December 2004.
- ‘Brahmanical Ideology on the Ritual Roles of the Grhapati and his Wife in the Grha: A Study of the Early Grhyasutras’ – Research Paper published in *Studies in History*, 18,2,n.s. 2002.
- ‘The Household, Community and Women: Perspectives from the Grhyasutras’, in *Negotiating India’s Past. Essays in Memory of Parth Sarathi Gupta*, edited by B. Pati, B.P.Sahu, TKV Subramanian, 2003, New Delhi: Tulika.

Course material for Delhi University, Virtual Learning Education courses

-‘North India, c.1500-600 B.C.E’ (Unit 5.1) Chapters for E-learning lessons on Ancient India for Institute of Lifelong Learning, available at the virtual learning site of ILLL. (<http://vle.du.ac.in/>)

-‘Consolidation of Brahmanical Normative Traditions: dharma, varnashrama, purusharthas, samskaras’. (Unit 9.1) Chapters for E-learning lessons on Ancient India for Institute of Lifelong Learning, available at the virtual learning site of ILLL. (<http://vle.du.ac.in/>)

-‘Vedic religion: Ritual, deities, myths; Upanishadic doctrines’ (Unit 9.2) Chapters for E-learning lessons on Ancient India for Institute of Lifelong Learning, available at the virtual learning site of ILLL . (<http://vle.du.ac.in/>)

-‘Beginnings of Tantrism’ (Unit 9.7) Chapters for E-learning lessons on Ancient India for Institute of Lifelong Learning, available at the virtual learning site of ILLL. (<http://vle.du.ac.in/>)

Select articles/ Book reviews

-‘Enriching the Early Medieval’, review of *The Early Medieval in South India*, Kesavan Veluthat, Oxford Collected Essays, 2009, in *The Book Review*, XXXIII, vol.8-9, August/September, 2009.

-‘The Making of a Historic ‘Event’, review of *Specters of Mother India: The Global Restructuring of an Empire*, Mrinalini Sinha, Zubaan, Delhi, 2006, in *The Book Review*, vol. xxxi, no.7, July 2007.

-‘Technology and Transformation: ‘Tempering’ the Iron Debate’, review of *Iron and Social Change in Early India*, Ed. Bhairabi Prasad Sahu, *Debates in Indian History and Society*, Oxford University Press, 2006, in *Social Scientist*.

-‘State Ennui vis a vis sex workers’ review of *The Politics of Prostitution, Women’s Movements, Democratic States and the Globalization of Sex Commerce*. Edited By Joyce Outshoorn, Cambridge University Press, 2004. in *The Book Review*, Vol. XXX, No. 1, Jan-Feb 2006.

- ‘History as Passion’, review of *Everyday Lives, Everyday Histories: Beyond the Kings and Brahmanas of ‘Ancient India’*, Uma Chakravarti, Tulika Books, 2006, in *The Book Review*.

- Review of Satish Saberwal and Supriya Varma, *Traditions in Motion*, eds., Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2005., *Studies in History*.

-‘In the shadows of the public domain’ *Recasting the Devadasi: Patterns of Sacred Prostitution in Colonial South India*, Priyadarshini Vijaisri, Kanishka Publishers, New-Delhi, 2004.

-‘Women’s Rituals in Urban Areas: Karva Chauth’, *Women’s Watch*, October-December 2004.

-Review of *Puja & Samskara*, Musashi Tachikawa, Shoun Hino and Lalita Deodhar, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, Delhi, 2001, in *The Book Review*, Vol.XXVI, No. 6, June 2002.

- Review of *Indian Fire Ritual* Musashi Tachikawa, Shrikant Bahulkar, Madhavi Kolhatkar, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, Delhi, 2001, in *The Book Review*.Vol.XXVI,

No.8, Aug 2002.

Articles, book reviews and presentations prior to 2000 have not been included

Conference Organization/ Presentations (in the last three years)

-Presided over and organized Women's Day programme at the WSDC center and moderated a panel discussion of eminent panelists on 'Men as champions of Gender equality' in collaboration with the Australian High Commission on 8th March, 2017. The discussion was followed by a play based on the short stories of Ismat Chughtai.

--The Representation of Women in Puranic Traditions' Research Paper presented in Seminar of Gender and Society in Ancient and Medieval India in Aryabhata College, University of Delhi on 7th March.

--'Ideology Related to the State in Ancient India' Research Paper presented in Hindu College, University of Delhi, 3rd February, 2017.

--'Gender and Religion in Ancient India' Research Paper presented in International Seminar on Transnational Feminisms organized by WSDC in Collaboration of University of Wisconsin Aux St. Claire and Institute of Dalit Studies, 2nd January, 2017.

- Presented paper on 'Strategic Inclusions of the 'other'': Reconstructing Social Histories from Puranic Traditions in Seminar on Marginal Categories, Sri Venkateswara College, 15th March, 2016.

- Organized Women's Day programme titled *Women's Stories* on 10th March 2016, was conducted by the WSDC as a tribute to women and their personal journeys through artistic forms of poetry and dance. The programme was held at the CIE Auditorium and attended by a large number of women-students and faculty. Well-known writer/activist Kamla Bhasin, along with Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar and Dr. Savita Singh shared their poetry on the occasion, while Ms. Shovana Narayan and troupe performed a dance-recital as part of the celebrations.

- Presented paper on 'Representations of Women in Early Historic Traditions' Seminar on Indian History and Culture, PGDAV College, 1st March, 2016.

