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Chairman's Column



In my column in the last number of the Newsletter I wrote that in my view the basic question about the ICHR is whether it is only a fund disbursing agency, or does it have an academic agenda of its own? Such an agenda was implicit in the founding charter of this body, the Memorandum of Association of 1972, but in the following decades somewhere down the line the ICHR encountered difficulties in implementing that agenda and thus distribution of funds became its main function. How to address this problem, the diminution of the role that ICHR was to play in the development of historical research?

The mandate of 1972 was to provide for "institutional arrangements for training in research methodology." But that was a part of the actual activities of the ICHR only in the early 1990s. Another objective of the ICHR was "to review the progress of historical research from time to time." In the 1970s a survey of historiography in some selected subjects was begun and five booklets or long essays were published. Since then the task could not be taken up again.

I am glad to report to the readers of this newsletter that both these projects have been revived. ICHR Workshop on Historiography and Research Methodology has been successfully completed in Delhi and a series of similar workshops are being organized, first at our regional centres in Bangalore and Guwahati and then in different parts of India with the help of host universities. We are also working on the historiographic survey: review articles have been commissioned and the output will be published in the form of a series of publications entitled 'The ICHR Survey of Indian Historiography'.

The ICHR is accountable to the public and it is also desirable that the academic community the ICHR is intended to serve should be informed of what is on its agenda and what initiatives have been taken. I therefore briefly outline these new developments. For the Historiography

and Research Methodology Workshop the ICHR selected thirty Ph. D. scholars and college lecturers from mainly Punjab, Haryana and Delhi, out of about eighty who had applied for participation in our Methodology Workshop. All costs such as their travel costs to Delhi, the cost of their board and lodging in Delhi for 15 days, and their transport within the city, were taken care of by the ICHR. It was good to see about thirty young researchers and teachers working in the ICHR from 10 AM to 8 PM for fifteen days, 23 June to 6 July 2008; they attended lectures by about thirty-five distinguished experts (mainly from universities of Delhi, Bombay, Jamia Millia, Kurukshetra, and Jawaharlal Nehru University), interacted at discussion sessions and at lunch and dinner at our canteen, and researched recommended readings in our library. It changes the tone of the place where we work at ICHR. The syllabus of study and lecture schedule devised by us consisted of four parts: a series of lectures on historiography from the Greco-Roman, Chinese and ancient Indian tradition, through the Arabic tradition and mediaeval Indian historiography to the twentieth century; another set of lectures and readings addressed the growth of modern schools of historiography from colonial and nationalist to contemporary subaltern approaches; the third set consisted of lectures on history in relation to other social sciences such as economics, sociology, demography, etc.; and finally there were lectures on varieties of historical sources ranging from archaeology to modern archives, data collection, bibliographic protocols, etc. as well as general problems of interpretation such as the notions of objectivity and bias in writing history.

The ICHR Survey of Indian Historiography has just been launched as a project. At my request the following kindly agreed to join an Advisory Committee: Professors Romila Thapar, Irfan Habib, Y. Subbarayalu, R Champakalashmi, Mushirul Hasan, Benoy Bhushan Choudhuri, and Om Prakash. About fifty articles on selected areas of study have been commissioned from area experts with a request to them to provide comprehensive bibliographies along with a critical review of historiography. This is likely to be of great help to young researchers who need an overview of the area they intend to specialize in. In the long run this may also help the ICHR to identify important historical works for translation into Indian languages so as to cater for the needs of a vast number of college and university students who are today virtually monolingual and limit their readings to the only Indian language they know. Further, the cumulative output of the surveys will make available an essential bibliographic aid which the ICHR can put in the public domain through our website.

A spin-off effect of the Workshop we organized was some improvement in the facilities in the ICHR Library. Perhaps one of the best specialized collections of historical works on India, the library is hampered by many factors including lack of space. I will not bore the readers with an account of the repair of the leaking roof and the windows which used to flood the library each monsoon. But we are rather proud of the installation of the JSTOR facility after about a year's effort. Now any reader can access almost all old issues of all standard foreign journals in social sciences. The search engine is very good. A small fee is to be paid for getting a print-out.

In the meanwhile some projects which were new last year have become routinized. There was a large grant made available to ICHR last year to develop scholarly activities around the theme of the Rebellion of 1857. We have utilized the major part of that fund to give grants to support proposals of conferences and seminars organized by universities and colleges all over India. Details of grants are available in the last number of the Newsletter as well as this and our Annual Report to Parliament but roughly it can be said that about 54 seminars/conferences were sponsored in 32 cities from Delhi to Calicut and from Jaipur to Guwahati. These grants under the 1857 programme were advised, after appraisal of proposals, by a committee appointed by the former Chairman ICHR. The other major project was the pictorial exhibition, 'Representations of 1857: Recovering the Indian Voice', organized in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Goa, Guwahati, etc. A third project is nearing completion, the collection and publication of documents in Urdu in the National Archives undertaken by our colleagues in the Aligarh Muslim University; there is a similar project funded by us at Delhi University to

collect contemporary published material in German, Italian and French languages in Europe. One project failed: the declaration of a prize for a popular history of the rebellion of 1857 failed to elicit adequate response from prospective authors.

Finally, about the academic publications of the ICHR. In the last eight months four books have been published, each of about one thousand pages, in the 'Towards Freedom' series. As General Editor I have great pleasure in thanking Professors Bimal Prasad, Mushirul Hasan and Sumit Sarkar for having completed their work. The editorial team at ICHR, led by Dr. Amit Kumar Gupta and Professor Arjun Dev, played a crucially important role in copy editing, checking documents, conversion of typescripts into CD, etc. Another publication, the first part of the proceedings of the ICHR conference on 1857, under the title '*Rethinking 1857*', was sold out in six months and a second edition is in the market. Another substantial achievement was the publication entitled *Inscriptions of the Vijayanagara Rulers*, edited by Dr Shrinivas Ritti and Dr B.R. Gopal, at our Bangalore Centre.

Finally, I might add that a well-known feature of our public sphere is that as long as you quietly stand still, toeing the line, you are left in peace. Expansion of activity opens up the possibility of conflict, within and without. As long as the ICHR, as an autonomous organization, decides on its own course of action under the guidance of the Council and with the support of the academic community it serves, there is reason to believe that workers in this organization will not prove unequal to the tasks the ICHR should address.

Sabyasachi Bhattacharya

Major Projects

The Council took up some major projects which are making progress under the supervision of eminent scholars. The details are given below:

Towards Freedom Project

Subsequent to the publication of the *Documents on the Movement for Independence in India – 1946, Part I*, the following two volumes were brought out:

Documents on the Movement for Independence in India – 1945, edited by Professor Bimal Prasad.

Documents on the Movement for Independence in India – 1939, Part I, edited by Professor Mushirul Hasan.

These volumes, along with the 1946 volume brought out earlier, were released by Shri Arjun Singh, Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India, on the occasion of the Foundation Day of the Indian Council of Historical Research on 27 March 2008.

Besides, the second part of the volume for 1939 was finalized for publication and the second part of the volume for 1946 was taken up to be made ready for publication. The work for the finalization of the volume for 1940, edited by Professor K.N. Panikkar, and the collection of material for the volume for 1941 was continued.

Significant progress was made in finalizing the volumes for the years 1942 and 1947 by Professor Bipan Chandra and Professor Sucheta Mahajan, the editors of these volumes, respectively.

Documents on Economic History of British Rule in India, 1858-1947

The project was conceived in April 1992 to compile and publish series volumes affecting the economic life of India during the British Rule: 1858-1947 on the themes of:

Documents on Population; Prices and Wages; Agriculture; Irrigation, Tenancy, Rent and Settlement; Famines; Exchange and Currency; Banking, Credit and Capital Movement; Railways; Tariffs and Fiscal Policies; Handicraft Industries; Modern Industries; Mines; Plantation; Foreign Trade and Tributes; Condition of Life; National Per Capita Income and Debts.

At present, the compilation of volumes on Railways and other volumes on different themes is being done in Calcutta under the General Editorship of Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Director of Development of Studies, Kolkata. The ICHR has received a volume on Railway Act (Volume IV) and a volume pertaining to Bengal Presidency, Part I. The work is making satisfactory progress.

Dictionary of Social, Economic and Administrative Terms in Indian/South Asian Inscriptions

The project made good progress during the period under report. Approximately, 3,400 cards had been computerized in Delhi for the volume pertaining to North Indian Inscriptions which is being done under the editorship of Professor K.M. Shrimali. Dr. K.V. Ramesh, the main editor for South Indian Inscriptions, had also assured the Council that the manuscript of Volume I would be submitted by the end of December 2008. The Aligarh Unit, which is being looked after by Professor Irfan Habib in his capacity as General Editor, has also made satisfactory progress with respect to the volumes pertaining to Arabic, Persian and Urdu Inscriptions and is expected to be submitted by the end of this year.

The 1857 Project

Seminars, Conferences, Symposia sponsored by the ICHR

1. A two-day International Seminar on '*The First War of Independence and Nation Building in South Asia –Issues and Concerns*' was organized during 17-18 October 2007 at New Delhi by the Centre for Study of Society and Secularism (Mumbai). Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Chairman, ICHR, inaugurated the seminar. Prominent speakers were Zoya Hasan, G. Hargopal, Uma Singh, V. Suryanarayana, Partha Ghosh, S.D. Muni, N. Mohan, Z. Nasreen, Parvin Nilofer, C. Rainford and Asghar Ali Engineer.
2. A two-day National Seminar on '*The Revolt of 1857: Myth and Reality*' was organized by the Department of Medieval and Modern History, University of Lucknow, during 27-28 October 2007. It was inaugurated by Professor Basudeb Chattopadhyay. Prominent speakers were R.P. Singh, Rudrangshu Mukherjee, K.K. Sharma, S.Z.H. Jaffri, Sugam Anand, V.D. Pandey and Iqbal Husain.
3. A two-day National Seminar on '*European Responses to the 1857 Rebellion in India*' was organized by the Department of Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Delhi, during 30-31 October 2007. Prominent speakers were Anil Bhatti, Flaminia Nicora, Youges Sharma, Claudia Reichel, Margit Koves, Margit Franz, Swati Dasgupta, Suchitra Choudhry, Balaji Ranganathan, Sovon Sanyal, Sarah Lemmen, Vibha Maurya and Maneesha Taneja.
4. A two-day National Seminar on '*Early Resistance to Colonial Rule in Tamil Nadu: From Polygars to 1857*' was organized by the Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu), during 1-2 November 2007. Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya inaugurated the seminar. Dr M. Ponnaivaiko, Vice-Chancellor,

Bharathidasan University, presided over the inaugural session. Prominent speakers were B. Surendra Rao, Sebastian Joseph, Subramaniam Reddy, Shobnan, K.A. Manikumar, Sadasivan, S. Gopalakrishnan, P.E. Mohan, P.B. Gopalakrishnan, Mohan Ram, Kalimuthu, G.J. Sudhakar, S.N. Nageswara Rao, and others.

