

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Details:

- **Date of Birth:** 18th January 1984
- **Nationality:** Indian
- **Marital Status:** Married
- **Gender:** Male
- **Languages known:** English, Kashmiri, Urdu, Hindi.

Education:

- **PhD AIHC & Archaeology:** Deccan College (PGRI), Pune-06 (2013)
- **PGD in Archaeology:** Deccan College (PGRI), Pune-06 (2009)
- **Masters in History:** University of Kashmir, Srinagar (2007)
- **BA Degree:** University of Kashmir, Srinagar (2005)

Current Employment:

- Working as Sr. Assistant Professor-cum-Curator at Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal -190006, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir (Since April 2015)

Other Engagements:

- Guest Professor, EPHE, PSL Research University, Paris, France, 2023.
- Visiting Fellow, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russia, 2016 and 2018.
- Assistant Secretary, Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA).

Specialization:

- Early History/Archaeology of Kashmir
- Kashmir-Silk Route-Central Asian Studies
- Buddhist Archaeology of Kashmir Himalaya

Exhibitions/Workshops/Conferences Organised:

- Organised one-week exhibition in Collaboration with Iran Culture House, New Delhi, on Cultural Heritage of Iran and Kashmir at Central Asian Museum, University of Kashmir 18-26th April, 2016.
- Coordinator of One Week International Workshop on "Archaeological Field Methods" jointly conducted by Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir and Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, SBRAS, Novosibirsk, Russia from 20-26 September, 2018.
- Coordinator of Two-Day International Conference on "Silk Route: Historical and Contemporary Relevance" conducted by Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir 2019.
- Coordinator of Two-week Exhibition on "Bringing Eminence Together" at Central Asian Museum, University of Kashmir, 02-16 May, 2019.
- Coordinator of Two-Day National Conference on "Revisiting Himalayan Borderlands: A Bridge between India and Central Asia", University of Kashmir, 2020.

- Coordinator of One Day International Seminar on “New AMS ¹⁴C direct dates trace early West Asian cereals and pulses, as well as, East Asian millets, from Neolithic sites in Kashmir” organised by Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir in collaboration with Department of Archaeology, University of Sydney, Australia, 16 January, 2021.
- Coordinator of One Day National Seminar on "Historical Graveyards of Srinagar: Their significance and Cultural Value" organised by CCAS and INTACH, Kashmir Chapter, funded by: Prince Claus Fund, Netherlands, 2021.
- Coordinator of Two-Day National Conference on “Connecting Central Asia: Opportunities and Challenges”, organised by Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir, 2022.
- Coordinator of Three-Day International Conference on “Reconstructing Human Population Histories of South Asia using Archaeology and Genetics”, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, June, 2023, funded by Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- Coordinator of One Week International Workshop on “Working together for a vision of Himalayan archaeology”, held online/offline funded by Wenner-Gren Foundation, USA, Nov, 2023.
- Coordinator of Two-Day National Conference on Kashmir and Central Asia: Revisiting Links and Legacies, November, 29-30, 2023, organised by Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir.

Awards/ Fellowships:

- Awarded Junior Research Fellowship by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi.
- Awarded Fellowship by UGC on Early History of Central Asia.
- Awarded Prestigious Tagore National Research Fellowship by Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- Awarded Grant to attend Art and Archaeology of the Silk Road Conference at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, USA by Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Germany.

Research Grants/Projects Submitted:

