

*A university stands for humanism, for tolerance, for reason, for the adventure of ideas and for the search of truth. It stands for the onward march of the human race towards ever higher objectives. If the Universities discharge their duties adequately, then it is well with the nation and the people.*



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 Sebastian Unger, DAAD Visiting Faculty to the Centre of German Studies, SLL&CS



**Akash Raha:** In retrospect, how was your JNU experience – inside the classroom and outside?

**Sebastian Unger:** It was a great teaching experience. I taught Literature, History and Philosophy (in German!) with the greatest freedom to design my classes. I know, this is a view from outside, but there were these – as we say in German – “key moments”, that brought JNU very close to me, for example, in tea breaks, when you see people from all regions of India, from different religions, gender, age, social and ethnic heritage, different skin colour and personal style standing in groups together, having tea – and you think, this is what the world could look like, when it would be a peaceful place. That might just be surface and I’m totally aware of many of the controversies going on, but still it’s this statement JNU stands for. And for that I admire this University and also India for having this university.

**Akash Raha:** How did your stint in JNU help with your academic goals?

**Sebastian Unger:** I don’t only follow academic goals, I’m interested in literature as well. JNU maybe gave me some of its courage to follow this non-linear but demanding way, like many students in JNU keep going, not knowing how to bring all these experiences back to the real-life home, once they will graduate. What it means for me: it’s difficult, especially in the times of the

Post-Bologna-University in Europe, where academia tends to become a gentrified career breeder, keeping professors and academic staff busy to apply for fundings all the time to stay in the university, as if they weren’t part of it already! What remains to identify with, if you say “University”? So my idea was strengthened to focus on teaching, to be closer to the idea of University, and also on writing.

**Akash Raha:** In the past few years you have taught German in countries like Vietnam and in India. What are some of the challenges that you faced?

**Sebastian Unger:** and also in South Korea, where I worked for two years, a complicated society as well. Well, I was born in East Germany, a country that does not exist anymore. I don’t miss it, but travelling definitely started home. I do feel very German – in a positive way – but without the need to materialize or localize it all the time, and this is also something the modern Germany can offer: a cultural but dematerialized national identity, that helps me also to be abroad, without struggling much, and it makes me curious to learn. What I like in India the most regarding this topic, is the openness to discuss itself.

**Akash Raha:** It is often said that JNU has a very vibrant political atmosphere; what were your impressions?

**Sebastian Unger:** It’s very healthy if a country invests in means to criticize itself. The political university is no more there in Europe. There is politics of education, there is political science, there are political people and issues, but there is no political university in Europe any more. That is something that I saw still alive in JNU.

**Akash Raha:** What advice can you give to young and aspiring students in JNU?

**Sebastian Unger:** Since JNU is full of slogans, I also try to advise the students through one! It’s very short, but tricky: JNU is in India!

## Movements & Appointments

### New Appointments/ Deans/ Directors/ Chairpersons

- Dr. Vijay Kumar Saraswat as the Chancellor of the University for a term of five years.
- Prof. Rajendra Dingle as Dean, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies, for a period of two years.
- Prof. Pawan Kumar Dhar as Dean, School of Biotechnology, for a period of two years.

- Prof. D.K. Lobiyal as Dean, School of Computer and System Sciences, for a period of two years.
- Prof. M.C. Paul, as Director, Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, for a period of two years.

### Retirements & Resignations

- Prof. Pramod Kumar Yadava, School of Life Sciences.
- Prof. Pranav N. Desai, Center for Studies in Science Policy, School of Social Sciences.

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- Prof. Uttam Kumar Pati, School of Biotechnology.
- Smt. Ganga Joshi, Senior Assistant, Bill Section – I.
- Shri Ravindra Singh, Senior Technical Assistant, Language Lab Centre, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies.
- Shri Jaffar Hussain, Technician 'C', University Science Instrumentation Centre.
- Shri. Surendra Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-Typist, Engineering Branch.
- Smt. Geeta, Office Attendant, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, School of Social Sciences.
- Shri. Jay Bhagwan, Security Guard, Security Branch.
- Smt. Prakashi, Safai karamchari, Sabarmati Hostel.
- Smt. Jamuna Devi, Safai karamchari, School of Social Sciences.



