



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

ANTHROPOLOGY IN CONTEMPORARY PRACTICE: PATHWAYS FOR
A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

IN HONOUR OF PROF. B.V. SHARMA



26TH TO 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA

Day 1: 26.09.2025 (Friday)

9:00 – 9:30 am Registration at Dr. Zakir Husain Lecture Hall Complex (Venue)

INAUGURAL SESSION (9:30 A.M TO 11:30AM)

26th September 2025

Venue: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad
Dr. Zakir Husain Lecture Hall Complex, University of Hyderabad

Chief Guest: *Prof. K. Suneetha Rani, Dean, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad*

9:30 A.M *Inviting the dignitaries on the Dais*

9:35A.M *Adress by the Chief Guest and about the School of Social Sciences*

9:45 A.M *About the Department*
Prof. M. Ramesh Singh, Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad

9:47 AM *About the Seminar*
Dr. Nookarapu Srinivasu, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad

9:50AM *About Prof. BV Sharma*
Dr. Nanda Kishore Kannuri, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad

9:55 A.M **Message by the Guests of Honour**
Prof. SN Ratha, Former Professor of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Sambalpur University
Prof. KK Basa, Chairman of the National Monuments Authority (NMA), GoI
Prof. Vijay S Sabay, Emeritus Professor and Former Head, Department of Anthropology Allahabad University
Dr. KK Chakravarti, IAS (Rtd.), Former Secretary, Ministry of Culture, GoI

10:20 A.M A Documentary on Prof. BV Sharma

10:30 A.M Felicitation of Prof. BV Sharma

10:45 A.M Prof. BV Sharma's Message

11:00 A.M Keynote Speaker: *Prof. S.M. Patnaik, Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi & former Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University*

11:25 A.M Vote of Thanks:
Dr. Alok Kumar Pandey, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad

TEA BREAK: 11:30AM TO 11:45 AM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION: 1A		
Theme: Ethnographies of Healing, Belief Systems, and Social Change		
Chairperson: <i>Prof. SN Ratha, Former Professor of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Sambalpur University</i>		
Venue: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 11:45AM-1:30PM		
1	From 'Mun' to 'Mata': The upsurge of syncretic faith healing in Sikkim Himalayas	K. R. Rama Mohan & Monila Limboo
2	Health, Healing, and Indigenous Knowledge: A study of the Ang (Jarawa) Tribe of Andaman and Nicobar Islands of India	Dr. Piyusa Ranjan Sahoo
3	Ethnophysiological and Social Connotations of Blood Among Tribal and Rural Communities in India	Sohini Ghosh
4	Psychosocial Stress in Transitional Societies: Evidence from Eastern India Background	Karishma Yasmin
5	Insights into Adult Kidney Transplantation: A Qualitative PubMed Systematic Review of Literature (2005-2025)	Amulya Kalangi
6	Health status of women: An anthropological study of Gollagudem Village	Gouda Deepthi

SESSION:1B		
Theme: Advancing Social Justice: Policy and Inclusion in Contemporary Times		
Chairperson: <i>Prof. N Sudhakar Rao, Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad</i>		
Venue: Seminar Hall (S 3), Second Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 11:45AM to 1:30PM		
1	Tribal Economy: In-Situ Economic Activities Among Tribes of Chintapalle Mandal, Andhra Pradesh	Dr. D. Ramesh & Chompa Naidu
2	Development Interventions and the SDGs: Assessing Policy Implications for the Dongaria Kondh Community	Hemalata Agrawalla & Nibedita Agrawalla
3	CMAM- An Evidence-Based Approach to Tackle Malnutrition in Children Under Five Years	R. Rajendra babu and Dr Veerabhadru B
4	Social Support and Drug Addiction Relapse Among the Female Addicts of Manipur	Nameirakpam Napoleon Meitei
5	Gender Inclusivity and Digital Education: Analysis on Kokborok & Its Rejuvenation	Partha Sarathi Sarkar

SESSION:1C		
Theme: Bio-Cultural Context of Health, Disease, and Wellbeing		
Chairperson: <i>Prof. BR Shamanna, School of Medical Sciences, University of Hyderabad</i>		
Venue: Seminar Hall (S 6), Second Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 11:45AM-1:30PM		
1	Cognitive Functions and Malnutrition among the Adolescents: A Systematic Review	Dr. Sanjenbam Yaiphaba Meitei
2	Assessing the relationship between 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels and urolithiasis: A case-control study among the Meiteis of Manipur	Malvika Yumnam & Dr. Sanjenbam Yaiphaba Meitei
3	CaSR gene polymorphisms as risk factor for hypercalciuria and urolithiasis: A meta-analysis	Aheibam Robertson Singh & Dr. Sanjenbam Yaiphaba Meitei
4	Narratives of death and living among the Savara: An exploration into Ethnocosmology	Y. Rupa Mounika
5	When Age Becomes a Barrier: Diagnostic Delays and the Cracks in Kerala's Early Breast Cancer Detection Paradigm for Younger Women.	Athira Kamal
6	Serum 25-Hydroxyvitamin D Levels and Its Association with Body Mass Index and Waist-Hip Ratio in the Meitei Community of Manipur	Erika Pebam & Dr. Sanjenbam Yaiphaba Meitei
7	Hypertension and Health-seeking behaviour among Gonds and Kolams of Adilabad districts, Telangana.	Pranav K & Anushree S Panikkassery

SESSION:1D		
Theme: Cultural Heritage, Art and Museums		
Chairperson: Dr. Navina Jafa, <i>Director, Indian Cultural Heritage Research Delhi, New Delhi</i>		
Venue: Class Room, First Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 11:45AM-1:30PM		
1	An Anthropological Study on the Artistic and Folk Traditions of Tribal People of Madhya Pradesh	Dr. Kasi Eswarappa
2	Toddy Festival of Koya Tribe: The Vibrant Cultural Heritage of Andhra Pradesh State	Dr. Naga Raju Chikkala
3	The Sacred Shrines of Baruni Hill: Conservation of Ecology and Cultural Identity of Chakpa Andro in Manipur, India	Shagolschem Santhalen Singh
4	The Hermeneutics of Ethnographic Fiction: A Textual-Ethnographic Inquiry into Malayattoor Ramakrishnan's Ponnai in Contemporary Attappadi	Dr. Sreehari K R
5	Anthropological Understanding to Find Solutions to Social Issues and Challenges of Kuravar Community in Tamil Nadu	S. Sasi Kumar
6	Buddhavanam - A Buddhist Heritage Project of Telangana	Bakka Rupika

LUNCH BREAK: 1:30 PM TO 2:30 PM

Invited Speakers (2:30pm to 3:30pm)

VENUE: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad

Speaker 01: **AI, Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development: Some Thoughts**
Prof. R Siva Prasad, Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad

Speaker 02: **Cultural Skill Mapping, Heritage Landscapes and Sustainable Tourism**
Dr Navina Jafa, Director, Indian Cultural Heritage Research Delhi, New Delhi

Speaker 03: **Infertility, Hope Technology and Anthropology**
Prof Subho Roy, Professor Biological Anthropology Unit, Kolkata Biological Sciences Division Kolkata and General Secretary, INCAA

TEA BREAK (3:30PM TO 3:40PM)

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION:2A		
Theme: Transforming Gender Practices and Challenges		
Chairperson: Dr. NV Madhuri, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad		
Venue: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 3:45PM TO 5:30PM		
1	Fighting Cocks and Fighting Norms: Women's Agency and Evolving Roles in Andhra Pradesh's Cockfighting Culture	T.S.Janaki Ramaraju & Dr. Jesurathnam Devarapalli
2	When 'Free Time' is Not Free: A Gendered Analysis of Time Poverty and Water Collection in Barmer District	Sanjay Prajapati
3	Breaking Gender Barriers: The Transformative Impact of STEM Scholarships for Girls in Hyderabad, Telangana	Mumtaz Parveen and Thalari Jeevan Kumar
4	Economic Dimension of Status, Role and Empowerment of Tribal Women	Dr. D.Ramesh & Vennela Karri
5	Legally In(visible): A study of extra-legal and legal action of Tamil Nadu Dalit Christians against caste discrimination	Roy Anto Antoni
6	Applied Anthropology and the Mobility Challenges of Irular Women in Tamil Nadu	Sowparnika

