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The symbol is a graphic statement which stands for international academic exchange and onwards search of knowledge for the betterment of human being.

The overlapping circular segments of the design denote global interaction, creating a flame emitting enlightenment, this flame emerges out of the traditional Indian 'diya' (lamp)-a source of Light, Understanding and Brotherhood.

The design is also representative of the rose-bud closely associated with the name of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.



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## In Conversation with...

A Conversation with **Prof. Manuel Alfonso Patarroyo**, Professor at the Universidad del Rosario's Medical School (Bogotá, Colombia)



**Q: Who was your biggest inspiration to enter in this field?**

**Prof. M.A. Patarroyo:** My biggest inspiration from very early in my life has been my father. Imagine Colombia, a country where research was not even a career choice 30 years ago, and my father, with his tenacity and discipline was able to put Colombia in the world's science map. That is a tremendous task! I hope I can continue learning and working by his side for a very long time.

**Q. What is your perspective on a synthetic vaccine vis-a-vis a recombinant protein vaccine or a whole organism vaccine?**

**Prof. M.A. Patarroyo:** A fully protective vaccine against malaria will surely have to contain multiple epitopes from the different parasite stages. Although you could achieve this goal following the recombinant protein approach, producing different minimal subunit-based candidates through peptide synthesis will allow producing a higher yield, with greater purity and at a lower cost, so I would definitely go for the peptide synthesis approach.

**Q. With the rising genetic variations and artemisinin resistance in the parasite what do you think that the present-day researcher should focus on? Vaccine or drugs?**

**Prof. M.A. Patarroyo:** Malaria remains a huge problem worldwide, I think that a lesson that we must remember from the mid-20th century, is when antimalarials were being administered worldwide and the WHO launched the global eradication agenda that 20 years later failed completely. That is a humbling lesson, we are facing a powerful enemy and for combating it the best way possible, a multidisciplinary approach will be required, where public health measures should be strengthened and research in both drugs and vaccines has to be properly funded.

**Q. Plasmodium vivax is a difficult system to study because of technical limitations, with respect to vaccine development how should one go about studying this pathogen?**

**Prof. M.A. Patarroyo:** We are following a comparative

approach with *Plasmodium falciparum*. This parasite species has been better characterized in terms of vaccine candidates, so searching homologous proteins in *Plasmodium vivax* to those already described as good vaccine candidates in *Plasmodium falciparum* has resulted in a good alternative for somehow sorting out the drawbacks of working with *P. vivax*.

**Q. In countries like India where there is equal prevalence of falciparum and vivax, what should be the right strategy – a single vaccine or separate vaccines for both?**

**Prof. M.A. Patarroyo:** From the evolutionary point of view, *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium vivax* are not closely related. Taking into account that inducing a cross-protective immune response against parasite strains belonging to even the same species is rather difficult, achieving a cross-protective response against a different species would seem highly unlikely, so different vaccines against *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium vivax* will be required.

**Q. How was your experience of visiting JNU and what impression do you have of the research going on here in our university.**

**Prof. M.A. Patarroyo:** We were very happy to meet with the JNU staff and scientists. You have very strong groups in malaria (like Professor Deepak Gaur's group) and in other disciplines. So congratulations and thanks again for your hospitality! Let's hope we could organize some joint projects to start collaborating.

**Q. What advice would you have for our budding young students who wish to take research as a career.**

**Prof. M.A. Patarroyo:** I guess that a lot of people take up a career in science with the wrong expectations...a lot think..."let's pipette twice and wait for the Nobel prize to arrive". This is a very hard career...it will require a lot of discipline and a lot of patience. Most of the experiments will give negative results...so you will have to be persistent, read a lot and figure out how to change your experimental setup to get the proper results. If after reading the previous paragraph, you still believe that you have the right personality to pursue this career...think big and work hard!

# Movements & Appointments

## New Appointments/ Deans/ Directors/ Chairpersons

- Prof. Heeraman Tiwari, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, as Coordinator of UGC-SAP-CAS-II Programme, for a period of two years.
- Dr. Tapan Kumar Bihari, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, as Deputy Coordinator of UGC-SAP-DSA-II Programme, for a period of two years.
- Dr. Tanuja Mohanty, School of Physical Sciences, as Associate Dean of Student - II, for a period of two years.
- Prof. Jayant Kumar Tripathi, School of Environmental Sciences, as Deputy Director of Admissions.
- Dr. Brajesh Kumar Pandey, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, as Deputy Director of Admissions.
- Dr. Sapna Ratan Shah, School of Computational and Integrative Sciences as Advisor, Equal Opportunity Office, for a period of two years.
- Prof. Sanghmitra Sheel Acharya as Chairperson, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, for a period of two years.
- Prof. Bhagat Oinam, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, as Chairperson in the Special Centre for the Study of North East India, for a period of two years.
- Prof. B.R. Deepak as Chairperson, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies, for a period of two years.

- Dr. Ambarish Dinda as Assistant Professor in Centre for Indian Language, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies.

## Administration

- Shri Gagandeep Singh as Deputy Registrar in Finance & Accounts Department.
- Shri Ram Mohan Singh as Senior Assistant in Administration Branch-I (under posting).
- Smt. Amita Kumari as Senior Assistant in Administration Branch-I (under posting).

## Retirements/ Resignations/ Voluntary Retirements/ Removals

- Prof. Rekha V. Rajan, Centre of German Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies.
- Prof. Abdul Nafey, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies.
- Prof. Gopal Narayan Guru, Centre for Political Sciences, School of Social Sciences.
- Dr. Kaustav Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy.
- Dr. Sujith Kumar Parayil, Assistant Professor, Centre for Media Studies, School of Social Sciences.
- Shri Pankaj Kumar Maurya, Deputy Registrar, SC/ST/OBC Cell.
- Shri Balam Giri, Mess Helper, Jhelum Hostel.
- Shri Sunder Singh, Khalasi (Civil), Engineering Branch.

