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### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

PhD in History, Department of History, School of Social Sciences, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi

Title-The Past and Present of Sufi Dargahs in Delhi: A Socio-cultural study, Degree Awarded- April 2017; Course Work Examination: 68%

Master of Arts in History (2008): 64.5 %

University of Delhi, South Campus (affiliated to Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi); Specialization- Medieval Indian History (Batch Topper, South Campus, University of Delhi)

Bachelor of Arts in History (2006): 66.22%

Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi (University of Delhi)

Post-Graduate Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies (2011): 75% (Secured University Gold Medal)

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

Senior Secondary School Leaving Examination (2003): 87.4 %

Central Board of Secondary Examination

School- Summer Fields School, Kailash Colony, New Delhi (Batch Topper, Humanities)

Higher Secondary Examination (2001): 71%

Central Board of Secondary Examination

School- Summer Fields School, Kailash Colony, New Delhi

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### **ONLINE CERTIFICATE COURSES**

Online Certificate Course in Oriental Beliefs- Between Reason and Traditions (2020), Université Catholique de Louvain, Oriental Institute, Belgium

Online Certificate Course in Hinduism Through its Scriptures (2020), Harvard University, USA

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## CAREER PROFILE

Currently working as **Subject Matter Expert (Freelance), History, UpGrad, Mumbai** from September 2020 onwards.

### Major Tasks:

- Developing the course structure for History of Modern India from 1750-1857 (MA History course)
  - Creating content-rich and engaging presentations
  - Recording and presenting online lectures
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Worked as **Assistant Professor and Programme Coordinator, Department of History, Amity School of Liberal Arts, Amity University Haryana** from September 2015 to June 2020.

### Major Tasks:

- Developing course curriculum
- Revision of syllabus
- Organizing seminars, workshops, symposiums, guest lectures
- Organizing cultural events
- Taught Communication Skills as a Value-added Course
- Member and Coordinator, AUH 24X7 Committee
- Spearheading the Yoga initiative

Worked as **Visiting Faculty, Department of History, Amity School of Liberal Arts, Amity University Haryana** from September 2014-April 2015

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Worked with the **Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)** as **Research and Programme Coordinator**

**Intangible Cultural Heritage Division** (March 2012-January 2014)

### Major Tasks:

- Conceptualizing and preparing projects
- Preparing budgets and financial estimates
- Coordinating with various collaborating organizations and agencies of ICH including the numerous INTACH chapters
- Coordinating with INTACH Chapter conveners/independent researchers and anthropologists for update on projects and field work
- Conceptualizing the publicity material for all programmes

## **Heritage Education and Communication Service Division (March 2010-February 2012)**

### **Major Tasks:**

- Coordinated Teacher Training Workshops for Establishing Heritage Clubs in Schools
  - Coordinated INTACH Gujarat Convener's Workshop in Mehsana (11<sup>th</sup> July 2011)
  - Coordinated and supervised the Rural Skill Development Workshop, organized in collaboration with Janmadhyam, held at Khajuraho from 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October 2010
  - Prepared an Information Booklet for the 'Adopt a Monument' programme
  - Prepared an information booklet on 'Adopt a Tree'
  - Prepared a Folio on Contemporary Indian Artists for the 'Art in Schools' programme
  - Formulated quizzes, worksheets, photo essays, reports, and related content for the Young INTACH website
  - Editing Young INTACH Newsletter- editing, coordinating with designer, illustrator and freelance editors
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Worked with **The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**, New Delhi as **Information Analyst** (June 2008–February 2010)

### **Major Tasks:**

- Providing publishing services to the organization—editing and content development for newsletters, brochures, reports, etc.
  - Content development for children's books and popular and general books
  - Coordinating with multi- and bi-lateral institutions, corporates, and other organizations for projects—discussing proposals, fund raising, and other coordination work
  - Communication and outreach services—organizing events like seminars, talks, workshops, etc.
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## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Academic Publications (Research Papers and Journal Articles)***

1. Book Review- Dilli's Red Fort by the Yamuna and Jama Masjid: Call of the Soul both by N.L. Batra, *Book Review Journal*, Vol. 36, January 2012 (ISSN: 0970-4175)
2. 'Malfuzat Literature as a Historical Source: The Case Study of Khair al-Majalis,' *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Educational Research*, June 2014, issue 6, vol. 3 (ISSN: 2277 – 7881)