5. A one-day National Seminar on '*1857 ki Jange Azadi Mein Rohilkhand ka Hissa*' was organized by Maulana Ibadat Education Society, Amroha (UP) on 4 November 2007. Prominent speakers were N.R. Farooqui, S.N.R. Rizvi, S.Z.H. Jaffri, A.Q. Jafari, M.A. Naqvi, Rizwan Qaiser, Firdaus Azmat, Shafat Fahim, Shams Naqvi, Mehtab Naqvi, S.H. Akhtar and Shabi Ahmad.
6. A two-day National Seminar on '*The Revolt of 1857: Nature and Scope*' was organized by the Department of History, Meerut College, Meerut (UP), during 4-5 November 2007. It was inaugurated by Professor S.P. Ojha, Vice-Chancellor, C.C.S. University, Meerut. Former Union Minister, Shri Satya Pal Malik, also addressed the seminar. Prominent speakers were S.C. Mittal, Geeta Srivastava, R.S. Aggrawal, K.K. Sharma, and others.
7. A two-day National Seminar on '*The Revolt of 1857: Regional Perspectives*' was organized by the Department of History, Vidyasagar University, Midnapur (WB), during 20-21 November 2007. Prominent speakers were S.Z.H. Jaffri, Farhat Hasan, Basudeb Chattopadhyay, Ram Krishna Chatterjee, Himadri Banerjee, Atlury Murali, P.K. Shukla, Biswamoy Pati, Sanjukta Dasgupta and Rajsekhar Basu.
8. A two-day National Seminar on '*The Revolt of 1857: Parallels and Social Highlights*' was organized by the Department of Ancient History and Culture, Rohilkhand University, Bareilly (UP), during 24-25 November 2007. About 20 noted historians and scholars were invited to present their papers on the said theme.
9. A two-day National Seminar on '*Communal Unity and Indian Freedom Struggle*' was organized by the Department of Medieval History, Hamidia Girls' Degree College, Allahabad, during 25-26 November 2007. More than 30 papers, mainly based on indigenous sources, particularly Urdu and Persian, were presented. Prominent speakers were S.Z.H. Jaffri, Zafarul Islam, S.N.R. Rizvi, A.Q. Jafari, and others.
10. A one-day National Seminar on '*Revolt of 1857 and the Punjab: Historiographical Perspectives*' was organized by the Department of Punjab Historical Society, Punjabi University, Patiala, on 28 November 2007. It was inaugurated by Professor Surjit Hans and the keynote address was delivered by Professor Dilip Menon. P. K. Shukla explained that in 1857 all rebellious leaders were looking towards Bahadurshah Zafar as a symbol of legitimate sovereignty. Prominent speakers were Navtej Singh, Shamsul Islam and S.S. Gill.



Inaugural function of the seminar in progress; seen in the picture from left to right are Professor Navtej Singh, Dr P.K. Shukla, Professor Surjit Hans, Professor Dilip Menon and Professor S.S. Gill

11. A two-day National Seminar on '*Role of the Prominent Heroes in the Revolt of 1857 in the Malwa Region of Madhya Pradesh*' was organized by Sri Kaveri Research Institute, Ujjain (MP), during 29-30 November 2007. Twenty papers were presented in this seminar. Prominent speakers were Suresh Mishra, B.L. Lunia, M.K. Raghuvir Singh, K.L. Srivastava, and others.
12. A two-day National Seminar on '*The Revolt of 1857*' was organized by Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, Kolkata, during 1-2 December 2007. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Barun De. Prominent speakers were Aniruddha Ray, Basudeb Chattopadhyay, Avijit Ray, Atish Dasgupta, Himadri Banerji, Alope Das, Nurul Islam Manjur and Sabyasachi Bhattacharya.
13. A two-day National Seminar on '*1857 Uprising – Lessons and Relevance to Present India*' was organized by the Commemoration Committee of 150th Anniversary of 1857 Freedom Struggle, Jhansi, during 8-9 December 2007. Prominent speakers were Irfan Habib, Chaman Lal, Pradeep Saxena, P.K. Shukla, Prabhaskar Joshi, Asghar Wajahat, Murli Manohar Prasad Singh, Chanchal Chauhan, Ram Sharan Joshi, and others.
14. A two-day International Conference on '*Remembering 1857*' was organized by Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, during 13-14 December 2007. Professor Mushirul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Rakshanda Jalil contributed substantially to the organization of this seminar. Among the scholars who presented papers were Amresh Misra, Ira Bhattacharya, Sarmistha De, Sabyasachi Dasgupta, Veena Naregal, Charu Gupta, and others.
15. A two-day National Seminar on '*1857 in Indian History–Historiography and Memory*' was organized by the Department of History, Pondicherry University, during 23-24 December 2007. Fourteen noted scholars were invited to present papers on the said theme. Prominent among them were R.L. Hangloo, Meena Bhargava, Subramania Reddy, A. Satyanarayana, Srinath, Z. Lahir, K.A. Manikumar, and others.

16. A symposium on '*One Hundred and Fifty Years of 1857 Struggle*' was organized by A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College for Women, Tuticorin, on 7 January 2008. Prominent speakers were K.N. Panikkar, K.K.N. Kurup, S. Gopalakrishnan and S. Chandrashekhar.
17. A two-day National Seminar on '*Rajasthan Mein 1857: Ek Jan Andolan*' was organized by SHODHAK, Jaipur, during 14-15 January 2008. Dr Ram Pandey of SHODHAK elaborated on the theme of the seminar in which about 25 papers were presented. Prominent speakers were K.C. Yadav, S.K. Pant, S.K. Gupta, T.K. Mathur, Rajpal Singh, Rita Pratap, Shiv Kumar Bhanot, Asha Pandey, Abul Moin Khan, Reyazuddin Khan, and others.



Dr Y. Chinna Rao, Member Secretary, ICHR, addressing the participants in the seminar at Jaipur

18. A three-day National Conference on '*1857 Revisited*' was organized by the Department of History, Kurukshetra University, during 16-18 January 2008. Prominent speakers were J.P. Mishra, Jogendra Singh, Jigar Mohammad, Himadri Banerjee, S.N.R. Rizvi, K.C. Yadav, S.C. Mittal, S.Z.H. Jaffri and Raghuvendra Tanwar.
19. A two-day National Seminar on '*The Movement of 1857*' was organized by the Department of Medieval and Modern History, University of Allahabad, during 20-21 January 2008. V.C. Pandey, Ratneswar Mishra, Lal Bahadur Verma, Iqbal Hussain, Sushil Srivastava, S.Z.H. Jaffri, S.N.R. Rizvi, A.A. Fatmi and Om Prakash presented papers in the seminar.
20. A two-day National Seminar on '*Reappraisal of Freedom Struggle*' was organized by the Department of History and Archaeology, Andhra University, Waltair, during 2-3 February 2008. Prominent speakers were R. Soma Reddy, Aloka Parasher Sen, S.S. Ramchandra Murthy, M. Radhakrishna Sharma, Y. Sudarshna Rao, D. Bhasker Murthy, S. Rajasekhara, P.N. Parabrahma Sastry, and others.
21. A three-day National Seminar on '*The Revolt of 1857 in Central India*' was organized by Rani Durgawati Vishvavidyalaya, Jabalpur (MP), during 2-4 February 2008. It was inaugurated by Professor Namvar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi Vishvavidyalaya. About 40 scholars including Namwar Singh, Rajiv Dube, Uma

Tripathi, M.A. Khan, J.P. Mishra, Aleem Ahmad Khan, Pradeep Shukla, O.P. Sharma, A. Gangatharan, and others presented papers.

22. A one-day National Seminar on '*Delhi and its Neighbourhood*' was organized by the Department of History, Mata Sundari College for Women, University of Delhi, on 12 February 2008. It was inaugurated by Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Chairman, ICHR. The keynote Address was delivered by Professor Irfan Habib. Other distinguished scholars who participated in the seminar were Suraj Bhan, Shireen Moosvi, U.P. Arora, S.Z.H. Jaffri, S. Pandey, K.M. Shrimali, B.P. Sahu, Ratna Shree, Shabi Ahmed, P. K. Shukla and Amar Farooqui, Member Secretary, ICHR.
23. A two-day National Seminar on '*The First War of Independence of 1857*' was organized by the Commissioner, Archaeology, Archives and Museum, Bhopal, during 16-17 February 2008. Prominent speakers were Arun Awasthi, Mamta Chinsoria, Mehboob Desai, J.P. Mishra, R. Mishra, Arun Pathak, Meena Rai, Amita Singh, Devendra Chaube, Zakir Hussain, and others.
24. A three-day symposium on '*Sources and their Nature on 1857 in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan*' was organized by Shri Natnagar Shodh Sansthan, Sitamau (MP), during 24-26 February 2008. Prominent speakers were S. K. Purohit, S.P. Vyas, Shankar Goyal, S.S. Bais, Ravindra Bharadwaj, Pamaram, Agnes Thakur, R.N. Srivastava, Pradeep Shukla, Abha Pal, and others.
25. A two-day National Seminar on '*Andaman and 1857*' was organized by Andaman and Nicobar Administration at Port Blair during 26-27 February 2008. It was inaugurated by Lt. General (Retd.) Bhopinder Singh, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. P.K. Shukla of ICHR critically examined the theme on the basis of primary sources. N. Rajendran, M.A. Mujtaba, G.S. Pandey, M.A. Salim and M.M. Singh were among the distinguished scholars who presented papers and discussed the theme in detail.
26. A two-day National Seminar on '*Revisiting 1857: Significance and Relevance*' was organized by the Department of History, University of Kalyani (WB), during 26-27 February 2008. It was inaugurated by Professor Arabinda Kumar Das, Vice-Chancellor, and the keynote address was delivered by Professor Basudeb Chattopadhyay. Distinguished speakers at the seminar included Himadri Banerjee, Atul Chandra Pradhan, Chhanda Chatterjee, Sukumar Sarkar, Kaushik Roy and Sabyasachi Dasgupta.
27. A two-day National Seminar on '*Rising of 1857: Literary, Folklore and other Cultural Representations of South India*' was organized by the Department of History, Archaeology and Culture, Dravidian University, Kuppam (AP), during 18-19 March 2008. About 15 noted scholars, which included N. Rajendran, S. Gopalakrishnan and P. Yanadi Raju, presented papers.
28. A one-day National Seminar on '*India in 1857*' was organized by Arya Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kurukshetra, Haryana, on 29 March 2008. Prominent speakers were Suraj Bhan, K.L. Tuteja and S.D. Gajrani, who elaborated on the role of Kurukshetra in the 1857 Uprising.
29. A two-day National Seminar on '*Regional History and Historiography of 1857*' was organized by Hastinapur Research Institute, Meerut (UP), during 29-30 March 2008. Prominent speakers were A.K. Sinha, S.K. Mittal, A.K. Mittal and J. K. Sharma. P.K. Shukla and Ashfaq Ali examined the rebels' perceptions as reflected in the original sources.
30. A National Seminar on '*Peoples' Role in 1857 Uprising—Delhi and its Neighbourhood Region*' was organized by Surajmal Memorial Education Society, New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Chairman, ICHR. Mushirul Hasan, K.C.

