

Dr. Lalit Oraon

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology <i>Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Northern Capital University</i> Thesis: Seasonal migration and the Adivasi household	2009 – 2014
M.A., Sociology <i>Chotanagpur University</i> First Class First	2007 – 2009
B.A. (Hons.), Sociology <i>St. Xavier's Hill College, Ranchi</i>	2004 – 2007

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor <i>Department of Sociology, Chotanagpur University</i> – Lead a 5-year panel study of 800 migrant households. – Built a migrant-worker helpline with a civil society partner.	2018 – Present
Assistant Professor <i>Chotanagpur University</i> – Introduced courses on labour and tribal studies.	2014 – 2018

GRANTS, AWARDS & HONOURS

- Major research project, social science research council (2019–2024), ₹38 lakh
- Book prize, national sociological society (2021)

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Kim, J., Fischer, A., & **Oraon, L.** (2026). New approaches to women in self-help groups. *Indian Journal of Sociology and Society*, 42(4), 577–590.
- [2] Mensah, K., Haddad, N., & **Oraon, L.** (2026). A study of migrant workers in construction. *Indian Journal of Sociology and Society*, 23(8), 77–90.
- [3] Rao, S., **Oraon, L.**, Okafor, D., & Kim, J. (2026). Towards informal care work. *Proceedings of the All-India Sociological Conference*, pp. 180–192.
- [4] **Oraon, L.**, & Mensah, K. (2025). Understanding women in self-help groups. *Gender and Development Studies*, 10(2), 810–822.
- [5] Rao, S., **Oraon, L.**, & Okafor, D. (2025). Towards women in self-help groups. *Gender and Development Studies*, 41(10), 803–821.
- [6] **Oraon, L.**, Chen, L., Gupta, R., & Banerjee, P. (2025). Measuring digital divide in rural schools. *Journal of Urban Social Research*, 41(12), 477–490.
- [7] **Oraon, L.**, Banerjee, P., & Rao, S. (2024). Revisiting women in self-help groups. *Gender and Development Studies*, 10(8), 275–292.
- [8] **Oraon, L.**, Chen, L., Fischer, A., & Sato, Y. (2024). Towards migrant workers in construction. *Journal of Urban Social Research*, 42(2), 573–594.
- [9] Okafor, D., & **Oraon, L.** (2024). Rethinking informal care work. *Proceedings of the All-India Sociological Conference*, pp. 616–628.

- [10] Oraon, L., & Mensah, K. (2023). A study of informal care work. *Indian Journal of Sociology and Society*, 5(2), 698–715.

BOOKS

Oraon, L. (2020). *Between Kiln and Village: Adivasi Migrants in Eastern India*. New Delhi: Lotus Leaf Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- Keynote: “New approaches to migrant workers in construction”, Symposium on Urban Social Research, Chennai, 2026.
- Keynote: “Scaling youth aspirations in small towns”, Indian Symposium on Sociology and Society, Hyderabad, 2026.
- Contributed talk: “Rethinking migrant workers in construction”, Gender and Development Studies, Berlin, 2025.
- Seminar: “Evidence on informal care work”, Gender and Development Studies, Hyderabad, 2025.
- Contributed talk: “Designing for migrant workers in construction”, Proceedings of the All-India Sociological Conference, New Delhi, 2024.

TEACHING

- Sociology of Work (M.A.)
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Tribal Societies in India

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Member, state labour welfare advisory board
- Reviewer, *Indian Journal of Sociology and Society*

SKILLS

Methods: Ethnography, panel surveys, life histories

Software: NVivo, Stata, KoboToolbox

Languages: Kurukh (native), Hindi, English, Sadri

REFERENCES

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Prof. A. Minz

Former Vice-Chancellor, Chotanagpur University

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