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Member Representing Indigenous/  
Tribal Communities!

## **Harshit Sosan Lakra**



- 2019 PhD in Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee, India
- 2009 Masters of Regional Planning, College of Architecture, Arts & Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
  - Fulbright Nehru Postdoctoral Fellow - School of Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan

Assistant Professor, Dep of Architecture and Planning, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India. Founding member of the Adivasi Development Network, with 200+ volunteers working on indigenous issues, cultural promotion, and community building in Jharkhand

A proud Oraon Tribe woman from India who has keen interest in interdisciplinary research focusing on the environment, indigenous communities, gender, culture, education, mountain ecosystems, and disaster management; Principal Investigator and Co-PI of multiple projects funded by national and international agencies; mobilized resources to collaborate with scholars in the Asia Pacific; supervised a state project in Jharkhand entitled Benchmark Survey and Developing Tribal Development Index; co-led a study on the climate change vulnerability of tribal communities.

*"I identify as a member of the Oraon tribe, an Indigenous people in central India. My identify has played a crucial role in both my intellectual and personal development. I've spent over two decades working with Indigenous and tribal people across India [...] via teaching, research, and field-based planning."*

*"If appointed to the Executive Committee, I [...] contribute a perspective grounded in Indigenous lived experience [...] towards enhancing tribal representation, making culturally sensitive strategies towards knowledge production, and promoting the overall vision of HUC."*

### **Letter of Interest by the candidate**

Endorsement by IIT Roorkee

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