

# Curriculum Vitae

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### 5. **Area of Specialization: Modern Indian History – (Colonial Period)**

- History of Education
- Women Studies

- Theatre, Film and Press

## 6. Academic Qualifications

- Higher Secondary (WBBBSE) 1976 Division - 1
- Bachelor's Degree: (History Honours) Presidency College University of Calcutta 1979 Class II
- Master's Degree : Presidency College University of Calcutta 1981 Class I
- Research Degree: PhD from University of Calcutta, Title of Thesis : Higher Education in Bengal: A study of its administration and Management 1919-47 in 1996

## 7. Other Professional Degree etc

Bachelor of Law from Hazra Law College, University of Calcutta, 1985

## 8. Research Experience

Research Stage	Title of Work/Thesis	University where the work was carried out
Ph.D.	Higher Education in Bengal: A study of its administration and management 1919-47	University of Calcutta
Post-Doctoral	A study of the higher Education of women in Bengal during the colonial period 1919-47	Bethune College , Calcutta University
M Phil Supervision	10 M Phil students supervised	9 have been awarded M. Phil degrees 1 Ongoing
PhD supervision	2 have been awarded	5 Continuing

### **M Phil Dissertations Supervised:**

- 'A study of the contributions of some Gandhian women towards education and social uplift in Bengal and Orissa.' Kuheli Ghosh 2009

- 'Rural Unrest in Bengal: Banditry and Peasant Rebellion (1770-1857)' Rajarshi Chunder 2011
- 'The role of Bethune College in women's education and empowerment in Bengal: 1878-1947.' Sweta Dey 2011
- 'The social status and education of Bengali Muslim women as projected in Bengali journals and periodicals.(1900-1939)' Abul Kalam Ali 2012
- 'A study of Sister Nivedita : her unique role in the education and social uplift of Indian women' Parama Biswas 2013
- 'The contributions of some Bramho women towards educational development and social uplift in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century Bengal' Sweta Mukherjee 2014
- 'A Study of some eminent colonial educators of Bengal belonging to the Indian Education Service (1896- 1924.)' Sourav Sen 2016.
- 'A historical assessment of Gandhi in contemporary Bengali newspapers and periodicals (1920-1948)' Debasis Pal 2017
- 'A historical assessment of three eminent film actresses of Post - Independence Bengal: Sabitri Chattopadhyay, Suchitra Sen and Madhabi Mukhopadhyay' Priyanka Dutta 2017
- The advent and expansion of Tramways in Colonial Calcutta and the Bengali society (1873-1947)' Abhijit Saha on going.

#### **PhD Dissertations Supervised:**

- 'A Study of Women in Scientific, Technical and Medical Education in Calcutta (1947-1974)' Chandrakala Datta Awarded 2018
- "The Study of Five Women as Social Workers/Activists in Bengal (1943-1975)" Paramita Sur Ray Awarded 2018
- 'A Study of Primary Education in Undivided Bengal (1835-1947)'. 'A Study of Primary Education in Undivided Bengal (1835-1947)'. Sweta Dey Ongoing .
- Muslim women in undivided Bengal: A study of their education and employment. (1889- 1947) Abul Kalam Ali Ongoing.

- 'A Study of the educational endeavours of three notable women of undivided Bengal (1893-1947): Mataji Maharani Gangabai, Bhagini Nibedita and Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hussain'. Parama Biswas Ongoing.
- A Study of the Working Women in Bengal as depicted in the Post-Independence Bengali Cinema (1950-1990) Priyanka Dutta Ongoing
- A study of the vernacular press and periodicals in Colonial Bengal ( 1910-1947) Debasis Pal Ongoing

## 9. Research Projects Carried Out:

Title of the Project	Name of the Funding Agency	Duration	Remarks
A study of the higher Education of women in Bengal during the colonial period 1919-47	University Grants Commission	2years (2006-2008)	Minor Research Project (Completed)
Women in Colonial Bengal: Education, Employment and Empowerment.	University Grants Commission	2 years ( 2009-2011)	UGC POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH AWARD(Completed)

**Functioned as Thesis Examiner and External Expert at different Universities of India.**

## 10. Seminars/ Workshops Organized

1. Coordinated a national seminar on 'Explorations in the Contemporary History of India' on 28 February 2009 jointly organised by The Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of History, University of Calcutta and Nehru Studies Centre, Calcutta University.
2. Interactive Lecture on Gandhian Perspectives on Peace and Education by Professor Ravindra Kumar on 3.1.2011 at the Department of History, Calcutta University.

