

Activities Department of History

(2020-21)

Career Counselling Webinar

A Webinar on Career Counselling was held for students by Heritage History Association under the aegis of the IQAC on April 26, 2021. The talk was given by Md. Faisal Hussain, History Department, JDMC.

Student Activities

An online inter-college poster making competition was organised by the History Department to commemorate Shaheed Diwas on March 23, 2021 on the themes 'Jashn Azaadi Ka', 'Shaheed e Azam: Bhagat Singh' and 'Inquilab Zindabad'. The competition generated very active response with almost 30 entries received from not only institutions in Delhi but also outside the city.

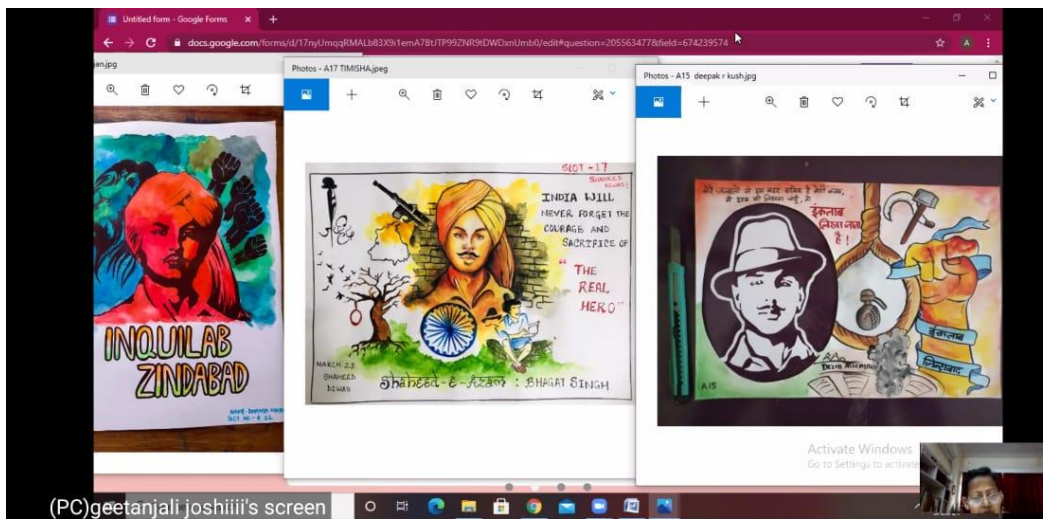
Heritage History Association organised an online intra-department logo making competition for its students, entries for which were received on March 18, 2021. The winning entry was adopted as Heritage's new logo.

