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## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL

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The Indian Council of Historical Research was established by the Government of India as an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act with a view to giving a proper direction to historical research and encouraging and fostering objective and scientific writing of history.

The Council came into being on 27 March 1972 when it was inaugurated by Dr Gopal Swarup Pathak, Vice-President of India.

### **Message from the President of India**

The President of India welcomed the establishment of the Council and in a message said : "Historical research is of fundamental importance to a nation like India which is rich in history. A proper historical perspective is necessary to understand the real significance of the great many political, social and economic changes that are taking place in the present-day world".

### **Message from the Prime Minister of India**

In a message sent on the occasion of the inauguration, the Prime Minister said : "The establishment of the Indian Council of Historical Research is welcome. I hope this will encourage objective and scientific research in various aspects of our history. People must be made aware of the influences which have moulded them over thousands of years so as to be able to face the problems of change without losing their moorings.

"It is up to historians to give vision to a people. Vision can be sustained only if the study of history is freed from the shackles of an artificially created framework. The history of India is far too identified with political or cultural conflicts. There seems little concern with the people themselves, with the forces of change in society, and the process of culture. Sometimes mere chauvinism and blind acceptance of the past passes off as a re-interpretation of history.

“Our approach to history must be rigorously scientific. Historical analysis should take account of the whole complex of interaction between the economic, political, intellectual and technological factors.

“I hope that the work of our historians will add to our knowledge and to our understanding of ourselves.”

#### **Extracts from Addresses at the Council's Inauguration**

DR G.S. PATHAK, VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

“It is of the utmost importance that attempts should be made to close the widening gap between the research done in Indian history and the textbooks taught in schools and colleges. At present it seems that the history textbooks used in our educational institutions are at least twenty-five years behind the knowledge obtained through published research. In the cases in which worthwhile theses are not yet published, this knowledge remains confined only to the researcher and his three or four examiners. Efforts, therefore, will have to be made to get the really good theses published and to make the important conclusions of these works available to the people.

“An important step in this direction would be to make full use of the results of archaeological excavations of the last twenty-five years. They have to be woven skilfully into the main fabric of Indian history together with the literary strands. Our efforts should be directed to the publication of archaeological reports which are long overdue. But even without the results which have not been published much of what is already printed remains to be brought into the mainstream of Indian history. No book gives us the archaeological counterpart of the Rīg-Vedic or later Vedic age. Whatever we know about the age of the Buddha still follows the pattern set by Rhys Davids seventy years ago. The archaeological information that we get about the use of iron, punch-marked coins, North black polished ware and the rise of towns in North India has not been integrated with what we learn about the period from the early Pali texts. This example can be extended to later periods. Unfortunately, historical archaeology has been neglected, and we badly need information about the material culture of the early and late medieval periods. Of course, industrial archaeology has still to appear in India. But meanwhile, I suggest the setting up of a historical museum which can clearly mark the stages of India's progress from the earliest past down to modern times.”

PROFESSOR S. NURUL HASAN, MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE

“ . . . it is necessary to foster the study of history in India in an integrated manner. As you all know, the scope of history is very wide. It embraces the history of the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. It includes not only various periods and themes of Indian history, but also the histories of the other parts of the world in their varied aspects. It was therefore felt that the Government should set up an organisation which could discharge this objective by stimulating historical research and promoting the objective writing of history.

“It is hoped that the establishment of the Indian Council of Historical Research will go a long way towards fostering quality teaching and research in history in our country. The objective of the Council is not to duplicate the work done by university departments of history and similar other institutions but to tone up the quality of the research undertaken by them by providing them necessary facilities. The Council will try to strengthen, encourage and improve the historical work that is being done in the country. By itself it will undertake only such work as cannot be done singlehanded by the existing bodies.”

PROFESSOR R.S. SHARMA, CHAIRMAN, ICHR

“The historical approach has deeply coloured the study of literature and philosophy in our universities. If we have a look at the earliest doctoral theses and other publications in the field of Indian literature, we will notice that they mostly trace the origin and development of some language and literature. The same is true of philosophy. Our topmost philosophers, such as S.N. Dasgupta and S. Radhakrishnan, devoted themselves to the history and exposition of Indian philosophy, and even now the historical approach to Indian philosophy is being cultivated assiduously. It will, therefore, appear that the study and research in history is important not only for the development of history but also for strengthening social sciences and humanities.

