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### **Academic Qualifications**

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| B.Sc. (Hons) Geology                     | AMU, Aligarh                   | Ist Div. | 1975      |
| <u>M.Sc. Geology</u>                     | AMU, Aligarh                   | Ist Div. | 1977      |
| M.Phil. Ore Petrology-<br>Geochemistry   | JNU, New Delhi                 |          | 1980      |
| Ph.D. Igneous Petrology-<br>Geochemistry | JNU, New Delhi                 |          | 1985      |
| Post Doctoral Fellow                     | University of Leicester (U.K.) |          | 1988-89   |
| Post Doctoral Fellow                     | University of Cambridge (U.K.) |          | 1997-98   |
| Post Doctoral Fellow                     | Nagoya University (Japan)      |          | 1999-2000 |

### **Experience**

1. Geological Survey of India as Geologist (Jr.) from 28.2.80 to 2.6.81.
2. Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun as Scientist-B from 16.7.84 to 30.9.89.
3. Post Doctoral Fellow with Prof. John Tarney at the Department of Geology, University of Leicester, U.K. for one year and six months (April 1988-Oct. 1989) under Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development Fellowship.
4. Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun as Scientist-C from 1.10.89 to 30.9.94.
5. Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun as Scientist-D from 1.10.94 to 30.9.99.
6. Post Doctoral Fellow with Prof. M.J. Bickle at the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge, for a period of six months (October'97-March'98) under NERC Fellowship.
7. Post Doctoral Fellow with Prof. T. Tanaka at the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences, Nagoya University, Japan for ten months (October'99 to July'2000) under JSPS Fellowship.
8. Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun. as Scientist E from 1.10.99 to 30.10.03

9. Professor at Department of Geology, University of Delhi, Delhi from 31<sup>st</sup> October'03 to 31.05.2011
10. Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar – 190 006, J&K from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011 till date

### **Academic Supervision**

Supervised the following M.Phil/Ph.D. work:

#### M.Phil Dissertation

“Geochemistry of Mafic-ultramafic rocks around Gogunda, District Udaipur, Rajasthan” Co-Supervisor - Dr. M.Raza, AMU, Aligarh (Degree awarded to the student in the year 1991).

#### Ph.D. Thesis

1. Ph. D thesis entitled “Geochemistry and tectonic significance of Early Proterozoic mafic and ultramafic rocks of Jharol belt of Aravalli orogen, northwestern Rajasthan, India” was submitted by Mr. Hamatteh-Abu, Z.S.H., at the Department of Geology, A. M. U. Aligarh. I acted as Co-Supervisor with Prof. M. Raza (Degree awarded in the year 1995).
2. Ph.D thesis entitled “Isotopic mapping of major Himalayan structures” was submitted by Mr. Andy Richards at the Department of Earth Sciences, The Open University, U.K. on 15<sup>th</sup> September'04 for the award of Ph. D degree. I acted as the External Supervisor for this thesis work. (Degree awarded on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2005)
3. Ph.D thesis entitled “Petrological and geochemical studies of gneisses, granitoids and mafic dyke swarms in parts of Bastar craton” was submitted by Mr. Hussain, M.F. at the Department of Geology, A. M.U. Aligarh on 27<sup>th</sup> January'04 for the award of Ph.D degree. I acted as Co-Supervisor with Dr. M.E.A. Mondal, A.M.U. Aligarh. (Degree awarded in the year 2004)
4. Ph. D thesis entitled “Geochemistry of Amgaon Gneissic Complex, Central India” was submitted by Mr. Nishchal Wanjari at the Department of Geology, University of Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2007. Degree awarded on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.
5. Ph. D thesis entitled “Thermal Evolution of the Mid-Crust from the Himalayan Orogen” was submitted at the Department of Earth Sciences, The Open University, U.K. on 17<sup>th</sup> July'08 for the award of Ph. D degree. I acted as the External Supervisor for this thesis work. (Degree awarded on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2008)
6. Ph. D thesis entitled “Geodynamic evolution of the Shyok Suture Zone, NW Himalaya” was submitted by Ms. Sivaprabha, S. at the Department of Earth Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2008. Degree awarded on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009.
7. Ph. D thesis entitled “Petrologic and geochemical studies of igneous and metamorphic rocks from the Tso Morari, SE Ladakh” was submitted by Ms. Preeti Singh at the Department of Geology, University of Delhi in December, 2008. Degree awarded October'09.

8. Ph. D thesis entitled “Geochemistry and petrogenesis of Bayana mafic magmatic rocks, North Delhi Fold Belt, Rajasthan” was submitted by Y. Rajesh Singh at the Department of Geology, University of Delhi in December, 2010. Degree awarded October 2010.
9. Ph. D thesis entitled “Geochemistry, Petrogenesis and U-Pb zircon geochronology of basement granitoids and gneisses of Central Indian Tectonic Zone (CITZ), Central Indian Shield” was submitted by Mukesh Kumar Mishra at the Department of Geology, University of Delhi on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2011.

