

National Conference
on
“Indian Tribes, Constitution and Governance”
Organized By
Centre for Tribal Studies & Department of Anthropology,
University of Delhi
25th -26th March 2025

DAY 1 – 25th March, 2025

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| 09:00 AM - 09:30 AM Reception | Registration |
| 09:30 AM - 11:00 AM Room Number - 32 | <p>Inaugural Session</p> <p>Lighting of Lamp & Saraswati Vandana</p> <p>Welcome: Prof. Manoj K Singh, <i>Convenor, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> <p>Felicitation of the guests</p> <p>About the Conference: Prof. S M Patnaik, <i>Director, Centre for Tribal Studies, Head, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> <p>Guest of Honour: Prof. Nupur Tiwari, <i>Special Director, National Tribal Research Institute</i></p> <p>Chief Guest: Prof. Debajyoti Chaudhury, <i>Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Delhi</i></p> <p>Keynote Address: Prof. Virginius Xaxa, <i>Former Professor, Delhi School of Economics</i></p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr. Avitoli G Zhimo, <i>Joint Director, Centre for Tribal Studies, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> |
| 11:00 AM- 11:30 AM | High Tea |
| 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Room Number: 32 | <p>Plenary Session 1: <u>Indian Tribes, Constitution and Governance</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. R Siva Prasad Co- chair: Prof. R P Mitra <i>Rapporteur: Sonuja Nandinee Barik, Deepanshi Gandheel</i></p> |
| Resource Persons | |
| <p>Prof. Abhik Ghosh <i>Dept. of Anthropology, Panjab University</i></p> <p>Prof. Anil Kumar <i>Head, Janapada Sampada, IGNCA</i></p> <p>Prof. Sukant Chaudhury <i>Sociology, University of Lucknow</i></p> | <p>Prof. Nita Mathur <i>Sociology, IGNOU</i></p> <p>Prof. Nilika Mehrotra <i>Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU</i></p> <p>Naushina Ali <i>Senior Advocate, Chhattisgarh, High Court</i></p> |
| 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM | Lunch |

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| <p>02:15 PM – 03:45 PM Room Number: 32</p> | <p>Technical Session 1: <u>Issues and Challenges in Tribal Development</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Rashmi Sinha Co-chair: Dr. Meenal Dhall <i>Rapporteur: Sudeshna Biswas, S Santhalen Singh</i></p> |
| <p>Invited Speakers</p> | <p>Dr. Avitoli G Zhimo <i>Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> “Indigenous Governance System”</p> <p>Dr. Chitra Kadam <i>Vice President Operations, ANCOR LABS, NCR</i> “Local governance: Comparison between Governmental and Non-governmental initiative in Sihore, Madhya Pradesh”</p> |
| <p>Presenter</p> | <p>Title</p> |
| <p>Anshu Jhariya <i>Student, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh</i></p> | <p>Determinants of Health Care Facilities among Baiga Tribe</p> |
| <p>Nikhil Kumar <i>Student, G B Pant Social Science Institute, Uttar Pradesh</i></p> | <p>Exploring the Intersection of Industrialization and Environmental Justice - A Study of Birhor Tribe in Western Jharkhand</p> |
| <p>Amisha L Phukan <i>PhD Scholar, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi</i></p> | <p>Barriers to Development: Socio-Economic Struggles of Assam’s Tea Tribes</p> |
| <p>Anusha Popli <i>Student, Christ (Deemed to be University)</i></p> | <p>Socio-Cultural Impact of Urbanization on Tribal Communities in India: A Secondary Data Analysis</p> |
| <p>Shougrakpam Utam Kumar Singh <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> | <p>Water, Power and People: Anthropological Insights into the Tumukhong Village in the Shadow of Mapithel Dam</p> |
| <p>03:45 PM- 04:00 PM</p> | <p>Tea Break</p> |
| <p>04:00 PM – 05:30 PM Room Number: 32</p> | <p>Technical Session 2 (A): <u>Legal Systems: Tribal Customary Laws and State Governance</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. K Ratnabali Co-chair: Dr. Seema Singh <i>Rapporteur: Nikhil Kaithwas, Thiyam Seityajit Singh</i></p> |
| <p>Invited speaker</p> | <p>Dr. Lovitoli Jimo <i>Gender Studies, Ambedkar University</i> “Women representation in Politics: Challenges, Progress and Pathway to inclusive policy and governance”</p> |
| <p>Presenter</p> | <p>Title</p> |
| <p>S Santhalen Singh <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> | <p>Brewing Culture of Chakpa Andro in Manipur: An Anthropological Study</p> |
| <p>Manish Surin <i>PhD Scholar, University of Sussex</i></p> | <p>Deconstructing the Ho Adivasis Beyond Rebellion and Retaliation</p> |