“ . . . It is essential that we should be aware of the various theories of history which affect our thinking. Some emphasize that heroes make history, others say that ideas make history, still others say that social or religious forces make history and yet others stress the role of economic forces in shaping history. It is necessary that awareness of the different types of historical theories be created among the scholars and they be given sufficient support and latitude to choose their own theory and hypothesis . . . ”

## PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

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One of the first tasks before the Council was to identify and determine the broad framework of its programmes. With the help of several groups of historians, the Council has formulated the following major programmes which are now in the process of implementation :

- Financial assistance to research projects in history
- Financial assistance for the publication of Ph.D. theses, research monographs and other historical works
- Fellowships for research scholars in history
- Assistance to professional organisations of historians
- Survey of historical research
- Preparation of source materials on Indian History
- Preparation and translation of important books of history for the use of students, teachers and scholars
- Establishment of a Documentation and Library Centre
- Clearing-house functions
- Seminars, conferences and other programmes

In addition, the Council has taken up several special projects.

### **Grant-in-Aid to Research Projects\***

The scheme of financial assistance to research projects formulated by the Council is intended to encourage research scholars to undertake studies in significant areas. The assistance normally covers the pay and allowances of the project staff other than the Director, and related expenditure on travel, books and contingencies.

### **Financial Assistance for Publication of Theses and other Historical Documents\***

Under this scheme financial assistance is provided for the publication of various types of historical studies such as doctoral theses, research projects financed by the ICHR, research studies, monographs, critically edited or translated source material, journals, and biographical and documentation works.

### **Fellowships to Research Scholars\***

Another scheme formulated by the Council to promote research makes provision for award of fellowships to scholars in universities, colleges and other institutions. The fellowship is normally available to those who are already based in an academic institution on a regular basis and who wish to undertake post-doctoral work. However, fellowships are also given to those who take up doctoral work or are likely to complete their doctoral work in the near future.

The fellowships are available for two categories of historians : those doing research in India and those Indian historians whose research work may require study and collection of material outside India. The research fellowship is awarded ordinarily for two years, but may be extended in exceptional cases for a third year.

### **Assistance to Professional Organisations of Historians\***

The Council also extends assistance to professional organisations of historians, functioning at the national and regional levels, for holding seminars, workshops, symposia and conferences on subjects of historical significance.

### **Survey of Historical Research**

Soon after its establishment, the Council decided to undertake a quick survey of the work done so far in history, particularly during the last twenty-five years, to find out how far this work has added to our knowledge, in what direction historical knowledge has been changing in style, content, context, and perspective, and to identify emerging trends. Based on this survey, the Council hopes to locate the lacunae in historical study which need attention, and plan suitable research programmes.

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\* Details of schemes of financial assistance may be obtained from the Secretary, Indian Council of Historical Research, 35 Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi 110001.

The survey is being organised in two phases. The themes included in the first phase and the historians to whom they have been assigned are given below :

Historical Geography (Ancient)	Dr B.D. Chattopadhyaya Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
Historical Geography (Medieval)	Professor Moonis Raza Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
Bhakti Movement up to A.D. 1500	Dr (Mrs.) Suvira Jaiswal Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
after A.D. 1500 (North India)	Professor J.S. Grewal Guru Nanak University Amritsar
(West India)	Professor A.R. Kulkarni University of Poona Poona
Buddhism	Dr N.N. Bhattacharya Department of Ancient History and Culture Calcutta University Calcutta
Social Reform Movements in the 18th and 19th centuries	Dr Sumit Sarkar Department of History Calcutta University Calcutta
Liberal Thought in India	Professor Hira Lal Singh Head of the Department of History Banaras Hindu University Varanasi
Gandhism and Gandhian Thought	Dr Manoranjan Jha Department of Political Science Banaras Hindu University Varanasi
Socialist and Communist Thought in India	Dr Diptendra Banerji Department of History University of Burdwan Burdwan



