

BIO-DATA

Name : Prof Mahavir Singh
Fathers Name : Late Shri Sampat Singh
Date of Birth : 02.08.1955
Nationality : Indian

Present Position(February 2009 onwards)

Professor & Head, Department of International Relations and Dean, School of Social Sciences & Humanities, Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida-201308 (UP), India.

Past Positions Held

- i) Director/ Counsellor, Indian Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Suva in the Republic of Fiji Islands.(January 2006-January 2009)
- ii) Director, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (Ministry of Culture, Govt.of India) appointed with the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by the Prime Minister of India. (January 2000- December 2005).
- iii) Director, Eastern Zonal Culture, Kolkata (Ministry of Culture, Govt.of India), -Additional Charge
- iv) Professor of History, Centre for Archival Studies, Deptt. Of History Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, (July 1998 – December 2000).
- v) Coordinator of UGC Centre for Nahru Studies, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, 2000
- vi) Reader in History, Centre for Archival Studies, Deptt. Of History, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, (July 1990 – June 1998).
- vii) Assistant Archivist, National Archives of India, New Delhi, December 1982 – June 1990

Educational Qualifications

- i) M.A in Modern Indian History from University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, 1978
- ii) Post – Graduate Diploma in Archives- keeping from National Archives of India, 1979
- iii) M.Phil. on the topic “*Soviet Perceptions of Indian Political Developments : 1947 – 1955*” from School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1982
- iv) Ph. D on the topic “*Soviet View of Indian National Congress*” from School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, awarded in 1986.

Honors and Awards

- i) Awarded the Senior Academic Staff Fellowship by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the year 1995-96
- ii) Appointed Honorary Visiting Fellow by the School of Library, Archive and Information Studies of the University College London at London for the duration 02.10.1995 to 31.07.1996

Publications

Books

- 1) **Soviet View of Indian National Congress**, Sanchar, New Delhi, 1991
- 2) **Indians Abroad, (Ed.)**, with S.D. Singh, Hope India, Gurgaon, 2003
- 3) **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad : Profile of a Nationalist**, (Ed.), Anamika, New Delhi, 2003
- 4) **Eurasian Vision**, (Ed.), with Victor Krasilshchikov, Anamika, New Delhi, 2003
- 5) **India and Tajikistan : Revitalising a Traditional Relationship**, (Ed.) , Anamika, New Delhi, 2003
- 6) **International Terrorism and Religious Extremism : Challenges to Central and South Asia**, (Ed.), Anamika, New Delhi, 2004 (Chinese language version published by Lanzhou University, Peoples' Republic of China)
- 7) **Central Asia since Independence**, (Ed.) with K.Warikoo, Shipra, New Delhi, 2004
- 8) **Home Away from Home : Inland Movement of People in India**, (Ed.), Anamika, New Delhi, 2005
- 9) **Panchsheel : From Retrospect to Prospect**, ,Shipra, New Delhi, 2005
- 10) **Migration in South India**, (Ed.), with K.S.mathew & Joy Verkey, Shipra, New Delhi, 2005
- 11) **Building a New Asia**, (Ed.), Shipra, New Delhi, 2006

Journals

Edited five issues of the Annual Journal of the MAKAIAS, Kolkata

- 1) Asia Annual 2001, (Ed.), Shipra, New Delhi, 2002
- 2) Asia Annual 2002, (Ed.), Shipra, New Delhi, 2003
- 3) Asia Annual 2003, (Ed.), Shipra, New Delhi, 2003
- 4) Asia Annual 2004, (Ed.), Shipra, New Delhi, 2004
- 5) Asia Annual 2005, (Ed.), Shipra, New Delhi, 2005

Select Articles

1. “Early Soviet View of the Indian Political Developments (1947-1955) : An Appraisal”, The Political Science Review, Vol.22, No.1, January-March 1983
2. “Soviet Assessment of Indian National Congress and its Leadership, 1945-1995”, Problems of Non Alignment, Vol.2, No.1, March –May 1984
3. “Early Soviet View of the Indian Political Developments (1947-1955) : An Appraisal”, (reprint) in Varinder Grover (Ed.), International Relations and Foreign policy of India, Vol.VII, Deep & Deep Publications, F.159, Rajauri Garden, New Delhi, 1992
4. “Remembering Raja Mahendra Pratap : A Humanist – Liberator”, Contemporary Central Asia, Vol,III, No. 1, April 1999
5. “India’s Relations with USSR and its successor state, the Russian Federation : More of Continuity than Changes” in N.K.Jha (Ed.) India’s Foreign Policy in Changing World, Essays in Honour of Prof. Bimal Prasad, South Asian Publishers, New Delhi, 2000
6. Democratization and Political Development in Kyrgyzstan, Contemporary Central Asia, Vol.V, No.3, 2003
7. Kaushik, Devendra and Mahavir Singh, “Globalizatsiya : “indiiskii opyt”, in Globalizatsiya I krupnye poluperiferiinye strany, MION (Mizhregionalnye Issledovaniya N Obschestvennykh Naulakh), Moscow : Mezhdunarodnye Otnosheniya” 2003, pp.144-160

