

Activities Department of History (2019-2020)

Talk by Dr. Jyoti Atwal, 28th February 2020.

In continuation of the film screening held on 24th 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.



Transformations Across Times, Contexts and Locations' 23rd 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 23rd 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.



Gift of Appreciation presented by Dr. Swati Pal



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.




Left Right to, Prof. Alok Rai, Prof. Sudhir Chandra and Professor Shahid Amin,




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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- 3rd 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 3rd 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.



Professor Nayanjyot Lahiri Delivering
the Lecture, 3rd September, 2019



Professor Nayanjot Lahiri Lighting
the Lamp with Dr. Swati Pal, Principal
Janki Devi Memorial College, 3rd September, 2019

Visit to the National Museum, 24th September, 2019.

As part of the Skill Enhancement paper 'Understanding Heritage', II year History Hons. students visited the National Museum on 24th September, 2019. The trip was organised to familiarise students with various aspects of Indian heritage and antiquities. The students were asked to present a report and presentation on the basis of this trip.

Visit to the National Museum, 17th August, 2019.

First year History Hons. students were taken to the National Museum on 17th August, 2019. The trip is organised every year to familiarise students with the ancient history heritage. During the trip students visited 15 prominent galleries of archeological remains.



A Glimpse of the students at the National Museum



A Group Photo of the Teachers and Students at the National Museum, 17th August, 2019

TRAVEL TOURISM AGRA TRIP (APRIL 4TH 2019)

As part of their Travel and Tourism curriculum, a field trip was undertaken to Agra and Fatehpur Sikri on 4th April comprising of 27 students and some faculty members. After the trip the students submitted a project on the historical places visited by them in Agra and Fatehpur Sikri.



TRAVEL & TOURISM STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT FATEHPUR SIKRI