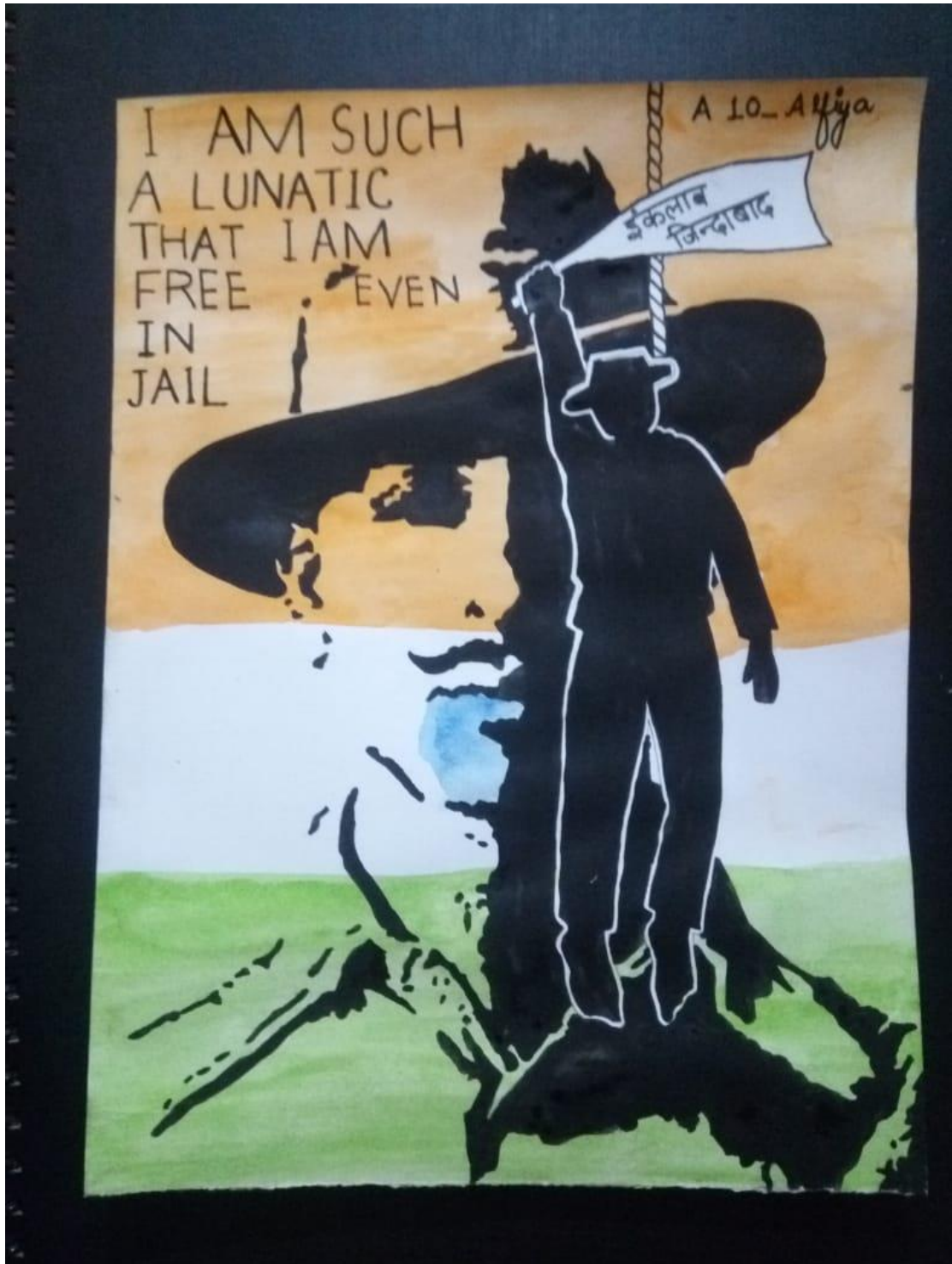
Heritage, the History Department Association organised a second online intra-department debate competition for students on the topic 'Are Single Sex Colleges Better than Co-ed Colleges?' on March 3, 2021. Students of the department participated enthusiastically and cogently presented their points of view both in favour and against the theme.

Heritage, the History Department Association of Janki Devi Memorial College organized an online intra-department debate for students on the topic 'Online Education: Boon or Bane?' on October 9, 2020. This theme evoked active responses

from students who argued with great clarity and reasoning both for and against the motion.

Screen Shots from the Student Activities





Travel and Tourism: Add-On Course

The Department of History, Janki Devi Memorial College in collaboration with the Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension (DACEE), University of Delhi, held an online Orientation Programme to inaugurate the 3rd session of its Travel and Tourism Add-on Course on March 2, 2021. Dr. Vikas Gupta, the Registrar

of University of Delhi was the chief guest, and Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Head of the Department, DACEE and Dr. Rahul were the guests of honour. Ms. Smita Mitra of the History Department coordinates the course.

Archives, Museology and Culture Add-On Course

The History Department also introduced a new Add-On course (30 hours) titled 'Archives, Museology and Culture' aimed at generating an interest among students regarding the importance of archives, museums and the preservation of heritage and culture. The course was held from April to May 2021.



