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Present Position: Assistant Professor and Head of the Department

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Education:

- PhD (History) from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- M.Phil. in Ancient Indian History from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- M.A. in History (Ancient Indian History), University of Delhi

Research Key Areas:

- Social and Cultural History of India
- Archaeology
- Numismatics and Epigraphy
- Religious and political history
- Regional Histories and State formations

Experience:

- Worked as an Teaching Assistant (2017-18)
- Assistant Professor (2018-till present)

Research Publication (s)

- Nisha Thakur, The Brahmans of Mithila before the PañjīPrabandha *Research Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* ISSN: 2321-5828, 2019
- Nisha Thakur, The Non-Producing Class and Trade in Mithila in Thirteenth-Fourteenth Century *Journal of Indian History and Culture* ISSN: 0975-7805 2016
- Nisha Thakur, Gender and Sexuality and the Images of Women in Early Buddhism *Journal of Studies in History & Culture* ISSN: 2349-0934
- Nisha Thakur, Situating Buddhism in Mithila Region: Presence or Absence? *Journal of the Asiatic Society* ISSN: 0368-3308, 2018
- Nisha Thakur, Understanding Bhudevas and Bhupalas of Darbhanga Raj: A Study based on their Land Grant Policies *Exploring History* 2020 ISSN: 2230-8490
- Nisha Thakur, 'Brahmanical Discourse on Maithili Women and its impact on Economic Growth of the Community' in Dr. Avinash Kumar Jha edited *Reflections on Gender Issues: Forging Sustainable Future Tomorrow* Laxmi Publications, U.P 2022



- Nisha Thakur, 'The Animals in the World of Men: Study of the Jatakas tales' in Sambu R and Rinu Krishna K edited *Postanimality: Perspectives and Critiques* Notion Publications, 2022 pp. 135-148. ISBN-979-8888
- Nisha Thakur, 'The Panjis and the Brahmanical Discourse on Maithili Women' in *Caste, Social Formation and Political Mobilisation* edited by Debajit Goswami, Netaji Subhas Open University, 2022
- Nisha Thakur, 'Therefore Women had to be controlled: The Study of the Panji in Mithila and its impact on Women' *Indian Historical Review* (selected for publication)
- Nisha Thakur, 'Evolution of the Business Class in Ancient India' in 'Sandip Chatterjee and Poulami Biswas Guha edited volume, *A History of Business in India: Across Time And Region*' (Forthcoming)
- Nisha Thakur, 'Cāṇḍālas Born and Cāṇḍālas Created: The Institutionalization of Caste Rules in Mithila' in Yagati Chinna Rao edited *'Untouchability, Caste and History: Contestations and Evidences'* (Forthcoming)

Presentations and Lectures

- Delivered a lecture on '*Caste in Bengal: Issues and Challenges*' as a Resource Person in the Two Days International Seminar on 'Gender, Culture and Politics in 20th century Bengal' sponsored by Indian Council for Social Science Research at Banwarilal Bhalotia College, Asansol, West Bengal, India (Day Shift) from 12th-13th October 2023
- Presented paper titled '*karma, calamities and contemptuous Brāhmaṇas: the study of the subaltern Labour of Mithila in Special panel on Dalit History and Politics on 'Roots of Indian Subaltern labour: Trajectories of Caste Occupational Patterns and the Marginalised'*' under the aegis of Indian History Congress, held at Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telangana during 28-30 December, 2023
- Invited as a Discussant in the Panel for a One-Day Seminar titled '*Challenging Caste Through the Words: Dalit Voices in Literature*' organized by the Department of English Language and Literature at Adamas University on 25th September 2023
- '*Locating the Trade and Commerce of Mithila through the Varnaratnakāra*', paper presented at a National Webinar Series in Honor of Late Prof. Vijaya Ramaswamy at the Perspectives on gender, Religion, and Craftsmen in Pre-Colonial India originated by the Students from Jawaharlal Nehru University
- '*Kīrtilatā and the Evolution of Composite Culture in Medieval Mithila*' in National Seminar on 'The Evolution of Composite Culture in Medieval India' held at the Department of History, Banaras Hindu University, September 14-15, 2018
- Presented a paper on '*Person-Centric History vs. Collective Memory*' in the Faculty Development Program organized by the School of Social Sciences from 5-6 July 2019.