- Awarded Research Grant for a project “Archaeological Studies of the migration routes from Central Asia to Kashmir-**2015**”, funded by Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Germany (15,43,990 INR).
- Awarded Research Grant for a project “Archaeological Studies of the migration routes from Central Asia to Kashmir-**2016-17**”, funded by Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Germany (90,000,00 INR).
- **Submitted** project for funding “Lost Capital of Kashmir: Locating extent and change detection of ancient city of Parihaspora through Drones, GPR and Geo-spatial technology”, **2022-23**, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, under Science Heritage Research Initiative (99,00,000 INR).
- Awarded Grant for the project “Documentation of Wooden Khanqahs of Kashmir”, **2022-2025**, Endangered Wooden Architecture Programme, Oxford Brookes University (supported by Arcadia) (14,939,500 INR).
- Awarded Grant for the project “Study of Cultural Heritage of Boto Tribe of Zanskar of Ladakh State” **2023-2025**, by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi (10,000,00 INR).
- **Submitted** project for funding to Arts and Humanities Research Council, United Kingdom Research Initiative (AHRC-UKRI) on “An assessment of Jammu & Kashmir’s cultural heritage sector: opportunities and challenges toward protection, development, and business resilience” **2024-2027** (2,79,94,660 INR).

- Awarded Grant for “Working together for a vision of Himalayan Archaeology” funded by Wenner-Gren Foundation, California, USA, **2023-24**, with Dr. Mark Aldenderfer and Dr. Laurianne Brauneau (16,32,160 INR).

International Collaborations:

- Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russia.
- EPHE, PSL Research University, Paris, France.
- University of Sydney, Australia.

Field Experience:

- Supervised, “Ghaggar Archaeological Research Project” carried out jointly by Deccan College, M.D. University and Research Institute of Humanity and Nature, Japan, at Harappan site of Farmana in Rohtak District, Haryana, 2009.
- Supervised Archaeological excavations at Junnar in Maharashtra carried out by Deccan College, Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, 2009.
- Supervised Archaeological excavations at Rakhigarhi, Haryana carried out by Deccan College, Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, 2013-2014.
- Carried out intensive archaeological investigations/explorations in Kashmir valley for doctoral research, 2009-2013.
- Co-director of the project, “Archaeological Studies of the migration routes from Central Asia to Kashmir”, funded by Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Germany in collaboration with Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russia, 2015.
- Participated as International Observer “Field Archaeological Excavations at Neolithic and Bronze/Iron age sites of Tartas and Vengerova-2 in Vengerovo District, Novosibirsk province, Russia, 2016.
- Director of the project, “Archaeological Studies of the migration routes from Central Asia to Kashmir (Zanskar Valley in Ladakh)”, funded by Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Germany in collaboration with Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russia, 2016.
- Member of Kashmir Prehistory Project (Stage-2), Reconstruction of Past vegetation communities through pollen microfossil and microcharcoal, 2016-2018 in collaboration with University of Sydney, Australia.
- Co-Director of the 3D Heritage Documentation Project at Archaeological site of Gool, Gulabgarh, Ramban, Jammu, 2017.
- Director of the Excavations at Kushan-Buddhist site of Ahan, Ganderbal, Kashmir.
- Co-Director of the 3D Heritage Documentation Project at Archaeological site of Gool, Gulabgarh, Ramban, Jammu, 2018.
- Director of the excavation at “Burzahom Neolithic site” Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir-2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons (License issued by Archaeological Survey of India, Government of India- *Excavation not conducted due to Covid-19*).

Memberships:

- Life time member of Society of South Asian Archaeology, (SOSAA).
- Life time member of Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi (IAS)
- Member of Indian Society of Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies, (ISPQS).
- Member of Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), Ohio, USA.

Nominations:

- Nominated Executive Member of Society of South Asian Archaeology, 2019-22, (SOSAA).
- Nominated member of Art Purchase Committee of Department of Archives,

- Archaeology and Museums, Jammu & Kashmir Government.
- Nominated member of State Fossil Preservation Committee by Jammu & Kashmir Government.
- Nominated as Assistant Secretary of Society of South Asian Archaeology-2023, (SOSAA).

