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### **Education:**

- Ph.D. (IIT-Patna)
- M.Phil in Social Sciences (Ranchi University)
- Master Degree in Anthropology - Gold Medalist (Ranchi University)
- Bachelor Degree (Hons.) in Anthropology (Gossner College, Ranchi)

### **Professional Experience:**

- Assistant Professor of Social Anthropology (November, 2020- present)  
Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
- RMI Fellow at WHO-SEARO region research project coordinated by PHFI Bangalore and UNU-IIGH (United Nations University-International Institute for Global Health) Malaysia (2019-2020)

### **Interest Area:**

- Socio-Cultural Anthropology
- Gender and Tribe
- Tribal Health
- Tribal Education

### **Research Projects:**

- ❖ **Principal Investigator**

- Research Project: Ethnographic Study of Sinduria and Lohadiya Communities of Jharkhand; Amount: Rs. 2.20 lakhs INR. (Dr. Ramdayal Munda Tribal Research Institute, Jharkhand) (Ongoing)
- Research Project: Exploring the Intersection of Adivasi Culture and Sanatan Dharma: A Study of Rock Art and Megalith in Chotanagpur Region of Jharkhand, India. Amount: Rs. 40 lakhs INR. (ICSSR) (Ongoing)

#### ❖ **Co- Principal Investigator**

- Research Project: Psychological Study of Scheduled Tribe Adolescents and Youth (aged 14-23 years) in Communication, Hesitation in Schools/Colleges, and Extra-Curricular Activities: A Comparative Study of Rural and Urban Scheduled Tribe Children and Adolescents Amount: Rs. 5.57 lakhs INR. (Dr. Ramdayal Munda Tribal Research Institute, Jharkhand) (Ongoing)

## Research Guidance:

#### ❖ **Doctoral**

- Sumana Basumata (ongoing)

#### ❖ **M.Phil.**

- Mahuya Sarkar (completed in 2023)

#### ❖ **Masters**

- Morgana Capasso (ongoing) [Erasmus traineeships, Università di Torino, Italy]

## Publications:

#### ❖ **Research Journals**

- Nayak, K. V., & Alam, S. (2022). The digital divide, gender and education: challenges for tribal youth in rural Jharkhand during Covid-19. *Decision*, 49(2), 223-237.
- Nayak, K. V., & Kumar, R. (2022). In pursuit of education: why some tribal girls continue and others dropout of schools in rural India? *Journal of Human Values*, 28(2), 129-142.
- Raj, P., & Nayak, K. V. (2019). Health Status and Health Seeking Behaviour of Oraon Female Adolescents in Jharkhand. *International Journal of Social Science*, 8(1), 19-28.
- Raj, P., & Nayak, K. V. (2018). Health and culture nexus among Oraon female adolescents in Jharkhand. *Jharkhand Journal of Development and Management Studies*, 16(3), 7781-7796.

- Raj, A., & Vibhuti Nayak, K. (2017). Scheduled Tribe Youth in India and Their Institutions: A Study of Dhumkuria. *Journal of Social Exclusion*, 7(2), 212-225.

#### ❖ **Book chapters**

- Alam, S., & Nayak, K. V. (2023). “Sarna Adivasi” Religion Code: Contextualizing Religious Identity of Tribals in India. In *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainable Development* (pp. 262-266). CRC Press.
- Nayak, K. V., & Alam, S. (2023). Exploring Health Information Seeking Behaviour Among Young Oraon Women in Jharkhand. In *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainable Development* (pp. 247-251). CRC Press.
- Nayak, K. V., & Alam, S. Change in Gender Relations: Re-Visiting Gender-Based Violence in Tribal Communities of India. In *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainable Development* (pp. 257-261). CRC Press.

#### ❖ **Popular Article**

- Nayak, K. V., & Rao, A. (2023). Interacting with the ‘Outside’ Experiences of Adivasi Youth in Ranchi. *The India Forum*.

