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INDIA



Name: **Dr. Dinesh Prasad**

Position held; **Professor & Former Head of the Department**

Department: History, Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology

Institution: HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar (On Long leave)
Presently: Director NCERT & Chairperson NCTE, New
Delhi

Date of Birth: 01-January-1963

High School **Ist with honor, 1979**

Intermediate: High Second 1981

B.A.: Ist 1983

M.A.: History Ist 1985

NET History: UGC New Delhi 1988

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:

- Awarded **National Fellowship** by IAS, Shimla in January, 2022
- Nominated as Member in the Departmental Advisory Board of NCERT New Delhi in Nov.2020 for 3 years.
- 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, PSC 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:

Head, Department of History, Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology (1st January 2022-11th Feb, 2022)

Campus Director, since July-2017

Co-ordinator- Center For Folk & Performing Art(July 2021-11th Feb 2022)

- Nodal Officer NIRF
- Convenor Central Purchase Committee 2019-20
- Convener Library committee
- Proctor from May, 2009 –August 2014
- Convener and Member of the different Committees of the University Including Member of Academic Council, 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:

- Guest Fellow IAS Shimla (September 2021 to November 2021)
- Working as Indian Collaborator on German Research Foundation supported project “Tantrik Text and Practices: a comparative ethnography of "Tantra" in Southeast Asia, and Western Himalaya,” with 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

- More than 40 National Seminars, Conferences & Webinars
- 25 International Seminars, Conferences & Webinars

KEY NOTE ADDRESS & INVITED LECTURES DELIVERED:

Delivered a lecture on Vedic Medicine on 22-11-2021 at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

Delivered inaugural lecture as Chief Guest in a National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social sciences organized by H.P.University on 18th November, 2021

Delivered an invited lecture on Jagar Tradition in Garhwal Himalaya, on 17th Nov, in a webinar LOKRANG-Indian Folk Performing Traditions-17-20th Nov, 2020 organized by IGNCA, New Delhi in loving Memory Dr Kapila Vatsyana.

- 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=cjJQQ0Y3MW5ESkIUUJHTEpadEpadEZxQT09>
- 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 Pragya Pravah, 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 on 15th April 201
- 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. Relevance of Vedic Environmental Ethics in Contemporary World published by Shree Books, Delhi 2021 (Edt.)
2. Aupniveshik Mansikta se Bharatiya Manas Ki Mukti, Devbhoomi Vichar Manch, Dehra Dun, 2020 (Edt)
3. Ramayana Tradition in Historical Perspective (EDT.) Pratibha Prakashan New Delhi, 2006.
4. Cities and Sites of Ancient and Medieval India, Winsar Publishing House, New Delhi, 1999
5. Ancient Communities of the Himalaya, Indus Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1998.

BOOKS UNDER PUBLICATION:

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

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS: PAPERS PUBLISHED:

1. Push-Pull factors And socio-Economic Condition of Reverse Migrants During Ist wave of Covid -19: A Grass Root Survey in Garhwal Himalaya, published in Acta Geographica Universitatis Comenianae, vol.65,2021, No.2,pp.133-159

1. Buderass- A Pastoralist Community of High Himalayan Society:Migration, Identity,Existence and Belief in *Indian Historical Review*, Vol 48, Issue 2 published by ICHR, December,2021
2. Uttarakhand mein Ramlila ki Parampara, Pahar Online,October2020
3. Kashmiriyat: The Forgotten Identity of Kashmir. Think India (Quarterly Journal), Volume 22 Issue 4, ISSN No.-0971-1260, 2019.
4. Ramayana Performances in Garhwal Himalaya, Itihas Darpan, Vol-xxiv (1), 48-55, New Delhi, 2019
5. "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.
6. "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.
7. "Garhwal Himalaya ke Lokgeeton mein Ramayan Parampara: ek aitihāsik sandarbh. Akhil Bhartiya Itihas Sanklan" *Yojna* .vol-xxiii(1).New Delhi, 2018.

