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**Distinguished Speaker Series**

Topic: Forms and Dynamics of Religious Transformations Across Times, Contexts and Locations

Speakers: Prof. Christopher Key Chapple & Prof. Rakesh Chandra

Date & Time: October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, 3:00 pm

Venue: Seminar room, JDMC

An international seminar was organized by the Department of Philosophy, Janki Devi Memorial College on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 in college premises on 'Forms and Dynamics of Religious Transformations Across Time, Contexts and Locations'. Prof. Christopher Key Chapple is an Indologist and scholar of international repute working on areas of religion. He is Doshi Professor of Indic and Comparative Theology at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. He spoke on religious pluralistic practices in Los Angeles, and emphasized that the study of religion requires an understanding of various other disciplines such as Geography, Theology, History and Sociology and how they help in understanding each other. He said that it is important to master the techniques of understanding the meanings of life minus consumerism and concluded by saying that religion should be seen as a part of life and not just an abstract belief and it is imperative for everything to change including religion. Prof. Rakesh Chandra is associated with the Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow and is a member of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research. He focussed on the significant roles of rational scrutiny in religious practices. He began with numerous thought-provoking questions that re-examined the existing notion of religion in the minds of people thereby opening grounds for re-assessing its role and meaning in each life.



