

Shyam Bihari Lal

Professor and Head

Dr. Shyam Bihari Lal (1966), s/o- Late Shri Radhey Shyam, presently Professor and Head of the Department of Ancient History & Culture, was appointed as a Lecturer in 2000. He has been teaching for past 14 years in the University and has five years of teaching experience in the Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

After successfully completing his M.A. in Ancient History and Culture in 1989, Dr. Lal qualified the National Eligibility Test (NET, UGC) in the same year. Subsequently, he has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in 1998 by M.J.P. Rohilkhand University for his research on "*Prachin Bharatiya Sahitya aur Abhilekhon mein Yavan*" under the supervision of Prof. Udai Prakash Arora. Besides, he has also done a certificate course in Museology from National Museum, New Delhi in 1990.

Dr. Lal has been engaged in research work on the aspects of interaction between the ancient India and the Greece in particular and Socio-economic History and Epigraphic Sources of History in general. He has to his credit one book (authored), *Prachin Bharat mein Yavan*, (Anamika Publication, New Delhi, 2014) and 25 research papers and several book reviews published in various Journals/Proceedings.

He was awarded IKY (State Scholarship Foundation of Greece) to visit Greece for six months and collect material for research from various libraries. In this connection Dr. Lal visited the Institute of Hellenic Studies, Athens (Greece) and worked with Prof. M.B. Hadzopolous. Among the other important academic achievements, Dr. Lal has supervised seven research theses and 25 M.Phil. Dissertations till the date. He has delivered several guest lectures at various colleges and institutions. He has also prepared course material on Ancient History and Culture for Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani.

Dr. Lal is a regular participant of the National/International conferences and seminars; he has attended and presented papers in three International and nine National seminars, 12 Uttar Pradesh History Congress and one Indian History Congress. Besides he has also participated in one joint Annual Archaeological Conference and a workshop on "Personal Development". He also has been Local Secretary of U.P. History Congress (23rd Session) and Convener of ICSSR Workshop on "Research Methodology in Social Sciences".

Apart from his teaching and research works, Dr. Lal has been assigned a number of administrative works by the University. He has been the Member of the Interview Board for Selection of Faculty, Executive Council and Academic Council of M.J.P. Rohilkhand University; Warden of Boy's Hostel; Convener of Board of Studies of the Department of Ancient History and Culture and Remedial coaching for SC/ST/OBC and Minorities, UGC, New Delhi; Sports Secretary; Member of Examination Committee, Coordinator of Central Evaluation and Honorary

Librarian, M.J.P. Rohilkhand University. Other than these, he has been invited as Member of Public Service Commission for paper setting, moderation and other confidential works of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; and Member of Selection Committee of M.P. Public Service Commission for the selection of Assistant Professors in Government Degree Colleges.