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ABOUT US

Anthropos India Foundation (AIF) is a trust registered in Delhi in October 2011. The aim is to promote the discipline of Anthropology, its philosophy and methods and engage in applied and Action Research. AIF, through its work, seeks to address issues in the local/ regional context, based on the 'emic' perspectives and bottom-up approach to solve the problems faced by the communities and it's people. Taking due consideration of the local knowledge and respecting the local culture and ecology, AIF has been conducting community-based research and, in its effort, has tried to inform the Policy initiatives too.

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PREVIOUS WORKS AND EVENTS

- 📎 Prof. R Siva Prasad, Honorary Professor, e-Learning Centre, Formerly Professor of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, discussed '**Resources, Livelihoods and the Marginal Communities: An Anthropological Understanding**' (1st June 2020). Focusing on the issues on the livelihoods of marginal communities, the lecture highlighted how development dispossess tribal/ rural/marginal communities and disconnects them from their primary mode of sustenance, i.e., land and forest resources. The lecture discussed the role of these imposed changes in compelling them to migrate to urban areas, leading to further distress situations.

Session video link 1: <https://youtu.be/z92j9rvblcE>

Session video link 2: <https://youtu.be/CKbxxkHA-Knk>

- 📎 Anthropos India Foundation (AIF), New Delhi, in collaboration with the Kala Nidhi Division of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi conducted a study in three North Eastern states namely, Sikkim, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, to document the Folk and Tribal Healing Practices of the indigenous people.

[Click here](#) to read the executive summary of *Folk and Tribal Healing Practices in Sikkim* by Dr Sunita Reddy.

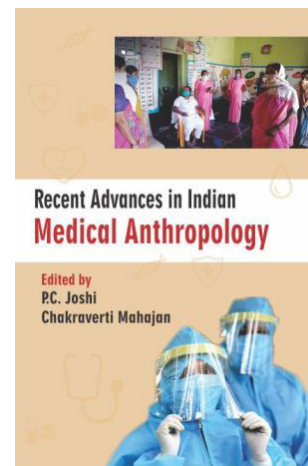
BOOK LAUNCH AND DISCUSSION

The book 'Recent Advances in Indian Medical Anthropology' edited by Prof PC Joshi and Dr Chakraverti Mahajan, faculty from Department of Anthropology, Delhi University, is published by Concept Publishers, New Delhi and it was launched on 6th Oct. 2021.

This edited volume is an excellent addition in the field of medical anthropology, gives directions for the younger scholars to research in various health settings. It's a wake-up call to revive indigenous healing systems, an affirmation and declaration to the policymakers about the importance of anthropologists in understanding the health and wellbeing of the communities.

Access the book launch and discussion through the link below.

<https://youtu.be/u1gRR3GEnuU>



EVENT OF THE MONTH



“Childhood Matters” Digital Magazine Launch

On the eve of Children's Day, Anthropos India Foundation launched a participatory, bilingual, quarterly Digital Magazine 'Childhood Matters'- 'Bolta Bachpan' to build awareness about child protection and child rights among the masses. The digital magazine launch took place at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) and was graced by academicians, experts, child rights activists, members from child commissions, children and the NGO sector. The magazine was released by Ms. Rosy Taba, Hon. Member, National Commission of Protection of Child Rights; Dr Rajendra Dhar, Hon. Member, Consumer Courts Delhi; Mr Amitabh Srivastava, senior journalist; Ms Jyoti, Executive Director (Training and Capacity Building) from Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation; Mr Hiralal Wangnoo, from SOS Children's Village and the editors of the magazine. The magazine was also launched digitally via Zoom Platform. The event was live telecasted by the DRTSPR Channel of Dr Siva Reddy.

Given the increasing crimes against children, this magazine is a humble effort to reach out to all the members of the society to do their bit to protect children and make their world safer. All of you can contribute to this magazine in the form of a poem, article, photography, video. Write to us aif.digitalmagazine@gmail.com

Click the link to download the magazine:

<http://anthroposindiafoundation.com/publications/digital-magazines.html>

News coverage of the launch access on:

http://samacharvarta.com/news_detail.php?cu_id=18480

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING PROGRAM ON “DIGITAL ETHNOGRAPHY AND ETHNOGRAPHIC METHODS FOR DOCUMENTATION OF TRIBES”

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Training Institute (SCSTRTI), Government of Odisha and Anthropos India Foundation together with the support of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India is Organizing a month-long Training Program on ‘Digital Ethnography’ for Tribal Research Institutes (TRI) Personnel, from 16th November 2021 to 14th December 2021. A

total of 23 TRI from the country registered for the Workshop and 56 personnel are attending the program twice (on every Tuesday and Friday) a week. The participants are being guided by experts from Anthropology on ethnographic documentation of the tribes. This capacity-building training for a month (27 hours) will give a basic theoretical understanding of ethnography as a method, defining central concepts and focusing on digital ethnography as a new branch of social and cultural research, with new and innovative ways to understand and decipher the life of people through digital medium.