### V K Saraswat appointed new JNU Chancellor

Scientist and former director general of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), V K Saraswat, is appointed as Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University. Saraswat succeeds former ISRO chairman K Kasturirangan, who completed his term on March 30 this year. Saraswat has been appointed for a term of five years.

A PhD in combustion engineering, Saraswat played a very significant role in the development of the country's first liquid propulsion engine — Devil.

He is also credited with the development of other rocket engines such as Prithvi, Dhanush and Prahaar. He has held the posts of Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister, and secretary to the Department of Defence (research and development).

Saraswat was awarded the Padmashri in 1998, and Padmabhushan in 2013. Currently, he is also serving as member of the NITI Aayog.

## Achievements / Awards



**Prof. Ashwani Pareek**, Professor of Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology at School of Life Sciences, has been appointed as Adjunct Professor in the Institute of Agriculture, University of Western Australia initially for three years. Prof. Pareek is leading several International and National programmes in the area of a biotic stresses.



**Prof. Dinesh Mohan**, School of Environmental Sciences has been appointed as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Chemistry at Mississippi State University (MSU), USA, beginning on 1 June, 2017 and ending 31 May, 2020.

**Prof. Sharad K Soni**, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies has been honoured with the prestigious Rashtriya Gaurav Award along with Certificate of Excellence at a Seminar on "Economic Growth and National Integration" organized by the India International Friendship Society (IIFS) at India International Centre, New Delhi on 27 May, 2017. The award is given to a few of the extraordinary

men and women who have specialized in various fields like science and technology, education, engineering, fine arts, politics and social work, in recognition of the yeoman services rendered with excellence in their respective fields. Prof. Soni has been awarded in recognition of his outstanding services, achievements and contributions to the field of education, Mongolian Studies in particular.



## Achievements / Awards



**Dr. Girish Nath Jha**, Professor, Computational Linguistics, and Chairperson, Special Center for Sanskrit Studies received the prestigious "Datta Peetha Aasthaana Vidvana" award for the field of Sanskrit linguistics at the Shri Ganapati Sachchi-dananda Ashram Mysore on 26 May, 2017



**Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur**, Librarian, Elected as Member of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Academic and Research Libraries Standing Committee for the term 2017-2021. He is the lone representative from Asia Region. IFLA is the most prestigious and only International body of all libraries worldwide

[.https://www.ifla.org/node/11466?og=43](https://www.ifla.org/node/11466?og=43)

He has also been nominated to the Governing Body of Delhi University Library System, University of Delhi, and the Governing Council of INFLIBNET (UGC-IAUC).

**Ms. Sneha Roy**, working as a Ph.D. Student in a lab at SBT, was invited as Invited Speaker to the Gordon Research Conference on Proteins held at Holderness School, NH, USA from 17 – 23 June, 2017, and also to present her work in the 31st Protein Society Symposium to be held at Montreal, Canada, 24 – 27 July, Her research work relates to the use of small molecule modulators of human brain gamma-synuclein protein involved in neurodegeneration (Parkinson's disease) and cancer.

She has been selected for the following prestigious and highly competitive awards to enable her to present her research work at the two conferences mentioned above:

1. Carl Storm International Diversity (CSID) Award of US \$1250 from Gordon Research Conferences - GRC to give a talk as an invited speaker at the 2017 Proteins GRC/GRS conference held at Holderness School, NH, USA from 17 – 23 June, 2017.
2. The Finn Wold and Protein Society Travel Award of US \$800 to present research work at the 31st Annual Protein Society Symposium to be held in Montreal, Canada from 24 – 27 July, 2017.

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### Discussion on the Book, *Whither Indian Ocean Maritime Order?*, edited by **Yogendra Kumar, IFS (Retd) (New Delhi, Knowledge World 2017)**

The School of International Studies, JNU, hosted a discussion on the recently published book, *Whither Indian Ocean Maritime Order?*, which has contributions from a distinguished group of people, at a seminar organised in November last year to discuss various aspects of Prime Minister Modi's speech delivered on 12 March, 2015, at Port Louis at the ceremony of presentation of OPV Barracuda to the Mauritian Coast Guard. It has become known as the SAGAR speech which acronym stands for 'Security and Growth for All in the Region'. This book discussion, on 5 May, 2017, was well attended with the participation of students and research scholars from SIS and was presided over by Prof. AK Pasha, Associate Dean, SIS. Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Rector and then Acting Vice Chancellor, attended briefly. The other discussants were Ambassador Yogendra Kumar, the editor, Prof. Swaran Singh, Commodore (Retd) Uday Bhaskar and Vice Admiral (Retd) Satish Soni, former FOC-in-C, Eastern Naval Command.