3. National level Seminar on 'Facets of Nationalism and Nation –Making in India.' 31.March 2011 jointly organized by The Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of History, University of Calcutta and Nehru Studies Centre, Calcutta University.

4. Coordinated a National level Seminar in collaboration with The Nehru Studies Centre, University of Calcutta, University of Calcutta, on 'Jawaharlal Nehru: Historical Perspectives' on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012

5. Organized and Coordinated a Workshop on the new Semester based Undergraduate Syllabus of History introduced in Calcutta University under the Choice based Credit System held on 2.6.2018

### **11. Teaching Experience:**

Courses Taught	Name of the University/ College/ Institution	Duration
UG ( B.A./Pass)	Krishnanagar Government College, Nadia	1983-88
UG (B.A./ Hons.)	Bethune College Calcutta	1988-2008 (25 years)
P.G.(M.A.)	Rabindra Bharati University ( As Guest Lecturer) University of Calcutta ( As Full time Faculty)	1998-2002  Since 2008 December till date
M.Phil/ PhD supervision	At Calcutta University	(Since 2008 December till date)

#### **Total Teaching Experience**

- a) Under Graduate (Pass)                      25 years
- b) Under Graduate (Hons)                    25 years
- c) Post Graduate                                    12 years

#### **a) Design of Curriculum:**

- i) As a member of the Board of Studies in History, UG Council in Arts, C.U (2000-04) Participated in the designing of the Honours & General History Syllabi.
- ii) Assisted in the preparation of the MA Syllabus of History (2011- 2018)
- iii) As the present Chairperson of the Board of Studies in History, UG Council in Arts, C.U, took part in the drafting of the Undergraduate History and Islamic History and Culture syllabi for B.A. Honours and General Courses for the new Semester based Undergraduate Syllabus of History introduced in Calcutta University under the Choice based Credit Scheme in 2018.
- iv) Participated in the drafting of the current Semester based Post Graduate Syllabus of History introduced in Calcutta University under the Choice based Credit System in 2018. The following courses are offered by me:
- **Compulsory Course III:** TRANSITION TO COLONIALISM: INDIA, 1757-1857.
  - **Discipline Specific Elective Course:** 11: EDUCATION , MEDIA AND CULTURE IN NINETEENTH CENTURY BENGAL , DSE 51: EDUCATION, MEDIA AND CULTURE IN TWENTIETH CENTURY BENGAL,
  - **GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE :** GC 1 HISTORY OF THEATRE AND CINEMA IN COLONIAL BENGAL (1756-1947)
- v) As a member of the Research Advisory Committee IDSK Kolkata, took part in the designing of the current M Phil syllabus of History. (2018-19)

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<b><u>SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/ SYMPOSIA/ WORKSHOPS ETC.</u></b>				
<b><u>ATTENDED</u></b>				
<b>*Papers presented and Sessions Chaired</b>				
SL.NO	NAME OF SEMINAR/CONFERENCE/ SYMPOSIA/WORKSHOP	NAME OF THE SPONSORING AGENCY	PLACE	DATE
1	17 <sup>th</sup> Conference of The International Association of Historians of Asia.(IAHA) *( Paper presented and Chaired a Session)	The International Association of Historians of Asia. IAHA	Dhaka Bangladesh	18-22 December2002

