



ADITI RAJ

About me

I am a third-year student at Lakshmibai College, pursuing a B.A. Program in Economics and Computer Science. I am a curious learner with a strong interest in exploring diverse fields, and I enjoy staying active by involving myself in different activities and learning from every experience.

Why I joined CTS

India is such a diverse country, yet our education rarely teaches us about tribal communities — they are often ignored in mainstream discussions. I want to join the Centre for Tribal Studies to understand this diversity better, learn from the expertise of professors in this field, and gain awareness about tribal cultures, knowledge systems, and sustainable ways of living. I believe this internship will help me value and highlight voices and perspectives that are usually left out, while also deepening my respect for diversity and equity in society.

My expectation from CTS

By the end of my internship at the Centre for Tribal Studies, I hope to understand more about the diversity of tribal communities, their culture, and the problems they face today. I want to improve my research and learning skills, and also see development from a more fair and inclusive point of view. I expect this experience to help me think more clearly about issues like justice and sustainability. Most of all, I believe it will give me confidence, awareness, and the ability to respect and value different communities, while helping me grow as a more responsible person.

Interest

I enjoy painting and drawing, which allow me to express creativity and explore new perspectives. I also have a strong interest in archery, a sport that has helped me build focus, discipline, and patience. In addition, I am actively involved in an NGO, where I contribute to social initiatives and community engagement, fostering a strong sense of responsibility and teamwork.

Experience and education

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) – Economics Major, Computer Applications Minor, Delhi University (Lakshmibai College) | 2nd Year, CGPA: 8.1 | Expected Graduation: 2026

Class 12th (CBSE) – 89.6% | 2022

Class 10th (CBSE) – 94.5% | 2020.

Experience —

Vice President – Ehsaas NGO (Lakshmibai College Unit) | 2024 – Present

Internship – Bihar State Power Holding Company Ltd. | 2024



CHAVI AGGARWAL

Student

PROFILE

I am a second-year student of B.A. (Hons.) Political Science at Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi. Being born and brought up in Delhi, I have grown up in a city that is both politically vibrant and culturally diverse. This environment has shaped my interest in governance, society, and issues of social justice.

HOBBIES

I enjoy traveling as it allows me to experience diverse traditions and ways of life firsthand. I also take interest in writing and journaling, which help me reflect and articulate my thoughts more clearly. Along with this, I actively engage in community work and volunteering, where I interact with people, learn from their experiences, and contribute in meaningful ways.

➤ Why Centre for Tribal Studies

The Centre for Tribal Studies is more than an academic platform—it is a bridge between theory and lived realities. For me, it offers the opportunity to move beyond classroom learning and gain a deeper understanding of tribal culture, traditions, and self-governance systems. CTS provides a space to study the socio-economic challenges faced by tribal communities, appreciate their rich heritage, and contribute to research that not only documents but also strengthens their voices.

➤ WHAT I SEEK TO GAIN

- A deeper understanding of tribal communities, their culture, and challenges.
- Hands-on experience in research, documentation.
- Ground-level insights into tribal communities and their lived realities.
- Contribute to research that drives inclusive policy change.
- Enhance analytical, writing, and teamwork skills.



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Student

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About me

I am Karishma Gupta, a second-year B.Sc. (Hons.) Home Science student at Lakshmibai College, Delhi University. Dedicated and sincere in my work, I bring curiosity, creativity, and a strong sense of empathy to everything I do. I enjoy blending scientific learning with real-life applications, and I believe in growing through observation, interaction, and meaningful experiences. With a positive outlook and commitment to continuous learning, I aim to contribute with both responsibility and enthusiasm.

Interest

In my free time, I enjoy exploring my creativity through content creation and journaling. I have a deep interest in learning new things, gaining knowledge through research, and solving problems with innovative approaches. I also love listening to diverse perspectives, observing people and surroundings, and traveling to culturally rich places, as these experiences broaden my outlook and inspire continuous growth.”

WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR IN THE CENTRE FOR TRIBAL STUDIES

- Drawn to the simplicity and wisdom hidden in traditional ways of living.
- Excited to connect classroom learning with lived experiences and cultural narratives.
- Love exploring how creativity, empathy, and problem-solving can meet in community settings.
- Believe that every interaction is a chance to learn, unlearn, and grow.



