

Dr. Nishant Saxena

Designation: Scientist - 'B'

Discipline: Anthropology

Date of Joining NIRTH Jabalpur: 13th February, 2017

Educational Qualifications:

- D.Phil. in Cognitive Science (2014) from Centre of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad, Allahabad.
- M.Sc. in Anthropology (2008; 1st in Order of Merit) from University of Allahabad, Allahabad.
- UGC-NET & JRF in Anthropology, December 2007 and UGC-NET in Anthropology, June 2008.

Previous Appointments:

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Position</i>
11.08.2016 - 12.02.2017	Assistant Anthropologist (Cultural) in Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, Government of India (selected by UPSC)
30.10.2010 - 10.08.2016	Research Associate (Cultural) in Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, Government of India (selected by SSC)

Research Experience (in years): 9 years

Awards and Fellowships:

1. 1st Prize by Allahabad Chapter of the National Academy of Sciences, India on the occasion of National Science Day (2001).
2. Jawahar Bhawan Trust Scholarship (merit based) for Master's Programme in Department of Anthropology, University of Allahabad, Allahabad.
3. University Grants Commission's (UGC) Junior & Senior Research Fellowship (2008-2010) for pursuing Doctoral Programme at Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad, Allahabad.
4. Received Financial Support sponsored by The Wenner Gren Foundation to cover the conference fee at IUAES 2016 Inter Congress.

Membership of Professional Bodies:

- International Union of Anthropological & Ethnological Sciences (till 2018)
- International Sociological Association (Annual)
- Asian Institute of Human Science and Development (Life Member)

Conferences & Seminars: Presentations

- i. **Saxena, N.** (2017). From jungle to sea - a success story of institutional intervention under Tribal Sub Plan among the Siddi of Gujarat. *National Seminar on Government and tribal Development: Approaches, Role and Reality*. Organized by Western Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India, Udaipur (18-20 January, 2017).
- ii. **Saxena, N.** (2016). Self vs. other - the bias in girl child's marriage : A case of 'psychic unity' across communities of a village in Rajasthan ? *National Conference on Caste, Culture, Power: Indian Society*. Organized by North-Western Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India, Dehradun (14-16 December, 2016).
- iii. **Saxena, N.** (2016). Panel titled 'Cognitive anthropology vis-a-vis anthropology and cognitive sciences: the Indian scenario and the way ahead' selected in *IUAES 2016 Inter Congress* held at Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- iv. **Saxena, N.** (2016). Clean and unclean people: Essentializing Siddi as slaves. Selected for *IUAES 2016 Inter Congress*. Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- v. **Saxena, N.** (2015). From passive to active development of tribes: The need of the hour. *National Seminar on Tribal Development in Globalized India*. Udaipur, India.
- vi. **Saxena, N.** (2015). Cognitive anthropology vis-a-vis anthropology and cognitive sciences. *National Seminar on Anthropological Research in India: Tradition and Transition*. Chandigarh, India.
- vii. **Saxena, N., & Saxena, S. S.** (2015). Janjatiya samudayon ke paramparagat rajnaitik sangathan mein badlav: munda evam bhil ke sandarbh mein. *National Seminar on Samkalin Bharat Ke Gaon: Vikas evam Pariwartan*. Udaipur, India.
- viii. **Saxena, N. & Srinivasan, N.** (2013). Counterfactual thinking and self-regulatory focus orientation: A case of Gurkhas. *International Conference on Cognition, Emotion and Action*. Ahmadabad, India.
- ix. **Saxena, N.** (2013). A case of traditional political organization of Mundas becoming obsolete in wake of Panchayati Raj System. *National Seminar on Panchayat System in Scheduled Areas*. Udaipur, India.
- x. **Saxena, N. & Saxena, S. S.** (2013). The administrative fallouts in the development of Primitive Tribal Groups. *National Seminar on Administrative Culture in India: Trends & Threats*. Udaipur, India.
- xi. **Saxena, N.** (2013). Culture & Cognition: With reference to counterfactual thinking - an unexplored dimension of human reasoning. *National Seminar on Mind and Society: Indian Perspective*. Udaipur, India.

