

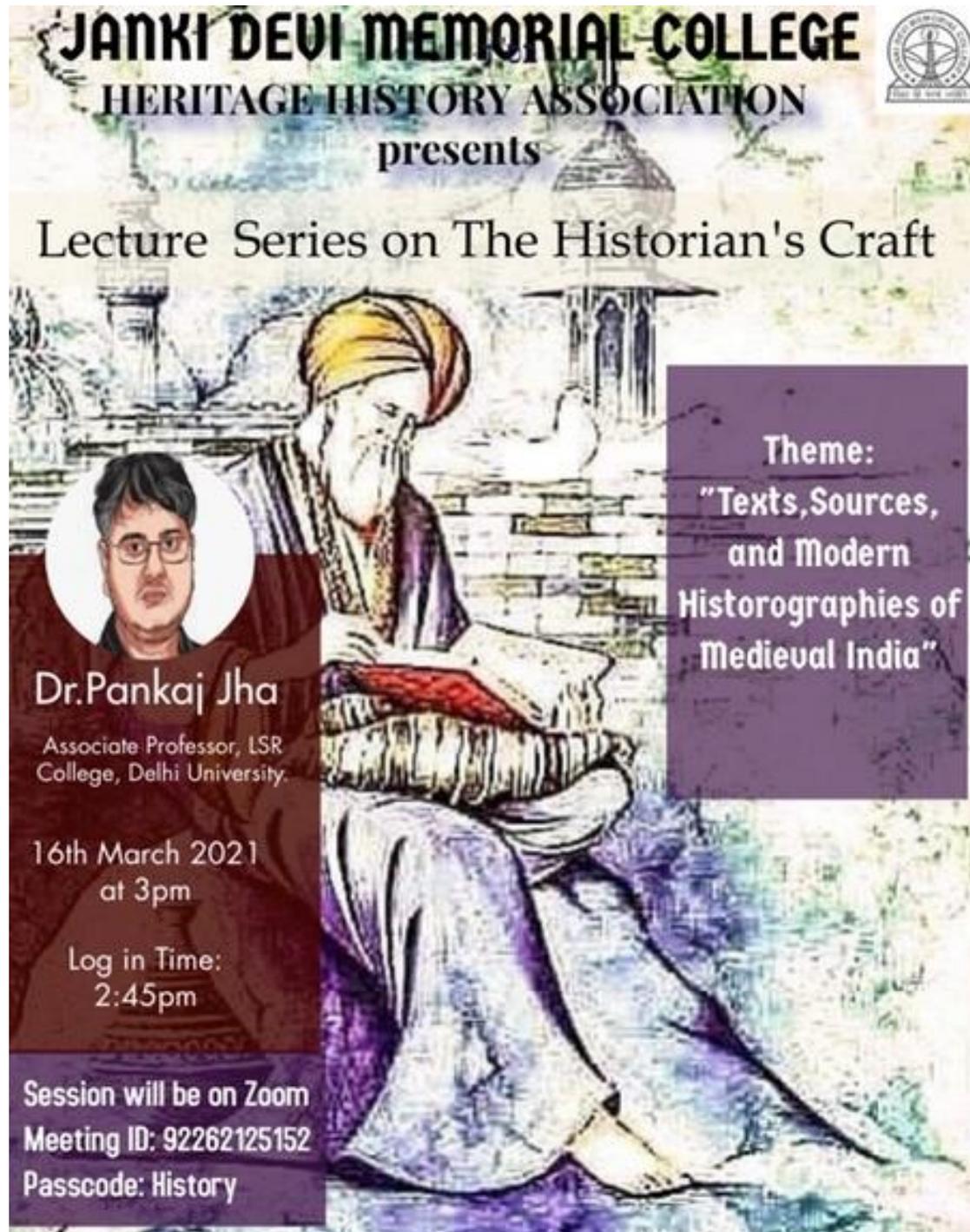
# **Talks, Seminars and Conferences by Department of History, 2017-2020**

(2019-2020)

## **1. Historians Craft Lecture Series**

The Heritage History Association organised an online lecture series on the theme 'Historian's Craft' which was very well received and attended. The first lecture was delivered by Dr Pankaj Jha, Associate Professor, Lady Shri Ram College on March 16, 2021 on the topic 'Texts, Sources, and Modern Historiographies of Medieval India'. Dr Ravi Kant, Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) delivered the second lecture in the series on the topic 'Cinema as Intermedia Archive'. Dr Aparna Balachandran, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi gave the third lecture on March 23, 2021 speaking on the topic 'Museums and the Restitution of Cultural Property: Colonialism and the Politics of Return'. In the fourth lecture held on April 7, 2021, Prof Ranabir Chakravarti, retired Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University spoke on the theme 'Making the Whisper of Inscriptions Audible: Historians' Approaches to Epigraphic Studies'. The last lecture of the series was held on April 15, 2021 and delivered by Dr Kumkum Srivastava, retired faculty member, History Department, JDMC who spoke on the theme 'Folk Songs as Source of History'.

