

Curriculum Vitae



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Educational Qualification:-

PhD in Buddhist Studies: University of Jammu, India, 2008
Thesis Title: *The Buddhist Art and Architecture of Kashmir Gandhara Region with special Reference to Innovation in Images.*

MA, Buddhist Studies, University of Jammu, India, 2003
BA, University of Jammu, India 2001

Career History:-

Achievements-Awards & Scholarships:-

- Visiting Professor, ICCR, Chair for Buddhist and Sanskrit Studies, Phnom Penh, Cambodia and additionally working as second secretary culture in embassy of India from August 14th 2022 - till now.
- Visiting Professor, ICCR, Chair for Buddhist and Sanskrit Studies, Phnom Penh, Cambodia from April 2017- Sept 2020.
- Visiting Professor, ICCR, Chair for Buddhist and Sanskrit Studies, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- Organized International conference on topic: "Buddhism in Southeast Asia "from Sept 04th to Sept 8th 2018.
- Organized One Day Workshop on "Trade Relations and Comparative Study of Buddhism and Jainism in South East Asia" on May 24th, 2018.
- Delivered lecture on India @70 on the occasion on 70th Independence Day Celebration at Phnom Penh on 15 August 2017.

- Coordinated One Day Seminar on topic: “**Women, Education and Empowerment in 21st Century**” organized by Embassy of India, Phnom Penh, and March 09, 2018.
- Organized International Seminar on topic: “**Indo- Cambodian Relationship through Buddhism**” from June 4 to June 6th 2015.
- **Earth day** celebrated, at PSRB University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- Organized Workshop on “**Save Green Heritage**” at PSRB University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- Lecture delivered at Pannasastra University of Cambodia on topic “**Buddhism, Peace and how to be a successful in life**” at Srey Dim Hall PUC South Campus.
- Lecture delivered at PSRB University of Cambodia on “**Buddhism in India**” at PSR Hall –A.
- Lecture delivered at Zaman University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia on “**Floating Art: Kashmir to Kampuchia**” at conference hall, Zaman University.
- Lecture delivered on “**Development of Buddhist art in Kashmir**” at PSR Buddhist University, Cambodia.
- Lecture delivered at Shri Bhuri Singh Museum Chamba on “**Introduction to Numismatic Studies**” on 25th Oct 2016.
- Visited British Museum London, worked on Kashmir and Kushan Coins for three months.
- Visited Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge University, worked on Indian Punch Mark Coins for three Months.
- Young Numismatist award and Marshal Memorial Fund awarded by Royal Numismatic Society, London in 2009.

Personal Information:

Name: Dr. Sonia Jasrotia

Date of Birth: 10.12.1979

Sex: Female

Nationality: Indian

Fathers name: Shri Atma Singh Jasrotia

Mothers name: Smt. Vinod Rani

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Working / Research Experience:- (12 Years)

- Six Years's working experience as Visiting Prof. (ICCR Chair) in Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University **till March 2024**.
- Six year's working experience as an Assistant Prof. in the Department Buddhist Studies, Jammu University from Sept 2009- till Jan 2015 and joined again in 2024 till now.

Field Experience:

- Participated in explorations in Dist. Poonch & Rajouri Jammu & Kashmir, conducted by A.S.I Srinagar Circle.

Seminar / Workshop attended Organized / Paper presented and published:

- Presented Paper on topic "***Heritage of Jammu and Kashmir***" in two-day workshop organized by Centre for History and Culture of Jammu and Ladakh Region in collaboration with G D C Udhampur (Boys) held at RZP Art Gallery, Jammu University from 14th – 15th Feb 2013.
- Presented paper in a Three Day National Seminar on Manuscripts and the problems of their Editing, Research and Conservation organized by J&K Sanskrit Academy, Jammu in collaboration with National Mission for Manuscript, Department of Culture Government of India New Delhi on topic "***Manuscript as source of history writings: A Critical Note***" held at Jammu University from 1st - 3rd February 2013.
- Presented and participated in Seventh World Archaeological Congress (WAC-7) on topic "***Locating Buddhist Monuments of Kashmir: Recently Discovered Monuments of the Gateway of Kashmir Valley***" held at Jordan from 13th – 18th Jan 2013.
- Presented a paper in National Workshop on Archaeology of Northern India (Pre-History, Proto-History, Early Historical Archaeology , Art & Architecture, Museology and Buddhist Studies) on topic "***Origin and development of Kashmir Coins***" held at Jammu from 27th – 28th August, 2012.
- Presented a paper on topic "***Fourth Buddhist Council with special reference to its Venue***" in three days seminar organized by Indian Society for Buddhist Studies in collaboration with Doon University, Dehradoon on 2nd – 5th Oct 2012.
- Presented paper on topic "***Coins of Hindu Rajas of Kashmir- A Study of Harsha deva Coins***" in a National Seminar organized by Chaatrasaal Shasakiya Sannatkotar

Mahavidhyalaya, Panna (MP) and UGC , Madhya Karayalay Bhopal from 13 -14 April 2012 on Topic “ Madhya Yogeen Bharat ki Atihasik Dharohar ka Virasat Prabandhan”.

- Presented Paper in a National Seminar on topic “**Buddhist Teachings and Life Long Learning**” organized by Department of Life Long Learning, University of Jammu from 9-10 March 2012.
- Presented and Published paper in National Conference on topic “**Treasure in Dark-Kashmir Coins**” organized by Sanchalanayalay,Saskriti aiwam Puratatava, Chhattisgarh from 16-18 January 2012.
- Participated in one month UGC – Sponsored **Refresher Course in languages** organized by UGC Academic Staff College, University of Jammu from 28-02-2011 to 24-0-2011.
- Presented paper in an International Conference on topic “**New Buddhist Bastion in Jammu Region**” organized by Department of Ancient Indian History and Archaeology, University of Lucknow and International Research Institute of Buddhist Studies, Lucknow, Joint Annual Conference of Indian Archaeological Society, Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies and Indian History and Culture Society from 28 – 30 Dec 2010.
- Paper published on topic “**Archeological Sites of Jammu Region**” in *Kosala* vol-3, 2010, page-291 Published by Directorates of Culture and Archeology Government of Chhattisgarh.
- Attended and presented paper on “**Introduction of Buddhist Art and in Kashmir**” (*Accepted for Publication*) in three days seminar organized by Indian Society for Buddhist Studies in collaboration with Dept. of Sanskrit Kashmir University on 5th to 8th Oct 2009.
- Organized one day educational trip to Buddhist site at Ambaran held on 23-May 2010.
- Organized one day educational tour to Krimchi in collaboration with, Archeological Survey of India Srinagar Circle held on 18th April 2010.
- Organized one month long exhibition on “**Retrospective art Work of Sh. Suman Gupta**”, from Feb to March 2010.
- Participated in three days workshop under National Mission For Manuscript in collaboration with Bhuri Singh Museum Chamba on “**Conservation of Stone and Terracotta Objects /Inscription**” held on 26th-28th March 2010.
- Participated in two days workshop organized by Sheikh Noor-ud-din Noorani Museum of Heritage, University of Jammu on topic “**Heritage and Science**” celebrating World Heritage Week on 23-24 Nov 2009.