## Notification

- **The Executive Council meeting held on 25 July, 2018 has approved the recommendations of Academic Council held on 18 May, 2018 for the up gradation of the North East India Studies Programme to the University level Special Centre for the Study of North East India.**
- **The Vice-Chancellor has constituted a Committee consisting of following for finalization of the Academic Calendar of the University:**
  1. Prof. Rajendra Dingle, Dean, SLL&CS - Chairperson
  2. Prof. Satyabrata Patnaik, Dean, SPS - Member
  3. Prof. Bhagat Oinam, SSS - Member
  4. Dr. Jwala Prasad, DR (Eval.) - Member Secretary
  5. Dr. Sajjan Singh, AR (Acad.) - Member
- **The Vice Chancellor has constituted a Committee consisting of the following members to prepare a Digital Tracking System (DTS) to assure timely processing of Research Dissertation, submission and accomplishing the open defense Viva-Voce.**
  1. Prof. Arun S. Kharat, Director, IQAC - Chairperson
  2. Dr. Sushant Mishra, CFFS/SLL&CS - Member
  3. Dr. Manoj Kr. Jena, CSSS/SSS - Member

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| 4. Dr. Amal Kr. Mondal, SLS                | - Member                        |
| 5. Dr. Malkhan Singh, CIL/SLL&CS           | - Member                        |
| 6. Dr. Tapan Kr. Bihari, CPS/SSS           | - Member                        |
| 7. Dr. Manoj Munde, SPS                    | - Member                        |
| 8. Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Director, CIS | - (for Digital Tracking System) |
| 9. Dr. Jwala Prasad, D. R. (Evaluation)    | - Member Secretary              |

### जेएनयू में अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी के नाम पर होगा मैनेजमेंट स्कूल

जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के सबसे नए स्कूल का नाम अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी स्कूल ऑफ मैनेजमेंट एंड आंत्रप्रिन्योरशिप होगा। जेएनयू में 2019-20 सेशन से मैनेजमेंट स्कूल शुरू होने वाला है।

पहले इसका नाम स्कूल ऑफ मैनेजमेंट एंड आंत्रप्रिन्योरशिप तय किया गया था मगर अब यह पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी के नाम पर होगा। जेएनयू की एग्जीक्यूटिव काउंसिल की मीटिंग में यह तय किया गया।

## Achievements / Awards

### SBT Research Scholar Sneha Roy invited speaker at Gordon Conference on Disordered Proteins, Switzerland receives CBSE Washington University Award

Ms. Sneha Roy, Ph. D. Student working in the laboratory of Prof. Rajiv Bhat at School of Biotechnology, JNU was selected as an invited speaker at the Gordon Research Seminars during Gordon Research Conference on "Intrinsically Disordered Proteins" Les Diablerets, Switzerland, from 30 June – 5 July, 2018 and gave a talk on

her work "Effect of Polyols on the Structure and Aggregation of Recombinant Human Gamma-Synuclein, An Intrinsically Disordered Protein". This focused conference brought in 80 prominent researchers from around the world in the areas of biophysics, cell biology, computational biology and structural biology to approach a series of questions surrounding intrinsically disordered proteins. She was also selected for the Centre for Biological Systems Engineering, Washington University, St. Louis award (CBSE award), to meet travel and registration expenses for participation.

## Campus Activities

### Blood Donation Camp

**Aim:** To sensitize people about the current requirement of blood in the country and benefits of blood donation.

National Service Scheme (NSS) - JNU in association with Rotary Club of Delhi Divine and Volunteers for Education Employment and National Awareness (VEENA) organized a Blood Donation Camp behind the library building, JNU under an initiative of the Navjivan Project of NSS-JNU. The camp began at 10:00 am with a short inaugural function by NSS-JNU programme coordinator. In this camp 90 people responded for blood donation, 64 people successfully donated, and 26 people were rejected due to their ineligibility to donate blood.

**Vadthya Kishore, Assistant Professor  
Centre for Linguistics, SLL&CS**



## MCD school students' 10 day leadership programme with Alohomora

**Aim:** To nurture the young mind with different career opportunities.

NSS-JNU in collaboration with Alohomora foundation conducted a ten day leadership development workshop for MCD school students. The objective of this programme was



to nurture the leadership skills in the school children of the 12th standard and pass outs. This was an initiative towards inducing leadership skills within young minds. A total of 50 students from four Delhi Govt. Schools visited JNU and interacted with the NSS volunteers and different research scholars all around the campus. Different group activities, games were conducted to make students familiar with each other. Different case studies and role model stories were presented to the children for discussion and nurturing their leadership skills.

**Impact:** At the end of the programme, students felt empowered and different task were assigned to them to execute in a certain time frame.

**Vadthya Kishore, Assistant Professor  
Centre for Linguistics, SLL&CS**

## Launching of NSS-JNU with report and a talk on "Child Trafficking and Role of Youth"

National Service Scheme - Jawaharlal Nehru University unit organized a talk on "Child Trafficking and Role of Youth" followed by NSS-JNU Report Book Release (2016-2018) on 25 July, 2018 at JNU. In this programme, Dr. A.K. Dube, Secretary YA, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India was the chief guest. Honorable Vice Chancellor of JNU, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar presided over the programme. Dr. Veerendra Mishra, Director NSS, and Ms. Narmada Purohit, Social Activist, were the Experts speakers on Child Trafficking. NSS volunteers of Delhi University also

participated in the programme. The Programme Coordinator, NSS of Delhi University and Regional Director, NSS Delhi Region also graced the occasion with their presence and interacted with the NSS volunteers.



**Vadthya Kishore, Assistant Professor  
Centre for Linguistics, SLL&CS**

## Tree Plantation Drive in JNU

Jawaharlal Nehru University has begun its tree plantation drive in the campus again this year. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar,

**वृक्षारोपण अभियान**  
**Tree Plantation Drive-2018**  
(Under MHRD Plantation Master Plan)  
(in JNU Campus)

**Organized by**  
Jawaharlal Nehru University

**During**  
August 01-30, 2018

**Inauguration at 6 p.m., August 01, 2018**  
by Professor M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU

**Venue: Narmada Hostel Dormitory**

Courtesy:  
National Service Scheme (NSS)  
Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ)  
Tree Plantation Committee, JNU

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the Vice Chancellor of JNU planted the first tree at the grounds of Narmada Hostel on 6 August, 2018. The drive under the MHRD Plantation Plan ran up to 31 August, 2018. This drive was started in 2017. Many JNU officials were also present at the function.

Prof. Umesh Kulshrestha, Chairman of the Tree Plantation Committee, welcomed the participants and thanked the Vice Chancellor for his constant support towards the development and maintenance of a neat and clean green belt. The Vice Chancellor said in his message, "Let's plant

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more trees and make our campus greener!" He also thanked everyone participating in the tree plantation work and encouraged all to continue their good work.



JNU students, faculty and staff, and several family members were present on this occasion. Six-year-old Manvi Raj Singh and seven-year-old Fatima Jamshed looked excited as they planted their first sapling together. Manvi excitedly pointed to the sapling and said, "We'll both be growing up together on the campus." A fresher, Neha Agarwal, an M.Sc. 1st year student at JNU's School of Life Sciences, and her friends from the hostel planted a sapling in the Narmada hostel grounds and said that "Planting trees truly gives one a wonderful feeling of giving life!"



The humid weather did not dampen the sentiments of the volunteers and participants as they planted well selected collections of saplings keeping the local plant species in mind. This task was made possible with the involvement of Horticulture Section, NSS JNU volunteers and the alumni represented by AAJ (Alumni Association of JNU). JNU is committed towards a green campus and green surroundings.

**Pramod Kumar  
Registrar**

## 2nd Annual Convocation

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, organized its 2nd Annual Convocation on 8 August, 2018 at the Auditorium of



the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi. More than 400 students from 13 Schools and Special



Centres of JNU were conferred with the Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, delivered the welcome address and reiterated JNU's commitment to impart high quality education in our country. The Vice-Chancellor emphasized that "this convocation is not a mere ceremonial gathering and is rather a meeting of bright minds

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under one roof with a shared mission towards our society". The Chief Guest, Dr. V. K. Saraswat, Chancellor of Jawaharlal



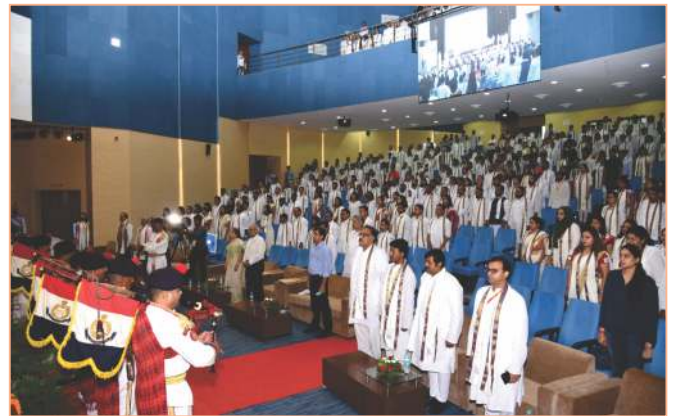
Nehru University and Member of the NITI Aayog, delivered the Convocation Address and conferred the Doctoral Degrees to



the graduands. Prof. Saraswat congratulated all the graduands, characterized them as the future of the country and advised them to use their capabilities in serving the society and taking the nation forward. It was heart-warming to see so many differently abled graduands receiving their degrees with joy on their faces. The new graduates expressed immense happiness and stated that in today's convocation ceremony they felt a great sense of



achievement. After the ceremony, most graduates urged the administration to make the JNU convocation a regular



feature. The graduates were accompanied with their family members and supervisors, who attended the ceremony with



a great sense of enthusiasm and pride, particularly because this convocation was held after a gap of more than four decades. The AICTE auditorium was filled to capacity. It was truly remarkable that so many parents, spouses and relatives of the graduates participated in the event and displayed a great sense of elation during the post-ceremony celebrations.

**S. C. Garkoti**  
Rector II

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## Report on Zumba Fitness Camp

Sports Office, JNU organized a Zumba Fitness camp for the first time in sports office foyer area from 6 to 31 August, 2018. There were 71 registrations online for the camp but only 25 actively participated in the camp. A variety of techniques were used for classes held in Aerobics, Boxercise, Zumba fitness, Pilates and Yoga cum Pilate (high and low impact) on slow and fast music followed by core muscle strengthening, stretching and relaxation in cooling down session. Fitness nutrition, injury management sessions were conducted simultaneously. Study material on sources of energy, aerobic fitness, strength yoga was provided to the participants. There was a significant reduction in body weight and body mass index for all the 25 active participants in the age group of 20 to 25 years. Overall



very motivating feedback was received from all the participants regarding contents, behaviour etc. A musical Zumba demonstration was done by around 32 participants on 29 August, 2018 (National Sports Day) in the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JNU and Rector-3, JNU who praised the enthusiastic performance and motivated the participants to take up fitness for life.

**Vikram Singh, Assistant Director  
Physical Education**

## Nature & Wildlife Club Organises Beat Plastic Pollution Rally cum Awareness Drive

JNU Nature & Wildlife club, in collaboration with IHA, JNU successfully organised Beat Plastic Pollution Rally cum Awareness Drive on 10 August, 2018. It was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar along with Prof. Meeta Narain, Coordinator, Cultural Clubs, Dr. Sudesh Yadav, Prof. In-charge of JNU Nature and Wildlife Club at Ganga bus

stop. The purpose of the rally was to spread the theme of World Environment Day i.e Beat Plastic Pollution by sensitising the campus crowd to help reduce the usage and dependence on plastic from our daily life.