3. 'The Fawaid al-Fuad of Shaikh Nizamuddin Auliya as a hagiographical text: Analysis of its Contents and Contexts,' *Steward Social Science and Humanities Review*, Vol. 1, June 2014 issue (ISSN: 2250-0715)
4. 'Syncretic Philosophy and Eclecticism in the Religious Views of Dara Shikoh,' *International Journal of Management and Social Science*, issue 2, vol. 3, February 2015 (ISSN: 2321-1784)
5. 'The Marginalization of Women Sufi Saints: The Case of Bibi Zulaikha and Bibi Fatima of Delhi,' *International Refereed Journal of English Language & Literature*, Vol. 2, August 2015 issue (ISSN: 2348-1617)
6. 'The Socio-Religious Significance of Firoz Shah Kotla: A synthesis between the supernatural world and the real world,' *South Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies*, Vol. 3 Issue 2, March 2016 (ISSN: 2349-7858)
7. 'The Suhrawardi Silsilah in Delhi: Spiritual Accommodation and Peaceful Co-existence with the Chishtis' published in the Conference Proceedings of the International Multidisciplinary Conference, Volume 3 Issue 2, March 2016
8. 'Badauni as a Source for Interpreting the History of Akbar's Period: A Critical Review of the Muntakhab ut-Tawarikh and Najat ur-Rashid,' *International Journal of Research in Economics and Social Sciences*, Volume 6, Issue 3, March 2016 (ISSN: 2249-7382)
9. 'Assessing the Reasons for Pilgrimage to Sufi Shrines: Analyzing the reasons in the context of popular dargahs in Delhi,' *International Journal of Management and Social Science Research Review*, Vol.1, Issue.3, April 2016 (ISSN: 2349-6738)
10. 'Historical Significance of Shrine Visitations in the City of Delhi: Analysis of visitations in the medieval period,' *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Studies*, Vol. 2, Issue 6, May 2016 (ISSN: 2349-6711)
11. 'Responsible Business through Community Involvement: analyzing the community initiatives of electronic giants IBM and Sony,' *International Education and Research Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 6, June 2016 (ISSN: 2454-9916)
12. 'An analysis of institutionalized state patronage to the Khanqah-Dargah complex in the city of Delhi during the medieval period,' *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research and Development*, Vol. 3, Issue 11, November 2016 (ISSN: 2349-4182)
13. 'Swades and New Age Nationalism,' *Café Dissensus*, Issue 30, December 2016 (ISSN: 2373-177X)
14. 'Situating Iconoclasm and Temple Destruction in late 17th Century India: Re-evaluating the Farmans issued by Aurangzeb for Temple Desecration,' *Research Revolution-International Journal of Social Science and Management*, Vol. V, Issue VIII, May 2017 (ISSN: 2319-300X)
15. 'Nineteenth Century Historical Fiction as a Tool for Teaching History: Developing an Interdisciplinary Approach,' *Paripex-Indian Journal of Research*, June 2017 (ISSN: 2250 – 1991)

16. 'Analyzing the Role of the Priestly Class in the Dargahs of Delhi: The Case of Nizam ad-din Auliya Shrine,' *International Research Journal of Human Resources and Social Sciences*, August 2017 Issue (ISSN: 2349-4058)
17. 'Contextualizing the Role of CSR Initiatives in Preservation and Conservation of Tangible and Intangible Heritage of India: A Case Analysis of Public Sector Companies,' *International Journal of Commerce and Management Research*, Vol 3, Issue 12, December 2017 (ISSN: 2455-1627)
18. 'Analyzing the Development of Lesser-Known Silsilahs in Delhi during the Medieval Period: A Case Study of the Qadiri and Firdausi Silsilahs,' *Global Journal for Research Analysis*, Vol. 7, Issue 3, March 2018 (ISSN: 2277-8160)
19. 'Re-examining the cult of the feminine: An analysis of tantric practices at Kamakhya and Tarapith,' *International Journal of Applied Research*, Vol. 4, Issue 4, April 2018 (ISSN: 2394-5869)
20. 'Examining the Role of Private Sector Companies in Promoting India's Intangible Cultural Heritage: A Case Analysis of the Tata Group,' *International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews*, Vol. 5, Issue 2, ISSN 2349-5138 (April-May 2018)
21. 'Contextualizing the Cultural Dynamism of the Siddis of Gujarat: Analyzing Patterns of Continuity and Change,' *International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews*, Vol. 5, Issue 4, October 2018 (ISSN: 2348-1269)
21. 'Analyzing the Institutionalized Role of the Sajjadanashin in the Khaqah-Dargah Complex: A Case Study of the Shrine of Shaikh Nizam ad-din Auliya,' *International Journal of Basic and Applied Research*, Vol 8, Number 12, December 2018 (ISSN: 2249-3352)
22. 'Contextualizing Women's Development Initiatives as Part of CSR in India: Case Analysis of Private Limited Firms,' *ZENITH International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*, Vol. 9, Issue 1, January 2019 (ISSN: 2231-5780)
23. 'Re-imagining Universalism: Contextualizing Religious Diversity and the Concept of Harmony in the Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda,' *International Journal of Basic and Applied Research*, Volume 9, Number 5, May 2019 (ISSN: 2249-3352)
24. 'The Significance of Water Management for Environmental Sustainability: A Contemporary Perspective,' *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences*, Vol. 9, Issue 3, March 2019 (ISSN: 2249-2496)
25. 'Contextualizing Subaltern Studies in Indian History: A Critical Study of Texts, Phases and Significance,' *Journal of Advances and Scholarly Researches in Allied Education*, Vol. 16, Issue 5, April 2019 (ISSN: 2230-7540)
26. 'Contextualizing Sufi Rituals and Practices in a Non-Mazar Shrine in Delhi: A Case Study of the Tomb of Sultan Ghari,' *International Journal of Research in Engineering, IT and Social Sciences*, Vol. 9, Issue 10, October 2019 (ISSN: 2250-0588)

