Curriculum Vitae

Name: Kurush Feroze Dalal

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Archaeologist, Culinary Anthropologist, Historian and Museum Consultant

Current Employment:

- **Professor of Practice** at the Department of Archaeology, KJ Somaiya Inst of Dharma Studies (since 1st July 2026)
- **Chief Education Officer (CEdO) and Content Creator,** Gyaan Factory (since 2015)

Past Employment

- Visiting Faculty, KJSIDS, Somaiya University, Mumbai (since July 2024 to June 2026)
- Visiting Faculty (Academic) at INSTUCEN Trust, Mumbai (since Sept 2020 to 31st December 2025)
- Consulting Editor and Contributor, Live History India, Mumbai (Sept 2019 to Sept 2021)
- Assistant Professor (Archaeology) and Coordinator, Centre for Extra Mural Studies (CEMS), University of Mumbai (September 2010 to Sept 2019)
- Coordinator, MA Archaeology, CEMS (September 2017 to Sept 2019)
- Coordinator and Lecturer, CEMS, University of Mumbai, Mumbai for Archaeology, Advanced Archaeology, Ancient Indian Arts, Crafts & Sciences, Numismatics, and Forts & Fortifications (September 2010 to Sept 2019)
- Director, School of Archaeology, INSTUCEN Trust April 2020 to December 2024

Awards

- Late Shri. Prakashchandra Surana **Digital Historian Award (2024),** Awarded jointly by The Quantum Foundation, Pune and the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute (Deemed University), Pune on 25th October 2024

Educational Qualifications

Ph.D., Archaeology. 2001.
Department of Archaeology, University of Pune, Pune; titled, '*Early Historical Settlement of Southern Rajasthan (Mewar) with Special Reference to the Site of Balathal: An Artefactual Approach*'.

M.A., Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology. 1st Class. 1993
Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, University of Pune, Pune 411006.

B.A., History and Ancient Indian Culture. 2nd Class. 1992
St. Xavier's College, University of Mumbai.

H.S.C. Science. 2nd Class. 1987
Wilson College, Mumbai.

S.S.C. 1st Class. 1985.
Billimoria High School, Panchgani, Maharashtra.

Other Qualifications

Passed the National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship conducted by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, 1992

Awarded the University Grants Commission Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-JRF) by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, 1993.

Awarded the University Grants Commission Senior Research Fellowship (UGC-SRF) by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, 1995 (further extended for one year in 1997).

Certificate in Application of Computers in Archaeology, Deccan College, 1993.

Fully conversant in the following languages:

- English
- Hindi
- Marathi
- Gujarati (spoken)

Teaching Experience

- **Lecturer**, Bachelors in Heritage Management (BHM), K.C. College, University of Mumbai (August 2003 to May 2007), in the following papers:
    - ❖ History and Culture (Papers I & II),
    - ❖ Archaeology,
    - ❖ Indian Art & Architecture (Ancient),
    - ❖ Indian Art & Architecture (Medieval),
    - ❖ Indian Art & Architecture (Colonial),
    - ❖ Conservation (I & II),
    - ❖ Evaluation and Sale of Heritage/Art Objects,
    - ❖ Art and Architecture of South and South East Asia
    - ❖ Numismatics,
    - ❖ Tourism & Heritage.

- **Project Supervisor and Evaluator**, Bachelors in Heritage Management (BHM), K.C. College, Mumbai, 2005 to May 2007

- **Coordinator**, Dept of Heritage Studies, K.C. College, Mumbai, November 2003 to June 2007.

- **Visiting Faculty/Lecturer/Resource Person,** Dept of History, Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar, Mumbai, November 2007 to 2009, for Tourism: Planning and Development.

- **Visiting Faculty/Lecturer/Resource Person,** Archaeology and Ancient Indian Arts & Sciences (AIAC&S), at the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies (CEMS), University of Mumbai, Mumbai, August 2007 to August 2011.

- **Member & Advisor**, India Study Centre (INSTUCEN), Mumbai

- **Coordinator** for the Certificate Courses in Archaeology and Ancient Indian Arts, Crafts & Sciences, CEMS, University of Mumbai, October 2010 to September 2019.

- **Assistant Professor** (Archaeology), CEMS, University of Mumbai, 2nd September 2011 to September 2019.

- **Lecturer/Resource Person,** (Archaeology and AIAC&S), CEMS, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, September 2011 to 2020.

- **Lecturer**, MA (Part I), Ancient Indian Culture and Archaeology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, July 2011 to May 2012.

- **Lecturer**, MA (Part II), Ancient Indian Culture and Archaeology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, December 2012 to March 2013.

- **Lecturer** MA (Part I & 2), Numismatics & Archaeology, Dinesh Modi Institute of Numismatics and Archaeology (DMINA), University of Mumbai, Mumbai, July 2011 to May 2014.

- **Lecturer/Resource Person**, MA Buddhist Studies (Sem 1), University of Mumbai, September 2013, September 2014.

- **Assistant Director and Curator** (In Charge), Dinesh Modi Numismatics & Archaeology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, July- August 2013

- **Lecturer/Resource Person (Archaeology)**, Second Year Centre for Basic Sciences (CBS), University of Mumbai. August 2014 – 2019.

- **Lecturer/Resource Person (Archaeology)**, Certificate Course in Ancient Indian Culture, Sathaye College, Vile parle E, Mumbai, 2014-15.

- **Coordinator & Designer** - The Certificate Course in Numismatics, CEMS, University of Mumbai, August 2015.

- **Coordinator & Designer** – The Certificate Course in Forts & Fortifications, CEMS, University of Mumbai, August 2015

- **Senior Visiting Faculty**, Dept of Archaeology, Kelaniya University, Sri Lanka, 22nd March to 5th April 2017

- **Lecturer/Resource Person (Archaeology)**, Third Year (Sem 5) CBS, University of Mumbai, August-September-October 2017

- **Lecturer** MA Archaeology, University of Mumbai, August 2017-2019

- **Consulting Editor**, Live History India September 2019- September 2020

- **Director, Lecturer, Field Director & Guide (Academic)**, School of Archaeology, INSTUCEN Trust, Mumbai September 2020 to December 2024

- **Visiting Faculty**, KJSIDS, Somaiya University, Mumbai January 2024 to June 2026

- **Founder Partner** Gyaan Factory, an online organisation devoted to Culinary Anthropology, Archaeology and Allied Subjects 2015 to date

- **Faculty**, KJSIDS, Somaiya University, Mumbai July 2026 to date

MA Dissertations

1. Leora Pezarkar, 2016-2017. Masters in Heritage Management, Ahmedabad University (**Awarded 2017**)

2. Ashwini Narayan, 2017-2018. Masters in Hellenic Archaeology, International Hellenic university, Greece (**Awarded 2019**)

3. Srinivasan Venkat Raman, 2018-19. MA in Archaeology, University of Mumbai (**Awarded 2019**)

4. Soleha Faroque Shaikh, 2018-19. MA in Archaeology, University of Mumbai (**Awarded 2019**)

5. Saishruti Bhatt, 2019-2020. MA in Archaeology, University of Mumbai (**Awarded 2020**)

6. Khushi Burad, 2025. MA in AICH and Archaeology, Deccan College (Deemed University), Pune (**Awarded 2025**)

Seminars and Conferences attended and Papers read thereat

1. Participated in the Site Seminar at Ajanta, Ellora and Aurangabad, conducted by Prof. Walter Spink from the University of Michigan, 1993.

2. Attended the Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies at Bareilly, 1993.

3. Attended the World Archaeology Congress 3 at New Delhi, 1994.

4. Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies at Gorakhpur, 1995. Paper **presented**, 'A Preliminary Study of the Artefacts from the Site of Balathal, District Udaipur, Rajasthan, 1993-95'.

5. Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies at New Delhi, 1996. Paper **presented**, 'A Preliminary Study of the Chalcolithic Artefacts from the Site of Balathal, District Udaipur, Rajasthan, 1993-96', Paper presented with Rhea Mitra.

6. **Invited Speaker** to the Annual Conference of the Karnataka Haridasa Scientific Research Centre, *Vijnana Viajayanti*, 1997. Paper presented, with Dr. Katy F. Dalal, 'Impact of Zoroastrianism on Indian Architecture'.

7. Annual Conference of the Rock Art Society of India, Kotputli, Rajasthan, 1997. Paper **presented**, 'Artefacts from the Excavations at Balathal, District Udaipur, Rajasthan'.

8. Attended the Harappan Seminar at the 'Enduring Image' Exhibition by the British Museum held at the National Gallery of Modern Art, Bombay, 1998.

9. Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies at Pune, 1999. **Papers presented**, with V. Mushriff and V. Kamble, 'Early Historical Human Remains from Balathal, Rajasthan'; and with A. Bharucha-Irani, 'The Kshatrapas of Kutchchh'.

10. **Invited Speaker** at the Indo-Iranian Conference at Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, 2002. Paper presented with Abhijit Dandekar, Rhea Mitra, Rukshana Nanji and Rohini Pande, 'A Preliminary Report on the Excavations at Sanjan (2002)'.

11. Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies at Thripunitra, Ernakulam, 2002. Paper **presented** with Abhijit Dandekar, Rhea Mitra, Rukshana Nanji and Rohini Pande, 'A Preliminary Report on the Excavations at Sanjan, District Valsad, Gujarat'.

12. **Invited Speaker** at National Conference of the Project of History of Indian Science Philosophy and Culture (PHISPC) titled: 'Zoroastrianism from Antiquity to the Modern Period', held at the *Vedika Samshodhana Mandala*, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, 2003. Paper presented with Abhijit Dandekar, Rhea Mitra, and Rukshana Nanji. 'Excavations at Sanjan, District Valsad, Gujarat, 2002-2003'.

13. **Invited Speaker** at the 1st SSEASR Conference New Delhi, Jan 2005. Held under the aegis of the IAHR (UNESCO). Paper titled: 'In Pursuit of the Parsis'.

14. **Invited Speaker** at 'The Archaeology of Early Historic South Asia Conference' of the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training in Eastern India, Kolkata, November 2004. Paper presented 'The Study of Indian Architecture: A Paradigm Shift.

15. **Special Invitee** to the 26th Annual Seminar of the Maritime History Society, Mumbai, titled "Sea Faring Traditions and Customs in Ancient and Medieval India", 29th to 30th September 2005.

16. Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies at Bangalore, 2005. Paper **presented** with S.P Gupta, Abhijit Dandekar, Rhea Mitra, Rukshana Nanji and Veena Mushrif-Tripathi, 'Religion and Archaeology – The Excavations at Sanjan'.

17. 1st Annual Conference of the Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA) at Mumbai University, Mumbai 2007. Paper **presented**, 'Quo Vadis Indian Archaeology'.

18. **Special Invitee/Reviewer** at 'Archaeo Astronomy, 3rd Review', Homi Bhabha Centre for Scientific Education (HBCSE), TIFR, Mumbai. 29th & 30th January 2008

19. 2nd Annual Dr Mani Kamerkar Memorial Seminar at Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar, Mumbai, (11th October) 2008. Paper **presented**, 'Architectural Renaissance in a Colonial Metropolis: Mumbai in the Late 19th and Early 20th century'.

20. **Invited Speaker** at the International Conference on: 'MUMBAI – SOCIO-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES: CONTRIBUTION OF ETHNIC GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES' held at the Sophia College, Mumbai (7th & 8th January) 2011. Paper Presented, 'Parsi Baugs: A Unique Subset of Community Architecture'.

21. **Invite Speaker** at the International Seminar on 'The Ports of the Indian Ocean, from the Red Sea to the Gulf of Bengal' in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Maison de l'Orient et de al Mediterranee Jean Pouilloux, and ANR Medlan, (23th & 27th February) 2011. Paper presented. 'The Excavations at Sanjan and their contribution towards understanding the Archaeology of the Indian Ocean Littoral in the Early Medieval Period (8th c A.D. to 12th c A.D.)'.

