

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Examination	Board/University	Year	Class/Div	% of marks
Secondary	ICSE (Indian Certificate of Secondary Education)	1991	I	76
Higher Secondary	WBCHSE (West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education)	1993	I	62.7
B.A. (History honours)	Jadavpur University	1996	II	59.9
M.A. (AIHC and Archaeology)	Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute, Poona (Deemed to be a University)	1998	Ist Class First	72.4
Ph.D.	Deccan College Post-Graduate & Research Institute, Poona (Deemed to be a University)	Awarded 2009		

Title of the Thesis: **Protohistoric and Historical Archaeology of Ajay River Valley, West Bengal.**

Research Guide: **Prof.K. Paddayya**, Professor Emeritus, Deccan College, Pune

Professional Experiences before joining Visva Bharati

- Fellow, Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India from 2001-2013 (March)
- Guest Lecturer in the department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta from 2005 – 2012

Teaching Experience

- Guest Lecturer in University of Calcutta in department of Archaeology since 2005 – 2012 (June). Teaching the paper on **History of Indian Archaeology**.
- Teaching in the department of AIHC & Archaeology, Visva Bharati since 2013. Papers taken are on archaeology, Ancient Indian history, Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India in B.A. and MA classes. Also teach historiography and conceptual themes in archaeology in Mphil and PhD classes.

Supervision of Mphil and Phds

1. Supervised two Mphil dissertation on archaeology. One is continuing.
2. Supervising four Phd students on archaeology

Awards Received

- Awarded **Sankalia Gold Medal** for standing First Class First in M.A. in AIHC and Archaeology in 1998 from Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune

Area of Specialization

- Protohistoric archaeology, early historic archaeology, geoarchaeology and settlement pattern studies in archaeology, theory and method in archaeology

Research Orientation so far: Have worked on the settlement pattern and distribution of archaeological sites in Ajay river valley through intensive and extensive systematic explorations and geoarchaeological investigations to understand the context of the artefacts explored. Have also documented and analysed the explored artefacts and also studied the ceramic assemblage of the excavated protohistoric site of Pandu Rajar Dhibi. This work has come out as a part of her doctoral dissertation in Deccan College, Pune. I have worked on reorganizing and documenting the ceramic assemblage of the site of Pandu Rajar Dhibi. I have tried to understand the site of Mangalkot and its man land relationship by making detail geoarchaeological excavations in the site.

- **Future Research Plan:** Working on understanding the chalcolithic settlement system in Rarh with special reference to Birbhum and Bardhaman. I am in the process of documenting the ceramics of Kotasur and Hatikra along with the help of students to understand the gradual development from chalcolithic to early historic culture in Rarh region. I also plan to study other excavated chalcolithic sites to make a overall holistic picture of the chalcolithic culture of West Bengal. This will be accompanied with some small scale excavations in some sites to investigate the archaeological record in context for understanding the cultural profile of the chalcolithic period in West Bengal and also to develop a holistic approach towards the archaeological record by undertaking geoarchaeological research.

Explorations and Excavations Experience

- **1996-97.** Participated in Balathal, Rajasthan (Chalcolithic to Early Historic), organised by Prof. V.N. Mishra, Deccan College, Pune as part of M.A. course work
- **1998.** Participated excavations at Isampur, Karnataka (Palaeolithic), organised by Prof. K. Paddayya, Deccan College, Pune as part of M.A. course work

- **1996-97.** Attended in survey work and field mapping in Vijayanagar with the Survey team headed by Carla Sinopoli of University of Michigan
- **2002.** Field survey at Sisupalgarh, Orissa, under the supervision of Dr Monica Smith, University of Los Angeles
- **2003.** Field survey of archaeological sites in Ajay river valley in the districts of Bardhaman and Birbhum as a part of research field work
- **2003.** Explorations in North Bihar chalcolithic and early historic sites as a part of the project of the Centre for collection of pottery samples for laboratory analysis for understanding the provenance and technique
- **2004.** Conducting intensive survey mapping of the site of Mangalkot, Burdwan with regard to Archaeological Atlas Project (Early Historic Period).
- **2004-05.** Participated in the excavation of the site of Sisupalgarh, Orissa under the supervision of Dr. R. K. Mohanty, Deccan College, Pune, India and Dr. Monica Smith, University of Los Angeles.
- **2006.** Participated in the survey work in the site of Kotasur, Birbhum with regard to Archaeological Atlas Project (Early Historic Period)
- **2007-2008.** Explorations along Bakreswar river Valley as a part of Centre's Exploration project.
- **2008.** Participated in excavations at Paharpur as a Co-Director of the Exploration and Excavation Program of the Centre.
- **2009-10.** Codirected excavations at Mangalkot Bardhaman district as part of the Exploration and Excavation Program of the Centre along with Prof. S.N. Rajaguru, Deccan College, Pune.
- **2010.** Directed excavations at Mangalkot, Bardhaman district as part of the Exploration and Excavation Program of the Centre along with Prof. S.N. Rajaguru, Deccan College, Pune.
- **2017.** Geoarchaeological explorations with Prof Rajaguru in Ajay river valley and Mayurakhshi river valley in March 2017
- **2018.** Participated in excavations at Lalipahari excavations conducted by department of AIHC and Archaeology jointly with Bihar Heritage Development Society, Government of Bihar in February 2018 as a part of training MA students.
- **2019.** Explorations at Mahishadal with MA students as part of imparting field training of site exploration methodology.