LATEST BOOK UPDATE

Climate Change and Gendered Livelihoods in Bangladesh

By: Sajal Roy

ISBN 9781032003023

Published November 8, 2021 by Routledge
272 Pages

Globally climate-induced disasters have been impacting marginalized communities' lives, livelihood and gendered relations. This book explores the effects of Cyclone Aila (as a result of climate change) in 2009 on the rural livelihoods and gendered relations of two ethnically distinct forest communities – Munda, an indigenous group, and Shora, a Muslim group – dwelling near the Sundarbans Forest in Bangladesh.

Examining the cyclone's medium- to long-term impacts on livelihoods and comparative aspects of gendered relations between these two contrasting communities, this book addresses a gap in current critical development studies. It adopts an ethnographic research design and analyses the alterations to livelihood activities and reconfiguration of gender relations within the Munda and Shora communities since 2009. The study primarily contends that post-Aila, livelihoods and gendered relations have been substantially transformed in both communities. Making the case that the improvement of local infrastructure, as an important part of the geographical location, has noticeably progressed the living conditions and livelihoods of some members of the Munda and Shora communities. Connecting climate-induced

changes with the construction and alteration of gendered livelihood patterns, the book will be of interest to a wide range of academics in the fields of Asian Studies, Sociology of Environment, Social Anthropology, Human Geography, Gender and Cultural Studies, Human Geography, Disaster Management and Forestry and Environmental Science.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND GENDERED LIVELIHOODS IN BANGLADESH

Sajal Roy



RAJASTHAN KATHPUTLI DANCE FORM

Dance has always been part of all cultures since time immemorial. Man uses dance to show his different emotions and also as means of entertainment. Rajasthan Kathputli dance, or puppetry dance, is one of the famous dance forms in Rajasthan. 'Kathputli' combines two Rajasthani words Kath, which means wood and Putli, which means puppet. The puppets are wooden dolls that serve as the representatives of human beings. The puppet is made of wood wholly wrapped with a cotton cloth and joined by metal wire as a string. Their costumes and headgears are designed in the medieval Rajasthani style of dress, which is prevalent even today. Oval faces, large eyes, arched eyebrows and large lips are some of the distinct facial features of these string puppets. These puppets wear long trailing skirts and do not have legs. Puppeteers manipulate them with two to five strings normally tied to their fingers and not to a prop or support.

The Rajasthan puppetry art is believed to have originated a thousand years ago and was practiced by the Bhati community to convey folktales, stories with a message for society. The puppets dance performance are not only a source of entertainment but also provide moral and social education. The Puppeteers skillfully handle the strings of the wooden puppets and depict a story that might talk about the evils of the dowry system, female infanticide, illiteracy, cleanliness. The puppet dances are based on well-known legends, and tales of courage and romance are also prominent in these puppet performances.

Traditional puppet dance is performed during the fairs and festivals in marketplaces. Music and ballads

form an integral part of Kathputli performance. The puppeteers accompany the ballads with various sound effects to give the show a greater impact. A small stage is set, and puppeteers show puppetry and narrate stories. The puppeteers are accompanied by their wives, who play dholak or drum and sing narrative songs.

In ancient days, puppeteers were known to travel across vast regions and villages to amuse people. Nowadays, these performances are restricted to hotel lobbies, and Haat Bazaars and these wooden dolls are now sold in handicraft markets as showpieces and wall hangings.

Source: <http://www.schoolchalao.com/basic-education/show-results/indian-folk-dance/kathputli-dance-rajasthan>



AIF and Prayas organized a painting activity with Children in Tuglakabad Prayas Home on the 29th November 2021. It was heartening to see the brevity, courage, hope and positivity among the children.

JOB ALERTS

Position: Anthropological Survey of India recruitment
Location: Udaipur, Rajasthan
Organization: Anthropological Survey of India

Apply before 31st December, 2021. [Click Here](#)

Position: Anthropological Survey of India recruitment
Location: New Delhi, Delhi
Organization: Anthropological Survey of India

Anthropological Facts

- The Jarawa people are one of the last surviving tribes in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Four years ago, the last speaker of the Bo tribe passed away.
- The Khasi, Jaintia and Garo people (along with the Nair and Bunt castes) practice this unique system and form one of the biggest communities in the world that believes in matrilineality.
- Birsa Munda, a freedom fighter in the Indian Independence Struggle, belonged to the Munda tribe that is primarily found in Jharkhand. He was one of the key leaders who led the struggle movement in the tribal belt of Bihar and Jharkhand. He was caught by Britishers at the age of 25 and died in the Jail at Ranchi in 1900.
- The Bnei Menashe tribe, found in Manipur and Mizoram, are descendants of the Lost Tribes of Israel. Instead of converting to other religions, these people converted back to the religion of their ancestors after rediscovering their roots.

Source: <https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2014/03/10-surprising-facts-didnt-know-indias-tribes/>

DISSEMINATE YOUR WORK: Add in the E-Resources at the AIF Website

You can send your published articles, books in Anthropology in digital form to be shared on this E-resources platform of AIF. We realize that there is no centralized resource centre for the Anthropological works of Indian Anthropologists, where a scholar can look for publications- articles, papers and books. Thus, AIF has developed an anthropological e-resource centre hosted at <http://www.anthroposindiafoundation.com/e-resources.html>

Given your valuable contribution to anthropological discourse in India, we would be glad if you could share your publication to be uploaded in the AIF E-resource centre, which will benefit all the researchers from India and abroad interested in various fields of the discipline.

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