

Department of Anthropology
University of Delhi
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Achievements

1. Honors and distinctions

Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, featured in top 100 in QS global ranking 2019; the only department from University of Delhi, and the only Anthropology department from India.

Prof. PC Joshi received Lifetime Achievement Award from Department of Anthropology, Panjab University, Chandigarh. 28th February, 2019.

Prof. P. C. Joshi was the Chief Guest of the National Seminar on “Anthropology in the 21st Century: Emerging Areas of Research and Its Role in National Development” at Department of Anthropology, Assam University, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam, 12nd February, 2019.

2. Research Projects / Publications including books / Patents / Technology Transfer / Industrial Collaboration

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Joshi, PC. 2019. Exploring Prescriptions: Assessing P.O. Bodding’s Contribution. In Ranjana Ray (ed.) *Tribal Health Care System: A Tribute to P.O. Bodding*. The Asiatic Society, Kolkata. Pp. 80-99.

Mangla, Anita Garg, Neeru Dhamija, Urvashi Gupta, Meenal Dhall. 2019. Lifestyle Trends and Obesity among College Going Girls of Delhi. *Health*. Volume 11, Issue 2 (February 2019)

Rawat, S., Rajkumari, S., Joshi, PC., Khan, MA. and Saraswathy, KN. 2019. Whodies and Who Survives? Investigating the difference between suicide decedents and suicide attempters. *Egyptian Journal of Forensic Science*. (<http://doi.org/s41935-019-0115-9>)

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Wahengbam, Anand Kumar Gyanendra Singh, Khushbu Kumari, Rajnish Kumar Singh, V.R.Rao, K.N.Saraswathy, Kamlesh Dharajiya, Reena Das, Benrithung Murry. 2019 An Uncommon Variant Hemoglobin: Hb Ty Gard Detected from Gujarat, India. *Indian Journal of Hematology and Blood Transfusion* (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12288-019-01099-5>)

3. Seminars/Conferences/Workshops Organized

The department organized ten days ICSSR sponsored Research methodology Course on “Participatory Digital Methodologies and Ethnographic Filmmaking” from 14-24 January 2019. We had Resource Persons coming from Oxford and New York University.

A special lecture on ‘Ethnographic Filmmaking in Anthropology’ was delivered by Dr. Alison Louise Kahn, Director of Oxford Documentary Film Institute, and Research and Tutorial Fellow, Stanford University on 18th January 2019.

4. International collaborations including students exchange

The Department has one foreign exchange student Nina Baum, from Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany for the current semester (January to May 2019). She has opted for two papers in the department: Tribal India, and Anthropology of Development.

Laura Murray, a Ph.D. scholar from New York University is currently affiliated to Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi. Her current doctoral research investigates changing political ecologies of cattle and dairy development in north India.

5. Extension and outreach activities and any other significant achievements/activity

Prof. P. C. Joshi was invited to chair Prof. Iravati Karve Memorial Oration at INCAA Anthropological Congress at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. 23rd February, 2019.

Prof. P. C. Joshi was invited to deliver 1st Prof. S.R.K. Chopra memorial lecture at Department of Anthropology, Panjab University, Chandigarh. 28th February, 2019.

Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo was invited to address the north east students of Miranda House on the topic: “Representations of northeastern tribes in colonial photography and writings”. The talk was held on 21st February 2019, 11:30AM. The event was organized by North east society in collaboration with IBSD Miranda House-Centre for North East studies.

Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo was invited by Amity Institute of Anthropology (AIA) as guest speaker on the 'World Anthropology Day' which was observed on 21st February 2019, 2:00PM. She interacted with the undergrads and graduate students on the topic ‘Digital and Visual Ethnography’ citing cases from personal encounters and everyday life and connecting them with theories in anthropology.

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Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo was invited to present a paper during International Conference on *Materiality and Visuality in North east India* held from 28th February 2019 to 1st March 2019. She spoke on “We were the Others: Visuality in Colonial Writings”.

Dr. Kennedy M. Singh delivered a lecture in the ICSSR project workshop on *Traditional healing Practices in North East* on 18th January 2019, organized by Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Dr. Kennedy M. Singh attended consultation meeting for the Tribal Human Development Report on Monday, 18th February 2019 at India International Centre Annexe, Committee Room 1, organised by the Institute for Human Development, Delhi.

Dr. Meenal Dhall was invited for the Jharkhand NCD Program Dissemination Workshop - 25th Feb 2019, Delhi organized by Project HOPE with support from Boston Scientific and in collaboration with Vikas Bharti & Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society (JRHMS)

Seventy students belonging to M.Sc. final and B.Sc (hons.) Anthropology Part III, went to the tribal areas of Udaipur district, in the state of Rajasthan to conduct ethnographic and biomedical fieldwork from 24th February to 6th March 2019. Dr. K.N.Saraswathy, Dr. Benrithung Murry, Dr. R.P. Mitra, and Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan accompanied students to the fieldwork. The students will be submitting dissertations on various topics allocated to them for ensuing examinations.

Targets

1. Academic activities and Research

- The department intends to revive Research Proceedings, a journal where teachers and research scholars can publish their research findings.
- Every week, there will be seminar for research scholars to present their ongoing research or discuss full length papers.
- To make Research Seminar Group dynamic. Every research scholar is expected to inform the department about the expected outcome of their research and its implication for policy planning.
- Plans to organize series of national level seminars and conference in coming months.

2. Infrastructure/facilities

- Creation of two additional classrooms

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- Upgradation of department laboratories
- Digitalization of museum artefacts
- Opening of museum for school and college students