KHUSHI THAKUR

I am a student at Delhi University, pursuing B.Sc. (Hons) in Home Science. With a strong passion for healthcare, nutrition, and social welfare, I aim to combine academic knowledge with practical experience to bring positive change. I value leadership, teamwork, and community participation.

WHY I WANT TO JOIN CTS

1. **Expand Knowledge Base** – Learning from diverse communities will deepen my understanding of health, nutrition, and development.
2. **Practical Learning** – Hands-on exposure to projects and research will refine my analytical and organizational abilities.
3. **Community Connection** – Interacting with people directly will help me learn about real challenges and inclusive solutions.

MY GOALS AT CTS

1. Contribute to impactful projects focused on healthcare, nutrition, and community development.
2. Strengthen my abilities in research, teamwork, and interdisciplinary collaboration.
3. Work with mentors and experts to create meaningful reports, publications, and initiatives.

EDUCATION

Class 10 (CBSE) – 2021

Class 12 (CBSE) – 2023

B.Sc. (Hons) Home Science – Ongoing (1st Year completed, CGPA 7.5)

INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES

I enjoy engaging in creative work like crafts and writing, participating in seminars and workshops, and contributing to student-led initiatives. I am also interested in exploring social issues, public speaking, and living a mindful lifestyle.



PROFILE

I am a 2nd year student of B.A. (Hons.) Political Science at Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi. I belong to Manipur and completed my higher secondary education (+2) in Shillong, Meghalaya. Growing up in a culturally diverse environment has shaped my curiosity about communities, their traditions, and the socio-political challenges they face.

HOBBIES

I enjoy Sketching, which allows me to express my creativity, and Journaling, which helps me reflect and organize my thoughts more clearly. I also take interest in exploring diverse perspectives through reading and discussions.

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➤ WHAT I SEEK AT CTS

Gain deeper understanding of tribal communities: their culture, traditions, governance and socio economic challenges.

Exposure to research and field realities of tribal societies.

A space to connect academic learning with grassroots perspective.

➤ GOALS

Support and contribute to research on tribal communities by assisting in data collection, documentation, and analysis.

Enhance ability to raise awareness and educate others about tribal communities, their rights, and cultural heritage.

Develop skills for teamwork and collaboration while working with peers and researchers on projects.

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About Me

I'm an enthusiastic and curious learner who loves trying new things, viewing every experience as an opportunity for growth. Adventurous at heart, I'm always eager to step beyond my comfort zone to explore new ideas and challenges.

Education

- B.A. Program (Economics + English) – Ongoing, 3rd Year
University of Delhi, Delhi, India
- Class 12th (2023)
D.A.V. Public School, Cantt. Area, Gaya
- Class 10th (2021)
Podar International School, Gaya

My hobbies & interests

- Traveling: I enjoy exploring new places to gain fresh perspectives and experiences.
- Painting : This hobby helps me think clearly and sparks my creativity.
- Home Decoration: I love experimenting with different styles to beautify living spaces.
- Crafting: I enjoy creating useful or decorative items from waste materials, embracing sustainability and creativity.

Why work at CTS?

I want to join the Centre for Tribal Studies because I genuinely believe in getting to know people and cultures different from my own. My studies in Economics and English have taught me a lot about how societies work, but I'm looking for a deeper understanding than what's in a textbook. I'm eager to learn from tribal communities directly and be part of something that helps protect their traditions and works toward a more just society for everyone.

My expectations from CTS

From the Centre, I hope to:

- Really understand tribal life—not just from facts and figures, but by experiencing their art, their stories, and their unique connection to nature.
- Learn how to stand up for what's right. I want to find the courage to speak out and act when I see something unfair happening to these communities.
- I'm looking forward to working on real projects and participating in field visits to learn how to make a tangible difference in the community.



PALAK MUNJAL

STUDENT

PROFILE

I am Currently a 3rd year BA (H) Sociology student at Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi, born and brought up in Delhi.

BACKGROUND

I completed my schooling at DL DAV Model School, from Commerce background, where i developed a strong foundation in academics, discipline and holistic growth.

