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ABSTRACT

In general discourse on Indian medical anthropology, the contribution of Lucknow University's Department of Anthropology has not been fully assessed so far. Although in its own capacity the Department of Anthropology at Lucknow University has substantively contributed to the field of medical anthropology, particularly its methods and theoretical premise, a large majority of contributions in medical anthropology have been made by Lucknow University students while working outside, mainly outside India. Since the time of D. N. Majumdar, who founded the Department in 1947, till now, many scholars of repute have added substantially to the sub-discipline of medical anthropology in one form or the other. Notable amongst the early scholars were D. N. Majumdar himself, and R. S. Khare, K. A. Hasan, T. N. Madan V. K. Kochar, B. R. K. Shukla. This paper makes an attempt to acknowledge, recall and reflect upon the contributions of these scholars of Lucknow University Department of Anthropology to the domain of medical anthropology.

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