History of Administration from the Mauryas to the Guptas	Dr D.N. Jha Department of History Patna University Patna
Administration under the Delhi Sultanate	Dr K.S. Lal University of Delhi Delhi
Mughal Administration	Dr Q. Ahmad Department of History Patna University Patna
History of Vijayanagar including Administration	Dr S. Settar Karnatak University Dharwar
History of Pre-Modern Crafts	Professor Irfan Habib Aligarh Muslim University Aligarh
History of Transport and Communication including Railways	Dr Sugata Mukherji Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
The Indian Village Community up to A.D. 1800	Dr B.R. Grover Jamia Milia Islamia New Delhi
after A.D. 1800	Dr Hitesh Ranjan Sanyal Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
Land Tenures in British India	Dr Benoy Chaudhury Calcutta University Calcutta
History of Warfare Ancient period	Dr S.D. Singh Lucknow University Lucknow
Medieval period up to 18th century	Professor J.N. Sarkar Jadavpur University Calcutta
Modern period up to 1914	Dr Sri Nandan Prasad Director National Archives of India New Delhi

Revolt of 1857	Professor Barun De Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
History of National Movement	Professor S. Gopal Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
History of Technology	Dr Sabyasachi Bhattacharya Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
Works with Archaeological Content and Orientation	Shri B.K. Thapar Archaeological Survey of India New Delhi

#### **Source Materials on Indian History**

The Council attaches great importance to preparing and making available source material on Indian History in order to give a strong source orientation to the teaching of history in universities and colleges and for meeting the initial requirements of research students for designing their research programmes.

The Council has, therefore, drawn up a comprehensive programme of compiling, editing and annotating source material on crucial aspects of Indian history. The work is being assigned to various historians in the country. Sources in English, in other European languages, and in Indian languages will be covered under this programme.

The following areas have been taken up in the first phase :

#### ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY

Sources for Post-graduate students

Sources on South-East Asia

Inscriptions of India

Dictionary of Indian Archaeology

Reprints of Rare and Out-of-Print Material

Glossary of Terms in Inscriptions

## MEDIEVAL INDIAN HISTORY

Translation of Persian chronicles of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries

Publication of administrative manuals in original

Compilation of European documents on India

Compilation of epigraphical materials, particularly relating to South India

Publication of regional source material

## MODERN INDIAN HISTORY

Sources in this area fall under three heads :

Nationalist Movement  
Economic and Statistical Data  
Reprints

### *Nationalist Movement*

The following fields have been identified under this scheme and are proposed to be dealt with periodwise :

Resistance to British Rule (South India) :			General Editor
before 1858	1 volume	:	Professor K. Rajayyan
			General Editor
1858-1905	6 volumes	:	Professor Bipan Chandra
			General Editor
1905-1919	4 volumes	:	To be finalised
			General Editor
1919-1937	8 volumes	:	Professor Bimal Prasad
			General Editor
Peasant Movement		:	Dr Benoy Chaudhury
			General Editor
Trade Union Movement		:	Professor A.R. Desai

*Economic and Statistical Data*

**Statistical Volumes**

Agriculture, rent and revenue, 1765-1947.	Professor N.K. Sinha } Dr Benoy Choudhury }
Finance and Currency	Dr S. Bhattacharyay
Trade (Inland and Foreign)	
18th Century	Dr Surendra Gopal
19th and 20th Century	Dr Nilmani Mukherjee
Industry	Dr A.K. Bagchi
<i>Labour, Prices and Wages</i>	Dr V.B. Singh

**Selections from Documents**

Evolution of Agrarian Relations covering

- rural indebtedness and land alienation
- growth of landed intermediaries
- agricultural labour

A series of volumes on Bengal, Bihar, Bombay, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

*Reprints*

This programme seeks to produce a series of reprints of rare and out-of-print material, which may be helpful to graduate, postgraduate and preliminary research students. The following titles have been selected in the first phase which is expected to be completed in a period of one year :

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>
1. Peshwakalin Maharashtra	V.K. Bhave
2. Elphinstone's Report—Territories conquered from the Peshwas	
3. Statistical Report of Kolhapur District	Graham
4. Weights, Measures and Coins	Captain Jervis
5. Social Institutions of the Marathas	Tone

6.	Administrative Report of Mysore	Colonel Mark Wills
7.	British India Analysed	Crisp
8.	Select Letters of Tipu Sultan	Kirk Patrick
9.	Tazkar-i-Ulama-i-Hind	
10.	Travels	Mohan Lal
11.	Collection of Essays in Urdu	K.M. Ashraf
12.	Hindustani Musalmanon ka Roshan Mustaqbil	Tufail Ahmed
13.	The Land System of Bengal (2 volumes)	Anonymous
14.	Hyderabad	Briggs
15.	The Land of the Five Rivers (2 volumes)	Trevaskie
16.	Wealth and Welfare of the Punjab	H. Calvert
17.	Statistical Account of Bengal	W.W. Hunter
18.	Malabar Manual	Logan
19.	History of Kerala	Padmanabha Menon

#### **Translation of Important History Books**

What postgraduate students and research workers of history most need today is access to adequate and objective studies which incorporate up to date historical content and method. To meet this need, the Council has initiated a programme of translating into regional languages selected titles in Indian history written in the last twenty-five years.

