



**National Seminar
on
“Anthropology, Health and
Development: Trends and Future
Perspectives”
20th-21st February 2018**

Organized by
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We are pleased to inform that the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi will be organizing a National seminar on “Anthropology, Health and Development: Trends and Future Perspectives” from 20th through 21st

February 2018. The seminar will provide an insight into the new trends in research works being done in the sphere of Anthropology in India. The researchers are requested to send in their abstracts based on their research findings under the following sub-themes:

- Epidemiology of health and nutrition in tribal and non-tribal communities
- Obesity, cardiometabolic risk factors and ethnicity.
- Physiological functions and environmental stress
- Genetic disorder in Mendelian Isolates in Indian frame of reference.
- Genomic diversity of Indian Population.
- Fieldwork and ethnography
- Forensic Anthropology
- Human Adaptation and variation
- Molecular aspects of disease susceptibility
- Implications of demographic population studies
- Bioarcheology
- Anthropology of Development
- Tribal Development in India
- Women's Empowerment
- Sustainable Development
- NGO and Development

Important Dates

- Opening of call for Abstracts – 20th November 2017

- Deadline for abstract submission - 10th December 2017
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance/ Rejection- within three days of abstract submission
- Deadline to submit full paper after acceptance of Abstract- 30th December

Registration Fee for the participants: Rs. 400/-

Mode of Payment: Cash at Registration counter

Keynote and invited speakers are exempted from the registration fee.

The participants are requested to email their abstracts alongwith the filled in registration form to anthropologyseminar2018@gmail.com. Further details of the seminar will be sent in due course of time.

About the seminar

Anthropology encompasses the study of people throughout the world, their evolutionary history, how they behave, adapt to different environments, communicate and socialize with one another. The explosive expansion of anthropology is startling as it appeared to attract a large number of interested individuals to its medically focused sub discipline. The discipline distinguished itself from other sciences, using a holistic and multifaceted approach concerning biological, evolutionary, linguistic and social aspects of a population, and especially the tribal population groups which are

most vulnerable in the context of health and development. Interest of the discipline varies widely from the study of ancient DNA, molecular processes and paleopathology, through explorations of illness experiences, social relationships, and health care settings. Further, anthropological research on evolutionary origins, lifestyles, dietary changes, cardiometabolic risk factors, genetic disorder and sub structuring of Indian populations have shed light on contemporary health issues. Reconstruction of Indian population history based on genetic evidences, genetic diversity of isolated populations, physiological functions and environmental stress, bio-archaeology and adaptation and variation are important areas in anthropology, for it would not only provide the descriptive of Indian population but will deepen our knowledge on factors responsible for disease susceptibility and will help to undertake genome-wide association studies for complex disorders. Health, a complete state of physical and mental well-being has taken an independent and vigorous stand of its own in the discipline of anthropology. Anthropologists working towards contemporary issues pertaining to health and health seeking behaviour have helped in bridging the gap between evolutionary medicine, social epidemiology and public health. They have often acted as cultural mediators, helping to communicate cross cultural understandings of health and illness in order to make public health initiatives more effective for specific groups. Key concern in anthropology of development pertains to upliftment and improvisation of

standard of living. Anthropologists can facilitate developmental schemes envisaged by different agencies in the improvement of the lifestyle of the people. The current seminar, therefore, would form on recent trends in anthropology, issues related to health system research and development and the future perspectives.

About the Department

In 1947, the Department of Anthropology came up in the Faculty of Science at the University of Delhi, with Dr. P.C. Biswas as its founder head. It was the second University Department in the country. Currently the Department consists of nineteen faculty members and a number of research associates, DST women scientists, research fellows and scholars including JRF and SRF. The Department has had the privilege of hosting a large number of visiting faculties over the years which has contributed in its development as one of the foremost centers of Anthropological teaching and research in the world.

Several branches of Anthropology have been exclusively taught to the students by our faculty members. Apart from Undergraduate Honors course in Anthropology, PG course in Anthropology and certificate course in Forensic Science, a full-time PG course in Forensic Science was also introduced in the year 2015.

The students here are encouraged to participate in various debates, seminars, workshops and symposiums which are organized time to time in the Department and they are also motivated to

present their work in various national and international Universities.

Memorial Awards

Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi has instituted six Memorial Awards for the best paper presentation in honour of the following teachers.

Details:

- P.C. Biswas Memorial Best Paper Award
- J.S. Bhandari Memorial Best Paper Award
- P.K. Datta Memorial Best Paper Award
- R.S. Mann Memorial Best Paper Award
- A. Sharma Memorial Best Paper Award
- V.C. Channa Memorial Best Paper Award

(These Memorial awards are for the best six papers presented in National Seminar, 20th-21st February 2018).

Young scholars and young faculty members all over India are encouraged to apply for the above mentioned awards.

Memorial Lectures

I.P. Singh memorial lecture and J.D. Mehra memorial lecture will also be delivered by the identified senior scholars in the field of Anthropology.

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