

Curriculum Vitae

1. **Name** :Dr. Bijoy kumar Choudhary
2. **Date of Birth** :15-03-1957
3. **Present Designation** : Executive Director, Bihar Heritage Development Society
Formerly, Director, K.P. Jayaswal Research Institute, Patna
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5. **Educational Qualifications** : Matriculation(BSEB), B.A. with honors in history, M.A in History (J.N.U), Ph.D (B.U)
6. **Research Experience:** Thirty-two Years of Research Experience in Ancient Indian History and Archaeology at the K.P. Jayaswal Research Institute.
7. **Archaeological Works:**
 - I. Directed archaeological explorations of the Buddhist Stupas in Bihar during 2005-06 and 2006-07; **Directed archaeological explorations of 5500 archaeological sites in Bihar, covering 33 districts and 329 blocks** in order to update the publication of KPJRI, namely *The Antiquarian Remains in Bihar*, from 2008-09 to 2015-16 under the permission of the ASI.
 - (2)Directed archaeological excavations at the following sites under the permission of the Archaeological Survey of India:
 - (I) Panr, Samastipur-1998-99, 1999-2000, 2001-02 to 2007-08
 - (II) Kutumba, Aurangabad- 2012-13 to 2015-16
 - (III) Jainagar Hill, Lakhisarai- 2016-17, 2017-18.
 - (IV) Telhara, Nalanda Dist.- 2020-21
8. **Teaching Experience:-** Conducted a certificate course in ‘Research methodology in History and Archaeology’ at the K.P. Jayaswal Research Institute for twelve years. Has regularly been taking classes at the Academic Staff College, Patna University and BIPARD for the last five years.
9. **Publications :**
 - (i) Monographs : (1) *From Kinship to Social Hierarchy: The Vedic Experience*, Patna, 1999 (in the suggested reading list of postgraduate course in Delhi University)

- (2) *Archaeological Gazetteer of Nalanda District*, KPJRI, 2015
- (3) *Archaeological Gazetteer of Vaishali District*, KPJRI, 2016
- (4) *Archaeological Gazetteer of Samastipur District*, KPJRI, 2016
- (5) *Archaeological Gazetteer of Kaimur District*, KPJRI, 2016
- (6) *Archaeological Gazetteer of Gaya District*, KPJRI, 2017

(ii) Books Edited

- : (7) *Readings in Indian History: S.H Askari Centenary Volume*, Patna, 2000
- (8) *Readings in History of Rural South Bihar*, Patna, 2007
- (9) *Archaeological Excavations in Post-Independent Bihar*, KPJRI, 2008
- (10) *Changing Perspectives and Methodologies in South Asian Archaeology*, KPJRI, Patna, 2012
- (11) *Archaeology and Art of Ganga, Gandak and Kosi Basin*, (Jointly with O.P. Jayaswal), New Delhi, Manak Publication, 2014
- (12) *Bodhgayā: Impressions Within and Beyond*, BHDS, Patna, 2016

(iii) Other Edited Works :

- (1) Eight Issues of the *Prajna-Bharti*, (The journal of the K.P. Jayaswal Research Institute) Vol-IX to XVI.
- (2) General editor of several books published by KPJRI.

(iv) Research Articles

- (1) 'Lesser-Known Buddhist Monasteries: Tiladhaka and Yaśovermapura' *Man and Environment*, Journal of Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies, Vol.XLI, No.1,2016, pp.17-28.
- (2) 'Archaeology in Bihar: Trends and Prospects in D.N Jha(ed.) *The Complex Heritage of India*(Manohar, 2014),pp.133-154.
- (3) 'Neolithic and Chalcolithic in Gangetic Bihar' In K.N. Dikshit(ed.) *Neolithic-Chalcolithic Cultures of Eastern India* (Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi,2013), pp.208-215.
- (4) 'Archaeology of Mithila' in R. Mishra & P.K. Jha(ed.), *Mithila, Rich Heritage: Proud Identity*(Readers Press, New Delhi, 2013), pp.41-49
- (5) 'History of Archaeology in Bihar' in G. Sengupta & K. Gangopadhyay (ed.), *Archaeology in India* (Munshiram Manoharlal,

New Delhi, 2009), pp.227-246.