8. Valmiki Ramayana and the Case of Sita in Historical Context, Spring Magazine on English Literature, Vol IV No.1, 2018.
9. Britishkaleen Garhwal Himalaya mein Prachalit Vivah Padhattiyon ke Antargat Mahilaon ki Samajik Stithi Ka ek Aitihashik Adhyayan, Sociological Quest Year 3 , Issue 4, ,ISSN No.- 2347-8926, I F-3.325, Jan-March 2017.
10. “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.
11. Garhwal Himalaya mein Prachalit Vivah sambandhi Mangalgeet, Itivritta An Inter-Disciplinary International Journal of History and Culture, Vol.5, part2, Winter, 120 - 132, 2017.
12. Garhwal Himalaya ke Lokgeeton mein Ramayan Parampara ki Pratidhvani: Ek Aitihashik, Itivritta, An Inter-Disciplinary International Journal of History and Culture, Vol.5, part2, winter, p.98-113, 2017.
13. “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.
14. “Garhwal mein Aayurvedic Chikitsa Padhatti ke Prasaran mein Nathpanth ka Yogdan”, published in *Anukriti*, year 6, Number 8, Varanasi, December, page 103-110, 2016.
15. “Pauri Garhwal mein “Ramlila Manchan ke Vivid Aayam” published in *ISRJ Journal*, Pune, October, 2016.
16. “Britishkalin Garhwal Himalaya mein Prachalit Vivah Padhattiyon ke antargat mahilaon ki samajik stithi ka ek eitihashik adhyan” published in *Sangharsh/ Struggle: A Journal of Dalit Literacy*, Vol.5 page 27-40, Issue,2, Delhi, 2016 .
17. “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.
18. Maurya Kal Mein Paryavaran Snarkshan: Ek etihashik Drishtikon, *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science And Research*, 2(11), p 70-75. ISSN: 2455-2070, 2016.

19. Vaidik Kal Main Paryavaran Sanrakshan : Ek Aitihāsik Adhyān, 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.
20. 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.
21. "Jaunsari Janjati Ki Daibiya Evam Mantrik Chikitsa Paddhati Ek Aitihāsik Adhyān." *Anushandhan Vatika*, Vol.I, ISSUE-4, A Research Journal of Human Existence, New Delhi, P.15-22, , Jan-March 2012.
22. "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.
23. 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.
24. Saklani, D.P. "Medicinal knowledge in Agnipuran", published in *Stotra Sahitya ki Upadeyata*, New Delhi, 2007.
25. Questioning the questioning of Ramayana in Historical Context, *Indologica Taurinensia*, Vol.XXXI, Torino, Italy, P.233-248, 2005.
26. Ethno medicine and Ethnic Communities of Uttranchal Himalaya, in the *Journal of Meerut University History Alumni Association*, Vol.V, Meerut,P. 213- 228, 2004.
27. Ramayana Tradition in Central Himalaya, ABOI, Pune, P.116-126, 2004.
28. The Concept of Dharma in Ancient India, published in *Brahma Vidya*, Col. Henery Olcot centenary volume, Adyar Society Library, Chennai, P.333-362, 2004.
29. Kingly Deities of Western Himalaya, in the *Bulletin of Visheshvasranand Vedic Research Institute*, Vol.3 Hoshiarpur, P.153-180, 2004.
30. Questioning the Questioning of Ramayana, in the *Journal of Ganganath Jha Kendriya Sanskrit Sansthan*, Vol.LVII(1-4) Allahabad, P.315-334, 2001
31. Ancient Himalayan Traders and their successors, in IHC Pro. Delhi University Delhi, 1999.
32. Underdevelopment a cause of Tension in Garhwal Himalaya, *Journal of Peace Studies* Vol.V, Issue-1, New Delhi, 1998.
33. Ancient Communities of Garhwal Himalaya, in the *Journal of Peace Studies*, New Delhi Vol.V. Issue 2, New Delhi, 1998.

34. 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.
35. Ancient Himalayan Traders and their successors, in IHC Pro. Delhi University Delhi, 1999.
36. Ancient Ethnic communities of Himachal Pradesh, Proceedings of a National Seminar held by the Department of Language and Culture of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, 1998.
37. 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 edt.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 *Empirical Study of Socio-economic Condition of Reverse Migrants of district Pauri Garhwal Post Covid,2020* funded by ICSSR New Delhi.