2	18 <sup>th</sup> Conference of The International Association of Historians of Asia.(IAHA) *( Paper presented)	The International Association of Historians of Asia.  IAHA	Taipei Taiwan	9December 2004
3	History, Historiography and Society *( Paper presented)	UGC Sponsored seminar organized by Chandernagore College, west Bengal.	Chandernagore	15 December, 2006
4	5 <sup>th</sup> International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) *( Paper presented)	International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS)	Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	3 August 2007
5	A Review of Victorian Literature and its impact on contemporary Indian History. *( Paper presented)	UGC Sponsored seminar organized by Maharani Kasiswari College Calcutta	Calcutta	16-17 April 2008
6	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on History: from Ancient to Modern *( Paper presented and also Chaired a session)	Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)	Athens Greece	28-31 December 2009.
7	UGC Sponsored State level Seminar on 'Position of women in India: From Ancient to Modern Times.' *Paper presented	Organised by Hooghly Mohsin College. Chinsurah Hooghly	Hooghly West Bengal	15-16 Nov 2010
8	UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on 'Religion and Popular Culture in Indian Subcontinent' *Session Chaired	organized by Bethune College Kolkata.	Kolkata	7.12. 2010
9	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on History: from Ancient to Modern *( Paper presented and also Chaired a session)	Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)	Athens Greece	1-4 August 2011
10	International Research Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences *( Paper presented and also	University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2012

	Chaired a session)			
11	8 <sup>TH</sup> International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) *( Paper presented)	International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS)	Macau	24-27 June 2013.
12	International Seminar on Pir Abu Bakar Siddique and the Socio- Religious Reform Movements in South Asia  *( Paper presented)	Organised by Aliah University and Abu Bakar Siddique Memorial Committee Furfura Sharif	Kolkata	14 & 15 January 2017
13	National Seminar on Revisiting Vidyasagar :The pioneer of Women's Emancipation  *( Paper presented)	Organised by Institute of Education for Women , Hastings House Calcutta	Kolkata	14.3.2020
14	Delivered the Keynote address in a Faculty Development Programme on 'MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES, ART AND ARCHITECTURE AND TOURISM'.	Webinar Organised by the Department of History of Prabhu Jagat Bandhu College.	KOLKATA	10.7.2020-19.7.2020.
15	Republic Day Lecture as Special Guest	Webinar Organized by Brainware University	Kolkata	30.1.21



### **13. Administrative experience:**

- Currently Dean , Faculty Council for Post-Graduate Studies in Arts (Acting)
- Chairperson Undergraduate Board of Studies in History, UG Council in Arts, Calcutta University since 2018
- Member, PhD and RAC Committee , Department of History CU
- Member, PG Faculty Council of History, Calcutta University since 2019
- Member, (Autonomous) P.G. in History, Board of Studies (affiliated to Calcutta University) – Behala College ( August, 2015 till date).
- Member RAC of the Diamond Harbour Women’s University since 2019
- Participated on a regular basis in the Calcutta University Inspecting Teams visiting undergraduate colleges in connection with extension or affiliation to Honours Courses and increase of intake in General and Honours Course; also acted in a number of cases as a University nominee in the Selection Committee for the appointment of Part-time/ Guest/ Full time Contractual / Leave vacancy in undergraduate colleges and also for the promotion of teachers under CAS.
- Head of the Department (Chair) of History, University of Calcutta from September 2011. (The position is rotational among senior teachers). Completed term in September 2013.
- Member of the Senate , CU ( 2011-13)
- Member of the Syndicate, CU ( 2021-
- Member of the Academic Council, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira. ( 2021-
- Organized National and International Seminars on ten occasions.
- Coordinated Refresher Course in History 2015 and participated regularly as resource person in the Refresher Courses organized by the Department of History, Calcutta University.
- Member , Research Advisory Committee IDSK, as VC’s Nominee since 2018
- Connected with U.P.S.C, W.B.P.S.C, W.B.S.S.C, W.B.H.S.C as paper-setter/co-ordinator/examiner/ syllabus framer for a number of years..
- Nominated as one of the members of UGC Expert Committees for Screening and short listing as well as evaluation of Major /Minor Project proposals.
- Carried out numerous inspections in the different affiliated Colleges of West Bengal to check the availability of infrastructure, and possibility of new affiliations in PG courses.
- Was NAAC Coordinator for Bethune College, Kolkata in 2006, which was accredited at the ‘A’ level by the NAAC.
- Also functioned as the Coordinator Internal Quality Assurance Cell, in Bethune College, Calcutta since its formation in November 2006.
- Associated with the drafting of the proposal for the UGC sponsored Women’s Cell in Bethune College.