Invited Lectures:

- Delivered a lecture *Distant Displays of Power-Emerging Evidence from Kashmir Archaeology*. Organized by Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Siberian branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russia, June 2016.
- Delivered a lecture on *Kashmir Archaeology-From Neolithic to Early Historic*. Organized by Archaeology Discussion Group, Department of Archaeology, Deccan College, Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Deemed University, Pune, August 2016.
- Invited as Resource Person in a workshop Archaeology as a Source of History at Degree College Anantnag, Kashmir from 02-04-2018 to 03-04-2018.
- Delivered a lecture on *Kashmir Archaeology and Central Asian Links: From Prehistoric to Historic Periods (4 Lectures)*. Organized by Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, 11 - 01-2018 to 24-01-2018
- Delivered lectures in *One Week International Workshop on Archaeological Field Methods*, organized by Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir and Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russia, 20-09-2018 to 26-09-2018.
- Invited as Resource Person in a “Winter School 2020-Science of Teaching” organised by Sri Pratap College in collaboration with Cluster University, Srinagar on 08-02-2020.
- Delivered a lecture on *Revisiting the Art and Archaeology of Kashmir Himalaya*. Organized by Himalayan Institute of Cultural & Heritage Studies, Himachal Pradesh, India, on 02-05-2021.
- Delivered a lecture on *The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine*. Organized by Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra Jammu and IGNC, J & K Chapter, dated 18-05-2021.
- Delivered a lecture on *History & Heritage of Jammu and Kashmir*, as a Resource Person, Organized by Heritage Society, Maharashtra and Cluster University, Jammu, 10 - 09-2021 to 27-09-2021.
- Delivered a Special Lecture on Buddhist Archaeology in Kashmir: Opportunities and Challenges in International Conference of Young Buddhist Scholars, 01 August, 2023, organized by International Buddhist Confederation, New Delhi.
- Delivered a Series of four lectures, at EPHE, PSL University France, from 02-20 October, 2023 on the theme “The Archaeology of Kashmir: From the Neolithic to the Historical Period” as Guest Professor.

Papers Presented in International Conferences (Abroad):

- “The Fourth Buddhist Council-An Archaeological Perspective”, 3rd International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA), University of Kelaniya, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 20th-21st August, 2010.
- “Iron and Second Urbanisation in North India- A Myth or Reality: An Archaeological evidence”, First Biennial International Conference of International Association for Asian Heritage, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 7th-8th April 2011.
- “Silk Route Manifestations in Early Kashmir Art and Archaeology”, 5th Regional Conference of Central Eurasian Studies Society organised

by Central Eurasian Studies Society and Kazan Federal University, Kazan, Russia, 2nd-4th June 2016.

- “Understanding Cross-Cultural Interaction: Silk Route and the Kushan Material Culture in Kashmir”, Art and Archaeology of the Silk Road Conference organised by Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, USA, 11th-13th October 2017.
- “Semthan: A Hellenistic Outpost in Kashmir Himalaya” in “Seen from Oxyartes’ Rock: Central Asia under and after Alexander. Third Meeting of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network”, organized by Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, from 14-11-2018 to 16-11-2018.
- “The megaliths of Kashmir”, *Conference Day Connecting Megalithic Cultures in South Asia*, organised by EFEO, EPHE and CRCAO, Maison de l’Asie, Paris, 5th December 2018 (online).
- “Past, Present and Future of Archaeology and Allied Sciences in Kashmir Himalaya: Opportunities and Challenges” in “*An integrative platform for research on reconstruction of the past in India*”, on “”, organized by *Department of Human Genetics, The University of Chicago, USA and Institute of Archaeology and Allied Sciences, Leh*, from 09-07-2019 to 12-07-2019 (Online).
- Presented a paper in “7th International Congress of the Society of South Asian Archaeology”, on “Understanding Kalhana in light of the Archaeological Evidences in Kashmir”, organized by SOSAA, *University of Jayawardenepura, Sri Lanka, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Sri Lanka and UNESCO*, from 18-09-2020 to 21-09-2020 (online).

