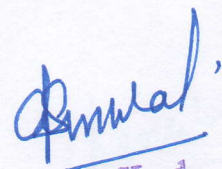


PhD Course Work Syllabus in History
Three papers | 12 credits | One Semester

Paper III is adapted to the scholar's proposed area of research.


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Paper I**Research Methodology****4 credits | 60 hours****Unit I Understanding Historical Research**

Nature and purpose of historical research; choosing a research problem; research questions and objectives; preparing a research proposal.

Unit II Sources and Evidence

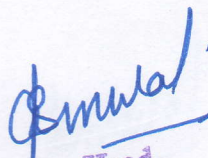
Primary and secondary sources; archives, inscriptions, oral histories and digital sources; locating and evaluating evidence; source criticism.

Unit III Methods of Historical Inquiry

Chronology and periodization; comparison and interpretation; interdisciplinary approaches; fieldwork and interviews.

Unit IV Research Writing

Organizing a thesis; developing an argument; citations and bibliography; revising and presenting research.


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Paper II

Research Publication and Ethics

2 credits | 30 hours

Unit I Ethics in Research

Academic integrity; honesty in using evidence; consent and confidentiality; responsible treatment of communities and sensitive material.

Unit II Publication Ethics

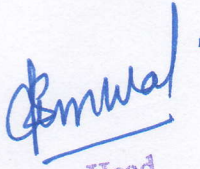
Plagiarism and self-plagiarism; authorship; duplicate publication; conflicts of interest.

Unit III Scholarly Publication

Writing a research article; choosing a suitable journal; peer review; responding to reviewers.

Unit IV Responsible Research Practice

Accurate citation and quotation; managing research notes and data; recognising unreliable journals; basic use of plagiarism checking tools.


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Course based on the Proposed area of Research

Studies in the History and Archaeology of Ancient Jammu and Kashmir

6 credits | 90 hours

Unit I: Historical Background of Jammu and Kashmir

Geography and historical regions of Jammu and Kashmir; major political, social, economic and cultural developments; connections between the two regions; historical background of the proposed research topic.

Unit II: Historical Texts and Historiography

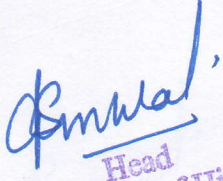
Kashmir's Nīlamata Purāṇa; Kalhaṇa's Rājataranṅinī and its continuations by Jonārāja, Śrīvara and Prājyabhaṭṭa; Jammu's Rājdarshani by Ganesh Das Badehra and Gulabnama by Diwan Kirpa Ram. (Study of these texts as historical sources, alongside major interpretations and gaps in scholarship. The Kashmir texts span different periods and genres, allowing scholars to examine how accounts of the region changed over time.)

Unit III: Archaeology and Other Sources

Archaeological evidence from both Jammu and Kashmir: settlements, monuments, temples, forts, inscriptions and coins. Manuscripts, archival records, travel accounts and oral traditions; the value and limitations of each type of evidence.

Unit IV: Developing the Research Project

Selecting and refining a topic on Jammu and Kashmir; framing research questions; comparing textual and archaeological evidence; preparing a chapter outline, annotated bibliography and research proposal.


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Modern Indian History

6 credits | 90 hours

History, Science and Colonial Practices in the Region of Jammu and Kashmir

Unit 1

Imperial Surveys and Mapping of J&K Region.

- The Great Trigonometrical Survey in J&K
- Cartography and Visual Mastery of the Territory
- Scientific Institutions

Unit 2

Travelogues and the Knowledge Economy

- Explorers
- Mountain Geographers
- Strategic, Geological and Ethnographical data

Unit 3

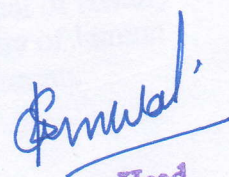
Medicine and public health in the erstwhile princely state

- Medical Missionaries
- State funded Health Care
- Marginalization of Indigenous Healing System

Unit 4

Ecology and Natural Resource Management

- Institutionalization of Scientific Forestry
- Demarcation, Enclosure and the Law
- Displacement and Ecological Resistance


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