

# **The Sangwari CBPR Hub**



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In Chhattisgarhi dialect, 'Sangwari' means friend.

Chhattisgarh is a state in the east of central India. It is heavily forested and known for its temple and rich tribal culture. Chhattisgarhi language has its own charm. Sangwari is the Chhattisgarhi dialect for friendship. It means some one who goes hand in hand.

This title of our hub signifies the concept of CBPR which has the similar notion to go hand in hand with academia and community.

Sangwari CBPR Hub, was constituted under tripartite agreement between State Planning Commission, PRIA and Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.

Objective of the Hub is to co create knowledge with community group and academia, focussing issues related to UN,SDGs 5.

## Who are our partners?



**Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur,  
Chhattisgarh, India**  
<https://www.prsu.ac.in>



**Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission**  
<https://www.spc.cg.gov.in>



**PRIA (Participatory Research in Asia)**  
<https://www.pria.org>

## **Mission and Vision**

To serve the community with research based knowledge in their development.

## **Our Goals**

- Co-construction of knowledge and its application to deal with community issues, linked to UN SDGs 5.
- Enhance institutional capacity in CBR in university and other institutions.
- 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.
- To create human resources for community researcher
- To generate experiential training in addressing SDGs 5.

The Sangwari CBPR Hub is conceptualised to seek new ways of learning and creating conditions needed for innovative models of research and research training programs in CBR, to flourish. It will offer a variety of means to enhance individual & institutional research training capacities and support the transition of our trainees to the workplace in academic and non-academic settings.

## **Courses Offered**

One of the objectives of the university is quality education and research with social implication, and CBPR fulfils these objectives.

Certificate Course on, Community Based Participatory Research, in collaboration with State Planning Commission has been started from session 2018-19.

## Mentors of Sangwari CBPR Hub



### **Reeta Venugopal**

Professor and Head Physical Education and Director, Centre for Women's Studies. Coordinator and Mentor, K4C hub. Have been teaching undergraduate and postgraduate classes in teachers training courses in Physical Education since 30 years. Area of specialization is exercise physiology. Research interest in areas of women and health, gender issues, tribal women and children.



Lukeshwar Singh Gajpal, Associate Professor, School of Studies in Sociology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh .



Shailendra Kumar Assistant Professor, School of Studies in Anthropology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Three mentors from Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur have already completed 21 weeks Mentor Training Program (MTP), including 2 weeks face to face component in 2 phases of the programme. The face to face programmes were conducted at PRIA New Delhi and at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The trained mentors are teaching and supervising certificate course. The centre has also conducted workshops to develop research capacities of students for co creation of knowledge through collective action of community and academia. The students of the certificate course will undertake field studies in the community.

## Activities of the Hub

Research Seminars, workshops, and training programme have been organised by the Hub.

S.No	Activities	Date	Participants
1.	One day workshop on “ <b>Women Safety in the light of Kathua And Unnao Rape Cases</b> ”	April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	200
2.	One day workshop on “ <b>Participatory Safety Audit (PSA)</b> ” in collaboration with PRIA organization And Martha Farrell Foundation.	August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	200
3.	One day workshop on “ <b>Film Appreciation on Gender Issue</b> ” in collaboration with Oxfam India	November 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	150
4.	Three day workshop on " <b>Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR)</b> ” in collaboration with State Planning Commission and PRIA.	December 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	70
5.	Two day workshop on” <b>Way to connect higher education and community</b> ” in collaboration with State Planning Commission And PRIA.	March 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	30
6.	Three day workshop cum training on " <b>Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR)</b> ” In collaboration with State Planning Commission And PRIA	March 28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	30

## Research Activities

The mentors have contributed to the learning material for the CBPR course through their field study reports.

- Community based participatory research on Drop-out problem (A case study of Atari Village of Raipur District of Chhattisgarh, India).
- Status of school dropout children among Gond tribe in Kamarabasa , Chhattisgarh, India
- Case Study on Role of youth in Prevention of Sexual Harassment At Work Place.

The following project work ,which included extensive field work were completed by the students of first batch of certificate course.

- Sexual Harassment & its awareness at work place with reference to sports women.
- Awareness and benefits of women and child health care services provided by Anganwadi centre: with special reference to village Amleshwar: Raipur District.
- Role of women in Panchayati Raj
- Status of women in village of member of parliament
- Effect of skill development scheme on economic development of women.

## **Challenges Faced**

- Create awareness about relevance of CBPR.
- Convincing academia & administration about CBPR method.
- To develop rapport between academia, community and other stakeholders.
- Training & team building for CBPR.
- Funding to support CBPR field work.

## **Support Needed**

- Financial support.
- Professional support in conducting CBR courses in the university.
- Cross country Exchange programmes

## **Future Plans**

- To include CBPR as elective subject in Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), M.Phil and Ph.D course work.
- To conduct conference, seminar, training, workshops, symposium and awareness programme on Community Based Participatory Research.