Papers Presented in National & International Conferences & Workshops (India):

- “Scientific Methods in Archaeology” (The Role of Hypothesis), International Conference on “Optimization and Development in Sciences” organised by The Iranian Students Association of Indian-Subcontinent, University of Pune, 17th December 2009.
- “The Fourth Buddhist Council”, International Seminar on Buddhist Heritage, Gujarat organised by the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda and Government of Gujarat, 15th to 17th January 2010.
- “New Discovery of Kashmir Neolithic”, National Conference on Recent Advances in Indian Archaeology organised by the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Faculty of Arts, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, 3rd-4th December 2010.
- “Discovery of the Rock Art Cave Site at Turukpora, Bandipora, in Kashmir Valley”, International Joint Annual Conference of, Indian Archaeological Society (44th conference), Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies (38th conference), Indian History and Culture Society (34th conference), organised jointly by the Department of Ancient Indian History and Archaeology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow and International Research Institute of Buddhist Studies Lucknow, 28th-30th December 2010.
- “Kashmir and the Fourth Buddhist Council: Who Sets the Agenda!”, Special Seminar on Recent Archaeological Achievements in India & the Facets of Buddhism, in the International Conference organised jointly by the Department of Ancient Indian History and Archaeology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow and International Research Institute of Buddhist Studies Lucknow, 28th-30th December 2010.
- “Development of Buddhism in Kashmir Valley: The Historical Perspective”, International Conference, “Buddhism: Past and Present” organised by Department of History, Abasaheb Garware College, Pune, 28th-29th January 2011.

- “Kushan History and the Sassanian Iran-The Case of Naksh-i-Rustum”, International Seminar on “India and Iran: Our Cultural Legacy of the Past” organised by the Department of History, Poona College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune, 3rd-5th March 2011.
- “Kushan Civilization in Kashmir Valley-The Archaeo-literary Evidence”, Joint Annual Conference of IAS, ISPQS and IHCS, at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala organised by Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala and Archaeological Survey of India, Thrissur circle, Kerala, 11th-13th November 2011.
- “Discovery of Rock Art in North Kashmir- A Preliminary Investigation”, Conference on Chattisgarh: River Valley Civilization organised by State Archaeology Department, Raipur, Chattisgarh, 16th-18th January 2012.
- “Terracotta Tiles in Kashmir Valley: A Chronological Issue”, Seminar on Science and Technology in History and Archaeology organised by the Archaeological Survey of India, Goa circle, Old Goa, at Govt. College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim, Goa, 3rd-5th February 2012.
- “Kashmir Architecture during Kushan period- An Investigation”, International Conference on Art and Architecture in the Indian Subcontinent at D.B.F. Dayanand College of Arts & Science, Solapur, Maharashtra, 17th-19th February 2012.
- “Kushan Archaeology in Kashmir: Introspection”, National Workshop on Archaeology of North India organised by Archaeological Survey of India, Srinagar Circle, held at Jammu, 27th-28th August 2012.
- “A Study of the Kushan Period in Kashmir valley: Some Observations”, Joint Annual Conference of IAS, ISPQS and IHCS at M.S. University, Baroda, on 22nd-24th November 2012.
- Acted as rapporteur of the Session, “Historic Archaeology and Megalithic Culture”, Joint Annual Conference of IAS, ISPQS and IHCS at M.S. University, Baroda, 22nd-24th November 2012.
- “Silk route manifestations in early Kashmir art”, Joint Annual Conference of IAS, ISPQS and IHCS at Deccan College, Post-Graduate & Research Institute, Pune, 6th-9th October 2014.
- "Close Encounters: Silk Route and Multi-cultural Symbolism in Ancient Kashmir", "Two Day International Seminar on Silk Route As A Factor in Asian Integration" organised by The Academy of International Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi in collaboration with Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir and Bedil International Foundation, New Delhi, 10th-11th March 2016.
- “Early Historic Art and Archaeology in Kashmir: A Search for Central Asian Elements”, National conference “Cultural Similarities between India and Central Asia” organised by Cultural Educational Forum, Gujarat and Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir, 4th April 2017.
- “Life and Works of Sir Aurel Stein: An Overview”, Two-day International Conference on Sir Aurel Stein- From Kashmir to Central Asia organised by Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir, INTACH Kashmir Chapter, J & K Tourism and Indus Discoveries, 20th-21st September 2017.
- Paper presented in International Conference on Salvage Archaeology and Recent researches on the Megalithic Cultures of South Asia, on “Salvage Archaeology in Kashmir Valley: Recent Studies” 12-14 March, 2018, organised by Commissionerate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
- Paper presented in 6th International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology, 16-18 March, 2018, on “Recent Archaeological Investigations in Kashmir Valley: An Appraisal”, organised by SOSAA and Indian Museum, Kolkata.

