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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



REPORT ON BOOK DISCUSSION

Department of Political Science organised a book discussion in collaboration with Centre for the Study of Developing Societies.

TOPIC : “Competing Nationalisms : The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal”

DATE : 5 August 2021

AUTHOR : Rajshree Chandra

TIME : 5:30 pm

VENUE : ZOOM

About the event :

- The event started with the introduction of the panel followed by principal Swati Pal addressing the audience and congratulating Ms. Rajshree for the book. The book "Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal" was introduced to the participants by Ms. Antara Datta, who is an associate professor in Dept. of English, JDMC. The panel had two discussants, Professor Aditya Nigam and Professor Apoorvanand.

Professor Nigam teaches in Centre for the studies of Developing Societies and Professor Apoorvanand Sir is a teacher in Dept. of Hindi, university of Delhi.

The book Competing Nationalisms is more than a political biography of Jagat Narain Lal- Now forgotten by history but once an influential member of the Indian freedom movement. The book travels with Jagat Babu on his journey through four pathways-Ascetic, Hindu Nationalist, Anti-Colonial and Civic nationalisms. In these competing political pursuits lay Indian nationalism's own fraught relationship with questions of identity, faith and nationhood. Importantly, in Jagat Narain Lal's small story lies a bigger history of Indian nationalism as well as a tale that speaks to the present.

The author told about the hurdles she faced during her writing process/journey. She spoke at length about Jagat Narain Lal, the protagonist of the book who was also her grandfather. The book is about his struggles and nationalism around him. Most importantly, his mental health during the time of nationalist revolution. Four significant chapters were discussed in brief.

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Prof Apoorvanand threw light on the book and expressed his opinions. He spoke Jagat Narain Lal's lines from time to time in his speech. Thanked Ms. Rajshree for writing the book and letting us live his life vicariously through it. Prof Nigam shared his thoughts about the book. He shared his views on various political aspects of the book. He thanked JDMC and to CSDS for enabling this very rich discussion, and also thanked the panelists for their thoughtful engagement with the book.

Question and compliments by the panelists and audience were put across. The event ended with a vote of thanks by the Teacher In Charge of the department, Ms. Suman Gupta.

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PICTURES FROM THE EVENT