#### 14. PUBLICATIONS : Some important Publications 1997-2021

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE BOOK/ARTICLE	PUBLISHED BY	MONTH/ YEAR
1	<b>Book:</b> Higher Education in Bengal- A study of its Administration and Management (1919-1947)	Minerva Associates (Publications) Pvt Ltd.	1997 January
2	<u>Research Article:</u> <i>Kolkata Viswavidyalaye Muslim siksha; aitihasik samiksha (In Bengali)</i>	Anustup Festival No. Edited by Anil Acharya.	1997 October
3	<u>Research Article:</u> <i>Narisikshar Agragati (In Bengali)</i>	Anustup Festival No Edited by Anil Acharya.	1999 September /October
4	Netaji Subhas Open University (Govt. of West Bengal) Text Book Module –Elective History Paper –I	Netaji Subhas Open University(Govt. of West Bengal)	1999 December
5	Edited Souvenir of the Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad ( <i>In Bengali</i> )	Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad	2000 January
6	<i>Oupanibeshik kaloparbe narisiksha- ekti alekhya.</i> In Suparna Gooptu ed. Itihase Nari: Siksha. ( <i>In Bengali</i> )	Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad Progressive Publishers.	2001 January
7	Rabindra Mukta Vidyalaya Textbook Module (History –Paper-I)	Rabindra Mukta Vidyalaya (Government of West Bengal)	2002 August
8	Edited Souvenir (Bethune College125) Post-Centenary Silver Jubilee celebration	Publication on the celebration of 125 <sup>th</sup> year of Bethune College.	2003 June
9	<b>Entries in Banglapaedia</b> History of Calcutta University, Bethune College, Hindu College,	Bangladesh Asiatic Society (Project Banglapaedia) Dhaka	2000-2003

	<p>Presidency College, Hooghly Mohsin College, Calcutta University Commission 1917 Nathan Commission 1912, Education (British Period) The Universities Act 1904, The Sanskrit College . P.R.S. Scholarship</p>		
10	<p><u>' Bethune College – A Chronology' &amp; Interviews: Ashoka Gupta and Dr. Ashima Chatterjee</u></p>	<p>Post-Centenary Silver Jubilee publication on the celebration of 125<sup>th</sup> year of Bethune College.</p>	<p>2003 June</p>
11	<p><i>Muslim Representation in the Administrative Bodies of the Calcutta University –1919 to 1947.</i> In Proceedings of The 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Association of Historians of Asia Dhaka.</p>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> IAHA Organising Committee. Dhaka. Bangladesh.</p>	<p>2004 November</p>
12	<p><i>Mrinalini Emerson.</i> In Chakraborty Uttara &amp; Das Banimanjari eds. In the Footsteps of Chandramukhi</p>	<p>Commemorative Volume: 125<sup>th</sup> Year of Bethune College.</p>	<p>2004. December Reprint 2019</p>
13	<p><u>Research Article:</u> 'Oupanibeshik Juge Narishikhshar Chalchitra –1919 –1947'In Dr. Amarnath Bhattacharya ed. Dakshineswar Sri Sri Sarada Debi Balika Vidyamandir Golden Jubilee Commemorative Volume</p>	<p>Dakshineswar Sri Sri Sarada Debi Balika Vidyamandir Golden Jubilee Commemorative Volume</p>	<p>2005 January</p>
14	<p><i>State, Education and Culture.</i> In Emajuddin Ahamed&amp; Harun-or- Rashid eds. Cultural Survey of Bangladesh Series-3 State and Culture Volume.</p>	<p>The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh. Dhaka.</p>	<p>2007 December</p>
15	<p><i>Education of the Scheduled castes of colonial Bengal – An Unfinished Agenda.</i> In Saubhik Bandopadhyay, ed. History, Historiography and Society</p>	<p>(UGC Sponsored State Level Seminar Volume) Department of History, Chandernagore.</p>	<p>2008.January</p>

