

Brief Bio-Data of Dr. D.V. Prasad

Dr. D.V. Prasad is working as Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh and previously associated with Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India as a Cultural Anthropologist and worked at Port Blair and Mysore Regional Centres. He has obtained his Doctorate in Anthropology from Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad. He was awarded University Grants Commission's *Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) award* in Anthropology in 1998. Being a student of human science, he carried out anthropological research in tribal and rural villages of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Goa. He has presented and published research papers of anthropological interest in various national and international seminars and well reputed journals. He is a life member of different professional bodies i.e., Indian National Confederation of Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA), Kolkata, Anthropological Association, Mysore, and Society for Indian Medical Anthropologists (SIMA), Mysore, Academic Council of IGNTU, Board of Studies. He has published more than 15 articles in different journals of Anthropology and authored a book *Cultural Dynamics of Resource Management: An Ethnographic Analysis of Adaptive Strategies of Koya Dora*. He also organized academic seminars and workshops from time to time in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata, and IGNTU, Amarkantak. So far he has completed three national projects on *Syncretism in India* (2004), *Cultural Pluralism of the Nicobarese of Central Nicobar* (2007), and *Traditional Knowledge System of the Nicobarese of Katchal Island* and two regional projects (2012) and couple of regional projects on *Assessment of impact of Tsunami and Earthquake on the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands* (2004-06) and *Availability of Food and Water in Jarawa Territory* (2007). At present he was associated with ICSSR's Major Research Project entitled "*Resource Management and Changing Livelihoods among the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs): A case study of Bhumia Baiga of Central India*" (2015-2016) as Project Director and organizing the intensive fieldwork among the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Communities i.e., Baiga of Central India. As a part of Young Scientist Award Dr. Prasad Awarded **Smt. Rajalakshmi Misra Memorial Medal 2009** for Excellence in Anthropological Research by Anthropological Association, Mysore. He also delivered invited lectures in ICSSR's Research Methodology Course for the Ph.D students and acted as resource person to different department in IGNTU in selection of best research paper in national seminar, debate competition, and so on.