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High School Ist with honor: 1979
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B.A.: Ist 1983
M.A.: History Ist 1985
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D.Phil: History HNB Garhwal University 1996

Title of the Thesis: **Ancient Communities of Central Himalaya: A Critical Study (From Earliest Times to CE 1000AD)**: In my thesis I tried to study about the ancient communities namely Kol, Kirata, Rajya- Kirata, Kinnar, Gandharva, Nagas ,Tangan-Partangan, Khasa, Kuninda,Yaudheya, Katyuries , Bhotiyas etc. The study revealed the origin, settlement, Socio-cultural and economic aspects of the communities on the basis of literary and archaeological sources. Most of the communities were the native to the place but a few of them such as Khasas migrated from Kashmir to eastern part of the Himalayas. The thesis has recreated the history of ancient inhabitants in the Central Himalayan region.

PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION IN RELEVANT AREAS IN HIGHER EDUCATION:

- **Nominated as an Expert in the Core Group of Experts by NCERT to Review and finalize a ‘Social Science Education: Working paper’ to prepare Curriculum according to New Education Policy for Social Sciences in September 2020**
- Reviewer in STRIDE Projects 2020

- LEAP Programme- Leadership for Academicians Programme (MHRD Sponsored) in 2019
- Expert Gurukul Kangri University since 2019
- Member Co-ordinator- National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bengaluru (NAAC) since 2017.
- Awarded Guest Fellowship, Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla, H.P. 2019
- N.C.R.T Member Book Review Committee, Resource person in Historical Atlas Project and Pre 1857 Uprisings in India, 2015- onwards in 2019
- Expert, UPSC New Delhi 2020.
- Expert, Bihar PSC since 2019
- Expert, UPSC Uttarakhand since 2008
- Member, Board of studies- (History, Economics, Mass Communication)
- Member, Board of studies- H.P. University, Shimla
- Member, Board of Academic Committee- Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani
- Member, Board of studies- Sridev Suman University, Uttarakhand.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

- **Nodal Officer NIRF**
- **Convenor Centre Purchase Committee**
- **Convener Library committee**
- **Campus Director, July-2017 till present**
- **Proctor from May, 2009 –August 2014**
- **Convener and Member of the different Committees of the University**
Including Member of Academic Committee, Planning and Development Committee, Campus Development Committee,
- Ordinance Committee, Anti Ragging Committee, MACP Committee, Library Committee etc.
- Chief of the University Anti Ragging Squad.2009-2014
- Deputy Controller of Examination H.N.B.Garhwal University, for 3 years (1999-2001)
- Assistant Proctor of the University (1999-2001; 2003 onwards)

SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- International Collaboration with Heidelberg University, Germany and working on German Research Foundation - supported project “Tantrik Text Practices: a comparative ethnography of "Tantra" in South and Southeast Asia,” which is led by Prof William Sax and Prof. Annette Hornbacher, of Heidelberg University, Germany.

CONVENOR OF NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Convened an International Webinar on Pandemics, Epidemics and Natural Disasters in the History of Mankind from 25-26 May 2020 in the Department of History, Ancient Indian History, and Culture including Archaeology, HNB Garhwal University Srinagar in collaboration with Devbhoomi Vichar Manch
- Aupaniveshik Mansikta se Bhartiya Manas ki Mukti 7-8 April, 2018, Department of History, Ancient Indian, History, Culture & Archaeology, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal.
- Relevance of Vedic Environmental Ethics in the Conservation of Present Environment, H.N.B. Garhwal University Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand, 04-06 March 2016, Department of History, Ancient Indian, History, Culture & Archaeology, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal
- Ramayana tradition in Historical Perspective, H.N.B. Garhwal University Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand, 03-04 November 2003, Department of History, Ancient Indian, History, Culture & Archaeology, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal

LECTURES DELIVERED ABROAD & FOREIGN VISITS:

- Delivered a Public Lecture on *Dancing Cattles in High Himalayan Society* in the Department of South East Asia Studies, Northern Illinois University U.S.A. in September, 2010.
- Delivered two invited lectures on Indian **History & Culture** in Heidelberg University, **Germany** in June and July 2005
- Delivered two Public lectures on *Ramayana Tradition in Central Himalaya and Ritual-healing in Garhwal Himalaya* in the South Asia Institute, **Heidelberg University, Germany** in June and July 2005