- Presented a paper in "Two Day International Conference "Silk Route-Historical and Contemporary Relevance"", on "Northern Neolithic Frontiers: Linkages and Interactions with Central Asia", organized by *Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir*, from 25-03-2019 to 26-03-2019
- Presented a paper in "An integrative platform for research on reconstruction of the past in India", on "Past, Present and Future of Archaeology and Allied Sciences in Kashmir Himalaya: Opportunities and Challenges", organized by *Department of Human Genetics, The University of Chicago, USA and Institute of Archaeology and Allied Sciences, Leh*, from 09-07-2019 to 12-07-2019
- Presented a paper in "Contribution of Sufis and Saints to Composite Culture of Kashmir", on "Islamic Architecture in Kashmir", organized by *Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir and Indian Philosophical Society, Delhi*, from 23-03-2019 to 24-03-2019
- Presented a paper in "2nd Annual International Seminar on An Integrated platform for Research on Reconstruction of the Past in India", on "Subsistence Farming Practices in the Neolithic Communities of Kashmir Valley- Some New Insights", organized by *Himalayan Institute of Archaeology and Allied Sciences, Ladakh*, from 10-10-2020 to 12-10-2020.
- Presented a paper (oral) in "One Day Seminar on Exploration of Cultural Resources of Kashmir", on "Archaeological Research in Kashmir Valley: Recent Developments and Future Prospects", organized by *IUST, Awantipora and INTACH, Kashmir*, dated 01-12-2021.
- Presented a paper (oral) in "Three Days International Seminar on History, Art, Archaeology and Culture", on "New Studies on Kushan Archaeology of Kashmir", organized by *Himachal State Museum, Shimla*, from 25-03-2022 to 27-03-2022
- Panel Discussant for a "Scientific Applications within South Asian Archaeology: An Integrative Platform for research on reconstruction of the past in India", International Centre Goa, Dona Paula, Goa, India from 14th to 16th June, 2022, organized by BSIPS, Lucknow and The University of Chicago, USA.
- Presented paper "Early History of Kashmir and Central Asian Connections" in Two Day National Conference on Connecting Central Asia: Opportunities and Challenges", from 01st – 2nd November, 2022, organised by Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir.
- Presented a Paper on "Memorial Stelae from Lolab valley: Preliminary Study in District Kupwara, Kashmir, India: Typology and Iconography" in Two Day National Conference on Contribution to Philosophical Thought from Kashmir, at CCAS, University of Kashmir, 29-30 May, 2023, funded by ICPR, New Delhi.
- Presented paper on "Kashmir through the ages: A chronological appraisal based on new data" in Three Day International Conference on Reconstructing the Human Population Histories of South Asia using Archaeology and Genetics, organised by BSIP, Lucknow and CCAS, University of Kashmir, 7-9 June, 2023, funded by Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- Presented a Paper on "Silk Route Influence on Kushan Art of Kashmir", in Two Day National Conference on Syncretism in Indian History with special reference to Kashmir, 01-11-2023, organised by Department of History, University of Kashmir, funded by ICHR, New Delhi.
- Presented a Paper on "Kashmir at the Crossroads: Reflections from Early Historic Period" in Kashmir and Central Asia: Revisiting Links and Legacies, organized by CCAS, University of Kashmir, 29-30, November, 2023.

