

Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi was founded in 1947 with the sole aim of undertaking holistic research and teaching in different aspects of human being. It has carved out some of the finest anthropologists who have international reputation and have contributed significantly to the academic, administrative and corporate life of the University. Over the years faculty members from the Department of Anthropology have performed various important administrative roles in the University like Chairperson of Sports Council (Prof. R.S Mann), Chairperson Flower show (Prof. S.C Tiwari), Proctor (Prof. I.P Singh and Prof. Satwanti Kapoor), Dean, Faculty of Science (Prof. I.P Singh, Prof. S.C Tiwari, Prof. A.K. Kalla and Prof. Suriender Nath). Besides gamut of services in administrative milieu of D.U. some of them have also contributed as VC- nominee to governing body of different colleges and Chairperson of Governing body in various colleges. Some of the faculty members have served as Vice chancellor to different universities (Prof. A.K. Kapoor and Prof S.L. Malik).

Students trained in our department joined other Universities and have also helped in academic departments and centres grow to their present glory, by carrying forward the exemplary tradition of University of Delhi therein. It was not only the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi which flourished or achieved one success to the other, but was also instrumental in the spread of Anthropology to other regions of the country. In other words, the department has always been the leader in communicating the agenda of research and teaching. We appreciate the fact that with the efforts of the scholars who constituted the teaching faculty, the glorious status of the department continues and will continue to be so in future.

Like any other discipline, Anthropology has to keep pace with the changing society and polity. Today, the world is not conceptualized as 'one', the idea conveyed by the term 'universe', rather as a congregation of 'several worlds'. Eventually the world is, so to say, 'pluriverse', with negotiations and contestations constantly going on between different peoples, communities, ideologies, and cultural styles. These challenges force us to critically review our concepts, methodological apparatuses, conclusions, and the agendas of research and teaching. Anthropology has prepared many strategies to face these challenges and contribute meaningfully and realistically to a better, honourable, dignified and healthy living for all.