- Delivered Community lectures on Historical Roots of **Indian Culture** in Leiden Arya Samaj Mandir, Leiden and Rotterdam Arya Samaj Mandir, Rotterdam, The **Netherlands** in March 2005
- Delivered a Public lecture in the Department of Philosophy, Virje University **Amsterdam, The Netherlands** in March 2005.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- **35 National** Seminars and Conferences.
- **25 International** Seminars and Conferences.

KEY NOTE ADDRESS & INVITED LECTURES DELIVERED:

- Presidential address on **Significance of Sanskrit sources in Indian History** on 8-09-2020 in a seven day workshop on Bhartiya Gyan Parampara mein Sanskrit ki Bhoomika (With special reference to New Education Policy 2020) from 5-09-2020-11-09-2020 Jointly Organized by Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, Devbhoomi Vichar Manch, Uttarakhand & Bharat Adhyan Kendra BHU at <https://zoom.us/j/97363380731?pwd=SVlhK110cEJCbnh0VXg1T0RDQUNzUT09>
- Delivered invited lecture on **Institutional Best Practices for better ranking of a HEI** as required by NAAC, organized by SGRR (PG) College, Dehradun at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/81899439965>
- Key note address on **The relevance of Indian Culture in present Context** on 17th August,2020 in one day Webinar organized by SGRR(PG) College, Dehradun at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86070131636?pwd=cjJQQ0Y3MW5ESkJUUIJHTEpadEpadEZxQT09>
- Delivered an invited lecture on **Need of Rewriting Indian History** organized by Faculty of Social Sciences BHU Varanasi on 5-7-2020 at FSS BHU online <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id100000957026922>
- Invited lecture on Pandemics in the history of Mankind organized by Unmesh Pragma Pravaah, Banaras on 27-06-2020 at <https://m.facebook.com/pragyapravahkashi>.
- Delivered Key note address on **A historical account of Artistic representation of Pandemics**

- International Webinar Present & Post Covid Scenario: With Special Reference to Arts Organized by MKP (PG) College Dehra Dun on 12-13th June, 2020 on Google meet-hef-vykp-fv
 - Chaired a session in a National Seminar organised on Himalayan History, Culture and Art by H. P. State Museum, Shimla on 22-23 November, 2019
 - Participated and presented a paper on **Buderas of Gangi: Religion, ritual and identity of a High Himalayan pastoralist community**, in a National Seminar organised on Himalayan History, Culture and Art by H. P. State Museum, Shimla on 22-23 November, 2019
 - Delivered invited lecture on **Buderas : their religion and culture** in Ranchi at the Regional Centre of Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts on 28th September, 2018.
 - Delivered invited lecture on **Education System in Ancient India** in Orientation Programme organized by Faculty Development Centre, 11 September, 2018.
 - Delivered invited lecture on **Bharat mein Gyan ki Lok Parampara** in a national Seminar organized Gujarat Technical University, Ahamadabad in collaboration of Pragyan Pravah on 18th August, 2018.
 - Delivered key note address in a national seminar on **Literature and Historical Writing** organized by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Devprayag in Feb 2018.
 - Delivered invited lecture on **Valmiki Ramayana and Gender Issue: Case of Sita**, in **IIAS**, Shimla, on 28th July, 2017.
 - Delivered **key note** address in a National Seminar on **Environmental Ethics in Man-Nature Relationship** organized by D A V (P G) College, Dehra Dun on 18 Nov, 2016.
 - Delivered **key note** address in an International Seminar on **Ramayana tradition in Art and Paintings** convened by IGNCA New Delhi in collaboration with MKP (PG) College Dehra Dun.
 - Convened National Conference on the **Relevance of Vedic Environmental Ethics in the Conservation of Present Environment** in March 2016.

- Chaired a session in the Third International Ramayana Conference organized by the International Ramayana Institute of **North America in Northern Illinois** University, DeKalb in June, 2010.
- Chaired a session in an International Conference on **Mahrishi Balmiki and his teachings** organized by Central Balmiki Sabha **UK** and Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Academy New Delhi in March 2008.
- Chaired a session in the Second International Ramayana Conference organized by the International Ramayana Institute of **North America in Northern Illinois** University, DeKalb in June, 2005.

BOOKS PUBLISHED

1. Ancient Communities of the Himalaya, Indus Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1998.
2. Cities and Sites of Ancient and Medieval India, Winsar Publishing House, New Delhi, 1999.
3. Ramayana Tradition in Historical Perspective (EDT.) Pratibha Prakashan New Delhi, 2006.

BOOKS UNDER PUBLICATION:

1. Vedic Environment
2. **Ramayana Tradition** in Global Perspective
3. **Cultural Heritage of Garhwal Himalaya.**
4. History of **Traditional Healthcare** System in Uttarakhand

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS: PAPERS PUBLISHED:

1. Kashmiriyat: The Forgotten Identity of Kashmir. Think India (Quarterly Journal), Volume 22 Issue 4, ISSN No.-0971-1260, 2019.
2. Ramayana Performances in Garhwal Himalaya, Itihas Darpan, Vol-xxiv (1), 48-55, New Delhi, 2019
3. "Role of Press in raising women issues: A Case of Colonial Garhwal." Published in *Research Journal of Social Science and Life Science*.vol-xxiv. Rewa, (M.P.) 2018.
4. "Garhwal Himalaya mien Prachalit Vivah Sambandhi Mangalgeeton mein nihit Paryavarniya Tatva." Published in *Research Journal of Social Science and Life Science*.vol-xxv. Rewa, (M.P.) 2018.

5. "Garhwal Himalaya ke Lokgeeton mein Ramayan Parampara: ek aitihasik sandarbh. Akhil Bhartiya Itihas Sanklan" *Yojna* .vol-xxiii(1).New Delhi, 2018.
6. Valmiki Ramayana and the Case of Sita in Historical Context, Spring Magazine on English Literature, Vol IV No.1, 2018.
7. Britishkaleen Garhwal Himalaya mein Prachalit Vivah Padhattiyon ke Antargat Mahilaon ki Samajik Stithi Ka ek Aitihasik Adhyayan, Sociological Quest Year 3 , Issue 4 , ISSN No.- 2347-8926, I F-3.325, Jan-March 2017.
8. "Vedon mein Paryavarniya Sanchetana", *published in Recent Researches in Social Sciences & Humanities*, International Refereed & Blind Peer Reviewed Multi-Disciplinary Research Juornal, Issue 01, Year 04, page, 64-68, Roorkee, April-June-2017.
9. Garhwal Himalaya mein Prachalit Vivah sambandhi Mangalgeet, Itivritta An Inter-Disciplinary International Journal of History and Culture, Vol.5, part2, Winter, 120 - 132, 2017.
10. Garhwal Himalaya ke Lokgeeton mein Ramayan Parampara ki Pratidhvani: Ek Aitihasik, Itivritta, An Inter-Disciplinary International Journal of History and Culture, Vol.5, part2, winter, p.98-113, 2017.
11. "Evolution of Kashmiriyat (A Case of Socio-Cultural Assimilation During 14th -15th Century)" published in A Multi-Disciplinary Juornal *Remarking An Analization* , Vol I, Issue VIII, Nov., page73-78, Kanpur, 2016.
12. "Garhwal mein Aayurvedic Chikitsa Padhatti ke Prasaran mein Nathpanth ka Yogdan", published in *Anukriti*, year 6, Number 8, Varanasi, December, page 103-110, 2016.
13. "Pauri Garhwal mein "Ramlila Manchan ke Vivid Aayam" published in *ISRJ Journal*, Pune, October, 2016.
14. "Britishkalin Garhwal Himalaya mein Prachalit Vivah Padhattiyon ke antargat mahilaon ki samajik stithi ka ek eitihasik adhyan" published in *Sangharsh/ Struggle: A Journal of Dalit Literacy*, Vol.5 page 27-40, Issue,2, Delhi, 2016 .
15. "Garhwal Himalaya ke Sanskargeeton mein nihit Paryavarniya Tatva " published in *Malti : Hindi Research Journal*, Vol 2, Issue -10, page 34-40, AMU, Aligarh Dec. 2016.
16. Maurya Kal Mein Paryavaran Snarkshan: Ek etihasic Drishtikon, International Journal of Humanities and Social Science And Research, 2(11), p 70-75. ISSN: 2455-2070, 2016.

17. Vaidik Kal Main Paryavaran Sanrakshan : Ek Aitihāsik Adhyan, Saklani, D.P., Bahadur Prem, Review of Research, Vol.IV Issue III, P. 1-6, ISSN No. 2249-894X, UGC List 2019 No. 48514, 2014.
18. Prachin Bharatiya Samskriti mein Paryavaran ki Avadharana: Paryavaraniya Ghatak "Jal" ke Vishesh Sandarbha mein, Indian Streams Research Journal, Vol. IV, Issue. X, Solapur, Nov. 2014.
19. "Jaunsari Janjati Ki Daibiya Evam Mantrik Chikitsa Paddhati Ek Aitihāsik Adhyan." *Anushandhan Vatika*, Vol.I, ISSUE-4, A Research Journal of Human Existence, New Delhi, P.15-22, , Jan-March 2012.
20. "Garhwal Himalaya Teerthyatra Margon ke vikas ka Kalkramik Vivechan." *Anushandhan Vatika*, Vol.I, ISSUE-4, A Research Journal of Human Existence, New Delhi, P.32-42, Jan-March 2012.
21. Maya as Evil: From Classical Hindu Tradition to Bhakti Saints and Kabir. A Historical Exploration, published in *Currents, A Cross-Cultural Journal* of Virje University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, P 18-40, 2007, ISBN978—90-420-2231-7.
22. Saklani, D.P. "Medicinal knowledge in Agnipuran", published in *Stotra Sahitya ki Upadeyata*, New Delhi, 2007.
23. Questioning the questioning of Ramayana in Historical Context, *Indologica Taurinensia*, Vol.XXXI, Torino, Italy, P.233-248, 2005.
24. Ethno medicine and Ethnic Communities of Uttranchal Himalaya, in the *Journal of Meerut University History Alumni Association*, Vol.V, Meerut,P. 213- 228, 2004.
25. Ramayana Tradition in Central Himalaya, ABOI, Pune, P.116-126, 2004.
26. The Concept of Dharma in Ancient India, published in *Brahma Vidya*, Col. Henery Olcot centenary volume, Adyar Society Library, Chennai, P.333-362, 2004.
27. Kingly Deities of Western Himalaya, in the *Bulletin of Visheshvasranand Vedic Research Institute*, Vol.3 Hoshiarpur, P.153-180, 2004.
28. Questioning the Questioning of Ramayana, in the *Journal of Ganganath Jha Kendriya Sanskrit Sansthan*, Vol.LVII(1-4) Allahabad, P.315-334, 2001
29. Ancient Himalayan Traders and their successors, in IHC Pro. Delhi University Delhi, 1999.
30. Underdevelopment a cause of Tension in Garhwal Himalaya, *Journal of Peace Studies* Vol.V, Issue-1, New Delhi, 1998.
31. Ancient Communities of Garhwal Himalaya, in the *Journal of Peace Studies*, New Delhi Vol.V. Issue 2, New Delhi, 1998.

32. Tangas: An Ancient Trading community of Central Himalaya, Journal of Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, Vol. IV, No.1 Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 1997.
33. Ancient Himalayan Traders and their successors, in IHC Pro. Delhi University Delhi, 1999.
34. Ancient Ethnic communities of Himachal Pradesh, Proceedings of a National Seminar held by the Department of Language and Culture of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, 1998.
35. Underdevelopment a cause of Tension in Garhwal Himalaya, Journal of Peace Studies Vol.V, Issue-1, New Delhi, 1998.

