

Dr. Bidyut Patar

Assistant Professor, Department of History
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, India

✉ bidyut.firearms@gmail.com
✉ bidyut.patar@visva-bharati.ac.in

ORCID: 0000-0002-9092-8333
Google Scholar | Academia.edu

Profile

Specialises in the military history of South Asia, with a particular focus on Mughal firearms and technology. Contributions include invited work for Oxford University Press and election as a member of the Royal Historical Society, London (2025–2026). Research engages both academic and broader audiences through peer-reviewed publications, invited talks, and editorial responsibilities, and has also been featured in national media, including *India Today*, *ETV Bharat*, *Gati Dainik*, *Bartaman*, and *Anandabazar Patrika*.

Teaching Experience

- **Faculty, Directorate of Open and Distance Learning (DODL), University of Kalyani (2019–2022)**
 - Designed and delivered undergraduate and postgraduate history courses in distance mode.
 - Contributed to *Self-Learning Materials* for Open and Distance Education.
- **Assistant Professor, Department of History, Visva-Bharati (2022–Present)**

Education

Ph.D. in History, Visva-Bharati (2021)

M.A. in History, Visva-Bharati (2015, First Class)

B.A. (Hons.) in History, Durgapur Govt. College, University of Burdwan (2013, First Class)

Exams Qualified: UGC NET-JRF | WB-SET | VB-RET

Faculty Induction Programme (FIP), Aligarh Muslim University (2023)

Academic Honours

Elected Member, Royal Historical Society, London, UK (2025–2026)

Research Interests

- Military History of South Asia
- History of Arms and Armour
- History of Science and Technology

Supervision

Supervising 3 Ph.D. Scholar

Selected Publications & Academic Contributions

Invited Contributions

- Patar, Bidyut. “Firearms in Mughal India.” *ORE Asian History*. Oxford University Press, 2025.
- Patar, Bidyut. *Forthcoming invited article on South Asian military history*. Oxford University Press.

Book Chapter

- Patar, Bidyut. “রবীন্দ্রনাথের ইতিহাসচর্চা.” In *আধুনিক যুগের বাংলা*, 2023.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Patar, Bidyut. “Firearms: East Meets West.” *Utkal Historical Research Journal*, 2021.(UGC CARE)
- Patar, Bidyut. “Indian Response to European Military Technology during the 16th to 17th Century.” *Khoai*, 2020.(UGC CARE)
- Patar, Bidyut. “Mechanism of Firearms: Pre-colonial India.” *Social Science and Humanities Research*, 2020. (Open access)
- Patar, Bidyut. “Fire as Arms and Firearms on Indian Battlefield: An Appraisal (712–1526 AD).” *The Prism*, 2018. (special issue)
- Patar, Bidyut. “রাঢ় জনজাতির একটি বিস্মৃত প্রায় কারিগরি বৃত্তিঃ প্রসঙ্গ বীরভূমের ‘লোহামহল’.” *Rarh Bhabna*, 2018.

Curriculum Development

- Contributor. *Self-Learning Material for Open and Distance Education*. University of Kalyani.

Invited Lectures & Keynotes (Selected)

- Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata – Key Speaker, Workshop on **Research Methodology** (July 2025)
- Durgapur Govt. College – **Alumni Expert Talk**: Beyond Dates and Dynasties (April 2025, Online)
- Turku Hansda Lapsa Hemram Mahavidyalay – Lecture on **Indian Knowledge System** (Sept 2024)
- Jangipur College – International Seminar on **Pedagogy** (March 2024)
- Salesian College – **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** (2021)

Conferences & Seminars (Selected)

- Delhi History Congress (2024)
- University of Kalyani (2023)
- Balurghat College (2022)
- East Calcutta Girls College (2018)
- Durgapur Govt. College (2017)
- Indian History Congress, JNU (2015)

Editorial & Reviewer Roles

- Editor, Insight Journal (Peer-Reviewed)
- Reviewer, People's History Journal (UGC-CARE Listed)
- Invited Contributor, forthcoming OUP Military History volume

Media Contributions

- **India Today** – Expert commentary and historical insights
- **ETV Bharat** – Invited opinion pieces
- **Anandabazar Patrika** – Post-editorial contributions
- **Bartaman** – Guest columns on history and society
- **Gati Dainik** – Opinion essays and feature articles