

# ARKA CHOWDHURY



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➤ **Current Position**

Assistant Professor in History in Sri Ramkrishna Sarada Vidya Mahapitha (A Govt. approved general degree college affiliated to the University of Burdwan), Hooghly, West Bengal (October 13, 2023, to till date)

➤ **Research Interests**

- Military History
- Modern Indian and European history
- History of Technology
- Counterinsurgency and State Formation
- Revolutionary trend in Indian freedom struggle

➤ **Academic Information:**

- Pursuing PhD in Military History from Jadavpur University, West Bengal, India.
- Research Work: M. Phil (2017) in Military History from the Department of History, University of Calcutta, West Bengal, India.
- Post Graduate Degree: M. A. (2012) in History, specialising in Social History, Department of History, Jadavpur University, West Bengal, India.
- Undergraduate Degree: B. A. (2010) in History (Hons.), Department of History, Jadavpur University, West Bengal, India.

➤ **Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants:**

- Received **JAWAHARLAL NEHRU SCHOLARSHIP for Doctoral Studies (2019-2020)**
- Received the **MAJOR UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANT, 2021**, from the **Society for Army Historical Research, UK**.
- Received a **Foreign Travel Grant** for archival data collection in London **from the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)** in January 2022.
- Awarded the **Chief Justice M. C. Chagla Doctoral Junior Research Scholarship in “Modern Indian History”** by The Asiatic Society of Mumbai in April 2022.
- Received **MAKAIAS Fellowship** from Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, March 2022.
- Received a **Research Support Grant** from the **British Association for Victorian Studies (BAVS), UK**, in July 2023.

**Research Project:**

- Worked as a **Research Assistant** in the **‘BIPLOBI BHARAT GALLERY’ PROJECT, Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata (A Project of the PMO and Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)** August 2020-March 2021

**Publications:**

**Published papers in U.G. C Care listed journals or Peer-Reviewed journals**

- “Yudhhokhetre Hastibahini: Ranakousol O Byaboharik Proyog”, *Itihas Anusandhan*, Vol. 26, 2012 (ISBN. 978-81-910874-2-0)

- “Biswayuddha o Bangali Manastatwo”, *Itihas Anusandhan*, Vol. 28, 2014 (ISBN 978-81-910874-4-4)
- “Adhunik Europer Samarchintar Alope Napoleon” *Itihas O Sanskriti*, Vol. I, 2015, (ISSN 2394-5737)
- “Ouponibeshik Bharoter Uttor-Paschim Simanta Niti Ebong Apratisamyer Yuddho”, *Itihas O Sanskriti*, Vol. II, 2016, (ISSN 2394-5737)
- “On Rugged Terrain: Environment and Warfare in the Second Afghan War” (1878-1880) in the Proceedings of the Indian History Congress. ISSN: 2249-1937

### **Book Chapters**

- “Changing Pattern of War and its Impact on People: Blue Battle Between India and China over Bramhaputra”, in *Water: The Changing Socio-Economic Scenario*, ed. Saptarshi Chakraborty (Ashadeep: Kolkata, 2017)
- The Artist of Deception: Joseph Goebbels and German Propaganda, in Palit, Chittabrata & Guha Roy Priyanka, ed. *Popular Culture: Plumbing People’s History*, (Kolkata: Rupanjali, 2016)
- The Perilous Path of Defending the Empire: Role of Environment in the Second Afghan War, in Sarkar, Mahua & Biswas, Subhasis, ed. *Glimpses of Environmental History*, (Kolkata: Jadavpur University and Alphabet Books, 2018)
- “The Nuts and Bolts of Warfare: Comparing the First and Second Anglo-Afghan Wars” in *Jadavpur Junction: New Writing in Indian History* (Humanities and Social Sciences Occasional Paper # 10), By Peter Stanley (Canberra: UNSW Canberra, 2019)

- “Debating the Doctrine of ‘Minimum Force’: Small Wars in the North-Western Frontier of India and Afghanistan, 1860–1920” in Ashutosh Kumar, Kaushik Roy (eds.), *Warfare and Society in British India, 1757–1947* (Oxon: Routledge, 2023)