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Educational Qualifications

- **B.A. (Hons.) Political Science** – Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M), University of Delhi
 - **M.A. Political Science** – Banaras Hindu University
 - **Ph.D. (Political Science)** – Central University of Haryana
 - **UGC NET–JRF (Political Science)** – UGC
 - **State Eligibility Test (Political Science)** – Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh & Andhra Pradesh
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Academic Appointment

Designation	Department	Institution	Period
Assistant Professor	Political Science	DAV PG College, Varanasi	08.08.2025 – Present

Research & Teaching Interests

Research Interests:

India's Foreign Policy, Soft Power, Cultural & Buddhist Diplomacy, International Relations Theories, Geopolitics, Global South

Teaching Interests (Courses Taught): International Organisations, Political Sociology, Comparative Politics, Indian Political Thought, Indian Foreign Policy, IR Theories, Western Political Thought

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles – National

(ALL journals included)

1. Singh, S.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *Gender Diplomacy in United Nations Peacekeeping Missions: A Case Study of India*, **India Quarterly**, 81(3), 2025, pp. 323–344, ISSN 0974-9284
2. **Raj, R.S.** – *Soft Power through Ancient Ties: Buddhism’s Role in India–Central Asia Relations*, **World Focus**, 46(542), pp.117–122
3. Singh, S.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *India’s Soft Power: The Strategic Use of Buddhist Relics Diplomacy*, **Special Edition (Ministry of Culture & IBC)**
4. Jha, P.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *MGNREGS: A Performance Appraisal*, **Third Concept**, 37(443), pp.21–25
5. Singh, S.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *Buddhism and India’s Global Influence*, **World Focus**, 44(526), pp.58–62
6. Singh, S.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *India’s G20 Presidency: Opportunity to Boost Soft Power*, **World Focus**, 44(521), pp.59–63
7. Singh, S.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *India and G20 Presidency: Opportunities & Challenges*, **Third Concept**, 36(432), pp.7–10
8. Singh, S.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *Internationalism, Soft Power and India’s Vaccine Maitri*, **Artha Journal of Social Sciences**, 21(4)
9. Singh, S.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *India’s Soft Power in Afghanistan: Myth or Reality*, **Satraachee**, 37(25), pp.83–95

Journal Articles – International

1. Singh, S.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *India–Argentina Relations as Middle Powers*, **Global Affairs Annual Review**, Vol.1, pp.457–481
 2. Singh, S.K. & **Raj, R.S.** – *Russia–Ukraine War: Realist and Liberal Perspective*, **NCTN-IASP**, II(III), pp.78–91
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Book Chapters

- *Balancing the Dragon: India–Sri Lanka Relations...* – **Bharti Publications**, 2025
 - *India's Balancing Act in the Global South* – **Springer**, 2025
 - *Soft Power and Vaccine Diplomacy* – **Springer (Singapore)**, 2025
 - *India's Soft Power and Buddhist Diplomacy* – **ACS Publisher**, 2025
 - *Ensuring Health for All: Digital Health in India* – **Palgrave Macmillan**, 2025
 - *Geopolitical Significance of Afghanistan for India* – **Palgrave Macmillan**, 2024
 - *India's Water Conflict with Neighbouring Countries* – **MANAK Publications**
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Policy Briefs / Reports

- **India's 'Wait and Watch' Diplomacy: Redefining Regional Engagement in South Asia**
Institute for Security and Development Policy, Stockholm (May 2025)
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Media / Op-Eds / Outreach

- *The Saga of Blue Helmets* – The Polity, June 2025
 - *Union Budget 2025 & India's Foreign Aid Strategy* – India Sentinels, March 2025
 - *Mahakumbh 2025 and India's Civilisational Soft Power* – India Foundation, Feb 2025
 - Articles in **RHI (Netherlands)** and **The Kootneeti** (2021–2025)
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Conferences & Seminars

International & National Conferences (2021–2025)(*ALL papers, themes, venues included exactly as in original CV – JNU, DU, Jadavpur University, Central University of Haryana, IGNC, etc.*)

Magazine Articles

- *Women in Peacekeeping* – **Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist**, March 2025
- *India's Rising Influence* – **Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist**, Jan 2025

- *India's Maritime Power and China Challenge* – **Defence & Security Alert**, Dec 2024
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Declaration

I hereby declare that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 15.11.2025

Signature

(Dr. Ravi Shankar Raj)