- xii. **Saxena, N., & Saxena, S. S.** (2012). Bhoksa of Uttarakhand: An appraisal of their lifestyle and government's approach to their development. *XXXVIII All India Sociological Conference on Contemporary Indian Society: Challenges & Responses*. Udaipur, India.
- xiii. **Saxena, N.** (2012). Coming to terms with the self-regulatory orientation of Gurkha youth: A case study from the Gurkhas of Karbari Grant village in Dehradun. *International Union of Anthropological & Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress 2012 on Children and Youth in a Changing World*. Bhubaneshwar, India.
- xiv. **Saxena, N.** (2012). Is ignorance bliss – not always: A case from Buksa tribe of Uttarakhand. *International Seminar on Tribal Development by Pacific Institute of tribal Development, Pacific Academy of Higher Education & Research University, Udaipur*. Udaipur, India.
- xv. **Saxena, N., & Saxena, S. S.** (2012). Displacement and resettlement in the name of development: A unique case of resettled colony of multitribals in Nagapura. *National Seminar on Issues and Challenges in Tribal Areas*. Hyderabad, India.
- xvi. **Sharma, J., Alam, A., & Saxena, N.** (2012). Ekantavas banam sanskritik sampark – Birhor aadim janjatiyon ki vikas dhara mein pehchan (Hindi). *National Seminar on Food Gathering to Cyber Culture: The Trajectory of Human Development*. Mysore, India.
- xvii. **Saxena, N.** (2011). Anthropological pre-implementation impact assessment of proposed thermal power plant in Allahabad. *Inter-Congress in Anthropology: 2011 on Anthropological Impact Assessment of Development Initiatives*. Kolkata, India.
- xviii. **Saxena, N., Srinivasan, N., & Pandey, J.** (2010). Effect of outcome and controllability in counterfactual thinking. *XXth Annual Convention of NAOP & International Conference on Mind, Culture and Human Activities*. New Delhi, India.
- xix. **Saxena, N., Srinivasan, N., & Pandey, J.** (2010). Culture, reasoning and counterfactual thinking. *National Symposium on Culture and Cognition: A Developmental Perspective*. New Delhi, India.
- xx. **Saxena, N., Srinivasan, N., & Pandey, J.** (2009). Desirable outcome determines the nature of counterfactual thinking. *8th Biennial Conference of Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP)*. New Delhi, India.

Conferences: Attended

- i. *Future of Anthropology* (2011) under DN Majumdar Endowment Fund Programme organized by Department of Anthropology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, India & Anthropological Survey of India.
- ii. *International Conference on Decision Making 2011* at Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad, Allahabad, India.
- iii. Invited to attend *Mind & Life XXII: Contemplative Science: The Scientific Study of the Effect of Contemplative Practice on Human Biology and Behavior* (2010) organized by

- Mind and Life Institute (co-founded by His Holiness the Dalai Lama) in New Delhi, India.
- iv. *International Conference on Cognitive Development 2010* at Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad, Allahabad, India.
 - v. *International Conference on Language-Cognition Interface 2009* at Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad, Allahabad, India.
 - vi. *International Conference on Attention 2008* at Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad, Allahabad, India.

Workshops/Orientation Course/Training Programmes:

- i. Workshop on *Application of Statistics in Anthropology*, 7th – 12th November, 2016 at Eastern Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata.
- ii. Workshop on *Anthropology in Twenty First Century*, 16th – 19th November, 2015 at Southern Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India, Mysore.
- iii. Orientation course on *Hands on Training on Laboratory Procedures and Techniques*, 22nd - 31st July, 2013 at Southern Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India, Mysore.
- iv. *Training Programme in Audio-Visual Documentation* (hands-on training), 1st - 7th November, 2012 at Eastern Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata.
- v. Training Course on *Development Anthropology*, 19th – 26th March, 2012 at International School of Anthropology, Southern Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India, Mysore.
- vi. Workshop on *Village Human Development Reports*, 6th – 10th February, 2012 at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai.
- vii. *2010 NIAS Summer School on Concepts and Methods in the Mind and Behavioural Sciences*, 5th – 16th July 2010, at National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

Reports submitted to Govt. of India (Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture):

- i. Entitled “Holistic approach to the Gurkhas of Karbari Grant village in Dehradun” in year 2012.
- ii. Entitled “Social Impact Assessment of Thermal Power Plants in Allahabad” in year 2012.
- iii. Entitled “Buxa – A Primitive Tribal Group of Uttarakhand” in year 2012.
- iv. Entitled “Restudy of Ranawaton-ki-Sadri: A Rajasthan Village” in year 2013. (Selected for publication in book form by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India)

- v. Status report of reconnoiter tour entitled "Jambur - A Siddi Village of Gujarat" in year 2014.
- vi. Entitled "Jambur: A Siddi Village of Gujarat" in year 2016.