#### **Six-Volume History of India**

The Council has planned the preparation of a six-volume series on the History and Culture of India reflecting the latest trends and research on the subject. These volumes, two on each period, are intended to provide an objective analysis of Indian History. An Editorial Board has been set up to plan the project.

#### **Documentation-cum-Library Centre**

This is an important programme of long-term significance finalized by the Council. The main task of the Centre will be to index and abstract all published and unpublished historical studies done in India, in English and in regional languages, since 1967. The Centre will start functioning from the year 1973-74. Advance action has been initiated during the current year.

### **Role of Central and State Legislatures in the Freedom Struggle**

In the context of the 25th anniversary of India's Independence, the Council has undertaken a project of writing the history of the Role of Central and State Legislatures in the Freedom Struggle. An Editorial Board under the Chairmanship of Professor S. Gopal has been guiding the project.

The first book in the series on the "Role of the Central Legislature in the Freedom Struggle" was written by Dr Manoranjan Jha, Reader, Banaras Hindu University, and was released by the President of India on 15 August 1972.

The second part of the project on the role of State Legislatures consists of a series of eleven volumes covering the provinces of Assam, Bengal, Bihar, Bombay, Central Provinces and Berar, Madras, North-West Frontier Province, Orissa, Punjab, Sind, and Uttar Pradesh. The headquarters' unit in the Council under Dr Manoranjan Jha coordinates and supervises the project. Each State Project is assigned to a senior historian assisted by a research assistant as under :

<i>Province</i>	<i>Historian in charge</i>
Assam	Dr Amalendu Guha
Bengal	Shri Gautam Chattopadhyay
Bihar	Dr Manoranjan Jha
Bombay	To be finalised
Central Provinces & Berar	Dr V.G. Dighe
Madras	Dr S. Krishnaswamy
North-West Frontier Province	{ Dr A.K. Gupta Shri Z.A. Nizami
Orissa	Dr K.M. Patra
Punjab	Dr (Mrs) Satya Rai
Sind	{ Dr A.K. Gupta Shri Z.A. Nizami
Uttar Pradesh	To be finalised

### **Revolutionary Activities outside India for India's Freedom**

In connection with the 25th anniversary of India's Independence, the Council has planned a 2-volume project on the compilation of sources relating to the revolutionary activities outside India for the country's independence during the period 1905-1947. The first volume covering the period 1905-1927 will be prepared by Professor A.C. Bose, Head of the Department of History, Jammu University, assisted by Dr A.P. Sharma, Lecturer in History, Ranchi University.

### **History of the Second World War**

India is a member of the International Committee for the History of the Second World War set up in April-May 1967 to promote historical research in the various facets of the Second World War. The ICHR has been assigned the responsibility for setting up the National Advisory Committee on the History of the Second World War and for the general organisation and implementation of the programme. The following areas have been recommended by the National Advisory Committee for study :

- Impact of the Second World War on India's economy
- Impact of the Second World War on Indian society
- Impact of the Second World War on India's relations with the outside world

In connection with this project, Professor Henri Michel, President of the International Committee on the Second World War and Editor of the Journal *Revue d'histoire de la 2<sup>e</sup> guerre mondiale*, will be visiting India in early 1973 under the Indo-French Cultural Exchange Agreement. The Council is drawing up his programme. During his three-week stay in India, Professor Michel will visit important university centres and meet historians interested in the History of the Second World War.

### **"Towards Freedom"**

This project envisages the publication of records relating to the project "Towards Freedom" in a series of ten volumes. The ICHR will select, compile, and edit the material, while the National Archives of India will be responsible for collecting it. The Council has constituted an Editorial Board for this purpose under the chairmanship of Professor R.S. Sharma.

### Source Books in Indian and Asian Civilizations

The Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Simla has been carrying out certain inter-disciplinary studies relating to Indian and Asian Civilizations. The Council has now taken up the preparation of source books on these civilizations.