22. **Invited Speaker** at the International Conference: Conference on Climate Change: Shifting Science and Changing Policy, held at the University of Mumbai, on the 14th of Oct 2011 by the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai; Liberty Institute, New Delhi; and INSTUCEN Trust, Mumbai. Paper presented. 'Climate Change and the Repercussions thereof upon Human Evolution and Culture: A Brief Archaeological Overview'.

23. **Invited Speaker** at the Workshop on 'HERITAGE & CONSERVATION' held by the Dept of AIC, St Xavier's College, Mumbai in collaboration with the Museum Society of Bombay; the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sanghralaya; and gazetteers Dept of the State of Maharashtra, on the 13th and 14th of April 2012. Topic: Prehistoric and Protohistoric Archaeological sites in Maharashtra.

24. **Invited Speaker** at the ASI's regional workshop on the "Archaeology of Western India" held on the 5th and 6th of November, 2012 at Deccan College, Pune. Topic: A Preliminary Report on the First Season of Excavations at Chandhore, Tal. Mangaon, Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra (2012).

25. Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies at MS University Baroda, 2012. Paper **presented**, 'The Excavations at Sanjan and their contribution towards understanding the Archaeology of the Indian Ocean Littoral in the Early Medieval Period (8th c A.D. to 12th c A.D.)'.

26. **Invited Speaker** at the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training in Eastern India (CASTEI), Kolkata, National Seminar (2013) - 'Text and

Archaeology: Sites and Settlements, November 2013. Paper presented 'Inscriptions: Critical components in the analysis of Early Medieval Archaeology'.

27. **Invited Speaker** at the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai's National Seminar, Archaeology of Maharashtra, December 2013. Paper presented, 'Of Life and Death and Trade: Explorations and Excavations at and around Chandore'.

28. **Sectional Chairman** (Medieval) at the 4th Annual National Congress of the Konkan Itihas Parishad, CKT College, Panvel, 18th-19th January 2014. Section Address: 'Medieval Archaeology in the Konkan: Scope, Problems and Solutions'.

29. 5th International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA) Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India, 15th – 18th February 2014. Paper **presented**, 'Four Gadhegals from Dist Raigad, Maharashtra (with Siddarth Kale and Rajesh Poojari)'.

30. **Invited Speaker** at the national Seminar on the 'Contribution of Bihar in Making of Indian Art' organised by the Patna Museum, Patna, 28th Feb – 2nd Mar 2014. Paper presented, 'Western Indian Ass-curse Stones and their parallels from Eastern India'.

31. **Invited Speaker** at the 'Workshop on Explorations in Maharashtra', Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, 6th July 2014. Paper presented, 'Explorations as an Ancillary to Excavations (Before, During & After): Chandore – A case study'.

32. Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies at Deccan College (Deemed University), Pune, 2015. Paper **presented**, 'The Excavations at Chandore: 700 Years of Continuity in Spatial Stratification (2012-2014)'.

33. Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies at Deccan College (Deemed University), Pune, 2015. Paper **presented** with Sunil Gupta and Andre JJ Baptista, 'The 17th century Portuguese remains at and around the site of Sanjan, Tal. Umargam, Dit. Valsad, Gujarat'.

34. **Invited Speaker** at the 102nd Indian Science Congress, Session (6th January 2015): Symposium on 'Future of the Past'. Paper presented, Archaeological Excavations and New Technologies.

35. **Invited Speaker** at the Prof MS Mate Felicitation Seminar (5th April 2015), Pune. Paper presented, 'Challenging archaeological invisibility in the Konkan - analysing and combatting site formational issues'.

36. 2nd Annual Workshop on Explorations in Maharashtra, held by the Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, (6th July 2015), Mumbai. Paper **presented** with Ms Harshada Wirkud, 'The Chirner Gadhegals'.

37. **Invited Valedictory Speaker** at the Mythology: Interpretations and Role in Politics and History Seminar held at Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, Mumbai (24th July 2015). Talk delivered – 'Myth as History'.

38. **Invited Speaker** at the Indian Heritage Society – Mumbai's Seminar titled, 'Mumbai - Rock to Stone (Geology, Archaeology & Art History)', Mumbai, 17th October 2015). Paper presented, 'Archaeology and Stone'.

39. **Invited Speaker** at the International Conference on Pre-Colonial Deccan organised by the Dept. of History, Central University Karnataka, Gulbarga, 12th & 13th January 2016. Paper presented, 'Excavations at the Medieval site of Chandore, Dist Raigad, Maharashtra (2011-2015) – A Preliminary Report'.

40. **Invited Speaker** at the Asiatic Society, Mumbai's, IVth One-day Workshop of the Mumbai Research Centre, 'Little Known Mumbai', on the 21st of January 2016. Paper presented (jointly with Ms Harshada Wirkud), Gadhegals – Forgotten Medieval Markers of Socio-economic Change and Women's Degradation in Mumbai.

41. **Invited Speaker** at the Sophia College for Women (in association with Sophia Centre for Women's Studies and Development)'s 2 Day National Conference on, '*Oral Narratives: New Voices, New Tales',* January 22nd and 23rd, 2016, Paper presented (with Rhea Dalal), 'Mothers, Mothers in law and More: The Oral History and Traditions of Food'.

42. **Invited Speaker** at the Ministry of Culture (GoI), Project *Mausam* Lecture Series, at IGNCA, New Delhi on 29th March 2016. Paper titled, 'In Pursuit of the Parsis: The discovery and excavations at the Early Medieval entrêpot of Sanjan'.

43. 3rd Annual Workshop on Explorations in Maharashtra held by the Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, (6th July 2015), Mumbai. Paper **presented** 'The Salcette Explorations Project 2015-16: The Thane Explorations'.

44. International Conference titled, '*Asian Elephants in Culture and Nature'*, held at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka on the 20th & 21st August 2016, paper **presented**, 'The Elephant as a Regnal/Dynastic Symbol as seen on the Coins from the Indian sub-continent'.

45. International Seminar on '*Symbolism in Art, Archaeology and Literature*' held at the Deccan College Deemed University, Pune on 1st, 2nd & 3rd December

2016, paper **presented**, 'The Gaay-vaasru image and its transition from a subsidiary device to prominence and finally as a Regnal Device'.