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**JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE**  
**HERITAGE HISTORY ASSOCIATION**  
presents

Lecture Series on The Historian's Craft

**Theme:**  
"Texts, Sources,  
and Modern  
Historographies of  
Medieval India"

**Dr. Pankaj Jha**  
Associate Professor, LSR  
College, Delhi University.

16th March 2021  
at 3pm

Log in Time:  
2:45pm

Session will be on Zoom  
Meeting ID: 92262125152  
Passcode: History

For Further Details Contact  
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**Prof. Swati Pal**  
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**Lecture Series on The Historian's Craft**



**Dr. Ravikant  
Centre for the Study of Developing  
Societies (CSDS), Delhi,  
Associate Professor**

**Theme:  
"Cinema as  
Intermedia Archive"**

**Session will be on Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 966 9534 4604**

**Date: 19th March 2021**

**Time: 3pm**

**Password: History**

**Log in Time: 2:45pm**

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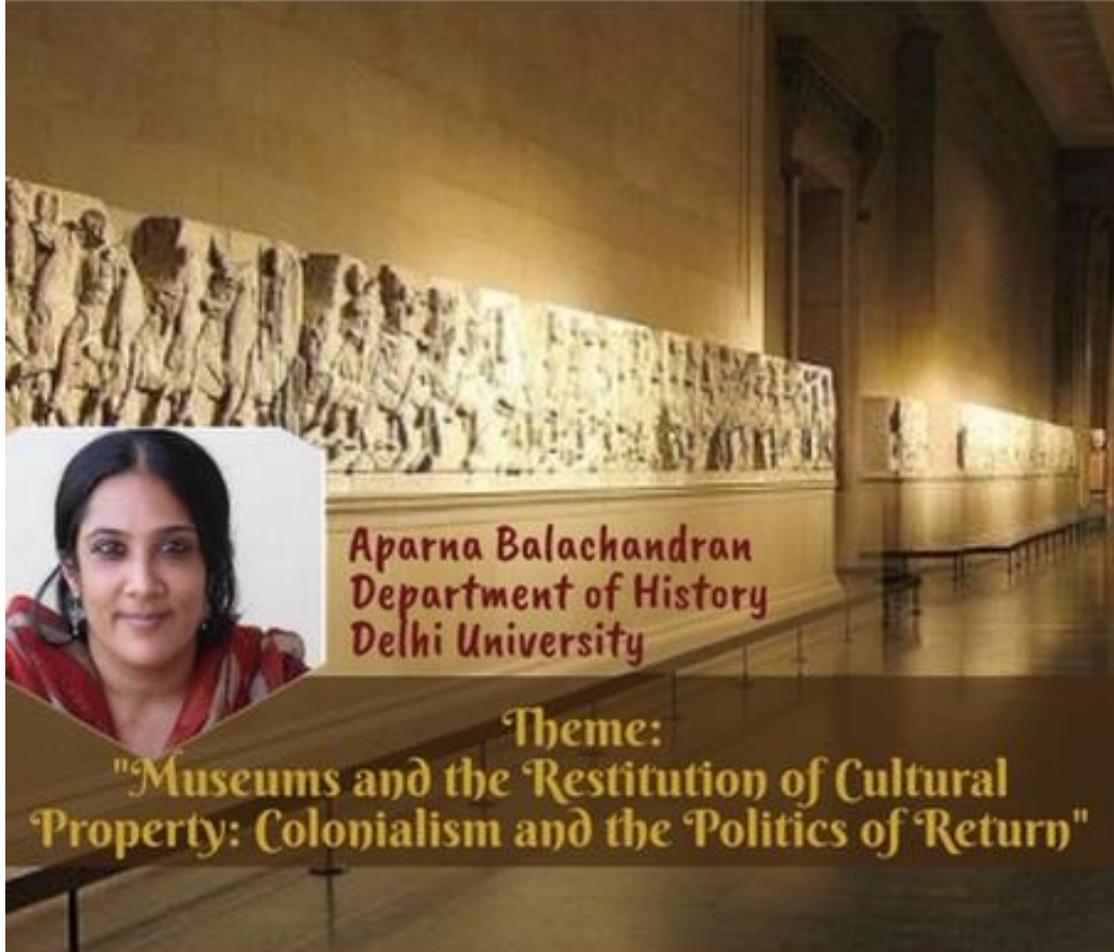
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## Lecture Series on The Historian's Craft



Aparna Balachandran  
Department of History  
Delhi University

**Theme:**  
**"Museums and the Restitution of Cultural Property: Colonialism and the Politics of Return"**

**Session will be on Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 979 6460 5251**

**Date: 23rd March 2021**

**Time: 3pm**

**Password: History**

**Log in Time: 2:45pm**

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## Lecture Series on The Historian's Craft