- Attended short term training Course on ***Paleography, Epigraphy and Numismatics*** organized by Archaeological Survey of India, Govt. of India held from 22 -27 June 2009.
- Presented paper on '***Kashmir Coins Back to the basics***' organized by Royal Numismatic Society, London in collaboration with School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London on 19th of Feb. 2009.
- Attended a National Seminar and presented paper on "***Women and Violence: Challenges and Concern***" organized by Centre for Women Studies, University of Jammu held on 21st Sept 2007.
- Organized and Participated in one day workshop on "***Women and Culture***" organized by Centre for Women Studies in collaboration with Centre for History of Jammu and Ladakh Region, University of Jammu held on 23rd March 2007.
- Presented paper on "***Development of Buddhist Art during Kushan Period***" in Sixth Annual Conference of Indian Society for Buddhist Studies in collaboration with Dept of Chinese and Tibetan, Panjab University, Chandigarh held on 7-9 Sept 2006.
- Participated in one day workshop held on "***Disaster Management in Museum Heritage Institutions***" organized by Sheikh Noor-ud-din Noorani Museum of Heritage, University of Jammu on 9th Dec 2006.
- Participated in 20 days long Gandhi Festival and also participated in staging of the "Samrat - the last War of Ashoka" and other activities of Gandhi Festival.
- Attended Summer Camp / Workshop on "100 years of Styagraha" from 16th to 23rd Aug 2006 organized by Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti, Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, New Delhi in collaboration with Gandhian Centre University of Jammu.
- Participated and presented paper on "***Development of Buddhism in Kashmir (till Kushan period)***" organized by Sanskrit Parishad, Alighar and Indian Society for Buddhist Studies on 20-22 March 2004 at Alighar and also got certificate for Merit.
- Attended and presented paper on "***Patanjal yog ka boddh darshan par prabhav***" in International Yoga Conference held on 13-15 Oct 2003 organized by Yoga Centre, University of Jammu.

Publications (Books)

- Edited Book on "***India-Cambodia and Buddhism***" Published by Shubhi Publication, Gurugram-2018.
- Edited Book on "***Buddhism in Southeast Asia***", Published by Embassy of India, Phnom Penh, and Publisher: Shubhi Publication, Gurugram-2018.
- Course book for (Western Philosophy) MA in Philosophy at Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University in 2021.

Papers: - 10

- Paper Published on topic, ***Buddhist learning Centre's in Cambodia: A Historic Survey of progress***, Edited by Sonia Jasrotia, Published by Shubhi Publication, Gurugram, Haryana, 2018.
- Paper Published on topic, ***"Monasteries: an Epicenter of Cambodian people's Life"***, page no-182-187, , Edited by Sonia Jasrotia Published by Embassy of India, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Publisher: Shubhi Publication, Gurugram, Haryana, 2018.
- Published paper on topic ***"Growth of Buddhism in Cambodia"***, page no-30-36.Indian Culture and Heritage in South and Southeast Asia, Edited by Om Jee Upadhyay and Saurabh Mishra, Published by Akhila Bharatiya Itihasa Sankalana Yojana, New Delhi.
- Published paper on topic ***"Jasmergarh Fort –An Introduction"*** page no -129-134.National journal for History, Culture and Archeology Parag Samiksha Vol-1, Edited by Dr. Shanti Dev Sisodia.
- Published paper on topic ***"Coins of Kashmir –A Study"*** Page no: 111-117. National Journal on New Dimension in Archeology and Art, Edited by Dr. Sanchita Sharma.
- Published paper on topic ***"Kashmir Coins- An Introduction"*** in Central India Journal of Historical and Archaeological Research –Vol. 1, April-June 2012, page-87, Published by Career Research Institute, 778, VikasNagar,Vistar, Neemuch.
- Published paper in National Conference on topic ***"Treasure in Dark- Kashmir Coins"*** in *Kosala* vol-5, 2010, page-291 Published by Directorates of Culture and Archaeology Government of Chhattisgarh.
- Paper published on topic ***"Archaeological Sites of Jammu Region"*** in *Kosala* vol-3, 2010,page-291 Published by Directorates of Culture and Archaeology Government of Chhattisgarh.

Academic Referees:

- Prof. R.N.Singh, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Jammu, Jammu
- Joe Cribb, Department of Coins and Medals, British Museum, London.
- Prof. Umesh Chattoopadhyaya, Department of Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology, University of Allahabad

Memberships:

- Life member (ISBS) Indian Society for Buddhist Studies.
- Life member (FOL) Friends of Ladakh Society.
- Life member INTACH

- Member (WAC) World Archaeology Congress.

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