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| Hemant <i>Indira Gandhi National Open University</i> | Polyandry in the Hatis of Himachal: Navigating Tribal Customary Laws and State Governance |
| Praveen Kumar Patel <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> | From Custodians to Strangers: The Land Alienation Crisis of the Sahariyas of Shivpuri District, Madhya Pradesh |
| 04:00 PM – 05:30 PM Seminar Hall | Technical Session 2 (B) Parallel Session: <u>Tribal Struggles, Participation and Representation</u> Chair: Prof. P R Mondal Co-chair: Dr. Mitashree Srivastava <i>Rapporteur: Lipika Nath, Sukanya Guha Niyogi</i> |
| Invited speaker | Dr. Khirod C. Moharana <i>Anthropology, University of Allahabad</i> "Rights of Nature, Tribes and Constitution of India: Some Critical Reflections" |
| Presenter | Title |
| Dr. D. Michael Luminthang Haokip <i>Ambedkar University, Delhi</i> | Encountering Democracy: The Constitution and Minorities in Northeast India |
| Pravin Khandagale <i>Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Maharashtra</i> | Wild Animals and Traditional Farming Practice of Gond, Kolam and Pardhan Tribes: A Case from Gondwana Region of Maharashtra |
| Soumya Singh <i>History, Faculty of Social Sciences</i> | Creating the Primitive: Conquest, Capital and Ethnogenesis in the Naga Hills |
| Abhishek <i>Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi</i> | Challenges in Tribal Political Participation: Assessing Socio-Economic Barriers to Effective Participation in Electoral Politics |
| Brajendra Singh Parihar <i>Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi</i> | Tribal Politics and Representation |
| Girdhari Chaudhary <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> | Social And Economic Dynamics Among The Raikas Of Rajasthan |

| DAY 2 – 26 th March, 2025 | |
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| 09:00 AM – 10:30 AM Room Number: 32 | Technical Session 3 (A): <u>Tribal Autonomy and Governance</u> Chair: Prof. Benrithung Murry Co-Chair: Dr. Durga Rao Pededa <i>Rapporteur: Daipayan Ghosh, Tsering Chosdon</i> |
| Invited speaker | Dr. Ramesh Sahani <i>Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> “Issues related to Health and Nutritional Development among the Tribals of Eastern and Central India” |
| Presenter | Title |
| Karan Mohan Thakur <i>PG Student, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh</i> | Livelihood Vulnerability and Health Outcomes: An Intersectional Analysis Among Gond Tribes of Sagar, Madhya Pradesh |
| Dreeti Hazarika <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University Of Delhi</i> | The Emerging Situation in Assam for the Sixth Schedule |
| Angana Goswami <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> | The Struggle for Recognition as a Scheduled Tribe in India with Special Reference to the Sarania Kacharis of Assam |
| Krishna Kant Yadav <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> | The Forgotten Bill: Tribal Exclusion from the City in Absence of Mesa |
| Lipika Nath <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> | Tamangs in India: Tribal Status, Governance and Revivalism |
| 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Seminar Hall | Technical Session 3 (B) Parallel Session: <u>Tribal identity and Globalization</u> Chair: Dr. Geetanjali Kala Co-chair: Dr. Jeetesh Rai <i>Rapporteur: Preeti , Berjees Altaf Shah</i> |
| Invited speaker | Dr. Anil Kumar Biswas <i>Political Science, University of Burdwan & Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla</i> “Livelihood Challenges of Tea Tribes in India: A Study of Western Duars Region” Dr. Ubaid Ahmed <i>Anthropology, University of Kashmir</i> “Language and Identity Politics: Inclusion, Exclusion and Policy dynamics with reference to the pastoral tribes of Jammu and Kashmir” |
| Presenter | Title |
| Dr Bipasha Rosy Lakra <i>Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi</i> | Colonial ‘Coolie’ to Post-Colonial ‘Tea-Tribe’: Adivasis’ Quest for Scheduled Tribe Status in Assam, India |

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| Sukanya Guha Niyogi <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> | Maghi Puja: Sustaining Birhor Identity in the Age of Globalization |
| Jayendra Narain <i>Dept. of African Studies, University of Delhi</i> | Protecting Indigenous Knowledge in a Globalised World: A Study on Water Management and Cultural Preservation in Tribal Communities |
| Naina Sharma <i>Maharaja Surajmal Institute of Technology, GGSIPU</i> | Globalization and Tribal Communities: A Double-Edged Sword |
| 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM | Tea Break |

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| 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Room Number: 32 | CTS Projects Presentations Chair: Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo Co- chair: Dr. Amrita Bajaj <i>Rapporteur: Praveen Patel, Subham</i> |
| Presenter | Title |
| Prof. Virender Negi <i>Geography, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi</i> | Culture and Indigenous Conservation practices of the Lepcha community in the Sikkim Himalaya |
| Dr. Ananya Barua <i>Philosophy, Hindu College, University of Delhi</i> | Kamakhya Temple, Indigenous communities and Nilachal Hills: Evolution of a Sacred Space |
| Dr. Chetan <i>Statistics, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi</i> | Achieving Sustainable Agriculture through Traditional Practices of Dongria Kondh of Niyamgiri Hills |
| Dr. Shagun Aggarwal <i>Hindi, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College for Women, University of Delhi</i> | आदिवासी समाज में महिलाओं की भूमिका एवं स्थिति : विशेष सन्दर्भ पेरना और गड़िया लोहार समुदाय । |