HOBBIES

My hobbies include travelling, exploring new things as it fosters creativity and continuous learning, reading books which enriches my knowledge, and volunteering for social causes to make a positive impact in the community.

WHY WORK AT CTS?

As a third-year BA (H) Sociology student, the decision to intern at the Centre for Tribal Studies (CTS) comes from both academic curiosity and a genuine commitment to social impact. The internshio is a way to connect classroom learning with directsocial engagement, focusing on India's tribal communities and their diverse realities. Working here allows for a practical exposure to social research as well as a chance to move beyond textbooks and analyze real- world challenges faced by marginalized groups.

What I hope to achieve at CTS

Strengthen research skills by participating in fieldwork, reviewing liteerature and analyze projects targeting tribal communities. Gain insight into the lived realities of tribes, learning to approach social diversity with empathy and sensitivity.

Hello! I'm
Paridhi Gupta



About Me

I am currently pursuing **ECONOMICS HONS** as a second year student in Lakshmibai College, Delhi University. I was born and brought up in Ghaziabad, UP.

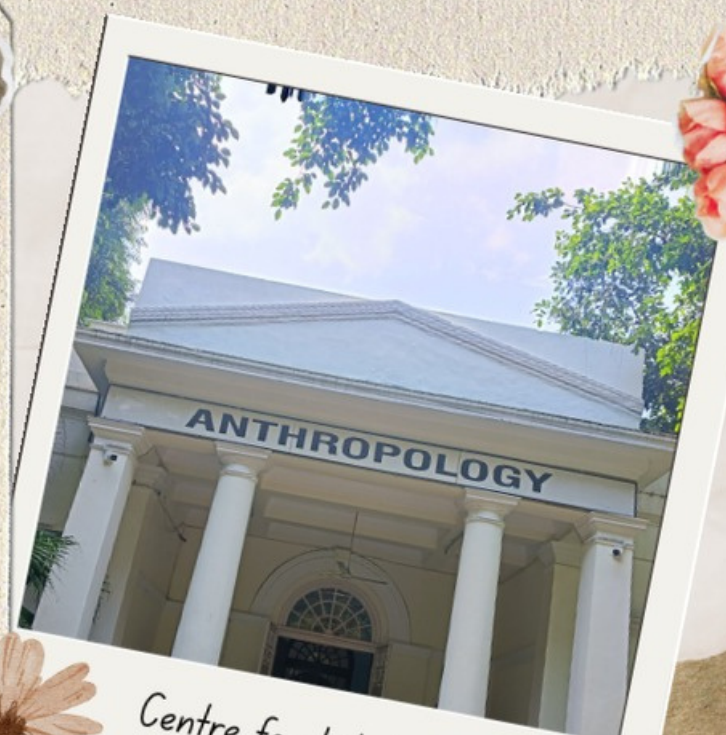
My hobbies include reading, solving mind boggling puzzles and sudokus, cooking and writing. I also like designing content which is visually appealing and aesthetically pleasing.

Why CTS?

- Interest: Alignment of the Centre's focus on culture, rights, and welfare with my academic and personal interests.
- Research: Desire to engage in meaningful research that contributes to social justice and inclusive development.
- Exposure: Opportunity to learn from a specialized institution working at the intersection of research and policy.

What I expect to gain

- Practical exposure to field research, policy analysis on tribal issues and getting to know them better by eliminating all stereotypes.
- Hands-on experience in research writing, documentation, and teamwork skills.
- Building a deeper understanding of how we students at our level through research can contribute to empowering tribal voices and influencing policy changes.



Centre for tribal studies



PARNEET KAUR

• PROFILE

I'm Parneet kaur studying in the second year of the Bachelor of Commerce Programme at Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi. I'm interested in gaining exposure to finance and management practices .

• EDUCATION

Class 12 graduate from Darshan Academy School, Kirpal Bagh, scoring 87%, with active involvement in the Heritage Club and experience coordinating major school events

• HOBBY

- I enjoy exploring new ideas through research, writing, and painting, love reading in depth, and like travelling—especially to religious and historic places.

• PURPOSE OF ENGAGEMENT IN CENTRE FOR TRIBAL STUDIES

Strong interest in tribal cultures, heritage, and history, fueled by a passion for research and learning.