The volunteers of the rally distributed leaflets comprised of ordinances by the JNU administration, which strictly prohibit



the use of single use plastic by the shops and dhabas of the campus. The rally covered nearly all the shops and dhabas that are present on campus. The termination of the rally took place at Sabarmati lawn wherein the student volunteers performed a nukkad natak spreading the message of our campus a plastic free zone. Nature & Wildlife Club is thankful to the Dean of Students for extending all support and encouragement to the event for making it a success.

**Lakhyajit Taid, Convenor  
Nature and Wildlife Club**

## JNU Cultural Clubs Organise Musical Evening (Jugalbandi by Mohan Brothers)

JNU Cultural Clubs organized a musical evening of Jugalbandi – Sitar and Sarod performance by the Mohan



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Brothers, Lakshay Mohan and Aayush Mohan on 24 August at the Convention Centre. The Mohan Brothers have emerged as a strong force on the face of Indian art and culture and are playing a significant role in glorifying cultural heritage and are taking it to new audiences in India and abroad. They were the first Indians to be invited to perform at the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles. India Today has hailed them as



harbingers of new Indian Classical Music. Their unique style of playing Jugalbandi has enabled them to emerge as youth icons and trendsetters in taking classical music to the mainstream. In 2016 Lakshay Mohan and Aayush Mohan



were nominated for the Global Indian Music Academy Awards for Best Classical Instrumental. In 2015 Lakshay and Aayush became the only North Indian Instrumentalists who were invited to perform at the World's largest South Indian Music Festival in Cleveland, USA – the Thyagaraja Festival. They recently emerged as talented composers when their composition which amalgamated Indian Classical and Western Classical styles was applauded by connoisseurs in India and abroad. The collaboration was performed to packed audiences at major concert venues in India like Siri Fort Auditorium (Delhi), The Nehru Centre (Mumbai) and Chowdiah Memorial Hall (Bengaluru).

The performance of Mohan Brothers was an eye-opener in the musical field as it presented a Sitar-Sarod Jugalbandi which encaptured the audience and left a mark on them. The programme was well received by the JNU community and was attended the former Rector Prof. Harbans Mukhia too, who congratulated the JNU Clubs for the organization of this event.

**Meeta Narain**  
Coordinator, Cultural Committee

### **NSS JNU organized a get together with some children of JNU Construction Workers (Unnoticed) and Divyang students**

NSS JNU organized a get together with some children of JNU Construction Workers (Unnoticed) and Divyang students on 25 August, 2018 at Teflas, JNU. A drawing competition was organized in which around 30 children of different age groups



participated. By showcasing their artistic skills, the participants expected to create awareness regarding the ill-effects of global warming, environmental hazards and the perennial damage that smoking causes to the health of individuals. Differently-abled students also participated in the event and some of them also acted as fellow jury members.

**Vadthya Kishore, Assistant Professor**  
Centre for Linguistics, SLL&CS

### **National Sports Day Celebration**

JNU Sports Office organized National Sports Day in the sports complex on 29 August, 2018 to commemorate the birth anniversary of legendary Indian hockey player Padma Bhushan Major Dhyan Chand. The programme was inaugurated by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, JNU, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Prof. Rana P. Singh, Rector-III JNU, Prof.

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Jayant Kumar Tripathi, SAC Chairperson, and Dr. Budha Singh, ADOS-III. Sh. Umesh Kumar a JNU student, welcomed the guests on behalf of the sports office. The Vice-Chancellor was impressed with the Zumba dance performance of nearly 35 JNU students. He emphasized the role of movement for lifetime fitness and encouraged the participants to keep doing some or the other fitness activity besides academic work. Rector-III congratulated the



participants and organizers for holding the event for the first time in JNU. The Vice-Chancellor gave away the Best Sports Convener award, which was presented to Sh. Manish Kumar (Research Scholar, SES) for his outstanding contribution to badminton, and to Sh. Milind Dhaware (Research Scholar, SIS) for outstanding contribution to Taekwondo. The participants shared their views regarding the Zumba fitness camp and were all praise for the classes which covered calisthenics, nutrition related discussions etc. ADPE informed about the sports office achievements and future plans and gave away the vote of thanks in the end. The dignitaries and students then participated in indoor

recreational games like dart board, basketball throw, ring throw and table tennis.

**Vikram Singh, Assistant Director  
Physical Education**

## A Report on NSS-JNU Activities, 2018

### Teaching and Group Activities in Adopted Slum under an Initiative of Pahal of NSS JNU Project

**Aim:** To understand the problem of society, develop the sense of responsibility and involve them in the problem-solving process



National Service Scheme, Jawaharlal Nehru University unit has adopted a slum; name Cooli Camp (JJ basti, Vasant Vihar) which is situated just near to the university.

The entire focus of NSS JNU is to share the knowledge base of volunteers that they learn from the studies and implement the knowledge in improving the standard living of lives of people who stay in the basti. We conducted the socio-economic survey and assessed the problem of the slum which helped us to plan our strategy of improving. NSS Volunteers have started engaging in the teaching activities through arts, music, sports, and yoga to improve their academic life. Every day, one-two volunteers went to the slum and spent some times in the interaction and teaching.



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Three hours “Dengue, Malaria & Chikungunya Awareness Programme” cum Live Exhibition of Mosquito Breeding awareness programme



Picnic Celebration (Get Together) programme. Venue: PSR-Oat Theatre (Partha Sarthi Rock), JNU

**Aim:** The purpose of this get together cum picnic celebration is to interact with the entire team, celebrate togetherness, dance together, sing music, poetry, and many more activities.



World Environment Day Celebration on theme -Beast Plastic Pollution



Swacch Bharat Internship, NSS JNU Team in Aayanagar

**Vadhya Kishore, Assistant Professor  
Centre for Linguistics, SLL&CS**

## Seminars/Conferences

### National Conference on संस्कृतवाङ्मये श्रीरामः *Śrī Rāma* in Sanskrit Literature

A two-day National Conference on the theme of of *Śrī Rāma* in Sanskrit Literature was organized by the joint efforts of the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Ayodhya Research Institute, under Department of Culture, Government of Uttar Pradesh. Prof. C. Upender Rao from the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, JNU, New Delhi was the conference director. There was a long inaugural session.