Screen Capture from the Add on Course

Historians Craft Lecture Series

The Heritage History Association organised an online lecture series on the theme 'Historian's Craft' which was very well received and attended. The first lecture was delivered by Dr Pankaj Jha, Associate Professor, Lady Shri Ram College on March 16, 2021 on the topic 'Texts, Sources, and Modern Historiographies of Medieval India'. Dr Ravi Kant, Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) delivered the second lecture in the series on the topic 'Cinema as Intermedia Archive'. Dr Aparna Balachandran, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi gave the third lecture on March 23, 2021 speaking on the topic 'Museums and the Restitution of Cultural Property: Colonialism and the Politics of Return'. In the fourth lecture held on April 7, 2021, Prof Ranabir Chakravarti, retired Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University spoke on the theme 'Making the Whisper of Inscriptions Audible: Historians' Approaches to Epigraphic Studies'. The last lecture of the series was held on April 15, 2021 and delivered by Dr Kumkum Srivastava, retired faculty member, History Department, JDMC who spoke on the theme 'Folk Songs as Source of History'.

Screenshots from the Series



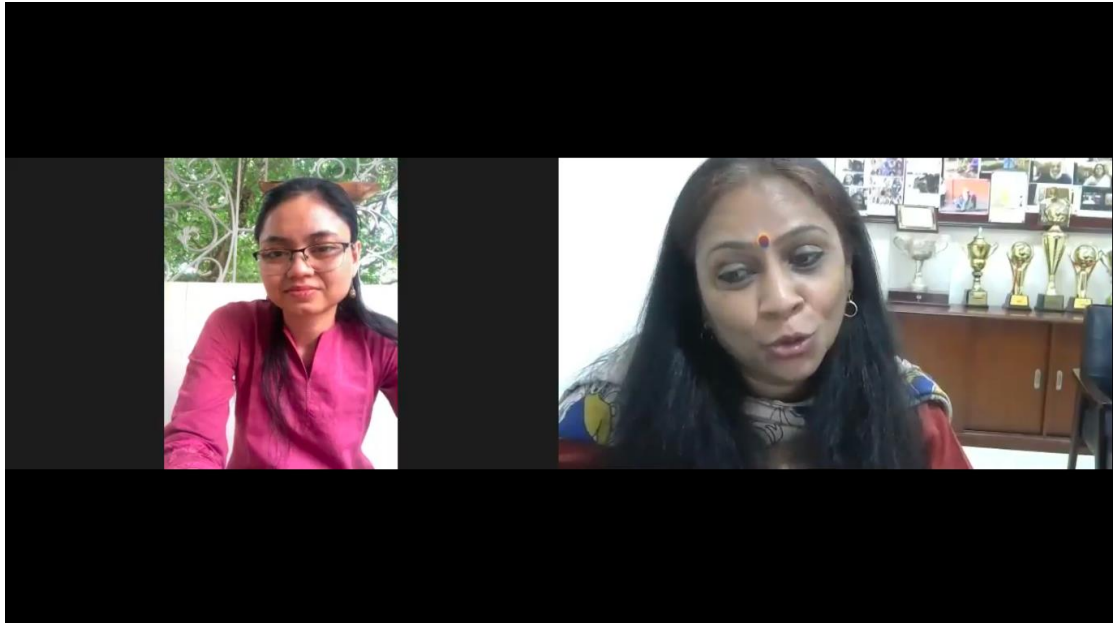
Dr. Pankaj Jha, Associate Professor, Lady Shri Ram College, delivering his
Lecture

HISTORY IS ABOUT ASKING QUESTIONS FROM THE PAST

- What is meant by radio?
- Usage of radio: songs, mushairas, news, alarm, firefighting finding missing people, welfare, awareness.
- Anxiety: Love, morality, language, corruption
- What does it do to family? Social Control: Replace radio with mobile.
- How does it look and work? Programming, Production, Broadcasting, Transmission
- Historically changing Shape, Size > portability
- Broadcasting as technology and as establishment: State and Market, Brands



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Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC and Natasha Nongbri, Teacher's In charge of the History Department during the Zoom Session.