27. 'Analyzing the Role of the Print Media in India's Freedom Struggle: A Historical Narrative,' *International Review of Social Sciences and Humanities*, Vol. 9, Issue 8, August 2019 (ISSN: 2250-0715)
28. 'Analyzing the Philosophy of Integral Humanism in the Discourse of Swami Vivekananda: Context, Meaning and Relevance,' *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Research*, Vol. VI, Issue I, June 2020 (ISSN: 2455-2070)
29. 'Analyzing the Development of the Chishti Silsilah in Delhi: A Case Analysis of the Role Played by Shaikh Nizamuddin Auliya,' *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences*, Vol. X, Issue IV, April 2020 (ISSN: 2249-2496)
30. 'Analyzing the spread of Sufi Islam in Delhi: The role played by the disciplines of Shaikh Nizam ad-din Auliya,' *International Journal of Research Culture Society*, Vol. IV, Issue IV, April 2020 (ISSN: 2456-6683)
31. 'Exploring the Psychological Implications of Child Sexual Abuse: A Study of Mahesh Dattani's *Thirty Days in September*,' *International Journal of Innovative Research in Multidisciplinary Field*, Vol. VI, Issue V, May 2020 (ISSN: 2455-0620)
32. 'Contextualizing Lessons on Public Leadership in Kautilya's The Arthshastra and Sun Tsu's The Art of War: A Comparative Analysis,' *International Journal of Studies in Public Leadership*, Vol. I, Issue I, November 2020
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### **Book Chapters**

- "Employee Volunteerism for Strengthening Corporate Social Responsibility: A Case Analysis of the Tata Group" in *Architecting HR Transformation: Digitalization into Action*
  - "Exploring Marginalization: A Study of Socio-Cultural Paradigms with Reference to Mahesh Dattani's *On A Muggy Night in Mumbai*" in *Gender, Sexuality and Literature*
  - "Government Intervention and the Future of Tourism in India: Analysis of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme" in *Perspective on Indian Heritage and Cultural Tourism*
  - "National Heroes in Children's Literature: Interpreting the Significance of Amar Chitra Katha in Nation Building" in *Role of Language, Literature and Culture in Nation Building* (Forthcoming)
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### **Books**

#### **Academic**

*Reclaiming Our Temples: Episodes from an Oppressive Era* (Forthcoming, Garuda Prakashan)

*Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Gender and Culture in Contemporary Literature* (Edited Book-Forthcoming, Authorspress)

#### **Non-Academic**

- *Adopt a Tree*, INTACH, 2013
  - *Adopt a Monument*, INTACH, 2010
  - *101 Facts on Saving the Earth*, TERI Press, 2009
  - *101 Facts on Natural Disasters*, TERI Press, 2009
  - *Another Place Another Time*, Rupa Publications (Forthcoming)
  - *Blooms in The Dust*, Rupa Publications (Forthcoming)
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#### **Articles in Magazines and Online Blogs**