46. **Invited Speaker/Resource Person** Bhosala Military College Seminar on India's Maritime Heritage, 27th - 28th February 2017, held in collaboration with the University of Mumbai at its Kalina Campus.

47. **Invited Speaker** at the ICHR & AHRC International Workshop on Cultural Heritage and Rapid urbanisation, held at New Delhi on 24th & 25th May 2017. Papers presented 1. *Urbs Prima in Indis* (on the 24th) and 2. Heritage and Technology (on the 25th).

48. 4th Annual Workshop on Explorations in Maharashtra held by the Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, (16th September), Mumbai. Paper **presented** 'The Salcette Exporations Project 2016-17: The Thane Explorations'.

49. **Presented** a Paper at the International Conference on Land Transport, Locomotive Heritage and Road Culture, at Kelaniya University, Sri Lanka jointly with Raamesh Gowri Raghavan, 14th and 15th December 2017. Paper presented, 'Bulls, Bullocks and Bullock Carts: Masculinity Trade and Transportation in Protohistoric and Historic South Asia'. Paper read by Raamesh Gowri Raghavan.

50. **Speaker** at the National Numismatics Conference 2017, held at Sathaye College, Vile Parle, Mumbai on 24th & 25th December 2017. Paper presented. 'Dating Early Medieval Chandore: An exercise in Numismatic Seriation'.

51. **Invited Speaker** at the 5th Annual Archaeology of Maharashtra (National) Conference, titled The Material Cultural Heritage of Islam in Maharashtra, at University of Mumbai on 20th & 21st January 2018. Paper presented, 'The Archaeology of the Ports of the Medieval Konkan: The Gateways into Western India'.

52. 6th International Conference of the Society of South Asian Archaeology, held at the National Museum, Kolkata on 16th – 18th March 2018. Paper **presented,** 'A Preliminary Report on the Salcette Explorations Project 2015-16 and 2016-17' with Suraj A Pandit, Prachi Moghe, Abhijit Dandekar, Vinayak Parab and Tejaswini Aphale

53. **Invited Speaker** at the ArchaeoBroma – The Archaeology, History, Sociology and Ethnography of Food, National Conference, held at the University of Mumbai, Mumbai on 5th & 6th May 2018. Paper presented, 'ArchaeoBroma – The Archaeology of Food'.

54. 5th Annual Workshop on Explorations in Maharashtra held by the Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, (23rd June

2018), Mumbai. **Paper presented** The Rediscovery of the Vagharan Inscription of Hambirarao with Rhea Mitra-Dalal and Raamesh Gowri Raghavan

55. 5th Annual Workshop on Explorations in Maharashtra held by the Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, (23rd June 2018), Mumbai. **Paper presented** 'Explorations at Nandgaon 2018' with Abhijit Dandekar, Rhea Mitra-Dalal, A Gogate and Kunal Kini

56. **Invited Speaker** at the International Seminar on 'Heritage of Mumbai: Challenges and the Road Ahead' organised by Garware Institute of Career Education and Development, with the Center for Archaeology, Center for Extra mural Studies, University of Mumbai, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Govt. Of Maharashtra in partnership with UNESCO New Delhi (4th February 2019) at University of Mumbai. **Lecture presented**, 'Food Heritage of Mumbai (and the need for helping the various stakeholders that make it the vibrant foodscape that it is)'

57. **Invited Speaker** at the International Conference titled, 'History, Science & Technology of Ancient Indian Glass, held from 21st to 25th January 2019, at IIT Gandhinagar. **Paper presented** (with Rhea Mitra-Dalal) 'West Asian Glass in Early Medieval India as seen at the excavations of Sanjan' Mitra-Dalal

58. **Invited Speaker** at the 6th Annual Archaeology of Maharashtra (National) Conference, titled The Sacred Landscapes in Maharashtra, at University of Mumbai on 9th and 10th March 2019. Paper presented, 'Zoroastrian Sacred Geography (The Journey of the Iranshah of Sanjan)'.

59. **Invited Speaker** at the National Conference, 'Playing with the Past (Ancient & Medieval Board Games)' organised by the INSTUCEN Trust (Mumbai) in collaboration with the ICHR and the PTKS (Vile Parle, Mumbai) on 1st and 2nd June 2019, **Paper presented**, 'Dating Inscribed Gameboards in the Indian Archaeological Context'.

60. **Invited Speaker** at the Conference on Computational Gastronomy, IIIT (Okhla), New Delhi, January 2020, **Paper presented**, 'Culinary Anthropology'

61. **Invited Speaker** C14Workshop for MU Accelerator 8th February 2022, **Presentation Topic**:The Need for a C14 Lab to date Archaeological Materials

62. Somaiya Maharashtra Food Museum Presentation

63. AEiI Uran

64. AEiI Bhoramdeo

65. Mussourie 22nd – 24th May 2024

66. Keynote Speaker IIT-GN 2024

67. President Konkan Itihas Parishad 2025

Seminars/Conferences and Workshops Organised

1. ***Archaeology in Maharashtra – A Review Conference of the last 75 Years***, Archaeology of Maharashtra I, National Conference, CEMS, University of Mumbai, December 2013

2. **Explorations in Maharashtra I**, State Level Workshop, CEMS, University of Mumbai, 6th July 2014

3. ***Caves of Maharashtra***, Archaeology of Maharashtra II, International Conference, CEMS, University of Mumbai, February 2015

4. **Explorations in Maharashtra II**, State Level Workshop, CEMS, University of Mumbai, 6th July 2015

5. ***Temples of Maharashtra***, Archaeology of Maharashtra III, International Conference, CEMS, University of Mumbai, February 2016

6. ***Explorations in Maharashtra III***. State Level Workshop. CEMS, University of Mumbai, 10th July 2016

7. ***The Material Cultural Heritage of Christianity in Maharashtra***. International Conference, CEMS, University of Mumbai, 14-15 January 2017

8. ***Explorations in Maharashtra IV***. State Level Workshop. CEMS, University of Mumbai and ISNTUCEN Trust, Mumbai, 16th September 2017

