

# RUKSANA SHARMA POKHREL

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## AIM

I am passionate about making the subject History engaging and meaningful. My aim is to contribute to academic excellence through dedicated teaching, thoughtful research, and active mentorship, while continuously learning and growing within a vibrant academic community.

## EDUCATION

### Ph.D Sikkim University Gangtok

Aug2019-Mar2025

*Locating the Emancipatory Potentials in the Bhakti and Sufi movements: A Study on their Strengths and the Limitations*

Supervisor- Prof. V Krishna Ananth (Email: [krishnananth@gmail.com](mailto:krishnananth@gmail.com))  
CGPA-8.67

### M.phil Sikkim University, Gangtok

Aug2017 - Feb2019

*Representation of Women in Ancient Texts with Special Reference to Abhijnana Shakuntalam*

Supervisor- Dr. Khwairakpam Renuka Devi  
CGPA-8.33

### M.A., History

### Sikkim University, Gangtok

Aug2015-Jul2017

*Dissertation-Study of Sanskrit Pathasalas in kalimpong*  
CGPA-7.63  
Silver Medalist

### B.A., History

Aug2012-Jul2015

### Cluny Women's College, Kalimpong

*North Bengal University*  
Percentage-50.25

## SKILLS

- Academic Writing
- Experience in Research Planning, Documentation
- Proficiency in Designing and preparing Academic Presentations.
- Proficient in Research Methodology of Historiography
- Experience in reading Textual Sources

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Bhakti Movement: An Encounter Between Utopia and Reality**, International Journal of Multidisciplinary Educational Research, Vol. 13, Issue 9(3).  
[https://s3-ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com/ijmer/pdf/volume13/volume13-issue9\(3\)/11.pdf](https://s3-ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com/ijmer/pdf/volume13/volume13-issue9(3)/11.pdf)
- **Understanding Liberation in the Bhakti Movement** — Accepted for publication in Current Journal of Social Sciences. (Forthcoming)

## SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- “The Essence of Good life: Harmonious balance between the Material and spiritual” Presented at Two-day International Seminar, Sikkim University, Gangtok.
- “Understanding Liberation in the Bhakti Movement” Presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Indian History Congress, Kakatiya University, Warangal.
- Attended Women Historians National Conference organized by Indian Council of Historical Research.
- “Women in Kalidasa’s Abhijnana Shakuntalam” Presented at Women discourse in Indian History writing, Hyderabad.

- Attended 14-days online workshop on Research Methodology organised by Indian council of Historical Research.
- Attended seminar on One Hundred Years of Champaran and the Making of Indian Nation, Gangtok.
- Member of the organizing committee at ICHR sponsored National conference Indian Science History and Historiography, Gangtok.

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

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- Awarded with Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) by Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi.
- Completed a four-month Diploma in Computer Applications (CCA).

#### **RESEARCH INTEREST**

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- Gender & Literary Studies .
- Devotional Movements (Bhakti & Sufi).
- Caste, Power, and Marginality.
- Subaltern and feminist re-readings of medieval texts.
- Ethics and Emancipation in Pre-modern Thought