The programme is planned in two parts : one, the preparation of a source book on Indian Civilization and the other, a series of publications on Asian Civilizations. The first part will consist of a one-volume source book of about 600 pages. In regard to the second part, the Council proposes to take up, in the first instance, the preparation of source books on South-East Asian civilizations. A seminar is being planned for early 1973 to which Indian historians and historians of the region specializing in the history and civilization of the area will be invited. It is expected that the seminar will help in giving concrete shape to the project.

### Studies in Central Asian Civilization

The UNESCO has initiated a project concerning the study of civilizations of the peoples of Central Asia. The project seeks to promote a better understanding and appreciation of the civilizations of the peoples of Central Asia through studies of their archaeology, history, science and literature.

The part of the project relating to the History of Ideas and Philosophy in Central Asia has been assigned to India. The Council is working out the plan of the project.

Seven other studies relating to the project are in various stages of implementation. The Council held a review of the progress of these studies at a meeting of the Directors of the projects and planned steps for accelerating the pace of implementation. The projects have been assigned as under :

<i>Title</i>	<i>Project Director</i>
Cultural Impact of the Peoples of Central Asia upon each other during the Medieval period	Professor K.A. Nizami Centre of Advanced Study in History Aligarh Muslim University
Preparation of an Annotated Bibliography on Kushan Archaeology	B.N. Puri Lucknow University Lucknow



Motifs, Symbols, Myths and Legends in Art and Architecture from Kushan Deities up to Mughal Times	Professor G.R. Sharma Allahabad University Allahabad
Preparation of a Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts and Documents relating to Central Asia in the Indian Archives	Asiatic Society Calcutta
History of Social and Political Ideas in Central Asia	Professor R.S. Sharma Patna University Patna
Publication of a book on History and Archaeology of Kushanas	Professor R.S. Sharma Patna University Patna
Catalogue of Gandhara Sculpture in India Excavation at Mathura	} Archaeological Survey of India New Delhi

#### **Indo-Soviet Symposium**

Under the Cultural and Scientific Exchange programme between India and the USSR, the ICHR has been corresponding with the Soviet National Committee of Historians and the Institute of Oriental Studies, the USSR Academy of Sciences, for organising and participating in Indo-Soviet Symposia. The theme of the first symposium will be "Economic and Social Changes in India and Russia from the 17th to the first half of the 19th Century". The symposium is expected to be held at Moscow in early 1973. The Council proposes to send a delegation of seven historians led by the Chairman of the Council.

#### **Preparatory Committee of the International Committee for Historical Sciences**

The Council sponsored the visit of Professor Satish Chandra, Secretary, Indian History Congress, and Member of the Indian Council of Historical Research, to Hareeg Lovi in Yugoslavia where the Preparatory Committee of the International Committee for Historical Sciences met, on 21-22 July 1972. The various themes for the session of the International Committee to be held at San Francisco in 1975 were finalised at the meeting.

### **Exchange of Literature**

As a modest first step in establishing contacts with historical societies abroad, the ICHR arranged to send a set of books written in India to the Historical and Literary Society of Afghanistan. As a reciprocal gesture, the Society has sent us the back issues of its publication *Ariana*.

### **Invitation to Dacca University Professor**

Professor A.B.M. Habibullah, Professor and Head of the Department of History, Dacca University, Bangladesh, is to attend the Indian History Congress session that is being held later this month at Muzaffarpur. The Council has invited him to spend a month in India and visit various History Departments in Universities and consult historical sources of interest.

### **Seminar of Historians**

A seminar of historians on the theme "Recent Trends in the Study of Indian History" is to be held in Mysore in February-March 1973 under the direction of Professor B. Sheikh Ali of the Mysore University.

### **Links with the Indian History Congress**

It is visualised that in the near future the Council will be able to establish close academic and organisational links with the Indian History Congress as well as with various history congresses. It is hoped that in due course these contacts will encourage and stimulate the various regional congresses to make a bigger contribution in the search for sources.

### **Clearing-House Functions**

In addition to other functions, the Council will also serve as an information and clearing-house centre in matters relating to historical research. As a first step in this direction, the following programmes have been taken-up :

- Directory of Ph.D. Degrees in History awarded from the year 1947 onwards
- Directory of students who have been registered for Ph.D. in Departments of History in various universities
- Synopses of Ph.D. Theses in History
- Directory of Indian Historians
- Directory of Professional Organisations in History

The last two are being planned.

