



Bio-note
(R.S. Derashri)

Ravi Shankar Derashri, a legal luminary, a profound scholar, a historian, a patron of art and culture, was born on 21 May 1903 at Banera in Rajasthan. He was educated at Ajmer, Agra, Allahabad and London. He obtained his B.Sc degree from Allahabad University in 1926 and L.L.B. degree from Agra University in 1931. He was called to Bar from Lincoln's Inn, England in 1936. He was a Member of Royal Asiatic Society, London and a Member of Bhartiya Vidvat Parishad.

In his twenties and thirties, he helped Bharat Ratna Maharishi D.K. Karve, in collecting funds and securing membership for SNDT Women's University, the first Women's University in India. Another outstanding contribution was in the field of art and culture. He collected hundreds of paintings and thousands of manuscripts during his lifetime which were donated to Government Museums and Research Institutes.

In his early days he was in close association with revolutionaries like Kesari Singh Barhat and freedom fighters like Haribhau Upadhyay and Kanak Madhulkar.

He was also a historian and research scholar and interacted with all eminent historians of his time, prominent among them being Jadunath Sarkar, Gauri Shankar, Hirachand Ojha and others. His correspondence with these historians have been published in the form of books which themselves are a rich source of historical material and a goldmine for research scholars.

As an advisor to princely states, he carried out schemes for the welfare of the people. Micro-Financing was introduced through an institution called Jakhira. The cultivators were given loans at cheap rates. Also, a large number of educational institutions were established and students were given scholarships.

The services rendered by him to the nation is recorded in the books published by the Government of India and other government aided research institutions. He died on 12 March 1962.

Detailed Chronology

- Born on 21 April 1903 to Ram Nath Derashri and Teku Bai.
- Obtained B.Sc degree from Allahabad University in 1926, LL.B degree from Agra University in 1931 and was called to Bar from Lincoln's Inn, England in 1936.
- Honorary tutor and guardian of Raj Kumar Mansingh of Banera (1922-29), Honorary Tutor and guardian of Colonel Raj Kumar Guman Singh (1928-34)
- Head of Education, Medical and Health, Local- Self Government Departments of Banera Chiefship (1929-34), Secretary and Advisor to Raja Amar Singh of Banera (1929-34), Chairman, Municipality Banera (1929-34), Legal Advisor to Rajadhiraj Amar Singh (1936-37, 1941-42, 1947-48), Rajguru of Banera Chiefship
- Legal advisor to Raja Prafulla Chandra Bhanj Dev of Bastar State and Maharani of Kanker (1934-36)
- Constitutional advisor to His Highness Maharawal Laxman Singh of Dungarpur (1935-36)
- Standing Legal and Constitutional advisor of Raghogarh Chiefship (1937-62)
- Special Counsel-Kushalgarh State (1941-42)
- Died on 12 March 1962

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<u>S.No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>No. of Pages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Xerox copies of correspondence exchanged with Rani Chandrakanta (wife of Amar Singh of Banera) regarding some state and personal issues such as compensation claim, acceptance of Bhairun Singh as a true Rajput and health condition of family members of the princely state	1929-45 (With gaps)		English
2.	Xerox copies of miscellaneous correspondence exchanged with Rajadhiraj Amar Singh of Banera regarding nomination forms for bank account, literary work on history of the state, royal assets, notes for the <i>Mewar Gazetteer</i> and leading families of Rajasthan, abolition of zamindaris, endowment of Brindaban, Chakbandi, legal case filed by H.H. Amar Singh, purchase of valuable documents, etc.	[1929-61] (With gaps)		English and Hindi
3.	Xerox copies of miscellaneous correspondence exchanged with Bansi Lal Vyas (Barrister-at-Law, Advocate, Calcutta High Court), Rani Aparna Kumari of Raghogarh, Rajkumar Mansingh (Barrister-at-Law) and Prof. Satya Dev Derashri regarding death of Col. Rai in Kashmir during Indo-Pak War (1947-48), death of Govardhan Lal, U.K. visit by R.S. Derashri in 1950, negotiation with	1929-62		English, Hindi and Rajasthani