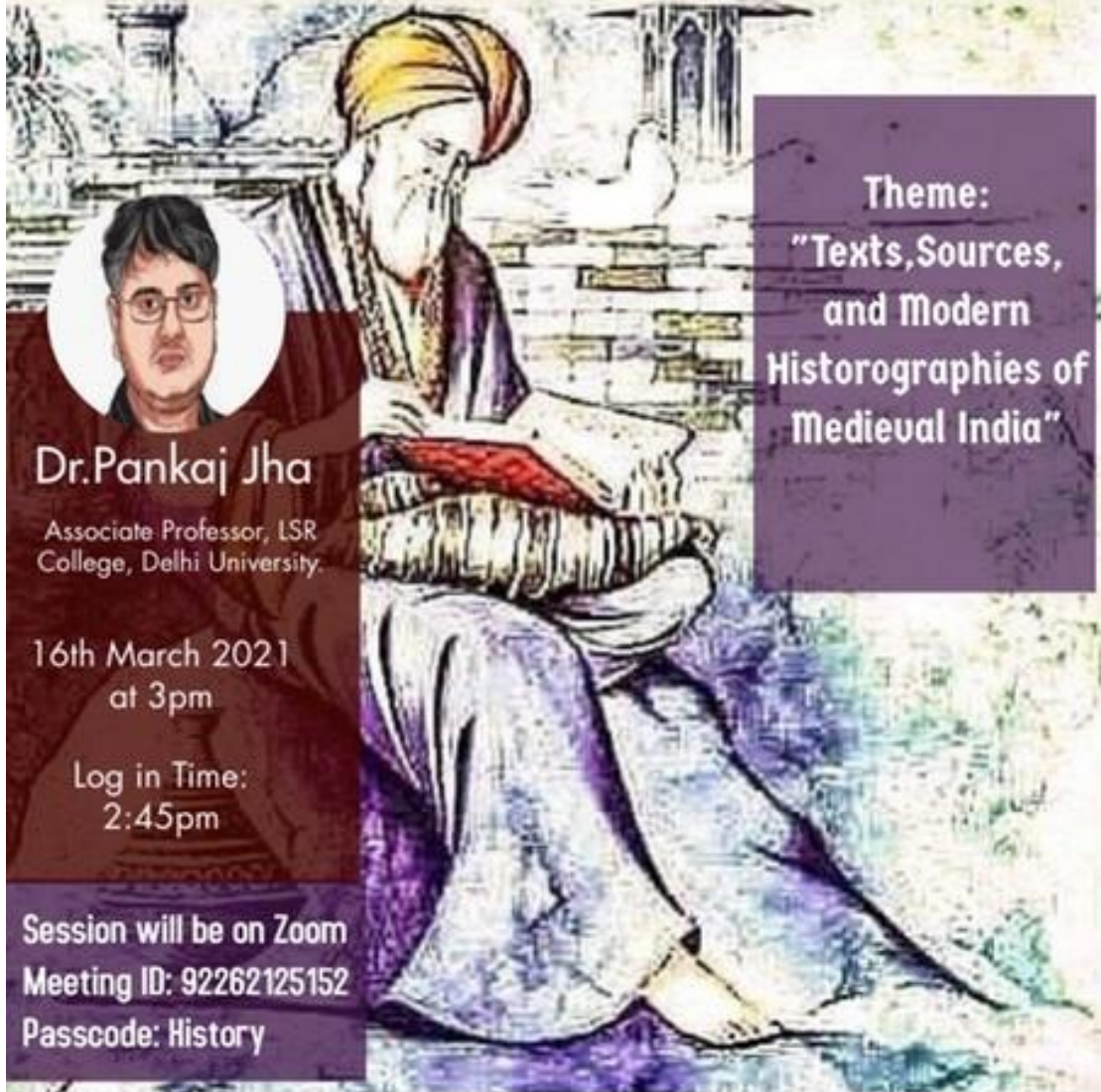
Dr. Kumkum Srivastav delivering her talk on Folk Songs.

JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE HERITAGE HISTORY ASSOCIATION



presents

Lecture Series on The Historian's Craft



Theme:
"Texts, Sources,
and Modern
Historographies of
Medieval India"

Dr. Pankaj Jha

Associate Professor, LSR
College, Delhi University.