Seminars Attended

- 2000. Presented a paper on Preliminary observations on the archaeological investigations in Ajay river Valley, Eastern India
- 2001. Attended and participated in the Centre's annual seminar on Archaeology of Medieval India
- 2002. Organised and coordinated Centre's annual seminar on Ethnoarchaeology in India: Problems, Methodology and Prospects
- 2003. Attended and participated in the organizing of Centre's annual seminar on Archaeology of Early Historic South Asia
- 2005. Attended and participated in the organizing of Centre's annual seminar on History of Archaeology of India
- 2006. Attended and Participated in the organizing of the Centre's annual seminar on Architecture of India
- 2008. Attended and participated in Centre's annual seminar on Quantitative Methods in Indian Archaeology
- 2009. Attended and participated in Centre's annual seminar on Archaeology of North East India
- 2010. Attended and participated in Centre's annual seminar on Prehistory of South Asia
- With Oishi Roy A paper presented on "*Impacts of Ancient Iron Technology of the Chalcolithic community of Mangalkot in Burdwan District of West Bengal*" in 6th International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA) in collaboration with Indian Museum on 17th March, 2018.
- Delivered a key note lecture in *Bardhaman Itihas and Purattatva Samsad* on "*Chalcolithic Civilisation in Ajay River Valley with special reference to excavations at Pandu Rajar Dhibi*" on 13th January, 2019.
- Delivered lecture in a webinar organized by Abhagahan Patrika on From Clay to Forms: A case study of Indus Terracottas on 7th Novmber 2020

As Resource Person

- Have taken lectures in a course on **Sciences in Archaeology** organized by the department of metallurgy in Jadavpur University in 2007.
- Have designed a paper on Introduction to Indian Civilization for the MA course (third semester) in West Bengal State University, Barasat started in July, 2010. Have taught topics of archaeological theory, methods, protohistory of India, early medieval India and history of Indian archaeology.

- Have formulated question paper of Paper 7 (History of Indian Archaeology) for the MA course in department of archaeology, University of Calcutta.
- Delivered two lectures on “*Neolithic and Chalcolithic Ceramics of Eastern India*” in Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India for the course An Introduction to Archaeological Ceramics, June 2016.
- Delivered two lectures in department of Archaeology University of Calcutta on One day seminar on Ceramics in Archaeology and Pottery Traditions in India on September 2016.
- Delivered two lectures on “*Neolithic and Chalcolithic Ceramics of Eastern India*” in Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India for the course An Introduction to Archaeological Ceramics on 28th and 29th May, 2018.
- Delivered two lectures on “*Analyses of Ceramics* (Ceramics Recording and Ceramics of Eastern India)” in the crash course on Field and Applied Archaeology organized by Indian Museum on 22nd and 23rd September, 2018.
- Delivered two lectures on “*Neolithic and Chalcolithic Ceramics of Eastern India*” in Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India for the course An Introduction to Archaeological Ceramics on May, 2019.
- Contributes as a resource person in teaching portions of early Indian history and archaeology incorporated in the civil service syllabus (IAS) to IAS aspirants in one of the institutes in Kolkata.(2010-2012)

Publications

- **2016.** Interaction of Chemistry and Archaeology: Potteries as case study (with Somnath Ghosh) in Nupur Dasgupta and Pranab Chattopadhyay (ed.) Methodologies of interpreting ancient past of South Asia. Studies in Material Culture, Sarada Prakashan, Dec 2016.
- **2012. A Report on Ceramics of the site of Mangalkot, West Bengal** with Sharmistha Chatterjee, 2011 in *Pratna Samiksha*, New Series 2.
- **2012. William Jones: In Pursuit of the Past** in *Heritage India*, Vol 5 Issue 1, February: 50-53
- **2010. Trial Excavations at Paharpur 2007-2008** with Sharmi Chakraborty, Kaushik Gangopadhyay in *Pratna Samiksha*, New Series 1: 49-50.
- **2010. Excavations at Mangalkot 2009-2010: Preliminary Geoarchaeological Investigations** with S.N. Rajaguru. *Pratna Samiksha. New Series*. Vol.1: 39-48
- **2006.** Coeditor with Gautam Sengupta and Sujit Som. **Past and Present. Ethnoarchaeology in India. Problems, Methodology and Prospects.** Pragati Publications, New Delhi.