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contd.	Potdar, application for education loan by Bansi Lal Vyas, preliminary examinations for civil services to be faced by some royal family relative, Rajkumari Lalit (daughter of Raja Bhadra Singh) desire to deliver a child in naval hospital in Bombay, details of accounts and status of studies in London given by Rajkumar Mansingh to R.S. Derashri, etc. Includes xerox copies of telegrams sent from abroad and vice-versa			
4.	Papers relating to R.S. Derashri's stay in England. Includes greeting cards, bills, receipts, statement of fees and dues paid, traveller's cheque, a post office saving bank passbook, etc.	1930-36		English
5.	Xerox copies of correspondence exchanged with Raja Balbhadra Singh as Chief of Raghogarh princely state and Member of Legislative Assembly regarding Rajyabhishek Sanskar, criteria for appointment of Kamdar (Chief Executive), condition of wheat stock, looking out for architects for constructing a palace for Kanwaraniji and personal issues. Includes copies of telegrams exchanged with Raja Balbhadra Singh	1930-50		English
6.	Xerox copies of miscellaneous correspondence exchanged with Rajkumar Guman Singh of Banera state and various historians such as G.S. Sardesai, Jadunath Sarkar, S.K. Godbole, A.L. Srivastava, A.C. Banerjee, Kishore Singh, Narayan Shyamrai Chitambare, A.G. Pawar and others regarding history of princely states, rulers, Indian mutiny, a	[1930-62] (with gaps)		English and Hindi

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contd.	book titled Rajput Studiesq collection of material on Banera state from Lahore, Sphut Kavyaq etc. Includes xerox copies of correspondence exchanged between Rajkumar Guman Singh of Banera with R.S. Derashri and Akshay Kumar Derashri relating to reunion of regiment of the state, arrangement for sapphire, tea estate in Assam, meeting with the General of army and opening of a college			
7.	Xerox copies of correspondence exchanged between Rajmata Krishna Kumari of Raghogarh and R.S. Derashri regarding some day to day issues of the state and request for brotherly guidance from the latter	1932		Rajasthani
8.	R.S. Derashri's original passbook (Thomas Cook and Son (Bankers) Ltd. London)	1933		English
9.	Xerox copies of correspondence carried out by Ravi Shankar Derashri with the members of the royal family of Kuchaman. Includes correspondence carried out with Raja Pratap Singh of Kuchaman relating to legal matters, property disputes, Pratap Singh's resignation, court hearing dates of property disputes, personal matters, Natwar Automobiles and Allied Industries, monetary payments, etc. Includes copies of telegrams	1936-61		English and Hindi
10.	Xerox copies of correspondence and printed books. Includes correspondence with Kanak Madhukar, editor of <i>Dainik Navjivan</i> regarding personal and princely	[1936-96] (with gaps)		Hindi, Sanskrit and Rajasthani

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contd. state issues, exoneration of a legal suit against Navjivan Trust by the State, etc. Also includes xerox copy of *Veerbhoomi* . a book by Shobha Lal Shastri, *Sher Prakash* . a collection of poems, etc. Also includes xerox copy of a booklet entitled *ᱫᱷᱟᱨᱠᱟᱨ ᱫᱷᱟᱨᱠᱟᱨ ᱫᱷᱟᱨᱠᱟᱨ - dynastic chronology with their literary works*

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| 11. | Xerox copies of miscellaneous correspondence exchanged with Rajkumar Mansingh (Barrister-at-Law, Judge of Mewar, High Court) and Yuvraj Pratap Singh of Banera regarding health of Yuvraj Pratap Singh, shooting trip to Raghogarh, consultation with T.B. Sapru, death of Sardari, Janwai Sahib due to dropsy disease, compromise between Gwalior and Raghogarh, state mourning, Gujarati manuscripts for translation in Devanagri, report on grievances to be redressed, etc. Includes copy of <i>Sarita</i> - monthly magazine with an article entitled <i>ᱫᱷᱟᱨᱠᱟᱨ ᱫᱷᱟᱨᱠᱟᱨ ᱫᱷᱟᱨᱠᱟᱨ mein Naariqby Bhadant Anand Kausalyayan</i> and telegrams | 1937-62
(With gaps) | English, Hindi, Sanskrit and Rajasthani |
| 12. | Xerox copies of correspondence carried out with Bhanwar Samar Singh relating to his education, the importance of education in the changing political landscape of Mewar, his marriage, consideration for his appointed in the All India Service, etc. Also includes a letter from the Principal of Mayo College regarding Bhanwar Samar Singh's admission to the college | 1941-49 | English and Hindi |

