## **Brief**

Pratishtha Mukherjee is a dedicated researcher and educator in the field of Archaeology and Ancient History. She is currently pursuing her PhD at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, focusing on the sculptural analysis of Yakṣa figurines in North India, particularly the Ganga Valley. With a master's degree in Archaeology and Heritage Management, Pratishtha has an extensive academic background, complemented by practical experience as a Young Archaeologist at the Archaeological Survey of India, Consultant Archaeologist at the National Monuments Authority and several government and private organisations. She has also contributed significantly to teaching and mentoring students, particularly at her alma mater. Her research and presentations span various topics in Indian art, archaeology, and heritage management, showcasing her scholarly contributions. Pratishtha has received recognition for her academic achievements, including a gold medal in her master's program and the IKS-India Research Grant in 2022 from the Centre of Policy Research and Governance & Indic Academy.