Yadav, Geeta Srivastava, Suraj Bhan, S.Z.H. Jaffri, Sushma Yadav, and others were among the prominent speakers who presented papers on the said theme.

Exhibitions

1. At the request of Nehru Centre, Mumbai, an Exhibition was organized by the ICHR from 15 October to 4 November 2007. It was inaugurated by Professor Mariam Dossal. A large number of students, teachers, scholars, media persons, and common masses visited the venue throughout the period of Exhibition.
2. The ICHR, in collaboration with its Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore, organized an Exhibition on 1857 during 15-31 December 2007 at Bangalore. It was inaugurated by Professor S. Chandrashekhar of Bangalore University. The Southern Regional Centre made special efforts in translating the catalogues of the Exhibition into Kannada language which were distributed along with English catalogues to the visitors.



Professor S. Chandrashekhar of Bangalore University inaugurating the Exhibition on 1857 on 15-11-2007; to his right are Shri K.N. Hari Kumar, Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya and Shri K. Channabasappa, a freedom fighter

3. With the cooperation of the University of Delhi, the ICHR organized an Exhibition on 1857 on the occasion of the 68th Session of the Indian History Congress (28-30 December 2007) from 28 December 2007 to 4 January 2008 at the Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi. Over a thousand delegates of the Indian History Congress, university students, and common masses visited the Exhibition.
4. In collaboration with Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata, the ICHR organized an Exhibition on 1857 from 21 January to 4 February 2008. It was inaugurated by Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal. Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya introduced the theme of the Exhibition during the inaugural function. On this occasion a symposium was also organized on '1857 Uprising' on 25 January 2008. Prominent speakers were Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Shireen Moosvi, N. Rajendran, and others.
5. In collaboration with Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur, the ICHR organized an Exhibition on 1857 during 1-10 February 2008. A large number of students, teachers, common masses, media persons, etc. visited the venue throughout the Exhibition period.

6. The ICHR organized an Exhibition on 1857 in collaboration with the State Museum of Goa, Panaji, during 19-29 February 2008. Shri Pratap Digambar Kamath, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, inaugurated the Exhibition. Many dignitaries participated in the inaugural programme.



Shri Pratap Digambar Kamath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, seeing the exhibits displayed

7. The ICHR organized an Exhibition on 1857 at Berhampore in collaboration with the Department of History, University of Kalyani (WB), during 26-28 February 2008. It was inaugurated by Professor Arabinda Kumar Das, Vice-Chancellor of the University.
8. The ICHR, in association with its North-East Regional Centre, Gauhati, organized an Exhibition on 1857 during 5-16 March 2008. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Professor Amarjyoti Chaudhury, Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University. Six important documents bearing significant information about the Rebellion of 1857 in the regions of the North-East were also made a part of the Exhibition.



Inauguration of the exhibition-cum-book release function; seen in the picture from left to right are Professor Amarjyoti Chaudhury, Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University; Chairman, ICHR; and Professor R. Bezbaruah (addressing the audience)

Source Collection Programme

Satisfactory progress was made in the ongoing Source Collection Programme, as can be seen from the details given below:

1. Under the supervision of Professor Iqbal Hussain a large number of Urdu and Persian documents have already been collected and compiled for publication both in English and Hindi.
2. The compilation work of Extracts from the contemporary Urdu newspapers such as '*Tilism-i-Lakhnau*', '*Delhi Urdu Akhbar*' and '*Aftab-i-Alamtab*' is nearing completion for publication in Urdu and Hindi under the supervision of Professor Shireen Moosvi and Dr Imtiaz Ahmad.
3. Excerpts from the available contemporary Marathi language sources are in the process of being collected under the supervision of Professor J.V. Naik of Mumbai with the purpose of bringing these out in book form.
4. Earlier prepared by the ICHR, *1857: A Select Bibliography* has been made more comprehensive through addition of a number of primary and secondary sources.
5. A project to select and compile the source materials relating to '*1857 Revolt*' from the State Archives of Bengal has been entrusted to Professor Basudeb Chattopadhyay, Calcutta University, Kolkata.
6. The Research Project on '*European Responses to the Rebellion in India*' assigned to Professor Shaswati Mazumdar, Department of Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Delhi, has made satisfactory progress as a lot of material on the subject has been collected and the translation work has begun.

Foundation Day Celebrations

The ICHR celebrated its 36th Foundation Day on 27th March 2008 at the Constitution Club, Rafi Marg, New Delhi. Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Chairman, ICHR gave the welcome speech. A major event of the function was the release of three prestigious publications of the ICHR's 'Towards Freedom Project' by Shri Arjun Singh, the Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development. These publications, one each for the years 1939, 1945 and 1946, have been edited respectively by Professor Mushirul Hasan, Professor Bimal Prasad and Professor Sumit Sarkar. The erudite editors were honoured by the Council.



Shri Arjun Singh, Hon'ble Minister for HRD, being received by Chairman, ICHR



Shri Arjun Singh releasing the volumes of Towards Freedom; sitting to his right and left are Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya and Professor Satish Chandra; standing behind them are Professor Mushirul Hasan and Professor Bimal Prasad

On this occasion the Council's book on '*Inscriptions of the Vijayanagar Rulers*' (Vol. II), edited jointly by Dr. Shrinivas Ritti and Dr. B.R. Gopal, was also displayed.

The book release function was followed by the Seventh Foundation Day lecture delivered by the eminent historian, Professor Satish Chandra, on the theme: '*Social and Attitudinal Change in Medieval India (13th – 17th century)*'.

The lecture was followed by an award-distribution ceremony in which awards were given to those staff-members of ICHR who had distinguished themselves in the Hindi Pakhwara competition held in the ICHR premises from 14 September to 30 September 2007.



Smt. Malvika Gulati and Shri Nazim of ICHR (who were among the Prize winners in the Hindi Pakhwara competition) receiving their prizes from Chairman, ICHR

The Foundation Day function came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr Y. Chinna Rao, the then Member Secretary, ICHR.

Publications

The following books were published during the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008:

1. *Inscriptions of the Vijayanagar Rulers – Vol. II*, edited by Shrinivas Ritti and B.R. Gopal. (Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore). Pp. xciv+1007; Rs. 1,500.00.
2. (a) *Towards Freedom – 1939*, edited by Mushirul Hasan; General Editor, Sabyasachi Bhattacharya. (Oxford University Press, New Delhi). Pp. lxxi+980; Rs. 3,950.00.
(b) *Towards Freedom – 1939, Part 2*, edited by Mushirul Hasan; General Editor, Sabyasachi Bhattacharya. (Oxford University Press, New Delhi). Pp. xlii+1060; Rs. 3,950.00.
3. *Towards Freedom – 1945*, edited by Bimal Prasad; General Editor, Sabyasachi Bhattacharya. (Oxford University Press, New Delhi). Pp. lxi+1081; Rs. 3,950.00.

4. *North East India: Interpreting the Sources of its History*, edited by R. Bezbaruah et al (Aryan Books International, New Delhi). Pp. 292; Rs. 1,100.00.
5. *Rethinking 1857: Collection of Papers*, edited by Sabyasachi Bhattacharya (paperback edition, 2008). (Orient Longman, New Delhi). Pp. xl+320; Rs. 695.00.

In addition to the books mentioned above, the following three books were published in regional languages during the period under report, as per the details given below:

1. *Foundation of Muslim Rule in India* by A.B.M. Habibullah (in Bengali)
2. *The Cholas – Vols. I and II* by K.A.N. Sastri, second edition (in Tamil)
3. *Adab Saaz-1857*, edited by Dr Nusrat Zaheer (in Urdu)

Journal: Indian Historical Review

The *Indian Historical Review*, brought out since 1974, is the refereed journal of the ICHR. It has been an important means of transmitting results of researches in history. It has won wide recognition for its comprehensive and balanced coverage of different periods, as well as its high academic and editorial standards. The *Indian Historical Review* carries articles of a general nature though some issues are focused on particular themes. Articles, review articles, book reviews and short notices are its regular features. Details with respect to progress made in the publication of the *IHR* during the period under report are given below:

1. The ***Indian Historical Review***, Vol. XXXIV, No. 2 (July 2007) was released on 30 December 2007 on the occasion of the Indian History Congress in Delhi. Edited by Dr Anup Taneja, this volume contains the following articles and review articles:

Articles

Rajan Gurukkal, *Shift of Trust from Words to Deeds: Implications of the Proliferation of Epigraphs in the Tamil South.*

Shankar Goyal, *The Myth of the Vakataka Coins*

Indrani Sen, *Gendering the Rebellion of 1857: The 'Loyal Indian Woman' in 'Mutiny Fiction'*

Lata Singh, *Courtesans and the 1857 Revolt: Role of Azeezun in Kanpur*

S. Irfan Habib, *Shaheed Bhagat Singh and his Revolutionary Inheritance*

Arpita Sen, *The Proscription of an Irish Text and the Chittagong Rising of 1930*

K. Venugopal Reddy, *Congress Ministry and the Labour Policy, 1937-1939: Madras Presidency*

Vandana Joshi, *'Neighbourhood Trivia' and 'Coffee Parties': Hatred and Malice in the Totalitarian Nazi Regime*

Review Articles

Krishna Mohan Shrimali, *Writing India's Ancient Past*

Deepak Kumar, *An Imperial Apology*

2. The ***Indian Historical Review***, Vol. XXXV, No. 1 (January 2008) was released on 27 March 2008, the ICHR Foundation Day. Edited by Dr Anup Taneja, this volume contains the following articles and review articles:

Articles

N. Karashima, Y. Subbarayalu and P. Shanmugam, *Nagaram during the Chola and Pandyan Period: Commerce and Towns in the Tamil Country A.D. 850-1350*

Parimala V. Rao, *Women as Indirect Beneficiaries in Elite Conflict in Princely Mysore, 1860-1920*

Aravind Ganachari, *Keshub Chandra Sen's Bombay Visit (1864) and the Response of 'Young Bombay': Contours of Reform Movement in Western India*

I. Thirumali, *The Imminent Fall: Cultural Politics and the Downfall of Nizam's Dominions*

Jayati Bhattacharya, *Colonial Capital and National Retrieve: Profile of an Entrepreneur*

Aparna Basu, *Women's Struggle for the Vote: 1917-1937*

Kaushik Roy, *Axis Satellite Armies of World War II: A Case Study of the Azad Hind Fauj 1942-45*

M.P. Singh and Ravi P. Bhatia, *Foundation and Historical Evolution of Indian Constitutionalism*

Review Articles

Rila Mukherjee, *From the Mountains to the Seas: Central Asia in the Maritime World of the Indian Ocean*

Sabyasachi Dasgupta, *The Marathas in 1803: Effete Power or Unlucky Losers?*

Library-cum-Documentation Centre

The Library-cum-Documentation Centre of the ICHR has over the years developed into a fairly large and well-informed reference library. It has a collection of approximately 67,000 books/journals and regularly subscribes to approximately 110 foreign and Indian journals/periodicals.