Selected Publications:

- "Trowel through the Ages, Milestones in Kashmir Archaeology-A Review", **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *The Journal of Institute of Kashmir Studies*, Vol. V, No.1, 2011, pp.226-240, University of Kashmir. (ISSN: 0975-6612).
- "Kashmir Architecture During Kushan Period-An Investigation", **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, B. R. Mani, *Kosala*, No.5, 2012, pp. 215-218, ISSN: 2229-4546.
- "The Fourth Buddhist Council: The World's Best Kept Secret", **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *The Journal of Institute of Kashmir Studies*, Vol. VI, No.1, 2012, pp. 107-115, ISSN: 0975-6612.
- "Kushan Terracotta Tiles in Kashmir Valley: The Chronological Interpretation", **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *Puratattva*, No.43, 2013, pp. 239-246, ISSN: 0970-2105.
- "Early Historic Archaeology in Kashmir-An Appraisal of the Kushan Period", **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *Bulletin of the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute*, Vol.72-73, 2012-2013, pp. 213-224, ISSN: 0045-9801.
- "Revisiting the chronology of early Sculptural art of Kashmir", **M. A. Shah**, *Journal of Archaeology, Ethnology & Anthropology of Eurasia*, 42 [3] 2014, pp.80-86. (ISSN 1563-0110).
- "Iron and Second Urbanisation in North India- A Myth or Reality: An Archaeo-literary Survey", Mohammad Nazr ul Bari and **Mohammad Ajmal Shah** *Puratattva*, Vol. 45, 2016, pp.22-26. (ISSN 0970-2105).
- "Central Asian migrations and Kushan material culture in Kashmir", **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *Journal of Central Asian Studies*, Vol. 23, 2017, pp.21-29. (ISSN: 0975-086X).
- "Petroglyphs of Zanaskar, India: Findings of the 2016 Season" N. V. Polosmak, **Mohammad Ajmal Shah** and L. Kundo, *Journal of Archaeology, Ethnology and Anthropology of Eurasia*, 2018, 46 (2), pp. 60-67. (ISSN 1563-0110).
- "The Mystery of the Fourth Buddhist Council" **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *Sheeraza*, 2019, 15(1): 45 -55 (ISSN: 2278-1269).
- "Framing Archaeological Context and Landscape, Jehlum Basin, Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir" **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *Journal of Central Asian Studies*, 25: 147 -159 (ISSN: 0975-086X).
- "New evidence from the Kashmir Valley indicates the adoption of East and West Asian crops in the western Himalayas by 4400 years ago", Mumtaz A Yattoo, Michael Spate, Alison Betts, Anil K. Pokharia & **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *Quaternary Sciences Advances*, 2 (2020): <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.qsa.2020.100011> (ISSN: 2666-0334).
- "Palaeo-environmental proxies indicate long-term development of agro-pastoralist landscapes in Inner Asian mountains" Michael Spate, Mumtaz A Yattoo, Dan Penny, **Mohammad Ajmal Shah** & Alison Betts, (2022) *Scientific Reports (Nature)*: 12: 554. DOI: [10.1038/s41598-021-04546-4](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-021-04546-4) (ISSN 2045-2322).
- "Cereal size, AMS and charcoal data from phase-1 of the Kashmir Prehistory Project", M Spate, MA Yattoo, H Shen, AK Pokharia, **MA Shah**, A Betts, *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* (2022) 42, 103369. (ISSN 2352-409X)
- "Semthan: A Hellenistic outpost in Kashmir Himalaya", **M. A. Shah** and Rashid A. Lone, *Studyia Hycernia*, (2022), 25 (2): 136-149 (ISBN: 1212-5865).

- Natalia V Polosmak, **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, Lydia V Zotkina, Cult Complex in Zanaskar: Analysis, Interpretation, *Bulletin NSU Series: History and Philology, Novosibirsk State University*, Russia, 2023, 22 (7): 80-90
- **(Accepted)** The Five Transcendental Buddhas at Gyalwa Ringna, Zanskar: An Iconographic Study, Asif Mohiu ud din and **Ajmal Shah**, *Heritage: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology*, Vol: 10. (ISSN 2347-5463)
- **(Accepted)** Typology and Iconography of Memorial Stelae from Lolab Valley in District Kupwara, Jammu & Kashmir, in *Journal of Indian Archaeology*.