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| 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM Room Number: 32 | Plenary Session 2: <u>Federalism, Governance and Development Practices</u> Chair: Prof. Sukant Kumar Chaudhury Co- chair: Prof. M. K. Singh <i>Rapporteur: Angana Goswami, Dreeti Hazarika</i> |
| Resource Persons | |
| Prof. Avanish Kumar <i>Dean, Management Development Institute</i> Dr. Jyotirmayee Tudu <i>Centre for Political Studies School of Social Science, JNU</i> | Prof. Diptendu Chatterjee <i>Head, Anthropology, University of Calcutta</i> Dr. Archana Shukla Mukherjee <i>CEO, Change Alliance Pvt.Ltd., New Delhi</i> |
| 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM | Lunch |

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| <p>2:15 PM – 3:30 PM Room Number: 32</p> | <p>Technical Session 4 (A): <u>State, Power and Tribal Identity</u> Chair: Naushina Ali Co-chair: Dr. Shivani Chandel <i>Rapporteur: Krishna Kant Yadav, Shreyashee Pandey</i></p> |
| <p>Invited Speakers</p> | <p>Prof. Rukmini Sen <i>Sociology, Ambedkar University</i></p> <p>Dr. Rajanikant Pandey <i>Anthropology, Central University of Jharkhand</i> “Art of Being Governed: Negotiating Constitutional Identity of Tribe in Uttar Pradesh”</p> |
| <p>Presenter</p> | <p>Title</p> |
| <p>Prashant Kumar <i>MIDS Chennai</i></p> | <p>Exploring JJM Challenges in Schedule 5th and 6th Areas through Ostrom’s Framework</p> |
| <p>Shankar Bhil <i>Azim Premji University, Bangalore</i></p> | <p>Understanding the Bhil Pradesh: Movement and Aspirations of Bhil Youth in the Bhil Heartland</p> |
| <p>Guncha Babbar <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> | <p>A Study on Dynamics and Regulation of Power Conducting to Development among the Bhils of Ranghunathpura Village</p> |
| <p>Seikhongam <i>Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi</i></p> | <p>Narratives of exclusion and othering: The online narrative war in the Kuki-Meitei ethnic conflict</p> |

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| <p>2:15 PM – 3:30 PM Room Number: 32</p> | <p>Technical Session 4 (B) Parallel Session: <u>Tribal Welfare and Representation</u> Chair: Dr. M. Kennedy Co-chair: Dr. Abigail Lalnuneng <i>Rapporteur: Guncha and Mrigango</i></p> |
| <p>Invited Speaker</p> | <p>Dr. Sumit Saurabh Srivastava <i>Centre of Development Studies, University of Allahabad</i> “Revisiting Tribal Development Philosophy in Neo-Liberal India”</p> |
| <p>Presenter</p> | <p>Title</p> |
| <p>C Thangminlal Dougel <i>National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)</i></p> | <p>A Critical Review of Education Policies and its Impact on Tribal Areas of Manipur</p> |
| <p>Hitesh <i>Indian Institute of Technology, Patna</i></p> | <p>Jal, Jangal, Zameen: Who Owns Jharkhand? From Postcolonial Developmentalism to Adivasi Self-Governance</p> |
| <p>Beishamayum Deben Singh <i>Post-Doctoral Fellow, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> | <p>Intellectual property Right and Folksong: Among the Chiru of Manipur</p> |

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| Manisha Rathee <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> | Tribal Representation in Media: An Anthropological Analysis |
| Berjees Altaf Shah <i>PhD Scholar, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i> | Educational and Infrastructural Challenges Among the Dard Tribe in Chorwan, Gurez Valley |
| 03:30 pm- 03:45 pm | Tea Break |

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| 03:45 PM - 05:15 PM Room Number: 32 | <p>Welcome: Dr. Avitoli G Zhimo, <i>Joint Director, Centre for Tribal Studies, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> <p>Felicitations of the guests Summary of the Conference</p> <p>Guest of Honour: Prof. Felipe Fernandes <i>Director, Centre for Indigenous Studies, University of Brazil</i></p> <p>Chair: Prof. S M Patnaik <i>Director, Centre for Tribal Studies, Head, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> <p>Chief Guest: Prof. Kishor K Basa <i>Chairman, National Monuments Authority of India, Delhi</i></p> <p>Valedictory Address: Prof. R Siva Prasad <i>Former Honorary Professor, CDLTR University of Hyderabad</i></p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr. M Kennedy <i>Co-convenor, Anthropology, University of Delhi</i></p> |
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