Prof. Rao in his welcome speech of the inaugural session said, “Sri Rama was the ideal son, ideal brother and ideal husband. He was ideal in every aspect. There is a huge literature developed on Sri Rama in Sanskrit. We can't imagine Sanskrit Studies without Sri Rama. Rama is the embodiment of Dharma. He is India's great pride and inspiration. When many scholars around the world are researching on Rama, being Sanskrit Scholars we are the real custodians of Rama because the very first poem of Sanskrit literature (Ramayana) was written on the story of Rama.”

Sriman Dr. Yogendra Pratap Singh (Director, Ayodhya

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Research Institute, Department of Culture, Government of Uttar Pradesh), Shri Vijay Nath Pandey (Maha Mantri, Mahamana Malviya Mission, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi), Padmashri Prof. Ramakant Shukla (President of Devavani Parishad), Shri I Made Darmayasa (Bali, Indonesia) were the guests of the inaugural session.



Shri Madabhushi Sridhar (Central Information Commissioner, Government of India), Prof. Parmeshwara Narayan Shastry (Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Janakpuri, Delhi), Prof. Piyushkant Dixit (Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, Haridwar), Padmashri Prof. Ramakant Shukla (President of Devavani Parishad) and Shri I Made Darmayasa (Bali, Indonesia) were the guests of valedictory session of the conference.

Sriman Dr. Yogendra Pratap Singh in his very attractive power point presentation focused on different aspects of Sri Rama in architectures, arts and stories available in the different corners of the world in the inaugural session. He said better

to involve school students as well in such seminars as they are the future researchers. Shri Madabhushi Sridhar, the Chief Information Commissioner of India gave his lecture on the value of Rama and Ramayana in the valedictory session through another very profound power point presentation. Shri Vijay Nath Pandey spoke on the importance of Ramlila and Ramkatha. Padmashri Prof. Ramakant Shukla gave a wonderful speech on Jain Ramkatha. Shri I Made Darmayasa discussed Indonesian Ramayana. Prof. Parmeshwara Narayan Shastry addressed the audience on 'Champuramayane Ramkatha'. Prof. Piyushkant Dixit gave his speech on Valmiki Ramayana and other aspects of Rama.

30 research papers were presented in different technical sessions by the participants from different parts of the India and abroad. Shri I Made Darmayasa from Indonesia, Ms. Riam Alshadaydeh from Syria, Venerable (Ms.) Brenda H. X. Ly from Vietnam, Mr. Ji Zhao from China, Venerable Phramaha Niran Chueachit from Thailand were the foreign scholars who presented their papers on Ramayana's versions related to their countries.

Prof. Shashi Tiwari, Dr. Dolly Jain, Jignesh Raval, Dr. K. Venkaeswarlu, Dr. Minakshi Pathak, Akshar Prasana, Pavitra Agarwal, Vasu Sena, Prof. Satyanarayan Chakraborty, Prof. JSR Prasad, Kush Depla, Dr. Vikas Singh, Ranapurvalavandana, Dr. A. V. Nagasamige, Arushi Bahuguna, Tilak Parekh, Ramkaran Luhar, Prof. Parmeshwarnarayana Shastry, Dr. Nrusinghnath Guru, Dr. Meraj Ahmad were the paper presenters in various technical sessions from India.

This conference focused on various aspects of Ramayana and Sri Rama. Participants selected different texts for presentation like Ramayan, Champu Ramayan, Uttararamcharitam, Jain Ramayan (Paumcharia), Abhishek and Pratima Drama of Bhasha, Mahabharat, Yogavashishth, Anand Ramayan, Raghuvansha, Puran, Anargha Raghava of Murari, Mahavircharitam of Bhavbhuti, Sriramachandrodayam of Gopalaraya Kavi, etc. The conference ended with high applause from the audience and a group photo.

**C. Upender Rao, Professor  
School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies**

### CSRSD, Physical Geography Summer Field Survey

Students of the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRSD), School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi conducted field survey in Physical Geography. This survey is a part of their curriculum of Post Graduate Master degree programme at CSRSD. The major objectives of the field survey was to acquaint

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students about the physical geography field survey techniques that are being used by the geographers worldwide to enquire about the physical setting of the landscape and landforms in the mountain area and their related geomorphology, ecology and environment by their personal observation and data collected through various geographical instruments and interaction with the local community and environment.

The Field Survey was conducted from 19 June, 2018 to 3 July, 2018 in the Kugti Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS, Lat 32° 20' N and 32° 35' N and Long 76° 35' E and 76° 55' E; 3500 msl) covering Bharmour, Dughi Valley and Kugti Pass base camp. The Kugti Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Pir Panjal



Range of Himalayas which lies in Tehsil-Bharmour, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. It represents the Bio-geographical Zone 2A of North-Western Himalayas. KWLS covers an area of 379 sq kms and its altitude varies from 2400 m to 5000 m above mean sea-level and it touches the Lahul-Spiti District of Himachal Pradesh. The field survey was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Indrani Roy Chowdhary, Dr. Sanjeev Sharma and Dr. Rajesh Kumar. Later Prof. B.S. Marh (Professor of Geomorphology) from HP University, Shimla, Dr. M. Salariya (Sociologist) from Govt. Degree College, Chamba, and Dr. Bipne Rathore (Zoologist) joined as resource persons.



Enthusiastic students of CSRD had immense learning as per their aims and objectives set for survey. The major focus of the field survey was to study the geomorphology of the River Ravi in particular and its major tributaries (Budhil, Bhujla, Kugti nala, Dughi nalla etc.) in general, to learn how to carry out morphometric data collection of river channels as well as the understanding of landforms by physical observations. Not only that they learnt to use various morphometric instruments to collect ground observations. Further, students also collected information about the various flora/fauna and the impact of human interventions in the Kugti Wildlife Sanctuary. To know about the transhumance practices by the local Gaddi community and status of rising man-animal conflicts in the KWS.