Speaking first, the editor of the book pointed at the importance of the speech as it provided a strategic orientation to government activity in the Indian Ocean as well as a signal to the littoral countries and the world at large. He flagged the strategic

context of the speech, including the current dynamics of IOR developments. The placidity of waters provides a window to influence the maritime order in our interest – the question is for how long is the window available? He also reflected on the shaping up of our own strategic debate concerning the Indian Ocean where the US Pacific Command ('Indo-Pacific') narrative, which frames the issue in terms of a certain inevitability of the tensions of South China Sea spilling over into the Indian Ocean, intersecting with the US CENTCOM narrative with little reference to 'Indo-Pacific'. India's maritime strategic challenges are a mix of both requiring a sophisticated aligning of interests with our traditional partners, including US; challenges in the Persian Gulf and farther west are pressing in terms of littoral instability, Jihadi terrorism, diaspora interests, energy security, Pakistan-Iran-Arab peninsular stability et cetera. The challenge is in the form of 'non-traditional security threats' in the Indian Ocean – and, the even bigger challenge in building national and regional institutional capacities to convert this challenge into opportunity, to shift horizons of our national economic, technological growth through the creation of a strong, resilient strategic framework for the IOR – in a security milieu which is getting increasingly unpredictable due to twists and turns in international politics as well as the structurally fundamental trends. Addressing the above-stated challenges would require a

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different way of thinking and, even, fashion a new IR methodology. After outlining key elements of the SAGAR speech and the chapterisation framework of the book, he concluded by saying that, like the Prime Minister's articulation, the book looks at these challenges in terms of a holistic as well as the whole-of-the-government endeavour.

Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra welcomed the hosting of the book discussion on a very important subject. He drew example from the US which has been conscious about influencing the sea lines of communications, the use of island territories for projection of national power globally and overall maritime capabilities as strategic levers for shaping international order. He stated that China is becoming increasingly dependent on West Asian oil as well as on the resources of the African continent and is creating a new global and regional strategic framework under the rubric of OBOR.

Prof. Swaran Singh undertook a critical survey of the various chapters of this book to relate their content to the common thread of the SAGAR speech. The group of contributors, both practitioners as well as analysts, provide a strategic perspective, an IR theoretical approach, analysis of both traditional as well as non-traditional security challenges to the maritime order, analysis of governance structures for IOR as well as the scope for bilateral diplomacy for the region spanning the role of the Ministry of External Affairs, Navy and the Coast Guard, the shipping sector as well as the Ministry of Earth Sciences. Prof. Singh referred to Ambassador Kumar's remarks that each of the chapters would form a book in itself but the book is a well-rounded contextualisation for management of challenges for our Indian Ocean policy.

Commodore (Retd.) Uday Bhaskar drew upon the Modelski theory about the linkage between great-power status and sea-power, impacted as it is by shifts in global geopolitics. As a reality check on India's power projection capabilities, he stated that the Indian Navy is resource strapped. For example, as on date, it is inadequate by way of the number of submarines and mine sweepers. Reflecting on the effectiveness of the management of the maritime order, he suggested a comprehensive review of existing silo-like structures. The need of the hour was to offer a template for improving capacities across the board and he pointed to the seemingly protracted process of constituting a credible National Maritime Agency. He concluded that a tri-polar global order is envisaged by 2030 which necessitates a careful analysis as to its implications for the global and regional maritime order.

Vice Admiral (Retd) Soni stated that the Indian Ocean has always been very active. Giving a brief history of the contestation between naval powers in the past, he emphasised that a strong navy is a must in order to shape a credible maritime order. Although India has a balanced navy, today, our responsibilities

have grown as a net provider of security to the island nations requiring further bolstering, especially in light of the growing Chinese influence, economic importance of the sea lines of communication and a large presence of foreign warships: at any given time, there are over 100 ships in the Indian Ocean. On the diplomatic role for the Indian Navy, he stated that the Indian Navy's training facilities are the best after those of the US. The Indian Navy has extensive manufacturing facilities and the gifting of the OPV Barracuda was the first ship designed to order, a fact having a bearing on any Indian effort to shape its maritime order.