The Library also provides reprographic services. During the period under report, approximately 8,700 exposures were made available to scholars and researchers at a nominal rate of 50 paise per page.

The Library purchased about 778 books published in recent times largely on Indian history and allied disciplines, including reference books and books relating to the history of Asia and neighbouring countries.

The Library has been extending reading, reference and consultation services to scholars. About 1,585 visits were made by scholars to the Library from various universities/institutions pursuing studies on various aspects of historical research.

The Library-cum-Documentation Centre is fully computerized and is a member of the DELNET (Delhi Library Networking). And by virtue of having secured membership of JSTOR, the Library has access to unaffordable journals as well as rare and old numbers of historical journals.

The reading room of the ICHR Library is kept open from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm on all days, with the exception of Sundays and gazetted holidays. Scholars are welcome to offer suggestions for the improvement of the Library.

ICHR Lecture Series

In keeping with its avowed aim of expanding, broad-basing and reinforcing its existing academic activities, the ICHR organized four lectures and a Book Discussion in the ICHR premises under its Lecture Series Programme during the period under report. The details are given below:

In the Name of Allah: Understanding Islam in Indian History and Society

Dr Raziuddin Aquil, Fellow in History, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata, spoke on the said theme on 26 October 2007.

Discussion on A.K. Bagchi and Gary A. Dymski, ed, *Capture and Exclude: Developing Economies and the Poor in Global Finance*

In the Discussion that took place in the ICHR on 29 October 2008, Professor Surajit Majumdar (Institute for Studies in Industrial Development [ISID], New Delhi), Dr Atulam Guha (ISID, New Delhi), and Dr Prasenjit Bose (New Delhi) were the discussants. Professor A.K. Bagchi elaborated on the issues raised in the book and responded at length to the queries raised by the participants.



Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi addressing the audience after the conclusion of the Discussion

Inventing the Enemy: Religious Identity and Politics in the Writings of Bal Gangadhar Tilak

Dr Parimala V. Rao, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi, spoke on the said theme on 15 February 2008.

European Bankers, Local Merchants and the Indo-French Trade from 1760s

Professor Arvind Sinha, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, spoke on the said theme on 30 November 2007.

Hindu Law and the Invention of Tradition

Dr Nandini Pande (Kolkata), a Senior Academic Fellow of ICHR, spoke on the said theme on 18 March 2008.

Regional Centres

With a view to reaching out to the far-flung areas of the country, the Council established two regional centres, one at Bangalore and the other at Gauhati. Both the centres have been actively involved in helping scholars carry out their research by providing efficient library infrastructure and organizing regional and state level seminars. The Southern Regional Centre (SRC), Bangalore, and the North Eastern Regional Centre (NERC), Gauhati, are headed by Dr S.K. Aruni and Shri Uttam Bathari, respectively.

Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore

During the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008, the SRC undertook various academic activities, the details of which are given below:

Academic Activities

I. 1857 Exhibition Programmes

(a) Pictorial Exhibition on 1857 Revolts

A Pictorial Exhibition on 1857 Revolts entitled 'Representation of 1857-Recovering the Indian Voice' was organized in Southern Regional Centre at Bangalore between 15 and 31 December 2007. The Inaugural Programme was presided over by the Council's Chairman, Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya. Professor S. Chandrashekar of Bangalore University inaugurated the programme and Shri K.N. Hari Kumar, former Editor of *Deccan Herald* and *Prajavani*, was the Chief Guest. Over 750 scholars/students/historians participated in the exhibition. A catalogue of the exhibition was distributed among the visitors.



Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Professor S. Chandrashekar, Shri Hari Kumar and others watching intently the exhibits displayed

The SRC contributed from its collections of *Contemporary Pictorial Evidences of Resistance Against British Rule in South India* covering the period starting from Tipu's Mysore Wars, Revolts of 1857 in Karnataka and archival sources on 1857 in Tamil Nadu during the 1857 Exhibition.

(b) Exhibition on 1857 Revolt in collaboration with Goa State Museum, Panaji, Goa

The SRC, in collaboration with Goa State Museum, Panaji, Goa, organized 'Exhibition on 1857' between 19 and 29 February 2008. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Pratap Digambar Kamath, on 19 February 2008. During the course of the exhibition the following events took place:

1. Panel Discussion on 25 February;
2. Quiz Competition on 27 February; and
3. Special Lecture on 29 February.

(c) Exhibition of Rare Archival Drawings/Sketches/ Photographs on Historical Sites of Karnataka

During the 19th Session of Karnataka History Congress held at Tumkur University from 15 to 17 February 2008, the SRC organized an exhibition on historical archival pictorial documents of medieval historical sites for the benefit of scholars who attended the session. The exhibition focused on the importance of archival sources for the study of history.

II. Symposium and Seminar Programmes

(a) Symposium Programme

The SRC organized one-day symposium on 'Resistance to Colonial Rule in Southern India, till 1857' during the course of the 1857 exhibition held in Bangalore. The symposium, which took place on 17 December 2007, was inaugurated by Professor O. Anantharamaiah, Vice-Chancellor, Tumkur University; the programme was presided over by the Council's Chairman, Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya. Research papers on the following themes were presented:

1. *Early Resistance to Colonial Rule in Tamilnadu: Search for the Idea of 'Nation'* by N. Rajendran (Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli);
2. *Anti-British Resistance in South-Canara Region* by B. Surendra Rao (Mangalore University, Mangalore);



Professor O. Anantharamaiah, Vice-Chancellor, Tumkur University, igniting the lamp to mark the inauguration of the symposium

3. *The Madras Army, General James Smith Neil and the Counterinsurgency of 1857: Violence and Amnesia in Mutiny - Historiography* by Venkata Raghotham (Pondicherry University, Pondicherry);

4. *Anti-Colonial Resistance in Andhra, 1748 to 1857* by S. Gopalakrishnan (Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati);
5. *1806 Vellore Revolt—An Anticipation of 1857 Rebellion* by K.A. Manikumar (Manormaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli);and
6. *Rising of 1857—Karnataka* by S. Chandrashekar (Bangalore University, Bangalore).

(b) International Seminar

An International Seminar on 'Identity, Emotion and Culture: Languages and Literature of the Sub-continent, c. 900 to 1971' was organized between 4 and 7 January 2008, at the SRC, Bangalore. Professor Rajat Kanta Ray, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, and the Seminar Director presented the keynote address. The seminar was inaugurated by Professor U.R. Ananthamurthy (Jnanapeetha awardee) and Professor Sugata Bose of Harvard University (Cambridge) was the Chief Guest.



Professor U.R. Ananthamurthy igniting the lamp to mark the inauguration of the International Seminar. Professor Rajat Kanta Ray and Professor Sugata Bose look on

Scholars from both India and abroad presented papers on the said theme. Professor S. Settar (Dharwad); Dr. Chitralkha Zutshi (Williamsburg); Dr. Janaki Nair (Kolkata); Professor S. Chandrasekhar (Bangalore); Professor N. Rajendran (Tiruchirappalli); Professor B. Surendra Rao (Mangalore); Professor Vijaya Ramaswamy (New Delhi); and Professor Kesavan Veluthat (Mangalore) were among the participants.

III. Publications

Under its publications scheme, the SRC brought out *Inscriptions of the Vijayanagara Rulers*, Vol. II, edited jointly by Dr. Shrinivas Ritti and Dr. B.R. Gopal. The task of publication of the volume was entrusted to the SRC which was duly accomplished in March 2008.

IV. Digital Archival Collection Programme

The Southern Regional Centre has been collecting available Digital-Archival Sources related to South Indian history and culture on a big scale from various Web-based sites such as *British Library*, *Columbia University Library*, *Archives.org*, etc. for the benefit of researchers and scholars. Over 200 rare digital books and hundreds of pictorials or drawings/sketches of colonial period and old maps have been stored in CDs which are made available on demand to researchers.

V. Sales of Council's Publications

The SRC has been playing a big role by way of publicizing various research schemes of the ICHR and making available CDs to scholars of *Epigraphia Carnatica*, Lecture Series publications, Towards Freedom volumes, Research Funding Rules booklets, etc., during the History Congress Conferences, seminars, symposia, etc. held in the southern region of the country. The conferences/seminars where the SRC organized exhibitions and installed make-shift stalls to display ICHR publications for sale are as follows:

1. 28th Session of *South Indian History Congress* held at Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur, from 19 to 21 January 2008.
2. 19th Session of *Karnataka History Congress* held at Tumkur University from 15 to 17 February 2008.
3. ICHR National Seminar on '*1857 in Indian History, Historiography and Memory*' organized by the Department of History, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, during 21-22 March 2008.

VI. Library-cum-Documentation Unit of SRC

The Library-Cum-Documentation Unit of the Centre was updated through making available new titles and providing new sources of information to scholars. 206 new titles on various aspects of history and allied subjects were purchased and added to the library's collection. The library also subscribes to 64 journals. The Library-cum-Documentation Unit of the ICHR, New Delhi, donated 315 books to the SRC for the use of scholars. Over 700 scholars visited and consulted the Centre's library for studies/research during the period.

North Eastern Regional Centre, Gauhati

I. Academic Activities

Lecture Series

The NERC organized the following lectures as part of the lecture series programme:

Lecture XXII: *Colonialism and Changing Landscapes: Making and Unmaking of Environmental Relations in Assam*

Organized on 21 July 2007, the lecture was delivered by Dr. Rajib Handique, Dibrugarh University, and presided over by Professor (Retd.) M. Taher, Department of Geography, Gauhati University. A total of 40 participants attended the lecture.

Lecture XXIII: *Problematic of Space and Historiography on Tea Plantation in Assam*

Organized on 4 October 2007, the lecture was delivered by Shri Manjeet Baruah, a Faculty Member of Women's Studies and Development Centre, Delhi University. The lecture was chaired by Dr. Dipankar Banerjee, Department of History, Gauhati University. A total 30 participants attended the lecture.