9. ***The Material Cultural Heritage of Islam in Maharashtra***, International Conference, CEMS, 20th & 21st January 2018

10. ***ArchaeoBroma – The Archaeology, History, Sociology and Ethnography of Food***, National Conference, INSTUCEN Trust, Mumbai & CEMS, University of Mumbai, 5th and 6th May 2018

11. ***Explorations in Maharashtra V***. State Level Workshop. CEMS, University of Mumbai and ISNTUCEN Trust, Mumbai, 23rd June 2018

12. ***The Study of Food – A Multi-Disciplinary Approach***, 2 Day Seminar organised and conducted for the Department of History, Sophia College (Autonomous), Mumbai

13. ***Explorations in Maharashtra VI***. State Level Workshop. CEMS, University of Mumbai and ISNTUCEN Trust, Mumbai, 18th August 2019

14. ***100 at Harappa***, International Online Workshop, INSTUCEN Trust, December 2020

15. ***Playing with Memories*** (An International Academic Game-a-thon), International Online Conference, Project Kheliya, INSTUCEN Trust, 14th to 20th December 2020

16. **From Rocks to Rockets (in Two Parts)**, Online International Conference on the History, and Archaeology of Ballistics, School of Archaeology, INSTUCEN Trust, 6th to 11th February 2022

17. ***Archaeological Explorations in India (AEil 1)***, National Workshop cum Conference (Online), INSTUCEN School of Archaeology, INSTUCEN Trust, 6th and 7th April 2024

Studying Food Workshops (SFW)

All SFW workshops are minimum 20 hours, either spread over 10 days for Online or 3 days for Offline

1. SFW 1 2019, CEMS University of Mumbai, Mumbai
2. SFW 2, March 2020, Churchgate, Mumbai
3. SFW 3 (Online)
4. SFW 4 (Online)
5. SFW 5 (Online)
6. SFW 6 (Online)
7. SFW 7 (Online)
8. SFW 8 (Online)
9. SFW 9 (Online)
10. SFW 10 (Online)
11. SFW, Food and Politics 1 (Online)
12. SFW, Food and Politic 2 (Online)
13. SFW, Studying Diasporic Food (Online)
14. SFW, Studying Desi Daru (Online)
15. SFW, Studying Desi Desserts (Online)
16. SFW, Studying Millets (Online)
17. SFW II (Online)
18. SFW Bangalore
19. SFW Kozhikode
20. SFW Goa
21. SFW Alibaug
22. SWW Bangalore II 2024
23. SFW Sophia 1
24. SFW Sophia 2
25. SFW and SFW II 2025
26. SFW Bangalore III 2025
27. SFW 2026

Archaeology Related Work Experience

1. Attended the Excavations at the Early Historic/Harappan site of Padri, Dist. Bhavnagar, Gujarat, 1991-92.

2. Attended the Excavations at the Neolithic Ash-mound site of Budihal, Karnataka, 1991-92.

3. Attended the Excavations at the Upper Palaeolithic site of Mehtakheri, Dist. Badhwa, Madhya Pradesh, 1991-92.

4. Attended the Excavations at the Megalithic burial site of Bhagimohari, Dist. Nagpur, Maharashtra 1992-93.

5. Trench Supervisor at the Excavations at the Early Historic/Chalcolithic site of Navdatoli, Dist. West Nimad, Madhya Pradesh, 1993.

6. Senior Trench Supervisor at the Excavations at the Early Historic/Chalcolithic site of Balathal, Dist. Udaipur, Rajasthan, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97.

7. Artefacts-in-Charge at Balathal, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97.

8. MS Excel data entry operator for Balathal Archaeological Project, Deccan College, Pune, 1995 to 2000.

9. Archaeological Investigations into the Lapidaries of Khambat (Experimentation and Ethno-archaeological studies), 1995.

10. Trench Supervisor at Padri, Dist. Bhavnagar, Gujarat, 1995.

11. Annotator for the ABIA Bibliography Project conducted by Dr. Settar, Director Southern Circle, Indian Council for Historical Research, 1997 to 1998.

12. Trench Supervisor at the Archaeological Survey of India's Excavations at the Harappan site of Dholavira, Dist. Kutchchh, Gujarat, 1998.

13. Archaeological Consultant to the Sontheimer Cultural Association, Pune on their Project at Achhala, Dist. Chhota Udaipur, Gujarat, 1999.

14. Field Director, WZCF Sanjan Excavations 2002, Sanjan, Dist. Valsad, Gujarat, 2002.

15. Co-Director and Field Director, WZCF Sanjan Excavations 2003, Sanjan, Dist. Valsad, Gujarat, 2003.

16. Co-Director and Field Director, WZCF Sanjan Excavations 2004, Sanjan, Dist. Valsad, Gujarat, 2004.

17. Director WZCF Sanjan Excavations, 2007 to date.

18. Explorations at the Late Medieval Site of Chandore, Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra (2011)

19. Explorations and exhaustive Field study of Portuguese Fortified structures and other Architectural features in and around Sanjan, Tal Umargam, Dist Valsad, Gujarat (July-August 2012)

20. Director, (CEMS, University of Mumbai and INSTUCEN) Chandore Excavations, 2012 to date.

21. Field Director, Chandore Archaeological Expedition 2012, Chandore, Dist. Raigadh, Maharashtra (Carried out under the auspices of the Centre for Extra Mural Studies, University of Mumbai and the India Study Centre [INSTUCEN],Mumbai)

22. Explorations at the sites of Nandvi (Dist. Raigad), Devare and Palavni (Dist. Ratnagiri), Maharashtra. February 2013

23. Field Director, Chandore Archaeological Expedition 2013, Chandore, Dist. Raigadh, Maharashtra (Carried out under the auspices of the Centre for Extra Mural Studies, University of Mumbai and the India Study Centre [INSTUCEN],Mumbai)

24. Field Director, Chandore Archaeological Expedition 2014, Chandore, Dist. Raigadh, Maharashtra (Carried out under the auspices of the Centre for Extra Mural Studies, University of Mumbai and the India Study Centre [INSTUCEN],Mumbai)

