

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Chhattisgarh is a tribal dominated state and constitutes almost 1/3 population of the state. It offers ample opportunities for linking past and present. Social, cultural and economic attributes of any community are of vital importance as they give a glance of their way of life. The university focuses on documentation of indigenous knowledge of most primitive vulnerable tribal groups of Chhattisgarh offers a great opportunity for linking the past and present. Over the years medical anthropology has gone through a lots of changes and many departments of the university is studying the latest modification, paradigmatic shift which has spread the lens to look into such issues and can explore their experiences within the field of ethnomedicine. The NCNR is one of the unique centre which integrate the work of ethnomedicine of the resources available in the state. Another most important factor to justify such study is the utility of ethnomedicine .Quite a good number of Depts. are focusing on this aspect.

Another most important thrust of the university is to study the tribal languages spoken by smaller bands or groups which may be guiding factor or missing link to understand evolution of a script or language. The department of Anthropology along with Linguistics Dept. is working in this direction .Some of the departments are conducting annual participatory field work in tribal areas and making efforts to link the governmental, and non –governmental agencies to see to the overall development of the tribes.

The university has taken a step towards fostering responsibility and community engagement Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University (PRSU), Raipur is the Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Hub under tripartite agreement signed between the State Planning Commission, Raipur, PRIA and Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur. This tripartite partnership functioned as one among the global hubs described above. The K4c consortium was designed to respond to contemporary societal challenges through an international partnered training initiative focused on the development of research capacities for the cocreation of knowledge through collective action by community and academics on issues related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### **The focus of the Hub that had been created through this partnership are:**

- The co-construction of knowledge and its application to the solution of community issues, linked to at least three of the UN SDGs (indigenous development, water

governance, poverty and inequality, climate action, gender equality and violence against women).

- Contribute to strengthening the trainees' employment and career opportunities
- Enhance institutional capacity in CBR at Higher Education institutions (HEIs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).
- Generate contextually and culturally relevant learning materials in local languages, which will be accessible to students, academic researchers, activist, citizens, civil society organisations and the general public.
- National Resource Centre (NRC) in Psychology,

Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh was recognized by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi for Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCS) under Annual Refresher Program in Teaching (ARPIT) using the SWAYAM platform of open distance learning and was allotted a National Resource Centre (NRC) in Psychology to one of its school, School of Studies in Psychology, to run online refresher course of 40 Module (40 hours course content, with 20 hours of video content and 20 hours of e-content, based on four quadrant approach and component of discussion forum and assessment) for in-service teachers for the year 2018-19. Under this initiative, all in service teachers had an enabling opportunity to keep abreast of the latest developments in their disciplines, through the technology based online refresher course. Around 2500 participants registered for the program from various part of the country. Under the stewardship of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's, the coordinator and several subject experts from the University and from different part of the country prepared online training material with focus on latest developments in the discipline, new emerging trends, pedagogical improvements and methodologies for transacting the curriculum. The course was formally launched by MHRD online as ARPIT on 13th Nov., 2018. After the completion of the course online examination was conducted by the NTA on 30th March, 2019 and certificates were issued to the faculty members who qualified the exam. The program was run under the aegis of Human Resource Development Centre, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.