- (6) 'Identifying the Surroundings of Nalanda Mahavihara' *Purattava*, Bulletin of the Indian Archeological Society, no.38, 2008,pp.91-101.
- (7) 'Excavations at Panr' *Prajna-Bharti*, the Journal of K.P. Jayaswal Research Institute, Vol.XI,2005,pp.81-86
- (8)'Legal Provisions for Protection of Manuscripts', Khuda Bux Journal, No. 141, July-Sept. 2005.
- (9)'Developing Archaeological Resources in Bihar' in *Bihar*, 2004.
- (10) 'A Brief Report On Excavations at Panda', *Prajna-Bharti*, the Journal of K.P. Jayaswal Research Institute, Vol.IX, 1999, pp.474-476
- (11) 'A Critical Examination of the Taittiriya Samhita as a Source of History', *Prajna-Bharti*, Vol.X,1999,pp.
- (12) 'The Sajata in Later Vedic Literature' *Indian History Congress Proceedings*, Bangalore Session, 1998.
- (13) 'Excavations at Hajipur', *The Journal of Bihar Puravid Parishad*, Vol. XI & XII 1997-98.
- (14) 'Hymns, Sacrifices and Social Hierarchy in Early India' in *Indian History and Culture*, Vol.III, Patna, 1996, 114-141.
- (15) 'Kinship Relations and Social Hierarchy in Early India', *Indian History Congress Proceedings*, Gorakhpur Session, 1990.
- (16) 'Gifts with special Reference to the Matsya Purana' *Prajna Bharti*, Vol.V, 1988, pp.25-31.
- (17) 'Education in Bihar' *Bihar: past and Present*, Patna, 1987,pp.298-303
- (18) A short note on the Inscriptions of Ancient Bihar', in *Bihar past and Present*, Patna, 1987, pp.80-87.
- (19) 'The Position of Brahmanas in Bihar and Bengal' (Cira A.D.800-1200)', *Prajna-Bharti*, Vol.IV,1984, pp.131-142.

10. Research Supervision:- Has guided a number of research scholars for Ph.d degree under Magadh University- (1) **Aditya Chatterjee** on ' Professions in Vedic Society', (2) **Arun Kumar** on ' The NBP Culture of the Gandak Valley', (3) **S.N Mishra** on Indo-Ceylonese Relations C. 3rd. C. BC- 6th C.AD; (4) **Sarjun Prasad** on the 'Origins and Evolution of Iron Technology in Middle Ganga Valley (Neolithic to NBPW);' (5) **Sujit Nayan Prasad**, 'Techno-Typological Study of Harappan Pottery with Special Reference to Saraswati Valley';(6) **Baldeo Chaudhary**, '**Historical Heritage and Tourism in Bihar**', 7. **Rajani Kumari** on 'The Subordination of Women during Later Vedic Times' (8) **Yogendra Kumar** on ' Origin and Evolution of Chalcolithic Culture in the middle Ganga Valley'.

12. A Select List of Lectures, Conferences and Seminars:

- (1) 'Archaeological Trail of Xuanzang in India', School of History, Archaeology and Religion, Cardiff University, 19 July, 2019
- (2) 'Settlement Histories in Bihar Plains', H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture in the Joint Conference of Indian Archaeological Society and Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies, 6 February 2019.
- (3) 'Heritage and Culture with Reference to India, Shaanxi History Museum, Xian, October, 2016
- (4) 'Tracing the Archaeology of Magadha in the Footsteps of Xuanzang', paper presented in seminar organized by Nalanda University and Consulate General of China, Kolkata, 7 November 2016
- (5) 'Excavations at Panr' Hyderabad, Joint Conference of Archaeology, Hyderabad, 17-20 December, 2015
- (6) Bodhgaya: Tracing Origins, Sustenance and Transformations', Department of Archaeology, Calcutta University, 2 June, 2015.
- (7) Presidential Address on 'Settlement Histories of the Interfluves of the Bihar Plains' at the Annual Conference of Bihar Itihas Conference (Ancient Section) on 3 July, 2014.
- (8) 'Buddhist monasteries at Ghorawan and Telhara', at the 42nd Annual Conference of South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 20 October, 2013.
- (9) 'Archaeological conservation in India', Hamilton College, Clinton, New York State, 23 October, 2013.
- (10) 'History of Nalanda' National Seminar on Nalanda Tradition of Buddhism in Asia organized by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, 14 November, 2013.
- (11) 'Text & Archaeology: Sites and Settlements', CASTEI, Kolkata, 15 November, 2013
- (12) 'History of Rice Cultivation in Bihar' IGNC, Bhuvneswara, 3 February, 2012
- (13) 'Neolithic in Bihar Plains' National Seminar on 'Prehistory in South Asia' organized by CASTEI, Kolkata, 28 November, 2010
- (14) 'Excavations at Panr' in "Recent Archaeological Activities in Eastern India" by AIHC&A, Visva Bharti, West Bengal, 6-7 August, 2010
- (15) Presented Key-note Address during the Seminar on the Antiquarian Laws and Heritage Management Organized by the Archaeology Directorate and others on 12 March, 2009
- (16) 'The position of women in Ancient India' at Patna Collage, August 2009
- (17) 'Challenges of Protecting and Promoting the Archaeological Heritage of Bihar' Y. Mishra Memorial Lecture, Magadh Mahila College, Patna, April, 2008
- (18) Delivered lectures at different forums including the postgraduate departments of Ancient History Department of different Universities of Bihar, UGC refresher courses and several Research Institutes and colleges.

13. Awards & Positions

- I. **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Award** by the Government of Bihar for the valuable contribution in the field of education.
- II. Director, K.P. Jayswal Research Institute- 1999 to 2018.
- II. **Visiting Professor**, Ancient Indian History & Culture Department, Calcutta University, February, 2011.
- III. **State Project Coordinator(Bihar), National Mission of Monuments and Antiquities**, 2010-11, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi

