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Rohit Singh Receives Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to India for Research on Public Religious Life in the Himalayas

The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Rohit Singh of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to India. Dr. Singh will conduct research based out of the Cultural Academy in Leh, Ladakh as part of a project to reveal the significance of religious calendars and public ceremonies in Ladakh, India in the midst of a social, economic, and political evolution in the region. Singh's nine-month study will examine how Buddhists and Muslims in this unique borderland engage in public religious practices via key dates in their religious calendars. In light of regional changes, this project will gauge how these practices shape fluctuating religious and secular identities as well as create times and places for negotiating inter-religious solidarity.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Singh will share knowledge and foster meaningful connections across communities in the United States and India. Fulbrighters engage in cutting-edge research and expand their professional networks, often continuing research collaborations started abroad and laying the groundwork for forging future partnerships between institutions. Upon returning to their home countries, institutions, labs, and classrooms, they share their stories and often become active supporters of international exchange, inviting foreign scholars to campus and encouraging colleagues and students to go abroad. As Fulbright Scholar alumni, their careers are enriched by joining a network of thousands of esteemed scholars, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Fulbright alumni include 60 Nobel Prize laureates, 86 Pulitzer Prize recipients, and 37 who have served as a head of state or government.

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