The camping experience was new for all the students, as it was their first field survey tour to such a high altitude area where they also had the chance to live in such harsh climatic conditions. The camping site was located in the habitat of the Himalayan Black and Brown Bear. Students also had the chance to observe live incidence of man-animal conflicts when a Gaddi shepherd was attacked by a Himalayan Brown Bear. Students along with teachers and guides gave first aid to the victim in the far remote area which also saved the life of the shepherd. Local communities along with Gaddis were very thankful to CSRD, JNU students for providing immediate

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help. Students learned how to respect nature and the local community. Lastly, they also learned how to develop coordination, leadership qualities and team spirit. It is expected that it will help in making them a good field geographer in near future.

**Sanjeev Sharma, Indrani Roy Chowdhary  
and Rajesh Kumar**

**Centre for the Study of Regional Development /SSS**

## CKS organizes International Seminar on Korean Studies

India and Korea share a strong cultural bond and have been working bilaterally on various areas of cooperation related to automobile, electronics, construction, infrastructure, agriculture and so on. Both India and Korea have engaged in academic research related to literature, language, culture and many other fields that would contribute to the development of both the countries. In parity with South Asia countries, India has a huge contribution in the field of academic research related to Korean Studies. While the country was all set to welcome the South Korean President, Moon Jae-in, who paid a visit in July, Centre for Korean



Studies JNU organized a two days International Seminar on Korean Studies. This is the fourth AKS (Academy of Korean Studies) seminar in a row, titled "Korean Studies in the Age of Globalization" held on 29 – 30 June, 2018. The seminar provided an excellent platform for the young researchers to discuss possible research and explore various aspects of Korean Studies in the era of globalization.

The inaugural programme was attended by many dignitaries from Korea and India and was chaired by H.E Shin Bongkil, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea. The Seminar Director, Dr. Ravikesh, welcomed the Chief Guest and participants and introduced the theme of the seminar. Prof. A. Basheer Ahmad, the Acting Dean of School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies addressed the young scholars with a congratulatory speech and mentioned the importance of translation and Korean language in the era of globalization. The Ambassador appreciated the Centre for Korean Studies'

initiative to organize an International Seminar on Korean Studies that would encourage further research work in diverse fields of study. The other dignitaries included Prof. D.Y Kim, Director, Korean Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Mr. Ku Sang Su, President, Korean Association in India, and Prof. S.C. Garkoti, Acting Vice chancellor, JNU, who graced the occasion. In the two day seminar, 32 papers were presented on diverse areas of Korean Studies in the context of globalization.

**Ravikesh, Associate Professor  
Centre for Korean Studies, SLL&CS**

## CSRD organizes World Population Day

Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, in association with Indian Association for the Study of Population, celebrated World Population Day on 11 July, 2018 at the Convention Centre in Jawaharlal Nehru University.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Jagadesh Kumar, the Vice Chancellor of the University. The dignitaries on the dais were Dr. U. V. Somayajulu, President of IASP; Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Former President of IASP & former Chairperson CSRD; Prof. Sachidanand Sinha, Chairperson



CSRD; Dr Sanjay Kumar, UNFPA; Sri A.R. Nanda IAS, Former Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Dr. Sanjay Pande, Population Services International; Prof. S.C. Gulati, Former Head of the Population Research Centre, Institute of



Economic Growth. The programme was attended by around 100 participants including budding population research scholars from this university. The Vice Chancellor pointed out that a full hall even during vacation shows the interest for the subject and occasion. The need for the revival of the

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Masters in Population Studies (MPS) programme which the Centre used to offer till late 70s was felt.

The theme of the 2018 World Population Day was “Family Planning – A Human Right”. Rest of the speakers emphasized upon the theme. A good discussion was generated by the participants. The interchange of ideas illuminated the debate. Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma extended the vote of thanks.

**Bhaswati Das and Dipendra Nath Das  
Coordinators, Centre for the Study of Regional  
Development, SSS**

## Lectures Organized by UGC Area Studies Programme, CIAS, SIS

The UGC Area Studies Programme of the Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University successfully organized four lectures in the month of August, 2018. Dr. Debashis Nandy, Head of the Department of Political Science, Kazi Nazrul University, delivered a lecture on 3 August, 2018 on the theme “The Trends of Outward Migration in a War-Torn State: The Case Study of Afghanistan”. Prof. Sharad K. Soni, Chairperson, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, chaired the session.



The second lecture was delivered by Capt. Alok Bansal, Director, India Foundation, on 14 August, 2018 on the theme “Territories of Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir under Foreign Occupation.” Capt. Bansal elaborated on the

territories of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, which are under the occupation of two neighboring countries – China and Pakistan.



Another lecture by Dr. Meena Singh Roy, Research Fellow, Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), New Delhi on “India and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)” was organized by the Programme on 21 August, 2018. Prof. K. Warikoo chaired the session. Dr. Roy while speaking on India’s role in SCO mentioned about the problem of India in sustaining the momentum of bilateral talks and cooperation with Central Asian countries and a new avenue has opened after India joined the SCO.



Dr. Debasish Choudhury, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, delivered a lecture on “Innovative Social Control Mechanism in Xinjiang under Chen Quanguo’s Leadership” on 24 August, 2018. Dr. Choudhury mentioned in depth the recent socio-religious restrictions by Chinese government in order to control the separatist as well as extremist tendency in the region.



Doctoral research scholars of CIAS, especially Mr. Pravesh, Mr. Sandeep, Mr. Rajarshi, and Mr. Hemsagar, assisted in organizing the lectures. Dr. Mukesh Kumar Mishra, Research Associate, UGC ASP, CIAS assisted in preparing the report of the lectures.