Chapters in Books:

- "Animal Representation on Terracotta Tiles of the Kushan Period in Kashmir Valley", **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *Mani-Sushma, Archaeology and Heritage*, edited by Vinay Kumar & Brijesh Rawat, B. R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi, 2015, pp.281-287. ISBN: 9789350502259.
- "Kushan History and the Sassanian Iran: The case of Naksh-i-Rustum" Mohammad Nazr ul Bari and **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, in *Enduring Civilisational Encounter: A Study of Indo-Iranian Relations*, Manak Publications, Delhi, 2016, p.10. ISBN: 9789378314100.
- "Identities, Interactions and Influences: Understanding ancient art of Kashmir Himalaya through Cross-Cultural Networks" **Mohammad Ajmal Shah & Mumtaz A. Yatoo**, in *Revisiting Himalayan Borderlands: A Bridge Between India & Central Asia*, 2022, (Eds.) T. A Rather, **M. A Shah & M. A. Yatoo**, Jay Kay Books; New Delhi. ISBN 9788194605515
- A Reappraisal of Kashmir Neolithic: with Special reference to Radiocarbon Chronology and Archaeobotany, M. A. Yatoo, **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, Michael Spate & Alison Betts, 2023, *Beyond Stones and More Stones*, (Ed.) Ravi Korrisettar, Vol.3. The Mythic Society, Bangalore. ISBN 9788193270264
- The Archaeological Survey of Megalithic Sites of District Pulwama, Kashmir, A. A. Paray, **Ajmal Shah & Mumtaz Yatoo**, 2023, *Peopling and Cultural Spread: Studies in South Asian Archaeology* (in honour of Prof. Vasant Shinde), Dev Publishers; New Delhi. ISBN 9789394852440
- Buddhism in Kashmir: A Historical context, **Ajmal Shah** and Munaza Fayaz in *Traversing the Cultural Heritage of Jammu and Kashmir*, edited by, Sindhu Kapoor and Anantashutosh Dwivedi, 2023, Sanant Publications, Patna. ISBN 9788195421701
- New Investigation in Buddhist Archaeology of Kashmir: A Preliminary Survey, **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, in *Vitasta: Uniting Cultures*, edited by, K. Sreenivasarao, 2023, published by Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi. ISBN 9788119499922

Edited Books:

- *Revisiting Himalayan Borderlands: A Bridge Between India & Central Asia*, 2022, T. A Rather, **M. A Shah & M. A. Yatoo**, Jay Kay Books; New Delhi. ISBN 9788194605515
- *"Peopling and Cultural Spread: Studies in South Asian Archaeology"* Dev Publishers; New Delhi (In honour of Prof. Vasant, S. Shinde) editors; **Ajmal Shah**, Mumtaz Yatoo & Astha Dipyopama. ISBN 9789394852440

Papers in Press:

- The Horse Sculptures of Gool-A Preliminary Study, Natalia Polosmak, **M. A. Shah**, *Journal of Archaeology, Ethnology & Anthropology of Eurasia* (forthcoming)

- Crossing Boundaries: Artistic transmissions and Silk Route manifestations in Kashmir Art, **Mohammad Ajmal Shah**, *Archives of Asian Art* (forthcoming)

Books in Press:

- *Catalogue of Horse Sculptures of Gool, Himalaya*, Natalia Polosmak, **M. A. Shah** -Based on 3D documentation.

Editor:

- Editor, The Journal of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir.

Policy Document/Project review:

- 1) Submitted a policy document, (2019) "Archaeological Significance of Unprotected Heritage Sites around Galander, Pampore: A Policy Document", to Directorate of Archaeology, Archives and Museums, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 2) Submitted review (2020) of a project as "Expert Advice" to Prince Claus Fund for Cultural Emergency Response Program, Amesterdam, Netherlands.

Research Supervision:

- **04** PhD Supervision (ongoing)
- **19** PG Dissertation Supervision (completed)

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