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13.	Xerox copies of correspondence with officials of Kushalgarh in his capacity as a barrister such as Abdul Aziz and T.S. Hussain (Kamdars of Kushalgarh) regarding the matter of Kushalgarh princely state. Includes xerox copies of letters exchanged between R.N. Choudhari and A.K. Derashri about his studies and other family matters. Also includes a report on the political administration of the Rajputana states, transcripts and a paper discussing individual nobles of the Rajputana Statesq claim on Kushalgarh	1943-77 (With gaps)	English and Rajasthani	
14.	Xerox copies of correspondence carried out by R.S. Derashri with Balbhadra Singh relating to personal matters. Also includes copies of correspondence carried out with Khushwant Singh by A.K. Derashri, letters to Narayanji Derashri and greetings from Balbhadra Singh. Also includes a printed article entitled is English Literature Worth Teaching?q	1946-55	Persian, English and Hindi	
15.	Xerox copies of correspondence carried out by R.S. Derashri with Raja Balbhadra Singh of Raghogarh regarding personal matters, foreign trips, coal business of Raja Balbhadra, etc. Also includes copies of telegrams	1946-61	English and Hindi	
16.	Xerox copies of miscellaneous correspondence exchanged by R.S. Derashri and A.K. Derashri with a number of officials and individuals such as Raja Balbhadra Singh of Raghogarh State, A.N. Jha (Vice Chancellor of Sanskrit University, Varanasi) L.M. Gupta	1948-2016 (With gaps)	English and Hindi	

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contd.	(Secretary of the State Government of Rajasthan) B.N. Kapoor, Harideo Joshi, R.C. Agrawala (Director, Archaeology and Museums Department, Rajasthan Government), Bhairao Singh Shekhawat, B.K. Thapar (Director-General, Archaeological Survey of India) and others concerning donation of R.S. Derashri's manuscripts of letters, history of Mewar, donation of paintings to Sanskrit University (Varanasi), etc. Includes xerox copy of Shring Bodh-Smarika and biographical note on the life sketch of R.S. Derashri by his son A.K. Derashri			
17.	Xerox copies of correspondence carried out by R.S. Derashri with his son Akshaya Kumar Derashri relating to family matters, health issues of R.S. Derashri, letters of recommendation for his son, list of books, matters relating to Rajasthan University, etc.	1956-61		English and Hindi
18.	Xerox copies of correspondence carried out with Krishna Swaroop Gupta by R.S. Derashri relating to A.K. Derashri's education, books required for R.S. Derashri, Panchayat elections, Krishna Swaroop Gupta's thesis, etc.	1956-61		English
19.	Xerox copies of correspondence with his family members Prof. S.D. Derashri and Akshay Kumar (son) regarding various judicial suits filed by clients, fatherly guidance to his son vis-a-vis studies health and domestic issues. Includes copies of telegrams	1959-70		English and Hindi

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20.	Gunā Nirvachan Kshetra ke Congressi Ticket ke Gandharv Vivah ki Ram Kahaniq . a collection of short stories	Undated		Hindi
21.	Manuscripts relating to R.S. Derashriq Raghogarh caseq first meeting papers	Undated		English
22.	A manuscript on Jai Singh	Undated		Sanskrit and Awadhi
23.	Xerox copy of a narrative written by an Indian student studying in London entitled Out for the Residenceqthrowing light on English civilisation and their culture	Undated		English
24.	A book on Gora Badal Padmini Chaupai	[Undated]		Rajasthani

II. SPEECHES/WRITINGS/ARTICLES BY OTHERS

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1.	My Impression of USAq an article	December 1952		Xerox Published in the issue of <i>Jaswant College Patrika</i> , Vol.24, No.1 English and Hindi
2.	Had Tantia Tope A Double?q. a research paper by Sardar A.A. Patil	[Undated]		Xerox English

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3.	Research papers entitled GNH (Gross National Happiness) More in National Interest than GNP (Gross National Product) q $\text{Minimum Judges Maximum Justiceq}$ $\text{India Can be Transformed Provided Public Servants are First Transformedq}$ $\text{Integrated and Holistic Solution to Black Economyq}$ presented by A.K. Derashri (Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise (Retired)	Undated		Xerox English

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1.	Report on the province of Malwa and adjoining districts submitted to the Government of British India	1822		English
2.	Poster titled $\text{A Thrilling Incident in the Musical Driveq}$ by Gilbert Holday	Undated		English