16th March 2021
at 3pm

Log in Time:
2:45pm

Session will be on Zoom
Meeting ID: 92262125152
Passcode: History

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Lecture Series on The Historian's Craft



**Dr. Ravikant
Centre for the Study of Developing
Societies (CSDS), Delhi,
Associate Professor**



Session will be on Zoom

Meeting ID: 966 9534 4604

Date: 19th March 2021

Time: 3pm

Password: History

Log in Time: 2:45pm

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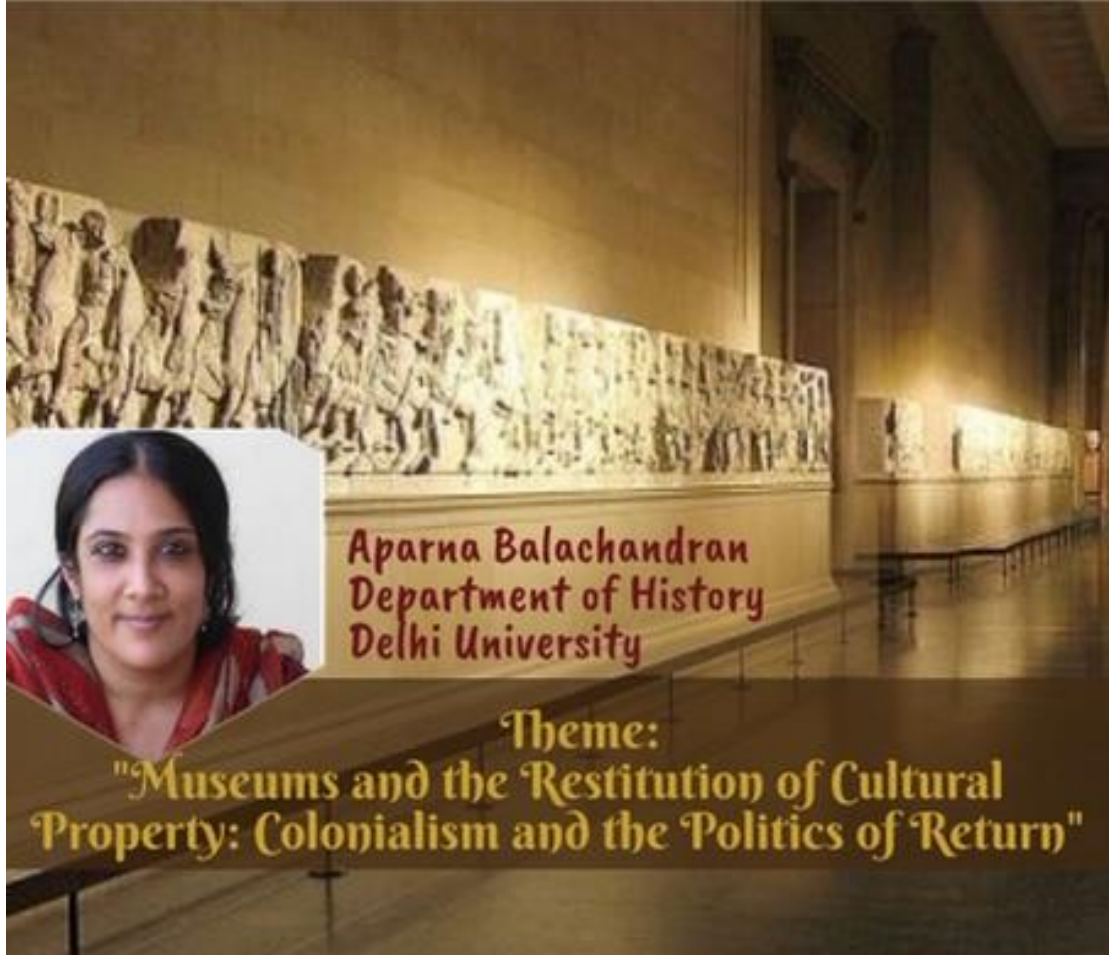
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Aparna Balachandran
Department of History
Delhi University