25. Explorations at Mandhatne (Dist. Raigad), Maharashtra. April 2014

26. Explorations at Chirner, Tal Uran, District Raigad. March 2015 (with Ms Harshada Wirkud)

27. Field Director, Chandore Archaeological Expedition 2015, Chandore, Dist. Raigadh, Maharashtra (Carried out under the auspices of the Centre for Extra Mural Studies, University of Mumbai and the India Study Centre [INSTUCEN],Mumbai)

28. Explorations at Charai (Talegaon), Tal Tala, District Raigad, April 2015.

29. Explorations at Charai (Talegaon), Tal Tala, District Raigad, May 2015

30. Co-Director Salcette Explorations Project 2016 (Carried out under the auspices of the Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra Mural Studies, University of Mumbai - jointly with the Sathye College, Vile Parle E, Mumbai and the India Study Centre [INSTUCEN]) with Project Director Dr Suraj A Pandit, Sathaye college

31. Explorations of the Bene Israeli Cemeteries and Synagogues in Raigad District with Raamesh GR and Rhea Mitra-Dalal, February 2017

32. Explorations at Vaghran, Taluka Alibaug, District Raigad with Raamesh GR and Rhea Mitra-Dalal, February 2017

33. Co-Director Salcette Explorations Project 2017 (Carried out under the auspices of the Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra Mural Studies, University of Mumbai - jointly with the Satahye College, Vile Parle E, Mumbai and the India Study Centre [INSTUCEN]) with Project Director Dr Suraj A Pandit, Sathaye College

34. Explorations at Kuda-Mandad with Prof Ernst Emanuel Mayer (Yale-NUS), June 2017

35. Explorations at Nandgaon, District Raigad, Maharashtra with Dr Abhijit Dandekar, Rhea Mitra-Dalal and others, May 2018

36. Explorations at Mandad, Taluka Tala, District Raigad with Siddarth Kale and Rajesh Poojari, June 2018

37. Field Director and Excavation Director INSTUCEN Mandad Excavations, Taluka Tala, District Raigad under the aegis of the INSTUCEN Trust, May 2019 to date

38. Explorations at Mora, Uran with Bhagyashree Kale, Sagar Mundhe, Rhea Dalal and Sudha Ganapati, 2021/22

39. Explorations at the Medieval Town of Tera, Taluka Abdasa, Dit Kutchchh, Gujarat, July 2026

40. Explorations at the site of Mature Harappan site of Todio, Taluka Abdasa, Dit Kutchchh, Gujarat, July 2026

41. Further explorations at the Mature Harappan site of Todio, Taluka Abdasa, Dit Kutchchh, Gujarat, Sept 2026

Special Lectures Delivered

1. ‘In Pursuit of the Parsis: Excavations at Sanjan 2002-2004’, at The Museum Society of Bombay, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastusanghralaya, Mumbai. 1st September 2005

2. ‘Archaeology – The WZCF Excavations at Sanjan’, at the Department of History Sophia College, Mumbai. 12th September 2006

3. ‘Heritage and Tourism – Tourism and Heritage’, at the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management (NITHM), Hyderabad on 5th October 2006

4. ‘The Early Medieval Archaeology of the West Coast of India with special reference to the Excavations at Sanjan’, at the Maritime History Society (Monsoon Lecture Series 2007), N Mulla Auditorium, Navy Nagar, Mumbai. 15th June 2007

5. ‘What is Archaeology (A Brief Discussion)’, at the Jhunjhunwala College History Association Lecture Series 2007 (1), Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar (W), Mumbai 23rd July 2007

6. ‘Unique Features of Indian Architecture with Special Reference to Mughal Architecture’, at the Guru Nanak College of Arts, Science and Commerce, GTB Nagar, Mumbai. 26th February 2010.

7. ‘An Introduction to the Communities of Mumbai and their role in its Heritage’, Invited Paper at the Seminar on Mumbai by the Department of History, Ruia College, Mumbai. 9th September 2011.

8. ‘Cultural Diversity of the Western Ghats’, at the Sathaye College, Vile-Parle (E),Mumbai, 12th July 2012

9. ‘An Introduction to the Communities of Mumbai and their role in its Heritage’, Invited Paper at the Seminar on Mumbai by the Department of Hitory, Ruia College, Mumbai. 25th August 2012.

10. ‘Ancient Civilisations and their Continuing Impact’, Invited presentation for the 5th Grade Classes of the Symbiosis International School (IB), Viman Nagar, Pune. 29th August 2012.

11. ‘Archaeology: The Future of the Past’, Invited presentation for the Rotary Club of Mumbai, Bayview, at Bombay Gym, Mumbai. 21st September 2012

12. Invited by the Ministry of Culture, Maharashtra Govt., to speak to the MLA’s, and District and Taluka level officials of Nanded District: Topic Archaeology of Maharashtra, at Yashada, Pune on the 26th of February 2013

13. Invited to lecture to the Rotary Club of Bombay Chembur West on Archaeology. Presentation titled: Indian Archaeology: The Future that dictates our Past, on 9th July 2013.

14. Invited by the Ministry of Culture, Maharashtra Govt., to speak to the MLA's, and District and Taluka level officials of Raigad District: Topic Archaeology of Maharashtra, at Yashada, Pune on 10th July 2013.

15. 'Archaeology – The Future of the Past', Special lecture to the students of the History Department of the SNDT Shri M D Shah Mahila College of Arts Science and Commerce, Malad, on the 30th of July 2013.

16. 'Archaeology – The Future of the Past', Special lecture to the students of the Department of History, R K Talreja College, Ulhasnagar, Thane. 3rd August 2013.

17. 'An Introduction to the Communities of Mumbai and their role in its Heritage', Invited as a Resource Person to the Seminar on 'History of Mumbai' by the Department of History, Ruia College, Mumbai. 24th August 2013.

18. Conducted a 'Walk/talk' through Matunga, Dadar and Wadala for the students of the Seminar on 'History of Mumbai' by the Department of History, Ruia College, Mumbai. 31st August 2013.