Dr Dipankar Banerjee addressing the audience; to his right and left are Shri Uttam Bathari (officer-in-charge, ICHR's NERC) and Shri Manjeet Baruah respectively

Lecture XXIV: *Home Away From Home: the Work of Missionary Wives in the Evangelical Project in Colonial Assam*

Organized on 31 December 2007, the lecture was delivered by Dr Surya Sikha Pathak, Lecturer, Assam University, Silchar. The lecture was chaired by Dr. Liza Das, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Gauhati.

Lecture XXV: *Perspectives on City in Early India*

Organized on 29 March 2008, the lecture was delivered by Professor B. D. Chattopadhyaya. It was chaired by Professor (Retd.) M. Taher, Department of Geography, Gauhati University.

Special Lecture

Organized on 5 March 2008, as part of the inaugural programme of Exhibition on 1857, the lecture was delivered by Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Chairman, ICHR. The theme of the lecture was: *Mahatma Gandhi and Discourse of Civilization*.

Lecture Series Publication

The NERC had initiated a lecture series programme in 2003. Of these, 5 lectures organized at the Centre were published by the Centre in April 2007. Another five have also been published which were released by Professor Ranju Bezbaruah, former Hony. Director of the Centre, on 5 March 2008. The titles of the lectures published are as follows:

Lecture-VII: *Incursion and Resistance in Arunachal Pradesh: Indian Administration and the Tagins* by Dr. Ashan Riddi

Lecture-XIII: *Rain, Rain Come Again: History of the Rainfall, Deforestation and Water Scarcity in Cherrapunjee, the Rainiest Spot in the Globe* by Professor Sajal Nag

Lecture-XVII: *We Lost Land: Colonial Forestry, Immigration and Land Alienation among Tribes in Assam* by Dr. Makiko Kimura

Lecture-XXIII: *The Problematic of Space and Historiography on Tea Plantations in Upper Brahmaputra Valley* by Manjeet Baruah

Lecture-XXIV: *The Work of Missionary Wives in the Evangelical Project in Colonial Assam: Life and Times of Mrs. P. H. Moore* by Dr. Surya Sikha Pathak

Exhibition Programme

Exhibition of Paintings on 1857 titled 'The Representations of 1857: Recovering the Indian Voice' was organized from 5 March to 20 March 2008, at the NERC's premises. Professor Amarjyoti Chaudhury, Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University, was the Chief Guest who inaugurated the exhibition. A book release function was also organized on 5 March 2008 during which five publications, as per the details given above, were released. Among those who participated in the inaugural function were Professor Amalendu Guha, Professor Birendranath Datta, Shri A.C. Baruah, Professor R. Bezbaruah, Shri R.C. Baruah and Professor Farukh Ahmed.



Seen among the audience (in the front row) at the exhibition-cum-book release function are from left to right Professor Birendranath Datta, Professor Amalendu Guha and Shri R.P. Baruah

A five-minute interview programme on the exhibition was also recorded with the AIR, Gauhati, which was broadcasted on 14 March 2008.

Library-cum-Documentation Unit of NERC

With a view to enrich the library of the NERC, several new titles were procured. Apart from history, books on other allied sciences like anthropology, sociology, political science, etc. were procured in view of the increasing importance attached to inter-disciplinary approach. Books on North East were also procured.

During the period under reference, the NERC purchased 671 books for its Library; 37 books and 29 journals were received as complimentary from different sources; and 188 books were received as complimentary from the Council's Library-cum-Documentation Centre.

The NERC also initiated the process of digitizing rare books through scanning. The scanned page is put on a server to enable access to the scholars through desktop PC. This not only provides access to the same book to multiple users simultaneously and enables getting print-outs easily, but also helps preventing possible damage from constant use.

Reproduction of Rare/Unavailable books

During the said period, 14 rare books and those that are not easily available, were collected from different sources and reproduced by means of photocopy for the NERC's library.

II. Promotional and Publicity Activities

(i) Display of ICHR Publications

The NERC prominently displayed all the publications of ICHR, distributed newsletters, list of publications and also made available the lecture series publications for sale during the 28th NEIHA session held at Goalpara College from 1 November 2007 to 3 November 2007; and during the UGC sponsored seminar (on 'Ethnicity and Folklore') held at Chhayagaon College, Chhayagaon from 11 to 12 January 2008.

ICHR Newsletter, Vol. 7, No. 1 was also distributed to all the history departments of North-Eastern universities and colleges.

(ii) Participation in Seminar/Conference, etc.

The NERC has been actively participating in different seminars/symposia/conferences/workshops organized in the university and research institutes of the North-East, especially in Gauhati.

III. Other Activities

(i) Meeting of Regional Advisory Committee

The Fourth Regional Advisory/Monitoring Committee Meeting of the NERC was organized at Gauhati on 7 March 2008. Presided over by Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Chairman, ICHR, the meeting was attended by ten members from the history departments of various universities in the region, including Professor David R. Syiemlieh, Member, ICHR. Dr Y. Chinna Rao, the then Member Secretary, ICHR, also attended the meeting.

(ii) Number of Visitors

The NERC hosted during the period around 4,000 visitors either for consulting the library or to inquire about the ICHR grants, etc. This included several international/foreign scholars. Several dignitaries also visited the library during this period, the notable one being Shri S.K. Bwismutiary, Member of Parliament.

(iii) Installation of Desk-top computers

Ten desk-top computers and servers were purchased and installed to enable storage and access to digitized library catalogue and rare books. It would also help the readers download rare books, avoiding possible damage while photocopying. The ERNET connection provided by the university to the centre shall also be made available to the readers in due course.

ICHR Website

Chairman's Letter to Website Users

Sometime back I met the man who invented the 'mouse' which every computer user handles every day. You may imagine how this impacted my imagination, because it is truly quite an experience to meet a man who conceptualized and invented a machine I use daily. This meeting took place at a conference on 'the computer and the future of work' to which I was invited on account of my interest in labour history (it was held at the IBM research center in Almaden near San Jose, California (www.almaden.ibm.com/institute/2004)). The interesting thing I learned was that the inventor, Douglas Engelbart, was a total amateur, a radio operator in the United States army in World War II. And that he did it, as he told me, chiefly to make it easier to communicate with his friends.

The questions which cross my mind when I recall this experience are: Do we indeed make the fullest use of the internet for easy and instant communication, the way Douglas Engelbart first made it possible? Are not the opportunities to communicate with the community which shares our interest far greater than what we implicitly assume? When we talk of transparency in institutions and decision-making, do we fully utilize the potentials of the internet? To my mind the answers to these questions are, No, Yes and No. This can be said of most of the websites in India, specially those emanating from governmental agencies. This is worrying.

This website has played an important role till now in making very useful information available. What can be done to facilitate more efficiently to communicate information to its users, to ensure transparency, and to create a community of shared intellectual interests? Does this website serve the purpose it ought to serve? We will like to obtain from the users of this website their opinion. For instance: What are the bytes of information which will be useful to include in the website? Will it be useful to include a bibliographic guide to recent publications, monographs and articles in major research journals and in India and abroad, in the area of Indian history? Is it a good idea to carry in the website information of interest to professional historians and teachers, e.g. announcement of conferences, travel grants, various advisories of the University Grants Commission regarding syllabi, etc.? We already include in the website the ICHR Newsletter which is also sent in hard copy to numerous subscribers; should we also make available to our users the electronic version of the recent numbers of the *Indian Historical Review* on the internet?

It will be useful to pose to the users of this website questions such as these. We propose to circulate to them a questionnaire (I recently proposed a similar questionnaire to the readers of the ICHR research journal, *The Indian Historical Review*). The website of the ICHR will carry the questionnaire to enable readers to respond to the questionnaire by e-mail. (No anonymous comment will be accepted by our office). This feedback will help us to design the website and to consider the future course of its development.

Sabyasachi Bhattacharya

Staff News

Retirement

Two employees retired during the period under report. The ICHR wishes them good health and best of luck in their future endeavours.



Dr. Bindeswar Ram was appointed as Senior Research Assistant w.e.f. 1.8.1974. He was appointed as Research Officer on 1.4.1980. He was subsequently appointed as Editor-cum-Project Officer in 1989 which was subsequently redesignated as Deputy Director (J). He was associated with the publication of the journals '*Indian Historical Review*' and '*Itihaas*'. He retired on superannuation on 29 February 2008.



Shri Ram Sarup was appointed as LDC in the Council on 20 January 1973. He was promoted as UDC and subsequently as Assistant. He served the Council as Assistant from 29.4.1985 to 29.02.2008 when he retired on superannuation. He served the Council with utmost devotion and sincerity in various units such as Research Projects, Fellowships and the Member Secretary's unit.

New Appointment



Dr. Yagati Chinna Rao, Associate Professor, Programme for Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, JNU, was appointed to hold the charge of Member Secretary on 2 January 2008. He held the charge of Member Secretary till 1 April 2008, and creditably discharged all his duties till the expiry of his leave from JNU required him to join his parent institute.



Shri P. C. Samtaney, Senior Audit Officer, Office of the Principal Accountant General(Civil Audit), Rajasthan, Jaipur, was appointed as Deputy Director(Accounts) in the ICHR on a deputation basis, initially for a period of one year w.e.f. 28th November 2007.

Shri Samtaney being the Head of the Accounts Section is also the Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the ICHR.

RESEARCH FUNDING SCHEMES

Supporting historical research is one of the important functions of the ICHR. During January to August 2008, research grants were awarded to 330 scholars and institutions. The grants-in-aid,

as mentioned below, are awarded to scholars/institutions and are released through affiliating agencies, like research institutions, universities or colleges.

Grants awarded to scholars under various schemes of the ICHR can be seen from page 25 onwards of this Newsletter.

A chart showing the exact break-up of these grants, which were awarded during the period from 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008, is given below:

Sl. No.	Category	Total
1.	Junior Research Fellowship	108
2.	General (Post-Doctoral) Fellowship	11
3.	Senior Research Fellowship	5
4.	Research Project	14
5.	Contingency (Study-cum-Travel) Grant	79
6.	Publication Subsidy	36
7.	Seminar/Workshop/Conference Grant	61
8.	Foreign Travel Grant	16
	Total	330

The different types of **Research Funding Schemes** of the ICHR are as follows:

Junior Research Fellowship

Junior Research Fellows get Rs. 5,000 per month (Rs. 6,000 p.m. for NET qualified), with a contingency grant of Rs. 12,000 per annum. A scholar registered for the degree of Ph.D. or equivalent thereof in an Indian university is eligible.

General (Post-Doctoral) Fellowship

General Fellows get Rs. 6,000 per month with a contingency grant of Rs. 12,000 per annum. A scholar who has obtained the degree of Ph.D. or equivalent thereof from an Indian or foreign university or has published work of equivalent merit is eligible.

