**Title:** Archiving Ethically: Establishing Protocols for Community Archiving in A Digital Era
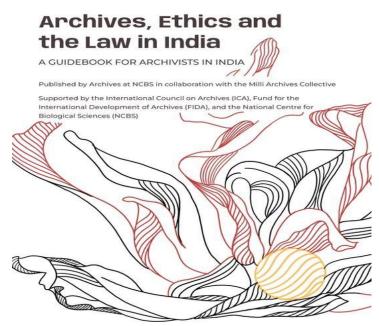
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## Overview of the project:

For the creation of ethical standards in digital archives, we aim at displaying the role communities play in creating and keeping memories alive, and to acknowledge that archiving requires technical standards to also respond to specifics in cultural context.

## Research Methodology:

- The project will address archival documentation with digital tools as both techniques include participant observation, participatory community documentation, oral history and other techniques involving fieldwork.
- Stakeholders shall participate in focus group discussions to underscore the relationship between communities and ownership of their archives and knowledge-making. The consultations will be directed towards developing measures for ethical practices for documentation in participatory archiving projects.
- It shall especially focus on producing an adaptable template for participation in oral history interviews and ethnographic observations sensitive to India's needs and contexts. The outcomes shall serve to inform IRB protocols and policy recommendations for research involving human participants in India. The project will also involve practitioners and scholars on digital archival ethics in consultative discussions.

## Deliverables:

- Track the publication of ethical frameworks developed internationally for ethical archiving
- develop a draft framework for ethics in digital preservation
- Organize workshops with stakeholders
- Create templates for informed research participation for an Indian Context
- Advocacy and campaign for participatory archiving and Research Ethics