19. 'The Father of South Asian Archaeology: Sir Alexander Cunningham KCIE CSI (23 January 1814 – 28 November 1893)', special lecture on the Birth Bicentenary of Sir Alexander Cunningham, Organised by Dr Suraj Pandit of the Department of AIC&H, Sathaye College, Vile Parle (E), Mumbai. 23rd January 2014.

20. 'Heritage Education', Heritage Manangement and Conservation Certificate Course (HMC), organised by the Department of History, Wilson College, Chowpatty, Mumbai and the KR Cama Oriental Institute, Mumbai. 7th February 2014.

21. 'Heritage Tourism', Heritage Manangement and Conservation Certificate Course (HMC), organised by the Department of History, Wilson College, Chowpatty, Mumbai and the KR Cama Oriental Institute, Mumbai. 11th February 2014

22. 'Excavations at Chandore 2012-2014', organised by the Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai. 21st June 2014

23. ‘Early Medieval coins found at Excavations in Western India’, organised by the Oriental Numismatic Society (South Asia) at their 1st Meeting, Parsi Gymkhana, Marine Lines, Mumbai

24. ‘Reconstructing Ancient Food Habits: An Archaeological Perspective’, Course on Culinary Heritage of India’ by the Department of History, Ruia College, Mumbai. 22nd July 2014.

25. ‘Understanding Heritage- Meaning & Perceptions’, Invited as a Resource Person to the ‘Advanced Course on the Heritage of Mumbai’ by the Department of History, Ruia College, Mumbai. 26th July 2014.

26. ‘An Introduction to Archaeology’, Special lecture on invitation by the Department of History, SNDT Shri M D Shah Mahila College, Malad, 20th August 2014.

27. ‘The Parsi Community and their Culture and Contributions to India', guest lecture at the Certificate Course on Indian Cultural Heritage, at the Jai Hind College, 12th December 2014.

28. ‘Archaeology and Food’, invited speaker for the last session on day 3 of Mindscape 2014 at Urban Haat (Belapur), 13th December 2014.

29. ‘The Excavations at Sanjan and their contribution towards understanding the Archaeology of the Indian Ocean Littoral in the Early Medieval Period (8th c AD to 12th c AD)’, invited speaker at IIT Guwahati, 28th January 2015.

30. ‘Archaeology and Food’, invited by the Dept. of History, Sophia College, Mumbai, 6th February 2015.

31. Two Lectures on, ‘The response to Archaeological Sites in Urban Situations (Part I & II)’. The Sixth Module: Urban Conservation & Enabling Environment of the 2nd Capacity Development Programme in Built Heritage Studies and Conservation, at Sir J.J. College of Architecture, Mumbai, 1130 to 1300 and 1400 to 1530, February 29 - March 20, 2015.

32. History of Mumbai, Certificate Course, Dept. of History, Ruia College, Mumbai, 5th August 2015.

33. ‘Dating Methods in Archaeology’, invited by the Dept. of History, Bhavan’s College, Mumbai, 8th August 2015.

34. ‘Understanding Archaeological Methodology (using the example of the Chandore Excavations 2012-15)’, invited by the Jidnyasa Manch, Satara, 19th August 2015.

35. ‘Adventures in Archaeology’, invited by the Dept of History, VG Vaze College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Mumbai, 25th August 2015.

36. ‘The Archaeology of Food’, Special public lecture at Jnanapravaha, Mumbai, 27th August 2015.

37. ‘Soils and Archaeology’, Special public lecture at the Earth Mela 2015 Celebrations organised by Sprouts at the Mahim Nature Park, Mahim, Mumbai, 28th November 2015

38. ‘Archaeology of Food’, Special public lecture for Katha Foundation at the M-cubed Library, Bandra, Mumbai, 28th November 2015

39. ‘’Heritage Monuments – What to do and what not to do’, Invited Speaker at the Pracheen Kala Karyashala (24th – 27th Dec 2015) organised by Prasar Bharti and the P L Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Academy, Mumbai, 26th December 2015

40. ‘Excavations at Sanjan and Chandore: Redefining the Medieval History of the West Coast of India’ , Special public lecture for the Youth for Heritage Foundation at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 2nd January 2016

41. ‘Food Now and Then – The Forgotten History of our Food’, Special Lecture for Chef at Large, at the Kunzum Café, Haus Khas Village, New Delhi, 3rd January 2016

42. ‘Archaeology – the Future of our Past’, Invited Speaker at The Nurture Program for the scholars of NTSExams, at the HBCSE, Mumbai, 7th January 2016

43. Two Lectures on, ‘Isolated Archaeological and Heritage relevant sites and objects in an Urban Context’ and ‘Archaeological Sites and their Management: Do's and Don'ts in an Urban Context’. The Sixth Module: Urban Conservation & Enabling Environment of the 3rd Capacity Development Programme in Built Heritage Studies and Conservation, at Sir J.J. College of Architecture, Mumbai, 1130 to 1300 and 1400 to 1530, March 04, 2016

44. ‘Excavations at the Medieval Site of Chandore 2012-2015’, lecture delivered to the students of Archaeology at the Asoka University, Sonepat, Haryana, 30th March 2016

45. ‘The Culinary Heritage of the Communities that make up Mumbai’, lecture delivered at the Certificate Course on the Communities of Mumbai, Dept. of History, Ruia College, Mumbai, 21st July 2016

46. ‘The Archaeology of Food’, lecture delivered to the Antiquarians 2016 C.E. at the Fergusson College, Pune on 29th December 2016

47. 'The Science of Food' lecture delivered to the student members of Rendezvous an organisation of students of the CBS, University of Mumbai, 5th January 2016

48. 'Litti-Chokha and North Indian Snacks'- Chief Guest at the Press Club, Mumbai, 25th January 2017

49. 'Archaeology of Food' – Spl. Guest Lecture at Jyotirmoy International School, Wagholi, Pune, 5th March 2017

50. 'In Pursuit of the Parsis, The Excavations at Sanjan and Their Impact on the Early Medieval Archaeology of the West Coast of India', organised by Prof Anura Manatunga at the Centre for Asian Studies, University of Kelaniya, 4th April 2017

51. 'What is Archaeology and Heritage and how should we interact with it' – Spl Lecture to the students of Abhyudaya, organised by Ms Deepa Krishnan at SP Jain College, Andheri on 6th May 2017

52. 'The Sanjan Excavations: When Literature inspired Archaeology', - Spl Lecture delivered to the Pune Zarthosthi Seva Mandal at the Pudumjee Hall of the Kumra Agiary, Pune, 24th June 2017

53. 'An Introduction to Archaeology', Special lecture on invitation by the Department of History, SNDT Shri M D Shah Mahila College, Malad, 13th July 2017.