**Mahesh Ranjan Debata, Director  
UGC Area Studies Programme  
Centre for Inner Asian Studies, SIS**

श्री नन्दकिशोर, सेवा निवृत्त तकनीकी सहायक, भाषा, साहित्य और संस्कृत अध्ययन संस्थान



**प्रश्न :** जेएनयू में आप कब आए ?

**उत्तर :** मैं वर्ष 1980 जुलाई दैनिक वेतन भोगी कर्मचारी के रूप में विश्वविद्यालय में आया तथा 5 सितम्बर 1984 को लैब असिस्टेंट के

रूप में नियमित हुआ।

**प्रश्न :** आपके समय का जेएनयू कैसा था ?

**उत्तर :** जिन दिनों मैं विश्वविद्यालय में आया तो मेरी पृष्ठ भूमि बड़े ही अभाव ग्रस्त क्षेत्र की थी तथा मेरी स्वयं की भी ऐसी ही थी लेकिन यहाँ के परिवेश से मेरे जीवन में आमूल चूक परिवर्तन आया जो वास्तव में अकल्पनीय हैं। यहाँ छात्रों, अध्यापकों व कर्मचारियों का आपस में स्नेहिल व्यवहार कुछ अलग ही था।

**प्रश्न :** अब आपको जेएनयू कैसा लगता है ?

**उत्तर :** अब और तब में कोई खास अन्तर तो नहीं आया है और जो भी अन्तर आया है वह पीढ़ी अन्तर के परिवर्तन के कारण है फिर भी यदि अन्य शैक्षणिक संस्थानों से तुलना करें तो हमारा संस्थान बहुत ही अच्छा है।

**प्रश्न :** जेएनयू में आज आप किस तरह का बदलाव देखते हैं ?

**उत्तर :** आज जो भी बदलाव हो रहे है वह समय काल व परिस्थिति के अनुसार ही हैं और वह समय की आवश्यकता भी है। क्योंकि समय के अनुसार बदलाव आवश्यक ही होते है।

**प्रश्न :** जेएनयू ने आपके जीवन पर क्या असर डाला ?

**उत्तर :** मैं जब जेएनयू में आया तो एक सामान्य सा व्यक्ति था लेकिन धीरे धीरे मेरे व्यक्तिगत और सामाजिक जीवन पर जेएनयू का सकारात्मक असर पड़ा। यहाँ काम करने के कारण सम्मान में भी वृद्धि हुई और सामाजिक सरोकार भी बढ़े। यदि व्यक्ति को अर्थ के साथ सम्मान भी मिलता है तो उसकी जीने की लालसा बहुत बढ़ जाती है।

**प्रश्न :** जेएनयू से जुड़ा कोई अनुभव जो आप हमें बताना चाहेंगे ?

**उत्तर :** वैसे तो यहाँ का परिवेश तथा यहाँ प्रशासनिक व्यवहार तो उत्तम था ही लेकिन यहाँ के अधिकांश प्राध्यापकों व कर्मचारियों का सहयोगात्मक विचार अदभुत हैं। यहाँ उदाहरण के रूप में रुसी भाषा अध्ययन केन्द्र संस्थापक प्रो. सी.एन. चक्रवर्ती को देना चाहूँगा। उनका व्यवहार ऐसा था कि वो किसी को प्रणाम करने का अवसर नहीं देते थे। तथा उन्होंने कितने ही लोगों का जीवन परिवर्तित कर दिया उन्ही में से एक मैं भी हूँ।

**प्रश्न :** जेएनयू न्यूज़ के पाठकों के लिए कोई सन्देश ?

**उत्तर :** पाठकों से तो केवल यही निवेदन है यदि कोई अच्छी जानकारी आपके पास है तो जेएनयू न्यूज़ के माध्यम से हम सब के साथ साँझा करें। दूसरा जेएनयू न्यूज़ से आग्रह है कि सेवा निवृत्त बंधुओं को भी यदि संभव हो सके तो उपलब्ध करने की कृपा करें।



Interview with **Prof. Satya R. Pattnayak**, Professor of Sociology and Political Science, Department of Sociology & Criminology, Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Villanova University, USA



**Aparaajita Pandey: How would you describe your association with JNU and your first impressions of the campus?**

**Prof. Pattnaik:** It has been a long time since I left JNU in 1980. I spent about 4 and a half years on JNU campus between 1976 and 1980. If I remember correctly, the first impression was memorable, since I had just come from Orissa, a state in the backwaters of India. The closeness of the relationship between professors and students impressed me the most.

**Aparaajita Pandey: Why did you choose JNU for higher studies?**

**Prof. Pattnaik:** I wanted to see the wider world for which I had to get out of Orissa. Those days, JNU, being the new kid on the bloc, had a greater reputation, compared to Delhi University. I, therefore picked JNU over Delhi University after I was accepted by both for an M.A. in Economics.

**Aparaajita Pandey: What has been the trajectory of your career since you left JNU?**

**Prof. Pattnaik:** After I finished my M.A. in Economics in 1978, I switched school and joined the Centre for American and West European Studies (that was the name those days) in SIS. But I focused on Latin America and US-Latin American relations.

**Aparaajita Pandey: How has JNU impacted your multifaceted career?**

**Prof. Pattnaik:** At JNU, Dr. R. Narayanan, a former Chair of the Centre and a former Dean of the School of International Studies, was my advisor and mentor. He contributed immensely to my growth as a research scholar and as a compassionate individual. I left for the US after I completed

my M.Phil in Latin American Studies. I subsequently completed by PhD in the US in international development and political economy. My PhD dissertation was a comparative statistical study of the impact of foreign investment and State Efficacy in Asia and Latin America.

**Aparaajita Pandey: What has been the most challenging part of your work and why?**

**Prof. Pattnaik:** After I completed my PhD in the US, I joined Villanova University in the state of Pennsylvania (in the Philadelphia metropolitan region) as an Assistant Professor. I have been there ever since and I have been promoted to Full Professor status since 2006. The challenging part is to stay productive in research and publish books and articles while teaching both undergraduate and graduate students in an American university. One has to be extremely organized with regard to time. I have been somewhat successful in that endeavor.

