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**Interests:**

I did my PhD at the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, where I worked on marginalised Gaddi women of the Himalayas and their political representation and identity issues. My area of interest is Gender studies, Tribal Studies, Himalayan Studies, Psychological Anthropology, Religion and symbolism, Anthropology of Children, Public Policy, Visual and Digital Ethnography, Archival studies, Feminist Anthropology and Political Anthropology, Policies, Welfare and Development of women and children, Development and Sustainability.

**Work Experience:**

<b>Indian Anthropological Association</b>	Intern	Researched and updated all required information needed for the biography of an Indian female Anthropologist	June 2017 — July 2017
<b>National Service Scheme, Hans Raj College</b>	Event Manager, Event sub-coordinator	Organizing events for women and children related to education, reproductive Health, etc., Teaching underprivileged students and marginalized women	2012-2014

### Research Papers Published in Scopus/UGC-listed Journals:

- **Women's Lives and Images: The Inner and Outer Selves of Himalayan Gaddi**  
**Visual Ethnography Journal (Single Author)**
- **WOMEN'S AUTONOMY AMONG THE GADDIS OF THE HIMALAYAS**  
**The Eastern anthropologist (Single Author)**
- **Tribal Gaddis of Himachal Pradesh**  
**Tribes Special issue of our journal Himalayan and Central Asian Studies (Single Author)**
- **Tribal Girls in Policy: A Case Study of Argo-pastoral Gaddi of the Himalayas**  
**National Journal of Education (Single Author)**
- **An Ethnographic Profile of the Contemporary Transhumant Gaddi Tribe: Identity Politics and Transformation (Single Author)**  
**TRIBAL STUDIES: A JOURNAL OF COUNCIL OF ANALYTICAL TRIBAL STUDIES (COATS)**

### Documentary

#### **The Himalayan Gaddi women: Negotiating voice and space**

The screening will be at the **19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropological Congress**, October 14<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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### Seminars, Workshops, and paper presentations:

- Worked as a **leading speaker/workshop facilitator and content creator** for a gender sensitization workshop organized by **YuWaah India** by **UNICEF**. The topic of the seminar is "**Understanding Gender**."
- I Participated, managed, and shared research experience in a two-day Workshop on **Child rights and why they matter** by **UNICEF**.

- Participated and shared research experience in a five-day National workshop on the **Labor of women: Perspectives and debates on Development organized by the Women Studies & Development Center, University of Delhi.**
- Participated in a virtual workshop on IMPROVISING STRATEGIES FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH: METHODOLOGICAL CONCERNS organized by the Indian Anthropological Association and Anthropology without Borders on August 12-13, 2020.
- I attended the National seminar organized by the Department of Anthropology on March 15, 2019, and the seminar theme was Health Policy Research: Current Scenario.
- I have attended the popular seminar series Imagining Northeast.
- Special Lectures: I attended a special lecture by Dr. Lalit Kumar on Friday, April 12, 2019, on applying Anthropological knowledge in studies of tribal welfare, communal harmony, civil society, and sanitation and hygiene.
- I attended a Special lecture on "Translating Culture Writing Ethnography" by Prof. Subhadra Channa at the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, on April 5, 2019.
- I attended "*Researching the 'OTHER': Experiences from the Field*" by Dr. Kumkum Srivastava at the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, on April 26, 2019.

#### **Paper presentation:**

- I presented a paper in the **congress program of IUAES2021 in Croatia** (International) on March 14, 2021. The title of my presentation is "**The Understanding of current feminist movements against violence through my personal experience as an Anthropological Researcher.**"
- I presented a paper at the **Indian Anthropology Congress** in February 2021 on "**Menstruation Pollution Taboos and Gender Disparity among *Bhils* in the village Raghunathpura, Udaipur.**"
- I presented an article titled "**The dichotomy of public and private space in Raghunathpura, Udaipur, Rajasthan** at a **National Webinar Conclave, *Recent Advances in Anthropological Research.***
- I was prepared for the poster presentation on the topic "**Poverty, malnutrition and health issues among Bhil women in the village of Raghunathpura, Udaipur,**" for **the International Conference on Anthropology of Food and Health** organized by the Department of Anthropology.

- The organizing committee selected a list of participants as Rapporteurs in each session during the International Conference. I was the rapporteur for the session on **Food and Culture** with my colleague, Ms. Neelam Singh.
- I presented a paper in a **National seminar** on the Relevance of Medical Anthropology and tribal healthcare systems in a globalizing World.
- I gave a paper at the International Congress on **Gaddi Women and Identity Politics**.

### **Academic Projects:**

**Project 1:** Research work on Social Space and Risk among female students of Delhi University.

**Project 2:** Research Work on the pattern of Student electoral behavior in the Department of Anthropology in the Context of Student Unions.

**Project 3:** Research Work on the reading habits of students of the University of Delhi and its effects on their academic performances.

**Project 4:** Ethnographic study of Potter's community of Malkaganj, New Delhi community.

Fieldwork and dissertation writing in graduation Final year on the **Status of Women among Rajputs and Bhils**.

Fieldwork and dissertation writing in graduation in the first year on the topic **Analysing the lower Palaeolithic culture, Odisha**.

Fieldwork and dissertation writing in the master's Final focused on the dichotomy of public and private space among Bhils in Raghunathpura, Rajasthan.

### **Skills:**

Feminist Ethnography

Archival Study

MS Excel, Word, and PowerPoint

Documentation

Data Analysis

Report Making  
 Presentations  
 Workshop Training  
 Ethnography (Visual and Digital)  
 Analytical Skills  
 Field Work  
 Interviews  
 SPSS  
 Team Work  
 Data Collection  
 Event organizing and Management  
 Event Planning  
 Quantitative Research  
 Qualitative Research  
 Cross-Cultural Communication Research

**Education:**

Program	Institution	Qualification	Year
Anthropology	University of Delhi	Ph.D.	2019- 2024
Women and Gender Studies	IGNOU	M.A.	2019- ongoing
Anthropology	Hans Raj College, University of Delhi	M.Sc.	2015-2017
Anthropology	Hans Raj College, University of Delhi	B.Sc. (H)	2012-2015
XII	St. Xavier's High School	PCMB	2010-2012
X	St. Xavier's High School		2000-2010

**Language:** Hindi, English

