

# Association Activities

## Department of History

2022-23

### Dr. Vijaynath Memorial Lecture

18th October, 2022

Janki Devi Memorial College's Department of History under the Agies of IQAC and Heritage (History Association) conducted the 7th Dr. Vijay Nath Memorial Lecture as part of its annual lecture series. This Lecture is delivered every year by a distinguished scholar in the memory of Dr. Vijay Nath who was a faculty member in the Department of History. The president of Heritage Association, Maanya commenced the proceedings by welcoming the audience and apprasing them about the Memorial Lecture Series, she also read out a short biography of Dr. Vijaynath. This was followed by the address of the Principal, Prof. Swati Pal. Dr. Nidhi, daughter of late Dr. Vijaynath also shared her fond memories of the college.

Prof. Seema Bawa, Head, Department of History, University of Delhi was the speaker for this year's lecture. She was welcomed and introduced by Dr. Manisha Sharma TIC of the History department. Prof. Bawa delivered the lecture titled '*Art of Puranas- Iconic and Narrative Representation*' and gave a very comprehensive talk on the evolution and changes in the visual repreentations of the Purarans in the pre and post Gupta period. The students and faculty both engaged in a very meaningful question and answer round after the lecture. Mr. Shivam Sharma, faculty of the depar tment delivered the vote of thanks.



Dr. Manisha Sharma, Teacher's Incharge of History Department



Prof. Seema Bawa Delivering the Lecture

### **Lecture under the Series Empowering Widows**

20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Janki Devi Memorial College's IQAC Center for Gender Equity Studies, under the series of Empowering Widows in collaboration with the Department of History organised a talk by Dr. Jyoti Atwal (Associate Professor, Center for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University). The lecture was held in hybrid mode. Dr. Manisha Sharma (TIC of the History department), Dr. Tara Sheemar (Association Incharge of history department) and Prof. Swati Pal, Principal JDMC along with the faculty of history department and students were present at the event. The students invited prof. Pal to address the gathering, after which Dr. Manisha Sharma welcomed and introduced the speaker.

The lecture titled 'Rhetorics of Dissent on Widowhood question in Colonial India: Some Reformist and Feminist Perspectives' delivered by the speaker enlightened the audience about the debates surrounding widowhood / widow remarriage and Sati in 19th and early 20th century India. The talk gave a historical and fresh perspective of Widowhood in the colonial period. The floor was opened up for question and answers after the talk. The event concluded with a vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Madhwi.



Principal, Prof. Swati Pal and Dr. Jyoti Atwal



Dr. Manisha Sharma, Teacher's Incharge of History Department

## **Tathasthu**

Annual Festival of History Department

15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

The Department of History, Janki Devi Memorial College organised its annual department festival '*Tathasthu*' on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. This year's theme for the festival was Mystic Trail: *Swayam se Swyambhu tak*. The festival was dedicated in the memory of Late Ms. Smita Mitra. This year's chief guest for the festival was Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam, Member Secretary, ICHR. The Festival commenced at 10:30 AM by lighting of lamp by the chief guest and others. The program was moderated by Dr. Akanksha Kumar and Dr. Madhwi who welcomed the guests. Prof. Umesh Kadam and Principal, Prof. Swati Pal addressed the gathering, followed by an address in memory of Late Ms. Smita Mitra, which was read out by Dr. Manisha Sharma Teachers In charge of the Department. The cultural program included song performances, Sufi Kathak, Bihu dance and lastly a musical band performance by *Mausiqui* The Sufi. The auditorium was jam packed with audiences. Mr. Shivam Sharma presented the vote of Thanks.

In the second half of the day Heritage, History Association in collaboration with Research Center, JDMC organised an international Seminar titled 'Sufi, Poets, and Saints'. The seminar was chaired by Dr. Jitender Gill, Associate Professor, English Department, JDMC. First speaker Prof. Gulifshan Khan from Aligarh Muslim University, spoke about the meaning of sufism and how it is more complex than generally understood. She said its *Twafuf* and not sufism which describes it best. The second speaker was Prof. Devendra Sharma who spoke about various folk tales. According to him all these actually reflect mysticism, love and yog. Third speaker was Prof. Farhat Nasreen from Jamia Milia Islamia University, she elaborated on Laila *Majnu* and its various manifestations in different languages and renditions within Bollywood. The last speaker Prof. Kumkum Srivastav enlightened the audiences by the overlapping interpretations food wine and love within Sufism. The seminar was concluded by a documentary screening, 'impeccable Heart' directed by Dr. Tara Sheemar, Association In charge of the Department.



Cultural Performances and Address by Chief Guest at the occasion



Left to Right: Prof. Swati Pal, Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam and Dr. Manisha Sharma



Dr. Jitender Gill, Dr. Gulfshan Khan, Prof. Farhat Nasreen and Dr. Kumkum Srivastav at the International Seminar.



Team Tathasthu, 2023