Chapter in Books:

1. "Ramayana Tradition in Performing Arts." in *Ashwani Agarwal ed.Legacy of Indian Art: Continuity in Change*, published by Aryan Books International, New Delhi, 2013.
2. "Transmission of Ayurvedic Practices in Garhwal Himalaya", published in *Shrutimati: Glory of Sanskrit Literature, Prof. Ramkaran Sharma Felicitation Volume*, Pratibha Prakashan, Delhi, 2008.ISBN:81-7702-126-5'
3. "The Diversity of Ramayana Tradition in Garhwal Himalaya." *Recognizing Diversity: Society & Culture in the Himalaya*, Edited by Prof. Chetan Singh, Oxford University publication, New Delhi, P.2005-225, 2011.
4. "Kinnars in Legend and History", Prof.K.P. Nautiyal felicitation volume, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal.1997.
5. "Tribal Populace of Garhwal Himalaya" in Op Kandari Edit. *Garhwal Himalaya*, Print media, Srinagar Garhwal, 2001.
6. "Transmission of Ayurvedic Practices in Central Himalaya", published in *Prof. Samreshbandhu Felicitation Vol.* Edt. By Prof. Ian Mabbett, Australian National University Canberra, Australia. 2012.ISBN:978-09848617-0-1, P.391-401.
7. "Kirata Settlements in Himalayas in Ancient times", published in *Prof.K.K.Thapliyal Felicitation Volume* in 2007.
8. "Kinnars in Legend and History", Prof.K.P. Nautiyal felicitation volume, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal.1997.

UNDERGOING & COMPLETED RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. **Presently working on a Major Research Project on Ramayana Tradition in Garhwal Himalaya funded by ICHR, New Delhi**

2. Major Research Project on *Ancient Communities of Garhwal Himalayas: Change and Continuity*, funded by ICHR, New Delhi.
3. Major Research Project on *Folk Songs and dances of Garhwal Himalaya*, funded by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi
4. Major Research Project on *Traditional Healthcare and Modern Medicine in Uttaranchal: a historical Study*, funded by UGC, New Delhi.
5. Major Research Project on *Traditional Healthcare Systems in Garhwal Himalaya A historical Study of Change and Continuity*, Funded by G.B.Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment, Almora.

RESEARCH GUIDANCE:

- Guided **15 PG** Students for dissertation
- **9 Students** have completed **D.Phil** thesis and have been awarded the same
- **3 students** are working for **D.Phil** degree under my supervision

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS:

- **Working on a Major Project of NCERT, New Delhi to develop a Historical Atlas for CBSE Board.**
- **Subject Expert** in Punjab University, Chandigarh, H.P.University, Shimla & Kumaon University, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, NCERT New Delhi.
- Delivered lectures as a **Resource Person in UGC Refresher Course** for the promotion of University/Degree college teachers conducted by Vishwa Bharti University **Shantiniketan** and CCS Meerut University, **Meerut** in 2003.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Awarded **National Merit Scholarship** after passing Matriculation Examination with honor in 1979.
- Qualified **National Educational Testing Examination** of UGC, 1988.
- Selected for **M.P. PCS** in 1989.
- Qualified **U.P. PCS (Pre)** exam in 1990, 91, 92.
- Qualified **U.P. PCS (Main)** exam in 1990, 91, 92.
- U.P. Higher Education Service **Commission selected Lecturer** in SDPG College Ghaziabad from Nov.1990 to April 1992.

- Selected as a Lecturer in H.N.B.Garhwal University, Srinagar in May 1992.
- Visiting fellow in Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla 1994, 1996,1997,2002,2004, 2006.
- Taught for eight years (1992-2000 in Tourism Deptt. and IAS (Pre) Coaching Centre of H.N.B. Garhwal University as a guest faculty.

MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

1. Member, Academic Council Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani
2. Life Member, Indian History Congress
3. Life Member Uttarakhand History & Culture Association
4. Member of European Society for Cross Cultural and Theological Debates, the Netherlands (from 2005-2009)
5. Life Member of Book Club IAS Shimla

HONORS & AWARDS:

Awarded with **Distinguished Academy Award by Punjab Kala and Sahitya Academy**, Jalandhar for Historical writing in 2005.

Innovative Work: SAMADHAN