Theme:
"Museums and the Restitution of Cultural Property: Colonialism and the Politics of Return"

Session will be on Zoom

Meeting ID: 979 6460 5251

Date: 23rd March 2021

Time: 3pm

Password: History

Log in Time: 2:45pm

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Prof. Ranabir Chakravarti

Theme:

**"Making the Whisper of Inscriptions Audible:
Historians' Approaches to Epigraphic Studies"**

Session will be on Zoom

Meeting ID: 99162205209

Date: 7th April 2021

Time: 3pm

Password: History

Log in Time: 2:45pm

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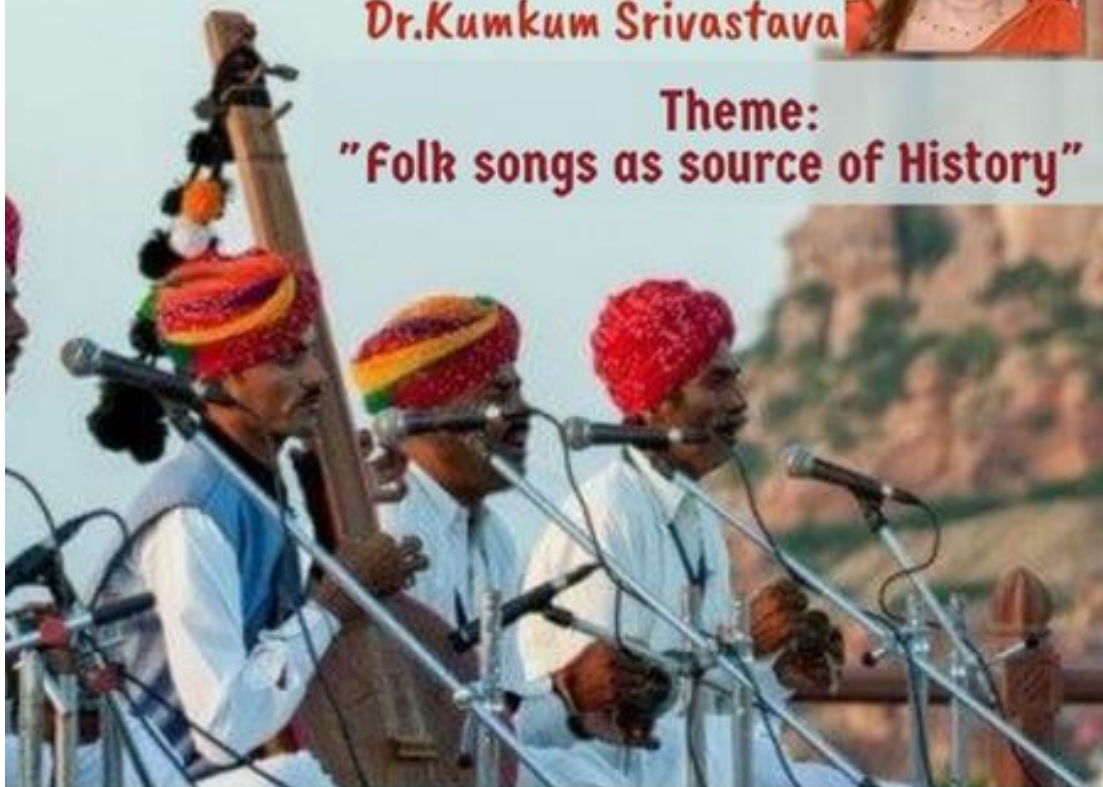


Lecture Series on **The Historian's Craft**



Dr. Kumkum Srivastava

Theme:
"Folk songs as source of History"



Session will be on Zoom

Meeting ID: 94888249092

Date: 15th April 2021

Time: 3pm

Password: History

Log in Time: 2:45pm

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2. Dr. Vijaynath Memorial Lecture, 3rd September, 2020.