**Prof. Ranabir Chakravarti**

**Theme:**

**"Making the Whisper of Inscriptions Audible:  
Historians' Approaches to Epigraphic Studies"**

**Session will be on Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 99162205209**

**Date: 7th April 2021**

**Time: 3pm**

**Password: History**

**Log in Time: 2:45pm**

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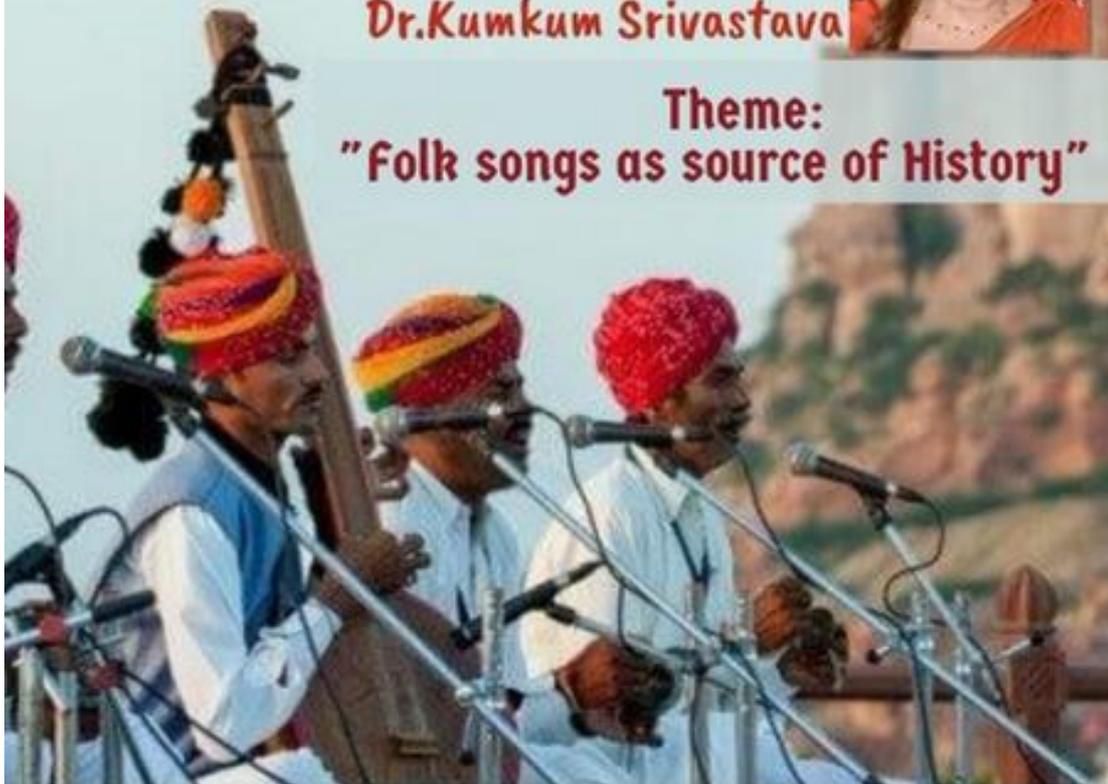


## Lecture Series on **The Historian's Craft**



**Dr. Kumkum Srivastava**

**Theme:**  
**"Folk songs as source of History"**



**Session will be on Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 94888249092**

**Date: 15th April 2021**

**Time: 3pm**

**Password: History**

**Log in Time: 2:45pm**

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## **2. Dr. Vijaynath Memorial Lecture, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020.**

The History Department organised the 6<sup>th</sup> Dr Vijay Nath Memorial lecture, on September 3, 2020 over zoom this year. The lecture was delivered by Prof. P.K Basant, Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia who spoke on the theme 'Reading *Manavdharamshastras*: Some Questions About our Past'. Prof. Basant delivered a very thought-provoking lecture, which included the question of how a historian reads and interprets historical texts through a case study of the *Manavdharamshastras*.



**JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE**

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**DR. VIJAY NATH MEMORIAL LECTURE**

by

**Prof. P. K. Basant**

**Department of History**

**Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi**

**Reading the Manavadharmashastra: Some  
Questions about Our Present**

**Session will be on Zoom  
3rd September 2020**

**Log in Time : 10:45am**

**Session will start at 11am**

**MEETING ID: 88333223190**

**PASSCODE: 771165**

**JOIN THROUGH LINK PROVIDED**

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### **3. Webinar ‘The Past and the Present: Delhi’s two Imperial Cities’ on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2020**

