



## Saumyendra Nath Brahmachary Distinguished Lecture Series: 42<sup>nd</sup> Lecture

Speaker: Prof. (Dr.) Rabindranath Sarma  
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### Prof. (Dr.) Rabindranath Sarma addressing the students and the faculty members

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Lecture of Saumyendra Nath Brahmachary Distinguished Lecture Series was organised by Dev Sangha Institute of Professional Studies and Educational Research, Deoghar on the topic “**Tradition, Continuity and the Life of Tribals in India**”, by Prof. (Dr.) Rabindranath Sarma, Professor & Head, Dept. of Anthropology and Tribal Studies, Dean, School for the Study of Culture, Associate Dean Academics, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi - 835222 (Jharkhand), India on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 at 11:00 A.M. in DIPSER Auditorium.

Prof. Sarma began his lecture with the concept of tradition. He said that tradition is the custom, belief or way of doing things etc. that has continued from the past to the present. In other words, tradition refers to the knowledge and behaviour in different social and cultural settings continuing from past to present. Further, he said that the word 'Tribe' has been coined by British. Before, the British invasion the word tribe or tribal has never been used. The word created difference among people. Later he focused his lecture on the rich tribal cultural heritage, folklore, crafts etc. Traditional tribal arts and crafts have been modernized and became the source of earnings. Now a days, different universities and institutions are running courses for the development of tribal knowledge and skills and promoting the tribal folklore and making that an industry to earn money. He emphasized in promoting research activities in traditional knowledge system side by side tribal folklore and finding opportunities to help tribals in preserving their heritage and making their knowledge and skill their assets by popularizing their craftsmanship.

The lecture was highly informative as well as interactive, as it was in face-to-face mode and was attended by Teachers and Students of Dev Sangha Institute of Professional Studies and Educational Research. The programme was successfully anchored by Manashree Layak and Kanak Nandini, pupil teachers of D. El. Ed. 2024-26, and was coordinated by Shri Kumud Ranjan Jha, Coordinator, DLS Programme.

