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Achievements

1.Honors and distinctions.

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

- Newmei, M. K., Yadav, S., Devi, N. K., Mondal, P. R., & **Saraswathy, K. N.** (2019). Global DNA methylation among premenopausal ever married Liangmai women of Manipur, India. *Gene Reports*, 100543. (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.genrep.2019.100543>)
- Rawat, S.,Rajkumari, S., **Joshi, PC.**, Khan, MA., SARaswathy, KN. 2019. Risk factors for Suicide attempt: A population based-genetic study from Telangana, India. **Current Psychology**. (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-019-00446-z>).
- Ranjan, A., Singh, A., Walia, G.K. , **Gupta, V.**, 2019. *J Genet.* 98: 76. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12041-019-1119-9>

3. Seminars/Conferences/Workshops Organized

- IIT Gandhi Nagar in partnership with Department of Anthropology, Delhi University organised a Fall School covering the basics of Linguistics and Linguistic Anthropology for PG students, from October 7-11, 2019 at IIT Gandhi Nagar. **Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi was one of the coordinators.
- The Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi organised a one day seminar 'Anthropology and Gandhi' commemorating 150 years of Mahatma on 1st October 2019. The speakers were Prof. P.C. Joshi, Dr. K.N. Saraswathy, Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan, Dr. Kiranmala Devi, Dr. Kennedy Singh, Taniya Gill, Sayak Chakraborty, Debashmita Banerjee, Praven Kumar Patel, and Dr. R.P.Mitra.
- A special lecture on 'Relational Perceptions of the Psyche: Psychology-History-Anthropology' was delivered by Prof. Youval Rotman, Senior Lecturer, department of Jewish History, Tel Aviv University on 18th October 2019.
- Dr. T. N. Pandit, former Station Incharge of ASI, Andaman Islands, delivered a special lecture titled 'Tribes of Andaman with special reference to Sentinel Islanders' on Monday, 21st October 2019 at 3.00 p.m. in the Seminar Room.
- Dr. Shweta Rawat from DRDO delivered a special lecture titled 'Applied Anthropology: Defence perspective', on the 24th October 2019 at 3:00 PM.

4. International collaborations including students exchange

NA

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

- **Prof. P.C. Joshi** was appointed as member of Interim Task Force, University of Delhi on 17th October 2019.
- **Prof. P. C. Joshi** delivered a lecture titled “Ethnographic Research and Data Management” for the Faculty and students of School of Human Ecology on October 30, 2019.
- **Dr. Benrithung Murry** presented a paper ‘Biosocial determinants of maternal and child health in Northeast India: A Case study’ at the IRC 2019, *XIII International Research Conference on Anthropology*, held from October 29-30, 2019 in Paris, France.
- **Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo** was invited as Resource Person to deliver a lecture on the topic “Visual Ethnography” at a workshop methodology workshop on Tuesday, 15th October 2019 from 12:30- 2:30 pm at Ambedkar University Delhi, Kashmiri Gate Campus. This is a part of the workshop series which are organised for MA Gender Studies Students to facilitate them in the dissertation writing process.
- The Department of Anthropology, Delhi University, partnered with UNICEF, to conduct a day-long capacity building workshop, in New Delhi, on 11 September 2019, to raise awareness on pneumonia, diarrhoea, anaemia, breastfeeding and nutrition. **Prof. P.C. Joshi and Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo** participated and shared anthropological insights in the workshop.
- **Dr. Meenal Dhall** participated in the online course on ' Grant management for health and social science researchers' held from 1st October 2019-31st October 2019 by St. John's Research Institute, Bangalore, India.

Targets

1.Academic activities and Research:

- Research Seminar Group to continue with eminent lecture series every month.
- Digitizing museum artifacts
- Fieldwork to Uttarakhand and Manipur as part of M.Sc. curriculum.

2. Infrastructure/facilities

- Urgent need of state of the art seminar hall.
- More classrooms as the department has two M.Sc. programs running simultaneously.