## **Invited Speaker:**

#### ❖ **International:**

- Département Administrasi dan Kebijakan Kesehatan – Universitas Airlangga on 'HEALTH SYSTEM COURSE: Maternal and child primary healthcare's challenges in population with a cultural difference, titled “Primary healthcare roles in promoting the health of tribal populations” (23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2022)
- Adivasi Question and Policy Roadmap: Envisioning India 2047 – Odisha Chapter-I" an ICSSR sponsored International Conclave Invitation to Adivasi Question and Policy Roadmap Event, titled “Status of working tribal women in contemporary times & tribal language” (22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024)

#### ❖ **National:**

- MIT-World Peace University's National Conference on 'Indian Management Thought and Ethos', titled “Considering ethics while conducting research in marginalized communities” (20<sup>th</sup> November, 2022)

## **Paper Presentations:**

#### ❖ **International Seminars:**

- Presented paper titled “Resistance and Hesitance for COVID-19 Vaccine Among Tribals of Jharkhand: An Ethnographic Study” at the International Seminar on Exploring the Role of Social Determinants of Health and Peoples-Centered Approaches for Health Activism and Quality Care in the COVID-19 Pandemic; organized by International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Yucatán, Mexico Congress. (9-13 November, 2021)
- Presented paper titled “Impact of MNREGA on Indigenous People of Chottanagpur Plateau in India” at the International Seminar on Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds organized by International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), Manchester, United Kingdom. (5-10 August, 2013)
- Presented paper titled “Traditional vs. Modernity: Health Behaviour of the mother and the child of the Santhal Community” at the International Seminar on Voices of the Margin: Society, Culture and Exclusion; Venue - Central University of Jharkhand. (20-22 February 2013)

#### ❖ National Seminars:

- Presented paper titled “Culture as a social determinant of health among indigenous communities” at the National Seminar on Tribal Development in India: Prospect and Retrospect organised by IIT Roorkee. (2-3 February, 2023)
- Presented paper titled “Perception of health among female adolescents of Oraon tribe in Jharkhand” at the National Seminar on Holistic Anthropological Approach for Tribal Health: Perception & Realization organised by Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidalaya, Madhya Pradesh (2-3 February, 2017)
- Presented paper titled “Effect of MNREGA on rural migration from Jharkhand’ at the National Seminar on Inequality Social Justice and Empowerment organised by 39<sup>th</sup> All India Sociological Association, Mysore, Karnataka (26-29 December, 2013)
- Presented paper titled “Food and Nutritional Values among the Munda Tribe of Jharkhand” at the National Seminar on Anthropology of Traditional Indian Food organised by Anthropological Association, Mysore, Karnataka (12-14 March, 2013)

#### Workshops Attended:

- Workshop at CSDS Delhi- CHCI sponsored Global Humanities Institute on the topic of Global Racisms, Cold War Humanism, and the Imagination of Just Futures (11<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023)

- One day Theory Construction Workshop in IIM Calcutta (29th November, 2018)
- GIAN International Summer Course on Communication for Development 2016 (C4D), Tezpur University, Assam (6th-16th June, 2016)
- GIAN course on Media, Culture, conducted at IIT Kharagpur, (2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May, 2016)
- Social Research Design and Practice, IIT Patna, Bihar (April-June, 2014)
- Workshop on Employment Skills and Success at Workplace, IIT Patna, Bihar (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January, 2014)
- Research design Short Term Course for Research Scholars, sponsored by UGC at Ranchi University (2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012)

### **Co-Academic / Administrative Engagements:**

- Convener of Equal Opportunity Cell
- Member of Sports Committee
- Member of Library Committee
- Member of M.Phil/Ph.D Committee

### **Membership:**

- Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi, India. [Life Membership (India) - 4144]

### **Awards and Honours:**

- Awarded the UGC-NET-Junior Research Fellowship for pursuing Doctoral Research
- RGNF Fellowship for pursuing M.Phil Research
- Gold Medal for being the University Topper in M.A. (Anthropology)

### **Profile Links:**

- Institutional Profile
- Google Scholar Profile

- ORCID Profile
- Scopus Author Profile
- Web of Science Researcher ID