2. *Ramayana Tradition in Garhwal Himalaya* funded by ICHR, New Delhi
3. Major Research Project on *Ancient Communities of Garhwal Himalayas: Change and Continuity*, funded by ICHR, New Delhi.
4. Major Research Project on *Folk Songs and dances of Garhwal Himalaya*, funded by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi
5. Major Research Project on *Traditional Healthcare and Modern Medicine in Uttaranchal: a historical Study*, funded by UGC, New Delhi.
6. 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:

- 11 Students have completed D.Phil thesis ``and have been awarded the same
- 4 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,
- 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

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- More than 40 National Seminars and Conferences.
 - More than 25 International Seminars and Conferences.
1. Presented a paper on Performing traditions of Ramayana in Garhwal Himalaya in an International Conference on International Ramayana conference organized by IGNCA New Delhi from 23rd to 29th November, 2015
 2. International Ramayana Conference Department of Anthropology Northern Illinois University U.S.A. Public Lecture on Dancing Cattles in High Himalayan Society, 21 September, 2010
 3. 3rd International Ramayana Conference organized by NRI U S A and Department of South East Asian Studies, Gender Issue in Valmiki Ramayana, 17 September, 2010 South Asia Institute, Ritual-healing in Garhwal Himalaya, Heidelberg University, Germany, Ritual-healing in Garhwal Himalaya. 13 June, June 2005 .
 4. South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany, Heidelberg University, Germany. Ramayana Tradition in Central Himalaya, 24 June 2005
 5. Arya Samaj Mandir, Leiden and Rotterdam, Arya Samaj Mandir, Leiden and Rotterdam, 15 March 2005

6. International Conference on Evil organized by Department of Philosophy, Virje University Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Maya as an Evil from Classical Hindu texts to Bhakti Saints with special reference to Kabir. 05 March 2005.
 7. International Ramayana Conference organized by NRI U S A and Department of South East Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb USA. Ramayana Tradition in Central Himalaya, 04 June, 2005.
 8. 1st International Ramayana Conference organized by NRI U S A and Department of South East Northern Illinois University, DeKalb USA. Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb USA. 27 August 2001
- National Conferences, Seminars & Webinars
1. Delivered an invited lecture on Jagar Tradition in Garhwal Himalaya, on 17th Nov, in a webinar LOKRANG-Indian Folk Performing Traditions-17-20th Nov, 2020 organized by IGNCA, New Delhi in loving Memory Dr Kapila Vatsyana.
 2. Hindutva and Hinduism a historical gleaning in online National workshop organised by Prgya Pravah from 3rd September to 7th September 2020
 3. 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>
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 5. 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=cjJQQ0Y3MW5ESk1JUUIJHTEpadEpadEZxQT09>
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 7. Invited lecture on Pandemics in the history of Mankind organized by Unmesh Pragma Pravah, Banaras on 27-06-2020 at <https://m.facebook.com/pragyapravahkashi>.

8. Delivered Key note address on A historical account of Artistic representation of Pandemics
9. 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
10. 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
11. Chaired a session in a National Conference on Indic-Thai: Cosmic & Art Historical Traditions organized by IGNC A, New Delhi from 30-31 march,2019
12. Delivered a lecture on impact of Ramayana Tradition on Thai Ramayana in a National Conference on Indic-Thai: Cosmic & Art Historical Traditions on 30th March, 2019 organized by IGNC A, New Delhi from 30-31 march,2019
13. 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.
14. Delivered invited lecture on Education System in Ancient India in Orientation Programme organized by Faculty Development Centre, 11 September, 2018.
15. 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.
16. Delivered key note address in a national seminar on **Literature and Historical Writing** organized by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Devprayag in Feb 2018.
17. Delivered invited lecture on Valmiki Ramayana and Gender Issue: Case of Sita, in IAS, Shimla, on 28th July,2017.
18. Delivered a Lecture on Ramayana Tradition in Western Himalaya organized by Himachal Pradesh State Museum, Shimla on 2nd August,2017.
19. Delivered Introductory lecture on Decolonization of Indian Mindset in a National Seminar on 7th April, 2017 jointly organized by HNB Garhwal University and Devbhoomi Vichar Manch on Decolonization of Indian Mindset.
20. 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.
21. Presented a paper on Traditional Healthcare System in Himalayas in a National Seminar Organized by Himachal Pradesh State Museum, Shimla from 22-23 November,2016

