

Association Activities

Department of History

2022-23

Lecture by Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray , 11th April , 2023

Heritage History Association of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a Distinguished Speaker Series under the aegis of IQAC. The speaker invited was Professor Himanshu Prabha Ray, Member of Board of Governors, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford. The topic of the lecture was "The Discovery and Dispersal of Relics: The Modern History of Buddhism". The President of the association, Maanya commenced the lecture by welcoming the faculty and the guests, followed by an introductory speech by Prof Manisha Sharma, the TIC, briefly introducing Prof. Ray and presenting the planter and a memento.

Professor Ray, in the very intellectually stimulating talk, noted that Buddhist history is divided into 2 periods- the colonial period and the era of the 19th/20th century. She observed that most of the textual evidence available are from eras after Buddha's death. She also informed the students of the availability of Relics which are remains of the mortal body of the Buddha and how these relics changed in nature over time. One of the most surprising elements of the lecture was the involvement of The United States of America in unearthing the evidence and their zeal in understanding Buddhism. The house opened for and the students and Faculty also interacted with speaker. Dr. Tara Sheemar offered a vote of thanks to Prof Ray.



Dr. Manisha Sharma, TIC of the Department welcoming the Speaker.

Lecture by Prof. Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi , 15th April, 2023

Heritage, Association of the History Department organised a lecture by Prof. Nadeem Rezavi along with the Heritage Club, under the Distinguished speaker series. Prof. Manisha S. Agnihotri convenor of the Heritage club introduced the speaker. The lecture titled ‘ Structures as Registers of Shared Heritage’ outlined the many facets of built heritage and its different manifestations. He pointed out how the different architectural buildings built under the rule of Sultanat and Mughals were in fact inspired by temple architecture of the ancient period. He also pointed out that the different monuments built by Mughal rulers were only reflection of their strong political will to legitimise their rule and thus it was not only religious but largely political. Dr. Tara Sheemar opened the house for questions and answers followed by a vote of thanks by her.



Prof. Nadeem Rezavi Delivering the Lecture

Lecture by Prof. Heeraman Tiwari under Distinguished Speaker Series

On 18th March, Heritage History Association of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a lecture under the aegis of IQAC, Distinguished Speaker Series. The speaker, Professor Heeraman Tiwari, Chairperson, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU. The topic of the lecture was "Textual Debates and Intellectual History in Ancient India" The President of the association, Maanya commenced the lecture by welcoming the faculty and the guests, followed by an introductory speech by Prof Manisha Sharma, the TIC, briefly introducing Prof Tiwari.

Prof Tiwari, a true intellectual, gave knowledge to the students regarding the various anecdotes in the abundant ancient Indian texts like the Puranas and the Upanishads. He chanted numerous Sanskrit shlokas and translated them, educating the audience about various life lessons that the shlokas intended to teach. The session was intellectually stimulating, the students also interacted with Prof Tiwari. The students were enthralled by his articulate speech. All in all, the lecture event was a great success.

‘धार्मिक ग्रंथों से मिलती है जीने की कला’

नि. नई दिल्ली: प्राचीन धार्मिक ग्रंथ हमारे ऐतिहासिक स्रोत हैं। इनसे जीवन पद्धति व जीवन जीने की कला के बारे में सम्यक जानकारी मिलती है। यह बात जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के इतिहास अध्ययन केंद्र के अध्यक्ष प्रो. हीरामन तिवारी ने कही। वे ज्ञानकी देवी मेमोरियल कॉलेज के इतिहास विभाग

एसोसिएशन 'हेरिटेज' द्वारा डिस्टिंग्विशेड स्पीकर सीरीज के तहत प्राचीन भारत में साहित्यिक बहस और बौद्धिक इतिहास विषय पर आयोजित कार्यक्रम में बतौर मुख्य वक्ता बोल रहे थे। इस अवसर पर इतिहास विभाग प्रमुख डॉ. मनीषा शर्मा, हेरिटेज प्रभारी डॉ. तारा शीमर व छात्रा संघ प्रेसिडेंट मान्या आदि लोग मौजूद रहे।

प्राचीन भारत में साहित्यिक बहस और बौद्धिक इतिहास पर विशिष्ट वक्तव्य आयोजित

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय (डीयू) से संबद्ध ज्ञानकी देवी मेमोरियल कॉलेज के इतिहास विभाग एसोसिएशन 'हेरिटेज' द्वारा डिस्टिंग्विशेड स्पीकर सीरीज का आयोजन शनिवार को किया गया। जिसका विषय प्राचीन भारत में साहित्यिक बहस और बौद्धिक इतिहास था। जिसका मुख्य वक्ता के रूप में जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय में इतिहास अध्ययन केंद्र के अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर हीरामन तिवारी ने अपने अमूल्य शोधपरक ज्ञान से सभी प्राध्यापक सहित छात्रों को संबोधित किया। कार्यक्रम का आरम्भ मुख्य अतिथि प्रो हीरामन तिवारी का इतिहास विभाग प्रमुख डॉ मनीषा शर्मा, हेरिटेज प्रभारी डॉ तारा शीमर तथा छात्रा संघ प्रेसिडेंट मान्या के द्वारा पौधा युक्त गमला भेंट कर स्वागत किया गया। प्रो तिवारी ने कहा कि प्राचीन धार्मिक ग्रंथों के माध्यम से ही हमारे प्राचीन इतिहास के स्रोत के रूप में तथा उनसे जीवन पद्धति एवं जीवन जीने की कला के बारे में सम्यक जानकारी मिलती है। उन्होंने प्राचीन भारत के धार्मिक साहित्य जैसे वेद, उपवेद, अरण्यक, उपनिषद्, सूत्र, स्मृति, महाभारत, रामायण तथा रामचरितमानस के कथानकों से जुड़ी संवादों के बारे विस्तृत में बताया।





Tathasthu

Annual Festival of History Department

15th February, 2023

The Department of History, Janki Devi Memorial College organised its annual department festival '*Tathasthu*' on 15th 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.

विविध गतिविधियां

पुरातन संस्कृति से उभरती है भारत की सच्ची तस्वीर



वार्षिकोत्सव का दीप जलाकर शुभारंभ करते मुख्य अतिथि प्रो. उमेश कदम ● सौ. कालेज वि, नई दिल्ली: भारतीय इतिहास अनुसंधान परिषद के सदस्य सचिव प्रो. उमेश कदम ने कहा कि इतिहास से ही राष्ट्रवाद और एकता का निर्माण किया जा सकता है। हमें अतीत के संतों, आध्यात्मिक गुरुओं तथा रहस्यवादी संतों के माध्यम से हमारे ज्ञान चक्षु खुलते हैं। प्रो. कदम जानकी देवी मेमोरियल कालेज के इतिहास विभाग के वार्षिकोत्सव तथास्तु तथा अंतरराष्ट्रीय सेमिनार को बतौर मुख्य अतिथि संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि वर्नाकुलर, क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं और पुरातन संस्कृतियों के माध्यम से ही भारत की सच्ची तस्वीर उभरती है। इस दौरान कालेज की प्राचार्या प्रो. स्वाति पाल ने इतिहास विभाग की पूर्व प्राध्यापक प्रोफेसर स्मिता मित्रा को श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करके कालेज और इतिहास विभाग में उनके योगदान को याद किया। इतिहास की प्रोफेसर मनीषा शर्मा ने मुख्य अतिथि का स्वागत किया। प्रो. फरहत नसरीन, प्रो. देवेन्द्र शर्मा, प्रो. गुलफिदान खान तथा प्रो. कुमकुम श्रीवास्तव ने प्रमुख शोध पत्रों के माध्यम से छात्रों और प्राध्यापकों को सूफी संतों की जीवन शैलियों पर प्रकाश डाला।



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

Career Counseling Session (Distinguished Speaker Series)

27th January, 2023

The Department of History Janki Devi Memorial College organised a lecture on the topic *Archives: Past and Future an Introduction to the National Archives of India* . Prof. Swati Pal, Principal of Janki Devi Memorial College, Dr. Manisha Sharma, Teachers In charge of the Department and Dr. Tara Sheemar Association In charge of the Department were present at the event. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Devendra Sharma, Archivist, National Archives of India. Dr. Sharma elaborated on the rich material, collection, preservation of all the documents available at the National Archives. He also enlightened the audiences about how to use the Archives. The students were highly motivated to learn about this career option after studying History. They were apprised about the professional output of pursuing history and a course in Archives. The students interacted a long question and answer round with the speaker. Dr. Akanksha Kumar delivered the vote of thanks.



Department Faculty with Dr. Devendra Sharma

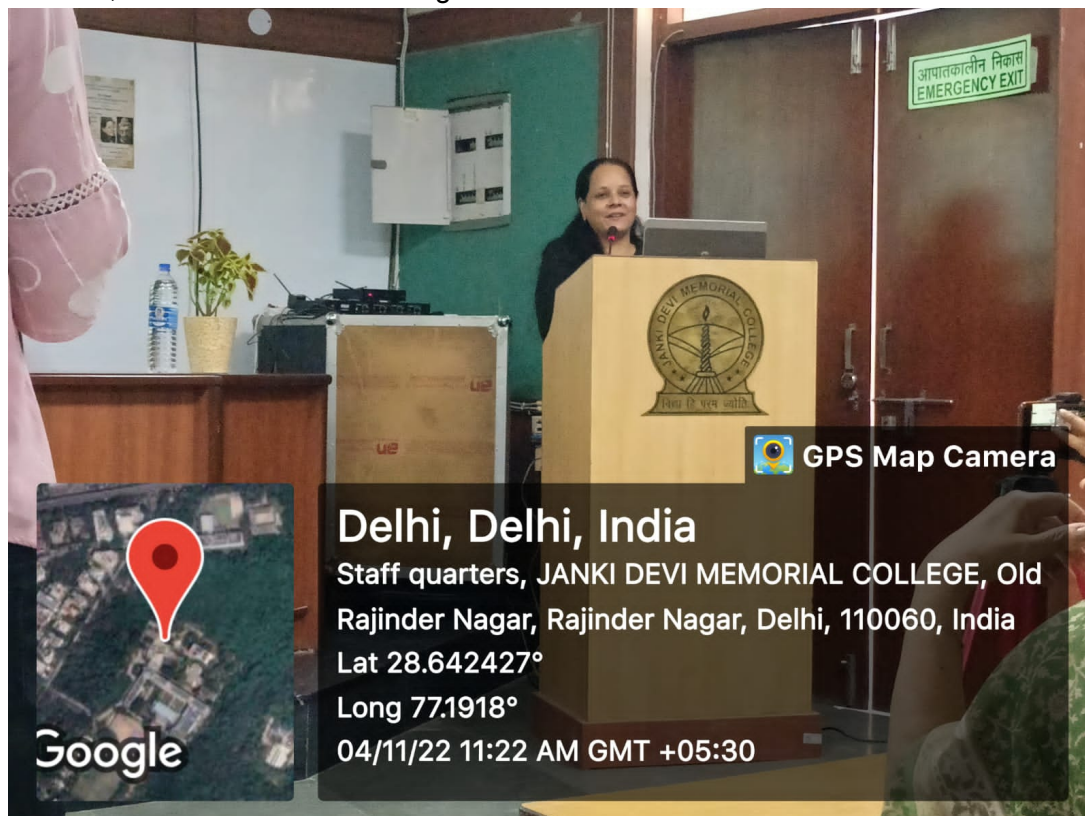
Lecture by Prof. Jaya S. Tyagi under Distinguished Speaker Series

November 4th, 2022

On November 4th, Janki Devi Memorial College's Heritage Association of the history department organised the Distinguished Speaker Series Lecture. The speaker invited was Professor Jaya S Tyagi, Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi and the topic of discussion was Revisiting 6th Century BCE- Recent Interpretations. The president of the association, Maanya commenced the lecture by welcoming the faculty and the guests, followed by a introductory speech by Prof Manisha Sharma, the TIC, introducing Prof Tyagi. She highlights and praises Prof Tyagi as the knowledgeable and learned person she is. The other guests of honor were Dr Kumkum Srivastava, retired member of History Department, JDMC and Dr Narottam Vinit, Associate Professor, Dyal Singh College. They were welcomed and felicitated as well.

Dr Tyagi, very articulately, introduced us to the time period of the 6th century BCE and how it can be interpreted. She calls attention to the fact that there is a need to study ancient history with intensive efforts to remain careful and not assume that the things happened the way they are represented in textual representations. The talk demonstrates the perspective towards the 6th century and the fact that the narratives could well be fabricated.

The students were enthralled by her articulate speech and very interested in the topic. Prof Akanksha ended the lecture by expressing gratitude to Prof Tyagi for the intellectually stimulating talk and the teachers and volunteers of the department for their support. All in all, the lecture event was a great success.



Prof. Tyagi delivering her Lecture

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 repreasentations 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

20th 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