- *'Religious Sentiments and Writing Indian History'* paper presented at the One-day National Seminar on Fake News: The Monster Becoming the Master organized by Adamas University. 3rd February 2018
- *'Brahmanical Discourse on the Maithili women and its impact on Economic growth of the community'* paper presented at the International One Day Webinar Reflections on Gender Issues: Forging Sustainable Future Tomorrow, 8-10 March 2022 organized by the Centre for Gender Studies, Patna
- *'The Panjās and the Brahmanical Discourse on Maithili Women'* paper presented at the International Webinar on Caste, Social Formation and Political Mobilization on 14th March, 200 organized by the School of Social Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University in Collaboration with the NSOU Centre for Social Studies.
- *'Marginalization and Social Inclusion in Ancient Indian Societies'* paper presented at National Seminar on Marginalization and Social Inclusion: The Cultivation of Indian Socio-Cultural Thought on 13th and 14th April, 2022 organized by Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University in collaboration with Social Studies Foundation
- *'The Protection of Kula and the Kula-Nāsinis of Mithila: Studying the Panjās'* at the Asian Association of World Historians, Osaka University in collaboration with Indian International Centre, New Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University, 12 and 13th October, 2022.
- *'Cāṇḍālas born and Cāṇḍālas Created: The Institutionalization of caste rules in medieval Mithila'* in the Special Panel on Dalit History and Politics under the aegis of Indian History Congress, held at Madras Christian College, Chennai, 27-29 December, 2022
- *'Gender, Sexuality and Spiritual Space for Women in Early Buddhism'* paper presented at the International Conference on 'Morality, Spirituality, Culture and Society: East and West' organized by Adamas University, Kolkata in collaboration with Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies and Academic Exchange, NC, USA and Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 2 and 3 January, 2023
- *'Evolution of Business Class in Ancient India'* lecture delivered at the Banwalilal Bhalotia College, Asansol under the Aegis of Kazi Nazrul University for a Certificate Course on 'A History of Business in India: from Ancient to Modern Times' on 2nd November 2021
- *'Trade and Business with the Outside World in Ancient India'* lecture delivered at the Banwalilal Bhalotia College, Asansol under the Aegis of Kazi Nazrul University for a Certificate Course on 'A History of Business in India: from Ancient to Modern Times' on 2nd November 2021

FDPs/ PDPs/ SDPs attended:

- ❖ Faculty Development Programme, School of Social Sciences, Adamas University, 5-6 July 2019
- ❖ Faculty Development Programme on Innovative Teaching-Learning Resources in Liberal Studies 25th February-5th March, 2021 organized by School of Liberal Arts and Culture Studies, Adamas University
- ❖ Open Book Exam Question Setting Organized by Adamas University, Kolkata 27th-30th January, 2021

- ❖ The Digital Disconnect: Global Citizens, privacy and Democracy
Organized by School of Liberal Arts and Culture Studies, Adamas University, Kolkata
- ❖ ‘The Effective Communicator’ Professional Development Program organized by HR Department, Adamas University on 11th June, 2021
- ❖ ‘Assertive Communication’ Staff Development Program organized by HR Department, Adamas University on 25th May 2021
- ❖ One Week Faculty Development Programme on ‘Babasaheb Ambedkar & His Visionary India: From Perception to Inception’ from 27th February-05 March 2023 organized by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in Collaboration with Department of Political Science, Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya Mission on Teachers and Teaching
- ❖ One Week Faculty Development Programme on ‘E-Content Development’ from 19th-25th April, 2023 organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya Mission on Teachers and Teaching

Other works:

- ❖ Convened a Week Long Faculty Development Program on ‘Myths and Realities: Emerging Trends in History’ from 9th-15th of October, 2023 at Department of History, Adamas University, Kolkata
- ❖ Appointed as an Paper Setter in connection with ensuing Semester I Examination 2022 of Hindi University, Kolkata, West Bengal
- ❖ Appointed as the Head of the Department, Adamas University since 16.08.2019 till present
- ❖ Have organized several events (seminars, webinars and student seminar) and coordinated an Inter-Disciplinary Project on the topic ‘*Linguistics and Archaeological Legacy of Chandraketurah*’

PhD Guidance:

- ❖ Anant Mondal, ‘A Tryst with Destiny: Experiences of Indigenous (*Tripuri*) and Immigrant (*Chakma*) Tribes of Tripura (1881-1961) (awarded of Ph.D. on 20th March 2024)
- ❖ Ms. Sanjukta Bose, *Women in Buddhism through the Ages* (2019- pursuing)
- ❖ Ms. Rupsa Dutta, *Sacred Landscape of Banaras* (2019- pursuing)
- ❖ Sudipta Porel, *Acculturation and Assimilation: Case Study of Bankura District* (2022- Pursuing)

❖ Sourav Bera, *Caste and Politics in Bengal* (2022-Pursuing)