Senior Fellowship

Senior Fellows get Rs. 8,000 per month with a contingency grant of Rs. 36,000 per annum. It is awarded to a senior scholar who has established his/her academic reputation through published research work.

National Fellowship

National Fellows get Rs. 25,000 per month with a contingency grant of Rs. 50,000 per annum. It is awarded to an Indian scholar of distinction, who has established his/her academic reputation through research already published and who wishes to undertake further research of a fundamental or innovative character, under the fellowship.

Research Project

Maximum of Rs. 2,50,000. It is awarded for a research project in History or on a theme substantively including an aspect or aspects of History. It should be undertaken under a scholar, who will be designated as Project Director.

Contingency (Study-cum-Travel) Grant

Maximum of Rs. 25,000 (for M. Phil. scholars, Rs. 15,000), given to scholars who are engaged in M. Phil./Ph.D./post-doctoral work or carrying on independent research in History.

Grants for Foreign Travel and Maintenance Abroad, and Visits of Foreign Scholars

Grants for full/part airfare and/or maintenance for trips abroad are awarded to citizens of India who wish to:

- (i) collect research material and sources at archives, museums, libraries or private collections abroad;
- (ii) take part in a workshop, seminar or conference abroad for presenting a paper related to History; or
- (iii) receive training in a specialized branch of History.

The ICHR may invite to India a non-Indian scholar to deliver lectures or undertake research, on any aspect of History, or to present a paper at a seminar, conference or workshop organized or funded by the ICHR. In such cases, air travel, hospitality/ maintenance costs or a lump sum payment of Rs. 25,000 (in the case of South Asian scholars) may be granted.

Publication Subsidy

For monographs, Rs. 20,000 or 50 per cent of the cost of production (whichever is less); in exceptional cases a subsidy up to Rs. 70,000 may be extended. For periodical publications, up to Rs. 75,000 annually; and in exceptional cases, up to Rs. 1,00,000 may be provided.

The grant is awarded for publication of the following categories of works related to History:

- (i) doctoral thesis;
- (ii) monograph and other research work;
- (iii) proceedings of a seminar/ symposium/conference;
- (iv) critically edited or translated source material;
- (v) bibliographical and documentation work;
- (vi) periodical publications;
- (vii) any other research-oriented work; and
- (viii) translation into an Indian language or into English of an important work on History.

Seminar, Workshop or Conference Grant

Maximum of Rs. 1,00,000 is awarded to academic and professional organizations of historians (including organizations which, if not exclusively concerned with teaching and research in History, include teaching or research in History as a significant part of their objectives) at the national, regional, state and local levels.

Applications for all categories of grants are received throughout the year. The booklet on Research Funding Rules can be obtained from ICHR on payment of Rs. 10. Outstation candidates can send a request with a demand draft of Rs. 10 payable to the Member Secretary, ICHR, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi - 110 001.

Proforma of Application for ICHR Grants

1. All applications to be addressed to the Member Secretary.
2. Read the ICHR Research Funding Rules before filling in the form.
3. Type out the relevant columns from the following and use as an application form.

Common to All Grants

1. Name and postal address (block letters).
2. Date of birth.
3. Academic record from secondary school onwards showing percentage of marks/grades obtained, subjects taken, year of passing examination/award of degree (attach three copies of curriculum vitae; not required for publication and seminar grants).
4. Details of all the ICHR grants received previously, either for the present or for any other proposal.
5. Details of grant received/expected from any other source for the present proposal.
6. Applicants for Junior Research Fellowships should attach photocopy of mark sheets.
7. Bio-data to be submitted on a separate sheet.

Fellowships

1. Name of Fellowship (Junior/Post-Doctoral/Senior).
2. Title of the research proposal (attach three copies of detailed synopsis with a separate paragraph on the objectives/main theme of the research work).
3. Date of registration/admission/ commencement of research work.
4. Name and address of supervisor and department/institution.

Research Projects

1. Title of the research proposal (attach three copies of synopsis with a separate paragraph on the objectives/main thrust of the project).
2. Amount required (attach detailed budget estimates).
3. Duration of the project.

Contingency (Study-cum-Travel) Grant

1. The amount required and the break-up of expenditure.
2. Places/libraries, etc. to be visited with duration and the nature of sources to be consulted (give detailed note).

3. Date and venue of the international seminar (attach the full paper to be presented and copy of the invitation).
4. Details of all the previous visits abroad with partial/full financial assistance from ICHR or other funding agencies.

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1. Title of the thesis/book/journal/proceedings (attach press-ready copy of the work).
2. In case of thesis, date of submission to university and names of supervisor and examiners (attach copies of the reports of the examiners, if available).
3. In case of journal/proceedings, name of the organization/institution, periodicity and the volume number for which the grant is required.
4. Number of pages (with size of page) of the press-ready copy.

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. Name, address and the year of establishment of the organization/institution.
2. Date and venue of the seminar/conference/congress/workshop (attach list of expected participants).
3. Date of the last seminar/conference.
4. Estimated expenditure and the amount required from ICHR.
5. The details of the publication of the proceedings of the last conference/seminar.
6. Whether the grants received earlier are accounted for (attach audited statement of accounts).
7. Authority in whose favour the grant is to be released.
8. Main thrust of the seminar.

Grants Awarded Under Various Schemes

Junior Research Fellowship (two years)

1. Ms Pooja Singh (Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, UP), *Vaishnav Sagun Sahitya Mein Madhyayugin Bhartiya Samajik Jivan (Krishnashrayi Shakha Ke Adhar Par)*.
2. Ms Monica (Jammu University, Jammu), *Constructing the Environment of Ancient Jammu*.
3. Shri Mihir Kumar Jha (Delhi University, Delhi), *The Heva JRA Tantra: A Cultural Study*.
4. Ms Varsha Mishra (M.G. Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi), *Bodh Sahitya Mein Vanijya Evam Vyapar-Vyavastha*.
5. Ms Anwita Dutta (Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune), *The Cultural Significance of Early Historic Terracotta Art of West Bengal: An Ethno Archaeological Approach*.
6. Shri Naim Khan (Rohilkhand University, Bareilly), *Sthanik Rajvansh Kaleen Mathura-Panchaal ka Samaj Evam Sanskriti*.
7. Shri Ravi Kant Gautam (M.G. Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi), *Aarsh-Mahakavyyon Mein Yudha Kala*.

8. Shri Rajeev Pratap (BHU, Varanasi), *Concept and Practices of the Institution of Property as reflected in Ancient Indian Literature: An Outline.*
9. Ms Shibani Bose (University of Delhi, Delhi), *Mega Fauna in Early North India: A Cultural and Ecological Enquiry (From the Mesolithic up to c. 300 A.D.).*
10. Ms Bhosale Vrushali (University of Pune, Pune), *Critical Study of 'Shivabharata' by Kavindra Parmanand.*
11. Shri. Jadhav Nilesh Panditrao (Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune), *Early Historic Archaeology of the Middle Tapti Basin, North Maharashtra.*
12. Ms Ekta Pitambar Dharkar (Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur), *Functional Analysis of Buddhist Structural Architecture in Maharashtra 3rd c. B.C. to 10th c. A. D.*
13. Sh. Raman Kumar Soni (Delhi University, Delhi), *Reconstructing the Prehistoric to Historical Settlement Pattern of Kosi-Ganga-Mahananda Plains.*
14. Ms Namita Pegu (National Museum Institute, Janpath, New Delhi), *Representation of Tribal Culture in Ethnographic Museum.*
15. Smt. Pratima Khandelwal (Rajasthan University, Jaipur), *Madhyakaleen Rajasthan Mein Paryavaran, Samaj evam Arthavyavastha.*
16. Smt. Mamta Godara (Rajasthan University, Jaipur), *Bhaktamar-Stotra Ki Sachitra Pandulipiyan: Ek Kalatmak Adhyayan.*
17. Shri Abhishek Kumar (University of Allahabad, Allahabad), *Uttar Mughal Kal Mein Agra Suba (1707-1748).*
18. Shri Dalbir Singh Thind (Punjabi University, Patiala), *Rise, Growth and Fall of Bhangi Misal.*
19. Ms Samurailatpam Sujata Devi (M.S. University, Baroda), *Comparative Study of Late Medieval Urn-Burial Sites in Manipur.*
20. Smt. Asha Shrivastava (Shri Natnagar Shodh Sansthan Sitamau, MP), *Madhyakaleen Malva ka Samajik Evam Sanskritik Itihas.*
21. Shri Jobi John (Institute for Research in Social Sciences and Humanities, Kannur, Kerala), *Portuguese in Cannanore (16th and 17th Centuries) – A Socio-Economic Study.*
22. Shri Reetesh Yadav (Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur), *Purv Madhyakaal mein katipay Nav Jan Sannivesh: Ek Adhyayan Uttar Bharat Ke Vishesh Sandharbh Mein.*
23. Ms Meenakshi Parewa (Rajasthan University, Jaipur), *Dadu Panth Ka Udbhav Evam Vikas Aitihasic Va Sanskritik.*
24. Ms Kailash Kanwar Rathore (M.L. Sukhadia University, Udaipur), *Mewar Ke Itihas Mein Rathoron Ki Bhoomika (The Role of Rathors in the History of Mewar 16th to 18th Century A.D.).*
25. Ms Anita Kumari (R.G. Post Graduate College, Meerut), *Sufi Saint Allauddin Ali Ahmad Sabir Kaliyari Ke Jivan Tatha Darshan ka Uttarakhand Evam Paschimi Uttar Pradesh Mein Prabhav ka Aitihasic Pariprekshya Me Adhyayan.*
26. Shri Manas Jyoti Kakati (Gauhati University, Gauhati), *Tradition and Modernity in Assam: Contributions of Anandaram Dhekial Phukan.*
27. Shri Sandeveni Thirupathi (Kakatiya University, Warangal), *Social Reforms and Freedom Movement in Karimnagar District.*