- 'Soldiers of the Earth: teachers take up the green cause,' *TerraGreen*, September 2009 issue
  - 'The Green Cause: corporates take the lead,' *TerraGreen*, July 2009 issue
  - 'Lessons from the Past,' *TerraGreen*, Vol. 4, Issue 6, September 2011
  - 'Trees of Life,' *TerraGreen*, Vol.4, Issue 7, October 2011
  - 'Taking Heritage Seriously,' *TerraGreen*, Vol. 4, Issue 9, December 2011
  - 'What's So Great about Bahubali?' Article published in India Today's DailyO (Online News Blog), 8th May 2017
  - 'The Simplest Explanation for Why Communism Failed in India,' Article published in [www.rightlog.in](http://www.rightlog.in), 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017
  - 'A Shameful Process which Began in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century has Continued Ever Since,' Article published in [www.rightlog.in](http://www.rightlog.in), 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017
  - 'These Two-Bit Charlatans are Babas because an Overwhelming Number of Indians are Ignorant,' Article published in [www.rightlog.in](http://www.rightlog.in), 27th August 2017
  - 'The Ordeal of Being a Right-Wing Feminist in India,' Article published in [www.rightlog.in](http://www.rightlog.in), 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018
  - 'Why Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is Not a Force to reckon with in Elections 2019,' published in [www.rightlog.in](http://www.rightlog.in), 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019
  - 'In combating terrorism, the world can learn a lot from Modi government,' published in [www.rightlog.in](http://www.rightlog.in), 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019
  - 'Social Media and anti-BJP Rhetoric: a case analysis of Facebook,' published in [www.academics4nation.org](http://www.academics4nation.org), 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020
  - 'Lockdown to relief package: Analyzing impact of Modi govt's measures to mitigate Covid-19 crisis' published in [www.academics4nation.org](http://www.academics4nation.org), 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020
  - 'The Making of a Jihadi: Mahesh Bhatt's Dhokha to Indians, Kangana spills the beans,' published in TFI Post, <https://tfipost.com/2020/07/the-making-of-a-jihadi-mahesh-bhatts-dhokha-to-indians-kangana-spills-the-beans/>, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020
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#### **MEMBER- EDITORIAL BOARD**

- Editor, Sanskruti: An International Multidisciplinary Research Journal

- Associate Editor, Shodh Samiksha aur Mulyankan (UGC Recognized Bi-Lingual Journal)
  - Member, Editorial Board, American Research Journal of History and Culture, Chicago, USA
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## CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/FDPs

1. Guest Lecture on “Religious Policy of Muslim Rulers in India: Fanaticism, Destruction of Temples and the Attempt by Historians to Justify the Unjustifiable,” organized by Rashstram School of Public Leadership, Rishihood University, Sonapat, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020
2. Presented a paper on “Historical Origins of Hindutva: Ancient Philosophy or Modern Construct?” at the Vedant International Multidisciplinary Multilingual Online Conference, organized by Vedant Educational and Publication Services, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020
3. Presented a paper on “Analyzing International Counter-Terrorism Laws: Contextualizing the Feasibility of Existing Laws and the Way Forward,” at the International Conference on Criminal Justice System, organized by Amity Law School, 8-9 November 2019
4. Presented a paper on “Indian Diaspora as Torchbearers of Indian Culture: Reflection on Popular Bollywood Cinema and its Portrayal of Indian Cultural Practices,” at the International Conference on Diaspora and Homeland, organized by Department of History, DAV PG College, Varanasi, 18-19 January 2019
5. Presented a paper on “Contextualizing India’s Neighbourhood First Policy: An Analysis of India’s role in BIMSTEC,” organized by National Seminar on India’s Neighbourhood Policy: Dynamics, Challenges and Prospects, organized by DAV Post Graduate College, Varanasi, 11-12 April 2019
6. Presented a paper on “Analyzing the Role of Women Bhakti Saints in Popularizing the Doctrine of Bhakti in the Medieval Period,” at National Seminar on The Evolution of Composite Culture in Medieval India, organized by Banaras Hindu University, 14-15 September 2018
7. Presented a paper on “Online Blogs as Battlefields: Contextualizing the Battles of Politics and Ideology in Digital Media,” at the National Conference on Digital Media: Fact, Fiction and Fake (Manthan 2018), organized by S.G.T. University, Haryana, 14-15 September 2018
8. Presented a paper on “Historicizing Hindutva: Analyzing the Historical Roots of Hindutva Ideology,” at the Multidisciplinary International Conference on “Emerging Trends and Transformation in Contemporary Society: A Global Futuristic Perspective, held on 9-10 August 2018, organized by Amity Law School at Amity University Noida, Uttar Pradesh
9. Presented a paper on “Examining the Esoteric World of the Nath Yogis: A Case Analysis of Yogic Practices,” at the International Conference on Actuating Indic Studies: With Emphasis on Sanskrit Philology and



