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**Name: Dr. Snigdha Singh**

**Department: History**

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**Academic Qualifications:**

- Ph.D (CHS, Jawaharlal Nehru University)
- M.Phil (University of Delhi)
- M.A. (University of Delhi)

**Field of Specialization:** Ancient India

Total Teaching Experience: 33+years

Teaching at Miranda House since: 2000

**Award:**

**Braj Dev Prasad Memorial Prize**, for the Best Book in Ancient India, awarded by *Indian History Congress*, on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at Warangal.

**Publications:**

- *Of Thieves and Therīs, Potters and Pativrātās: Essays on Early Indian Social History for Kumkum Roy*, ed. Uma Chakravarti, Naina Dayal, Bharati Jagannathan & Snigdha Singh, Primus, Delhi, 2023. ISBN-978-93-5678-033-8.
- *Inscribing Identities Proclaiming Piety: Exploring Recording Practices In Early Historic*, Primus, Delhi, 2022. ISBN-978-93-5553-290-9.

[The book was awarded the [Braj Dev Prasad Memorial Prize for the best book on Ancient Indian History](#) at 82nd Session, of The Indian History Congress at Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telangana, on the 28th of December 2023].

- *‘Waters’ of Western Rajasthan: Myth, Tradition, and Livelihood’* ed. Anindita Sarkar & Snigdha Singh, R.K.Books, New-Delhi, 2020. ISBN 978-93-82847-98-4.
- *‘Beyond the Woman Question, Reconstructing Gendered Identities in Early India’*, et al Snigdha Singh, Delhi, Primus, 2018. ISBN, 978-93-84092-77-1.



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### Academic Articles:

- ‘Gender Roles in the *Pañchatantra*: Representation and Construction’, *South India Journal of Social Sciences*, vol. XXI/ 8:167-175, 2023. ISSN: 0972–8945.
- ‘Interlinkages between Property and Matronage in the Patriarchal Society: A Peep in Early Historic and Early Medieval India’ *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai*, vol. XCVI/ 16: 139-143, 2023. ISSN: 0972-0766.
- ‘Beauty, Body and Desire: Gendered Voices in Buddhist Monastic Traditions’ in *Of Thieves and Therīs, Potters and Pativrātās: Essays on Early Indian Social History for Kumkum Roy*, ed. Uma Chakravarti, Naina Dayal, Bharati Jagannathan & Snigdha Singh, Primus, Delhi, 2023, pp.263-283. ISBN-978-93-5678-033-8.
- *Madhubani and Kohbara Art: Is it Really a Woman's Prerogative?*, *The Eternity*, vol. 13/3 : 209-217, July-September, 2022. ISSN 0975 -8690.
- *Is Stūpa a Place for Worship and Pilgrimage in Early Buddhism?*, *Ayan*, vol.10/1: 247-259, Jan-March, 2022. ISSN. 2347-4491.
- ‘Understanding of Socialization: A Study of the Role of Partilineality’, Rajyalakshmi, V. & Snigdha Singh, *Shodhsamhita*, vol. VIII 2(1): 336-343, Dec, 2021. ISSN. 2277-7067.
- ‘Does Early Buddhism employ Ritualistic or Cultic Practices? A study based on Sanchi, and Mathura’, *Shodh Darpan*, vol. XII/1: 274-282, Jan-June, 2021. ISSN: 2231-1688.
- ‘*Stupa: A Symbol of Evolving Cultic Practice & Gender Equality in Early Buddhism*’, in *Women Struggle, Survival and Success*’ (ed.) Veenus Jain, New-Delhi: Bloomsbury, Sept., 2020. ISBN 9789390252879.
- ‘Life starts with Water: A Mythological Journey’, in ‘*Waters” of Western Rajasthan: Myth, Tradition, and Livelihood*’ ed. Anindita Sarkar & Snigdha Singh, 2020.
- ‘Portrayal of Women in Early Medieval Jain Society: A Study Based on Hemchandra’s Works’, *The Eternity*, vol. 11/3: 371-381, Jan-June, 2020. ISSN 0975-8690.
- ‘Women in transition at Mathura Sanctuaries’ in *Women A Journey Through the Ages*’, (eds.), Veenus Jain and Pushpraj Singh, New Delhi Publishers, 2019. ISBN, 978-93-88879-03-3.
- ‘Motherhood: A Ritualistic Understanding’, Snigdha Singh & Rajyalakshmi,V, *Research Directions*, vol.10/6:65-70, Aug, 2019. ISSN no. 2321-5488.
- ‘Exploring the Question of Gender at an Early *Stupa*: Inscriptions and Images’, in ‘*Beyond the Woman Question, Reconstructing Gendered Identities in Early India*’, et al Snigdha Singh, Delhi, Primus, 2018. ISBN, 978-93-84092-77-1.
- ‘*Strīdhana: Is It Her Dhana?*’, *Scholarly Research Journal for Humanity Science & English Language*, vol. 6/30: 8571-8580, Oct-Nov, 2018. ISSN 2348-3083.