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL

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### *Released*

- Books**      *Role of the Central Legislature in the Freedom Struggle*  
by Manoranjan Jha
- Brochures**   *Rules for Publication Grants*  
*Rules of Grants-in-Aid for Research Projects*  
*Scheme of Fellowships of ICHR*

### *In Press*

- Books**      *Shahnama-i-Munawwar Kalam* by S.H. Askari
- Subsidized  
Publications** *Britain, India and the Turkish Empire* by R.L. Shukla
- Religious Institutions and Cults in the Deccan (A.D.500—  
1000 A.D.)* by R.N. Nandi
- Commemoration Volume in memory of D.D. Kosambi,  
edited by R.S. Sharma
- Other  
Literature**   *Directory of Ph.D. Degrees in History awarded from the  
year 1947 onwards*
- Directory of students who have been registered for Ph.D.  
in Departments of History in various universities*

### *Planned*

- Indian Historical Review*, a half-yearly journal of the  
ICHR

## NEWS AND NOTES

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[Many interesting activities take place in various history departments and organisations. This column is intended to serve as a forum for reporting such activities. We hope readers will continue to send us accounts of their activities as and when they take place.]

### THE KARNATAK HISTORICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

With the object of re-writing Indian history, the Society has taken up a scheme of research and publication of the History of India in five volumes and the History of Karnatak in three volumes. One of the volumes on the History of Karnatak has been published. The society also brings out a journal entitled *The Karnatak Historical Review*.

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### KERALA HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Association conducts study tours, organises seminars, and has an ambitious plan of building a history reference library and museum of antiquities. The Association has been entrusted with the task of compiling a comprehensive and authentic history of Kerala.

The latest programme of the Association is to conduct a study tour of the islands lying in the Arabian Sea and of the high ranges of Kerala, where many historical monuments are said to be buried.

The most recent seminar that the Association organised was on "Kerala's Role in the Freedom Struggle".

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### HISTORICAL SECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

#### Publication Programme

*In Press*

*Operation Polo : The Police Action against Hyderabad (1948).*

*Operation Vijay or the Liberation of Goa and other Portuguese Colonies in India (1961).*

*The Official History of the Indian Armed Forces in World War II :  
(The Corps of the Indian Engineers).*

*Indian Troops in the Congo, 1960-63.*

#### **Under Preparation**

History of Operations in J & K, 1947-48.

Indian Custodian Force in Korea, 1953-54.

Indian Troops with UNEF (Gaza).

#### **Current Research Assignments**

History of the UN Operations in the Congo, 1960-63, with special reference to the rôle of Indian Defence Services by S.K. Sharma.

India's contribution to the Second World War (1939-45) by Mrs Vijay Kapur.

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DECCAN COLLEGE, POONA

The Department of History carried out large-scale excavations at Somnath to understand the development of cultures after the Harappan civilization. During the excavation a very large building (60'x20'), with several rooms was discovered at a depth of 15'. All these rooms are very well lined, though built of stone, From the way the construction had been done it seems that the Harappan tradition in this respect was continued, although the pottery and other remains of the culture had disappeared. Among the most important finds was an obsidian flake and a seal depicting five gazelles. These have been found for the first time in India.

The department also carried out a survey of the rivers Saraswati and Hiran. There is evidence of the existence of Early Man and his successors right at the mouth of the river. There is also evidence to show that the whole of Saurashtra had not gone under the sea during the Pleistocene times; the sea had encroached upon only a mile or two along the coast.

The second excavation was carried out near Betamcherla in the Kurnool district by Dr M. L. K. Murty. This has also supplied very important evidence of the existence of man in upper Pleistocene times in the Kurnool District, the most important of which is the making of bone tools exactly as they were made in Western Europe at that time.

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**Champaner Project**

This project includes the study of town planning of a late medieval city of Gujarat by modern archaeological methods of plain table survey, photography, statistical methods, etc. Three seasons' work at the site has revealed a fortified city with a royal citadel within it. This also shows the pattern of nine roads leading to the royal citadel. The habitation contains plans of palatial buildings, hammams, zenana quarters, well, sanitation system, etc. In addition, serais, administrative buildings and gardens have also been revealed.

Last year's study shows Hindu structures on the hill side. Various phases of fortifications have also been exposed.

**Gujarat District Project**

Exploration of various districts of Gujarat is under way. Several sites of early and late stone-age sites in Banaskantha, Kaira and Panchmaha districts in addition to the one chalcolithic site of Harappan culture have been discovered in Banaskantha. Several sites of the same culture have been discovered in Cambay taluka of Kaira district also.

**Seminars**

In May 1972 the Department organised a summer school for history teachers.

**Lectures**

- Certain aspects of Proto-history by George L. Pessehl
- Early Pre-history of India by Bridget Allchin

**Publications**

- *Baroda through the Ages* by Bendapudi Subbarao
- *Excavation at Timbarava* by R.N. Mehta
- *The Personality of India* by B. Subbarao (2nd edition)
- *Stone Age Industries in Bombay and Satara* by S.C. Malik
- *Indian History—a Study on Dynamics* by Y.A. Raikar
- *The Abhiras—Their History, and Culture* by Bhagwan Singh Suryavanshi
- *The Pleistocene Deposits of the Lower Narmada River and Early Stone Age Industries from the River Chambal* by G.J. Wainwright

- *Excavations at Maheswar and Navdatoli* by H.D. Sankalia, B. Subbarao and S.B. Deo (a joint publication with Deccan College, Poona)
- *Excavation at Devnimeri* by R.N. Mehta and S.K. Chowdhary
- *Excavation at Nagara* by R.N. Mehta
- *Excavation at Nagara* by R.N. Mehta and S.N. Chowdhary
- *Somnath—1956*. Monograph I by J.M. Nanavatti, R.N. Mehta and S.N. Chowdhary (a joint publication with the Government of Gujarat)

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY

#### **Publication**

The first volume of the history journal was published.

#### **Lectures**

- Evolution of Bengal as a geographical, political and cultural unit by R.C. Majumdar
- Sources for the study of Social History of Modern India by K.K. Datta

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA

#### **New Acquisitions**

- 1750 files of the Railway Board (1945-47)
- 1500 files of the Foreign and Political Department (1919—1940)
- 1525 maps of the Hind Series (1940—45) transferred by the Survey of India
- Private Papers of Govind Ballabh Pant—comprising 600 letters, 16 files containing his speeches, 18 albums and a diary
- Photocopies of certain letters of V.J. Patel, Subhas Chandra Bose, E. Schenbel, Raja Rammohan Roy
- 4 microfilm rolls covering the private papers of the 9th Earl of Elgin as the Governor-General of India, relating to the period 1894—99
- 5 microfilm rolls of papers of A.P. Hume relating to the period 1927-68

#### **Publications**

*Fort William—India House Correspondence*—Vol. VII, Vol. X and Vol. XI are nearing completion. Vol. XVI and Vol. XVIII have been sent to press.

A bi-annual journal will shortly be published by the Archives.

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PUNJAB HISTORICAL STUDIES  
PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA

**Research Programmes**

- History of the Punjab in 8 volumes. Volume III dealing with the Sultanate period has been brought out in Punjabi as well as in English.
- Preparation of 'WHO's WHO of Punjab Freedom Fighters'
- Work on eminent Freedom Fighters of the Punjab
- Editing and printing of records bearing on the freedom movement in the Punjab. Vol. III dealing with records regarding Maharaja Dalip Singh has been printed.

**Translation of Source Books into Punjabi**

*Printed*

- Ahmad Shah Batalia's *Kitab-i-Hindi*
- *Asrar-i-Samadi* A contemporary work on Nawab Abdul Samad Khan, the Governor of Punjab (1713-37)
- *Khulasat-ut-Tawarikh* A celebrated work of Munshi Sujan Rai Bhandari

*Under Preparation*

*Naqsir-i-Alamgiri*  
*Tawarikh-i-Sikhan*  
*Ain-i-Akbari*  
*Zafarnama-i-Ranjit Singh*  
*Ibrat Nama*

**Lectures**

- The Foreign Policy of the USA after World War II by Dr Alexander Deconde, Professor of History, California University and discussion on US entry into the First World War
- Western Impact on India during the Modern Period by Professor O.P. Bhatnagar
- The last days of Guru Gobind Singh by Dr Ganda Singh

**Monographs on Historical Places**

The first monograph on Patiala has been printed. The second on Sirhind is in press.