Ka:rmik Linguistics, held on 2-3 August 2018 at Amity University Haryana, Gurugram

10. Presented a paper on "Evaluating the Efficacy of Life Skills Education in India: Determining the Gaps between Theoretical Framework and Practical Implementation," at the National Seminar on Recent Trends in Life Skill Education: An Approach towards Holistic Development, held on 29-30 June 2018 at Subharti University, Meerut
11. Presented a paper on "Rethinking the Potentiality of Heritage Tourism in India: An Analysis of Thematic Tourism Circuits and Pilgrimage Sites," at the International Conference on Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (iClass), held on April 17-18, 2018 at G.D. Goenka University, Gurugram
12. Invited as a Guest Speaker at the National Seminar on Stree Shakti: Bharatiya Thought and Practice, held on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi. Organized by the Group of Intellectuals and Academicians (GIA)
13. Presented a paper on "Contextualizing Simultaneous Elections in Europe: A Global Perspective," at the National Seminar on One Nation One Election, held on 20-21 January 2018, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, Thane, Maharashtra
14. Presented a paper on "Contextualizing the Role of Women Bhakti Saints as Carriers and Transmitters of Hindu Tradition and Philosophy in the Early Medieval Period: The Case of Akka Mahadevi and Lal Ded," at the World History Conference, held on 4-5 October 2017, Amity University Noida, Uttar Pradesh
15. Presented a paper on "The Concept of Religious Diversity in the Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda: Synthesizing diversity, harmony and universality in religion," at the International Conference on the Idea of Bharat (Bharat Bodh 2017), held on 23-25<sup>th</sup> February 2017, IGNOU, New Delhi
16. Presented a paper on 'Integral Humanism in the Philosophical Discourse of Swami Vivekananda: Interpreting and Contextualizing the Humanist Thought of Swamiji' at the National Seminar on Integral Humanism in India Thought, organized by India Foundation, held on 8-9 September 2016, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi
17. Invited for a presentation at the Young Thinker's Meet organized by the India Foundation, 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Patni Top, Jammu and Kashmir. Presented a paper on 'Arya Samaj and Indian Nationalism.'
18. Presented paper titled 'The Suhrawardi Silsilah in Delhi: Spiritual Accommodation and Peaceful Co-existence with the Chishtis' at the International Multidisciplinary Conference held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at India International Centre, New Delhi
19. Presented paper on 'Physical Methods of Mapping Cultural Complexity in the Sufi Shrines of Delhi' at the International Conference on Recent Trends and Innovation in Social Sciences, Management and Technology, organized by Dr. K.N. Modi University, Rajasthan, held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015
20. Presented paper titled 'Synthesis of the Spiritual and Temporal in Popular Sufi Literature' at the English Language and Literature

Conference- A Tool for Humanizing, organized by Lingaya's University, Faridabad

21. Participated as Guest Speaker in the Gond Legacy Seminar held in Jabalpur (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April 2013), organized by INTACH Madhya Pradesh Chapter
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## **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS**

- Merit certificate for being among the 0.1 successful candidates for scoring the highest marks in Political Science and History in the Senior Secondary School Leaving Examination
  - Delhi University South Campus Endowment Scholarship for academic excellence for the year 2006/07 (M.A. History First Year)
  - Delhi University South Campus Endowment Scholarship for academic excellence for the year 2007/08 (M.A. History Second Year)
  - Rotary Scholarship for the academic year 2001/02 for best all-round performance, Summer Fields School, Kailash Colony, New Delhi
  - Major Rohit Dutta Memorial Scholarship for students who have shown all round performance in class XII, Summer Fields School, Kailash Colony, New Delhi
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## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Visited South Korea as part of a Grand Prize winning package instituted to honor winners in the Annual Essay Contest organized by the Embassy of South Korea and the Korea Press Foundation, 2002.
  - Winner of the Hindustan Times Essay Writing contest for the year 2003, age group 16-19 years. The topic of the contest was "India of My Dreams."
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## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- Date of Birth: 1 December 1984
  - Place of Birth: New Delhi
  - Father's Name: Mr. Souri Sengupta
  - Mother's Name: Mrs. Ruby Jaya Sengupta
  - Religion: Hindu
  - Language Proficiency: English (Read, Write, Speak); Hindi (Read, Write, Speak); Bangla (Speak)
  - Computer Proficiency: MS Office- Word, PowerPoint, Excel
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