Concluding, Prof. AK Pasha highlighted that the shifting patterns of balance-of-power relationships affect India significantly today as they have throughout history. India has critical dependence on supply of oil and other resources. He pointed at increasing turbulence in the West Asian and the Gulf regions. Many countries are keen to have naval cooperation with India in their own strategic interest. India's half-hearted presence in the Iranian port of Chabahar would have adverse strategic implications for it. Amongst most recent significant developments, there has been the establishment of a UK naval base in Bahrain as well as the French presence in UAE. He emphasised the critical necessity for strengthening academic capacity to study the Indian Ocean region.

**Tsupokyemla (Ayem)  
Gulf Studies Programme, SIS**

### Wall of Heroes to honour and commemorate war heroes and martyrs

Jawaharlal Nehru University organized a function to inaugurate the Wall of Heroes to honour and commemorate war heroes and martyrs under the initiative of Vidya Veerta Abhiyan of the Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Govt of India. This wall is located in JNU's Convention Centre where twenty one portraits of Param Vir Chakra awardees of India are placed within a 7X12 ft. (HxW) dimension area. With this initiative, JNU has become the first university in the country to commemorate and honour the valour and sacrifice of India's great soldiers. Several



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veterans, the families of many war heroes, faculty, staff and students participated in this event. Welcoming the guests at the function, Prof. R.P. Singh, Rector-III, said that "JNU is delighted and grateful with the opportunity to honour the valour and sacrifice of our martyrs." He also paid tribute to the recent martyrs of Sukma and Jammu & Kashmir, especially mentioning the dastardly killing of Lt. Umar Fayaz who has become a role model for Indian youth.

In his opening address to a gathering on this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar said, "our soldiers are our guardians, they provide our nation's security and peace. JNU's association with our soldiers is an honour for us. This is the real nationalist JNU". Maj Gen P.K. Sehgal elaborated the valour, might and professionalism of the Indian Army. Col. A. K. Tara shared his experiences of 1971 Bangladesh Liberation war and narrated how he saved the entire family of Sheikh Mujib, the father of Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina. Col. V.N. Thapar said, "Indian soldiers are always ready to sacrifice their lives and in so doing are aware that the entire nation is behind them and that they are fighting for the nation". Former, BJP MP, Tarun Vijay, spoke passionately about the relationship and the role of the Indian army with the nation. He added that with this event, JNU is going to become a role model for India's universities and colleges in recognizing the commitment, dedication and sacrificial zeal of Indian soldiers. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by the Registrar of the University, Dr. Pramod Kumar.

**R.P. Singh, Professor  
School of Life Sciences**

### Summer Trek, 2017 Bali Pass (4950 m), Uttarakhand, India

A team of 13 JNU students, selected after 17 days of rigorous physical training and found medically fit, successfully completed the BALI PASS TREK (4950 mts.) in Uttarkashi District of Uttarakhand, held from 26 May, 2017 to 6 June, 2017. Often considered a "virgin trek" in the Indian Himalayas. Bali Pass is one of the least explored treks that links Har Ki Dun valley to Yamunotri valley. The trek offers amphitheater views of



Swargarohini peaks 1 & 2, Banderpooch and Kala Nag or Black Peak. The main attractions of this trek include pine forests of Govind Pashu National Park, meadows of Debshu Bugyal, the beautiful camp site of Rainbasera, the alpine lake of Ruinsara, and the Yamunotri temple. As the club convener I am grateful to the sports office for providing technical and logistic support to the Mountaineering Club. Nutrition related information provided by the sports office was shared with the participants. A pre-departure session on mountain nutrition and energy requirements for trekkers was conducted by Dr. Vikram Singh, ADPE, Sports Office.

**Suresh Das  
Convener, JNUMC**

### Summer Basketball Camp

Around 12 participants attended the first ever summer basketball coaching camp held at the sports complex basketball court from 1 June, 2017 to 12 June, 2017 from 6.30 am to 7.30 am. The camp was conducted by the undersigned and included activities like passing, throwing, dribbling and shooting drills. Each day started with warming exercises like running, mobility exercises followed by calisthenics, with ball drills, German drill,



lay up shooting and recreation game in which some faculty members also played with JNU students and children. The schedule included proper active and passive stretching exercises with and without partner. Nutritional counselling for weight loss was also conducted.