- **2006.** Contributions in B.D. Chattopadhyaya, Gautam Sengupta and Sambhu Chakraborty edited **An Annotated Archaeological Atlas of West Bengal Vol I (Pre and Protohistory)**. Manohar Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi.
- **2002. Preliminary Geoarchaeological Studies in West Bengal.** With Sheena Panja, Bishnupriya Basak, Sharmi Chakraborty and S.N. Rajaguru. *Man and Environment* vol. XXVII No.2: 45-61.
- **2002. Understanding Archaeological Settlements in the dynamic Landscapes of Ajay River Valley** in Gautam Sengupta and Sheena Panja ed. **Archaeology of Eastern India: New Perspectives**. Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training in Eastern India.

Forthcoming Publication

- **Contributions of Akhshaya Kumar Maitra in Archaeology of Bengal** in Asiatic Society of Bengal

Research Experience

- 2001 – 2008: Doctoral Research on Protohistoric and Historical Archaeology of Ajay River Valley, West Bengal.
- 2001-2002: Conducting Geoarchaeological Investigations in Ajay river valley with Prof. S.N. Rajaguru of Deccan College
- 2003-2004: Systematic extensive and intensive explorations along Ajay River and its tributaries with an aim to understand the settlement pattern of archaeological sites from chalcolithic period to medieval period in a holistic perspective.
- 2004-2007: Studying and analyzing the excavated ceramic assemblage of the site of Pandu Rajar Dhibi, a Chalcolithic site of West Bengal and other explored sites of Ajay river valley housed in State Archaeological Museum.
- 2005-2007: Coordinated the project on preparation of Annotated Archaeological Atlas of West Bengal, Vol II (Early Historic period) funded by Dorabji Tata Trust
- 2009: Coordinating the Project on **A Sourcebook on Sikkim** funded by Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- 2009: Continuing documentation and intensive study of the excavated ceramics of Pandu Rajar Dhibi housed in the Directorate of Archaeology, Government of West Bengal with a plan of preparing a comprehensive report on this very important site.
- **2009.** Have participated in the certificate course on Quantitative Methods in Archaeology coordinated by Dr P.P. Joglekar of Deccan College Pune in the course organized by the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India, Kolkata

- 2009-2010. Directing the excavations of Mangalkot, Bardhaman, West Bengal.
- 2010. Project investigator of **post excavation analyses of the site of Mangalkot**. Coordinating the analyses and supervising the work of antiquity documentation assistant funded by Archaeological Survey of India

Other Professional Activities

- Was the Editor of the journal Pratna Samiksha. New Series published from the Centre. Is also a part of the Editorial Board of the journal.
- Actively supervised the publication works of the Centre. Preparation of prepress manuscripts of the books published by the Centre. Has worked on editing and preparing of books titled **Ethnoarchaeology in India, An Annotated Archaeological Atlas of West Bengal Vol I**, Monograph on **Formation Processes in Lower Palaeolithic Record in the Hunsgi & Baichbal Basins, Gulbarga District, Karnataka** by Richa Jhaldiyal and Monograph on **Human Skeletal Remains of the site of Jotsoma, Nagaland** by Veena Mushrif and others.
- Also involved in the preparation of the Annual Newsletter of the Centre published every year.
- Has been helping in the preparation of academic and official reports of the project on An Annotated Archaeological Atlas of West Bengal Vol II (Early Historic Period upto 750 AD) funded by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust.
- Involved in the present Atlas Vol II project – working with cartographers, writing annotations, providing archaeological inputs to the making of maps.
- Have coordinated and organized the national seminar on Ethnoarchaeology in 2002. Also involved in the organizing of all the annual national seminars of the Centre.

Languages Known

- English (Read and Write)
- Bengali (Read and Write)
- Hindi (Read and Write)
- Oriya (Can Speak)

Knowledge of Computer

- All Computer Fundamentals
- Statistical Software (Systat)
- Knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Page Maker