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- ‘The Relationship Between Gender and Religious Institutions: A Historical Perspective’, *Scholarly Research Journal for Humanity Science & English Language*, vol.5/25: 7330-7338, Jan 2018. ISSN no. 2348-3083.
- ‘Son: The Soulful Goal’, *Scholarly Research Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies*, vol. 4/35: 6814-6822, July-Aug, 2017. ISSN no. 2278-8808.
- ‘Mitākṣarā and Dāyabhāga: Laws of Inheritance’ *Scholarly Research Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies*, vol. 4/29: 4995-5004, Jan-Feb, 2017. ISSN no. 2278-8808.

## **Educational Resource Material Developed:**

Following Modules were prepared for Ancient Indian History, ILL, University of Delhi.

- Nature and bases of the Mauryan Empire
- Art and Architecture: Patronage
- The Mauryan Phase: Monumental Architecture, Stone Sculpture, and Terracotta.

## **Research Projects:**

- ‘Climate Change, Water Security and Livelihood Resilience: Role of Traditional Knowledge and Modern Technologies in Rajasthan’, 2015-16. (It was a joint project with Dr. Anindita Sarkar and Dr. Bashabi Banerjee).

## **Administrative Responsibilities:**

- Convenor, Time-Table Committee-2022-23
- Convenor, Students Union- Feb. 2020- Aug.2021
- Convenor for shaping the UGCF 2022 syllabus under NEP 2022 for BA (Hons) History of India II, - 2021-22
- Board member for shaping the UGCF 2022 syllabus under NEP 2022 for BA (Hons) ‘History of India I, -2021-22
- Board member for shaping the UGCF 2022 syllabus under NEP 2022 for BA (Hons) DSE, ‘Gender in Indian History I, 2021-22
- Board member for shaping the UGCF 2022 syllabus under NEP 2022 for BA (Hons) DSE ‘Gender in Indian History II, 2021-22
- Board member for shaping the UGCF 2022 syllabus under NEP 2022 for BA (Multidisciplinary



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- Board member for shaping the UGCF 2022 syllabus under NEP 2022 for BA (Multidisciplinary Studies) , GE, 'Women in Indian History', 2021-22
- Convenor for revision of Gender in Indian History II-2018-19 for LOCF.
- Board member for revision of Gender in Indian History 1-2018-19 for LOCF.
- Central Evaluation Centre of College, Deputy Co-Coordinator- 2015
- Member, Cafeteria Committee- 2014-17
- College Governing Body, Teacher Representative—2014-15
- College Leave Committee, Member—2014-16
- Co-convenor of the committee to revise the course, 'History of India I and History of India II'—2015-16 for CBCS.
- Member of the Joint Committee of Courses—2014-15 & 2024-25
- PRO, Member-2014 & 2019.
- Member of Admission Committee---2009-2013, 2019-2021
- Teacher-in-Charge—2009-2011, 2019-21
- Convenor, Students Union--2012-2014
- Member, Fine Arts Society—2010-2012
- Member, Sports Committee—2008-2010