**Vikram Singh  
Assistant Director, PE**

### Mass Yoga (17 – 20 June, 2017) & Celebration of International Yoga Day (21 June, 2017)

Yoga is known as a healing practice for mind and body from ancient India, and it has been also accepted by the world community with all modern scientific and methodological virtues. From the last year Government of India has successfully included and developed various course modules for school, college and university students and it has been accepted and celebrated by various government and other organizations. JNU has also a strong conviction towards the celebration of Yoga day

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in the campus to promote and inculcate this traditional practice for healthy mind and body.

On the occasion of the International Yoga Day celebration, JNU administration organized Mass Yoga for four days at the lawn of the Convention Centre, JNU from 17 – 20 June so that the idea and practice of Yoga with specific clarity of each and every asana could be learned by students, teachers and staff. This workshop was held in the morning from 6.30 am to 8.00 am so that the participants could be properly managed and everyone got the opportunity of learning important asanas with their macro to micro implementations.

On the eve of the International Day of Yoga, a Yoga Workshop was organized on 20 June at Auditorium-I, Convention Centre of JNU. The event was organized by the organizing committee under the guidance of Prof Umesh Ashok Kadam, Dean of Students.

### Mass Yoga 17 – 20 June

The Mass Yoga was successfully organized. For registration purpose, a special web portal was created by JNU so that the participants could register online till 19 June, 2017 for the workshop. The registration was totally free of cost, and a large number of participants enthusiastically participated in the workshop. For the convenience of those participants who were not net savvy, off line registration was also allowed. A total of 1067 people registered with the University for participation in Mass Yoga programmes. The first day of the workshop began at 6 am on 17 June with welcome address by Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Rector-III to the participants to motivate them towards the culture of Yoga for their long and healthy life. The four days Mass Yoga was organized in such a way that all the beneficial asanas



related to mental and physical peace and relaxation were taught to the participants. Everyday the Mass Yoga Session was held in morning from 6.30 am to 8.00 am as per "Common Yoga Protocol approved by Ministry of AYUSH" under the guidance of the JNU yoga instructor and with the help of other three external yoga instructors.

### Essay Writing and Debate Competition

An Essay Writing and Debate Competition on Yoga was organized on 19 June, 2017 from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm in Lecture Hall-I of the

Convention Centre. Participation was solicited from participants in various age groups from 8 to 25 years. Children & youth from various age groups participated in the event. The prize distribution for winners, arranged on 20 June, 2017 during the workshop on yoga, was done by honorable Chief Guest Satya pal Singh, M.P., and the Guest of Honour, Dr. Anand Kumar, Ex IPS encouraged the participants.

### The Workshop on Yoga

On 20 June, a special evening Yoga Workshop was also organized in the JNU Convention Centre in which the Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar addressed the participants on consciousness and healing powers of yoga. Dr. Satyapal Singh, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, was chief guest of the function with Dr. Anand Kumar, Ex IPS as guest of honour, who spoke of a healthy body and mind and its benefit to human being and society. Details of the programme are as follows:



The workshop was followed by screening of an audio-video documentary on Yoga from 7.15 PM to 7.30 PM in Auditorium-I of the convention Centre.

### The International Day of Yoga

The International Day of Yoga was observed on 21 June, 2017. A large number of persons performed Yoga with T-shirt imprinted with the logo of the International Day of Yoga and JNU distributed by the university in the programme as a dress code. It was a unique show with a large gathering of faculty, students, staff, alumni and their family members in JNU campus.

The programme began with the welcome address by the JNU Vice Chancellor, Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar. He gave a brief presentation on the importance of being fit and healthy. The Yoga session was held as per the AYUSH Ministry protocol from 7.00 am to 8.00 am.

Rector-III of JNU, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, gave the concluding remarks. He also praised the work done by the organizing committee. Vote of thanks was given by the DoS. He thanked one and all who participated and helped to make the programme a grand success. On this occasion the University organizing Committee distributed a booklet on yoga among more than 1000

participants and encouraged them to practice yoga at their homes. The participants dispersed after light refreshments provided by the university.