Enjoy exploring religious and historic places, which sparked curiosity about diverse communities and their traditions.

Interested in exploring how tribal communities balance tradition with modern development.

AIM TO ACHIEVE AT CTS

- 1) Develop skills in fieldwork, documentation, and data analysis relevant to social and cultural studies.
- 2) Build teamwork, communication, and organisational skills
- 3) Strengthen abilities in report writing, presentation, and project management
- 4) Gain hands-on research experience in studying tribal communities and their cultures.



PRATIKHYA RATH

Introduction

I am a 2nd-year student at Lakshmibai College, pursuing B.A. (Hons.) Sociology. Besides academics, I work with the NGO Pehchaan as a teaching intern, helping underprivileged students in their learning journey. I also actively contribute to Socius The Sociology Society in my college.

Background

- I completed my schooling at DAV Public School, Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar (CBSE) with 90.4% in my Class 12 Boards, including a perfect 100 in Psychology.
- Served as House Captain, leading my team to win the championship trophy.
- Earned an NCC 'A' Certificate, reflecting discipline and commitment.
- Experienced with Performance poetry and Anchoring.



INTERESTS

- Poetry
- Journaling
- Management and Leadership

WHAT I HOPE TO ACHIEVE AT CTS?

1. Understand communities and their cultural practices more closely.
2. Assist and learn about the research process, from fieldwork to analysis and documentation.
3. Develop broader skills in observation, writing, and teamwork while contributing meaningfully to CTS projects.



Rakshita
Sharma

EDUCATION

2021-2022

Class 10th-JKBOSE-95%

2023-2024

Class 12th-CBSE-95.2%

EXPERIENCES

2019-2022

.Served as a house Vice-Captain

.Served as the School Prefect

2024-2025

.First in Debate competition
organized by Ministry of Social
Defence

.Participated in a Research paper
on Well-being

.Participated in Inter-college
declamation competition

. Teaching intern at Pehchaan

PERSONAL

On one fine day a family was celebrating RakshaBandhan in **Jammu and Kashmir** while collective consciousness by Durkheim was present there was also the presence of a girl child who was later named **Rakshita Sharma** who currently is an undergraduate student in **Second year pursuing, Sociology(hons.)** in Lakshmibai College.

INTERESTS

My interests include debate, creative writing, and literature. I am also passionate about engaging in deep conversations about global politics and exploring the fascinating life narratives of sociologists and anthropologists.

CTS (Centre for Tribal Studies)

Research Focus: My primary interest is in the intersection of sociology and anthropology, with a specific focus on analyzing how social structures and cultural dynamics influence tribal communities. I aim to understand if current empowerment policies are truly effective or if they inadvertently create dependency.

Career Contribution: My ultimate goal is to bridge the gap between academic theory and practical application, ensuring that the voices of tribal members are heard and respected. I aim to influence change from educational curricula to constitutional policy, advocating for genuine empowerment and self-determination.

Better Understanding: Being a sociology student with a strong passion for the subject I want to build an understanding of not only the society the one in which we live but also these "little communities" (tribes) through an anthropological lens.



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RITIKA TRIPATHI

Student

About me

Myself Ritika tripathi , i am a 3rd year student pursuing Political science (hons) from Lakshmibai College , Delhi University . My birthplace is Varanasi UP , i am here in Delhi for my studies .

Education

- i was born in varanasi brought up in gwalior , madhya pradesh
- I have done my education in gwalior only from Carmel Convent Senior Secondary School scoring 91.2% in my 10th board and 93.6% in my 12th board examination .
- i was also an active participant in the extra curricular activites of the school .

Why i choose CTS ?

- To know more about the tribal people , why they are treated differently
- To know why they are excluded from the mainstream world .
- To know whether there political rights are protected .
- to what extent they enjoy the benefits of policies provided by the state
- To know how our activites affect them and how they tackel those problems

What skills i want to gain from CTS

- Research ability (ethonography , field work ,data analysis
- critical thinking (understanding , political ,cultural , social policy issues
- communication engagement (to write well and to present well
- learn team work and co-ordination with the team members
- socialising with people

Hobbies

singing
Watching sports
Reading novels , & newspaper
Cycling

SAANVI BARANWAL

STUDENT

PROFILE

I'm currently a 3rd year B.A.Political Science (H) student at Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi. I consider myself a responsible and orderly person.