SESSION: 2B		
Theme: Tribes, Vulnerability and SDGs		
Chairperson: <i>Prof. M Romesh Singh, Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad</i>		
Venue: Seminar Hall (S 3), Second Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 3:45PM TO 5:30PM		
1	A Perspective Study on Urban Dynamics: (With reference to urban slums in Vizag city, Andhra Pradesh, India)	Dr Adari kishore kumar
2	Indigenous Knowledge and the SDGs: An Anthropological Pathways to Climate Resilience and Sustainable Future	Dr. Charu Mujundar
3	Dam, Displacement, and Livelihood: A Study of Tumukhong Village in Manipur, India	Shougrakpam Utam Kumar Singh
4	From Village Ethnography to Sustainable Development Goals: A Restudy of the Gonds of Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh	Dr. Poonam Tripathi
5	Socio-Economic Conditions of Koraga: A Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) of Kerala, South India	Sarath Babu & Dr. Kasi Eswarappa

SESSION: 2C		
Theme: Environment, Culture, and Adaptation		
Chairperson: <i>Prof R Siva Prasad, former Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad</i>		
Venue: Seminar Hall (S 6), Second Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 3:45PM TO 5:30PM		
1	Anthropology of Plastics: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Medical Waste and Sustainability	Akhilesh Bonthu & Dr Nanda Kishore Kannuri
2	Endangering Nomadic Pastoralism: A Case of Shauka Bhotiya of Central Indian Himalayas	D.V. Prasad
3	Political Ecology of Water and Traditional Water Management System in Manipur	Dr. M. Kennedy Singh
4	Sustainability and Consumer Culture: Tribal Wisdom from Jharkhand	Karishma Singh
5	Community Wellbeing and Development among the Marine Fishing Community of Andhra Pradesh	Dalibandhu Pukkalla
6	Traditional Livelihoods and New Economic Opportunities: A Study of Chenchus of Nallamala Forest of Andhra Pradesh	Sagar Kodi & Dr. Valerie Dkhar

Day 2: 27.09.2025 (Saturday)

Invited Speakers (9:15am to 10:15am)

VENUE: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad

- Speaker 01:** **Anthropology, Museum and Sustainable Future**
KK Basa, Chairman of the National Monuments Authority (NMA), GoI
- Speaker 02:** **Maritime Anthropology and SDG-14: Assessment, Academics and Advocacy for Development of Fisheries in India**
Prof P Vijaya Prakash, Vice Chairperson, APHERMC, Govt of A.P, & Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, Andhra University
- Speaker 03:** **Rationalising Affirmative Action for Ensuring Equity and Social Justice**
Prof S Gregory, Former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Chairperson, Department of Anthropology, Kannur University

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION: 3A		
Theme: Learning, Culture, and Social Change		
Chairperson: Dr. Appa Rao T, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad		
Venue: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 10:15AM to 11:45AM		
1	Understanding Urban Slum Educational Dropouts from Habitus Framework; A Case Study of Pulianthope, Chennai	Dr. Jesurathnam Devarapalli & T.S.Janaki Ramaraju
2	Disruption to Adaptation: Pathways to Post- COVID Digital Learning among the Children of Andhra Pradesh	Amarewar Theeda
3	Learning Experience: Exploring Relational Factor in Government Primary Schools of Telangana	T. Meghana Kanthi Priya
4	Teaching Anthropology to Multidisciplinary Audiences: Ideations, Reflections and Implications	Dr. Snigdha Vishnoi
5	Cultivating Change: Education and Culture in Social Change	K Mohan Chandu
6	An Approach towards Developed community Convergence and Collaboration a Success Story of ASR District.	Narayanareddy Gade