The History Department organised the 6th Dr Vijay Nath Memorial lecture, on September 3, 2020 over zoom this year. The lecture was delivered by Prof. P.K Basant, Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia who spoke on the theme 'Reading *Manavdharamshastras*: Some Questions About our Past'. Prof. Basant delivered a very thought-provoking lecture, which included the question of how a historian reads and interprets historical texts through a case study of the *Manavdharamshastras*.



Prof. P.K Basant, Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia delivering the Vijay Nath Memorial Lecture, 2020



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DR. VIJAY NATH MEMORIAL LECTURE

by

Prof. P. K. Basant

Department of History

Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

**Reading the Manavadharmashastra: Some
Questions about Our Present**

**Session will be on Zoom
3rd September 2020**

Log in Time : 10:45am

Session will start at 11am

MEETING ID: 88333223190

PASSCODE: 771165

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Webinar ‘The Past and the Present: Delhi’s two Imperial Cities’ on 14th May, 2020

The Department of History organized a successful Distinguished Speakers webinar on 14th May, 2020, during the lockdown period. Convener of the webinar Dr. Saumya Gupta spoke about how it is fascinating to organise a webinar in the time of the current pandemic and lockdown. Dr. Swati Pal, Principal, Janki Devi Memorial College talked about the deep interest of Shri Brij Krishan Chandiwala, the founder of the college, in Delhi and its history. The panellists were renowned historians Rana Safvi and Swapna Liddle. Both delivered enthralling lectures on the history of Delhi from Medieval to Colonial period. Rana Safvi commenced her presentation with defining the term 'city'. When talking about Shahjahanabad, she said it had both the aforementioned attributes; plus, it was situated on the banks of a river; and the country's ruler used to reside there as well. Swapna Liddle started her presentation while talking about how New Delhi is about how Old Delhi is perceived. Shahjahanabad, according to her, has a spiritual and temporal aura of empires that ruled there. She talked about the political agendas of the British in making New Delhi as their capital. The webinar was attended by over 200 people and had an extremely interactive Question and Answers session.



Janki Devi Memorial College
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Department of History



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Distinguished Speaker Series Webinar

on

The Past in the Present: Delhi's Two Imperial Capitals

Panelists:



Rana Safvi

Historian, Author of

*The Forgotten Cities of Delhi and
Shahjahanabad: The Living City
of Old Delhi*

Swapna Liddle

Convenor of the Delhi Chapter of
INTACH, Historian, Author of

*Chandni Chowk: The Mughal City
of Old Delhi and
Connaught Place and the Making of
New Delhi*



Session will be on Zoom

14th May 2020

Session Time: 4 PM - 5 PM

Please log in by 3:30 - 4:00

For registration, please fill the Google form:
<https://forms.gle/KVMsdtx7uZkAa4sN6>

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Talk by Professor Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi, 13th February, 2020

On 13th February, 2020, Heritage, the History Association of Janki Devi Memorial College, organized a talk on 'Making of a School of Architecture: Akbar and Fatehpur Sikri' by Professor Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi. The President of the History Association, Himanshi Garg, welcomed everyone and the Principal, Dr. Swati Pal, felicitated Professor Rezavi with a potted plant. In her address, she confessed that she finds Fatehpur Sikri more interesting than the Taj Mahal, though the latter has its own significance and beauty.

Prof. Rezavi, who has extensively worked on Mughal architecture, began by saying that the study of people was more important than measurements in architecture. He pointed out that unlike Europe, in India, secular implied 'tolerance for other religions'. In architecture, Akbar tried to borrow religious icons from different religions though it is imperative to not give a religious dimension to it. According to Prof. Rezavi there is no single feature of architecture that is Mughal, rather, Mughal architecture is an amalgamation of various architectural styles of various traditions. Prof Rezavi also spoke at length about the town planning and architecture of Fatehpur Sikri and its decline. The scarcity of water argument is a myth and it was only abandoned as an imperial capital for political reasons. Lastly, in Prof. Rezavi's words "Fatehpur Sikri is a microscope through which we can understand and decipher Mughal architecture"



Prof. Rezavi Delivering the talk on *'Making of a School of Architecture: Akbar and Fatehpur Sikri'*