The Department of History organized a successful Distinguished Speakers webinar on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, during the lockdown period. Convener of the webinar Dr. Saumya Gupta spoke about how it is fascinating to organise a webinar in the time of the current pandemic and lockdown. Dr. Swati Pal, Principal, Janki Devi Memorial College talked about the deep interest of Shri Brij Krishan Chandiwala, the founder of the college, in Delhi and its history. The panellists were renowned historians Rana Safvi and Swapna Liddle. Both delivered enthralling lectures on the history of Delhi from Medieval to Colonial period. Rana Safvi commenced her presentation with defining the term 'city'. When talking about Shahjahanabad, she said it had both the aforementioned attributes; plus, it was situated on the banks of a river; and the country's ruler used to reside there as well. Swapna Liddle started her presentation while talking about how New Delhi is about how Old Delhi is perceived. Shahjahanabad, according to her, has a spiritual and temporal aura of empires that ruled there. She talked about the political agendas of the British in making New Delhi as their capital. The webinar was attended by over 200 people and had an extremely interactive Question and Answers session.



Janki Devi Memorial College  
University of Delhi  
Department of History



presents

Distinguished Speaker Series Webinar

on

## The Past in the Present: Delhi's Two Imperial Capitals

Panelists:



**Rana Safvi**

Historian, Author of

*The Forgotten Cities of Delhi and  
Shahjahanabad: The Living City  
of Old Delhi*

**Swapna Liddle**

Convenor of the Delhi Chapter of  
INTACH, Historian, Author of

*Chandni Chowk: The Mughal City  
of Old Delhi and  
Connaught Place and the Making of  
New Delhi*



Session will be on Zoom

14th May 2020

Session Time: 4 PM - 5 PM

Please log in by 3:30 - 4:00

For registration, please fill the Google form:  
<https://forms.gle/KVMsdx7uZkAa4sN6>

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#### **4. Talk by Dr. Jyoti Atwal, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.**

In continuation of the film screening held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, Dr. Jyoti Atwal, Associate Professor at Center for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, delivered a talk on the theme of '*Cinematic Representations of Gendered Violence and Caste in India*'. The talk was well attended by the students whereby Dr. Atwal discussed hindi films with the above theme. The session was highly interactive and clips from different films were also screened during the session.



Janki Devi Memorial College  
Heritage History Association



*presents a talk on*

**Cinematic Representations of Gendered  
Violence and Caste in India**

*by*

**Dr. Jyoti Atwal**

Centre for Historical Studies,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University

Venue: Room no. 16, JDMC

28th February, 2020

10:30 AM

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President  
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Sakshi Upadhyay  
Vice-President  
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## **5. Talk by Professor Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

On 13th February, 2020, Heritage, the History Association of Janki Devi Memorial College, organized a talk on 'Making of a School of Architecture: Akbar and Fatehpur Sikri' by Professor Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi. The President of the History Association, Himanshi Garg, welcomed everyone and the Principal, Dr. Swati Pal, felicitated Professor Rezavi with a potted plant. In her address, she confessed that she finds Fatehpur Sikri more interesting than the Taj Mahal, though the latter has its own significance and beauty.

Prof. Rezavi, who has extensively worked on Mughal architecture, began by saying that the study of people was more important than measurements in architecture. He pointed out that unlike Europe, in India, secular implied 'tolerance for other religions'. In architecture, Akbar tried to borrow religious icons from different religions though it is imperative to not give a religious dimension to it. According to Prof. Rezavi there is no single feature of architecture that is Mughal, rather, Mughal architecture is an amalgamation of various architectural styles of various traditions. Prof Rezavi also spoke at length about the town planning and architecture of Fatehpur Sikri and its decline. The scarcity of water argument is a myth and it was only abandoned as an imperial capital for political reasons. Lastly, in Prof. Rezavi's words "Fatehpur Sikri is a microscope through which we can understand and decipher Mughal architecture"



**HERITAGE**



**History Association, JDMC**

*presents*

**A TALK ON**

**Making of a School of Architecture:  
Akbar and Fatehpur Sikri**



**By Prof. Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi**

Chairman, Centre of Advance Studies,  
Department of History,  
Aligarh Muslim University

**Date: 13th February, 2020**

**Time: 10:30 AM**

**Venue: Seminar Room**

Himanshi Garg  
President  
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Sakshi Upadhyay  
Vice President  
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## **6. Transformations Across Times, Contexts and Locations' 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019.**

A daylong international and interdisciplinary seminar titled '*Forms and Dynamics of Religious Transformations across Times, Contexts and Locations*', was jointly organised by the History and Philosophy Departments of Janki Devi Memorial College on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019. This seminar was another step forward in the Distinguished Speaker Series in celebration of 60 years of Janki Devi Memorial College. The seminar had two sessions. The first session focused on the theme 'Syncretic Tendencies in Indian History' with Prof. Irfan Habib delivering the keynote address, and Prof. Uma Chakravarti, Prof. Shireen Moosvi and Prof. SZH Jafri as its eminent panelists. The second session conducted by the Philosophy department dwelled on the theme 'Organized Religion in Crisis' with Prof. Christopher Chapel of Loyola Marymount University and Prof. Rakesh Chandra of Lucknow University as its distinguished speakers.