54. 'The Salcette Explorations Project, Season I (2016)', Special lecture on invitation by Black Swan and Indigene at The Loft, Pune, 8th September 2017.

55. 'Gadhegals', Special Lecture on invitation by Utkarsh Patel at Trilogy, Mumbai, 18th November 2017

56. 'Theoretical Archaeology', Lecture at the Asiatic Society, Mumbai for the students of their certificate Course in Archaeology, 30th December 2017

57. Theoretical Archaeology and the Archaeology of Religion, Resource Person at the INSTUCEN Trust's Kanheri Site Seminar, 28th January 2018

58. 'Myth as History', Mythology Certificate Course, Dept of History, Ruia College, Mumbai, 8th February 2018

59. 'Myth as History', Guest Lecture, Dept of History, Sophia College, Mumbai, 3rd March 2018

60. ‘Isolated Archaeological & Heritage sites & objects in Urban Context’ and ‘Archaeological Sites and their Management: Do’s and Don’ts in Urban Context’, Two lectures delivered in Module V of the Built Heritage and Conservation (2017-2018) Course, JJ College of Architecture, Mumbai, 15th February 2018

61. ‘Gadhegals: the Ass-curse steles of Early Medieval Maharashtra’, Special Lecture on invitation by the Museum Society of Mumbai at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, 22nd March 2018

62. Invited to present the Maritime History Society’s 40th Founder’s Day Lecture at the Capt Mulla Auditorium, Navy Nagar, Colaba, Mumbai on 10th May 2018 – ‘Mumbai’s Maritime History (with a special look at the Early Medieval Period)’

63. Invited to present an introductory lecture to the members of OMA by Sonal Sancheti, ‘What is Archaeology?’, 07th June 2018

64. Invited to present a Special Lecture at Wilson College, ‘Introduction to Archaeology and heritage related subjects and their possible Career Opportunities’, 21st June 2018

65. ‘The Archaeology of India’ – An Introduction, Special Lecture to the students of the History Department of Jai Hind College (Autonomous), Mumbai, 7th August 2018

66. ‘Tourism and Food’, A special Lecture for the students of the Certificate Course in Tourism conducted by the Department of History at the Jai Hind College (Autonomous), Mumbai, 7th August 2018

67. ‘The Archaeology of Food’, Certificate Course in Food History, Ruia College, Mumbai Food

68. Annual Lectures at the Ancient Indian Culture Certificate Course at the Asiatic Society, Mumbai

69. 'Exploring the Indian Palate: Why We Eat What We Eat', a lecture for Sarmaya Talks held at Pundoles, Ballard Estate, Mumbai. 19th January 2019

70. Moderator and Speaker at ‘Multipolis Mumbai: The Sea and the City’, organized by AVID. 21st Feb 2019

71. Panel Discussion on ‘Business of Food’ with Chef Varun Inamdar and Chef Rahul Akerkar, moderated by Kalyan Karmakar at Times Kitchen Tales Meet TimesGroup, St Regis, Lower Parel, Mumbai. 23rd Feb 2019

72. ‘Isolated Archaeological & Heritage sites & objects in Urban Context’ and ‘Archaeological Sites and their Management: Do’s and Don’ts in Urban Context’, Two lectures delivered in Module V of the Built Heritage and Conservation (2017-2018) Course, JJ College of Architecture, Mumbai. 28th February 2019

73. Guest Lecture on ’Archaeology of Food’ on Day 6 of the Certificate Course on Food History and Culture in India organised by SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous) Sion (W). 23rd February 2019

74. Introduction to Archaeology at Nurture program for NTSE awardees (NCERT) conducted at HBCSE-TIFR from 25th to 29th March, 2019. 27th March 2019

75. ‘Human Evolution: Why and How we got here’ for Expansions at The Magic Room, Sion E, Mumbai. 28th April 2019

76. Busting Chinese Food Myths, for Inchin Closer at Doolally, Khar, Mumbai. 15th June 2019

77. ‘Why should we study Food?’ Ruia College, Mumbai 23rd October 2019

78. Annual Lectures at the Ancient Indian Culture Certificate Course at the Asiatic Society, Mumbai

79. ‘Culinary Anthropology The Sociology and Anthropology of Food’, at Archaeology Week, organized by the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, 11th December 2019

80. Wilson – Medieval Mumbai

81. Garware – Archaeology of Sustainability

82. INSTUCEN Volcanoes and Volcanism in Geology and Archaeology

83. CSMVS No Surplus, No Monuments

84. Chennai Hitahara MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai

85. Baroda PHDCCI

86. Bangalore 7th Aug 2025

87. ISPQS 2026 at Vrindavan presenting Tera Explorations

88. IIIT Delhi with Ganesh Bagler

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2. Gupta, S.P., Kurush F. Dalal, Abhijit Dandekar, Rhea Mitra, Rukshana Nanji and Rohini Pande 2002. A Preliminary Report on the Excavations at Sanjan (2002). *Puratattva* 32: 182 – 198.

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8. Mitra, Rhea, Kurush F. Dalal 2005. A Report on the Glass Vessels from Sanjan, 2002. *The Journal of Indian Ocean Archaeology* 2: 62-68.

9. Dalal, K.F and S.P. Gupta 2005. A Brief Note on the Excavations at Sanjan (2002-2004). *Journal of the Ananthacharya Institute of Indology*.

10. Dalal, Kurush F. 2008. *Indian Architecture: Towards a Paradigm Shift*. In Sengupta, Gautam and Sharmi Chakrabarti (Eds.) The Archaeology of Early Historic South Asia (pp. 451-58), CASTEI: Kolkata.

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