The promotion and publicity of all the programmes/ events on Yoga were done through JNU website and e-mails of faculty, staff and students. Besides this posters and pamphlets were distributed in various buildings of the Schools, Hostels, Centers and Administration for information and solicitation of more participation.

It is important to mention that all events were photographed and video recorded, and the same are available with the undersigned for perusal.

**Umesh Ashok Kadam, Dean of Students  
Dean Office**

## ट्रेडिशन इन डायलाग

भारतीय भाषा केन्द्र, जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय और सेंटर फॉर स्टडीज ऑफ ट्रेडिशन एण्ड सिस्टम्स द्वारा आयोजित एक अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विचार-गोष्ठी संवाद में परम्परा की तलाश पर गहन विचार किया गया। जिसमें यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ रोम, सपिएन्जा से संस्कृत के विद्वान् प्रो. राफेल्ले टोरेल्ला, तथा जगिएल्लोनिअन विश्वविद्यालय, क्राकोव, पोलैंड से सम्बद्ध डा. मल्गोर्जाता साचा ने अपने विचार रखे। इस गोष्ठी में जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय से प्रो मनिन्द्र नाथ ठाकुर



और प्रो. अरविन्द कुमार मिश्र ने भी अपनी भागीदारी दी। भारतीय भाषा केन्द्र के अध्यक्ष प्रो. अनवर आलम ने इस गोष्ठी की अध्यक्षता की। गोष्ठी में मीमांसा और शैव तन्त्र की बारीकियों, गुरु शिष्य व्यवहार की शास्त्रीय परंपराओं और मनोवैज्ञानिक पक्षों पर विस्तृत चर्चा हुई। ज.ने. वि. के प्रो. देवशंकर नवीन, डा. सुशांत मिश्र, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय से डा. राधा मोहन भरद्वाज, डा. राकेश पाण्डे, न्यूपा से प्रो अविनाश कुमार सिंह आदि ने भी भारतीय सन्दर्भ में दर्शन की परंपराओं और नई धाराओं के समावेश की गहन चर्चा में हिस्सा लिया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन डा. सविता ने किया, और अन्त में श्री अमित आनंद ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापन किया।

**देवशंकर नवीन, प्रोफेसर  
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## मैथिली साहित्य विमर्श गोष्ठी

किसी साहित्य की गति और गंतव्य का आकलन उसके आत्मालोचनधर्मी होने की क्षमता और व्यापकता में है, आत्मालोचना की अंदरूनी यात्रा से ही कोई साहित्य अपने शिखर की ओर अग्रसर होता है। इसी धारणा से भारतीय भाषा केन्द्र, जवाहरलाल नेहरू



विश्वविद्यालय और सेंटर फॉर स्टडीज ऑफ ट्रेडिशन एण्ड सिस्टम्स के सौजन्य से मैथिली साहित्य में आत्मालोचन और प्रयोगधर्मिता विषय पर एक विचार-गोष्ठी आयोजित हुई जिसमें मैथिली के तीन सुपरिचित लेखक डा. गंगेश गुंजन, श्रीमति उषाकिरण खान एवं प्रो. देवशंकर नवीन को आमन्त्रित किया गया। जड़ों की पहचान करने हेतु अग्रसर इस विचार-गोष्ठी में अपने स्वागत भाषण में प्रो. अनवर आलम ने भाषा संसार की लौकिकता और आंचलिकता की खुशबू को राष्ट्र का परिचय बताया और बहुलता को किसी भी भाषाई संस्कृति की आत्मा कहा। उन्होंने इस अवसर की सराहना की और कहा कि देश की राजधानी में बसे इस केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय में जब प्राचीन, परिष्कृत और समृद्ध भाषा मैथिली के दिग्गज रचनाकार एकत्र होकर अपने बीज की तलाश पर विचार करते हैं, लौकिकता और आंचलिकता की खराद से गुजर कर आत्मालोचन की बात करते हैं, तो निश्चय ही इससे साहित्यो की सम्पन्नता का परिचय मिलता है। उन्होंने कहा कि मैथिली और मिथिला के प्राकृतिक रूपों में आलोचनात्मक गुणों का क्रम विद्यापति से ही दिखते हैं फिर तो विमर्श के नए आयाम खुले और मापदंड तय हुए। अपने विशिष्ट भाषण में डा. गंगेश गुंजन ने मैथिली रचना-संसार की प्रयोगधर्मिता एवं समसामयिक समृद्धि को अनामा (पत्रिका) एवं सगर राति दीप जर जैसे आन्दोलनकारी आयोजनों एवं अन्य आंचलिकता से जोड़ा वहीं प्रो देवशंकर नवीन ने अपने अध्यक्षीय भाषण में विद्यापति से राजकमल चौधरी तक की साहित्य-यात्रा को सिलसिलेवार रेखांकित किया। इस कार्यक्रम में प्रो मनिन्द्र नाथ ठाकुर, प्रो इंदु शेखर ठाकुर, प्रो रामनाथ झा, प्रो देबेन्द्र चौबे, प्रो अखलाक अहान जैसे कई नामचीन विद्वानों और शोधार्थियों ने भागीदारी दर्ज की। प्रश्नोत्तर-सत्र बहुत रोचक रहा। विचार-गोष्ठी के समानान्तर मैथिली पुस्तकों की एक प्रदर्शनी भी लगाई गई जिसमें आगन्तुकों की गंभीर दिलचस्पी दिखी। कार्यक्रम का संचालन डा. सविता ने, और धन्यवाद ज्ञापन श्री अमित आनंद ने किया। इस अवसर पर श्री अमित आनंद ने प्रस्तावित किया कि कम से कम उत्तर भारत के देश सभी केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय में मैथिली का अध्ययन केन्द्र स्थापित हो, खासकर जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय में तो हो ही। इस अवसर पर सभी वक्ताओं को सेंटर फॉर स्टडीज ऑफ ट्रेडिशन एण्ड सिस्टम्स की तरफ से प्रशस्ति चिह्न से सम्मानित किया गया।