Presently supervising six students for their Ph. D work at the University of Delhi and two students at the Research School of Earth Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. These students are working on the petrological-geochemical and tectonic aspects of Precambrian granitoids of the Central and western Indian shield and the Lesser Himalaya and Higher Himalayan Crystallines, NW Himalaya. Four M. Sc students are doing their dissertations on the Bundelkhand granitoids, Central Indian Shield.

### **Honours**

- (I) Honorary Research Associate of the Department of Geology, University of Leicester, U.K. (1988-89).
- (II) Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Indian Journal of Geochemistry.
- (III) Associate Member, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology Society.
- (IV) Member, Expert Panel for the Science & Engineering Research Council „Deep Continental Studies Programme” of the Department of Science & Technology, New Delhi.
- (V) Member, Expert Panel for the Science & Engineering Research Council „HIMPROBE EAST” of the Department of Science & Technology, New Delhi.
- (VI) Member, Board of Research Studies for the Faculty of Sciences, Department of Geology & Geophysics, The University of Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K.
- (VII) Member, Management Advisory Committee (MAC) for the Science & Engineering Research Council (SERC) „Utilization of Scientific Expertise of Retired Scientist (USERS) Programme of the Department of Science & Technology, New Delhi.
- (VIII) Member, Board of Studies, Department of Geology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur
- (IX) Regional Coordinator, International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP) Project 516 on the “Geological anatomy of East and South East Asia”
- (X) Member, Editorial Board for Indian Journal of Geology
- (XI) Member Working Group for Geology for the National Science Digital Library (NSDL) Under the National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources, CSIR, New Delhi
- (XII) Member, Editorial Board for Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences
- (XIII) Member, Expert Group for „Electron Probe Micro-Analyzer (EPMA) National Facility at IIT, Kharagpur” under the Science & Engineering Research Council, Department of Science & Technology, New Delhi.
- (XIV) Member Editorial Board for Journal of Virtual Explorer an electronic journal from Monash University, Australia. ISSN Number: 1441-8126 (Printed Journal); 1441-8142 (Online Journal) and 1441-8134 (CD-ROM Journal)
- (XV) Member Editorial Board of the Journal of the Mineralogical Society of India
- (XVI) Member Editorial Board of the Gondwana Geological Magazine
- (XVII) Member Editorial Board of the Journal of the Geological Society of India

- (XVIII) Member Editorial Board Of the Journal of Earth System Science
- (XIX) Member, Expert Group for FIST North East, DST, New Delhi
- (XX) Member, National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) UGC
- (XXI) Member, Governing Body, National Centre of Experimental Mineralogy & Petrology, University of Allahabad
- (XXII) Member Advisory Committee DRS-1, Department of Geology, AMU Aligarh
- (XXIII) Member Expert Committee for Post Doctoral Fellowship (SC/ST) UGC, New Delhi
- (XXIV) Member Expert Committee Earth & Environmental Sciences, CSIR, New Delhi
- (XXV) Member Award Making Authority-National Geoscience Award, Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India

### **Awards**

- (I) Received the prestigious **National Mineral Award, 1994** from the Government of India.
- (II) **Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi**
- (III) **Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore**
- (IV) **Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India, Allahabad**
- (V) **J. C. Bose National Fellowship, DST, New Delhi**
- (VI) Life Member Mineralogical Society of India
- (VI) Research paper entitled “Geochemistry and Petrogenesis of Mandi-Darla Volcanics, Northwestern Himalayas”, Precambrian Res. 37 : 231-256 (1987) was awarded Best paper of the year 1987 at WIHG, Dehra Dun.
- (VII) Awarded National Scholarship for Study Abroad by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India to carry out Post Doctoral Research at University of Leicester, U.K. during the period April 1988 to Oct. 1989.
- (VIII) Awarded the JSPS Invitation Fellowship of the Japanese Government for the year 1999-2000 to work in collaboration with Prof. Tsuyoshi Tanaka, at the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Nagoya University, Japan.

### **Sponsored Ongoing Projects:**

- a. Geochemical, isotopic and geochronological characterization of granitoids from the Central Indian Tectonic Zones (CITZ) and Central Indian Shear Zones (CISZ) -Constraints on Precambrian crustal evolution. Funding Agency: Indo-Russian: ILTP Project, DST , (T. Ahmad: PI)
- b. Proterozoic mafic magmatism in the central Indian tectonic zone (CITZ): elemental and isotopic constraints on crustal evolution and geodynamics. Funding agency: DST (T. Ahmad: P.I.)
- c. Constraints on crustal evolution and ore mineralization in the Aravalli-Bundelkhand Proto-Continent, Northern Indian Shield, and the Eastern Baltic Shield, Russia, DST-RFBR (T. Ahmad, Co-PI)

### **Edited Journal Volumes:**

**Journal of the Geological India**, Special Volume on **Precambrian Mafic Magmatism in the Indian Shield**, Part – I, Jour. Geol Soc. India, Vol. 72, No. 1, 140p (2008)