8. "India and Tajikistan : a Perspective for the 21st Century", in India and Tajikistan : Revitalising a Traditional Relationship, (Ed.)Mahavir Singh, Anamika Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd, New Delhi, 2003
9. "South Asian Crisis : Need for a Holistic Approach" in Eurasian Vision (Eds.) Mahavir Singh and Victor Krasilshchikov, Anamika Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd, New Delhi, 2003
10. "Reaction of Indian Media to Prime Minister Vajpayee's China Visit" in Sino – Indian Relations and Security in Asia (in Chinese), CCCWS, Beijing, 2003

Research Guidance

Research Work Guided	>	M.Phil	12
Dissertations of PG Diploma in Archival Studies			13
Guidance of Research Work	>	Ph.D Completed	2

Membership / Association with Learned Bodies

- i) Secretary-General, Indian Society for Central Asian Studies, New Delhi / Kolkata
- ii) Association of Commonwealth Archives and Records Managers, London
- iii) Member of British Scholars Alumni Association, London
- iv) Life Member of Indian Association for Canadian Studies, New Delhi, and was local Secretary of XIV International Conference on Canadian Studies
- v) Member, Indian Historical Records Commission, Govt. of India, New Delhi
- vi) Life Member, Indian History Congress, New Delhi

Contributions to Other Bodies

Executive Editor, Contemporary Central Asia, a Tri-annual journal published by the MAKAIAS and Centre for Central Asian Studies, New Delhi

Served as non- official Member on the **Grants Committee of the National Archives of India**, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Deptt. of Culture, Govt.of India for two consecutive terms during 1992-93 and 1993-94

Served on the **Governing Body of Union Territory of Pondicherry College of Education Society**.

Served as a member of the sub-group under the **Working Group of Archaeology and Museums** for the 10th Five Year Plan Proposals, Dept. of Culture. Ministry of Tourism & Culture, govt. of India

Served as a Member of the **Governing Body of Calcutta Cultural Centre** under the Presidentship of His Excellency the Governor of West Bengal

Served as a Member on the Selection Committees of faculty positions in prestigious Universities like the **JNU, New Delhi, Vishwa Bharati, Shantiniketan, and Bombay University, Mumbai** etc.

Examined about 14 Ph.D theses and a number of M.Phil. dissertations of various Universities like the JNU - Delhi, Utkal University – Bhubaneswar, Assam University-Guwahati, Calcutta University – Kolkata, Kota Open University – Kota, Rajasthan etc.

Conferences Organised in India and Abroad as Director, MAKAIAS

International Conferences

International Workshops on “**Problems of Governance in the Eastern South Asia Sub-region**”, Kathmandu, Nepal, March 2001

International Seminar on “**Central Asia : Ten Years of Independence**”, at IIC, New Delhi, November 2001

International Seminar at the **Tajik Academy of Sciences, Dushanbe, Tajikistan**, May 2002

International Seminar on “**International Terrorism and Religious Extremism : Challenges to Central and South Asia**”, at Teen Murti Bhavan, New Delhi during January 2003

International Seminar on “**Sino –Indian Relations and Asian Security**”, at Beijing, China, in collaboration with China Centre for Contemporary World Studies, Beijing, September 2003

International Seminar on “**Building a New Asia : Problems and Prospects of Regional and Pan –Asian Cooperation for Security and Development**”, at Taj Bengal, Kolkata, March 2004

International Seminar on “**Panchsheel : Retrospect and Prospect**”, Kolkata, October 2004

International Conference on **Remembering Bandung : Quest for Asian and African Cooperation for Peace and Development**”, at ICSSR, New Delhi, April 2005

National Seminars / Conferences

National Seminar on “**Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and the Indian National Movement**”, November, 2001, on the 113th birth anniversary of Maulana Azad

National Seminar on “**Internal Migration**”, December 2002

National Seminar on “**Indian Nationalism : Re – Examination of its Concept and Relevance in the present Context**”, November 2003, on the 115th birth anniversary of Maulana Azad

National Seminar on “**Holistic Character of Freedom Movement in India and the Contribution of Minorities and Small Ethnic Groups to its Growth and Development**”, to mark the 116th Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, November 2004

A number of National Seminars pertaining to the North – East region of India organized in many North – Eastern states as also publications brought out on North – East region of India

Work attended as Director/Counsellor, ICC/HCI, Suva

Supervised the activities of the Culture Centre-organised lectures/workshops on various aspects of Indian culture, organized cultural evenings of Indian Classical Music and Dances and made arrangements for the performances of the visiting cultural troupes from India under the auspices of the ICCR in different cities of Fiji Islands. Delivered lectures and talks on India in various cultural and educational institutions in Fiji.

Looked after the work relating to several Scholarship Schemes of Government of India to the Nationals of Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands and liaison work with the Universities, Educational and Cultural Institutions of Fiji. Was also responsible for the Library, Information and media liaison of the Mission.

Work relating to diaspora services like Pravasi Divas Conferences, Know India Programme for the diaspora youth, Scholarship scheme for the diaspora children and visits of the Media and cultural delegations from Fiji to India and vice-versa was taken care as well.

International Exposure

Visited a number of Research Organisations, Archives and Universities in countries like, United Kingdom, Russia, Holland, France, Belgium, Canada, Nepal, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Hongkong Peoples' Republic of China, Malaysia, Australia and Fiji in connection with academic work and had interaction with their Scholars and Administrators.