28. Shri Saurabh Kumar Mishra (University of Lucknow, Lucknow), *Functional and Structural Growth of Legal Profession in U.P.: In a Historical Perspective (1935-1995)*.
29. Ms Mehreen Sheikh (University of Jammu, Jammu), *Naga – Cult in Jammu Region*.
30. Shri Rishi Karna Das (Gauhati University, Gauhati), *Dimensions of Immigration in Assam during the Colonial Period*.
31. Ms Manisha Koul (University of Jammu, Jammu), *State Policy and Development of Forests in Jammu and Kashmir (1885-1947)*.
32. Shri H. Thangtungung (Manipur University, Imphal), *Anglo-Lushai Relations 1777-1947*.
33. Shri Subhra Burman (Viswa-Bharati, Santiniketan), *A Historical and Cultural Study of the Historical Dramas of 'Prasad' – Age*.
34. Ms Afsana Mansoori (Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, MP), *Chhattisgarh Mein Vyaktigat Satyagraha (1940-1942)*.
35. Ms Ruchika Bathla (V.M. Open University, Kota), *Gandhian Theory and Practice of Labour Movement*.
36. Shri Krushna Chandra Das (Utkal University, Bhubaneswar), *The Growth of Press and Public Opinion in Orissa (1866-1947)*.
37. Shri Prasad Rao Thota (Chandragiri Colony, Secunderabad), *Medical Science, Technology and Colonial Power: A Study of Nizam State of Hyderabad (1800-1948)*.
38. Ms Payal Bansal (CCS University, Meerut), *Education in Modern India (With Special Reference to Higher Education 1921-1947)*.
39. Shri Battula Srinivas (Kakatiya University, Warangal), *Urbanisation during the Last Nizam (1911-1948) – A Study of Warangal Suba*.
40. Ms Kavita Palawat (University of Rajasthan, Jaipur), *Charan Sahitya Evam Jaipur Reyasat (1743 isvi se 1922 isvi tak)*.
41. Ms Nandini K. (Karnataka State Open University, Mysore), *The Role of Vokkaliga Community in the Social Changes of Princely Mysore – A Historical Study 1881-1947*.
42. Shri Narayan Datta Wilson (Jiwaji University, Gwalior, MP), *Bundelkhand Kshetra ki Janjatiya Sanskriti*.
43. Ms H. Lalhmingmawii (Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai), *Impact Brought by the Christian Mission From the West in the Socio-Cultural Life of the Mizos with Special Reference to Education*.
44. Shri J. Srinivasan (University of Madras, Chennai), *The Role of Native Merchants in the British Trade on the Coromandel Coast*.
45. Ms Ata Mallick (Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata), *Changing Status of Santal Women in Colonial and Post Colonial India 1855-1987*.
46. Shri Potharaju Prabhakar (Kakatiya University, Warangal), *Dimension of Caste System in Hindu Society – A Regional Study in Retrospect 1935-2005*.
47. Shri Riteshwar Nath Tiwari (BHU, Varanasi), *Uttar Pradesh Mein Bhoomi Sudhar Ka Gramin Samuday Par Prabhav: 1947-1974 (Varanasi Janpad Ke Vishesh Sandharbha Mein Itihasik Adhyayan)*.
48. Ms G. Gowri (Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli), *Dr Muthulakshmi Reddi: Social Reform and Women's Upliftment – A Study*.

49. Ms Sarika Shrivastava (Jabalpur, MP), *1857 Ke Vidroh mein Jabalpur Jile Ka Yogdan (Raja Shankarshah Evam Raghunath Shah Ke Vishesh Sandarbh mein)*.
50. Shri Ajai Kumar Pandey (BHU, Varanasi), *20vi Shatabadi ke Prarambh Mein Varanasi ki Gramin Arthavyavastha*.
51. Shri Shiv Kumar Singh Nagaar (Jiwaji University, Gwalior), *Guna Jile ki Bheel Janjati*.
52. Shri Gopesh Tripathi (Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur), *Purvi Uttar Pradesh Mein 1857 ka Vidroh*.
53. Shri Pullemla Sridhar (Kakatiya University, Warangal), *Christian Missionaries in Telangana and Dalit Uplift – A Study of Warangal and Karimnagar Districts (1873-2000)*.
54. Shri Krishna Kumar Satankar (Hamidia College, Bhopal), *Madhya Pradesh Mein Jungle Satyagrah Andolan—Ek Adhyayan*.
55. Smt. Sujata Gupta Anand (Patna University, Patna), *Transition in Socio-Economic Patterns with the Changing Environment of Santhal Pargana (1947-2000)*.
56. Ms Kishwar Jahan (Barkatullah University, Bhopal), *British Relationship with Bhopal State 1844 to 1947*.
57. Kumari Ila Trivedi (Lucknow University, Lucknow), *Development and Working of Muncipal Administration in United Provinces 1921-1947*.
58. Shri Vimal Tiwari (Avadh University, Faizabad), *Human Settlements in Saryupar Region (Since Beginning to the Beginning of Christian Era)*.
59. Ms Rupal Upadhyay (MS University of Baroda, Vadodara), *Baroda: Pre-Modern Basis and the Modernizing Project of Sir Sayaji Rao-III*.
60. Shri Akhilesh Kumar Chaubey (Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur), *Purvi Uttar Pradesh Ki Tamrpashanik Sanskritiyan*.
61. Ms Priya Saxena (Rohilkhand University, Bareilly), *Development of Arts and Crafts from 1000 BC to 600 BC (Northern India): A Study*.
62. Shri Manoj Verma (Vikram University, Ujjain), *Paschimi Malwa Ka Mandir Sthapatya Evam Uska Sanskritik Adhyayan (6 Sadi Isvi Se 12vi Sadi Tak)*
63. Shri Rajesh Kumar Yadava (Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur), *Bhartiya Sanskriti Mein Purtta Dharma (Lok Dharma): Ek Vivechan*.
64. Shri Subodha Kumar Pandey (Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur), *Atharv Vediya Vaitan – Shrotrasutra Ka Alochanatmak Adhyayan*.
65. Shri Ashis Ranjan Sahoo (Utkal University, Bhubaneswar), *Jaina Vestiges in Orissa: A Study of Art, Architecture and Iconography*.
66. Shri Tosabanta Padhan (Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune), *Investigations into Pre-historic Archaeology of River Jonk, District Nuwapada, Orissa*.
67. Shri Dharmendra Kumar (Rohilkhand University, Bareilly), *Prachin Bhartiya Mudraon Mein Kala Aur Pratikatmakta: Ek Adhyayan*.
68. Ms Tumpa Paul (University of Calcutta, Kolkata), *Ancient Technology in Bengal: A Study on Archaeological Materials (Pre and Proto-Historic Period)*.
69. Shri Kannimuthu P. (Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai), *Temples in Palani Taluk and Culture*.

70. Shri Anil Kumar Sah (Patna University, Patna), *Saran Pramandal Ka Prachin Itihas evam Puravashesh.*
71. Shri Mohammad Raheem (Kakatiya University, Warangal), *Mining Industry under the Asaf Jahis.*
72. Shri M. Chandrasekaran (Tamil University, Thanjavur), *Philosophy of Temple Architecture with Special Reference to Nayak Architecture of Tamilnadu.*
73. Shri Jitendra Kumar (Vikram University, Ujjain), *Purva Madhyakaleen Uttar Bharat Ke Hindu Pratimaon Ka Shilpshastriya Adhyayan: Lagbag 8vi – 12vi Isvi Tak.*
74. Shri Rajender Kumar (Govt. Dungar College, Bikaner), *Woollen Trade in the Western Rajputana (1750-1818 AD): Its Impact on Society and Economy.*
75. Ms Preeti Awasthi (University of Lucknow, Lucknow), *Awadh—Congenial Home for Nurturing Arts (1722-1856 A.D.) in Historical Perspective of Painting and Music.*
76. Ms Anamika Sharma (Govt. M.S.J. College, Bharatpur), *Chahamaan Kal Ka Samajik, Arthik Evam Sanskritik Adhyayan.*
77. Ms Shilpi Bhargava (Govt. P.G. College, Bharatpur, Rajasthan), *Rajasthan Ke Madhyakaleen Abhilakhon Ka Sanskritik Adhyayan (1300-1700 Isvi).*
78. Ms Amrit Pal Kour (Govt. Dungar College, Bikaner, Rajasthan), *Bikaner Rajya Me Aparadh Evam Dand: 1750-1818 Isvi.*
79. Shri Suhabi Qayyum (Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh), *Relation of Mughal Emperors and Ruling Elite with Non-Sufi Saints of India.*
80. Ms Babita Kumari (Patna University, Patna), *Dr Kashi Prasad Jaiswal Ka Itihas Darshan: Ek Adhyayan.*
81. Ms Sunita Kumari (Patna University, Patna), *Bihar Mein Jatiya Sangathano Ka Itihas (1947-1975).*
82. Shri P. Ayyar (Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai), *Industrialization and Socio-Economic Trends in Madras (1881-1937).*
83. Shri Pradeep Kumar Yadav (University of Allahabad, Allahabad), *A Critical Study of the Communist Movements in Eastern UP 1926-1952.*
84. Shri Tanveer Husain (Rohilkhand University, Bareilly), *Rohilkhand Ka Muslim Samaj: Ek Adhyayan (19vi Shatabdi Ke Vishesh Sandarbh Mein).*
85. Ms Parul Jaitly (Lucknow University, Lucknow), *Rise of Dalit Leadership in Uttar Pradesh 1945-1984.*
86. Shri Dhananjaya Kumar Rout (Utkal University, Bhubaneswar), *Sri Aurobindo and India's Struggle for Freedom.*
87. Shri Sujit Kumar Chhatia (Utkal University, Bhubaneswar), *Mayurbhanj: Praja Mandal Movement, Merger into Orissa and the Post-Merger Scenario (1938-1966).*
88. Ms Saranga Batra (National Museum Institute, New Delhi), *Rejuvenation of the Nagara Temple in the 19th and 20th Century (With Special Reference to the 'Yamuna Par' Plain).*
89. Shri Jitendra Singh Rajput (Dr Harisingh Gaur Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar), *1857 Isvi Ki Kranti: Bundelkhand Ke Vishesh Sandarbh Mein.*
90. Ms Keya Banerjee (Jadavpur University, Kolkata), *Rabindranath Tagore and Rural Development: Education, Co-operation, Agriculture, Environment.*