### Invited talks/Resource person:

- 'Tribute to Prof. R S Sharma: Historian, Teacher & Mentor', Prof. R.S. Sharma Memorial Lecture, at Bihar *Itihasa Parishad*, Gaya, Bihar, 10-11 February, 2024.
- 'Gender and Humour in Indian Folk Literature: An Interdisciplinary Perspective', at *The 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Future of Women*, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 23-24 February, 2023.
- 'Inscribing Identities, Proclaiming Piety: Exploring Recording Practices in Early Historic India', at *Department of History*, Asoka University, Sonipat, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023.
- 'Beauty, Body and Desire: Gendered Voices in Buddhist Monastic Traditions', *Of Thieves and Theris, Hunters and Housewives: A Conference in Honour of Kumkum Roy*, International Conference at Miranda



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House, 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

- ‘Gendering Spaces: A Glimpse into Early Historical India’, *Kaalkram/Samvaad Talk Series* at Dyal Singh College, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.
- ‘*Stūpa*: An Evolving Symbol of Cultic Practice in Early Buddhism’, Fourth Annual Conference – *The Israeli Association for the Study of Religions*, University of Haifa, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.
- ‘Impermanence of the Body: Gendered Voices in the Buddhist Monastic Traditions’, *International Conference of European Academy of Religion*, Bolonga, International, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.
- ‘Transition from Ancient to Medieval in Indian History: Discussing the Nodes’, *Karwaan Online History Festival, Session 2*, National, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.
- ‘Women Rulers of Early Medieval India’, *Let’s Connect—Women Programme, All India Radio*, Delhi, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.
- ‘Women and Ecology: *Divya Ksetra*’ at a festival titled ‘*Divya Prakrti Parva*’ on the occasion of International Women’s Day, IGNSA, New Delhi, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
- ‘Women in transition at Mathura Sanctuaries’ in World Conference on ‘*Women through the Ages*’, Amity University, New Delhi, 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.
- ‘Feudalism- Cultural Aspects’ *Zakir Hussain Delhi College*, University of Delhi, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.
- ‘Interlinkages between Property and Patronage within Patriarchy: Early Historic and Early Medieval India’, *Lady Shri Ram College for Women*, University of Delhi, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.
- ‘Do women have space along the Inland Sites of Western Ghats (1<sup>st</sup> century BCE to 2 century CE)?’ International Conference on ‘Gender Issues: Possibilities and Challenges’, held at *Centre for Gender Studies*, Patna (Bihar), 17-19 November, 2017.
- ‘Gender Identities in transition from Ancient Sanctuaries, Mathura (2 century BCE to 2 century CE)’, Fifth National Conference on *Gender Issues held at Nalanda College*, Biharsharif (Nalanda), 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.
- ‘Viewing Human Resource Development and Gender: A Historical Perspective’, International Workshop on “Globalization and Human Resource Development”, *M. G. Labour Institute*, Ahmedabad, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.
- ‘Evidence of Patronage and Matronage at an Early *Stūpa*: A Study of Early Historical Votive Inscriptions (2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE-1<sup>st</sup> century CE)’, *Centre for Women’s Development Studies*, New-Delhi, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.
- The Predominance of Women Donors at Mathura’s Ancient Sanctuaries—A Study of Early Historical Votive Inscriptions (2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE-2<sup>nd</sup> century CE) Three Day Conference on Interrogating Transitions: Culture, Economy, and Society, *Centre for Historical Studies*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.



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- 'Aspects of Gender Exclusion in the Brahmanical, Buddhist, and Jaina Faith: A Historical Perspective', *Jamia Millia Islamia*, 2008.
- 'Gendering the Caste', *Academic Staff College*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, January, 2007.
- 'Gender Identities in Early Historical Mathura: A study of inscriptional evidence', Women's Studies Programme, School of Social Sciences, *Jawaharlal Nehru University on Gender in Research*, New Delhi, 2006.
- 'Stalin - a different perspective', *Jamia Millia University*, March 2002.
- '*Strīdhana*', *Department of History*, Arts Faculty, University of Delhi, Delhi, 1989.

### **Synergy** (work with other organizations outside the college):

- 2018-24, On the Board of Managing Committee of CSKM Public School, Satbari, Delhi.
- 2018, conducted a workshop for the Department of History, University of Delhi, for college teachers for revised paper for B.A. Honours History, *Gender in Indian History I & II*.
- 2013-15, External Expert, Complaint's Committee of St. Stephens College.