22. Presented a paper on Environmental Consciousness in Vedas in National Conference on Relevance of Vedic Environmental Ethics in the Conservation of Present Environment organized by HNBGU and MSVVVP, Ujjain on 6 March,2016
23. Presented a paper on Environmental elements in Marriage Songs of Garhwal Himalaya in a National Conference on Relevance of Vedic Environmental Ethics in the Conservation of Present Environment organized by HNBGU and MSVVVP, Ujjain on 5 March,2016
24. Presented a paper on Atharvavediya Prithivi Sukta mein Varnit Prakriti evam Prayavarniya Ghatakon ka sah-Sambandh: Prani Jagat evam Vanaspati Jagat ke Vishesh Sandharva mein in National Conference on Relevance of Vedic Environmental Ethics in the Conservation of Present Environment organized by HNBGU and MSVVVP, Ujjain on 5 March,2016
25. Presented a paper on Elements of Ayurvedic Medicine in Agni Puran in a National Seminar organized by Kumaun University, in December, 2013.
26. Delivered a lecture on Shikism and Hiduism in a National Seminar on Contribution of Shikism to Indian Culture organized by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar in April,2009
27. Convened National Conference on the Relevance of Vedic Environmental Ethics in the Conservation of Present Environment in March 2016.
28. Delivered introductory lecture on Relevance of Vedic Environmental Ethics in the Conservation of Present Environment on 4th March,2016 jointly organized by HNBGU and Mahrishi Sandipani National Ved Vidya Pratishthan , Ujjain from 4-6March,2016
29. Delivered a lecture on Indian Education System in a National Seminar organized by HNBU Srinagar in July, 2007.
30. Delivered key note address in a Refresher Course organized by Kumaun University in November 2010 on Ramayana Tradition in Historical perspective.
31. Presented a paper on Ramleela Performance in Uttarakhand in a National Seminar on Ramkatha Manchan, Vachan & Lekhan from 12-14th March,2008
32. Presented a paper on Kinnaras in myth and reality organized by Himachal Pradesh Language & Culture Department Shimla in June 2005
33. Presented a paper on Impact of Hinduism on Sikhism in a National Conference on Tercentenary of Guru Govind Singh organized by Grukul Kangri University, Haridwar in March 2008.

34. Presented 15 research papers on various themes of Indian History in Indian History Congress from 1999 to 2017
35. Presented 6 research papers on different themes of Himalayan History and Culture from 2007 to 2016 In Uttarakhand History and Culture Council.

International

1. International Ramayana Conference Department of Anthropology Northern Illinois University U.S.A. Public Lecture on Dancing Cattles in High Himalayan Society, 21 September, 2010
2. 3rd International Ramayana Conference organized by NRI U S A and Department of South East Asian Studies, Gender Issue in Valmiki Ramayana, 17 September, 2010 South Asia Institute, Ritual-healing in Garhwal Himalaya, Heidelberg University, Germany, Ritual-healing in Garhwal Himalaya. 13 June, June 2005 .
3. South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany, Heidelberg University, Germany. Ramayana Tradition in Central Himalaya, 24 June 2005
4. Arya Samaj Mandir, Leiden and Rotterdam, Arya Samaj Mandir, Leiden and Rotterdam, 15 March 2005
5. International Conference on Evil organized by Department of Philosophy, Virje University Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Maya as an Evil from Classical Hindu texts to Bhakti Saints with special reference to Kabir. 05 March 2005.
6. International Ramayana Conference organized by NRI U S A and Department of South East Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb USA. Ramayana Tradition in Central Himalaya, 04 June, 2005.
7. 1st International Ramayana Conference organized by NRI U S A and Department of South East Northern Illinois University, DeKalb USA. Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb USA. 27 August 2001
8. 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
9. 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
10. Chaired a session in an International Conference on North East India-Myanmar: Ethnic and Cultural linkages held in Manipur from 28-29th September, 2016,

organized by IGNCA New Delhi in collaboration with Manipur Central University, Imphal.

11. Delivered a key note address in an International Conference on Himalayan painting and Art History Conference organized by Himprastha in Dehra Dun in March 2012
12. 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.
13. Delivered a lecture on Ramayana Tradition in Myanmar on 28th September in an International Conference on North East India-Myanmar: Ethnic and Cultural linkages held in Manipur from 28-29th September, 2016, organized by IGNCA New Delhi in collaboration with Manipur Central University, Imphal.
14. 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 on 15th April 2016
15. 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.
16. Delivered a lecture on Ramayana tradition in Uttarakhand in an International Seminar organized by Tourism Department HNBGU at Rishikesh in November 2009
17. Delivered a lecture international conference on Sacred River Ganga in South and South East Asian Culture Congress at Delhi in November, 2006.