HOBBIES

I enjoy exploring my creativity through art and craft, writing poems and Journaling with this I also like dancing, reading and actively engage with community work and volunteering to learn more interesting things.



WHY WORK AT CTS?

- To bridge the gap between academic learning and ground level realities of tribal societies.
- It offers exposure to real world issues faced by tribals beyond textbooks.
- To engage with experts and scholars working in this field.
- Out of a genuine curiosity to learn how culture, governance and development interact in tribal contexts.
- To know their democratic rights

WHAT I AIM TO GAIN

- Knowledge of oral tradition, folk and indigenous practices that enrich cultural diversity.
- Growth in teamwork and coordination, empathy, and cultural sensitivity.
- Skills in field research, data analysis and academic writing that will support my future career.
- Personal growth through critical learning, empathy and cross cultural learning.

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Sinam Olivia Devi

Student



Short bio

My name is Olivia. I am currently pursuing B.A Political Science Honours in Lakshmi Bai college, Delhi University. I am in 2nd year right now. I am from Manipur but am currently staying in Delhi for my studies.

Hobbies

I love to read and write poems. I do love listening to music and try to sing a bit. I love to explore places. I love to learn the historical stories behind monuments, historical architectures, etc.

What am I looking in Centre for Tribal studies (CTS)?

- I want to learn about the various kind of communities and of their livelihood
- I want to know they are treated differently even though democracy claims everyone are equal
- I want to study the various data, census for which the government have claim that they have maintaining everyone equally. I want an answer about who really are the tribes and why they are being sidelined?

What I want to achieve from CTS?

- Clear understanding : I want a clear conclusion of my queries
- Create awareness: I want to expand knowledge of who really are the tribes?
- Exposure : I want to collaborate with various scholars about this matter and want to enhance my critical thinking ability.



Vanshika Vashisht

PROFILE

I am a student at Lakshmibai College, enrolled in 2nd year currently, pursuing B.A. Political Science(H).

BACKGROUND

I studied at CBSE affiliated - Ralli International School completing my 10+2 successfully with a score of 89%.

HOBBIES

I like to write abstract poems, sing and also listen to music. I have a subtle incline towards spirituality and developing a slow thoughtful lifestyle

WHY WORK AT CTS?

Gain Specialized Knowledge – Exposure to diverse tribal histories, cultures, and knowledge systems will enhance my related skills.

Research Competence – Access to archival resources, fieldwork opportunities, projects will strengthen my analytical skills.

Community Engagement Skills – Direct involvement with tribal communities will deepen understanding of participatory research & inclusive development.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACHIEVE AT CTS

Contribute to meaningful research that documents and preserves tribal cultures and knowledge systems.

Strengthen my skills in fieldwork, community engagement, and interdisciplinary analysis.

Collaborate with scholars and practitioners to produce impactful publications and policy insights.



VEDIKA BHATT

(LAKSHMIBAI COLLEGE)

INTRODUCTION

Vedika is an intern at Centre of Tribal Studies currently pursuing BA (H) Psychology from Lakshmibai College and is in 2nd year.

She originally belongs to Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

PROFILE



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HOBBIES

Dancing, Reading, Writing,
Painting, Teaching, Cooking,
Orating, Team Working,
Travelling, Exploring, DIY
Projects, Volunteering/Social
Service and Modelling.

➤ WHY DID I JOIN CTS?

I have always had an interest in knowing different communities and cultures. The tribes have always intrigued me. I always wanted to learn about tribes and know about their lifestyles, eating habits, folk culture, attire, language etc. Hence, the Centre of Tribal Studies provided me a platform for my interest. So, I had to be the part of it.

➤ GOALS

- To learn and know the concept of tribes.
- To know about the distribution of tribes all over India.
- To find out the problems that tribes face.
- To know the government policies made for tribals.
- To know how tribals and non-tribals differ and in what ways.
- To figure out ways on how we can create a safe and supportive environment for tribal people.
- A detailed research on one specific tribe by each student.
- Field visits and report making.