16	<i>Women's education and empowerment in colonial Bengal.</i> In Hans Hagerdal, ed. Responding to the West: Essays on Colonial Domination and Asian Agency.	Amsterdam University Press. Amsterdam.	2009 August
17	Beginnings of Muslim Women's Education in Colonial Bengal in History Research Volume 1, Number 1, December 2011	David Publishing Company. El Monte, USA	2011 December
18	Book Chapter entitled 'In Quest of Alternative Civilisation: The Gandhian Education Revisited' in Dr. Rabindra Kumar ed. Education Peace and Development	Kalpaz Publications, New Delhi	2012
19	Book chapter on 'Education of the Muslim women in colonial Bengal' in Ratna Ghosh ed. The Study of social history-Recent trends.	Progressive Publishers , kolkata	2013 June
20	Professor H.L.Gupta Endowment Lecture, 2011-12 on "Some thoughts on Women's education in late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century Bengal – Its form and content.'	The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies April 2012-September, 2012 Vol LII Nos.1&2	2013
21	Book chapter entitled 'Banglay Muslim narir shikha:Unish o Binsa satak' in Sucharita Bandopadhyay ed. Deshbhag : smriti bismritir anusanga. Kolkata: University of Calcutta. 2013	University of Calcutta	2013
22	Book Review in Jandhyala BG Tilak ed. The Journal of Educational Planning and Administration. Volume XXVIII NO.4 New Delhi: 2014	The Journal of Educational Planning and Administration New Delhi	2014
23	Sectional President's Address ( Modern History section) 'Oupanibeshik Bharate Siksha vyabostha : Itihaser dristhite ekti Bisleshonatak Samiksha' delivered at the 31 <sup>st</sup> annual conference of the Pashim	Itihas Anusandhan Vol 30	2016

	Banga Itihas Samsad 2015		
24	Book Review :The Spectral Wound: Sexual Violence, Public Memories and the Bangladesh War of 1971' by Nayanika Mookherjee (Durham NC: Duke University Press, 2015)	Journal of Social History Review Volume: 41 Issue: 3 pp. 343-344	2016
25	Article on: 'Unish sataker banglay nari sikshar chalchitra'. In Subhalakshmi Pandey ed. Colonial Bengal: The making of female education	Proceedings of UGC National level Seminar. Lady Brabourne College	2016
26	Article on: 'Kaler tarani beye Kolkata Viswabidyalaya( 1857- 1924) phire dekha'. In Gautam Niyogyi et al ed. Itilaser Baichitra.	Bangiya Itihas Samity	2017
27	Book Review : Jyoti Atwal, <i>Real and Imagined Widows: Gender Relations in Colonial North India</i> (Delhi: Primus Books, 2016.)	Indian Historical Review, Vol. 44, No. 1	June 2017
28	Contributed an article on 'Muslim women's education in colonial Bengal'.	Online Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (Brill, Leiden / Boston)	2017
29	Article on Deshbhag o bangla chalchitre dui kriti abhinetri Sabitri Chattopadhyay o Suchitra Sener atmoprastitha : Akti aitihasik samiksha. (In Bengali)	<i>Bhranti Bibhrantir Deshbhag</i> edited by Ratan Siddique and Sucharita Banerjee (Dhaka: Bangla Academy, Bangladesh) pp.90-105	2019
30	Contributed an article 'Muslim Women's Education in Colonial Bengal: Exploring the role of Patriarchy, Government, and the Daughters of reform'. In Suparna Gooptu ed. <i>Writing Women in History: Glimpses from India's Colonial Past</i>	Kolkata :Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of History, University of Calcutta, KP Bagchi & Co. pp.47-77	2019
31	Co edited a compilation on 'Researches in History 1918-2018' with Professor Nirban Basu	Published by the Centre for Advanced Studies (History).	2020