- Inaugural at National Workshop on Feminist Theories and Methodologies, Women's Studies and Development Centre, University of Delhi, February-March, 2016.

- Presented paper on 'Gender, Varna and Social Propriety in Early Puranic Traditions: Redefining Social Categories in Early India' in National Seminar on Caste and Gender, Shyam Lal College, February 19 and 20th, 2016.

- Presentation on 'Gendered Representations of Women' before UGC Sri Lanka team on the 28th of January, 2016. WSDC faculty and the Sri Lankan guests exchanged ideas with regard to

issues of gender sensitization, awareness, educational systems and curricula as part of the one-day meet. The Sri Lankan team also interacted with participants of WSDC's different courses, discussing critical topics like ragging.

-Convened and Conducted a Gender Sensitization Workshop for DU Faculty on 3rd November, 2015.

- Presented paper on 'Conceptualizations relating to the State in Ancient India' Research paper presented in **Symposium at the Indian History Congress**, JNU, New Delhi, 29th December, 2014.

-**Keynote address Osmania University**, Hyderabad -'Retrieving Women's History from Ancient Indian Textual Traditions' Presentation in Two day Workshop on Gender and History, 6th and 7th March 2014.

-Conducted **Three Orientation workshops** for three days each for History teachers of University of Delhi for the History Foundation Course between May and July 2013 and Fourth Orientation workshop in March 2014 organized by CPDHE, University of Delhi.

-**Nehru Memorial Museum and Library**- Presented paper on 'Retrieving Women's agency from the Matsyamahāpurāṇa' on 17th September, 2013.

- 'A Journey into the Past', Presentation for Commonwealth Exchange Program Students in Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, October, 2013.

- 'Indian History and Culture' Presentation for Workshop at Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, October, 2013.

Presentations made in IAS-

- 'A socio- historical study of ritual observances performed by women from the Early Historic period to 1200 C.E.', Paper in Fellows' Seminar in Indian Institute of Advanced Study, 30th September, 2010.

- 'Women as Patrons and Promoters of Religious Cults-Defining domesticity through Ritual Observances. A study of the Matsyamahāpurāṇa (3rd- 8th C.E.), Paper in Fellows' Seminar in Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, December 2011.

- 'Channelizing feminine 'energies': Conflicts and resolutions in representations of Goddesses', Paper in Fellows' Seminar in Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 30th May, 2012.

Feb 2011, International Conference on Households- Presented paper on 'The dynamics of the Early Indian Household: Conjuality, Domesticity, Patronage and Propriety in Textual Traditions' in International conference on Households held in JNU.

Workshops and Orientation programmes

Was one of the two member resource faculty and conducted the **Thirteenth National Workshop on Perspectives on Caste and Gender in Early India**, organized by Centre for Contemporary Theory and General Semantics, Baroda 2-5 February 2009. The workshop was attended by academics and professionals from different regions and included intensive sessions, paper presentations, public lectures and sessions dealing with primary sources in History and

interpreting them.

Participated as resource person in several workshops and orientation programmes e.g., Gender Sensitization Workshop at St.Bede's College, Shimla, 20th September, 2010.

Also attended various orientation programmes and workshops.

National Seminars, International seminars and Public Lectures (2009-2002)

-‘The Creation of Patriarchal Ideologies’, **Public Lecture** in the Thirteenth National Workshop on Gender and Caste, Centre of Contemporary Theory and General Semantics, Baroda, 5th February, 2009.

-‘Patriarchy in the Household: A Reading from Ancient Indian sources’, Women’s Studies Centre and Department of History, Kamala Nehru College, September 16th, 2009.

-‘Transitions in social organization: Organized household production and the emergence of the *sangha*. A comparative study of Early Grhyasutra texts vis a vis the Pattimokha (Vinaya Pitaka)’- Paper presented in Seminar on Revisiting Transitions, 6-8 March 2007, Centre for Historical Studies, SSS, JNU.

-‘The Ideological context of the Grhyasutras’- paper presented in the Kalidasa Memorial Lectures held in St. Stephens’ College, Delhi University, in January 2005.

-‘The patriarchal structure of the Household and the role of the ideal wife: Brahmanical ideological Constructs defined in early *Grhyasutra* literature’- Paper presented in Workshop on Gender, Economics and Development conducted by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in October 2003.

- ‘The Patriarchal Structure of the Early Indian Household, A study of the early Grhyasutras’- Paper presented in International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 3) held in Singapore from 19th to 22nd August,2003.

Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

-Organization of several Gender Sensitization Workshops for faculty in University of Delhi, visited various colleges of University of Delhi for conduct of such workshops and also for the non teaching staff in University of Delhi.

-Resource person in Workshop on ‘Leadership Development’ Conducted for Senior Women Leaders from Afghanistan, conducted by INGAF, Government of India (7th to 15th April, 2010).

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

Was Director of WSDC, DU when the Center was awarded the status of Center for Advanced Study by the UGC for conducting research on its Major project: ‘The emerging new middle class’. The Center is currently involved in conducting a thorough literature review, field studies, preparation of questionnaires and collating data relating to this project.

Completed Post doctoral Research Project on ‘A socio historical study of religious observances, rites and rituals performed by women (from the early Historic to 1200 C.E.)’ as Fellow, Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla (2010-2012).

Awards and Distinctions

Association With Professional Bodies

Other Activities