**Aparaajita Pandey: Would you like to share any special memories that you associate with your time in JNU?**

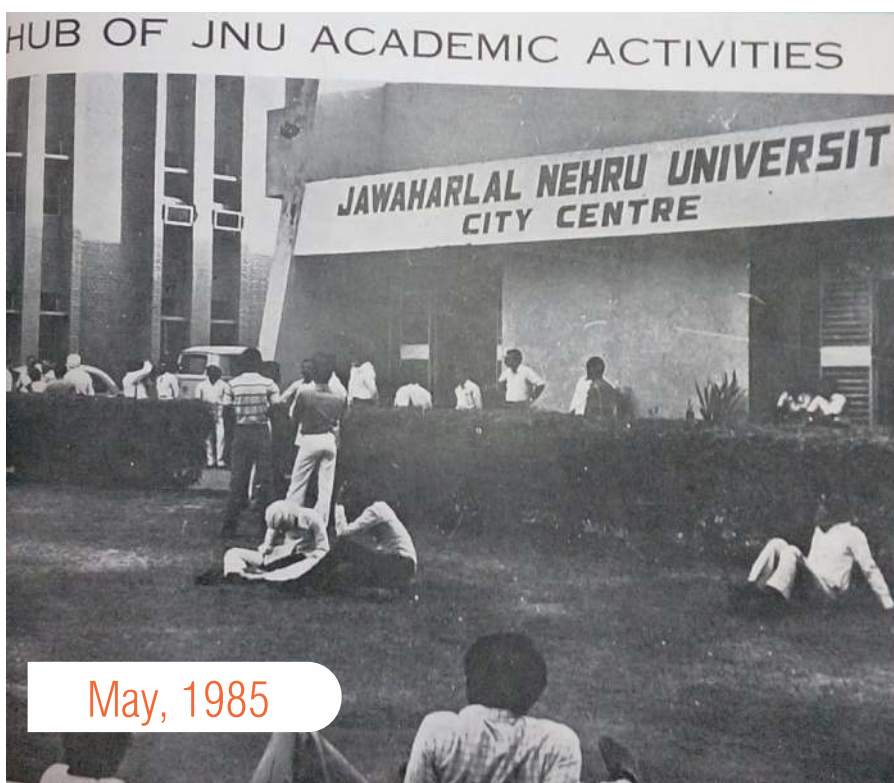
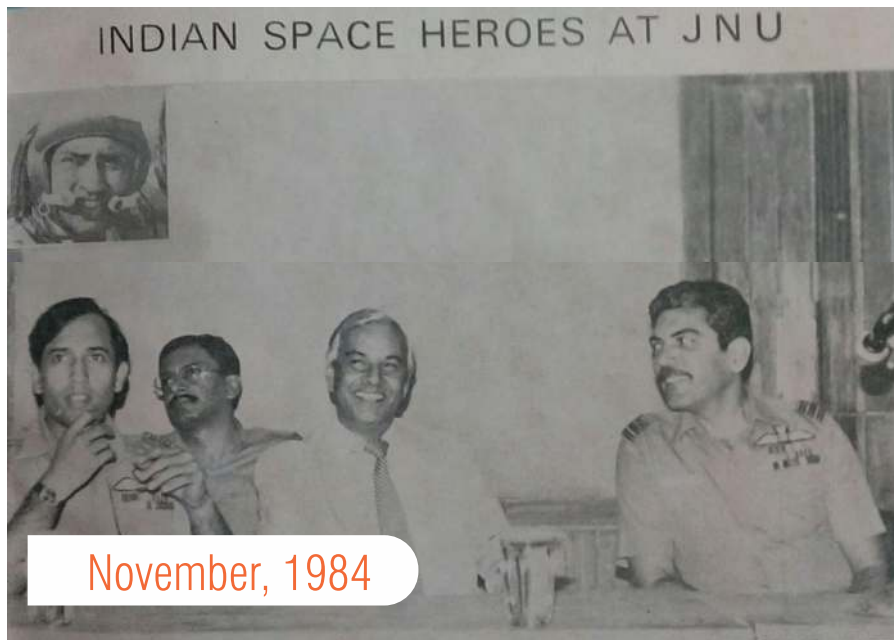
**Prof. Pattnaik:** As I said, it has been half a life since I left JNU in the Fall of 1980. But one of the best memories of JNU campus had always stayed with me: On some of the weekends, I played chess all night with friends, then, had breakfast in the morning, and went to sleep until 2pm the next afternoon.

**Aparaajita Pandey: What would your message be to the readers of JNU NEWS and the students of JNU?**

**Prof. Pattnaik:** Each person has to find an individual source of inspiration to be successful in JNU. For me it was this: Never forget that the central mission at JNU is to discover, uncover, and rediscover truth through research. Do not get caught up in the euphoria of short-term political ups and downs.



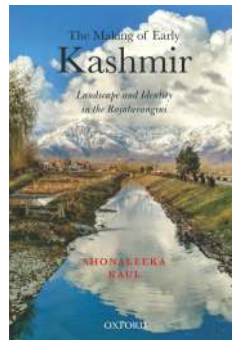
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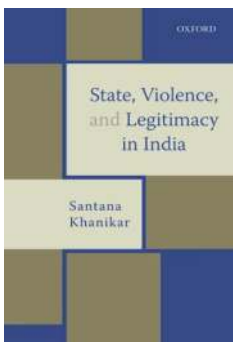
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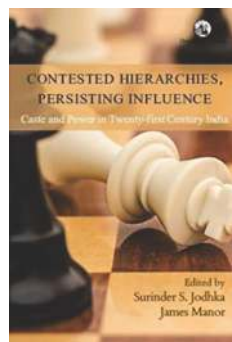
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## Obituary



Prof. Rajendra Tomar, Centre for Japanese Studies, SLL&CS, passed away on Tuesday, 17 July, 2018

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