91. Shri Subhransu Pattnaik (Utkal University, Bhubaneswar), *Nabakrushna Choudhary as a Legislator (1937-1956)*.
92. Shri Satish Kumar (BR Ambedkar Bihar University, Muzaffarpur), *Aitihāsik Prishthabhoomi Mein Adhunik Bharat Mein Viklangata: Paridrishya Aur Sambhawnayen*.
93. Shri Jay Narayan Yadav (Dr Harisingh Gaur Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar), *Oupniveshik Bharat Mein Asprishyata Nivaran Andolan (1857-1947 Isvi Tak)*.
94. Ms Krishna Kaushal (Avadh University, Faizabad), *Bhartiya Swatantrata Andolan mein Krantikariyo ka Yogdan*.
95. Ms Bharati Sharma (Patna University, Patna), *Bihar Ek Bhishan Trasadi Ki Chapet Mein: 1934 Ke Bhukamp Ka Aitihāsik Adhyayan*.
96. Ms Seema Verma (Govt. Dungar College, Bikaner, Rajasthan), *Maharaja Dungar Singh: Vyaktitva, Krittiva Aur Bikaner Rajya Ke Adhunikaran Me Unka Yogdan (1872-1887)*.
97. Shri Deepak Kumar Tomar (CCS University, Meerut), *Gandhiji Ka Achutodhar Andolan: Ek Adhyayan*.
98. Ms Aleesha Mehboob (Govt. Raza Post Graduate College, Rampur), *British East India Company Aur Awadh Rajya: Ek Alochanatmak Adhyayan*.
99. Ms Sarla Kumari (BHU, Varanasi), *Bhartiya Rajniti Ka Loktantrikaran: Uttar Pradesh Aur Bihar Me Samajvadi Andolan Ka Ek Adhyayan*.
100. Shri Daya Dhar Prasand Semwal (HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar, Garhwal), *Garhwal Mandal Me Shaharikaran Ka Itihas (1815-1981 Isvi Tak)*.
101. Shri Dipankar Bagchi (Jadavpur University, Kolkata), *Modernity and Social Crisis in Bengali Poetry 1920-1950*.
102. Ms Moon Moon Jetley (University of Mumbai, Mumbai), *The Calm and the Storm, Delhi During 1803-1857*.
103. Ms Charanjeet Kaur (Punjabi University, Patiala), *Evolution of Agricultural Policy in Punjab From 1849 to 1923: Its Reaction and Response*.
104. Ms Banso Nuruti (Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, MP), *Chhattisgarh ke Janjatiyon ka Samajik-Sanskritik Itihas—Bastar Jila ke Mardiya Janjati ke Vishesh Sandarbh Mein (19vi Shatabdi se Vartaman Tak)*.
105. Shri Devendra Kumar Bhaskar (Jiwaji University, Gwalior), *Paschimi Madhya Pradesh Ke Janjatiyo Ke Samajik Va Arthik Sthiti Nirantarta Evam Parivartan Ke Sandarbh Mein 1947-2007*.
106. Ms Madhu Kumari (Patna University, Patna), *Patna Ke Bouddhik Jeevan Mein Syed Khuda Baksh Aur Unke Parivar Ka Yogdan*.
107. Shri Amit Raj (Patna University, Patna), *Bhartiya Swatantrata Mein Uttar Bihar Ke Kuch Gumnam Swatantrata Senaniyo Ka Yogdan 1919-1947*.
108. Ms Ranjan Dwivedi (Lucknow University, Lucknow), *1857 Ke Swatantrata Sangram Mein Janpad Unnav ki Bhumika ka Aitihāsik Adhyayan*.

General (Post Doctoral) Fellowship (Two Years)

1. Dr. Suhail Mian (Pakka Bagh Road, Rampur, UP), *Socio-Cultural History of Erstwhile State of Rampur—as Depicted in Urdu Literature written in State-period (1774-1949)*.

2. Dr. (Smt.) Abid Zaidi (Meerut, UP), *The Development of Architecture under the Patronage of the Barha Saiyyids: A Historical and Cultural Study (1556 A.D. to 1857 A.D.)*.
3. Dr. (Ms) Priti Varma (Varanasi, UP), *Arthasastra mein varnit Prachin Bharatiya Vigyan va Takniki*.
4. Dr. Raj Bhushan Upadhyay (Kankarbagh, Patna), *Bihar Mein Rashtriya Andolan ka Samajik Adhar (1912-1947c.)*.
5. Dr. (Smt.) Mukta Raut Dey (Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi), *Pre-historic India during 5th-3rd Millennium BC*.
6. Dr. Amar Nath Thakur (Darbhanga, Bihar), *Purva Madhyakalin Mithila Rajya ki Sanrachna*.
7. Dr. Vijender Rai (Allahabad, UP), *The Role of Iron based Economy in early Urbanization of the Middle Ganga Valley*.
8. Dr. Shiva Prasad (Varanasi, UP), *Swetambara Sramanasangh ka Vismrit Adhyaya: Brihadgachchha aur Usake Udhboota Vibhinna Gachchhon ka Aitahasik Adhyayana*.
9. Dr. Ratnakar Mohapatra (Sambalpur University, Burla, Orissa), *Temples of Prachi Valley: Survey Documentation and Study of Art and Architecture*.
10. Dr. Shahnaz Begum (Lal Kuan, Delhi), *Urdu Mein Elaqaee Tarikhain: Shumali Hindustan ke Shehrou Aur Qasbaat se Muttaliq (Attharvi Sadi se Biswi Sadi Tak)*.
11. Dr. Mashkooor Ahmad (Sagar, MP), *Damoh Zile ke Shil Chitron ka Sanskritik Adhyaya*.

Senior Academic Fellowship (two years)

1. Dr. Prem Choudhury (Roop Nagar, Delhi), *Gender Power and Identity: Understanding Masculinities in Rural North India*.
2. Dr. (Smt.) S.L. Baruah (Dibrugarh, Assam), *Evolution of Historiography in Assam till Independence*.
3. Professor D.K. Bhattacharya (Patparganj, Delhi), *Emergence of Early Farming in India in the Light of Cultural Dynamics of Contemporary Hunter-gatherer Communities*.
4. Dr. (Smt.) Prabha Ravi Shankar (Malad [West], Mumbai), *G.A. Natesan (1873 to 1949): and National Awakening*.
5. Mrs. (Smt.) Premalata Pokharana (Jaipur, Rajasthan), *History of North India from 5th to 12th Century A.D. based on Coins, Epigraphs, Literature, etc.*

Research Project

1. Smt. Nupur Chaudhuri (Ballygunge Circular Road, Kolkata), *The Modern World Discourse on Sex, Oriental Erotology and the Transformation of the Private Sphere: Sexuality, Emotion and Culture in Late Colonial Bengal and India* (Rs. 1 Lakh)
2. Dr Arupjyoti Saikia (Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Gauhati), *The Life and Times of Historian Surya Kumar Bhuyan: A Study into the Professionalization of Modern Historical Research in the 20th Century Assam* (Rs. 1 Lakh)
3. Dr. Manohar Singh Ranawat (Natnagar Shodh Sansthan, Sitamau, Malwa, MP), *Chittor-Udaipur ka Patnama, Vols III and IV* (Rs. 1 lakh).

4. Dr. Ajay Kumar Pandey (Hiralal Ramnivas Post Graduate College, Khalilabad, Sant Kabir Nagar), *A Historical Study of Socio-Economic Changes in Eastern Uttar Pradesh (Pre-History period upto Early Medieval Period)* (Rs. 50,000/-)
5. Dr. T.H. Robert Tiba (Silchar, Assam), *British Relations with the Frontier Tribes: A Case Study of the Anglo-Naga Relations between 1852-1948* (Rs. 1 lakh)
6. Dr Rekibuddin Ahmed (Gauhati University, Gauhati), *Investigation and Collection of Source Materials of Persian for the Medieval History of Assam (AD 1206-AD 1682)* (Rs. 1 lakh)
7. Shri Farooque Ahmed (Dist. Thoubal, Manipur), *A Historical Study of Clan Formation Among Muslims in Manipur (1606-1850)* (Rs. 1 lakh)
8. Professor K.S.S. Seshan (Gulmohar Park, Hyderabad), *Early Anti-British Revolts in Andhra (1766-1857)* (Rs. 1,42,000)
9. Secretary, Indian History Congress (Professor B.P. Sahu, Delhi University, Delhi), for organizing symposium on *Forms of Anti Colonial Resistance in India* (Rs. 50,000/-).
10. Secretary, Indian History Congress (Professor B.P. Sahu, Delhi University, Delhi), publication grant for publishing the *Proceedings of the 67th Session of Indian History Congress* held in Khozikode (Kerala) (Rs. 1,50,000/-)
11. Secretary, Indian History Congress (Professor B.P. Sahu, Delhi University, Delhi), grant for holding the *68th Session of the Indian History Congress* (Rs. 1,60,000).
12. Professor Shakti Kak (Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi), special grant for screening a film on *Beyond Partition* (Rs. 22,200/-).
13. Dr. P.C. Venkatasubbiah (Dravidian University, Distt. Chittoor, AP), *Investigations into the Neolithic and Megalithic Culture of the Lower Tungabhadra Region* (Rs. 95,000/-).
14. Dr. Kiran Kranth Choudhary (Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati), *Siva in Mythology and Art of Andhradesa* (Rs. 75,000/-).

Contingency (Study-cum-Travel) Grant

1. Shri Sarwarul Haque (JNU, New Delhi), *Serajul Akbar: a Persian Source of 1857 Revolt* (Rs. 15,000/-).
2. Shri Shende Suresh Shankarji (District Gondia, Maharashtra), *Udaarvaad ki Abhivyakti Gopalkrishan Gokhle* (Rs. 10,000/-).
3. Shri Ajay Kumar Pandey (Kalyanpur, Lucknow) *Role of Educational Institutions in the Development of Nationality in U.P.* (Rs. 10,000/-).
4. Shri Swapan Kumar Pain (District Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal), *Role of the Students in the Naxalbari Peasant Movement* (Rs. 10,000/-).
5. Shri Imdad Ali Ahmad (P.O. Ulubari, Gauhati, Assam), *Kamrup in the 17th Century – A Study* (Rs. 20,000/-).
6. Shri Ardhendu Ray (Vikram University, Ujjain), *Culture as Depicted in Temples of Bishnupur Area (District Bankura, West Bengal)* (Rs. 13,500/-).
7. Ms Madhumita Mandal (District Darijeeling, West Bengal), *Development of Siliguri: From Municipality to Corporation* (Rs. 10,000/-)
8. Shri Prakash Debta (Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Burla), *Iconography of Saptamatrika Images in Orissa (Early Time up to 13th c. AD)* (Rs. 10,000/-).

9. Ms Sumeshta (Nohar, Hanumanghar, Rajasthan), *19th and 20th Sadi mein Rajasthan mein Prachalit Samajik Kuriteeyan tatha unke Unmulaan hetu Rajkiya Prayaas* (Rs. 20,000/-).
10. Shri Pawan Shekhar (Vikram University, Ujjain), *Krishnan-Guptugeen Vigyaan avem Takniki: Ek Adhyayan* (Rs. 12,000/-).
11. Shri Chhote Lal Balai (District, Alwar, Rajasthan) *Paintings of Alwar State: Genesis, Development and Degradation (1775-1900 AD)* Rs. 15,000/-).
12. Shri Sachin Rai (Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur), *Bhartiya Rashtravad avem Itihaas Lekhan ki Pravrityan (Ek Sankalatkam Adhyayan)* (Rs. 20,000/-).
13. Shri Surendra Kumar Biswal (District Balasore, Orissa), *Prajamandal Movement in Nilgiri* (Rs. 20,000/-).
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53. Dr. Veena Sachdeva (Punjab University, Chandigarh), for holding workshop on *History Teachers of the North-Western Region* (Rs. 50,000/-).
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56. Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar (Member, Planning Commission; Indian Academy of Social Sciences, Allahabad), for holding *XXXIst Indian Social Science Congress* (Rs. 30,000/-).
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