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### Report on training workshop Demography of Gender Bias

The Centre for the Study of Regional Development, SSS, JNU conducted a five day International Training Workshop with support from CEPED (Paris) and UNFPA (New Delhi). The training workshop took place from Monday to Friday, 20-24 March 2017 at the Convention Centre of JNU. It was organized by Prof. Christophe Z. Guilmoto, CEPED/IRD, Paris, and Dr. Nandita Saikia, CSRD (also local coordinator) and Prof. K. S. James, CSRD, JNU. The core lectures of the training session were given by Prof Guilmoto. In addition, the training team constituted CSRD's Population faculties together with resource persons from Population Council; UNFPA; IIT, Delhi; IIPS, Mumbai and CSWD, Delhi.



The aim of the workshop was to provide a comprehensive overview of the social, demographic and policy issues of prenatal sex selection and to describe tools and data necessary for its analysis and monitoring. South Asia (especially India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan) took centre stage in this workshop, but the intention remained to place the region in the context of a global rise of prenatal discrimination by drawing illustrations from other countries affected by sex imbalances at birth in Eastern Europe and East Asia. The workshop addressed issues of missing females, prenatal and post natal sex selection, causes and consequences of sex preference, demographic imbalances and marriage squeeze, policy response to sex imbalance and the future scenario of sex ratio at birth.

The training was based on a series of teaching sessions, held mostly during the mornings. Afternoons were devoted to open sessions during which participants worked in small groups. There were a total of 35 participants (24 of them were from India, 3 from Bangladesh, 2 from Nepal and one from Italy). While the organizing committee covered all expenses of Indian candidates (lodging, food & travelling), travel and accommodation of foreign candidates were covered by their respective organizations. Student participants were charged an amount of Rs. 2000. Participants were given handouts of the main sessions, copy of the presentations by outside lecturers, main readings and additional readings. Lunch, dinner and tea were served during the entire training program.

The overall assessment by participants was very positive as participants found almost all their queries on demography of gender answered during one session of the workshop. A large majority of participants found this training better than similar training sessions they had attended in the past. The main criticism rested on the heavy daily schedule (9.30 am to 7.00 pm).

