

## Department of History (BA)

### About the department:

The Bachelor of Arts in History program at Jai Hind College, established in 1948, offers a deep exploration into humanity's past and its relevance today. We focus on critical thinking, analytical skills, and effective communication through interactive seminars, workshops, and guest lectures by renowned scholars. Our graduates pursue careers in civil services, academia, law, and research, benefiting from a curriculum that integrates global perspectives and contemporary issues. We emphasize research abilities, digital literacy, and a strong awareness of cultural heritage and societal concerns, preparing students for impactful roles in a complex world.

### About the HOD:

Mrs. Safina Rakhangi, HOD of the History Department, holds an MA, SET qualification, and a PG Diploma in Human Rights with 24 years of experience. She specializes in Medieval and Modern India, Maratha History, and Human Rights. She has authored papers on Rabindranath Tagore, the Indian Constitution, and inclusive education, and has presented on topics such as Bombay's economy and Kashmiri women's human rights at various conferences.

### Message from the HOD:

Since its humble beginnings in 1948, the History Department has grown significantly, focusing on holistic education and innovative teaching methods. Our dedicated faculty, including Dr. Archana Mishra and Ms. Firdous Sarnoubat, strive to balance knowledge with career-oriented skills, preparing students for the global market. We emphasize student aspirations, creativity, and community involvement, contributing to national progress and global readiness. Join us in our journey toward excellence in education, training, and research.

### Faculty Details:



#### **Safina Rakhangi**

**Designation:** HOD, Department of History

**Qualification:** MA, SET qualified, PG Diploma in Human Rights

**Specialization:** Medieval and Modern India, Maratha History, History of Maharashtra, Travel and Tourism, Human Rights, Indian Cultural Heritage, International Relations.

**Experience:** 24 years

**E-mail Id:** [safina.rakhangi@jaihindcollege.edu.in](mailto:safina.rakhangi@jaihindcollege.edu.in)

**Research Publications:** Mrs. Safina Rakhangi's research spans history, human rights, and education, with published papers examining Rabindranath Tagore's global humanitarian impact and contributions to university syllabi on the Indian Constitution and Human Rights. Her work also explores inclusive education for visually impaired students through assistive technology. Rakhangi has presented on Bombay's economy, the tourism industry, and human rights issues, including the impact of assistive technology and Kashmiri women's rights.



**Dr. Archana Mishra**

**Designation:** Vice-Principal (Arts), Assistant Professor-Department of History, HOD, Department of Bachelor of Vocational Education -Travel and Tourism Management, Coordinator- International Relations Certificate Course, Co- Convenor IQAC Criteria 3 for Research.

**Qualification:** MA, PhD, MBA, UGC NET & SET Qualified, Diploma in Journalism

**Specialization :**Early Indian History, Contemporary World History, Contemporary Indian History, History of Asia, India's Foreign Policy, Research Methodology, Historiography, International Relations, Media Studies, Culture Studies, Indian Cultural Heritage, Sustainable Tourism, International Tourism, BVoc-Travel & Tourism Skill courses framework, Vocational -Qualification Pack Trainer for Tourism students, Program and Course designing expertise, Outcomes building, industry and academia liaison.

**Experience:** 24 years Teaching Experience (12 years Full time with Jai Hind College, Autonomous)

**E-mail Id:** [archana.mishra@jaihindcollege.edu.in](mailto:archana.mishra@jaihindcollege.edu.in)

**Research Publications:**Dr. Archana Mishra's research covers early Indian jurisprudence, contemporary education, and employment, with her book \*Early Indian Jurisprudence: Precepts, Practice and Gender Status\* focusing on gender relations in ancient India. Her papers address diverse topics such as tourism employment, higher education post-COVID-19, glocalisation, and Manusmriti's gender perspectives. Mishra has presented at international and national conferences and received grants for research on the Indian middle class.



**Dr. Firdaus Sarnoubat**

**Designation:** Assistant Professor

**Qualification:** MA

**Specialization:** Modern India, World History, Archaeology and Museology, Travel and Tourism, Indian Cultural heritage and International Relations.

**E-mail Id:** [firdous.sarnoubat@jaihindcollege.edu.in](mailto:firdous.sarnoubat@jaihindcollege.edu.in)

**Research Publications:**Ms. Firdaus Sarnoubat has focused on healthcare and business history, presenting on "Palliative Care in Maharashtra with Special Reference to Cipla" and "A Nationalistic Enterprise in a Multinational Scenario: The Cipla Story" at Konkan Itihas Parishad conferences, highlighting advancements in palliative care and Cipla's global impact.

### **Program Offered**

Core History FY, SY Degree  
History Majors Degree  
HistoryPart Majors Degree  
Foundation Course Degree  
International Relations I & II Certificate  
Indian Cultural Heritage Level I & II Certificate

### **Societies/Cells Under Department**

The **History Association** of JHC is a confluence of curious minds and dynamic ideas, fostering academic knowledge and real-life skills through various activities conducted by faculty and students.

**Research Methodology Workshop (2018-2019):** Prof. (Dr.) Preeta Nilesh guided students on research paper writing techniques, assisting in the preparation for the Annual Student Seminar.

**Field Visits:** SYBA students, accompanied by Dr. Archana, visited the CSMVS museum on 8th August 2018. They participated in interactive sessions focusing on the Indus Valley Civilization, Ashokan inscriptions, early Indian art, and conservation techniques, including discussions with craftsmen and conservators.

**Community Outreach:** SYBA Foundation Course students, led by Dr. Archana Mishra, visited Ashadaan NGO and undertook internships with various NGOs such as Dignity Foundation, Akansha, and Vatsalya Trust, as part of their community outreach projects.

**Gender Sensitisation Workshop:** On February 18th, 2019, the film "Boys Who Like Girls" was screened, followed by a session on gender issues and consent by MAVA and TISS. Students created documentaries on relationships and consent, with some participating in MAVA's gender sensitization events.

**Annual Student Seminar (2019-2020):** Held on 27th-28th January, 2020, with the theme "History from the Lens of Indian Cinema." Students presented papers at a RUSA-sponsored conference at Xavier's College, Mumbai, on 11th February, 2020, with selected papers published in a peer-reviewed journal.

### **Students Achievements**

Students of the History Department have excelled in various competitions, winning numerous accolades from 2018-2023. Achievements include top positions in intercollegiate fests like Ruia College's Mudra and Jhunjunwala College's Hysteria, with awards in poetry, fashion shows, debates, and creative writing. Notable successes include peer-reviewed research paper publications and consistent victories in online and offline events, making the department proud. For three consecutive years, Jai Hind College won the Best College trophy at Ruia College's Mudra Fest.