# Janki Devi Memorial College

## The Distinguished Speakers Series



### FORMS AND DYNAMICS OF RELIGIOUS TRANSFORMATIONS ACROSS TIMES, CONTEXTS AND LOCATIONS

**Keynote Address:  
Prof Irfan Habib**

#### **PANEL I:**

**(11:45 AM to 1:45 PM)**

**Speakers:**

**Prof Uma Chakravarti**

**Prof Shireen Moosvi**

**Prof S Z H Jafri**

#### **PANEL II:**

**(2:15 PM to 4:30 PM)**

**Speakers:**

**Prof Christopher Chapple**

**Prof Purushottama Bilimoria**

**Prof Rakesh Chandra**

**Venue: The Library, JDMC  
23rd October, 2019  
10 AM**

**An International & Interdisciplinary Seminar organized by the Departments of  
History and Philosophy**

**Convenors: Dr Ruplekha Khullar (9811815504) Dr Manisha Agnihotri (9871688048)  
Dr Jayanti Sahoo (9910913529) Ms Natasha Nongbri (9213682004)**

**7. 'Gandhi in His Times and Ours', 4th October, 2019**

'Gandhi in His Times and Ours', organized on 4th of October, 2019 was a daylong seminar under Janki Devi Memorial College's Distinguished Speaker Series. The seminar was organized by the History Department and Gandhi Study Circle of Janki Devi Memorial College.

The seminar consisted of four panelists from a variety of academic disciplines. Professor Alok Rai, Professor Shahid Amin, Dr. Nishikant Kolge and Dr. Rinku. The keynote speaker for the seminar was Prof. Sudhir Chandra a renowned historian and scholar. Seminar commenced with planting of saplings by Professor Sudhir Chandra, Alok Rai and Shahid Amin. Thereafter, Dr. Saumya Gupta addressed the gathering on behalf of the Gandhi Study Circle. Dr. Saumya gave a prolific start to the seminar by giving an introduction on the importance of Gandhi in present times. She spoke about how Gandhi needs to be remembered and debated and most importantly how the present solicits a need to engage with Gandhi and his philosophy of truth in days of fake news. Dr. Swati pal, principal, Janki Devi Memorial College also addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of Gandhian philosophy in the foundation of Janki Devi Memorial college. The Teachers In charge Natasha Nongbri than addressed the gathering on behalf of the History Department and introduced the keynote speaker.

Professor Sudhir Chandra gave an enthralling keynote speech at the occasion where he spoke about the importance of mother tongue and the importance of Gandhi in the present times, whether it be with reference to the crisis of non- violence or the crisis of environment. The keynote speaker was so well received that the jam packed hall echoed with a long round of applause in response to the address by Prof. Chandra.

After a break for tea, the session opened with the talk of Professor Alok Rai, who spoke about the idea of Hindustan and how it became a Hindi land. He referred to Gandhi with reference to his propagation of Hindustani over Hindi Language. The next in line of the distinguished speakers was Professor Shahid Amin who spoke about Gandhi in the context of his close relations with the peasants. He touched upon interesting anecdotes and testimonies of peasants from Champaran etc.

The post lunch session was chaired by Dr. Saumya Gupta who introduced the last two distinguished speakers, Dr. Nishikant Kolge and Dr. RinkuLamba. Dr. Nishikant Kolge delivered his talk on an important aspect of Gandhi that is,'his practical consideration was as important as his moral and philosophical considerations'. He made his point through Gandhi's idea of non violence and how it was used as a strategy by him many times. Dr. Rinku Lamba spoke on a rather interesting and new aspect of Gandhi's understanding of religion and politics through the prism of Kabir and the Bhakti movement. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sandhya Garg, member of the Distinguished Lecture Series Committee and Dr. Manisha Agnihotri on behalf History Department, JDMC.

**Janki Devi Memorial College**  
The Distinguished Speaker Series  
Commemorates 150th year of Gandhi Jayanti

**Gandhi in His Times and Ours**  
Keynote: Professor Sudhir Chandra

Panelists:  
Prof. Alok Rai  
Prof. Shahid Amin  
Dr. Nishikant Kolge  
Dr. Rinku Lamba

Venue:  
The Library, JDMC,  
October 4, 2019  
9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Organized by the Gandhi Study Circle & History Department, JDMC  
Convenors: Dr. Saumya Gupta, Ms. Natasha Nongbri, Dr. Manisha Agnihotri  
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## **8. Dr. Vijay Nath Memorial Lecture and Distinguished Lecture Series- 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019**

As part of the distinguished lecture series and Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Janki Devi Memorial college, the fifth Dr. Vijay Nath Memorial Lecture was delivered by renowned historian and archaeologist Prof. Nayanjyot Lahiri on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019. The Vijay Nath Memorial lecture series is an annual event organized by the Department of History Janki Devi Memorial College, which commenced in the year 2015. The Teacher in charge of the history department Ms. Natasha Nongbri welcomed all the guests in the jam-packed seminar room. Dr. Swati Pal, principal of the college addressed the gathering and also called for a two minutes silence in memory of Dr. Vijay Nath. She then invited Professor Lahiri to deliver the memorial lecture titled 'The Archaeologist and the Prime Minister - A Nehruvian Era Story' . The lecture delivered by Professor Lahiri beautifully captured the personality of Nehru not just as a Prime Minister but also as an admirer of the great heritage that the nation takes pride in. The distinguished speaker presented a very academic and heritage loving side of the first Prime Minister. The anecdotes and the vivid pictures of his visits to these monuments reflect Pandit Nehru's very accomplished aesthetic sensibilities. The talk was extremely well received with a question and answer session that followed it. The program concluded with lovely memories of Dr. Vijay Nath shared with the audience by retired professor of the History Department Prof. Kumkum Srivastava. Lastly, Dr. Namita Sethi Convener of the Distinguished Lecture Series presented the vote of thanks to the speaker, faculty and others present on the occasion. Himanshi Garg of History Hons. III year, the history association president also gave vote of thanks on behalf of the history department. History.



Janki Devi Memorial College

*Distinguished Speaker Series*

and

**HERITAGE: HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

present

Dr. Vijay Nath Memorial Lecture

by

**Prof. Nayanjot Lahiri**

(Prof. of History, Ashoka University)

**'The Archaeologist and  
the Prime Minister  
- A Nehruvian Era Story'**

**3rd September, 2019 at 9:30 AM**

**Seminar Room**

(2017-19)

**1. NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON POPULAR CULTURE HELD (FEBRUARY 28TH & MARCH 1ST 2019)**

A National Symposium on Popular Culture was organized for the benefit of BA Hons and BA Programme students as popular culture forms part of their syllabi.

Another rationale for the Symposium was that Popular Culture has wide mass appeal, being the aggregation of a myriad cultural phenomena such as literature, art, music, dance, theatre, customs, traditions, rituals, food, fashion, film, television, radio and cyber culture.

This symposium tried to explore these themes, sometimes from perspectives of their regional, ethnic and religious variations.

The chief guest for this symposium was the HOD, Dept of Buddhist Studies, Prof K.T.S Sarao who delivered the keynote address. His address mainly focussed on the Jataka tales/fables of Gautam Buddha, his former incarnations at times like an animal, a bird and sometimes like a human being. These tales symbolised the innate values of morality, honesty, self-sacrifice and other moral values which are necessary to become good human beings.

Other key speakers were Prof S.K Rai and Prof P.P Dhar from DU, Prof F. Nasreen from JMI, Prof B. Prakash, Dr G. Ghosh from JNU and Dr Jitender Gill and Dr Saumya Gupta from our college.

Cultural programmes marked the close of both days' presentations and deliberations. The first day featured melodious solo and group regional songs and beautiful dance recitals by students. The second day's academic session ended with soulful renditions of Baulsangeet.



## **2. TATHASTU THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT FESTIVAL - 26 & 27 OCT 2018**

The theme of History Festival-Tathastu held in Oct 2018 was "Dilli-6". The inauguration of the Fest was on 26th Oct which began with a National Seminar on "Revisiting Dilli-6". A galaxy of noted historians and scholars like Prof Nadeem Rezavi (Aligarh Muslim University) Prof Najaf Haider (Jawaharlal Nehru University) Prof Farhat Nasreen (Jamia Millia Islamia) and Dr Lubna Irfan enlightened the audience on various aspects of the glorious history of Shahjahanabad which we today sometimes refer to as Dilli-6. In the post-lunch session there were two Inter-College Competitive events like What If and Golegappa Eating Competitions. In the evening,

there was a cultural programme based on the theme Dilli-6. First there was a Ganesh Vandana presented by senior faculty member of the Dept Dr Tara Sheemar, followed by a Kathak Recital by noted Polish exponent Mr Artur Przybylski, who also specializes in Tango, Waltz, Samba, Salsa and Ballroom Dancing. On the second day, 27th Oct, there were a variety of Inter-College Competitions like Quiz, Poster Making, Photography, Treasure Hunt and Talent Hunt. And in the evening of the 27th there was a Sufi Night by Ustad Imran Khan, noted maestro of melodious and technically complex Sufi, Ghazal and Classical compositions of the Dilli Gharana.

**“TATHASTU”  
HISTORY FESTIVAL**  
JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE  
(UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)  
SIR GANGA RAM HOSPITAL MARG

**THEME:  
“DILLI – 6”**

26 OCTOBER 2018 – FRIDAY

**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON  
“REVISITING DILLI – 6”**  
SPEAKERS:  
PROF. N. REZAWI (AMU)  
PROF. N. HAIDER (NU)  
PROF. F. NASREEN (MD)  
PROF. S. M. CHENOV (DU)  
DR. L. IRFAN (AMU)

**INTER-COLLEGE COMPETITIONS**  
WRITING  
GOL GAPPA  
PHOTOGRAPHY

**KATHAK RECITAL**  
ARTUR PRZYBYLSKI  
(NOTED POLISH  
KATHAK DANCER)

27 OCTOBER 2018 – SATURDAY

**INTER-COLLEGE COMPETITIONS**  
QUIZ  
TREASURE HUNT  
POSTER MAKING  
TALENT HUNT  
PHOTOGRAPHY

**SUFI NIGHT**  
USTAD IMRAN KHAN  
(NOTED GHAZAL, SUFI &  
CLASSICAL SINGER)

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### 3. DR VIJAY NATH MEMORIAL LECTURES 12 OCT 2018

Dr R S Bisht (Joint Director, Archaeological Survey of India Retired, and Padma Shri Awardee) and Prof D P Sharma (Archaeologist, Museologist and Art Historian) spoke from their respective perspectives on the theme "In The Trail of the Indus Valley Civilization - Case Studies of Rakhigarhi & Dholavira". While Prof Sharma gave a general overview of Indus Valley sites Dr R S Bisht gave a vivid presentation of the excavations conducted by him at Dholavira.

#### **4. TALK ON NATIONAL ARCHIVES - 22 MARCH 2018**

During the Library Festival the History Department organized a talk by Dr T Hussain of the National Archives. He spoke on the evolution of the National Archives and the important phases in its evolution.

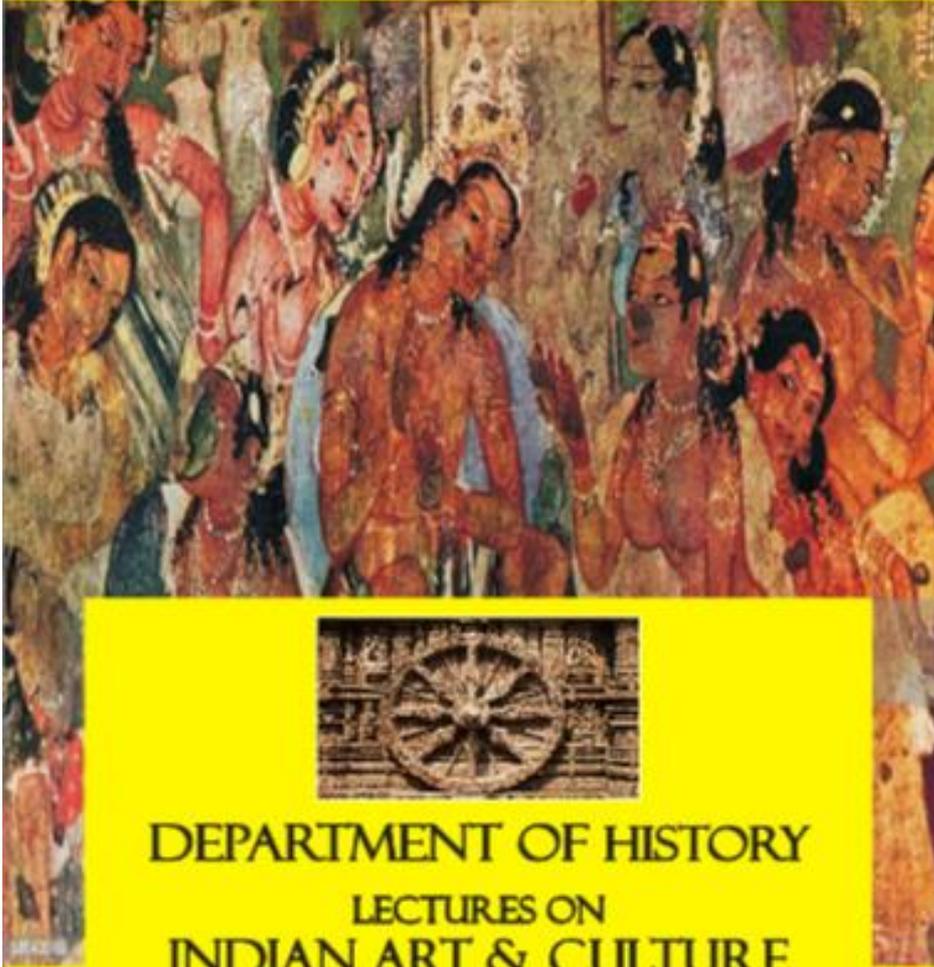
#### **5. LECTURES ON INDIAN ART & CULTURE- 12 MARCH 2018**

Lectures on various aspects of Indian Art & Culture were delivered by Prof Ravindra Kumar (Former VC & Prof of History IGNOU) Dr Anand Bardhan (Faculty

DIHRAM & Secretary, Museum Association of India) and Dr Shubha Banerjee  
(Education Officer Rashtrapati Bhavan)



JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE  
SIR. GANGA RAM HOSPITAL MARG, NEW DELHI



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
LECTURES ON  
INDIAN ART & CULTURE

12 MARCH 2018 - 10.00 AM - JDMC SEMINAR HALL

CHIEF GUEST & KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**PROF. RAVINDRA KUMAR**  
FMR. VICE CHANCELLOR & PROF OF HISTORY, IGNOU

OTHER SPEAKERS  
**DR. ANAND BURDHAN**  
FACULTY, DIHRAM & SECY MUSEUMS ASSOC. OF INDIA

**DR. SHUBHA BANERJEE**  
EDUCATION OFFICER, RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN MUSEUM

## **6. Panel Discussion on 'Imaging Gender in the matrix of Power, Love & Hate'**

TATHASTU, the History Department's Maiden Festival was held on 27th and 28th October, 2017 which focussed primarily on academics and culture. The two-day Festival was inaugurated by the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Govt., Mr Manish Sisodia, Chairperson, Dr Kusum Krishna and the Principal Dr Swati Pal.

The Inaugural Session began with a Panel Discussion on the theme- ' Imaging Gender in the matrix of Power, Love & Hate. The distinguished panelists were Prof Vijaya Ramaswamy, Prof Kumkum Roy, Prof Anshu Malhotra, Dr Smita Sahgal and Dr Tara Sheemar.

The Inaugural session also featured the formal release of Dr Tara Sheemars book titled "Plunging the Ocean".

## **7. Vijay Nath Memorial Lecture, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

HERITAGE, HISTORY ASSOCIATION organized its Dr. Vijay Nath Memorial Lecture Series on the 12th of October 2017 in memory of Late Dr. Vijay Nath. The theme of the lecture series was "Reconstructing Buddha through the prism of 'Tripitakas' and 'Jatakas'."

The speakers were Prof. Hira Paul Gangnegi (Ex-HOD, Dept of Buddhist Studies, DU) and Prof. Hari Shankar Prasad (HOD, Dept of Philosophy, DU). The event was also graced by Late Dr. Vijay Nath's son-in-law Mr. Sai Srinivas. The Principal Dr.

Swati Pal stressed on the need to adopt Buddha's way of living and the relevance of it in present times.

Prof. Gangnegi introduced the students to the complex theme of Reconstructing Buddha. He began with explaining the etymological definition of Buddha itself i.e. wisdom. Prof. Gangnegi highlighted the need to address suffering which Buddha mentioned repeatedly and the essence of which has been captured in the Tripitikas. Boddhi-chitta he stressed is the most important element to be kept in mind.

Prof. Hari Shankar Prasad weaved the philosophy of Buddha from funny anecdotes from his life. He stressed on Buddha's philosophy which requires one to address the problem of cognition through knowledge Vidyacaran. Hence, by questioning everything our existence is reduced to the mind which should be combined with compassion.



### **8. Talk on Delhi: Cities and Settlements, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Aug. 2017**

The Department of History, Janki Devi Memorial College organized a talk 'Delhi: Cities and Settlements' by Dr. Swapna Liddle on the 2nd of August 2017 at the College Library Hall. Ms. Smita Mitra, Teacher-in-Charge of the Department gave the Inaugural Speech in which she briefly sketched the historical significance of Delhi.

Dr. Liddle spoke on the heritage of Delhi, its physical landscape and the impact it has had on the cultural and intellectual life through the Ages. Delhi, because of its strategic location between the Himalayas and the Doab region has acted as a corridor throughout History. It has been at the centre of trade routes. Hence, the city itself as a settlement can be analysed in layers starting from the Prehistoric Age to the coming in of the British.

With the coming of the British, the temporary capital of Delhi was established in the Civil Lines (1911). Hence, Delhi continued to be a symbol of seat of power. Dr. Liddle concluded her speech by stressing on the need to understand the many layers of the physical landscape of Delhi itself. The talk was followed by a question answer session and a vote of thanks.



### **9. 'Rise and Fall of Islamic Civilization' on 8th of February 2017**

History Association 'Heritage' organized a talk on 8th February 2017, titled 'Rise and Fall of Islamic Civilization'. The lecture was delivered by Dr. KumkumSrivastava. The talk dealt with the various aspects related to expansion of Islamic civilization with reference to social, economic, political, cultural and religious factors. Dr. Srivastava also focused on the causes responsible for the fall of Islamic civilization. The speaker highlighted the internal dynamics, politics and corruption within the highly successful and glorified expansion of Islamic realm. The talk was very well attended by good number of students, faculty members and our honourable principal.