32	Contributed a chapter on 'Education' in ABDUL MOMIN CHOWDHURY Ed. <i>History of Bangladesh Sultanate and Mughal Periods (c.1200to 1800 CE)</i> VOL 2 SOCIETY ECONOMY CULTURE	Published by The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh. pp.453-472	2021

## **15. Forthcoming Publications:**

### Books/Articles/ Book Reviews

- a) 'The early trajectory of women's education in Bengal and the paradigm of 'New Womanhood' (Selected for Publication) in UGC Sponsored State level Seminar volume entitled 'Position of women in India: From Ancient to Modern Times.' To be published by Hooghly Mohsin College. Chinsurah Hooghly.
- b) Contributed an article on 'The nationalist agenda of women's education in colonial Bengal: reviewing the twentieth century trajectory' in Ratna Ghosh and Ishanee Mukherjee eds. *Gender and Nationalism in Late Colonial Bengal (1905 – 1947)*.
- c) Contributed an article on 'The contributions of Bramho women towards women's education and social uplift in colonial Bengal' in a commemorating volume in honour of Dr Geraldine Forbes comprising essays on different aspects of Indian women's history edited by Bhaswati Chatterjee, Aparna Bandyopadhyay and Tumpa Mukherjee.
- d) Book Review of *Debating Women's Citizenship in India 1930-1960*. Authored by Annie Devenish to be published in the *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*. New Delhi

## **16. Memorial Lectures Delivered:**

- a) Professor H.L.Gupta Endowment Lecture, 2011-12 on "Some thoughts on Women's education in late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century Bengal". Organized by Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata', on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012
- b) Professor Abdul Wahab Mahmud Memorial Lecture on 'Oupanibeshik Bangla: Sthree sikshar Nirman' ( Construction of Women's education in colonial Bengal) Organised by Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata, on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013

- c) Delivered lecture on Women's education in India: Debates in nineteenth century Bengal at – The Forum for South Asia Studies (FSAS) at Uppsala University. Sweden .On 8 October 2013
- e) Delivered lecture on 'Mughal architecture: an overview' at Linköping University Sweden on 22 October, 2013.
- f) Delivered a talk on 'Women's education in Bengal :Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century' at Seth Soorajmall Jalan Girl's College, on 16.August 2016
- g) Delivered a talk on ' Women's education in Bengal : Late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries.' at Deshbandhu College for Girls, on 1 December 2016
- h) Delivered a talk on ' Women's education in Bengal: The Nineteenth Century scenario in Bengal.' In Maharani Kashiswari College, on 8 December 2017
- i) Delivered an invited lecture on 'Theatre and Cinema in colonial Bengal : the first two pioneering efforts by Bengalees.' At Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Howrah on 23 March 2018.
- j) Chaired a session of 'Junior research scholars' held at The Institute of Historical Studies on 8 June 2019
- k) Chaired a session of the 5th Indian Social Science and Humanities Congress (SAMAGAM, 2019) on 7 September 2019.

## **17. Teaching at Overseas Universities**

Taught as Visiting Professor under the Linnaeus Palme Exchange Programme at Uppsala University and linkoping University, Sweden in October 2013 and in October 2015.

## **18. Participation in National/International media programmes**

Participated in BBC and Doordarshan/AIR talks/ BBC Television History series 'The Jewel in the Crown' with Historian Lucy Worsley and in 'Who do You Think You Are' with Oscar Award Winner Olivia Colman.

## **19. Awards received other than Fellowships:**

- Received UGC Post Doctoral Research Award for two years. (2009-2011). Project entitled Women in Colonial Bengal: Education, Employment and Empowerment.
- Received Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award 2013 presented by the All India National Unity Conference. New Delhi.

## **20. Membership of Academic Associations**

Member Indian History Congress

Life Member, Institute of Historical Studies

Member of the Editorial and Reviewer's Board of the *Journal of History*. (Athens Institute for Education and Research) Greece

Member, Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad

Member, Paschimbanga Itihas Samiti, since 2013

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