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Publication:

Books

The Buddhist Monastery, Roli Books, New Delhi. 1998.
Gompas in Traditional Tibetan Societies, Decent Books, New Delhi 2002.
Himalayan Buddhist Monasteries, Roli Books, New Delhi, 2005.

Edited books/chapters

Syncretism, Tamil Forms of Worship and Jaina Influence in AlokaParasher Sen ed. *Kevala-Bodhi Buddhist and Jaina History of the Deccan*, BSL Hanumanta Rao Felicitation Volume. Bharatiya Kala Prakashan New Delhi 2004.

Islam on the Periphery: A Case study of Tibetan Muslims in R L Hangloed *Approaching Islam*, Black and White Publishers, New Delhi, 2005

Ecology of the Cola Temples in Murali, A. 2007. *New themes in Indian History: Art, Politics, Gender, Environment, and Culture*. Black & White. New Delhi 2007.

Hypertext in Chin-Lusei History in Robin, K. ed. *Chin: History, Culture and Identity*. The Euro Burma Office, Brussels, Belgium and Department of History & Ethnography, Mizoram University, Aizawl in Association with Dominant Publishers and Distributors. New Delhi 2009.

Saiva Temples in the early Cola Period: Syncretism, Religious trends and Tamil forms of worship, c850CE-985CE in Birendra Nath Prasad ed. *Monasteries Shrines and Society Buddhist and Brahmanical Religious Institutions in India in their Socio-Economic Context*. Manak Publications, New Delhi 2011.

Tibetan Sources for the study of Indian History in Radhika Seshan ed. *Convergence Rethinking India's Past*, Primus Books, New Delhi, India. 2013.

Ancient India and Iran: Studying Borderland Linkages through the Tibetan Culture Area in Mohammad Nazrul Bari ed. *Enduring Civilizational Encounter A Study of Indo-Iranian Relations*, Manak publications pt. Ltd 2016.

Iconography of the Western Himalayas of the Bon tradition in Nanditha Krishna ed *Iconography of the Hindus, Buddhists and Jains Proceedings of the national conference on the iconography of the Hindus, Buddhists and Jains*, CPR Publications, Chennai, 2017.

Tibet and Bengal: Trade routes and long distance Exchange with reference to Silver in John Deyell, Rila Mukherjee eds *From Mountain Fastness to Coastal Kingdoms: Hard Money and 'Cashless' Economies in the Medieval Bay of Bengal World*, Routledge India 2019.

Cross-Cultural Networking in Tibet in Kenneth R. Hall, Suchandra Ghosh, Kaushik Gangopadhyay eds. *Cross-cultural Networking in the Eastern Indian Ocean Realm C.100-1800*. Primus Books, 2019.

Journal articles:

The Bhakti Movement in Tamilagam and the Redrawing of Religious Boundaries in The Early Cola Period (850-950) AD in *Journal of Indian History and Culture*, CPR Institute of Indological Research, Chennai, Seventh issue September 2000

Emergence of Temple Based Economy During The Early Cola Period 850-950 AD in *Utkal Historical Research Journal* Vol XIV 2001

Geographical context of the Buddhist Monasteries of Tibet in *Journal of New Aspects of History of Orissa* Vol XV, 2014.

Cyber encounter with Tibet: An open Moment?, in *Tibetan Review* May-July 2015 vols 05-07, special issue.

Joint paper with J. LimainlaAo, *Representations of African Nobility in Medieval India: Towards an Enabling Narrative* in *Journal of Islamic history and culture in India*, Volume 2 (2013), published by Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Calcutta

The Battle for Ancient Tibet in the Modern Narratives of the People's Republic of China and the Tibetan Exiles with Reference to Indic influences in *South Asia Chronicle*, Humboldt University, Berlin, 9/2019, S. 121-146.

Research projects completed/ongoing

Co-investigator in a ICSSR funded project on *Issues in North East India: Contemporary debate.* With Prof Ajailiu Niumai (PI) (CSSIESP) and Prof Phanindra Goyari (Co-PI) School of Economic UoH. June 2018 to march 2019.

Joint project with Dr Ajaya Sahoo Assistant Prof at the CSID, School of Social sciences, UoH for a period of two months from February to March 2019 on *Indian diaspora, travellers and immigrants to India in the pre-modern period, a historical survey.*

National/International Invited lectures

Tibetan and Mongolian Contribution To Sanskrit National Seminar on Sanskrit in the Modern Context Centre for Sanskrit studies and School of humanities, university of Hyderabad, February 9-11, 2008.

The Tibetan Threat To India's Security In Long Run: An Assessment of Ecological And Technological Aspects International conference on Changing Threat Perceptions in a Globalizing World With Special Reference To India, Dept. of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, under UGC SAP DSA-III. March, 3-4, 2008.

The rise of Leh as a wool mart in the 18th century: Tibetan push and inner Asian connections, National Seminar on Understanding Urban History, Department of History, Gauhati University, Gauhati. Assam, 5-6th September, 2014.

Lhasa: Where Tawang and Czarist Buryatiya Meet, International Conference On Cities In Indian History Department Of History, University Of Hyderabad, 16-17th December 2014.

End of a warrior nation and the rise of Buddhism in Tibet and its ramifications in Inner Asia, National Seminar on Transitions in Indian History, Department of History, University of Pune, Pune, 10-12 March 2015.

Cyber encounter with Tibet: An open moment? one day symposium in memory of Prof. DawaNorbu, Tibet Forum, JNU and Tibetan Review, New Delhi. April 7, 2015

The Struggle For Modern Tibet in exiled autobiographies: writings of the XIVth Dalai Lama and DawaNorbu, at the National conference on Exploring the Self: Autobiography in the Indian Context Centre for Comparative Literature, School of Humanities University of Hyderabad, 15th to 16th September 2016.

Re-Reading Ippolito Desideri's Journey to Tibet in the 17th Century and its Reception in Europe, at the international seminar on Peoples, Places and Cultures in Asian and World History 1300-1900, at the Department of History, Savitribai Phule Pune University, and January, 05th -07th, 2017.

Japanese Engagement with Buddhism in Tibet and India and their representations: a study of Ekai Kawaguchi, Two day International Buddhist Conference, Buddhism in India-Japan Relations. Samutthan Foundation, New Delhi in collaboration with Japan Foundation. New Delhi, March 17-18-2017.

Japanese Encounter with Buddhism in India and Tibet and the Buddhist Conceptualization of Asia, Panel on Japanese Buddhists and Indian Buddhism: Buddhist Pilgrims, Tourists, Monks and Scholars in the Transnational Interactions Between India and Japan at the Association for Asian Studies Conference, Association for Asian Studies Conference, New Delhi, 6-7 July 2018.