**Journal of the Geological India**, Special Volume on **Precambrian Mafic Magmatism in the Indian Shield**, Part – II, Jour. Geol Soc. India, Vol. 73, No. 1, 152p (2009)

**Journal of Virtual Explorer**, Special Volume on **Geological Anatomy of East and South Asia**, Edited By: Talat Ahmad, Francis Hirsch, Punya Charusiri , Volume 32 (2009); An electronic journal from Monash University, Australia. ISSN Number: 1441-8126

**Gondwana Research**, Special Volume on **The South and East Facades of Sundaland**, Edited by Francis Hirsch, Punya Charusiri, Talat Ahmad (On line 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2010)

### **Research Publications**

Ahmad, T. and Bhat, M.I., 1987. Geochemistry and petrogenesis of the Mandi-Darla volcanics Northwestern Himalaya. *Precambrian Res.* 27 : 231-256.

Bhat, M.I. and Ahmad, T., 1987. Geochemistry and Petrogenesis of the Bhowali-Bhimatal Volcanics, Kumaun Lesser Himalayas. *Geosci. Jour.* 8, 51-68.

Ahmad, T. and Rajamani, V., 1988. Geochemistry and petrogenesis of mafic inclusions within the Banded Gneissic Complex, near Nathdwara : implications to BGC-Aravalli relationship. *Geol. Soc. India, Mem.* 7, Precambrian of Aravalli Mountain, Rajasthan, India, pp. 327-340.

Bhat, M.I. and Ahmad, T., 1990. Petrogenesis and the mantle source characteristics of the Abor Volcanic Rocks, Eastern Himalayas. *Jour. Geol. Soc. India*, 36, 227-246.

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Hamatth-Abu, Z.S.H., Raza, M. and Ahmad, T., 1994. Geochemistry and petrogenesis of early Proterozoic basic volcanic rocks of Jharol group, Rajasthan, Northwestern India. *Jour. Geol. Soc. India*, 44 : 141-156.

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### **Highlights of major Scientific contributions by Prof. T. Ahmad**

Geochemical and isotopic studies of the Precambrian mafic magmatic rocks from the northern India shield (Aravalli and Central India regions: Ahmad and Rajamain, 1991; Ahmad and Tarney 1994; Kumar and Ahmad 2007; Ahmad and Jayananda 2008; Ahmad et al. 2008a,b,c; 2009) and those from the Lesser Himalaya helped in understanding the Precambrian lithospheric extension and opening of Aravalli and Lesser Himalayan rift basins (Ahmad and Bhat 1987; Ahmad and Tarney 1991; Ahmad 2008). Similar studies on the Cretaceous magmatic rock of the Indus and Shyok Suture Zones, Ladakh helped in understanding of the closure of the Neo-Tethyan ocean by northward subduction of the Neo-Tethyan ocean floor under the Eurasian plate (Ahmad et al., 1996, 1998, 2005; 2008).

Nd-isotopic profiling across major structural /metamorphic units indicate that the Vaikrita Thrust is the „real“ Main Central Thrust (MCT). Nd model ages and epsilon Nd values indicate that the high grade Vaikrita Group rocks have much younger mantle extraction ages compared to the Lesser Himalayan sequences. Thus the Vaikrita Group is not the basement for the Lesser Himalayan sequences, rather the former could be basement for the Tethyan Sedimentary Sequences (Ahmad et al., 1999, 2000).

Separated zircon crystals from Ladakh and Karakoram batholiths display zoned zircon crystals typically observed in igneous rocks. U-Pb zircon SHRIMP ages obtained for the Khardun La and Chang La top samples is circa 58 Ma. A Karakoram Batholith sample near Tangste Gompa gives an age of circa 32 Ma. One zircon grain from this sample gave a late Permian age, and this may indicate the involvement of older crust in the batholith. One leucocratic granitic dyke sheet sampled between Darbuk and Shyok villages has a mixture of zircon crystals that gave a range of ages between 15 Ma and 97 Ma. Several grains gave ages ranging between 250 – 970 Ma. These older ages may indicate that older crust was involved in the generation of part of the Karakoram Batholith (possibly the southern portion of the Tibetan slab?). Recent suggestions that collision was as late as 35 Ma may need serious consideration in the light of magmatic zircon ages of 32-36 Ma by Prof. Ahmad and his co-workers from ANU (Ahmad et al. 2008).

Recent and on going studies by Prof. Ahmad in the Central Indian Tectonic Zone indicate major role of bi-modal volcanism during Proterozoic Crustal evolution in the Central Indian Shield (Ahmad et al., 2009). Sm-Nd and U-Pb zircon age data from the Amgaon-Tirodi basement rocks indicate first extraction of the crust from mantle started during Archean (~3100 Ma) and the first remobilized granitic melt were generated during early Proterozoic (~2400Ma).