SESSION: 3B		
Theme: Education Systems and Innovation		
Chairperson: Prof. G. Nagaraju, Head, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad		
Venue: Seminar Hall (S 3), Second Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 10:15AM to 11:45AM		
1	The Mentorship Effect: TPD lessons from Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh	Sagarika Unnikrishnan and Sahil Sharma
2	Significant Factors for Parents to Choose International Schools for their Children: An Anthropological Study of International School Parents Preferences in Hyderabad	Bandaru Pavani
3	Mother-Tongue Education and Cultural Identity: Multilingualism, Policy, and Social Transformation in India	Korra Nithin
4	Building Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Public-School Infrastructure in Telangana	Mumtaz Parveen and Thalari Jeevan Kumar
5	Chrysalis Genie – The World’s First Teaching Console in School Education Segment	Sundar Raj, Bharath, Ravi Teja
6	Everyone needs a ‘Sahyogi’: Lessons from the creation of teacher support cadres in rural Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh	Sagarika Unnikrishnan & Sahil Sharma

SESSION: 3C		
Theme: Substantiable Practices and Resource Management		
Chairperson: <i>Prof. Vijay S Sahay, Emeritus Professor and Former Head, Department of Anthropology Allahabad University and Editor, The Oriental Anthropologist.</i>		
Venue: Seminar Hall (S 6), Second Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 10:15AM to 11:45AM		
1	Evaluating Contemporary Adivasi Practices: Building a Roadmap to Sustainable Development	R. Venugopala Rao
2	Mapping of Sustainability and Sustainable Farming Methods of the Gond Tribe: An Empirical Investigation from the Anuppur District of Madhya Pradesh	Manisha Singh & Dr. Kasi Eswarappa
3	Are Fishers the only one responsible for sustainability: A case study of fishers in Palk Bay	Haripriya Eswaran
4	From Global Blue Economy to Local Struggles: Rethinking Sustainable Development in Kerala's Marine Fisheries Sector	Manju J Manoj
5	The Shandies and Development among Tribes	Dr. D.Ramesh & Pavan Kalyan
6	Supersizing the Mind: CPSS for Sustainable Natural Resource Management	Aravind Krishnan
7	From Drifting Nets to Shifting Horizons: Is Transformation to Tourism Always A Sustainable Step In Fisheries Landscape	Meghana Teerthala

TEA BREAK (11:45AM TO 12:00PM)

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION: 4A		
Theme: Gendered Embodiments and Reproductive Healthcare		
Chairperson: <i>Prof P Venkata Rao, Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad</i>		
Venue: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 12:00PM-1:30PM		
1	Medical Tourism and Surrogacy: Public Health Perspectives	Dr Sunita Reddy
2	Menstrual Health Characteristics and Influencing Factors Among Poumai Women, Manipur, India	Karingailu Panmei & Dr. Sanjenbam Yaiphaba Meitei
3	Changing trajectories of traditional post-natal care in Kerala: Rise of ayurvedic post-natal care	Vishnupriya M
4	Infertility, Inequality, and Social Navigation: Ethnographic Perspectives on Childlessness and Health in Telangana, South India	Dr. Venkatesh Boddu
5	Maternal Health and Policy Interventions: An Ethnographic Inquiry among a Tribal Community in Southern India	Neemkar Anoosha
6	Elastic Practices: Understanding Menstrual Cups Beyond Innovation and Feasibility	Sumukhi Marupaka

SESSION: 4B		
Theme: Urban and Social Dynamics		
Chairperson: <i>Dr. George Tharakan C, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad</i>		
Venue: Seminar Hall (S 3), Second Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 12:00PM to 1:30PM		
1	Human Meaning Orientation Theory: Inaugurating New Paradigm Shifts in the Study of Humanity	Dr. Pedarattaiiah Gadde
3	Navigating exclusion in urban spaces: a journey of identity from village margins to city streets	Dr. Mithun Sikdar
4	Shaping Futures from the Margins: Women as Agents of Change.	Gangarapu Sandhya
5	Order in Chaos: Analysing Inter-Ethnic Conflicts and Space Negotiations in Kolkata's Chinatown	Syed Ayaan Alam & Dr. Valerie Dkhar
6	Vegetable Vending as a Dimension of Urban Dynamics: A Study in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh	Doraboina Udaya Kumar
7	Gangtok in Motion: Ethnography of Everyday Life and Sustainable Urban Practices	Ayushi Nirola and Sandhya Tamang

