

# **Department of History Activities**

## **(2018-19)**

### **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. PDhar 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.



**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE**

**NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON POPULAR CULTURE**

**VENUE: SEMINAR ROOM**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2019, 09:00 AM**

**PROF K.T.S. SARAO (DU) - KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**ASSOC PROF S.K. RAI (DU) - LOCATING POPULAR CULTURE IN INDIAN HISTORY**  
**DR J. GILL (JDMC) - NAAGINS, DAAYANS & CHUDAILS IN CONTEMPORARY INDIAN POPULAR CULTURE**  
**DR S. GUPTA (JDMC) - CUISINE MATTERS: POPULAR PERCEPTIONS AROUND FOOD AND IDENTITY IN INDIA**

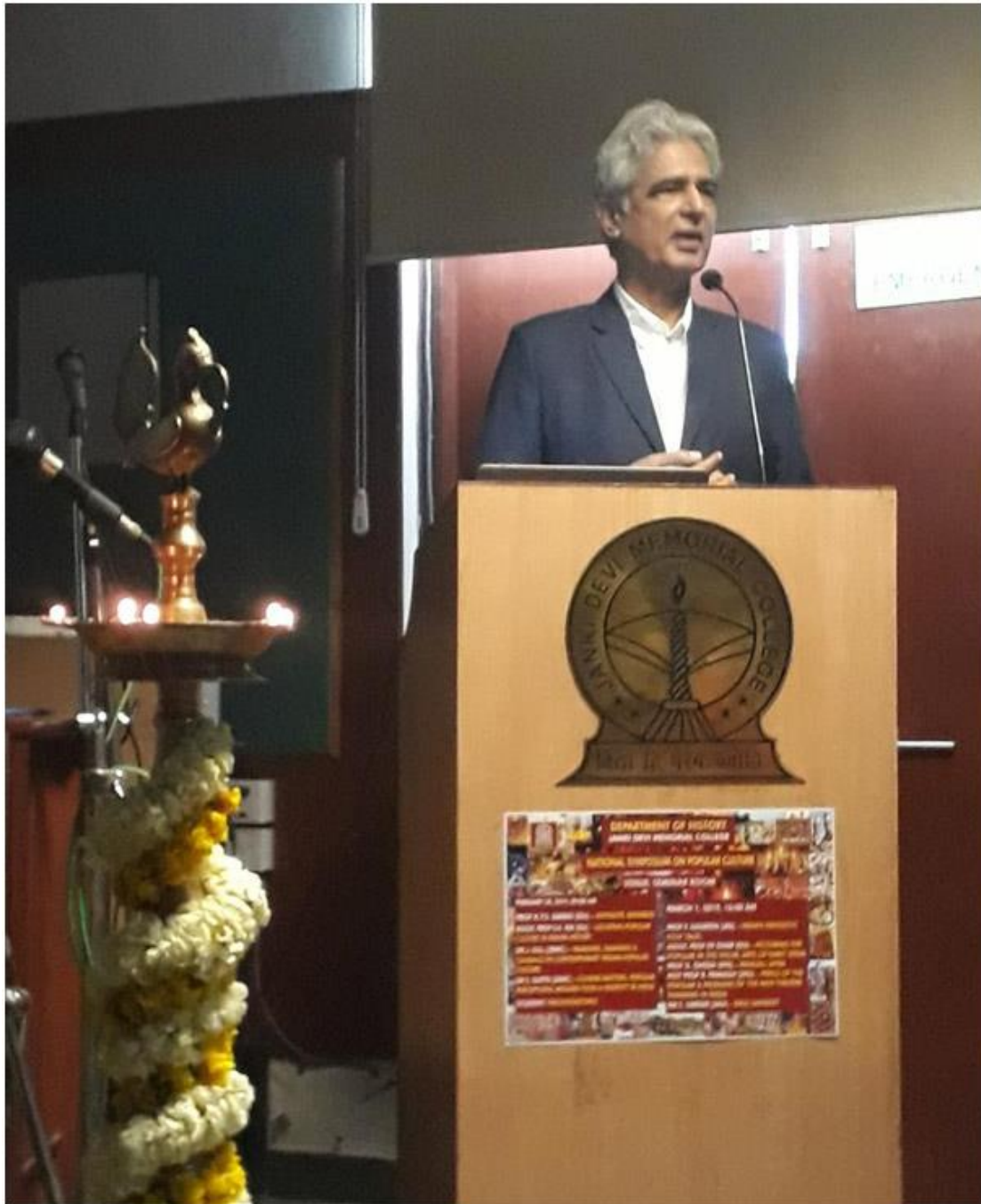
**STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

**MARCH 1, 2019, 10:00 AM**

**PROF F. NASREEN (JMI) - INDIA'S FANTASTIC FOLK TALES**  
**ASSOC PROF P.P. DHAR (DU) - PICTURING THE POPULAR IN THE VISUAL ARTS OF EARLY INDIA**  
**ASST PROF B. PRAKASH (JNU) - PERILS OF THE POPULAR & PROBLEMS OF THE NEW THEATRE THINKING IN INDIA**  
**MR G. GHOSH - BENGALI JATRA**  
**MR S. SARKAR (JNU) - BAUL SANGEET**



**BAUL SINGER MR SHAMBHU NATH SARKAR**



**PROF KTS SARAQ, HOD, DEPT OF BUDDHIST STUDIES**

### **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 Golgappa 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.





Some Faculty Members of Team Tathastu



Noted Polish Exponent of Kathak Mr Artur Przybylski



Ustad Imran Khan at Sufi Night during "TATHASTU 2018"



Faculty and Tathastu Organizing Committee Member  
Dr Tara Sheemar performing Ganesh Vandana



### **INTER-DEPARTMENT DEBATE COMPETITION - 28 SEPTEMBER 2018**

An Inter-Department Debate Competition was organized on 28 September 2018 on the "Decriminalization Of Sec 377 Will Lead To More Inclusivity In Society And Economy".





A Student Participant at the Inter-Department Debate Competition with Multi-Department Faculty Members as Judges

### **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.



Felicitation of Dr RS Bisht at the Dr Vijay Nath Memorial Lectures



The Speakers Dr RS Bisht and Prof DP Sharma and Faculty Members of the History Department

**ORIENTATION CEREMONY OF ADD-ON TRAVEL & TOURISM COURSE  
27 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The Orientation Ceremony for the Certificate Course on "Travel and Tourism" being conducted by the Department of History, JDMC in collaboration with Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, DU was held on 27th September 2018.

The ceremony was graced by the Chief Guests Prof. Rajesh and Prof. Rahul Yadav. Prof. Rajesh from DACEE spoke about the different strands of tourism like economic, social, cultural, medical and historical. He also emphasized the need to supplement the theoretical lessons of the subject with field visits. Dr Rahul Yadav (DACEE) outlined the syllabus and spoke about the benefits of the course for the students in building their future careers. Some students from the first batch spoke about the wide knowledge they had gained after pursuing this course and narrated their experiences while doing their field work.



DACEE Professors, Faculty members and some of the Students who enrolled for the course

### **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. Dr T Husain speaking on the Evolution of the National Archives.



### **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).



Speakers and Faculty Members at the Lectures on Indian Art & Culture