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She has completed her postgraduate studies in Archaeology from the University of Calcutta, laying a strong foundation for her research interests. After that professionally, She has contributed to the field through a one-year engagement at the State Archaeological Museum (Directorate of Archaeology, Govt. of West Bengal) working on the Documentation project, which enriched her understanding of cultural heritage management. She further enhanced her skills during her internship at MAKAIAS, exploring the museum artefacts of Maulana Azad Museum. Having qualified the UGC NET, she is currently pursuing her PhD in Archaeology at the University of Calcutta. Simultaneously as a MAKAIAS Fellow, her research focuses on ***"Gautam Buddha: An Unifying Force in Asia"***, delving into the cultural and historical significance of Buddhism's spread across Asia .