SESSION: 4C		
Theme: Navigating Online Spaces and Digital Transformations		
Chairperson: <i>Prof S Gregory, Former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Chairperson, Department of Anthropology, Kannur University</i>		
Venue: Seminar Hall (S 6), Second Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad		
Time: 12:00PM to 1:30PM		
1	Hashtags of Hierarchy: Instagram as a Site of Caste Consciousness and Political Expression	Shambhavi Ojha
2	Tradition in Transition: A Study of Socio-Cultural Change in a South Indian Tribe	Rambabu Marla
3	State-led Urban Digital Transformation: Key Lessons from 4 states	Mathews P Joseph
4	From Likes to Lifestyle: The Influence of Instagram on Young Adults	M Abhinay
5	Gaming the Field: Immersion, Agency, and Culture in Online Game Communities	Pranav Peyyala
6	Strengthening Public Education through STEM & Digital Learning Conceptual Framework (Girls focused)	Mumtaz

LUNCH BREAK (1:30PM TO 2:30PM)

INVITED SPEAKERS (2:30PM TO 3:30PM)

VENUE: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad

SPEAKER 01: My Kind of Anthropology

Prof. Vijay S Sahay, Former Emeritus Professor, Former Head, Department of Anthropology Allahabad University and Editor, The Oriental Anthropologist.

SPEAKER 02: Indian Ontology, Existence, and the Contradictions of Land, Domination, and Sustainability

Prof N. Sudhakar Rao, Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad

SPEAKER 03: GeoAcademics: the Politics of Knowledge Production

Dr. Surya Prakash Upadhyay – Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Mandi

TEA BREAK (3:30PM TO 3:45PM)

ROUND TABLE ((3:45PM TO 4:30PM)

VENUE: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad

Anthropology in Practice: Shaping Policy and Development through Academic Insights

Prof KK Basa-*Chairman of the National Monuments Authority (NMA), GoI*

Prof BV Sharma- *Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, GoI, Kolkata (Chair) & Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad*

Prof Amitabh Pande- *Director / CEO-Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Shamla, Ministry of Culture, GoI, Bhopal*

Sri V. Sarveshwar Reddy- *Additional Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad*

Prof SM Patnaik-*Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi & Former Vice-Chancellor Utkal University*

Prof Subho Roy-*Professor Biological Anthropology Unit, Kolkata Biological Sciences Division Kolkata and General Secretary, INCAA*

Prof Vijoy S Sahay- *Former Emeritus Professor, Former Head, Department of Anthropology Allahabad University*

Prof P Venkata Rao- *Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad*

Prof Vijaya Prakash-*Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam*

Prof N Sudhakar Rao-*Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad*

Prof S Gregory-*Former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Chairperson, Department of Anthropology, Kannur University*

Dr. Malladi Sree Nagesh- *Technical Advisor- Education (South India), Bal Raksha Bharat, (formerly Save the Children, India)*

INCAA Hyderabad Chapter

VALEDICTORY SESSION
27th September, 2025 (Saturday)

VENUE: Conference Hall (G 9), Ground Floor, Zakir Husain LHC, University of Hyderabad

Chair: Prof KK Basa, *Chairman of the National Monuments Authority (NMA), GoI*
Guest of Honour: Prof Amitabh Pande, Director / CEO-Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Ministry of Culture, GoI, Bhopal

4:30 pm to 4:45pm	Rapporteur's Report
4:45 pm to 5:30 pm	Valedictory Address by: Prof Amitabh Pande
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Address by: Prof BV Sharma, Director, Anthropological Survey of India & Former Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad
6:00 pm to 6:15	Vote of Thanks: Dr. Nanda Kishore Kannuri, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad