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## RESEARCH PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND FELLOWSHIPS APPROVED

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### ● Research Projects ●

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title of the Project</i>	<i>Project Director</i>
R.P. 1	British Missionaries in North India during the second half of the 19th Century	Dr A.N. Nagpal Research Scholar University of Delhi Delhi
R.P. 2	Translation of the French Publication of the Memoires de Francois Martin	Dr Aniruddha Ray Calcutta University Calcutta
R.P. 3	Completion of second volume of Origins of India's Foreign Policy	Dr Bisheshwar Prasad 34, Chatham Lines Allahabad
R.P. 4	State of Handicrafts Industry in NWP in the 19th Century	Dr Suresh Chandra Sehgal Hindu College Delhi-7
R.P. 5	Preparation of an Atlas of the Mughal Empire, 1550-1605	Professor Moonis Raza Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
R.P. 6	History of the Communist Movement in India, 1917-1956	P.C. Joshi Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi

- R.P. 7 Historical Atlas of the Ganga-Yamuna Doab Professor (Miss) Romila Thapar  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi
- R.P. 8 Compilation and publication of Inscriptions Professor D.C. Sircar  
645, New Alipore  
Calcutta-53
- R.P. 9 Social Change in Malabar in the 19th and 20th Centuries Dr K.N. Panikkar  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi
- R.P. 10 Urban History Project—Case Study of Surat under the Mughals Professor S.C. Misra  
Department of History  
M.S. University  
Baroda
- R.P. 11 Socio-economic History of Indapur Village (18th century) Professor A.R. Kulkarni  
Department of History  
University of Poona  
Poona
- R.P. 12 Book on Political Movements in Bengal Shri A.C. Guha  
5-Gurdwara Rakabganj Road  
New Delhi
- R.P. 13 Editing and Translation of Akhbarat of Aurangzeb's Reign Professor Irfan Habib  
Aligarh Muslim University  
Aligarh
- R.P. 14 South India from c. 300 to c. 1000—A Study in Social and Cultural History Professor T.V. Mahalingam  
Retired Professor of History  
Madras University  
Madras
- R.P. 15 Renascent Gujarat Dr V.K. Chavda  
Department of History  
M.S. University of Baroda  
Baroda

● Publications ●

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title of the Thesis/Journal</i>	<i>Name of the author/ Organisation</i>
P. 1	Britain, India and the Turkish Empire, 1853-82	Dr R.L. Shukla Department of History Patna University Patna ( <i>in Press</i> )
P. 2	Jainism in Early Medieval Karnataka	Dr R.B.P. Singh Department of History Patna University Patna
P. 3	Religious Institutions and Cults in the Deccan A.D. 600—1000	Dr R.N. Nandi Lecturer Department of History Patna University Patna ( <i>in press</i> )
P. 4	Translation of <i>Shahnama-i-Munawar Kalam</i> from Persian to English	S.H. Askari Department of History Patna University Patna
P. 5	Coins and Currency System in the Early South India c.A.D. 225 to A.D. 1300	Dr B.D. Chattopadhyaya Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
P. 6	<i>Bengal : Past and Present</i> (Journal)	Calcutta Historical Society Calcutta
P. 7	History of Culture of Gujarat of the First Four Centuries	Dr Rashesh Jamindar Gujarat University Ahmedabad
P. 8	Trade and Commercial Organisations in Bengal with special reference to the East India Company 1650-1720	Dr Susil Choudhury Lecturer Calcutta University Calcutta
P. 9	<i>Jornnal of Indian History</i>	Editor Journal of Indian History Trivandrum

- P. 10      Proceedings of the Indian Secretary  
History Congress                      Indian History Congress  
New Delhi
- P. 11      Commemoration Volume in Editor : Prof. R.S. Sharma  
Memory of D.D. Kosambi              (*in press*)

● Fellowships ●

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title of the Project</i>	<i>Name and address</i>
F. 1.	Development of Ideology of Nationalism — A Comparative Study of the Role of the Intelligentsia in India and China (1919-1929)	Dr Suresh Sharma Department of Chinese and Japanese Studies University of Delhi Delhi
F. 2.	Civil Disturbances in Malabar in the 19th and 20th Centuries	Dr A.P. Abdurahiman Farook College Calicut
F. 3.	An Analytical Study of the Sultanate Architecture of Delhi — Techniques, Norms and Concepts	Dr R. Nath Agra College Agra
F. 4.	The Concepts of Non-Capitalist Path	Dr Diptendramohan Banerjee University of Burdwan Burdwan
F. 5.	Translation of the French Publication of the Memoires de Francois Martin	Dr Lotika Varadarajan Sophia College University of Bombay Bombay

● Grants to Professional Organisations ●

- P.O. 1.      The Indian History Congress