

# MONTHLY REPORT

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UNIVERSITY OF DELHI  
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## *Achievements*

### **1. Honors and distinctions.**

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

Chhungi, Varhlun, K. N. Saraswathy, and Naorem Kiranmala Devi. 2019. "CBS 844ins68, MTR A2756G and MTHFR C677T gene polymorphisms in hyperhomocysteinemia: A study among a non-tribal population group with East Asian ancestry (India)." *Gene Reports* (2019): 100436.

Chhungi, Varhlun, Somorjit Singh Ningombam, Suniti Yadav, Huidrom Suraj Singh, Naorem Kiranmala Devi, Shivani Chandel, Prakash Ranjan Mondal, Mohinder Pal Sachdeva, and Kallur Nava Saraswathy. 2019. "Prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors among tribal and non-tribal populations with East Asian Ancestry from North East India." *American Journal of Human Biology*: e23263.

Das, S., Chandel, S. 2019. "The age old tradition of hookah smoking and its association with geriatric anaemia in rural women of North India". *Research Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*. 10 (2): 487-494.

Mahajan, N., A Kumari, G K Kshatriya. 2019. Prevalence of undernutrition and gender disparities among Kukna and Santal tribal population groups of India. *Research Journal of Humanities and Social Science*. 10 (2): 351-358.

Savitesh Kushwaha, Jyoti Mishra, K.N. Saraswathy, P.R. Mondal "Association between Age at Menarche and Cardiovascular Risk Factors: A study among Bhil of Rajasthan, India." *International Journal of Innovative Knowledge Concepts* (2019): 7(6);103-107

### **3. Seminars/Conferences/Workshops Organized**

- Organised a workshop/training on "Anthropology and Yoga" to commemorate International Yoga Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2019 in Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi. All the research scholars and faculty members were present in the seminar hall to celebrate this day with great enthusiasm. The Head of the department, Prof. P. C. Joshi gave an introduction of Yoga followed by Dr. R. P. Mitra who spoke on the different phases involved in Yoga. Further, Dr. K. N. Saraswathy gave her views on yoga, lifestyle and health. The Yoga instructor, Mr. Aman Juneja (trained from Shivananda Yoga life situated in South Delhi) enlightened everyone with his in-depth knowledge on Yoga. He spoke on his personal life journey in adapting Yoga in his life and how Yoga helps every one of us to align body with mind and soul. He also emphasized on the deep breathing and relaxation techniques useful for relieving stress.

- **DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2019:**The Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, in collaboration with the Society for the Perpetuation of Art, Culture and Education (SPACE), organised a one day brainstorming session to discuss the draft National Education Policy, 2019 on June 27, 2019 at the Conference room, University Guest House. The seminar was well attended with speakers from the university departments of education, NCERT, IGNOU, CBSE, members of legal fraternity and principals of well-known schools. Along with the inaugural and the concluding sessions there were three technical sessions on school and higher education, higher education including professional education and school education including language related issues.

#### **4. International collaborations including students exchange**

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. Her research period is from October 2018 to October 2019.

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

##### ***Targets***

##### **1. Academic activities and Research**

- Plans to organize a national seminar on ‘Anthropology of Water: Management and Crisis’ in the month of October 2019. Prof. P.C. Joshi and Dr. R.P.Mitra are formulating the proposal, and talks are on with Anthropological Survey of India for funding.
- Project proposal to be submitted to DHR-ICMR by Dr. K.N.Saraswathy on or before 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.
- Plan to digitize museum artefacts.
- 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.

##### **2. Infrastructure/facilities**

- Creation of two additional classrooms
- Upgradation of department laboratories

- Opening of museum for school and college students