**Nandita Saikia, Assistant Professor  
Centre for the Study of Regional Development, SSS**

### Report of Celebration of Fascination of Plants Day-2017 at JNU

Fascination of Plants Day was organized by the National Coordinator Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin with the support of the Dean, School of Life Sciences (SLS) and co-coordinator Dr. Neelam P Negi at School of Life Sciences, JNU on 11 May, 2017. About a hundred students from not very privileged schools of grades 8 – 12 and their teachers, the Vice-Chancellor JNU, Rector JNU, Dean School of Life Sciences JNU, faculty members, staff and students of JNU also participated in the event. The idea was to fascinate the young minds with the world of plants and plant science research and inflame in them a passion to pursue



higher studies in plant sciences and also to make them aware of the importance of plants and the need to conserve them. This is an initiative of European Plant Science Organization. In India, Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin, while welcoming all the school children, teachers and dignitaries expressed her immense pleasure that SLS, JNU is hosting this event for the fourth time. Vice-chancellor Prof. Jagadesh Kumar expressed his happiness to be a part of this thought provoking platform. Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Rector-I, JNU in his address, strongly recommended this event and highlighted the importance of such events and stressed on the importance of plants. Prof. S.K Goswami, Dean SLS, JNU encouraged the students to take up science as career. The star of the show was the chief-guest Prof. S.K. Sopory, a world renowned Plant Scientist and a former Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, who delved on the significance of organizing this plant day and the initiative taken up to open the laboratories and other research facilities for the school children on this day so that they can have a real feel of doing research in plant sciences.

The lecture delivered by Prof. Sopory on "Plant Diversity and Plant Intelligence" touched upon many facts and insights into the

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fascinating world of plant life. At the outset he appreciated the fact of interacting with the children by saying that often it is a big challenge to convey the research efforts of the scientists to children in simple communicable language, though they are the future of the society. He discussed various aspects of different types of plants, their evolution, and their traditional and modern uses as food, medicines, technology and healthy and happy living. He provided experiments to show that plants can walk, talk and think and communicate with each other and the environment. The lecture truly touched the young minds who came up with intelligent questions.

After the lecture Dr. Sanjiv Kalia, Manager Regulatory Affairs, Bayer Biosciences, sponsor of this event, also an alumnus, spoke about openings in the private sector for plant scientists.

The event also provided experiential learning to the school children as they were taken around the School of Life Sciences for introducing them to the ways and means of doing research in plant tissue culture and genetic engineering. They were shown the laboratories, the high-end Central Instrumentation Facility, tissue culture rooms, transgenic facility, and the plant nursery. The day was rounded off by providing packed lunch to the children who ventured out on a scorching-hot holiday to quench their thirst for plant science research. As a token of remembrance they were handed medicinal plants so that they learn to nurture the plants and explore more about their medicinal properties.

The Co-coordinator of this event, Dr. Neelam P Negi gave a vote of thanks to all those involved in the planning and execution of this event at JNU, the school children and their teachers, Chief-Guest Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice Chancellor, Rector, Dean, Sponsor, Public Relations Officer Ms. Poonam Kudasiya, faculty and staff of JNU, horticulturist Mr. Sunil and the photographer Mr. Vakil for their cooperation and making this event a big success.

A feedback form was received from every child and it was placed to keep a track of the future career of these children. They will be provided counseling and help when asked. We have built a long-term relationship with the rising stars in plant science. A beginning has been made and we hope to carry it forward with full vigour.

**Neera Bhalla Sarin, Professor  
School of Life Sciences**

### GIAN on Global Infectious Diseases

The Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) launched a new initiative called Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN) two years ago. Under this initiative, eminent faculty across the world are encouraged to engage with Indian Universities, delivering courses of 1 – 2 week duration. At JNU, many courses under this initiative have been conducted. One such course was hosted by Prof. Rentala Madhubala and Dr. Rohini Muthuswami, School of Life Sciences wherein Prof.

Marilyn Parsons, Professor and Director of Training and Development, Center for Infectious Disease Research, Seattle, USA, gave a two week course on “Biology of Global Infectious Diseases and Its Intersection with Public Health”. A reprint of the article available on the CID blog (<https://www.cidresearch.org/blog/around-the-world-combating-diarrheal-disease-in-india>) is also given below wherein she talks about her experiences in combating diarrheal disease in India and about the GIAN course that she conducted.

### **Around the World: Combating Diarrheal Disease in India Marilyn Parsons**

I've been working in global infectious diseases for over 30 years, mostly based in Seattle. So when I get the chance to travel to a different country for a conference or to teach, it's an opportunity to learn first-hand about the health issues that other communities are facing and to see what they are doing about it.

Most recently, I was sponsored by the Government of India Academic Network to teach a course on the Biology of Global Infectious Diseases and Public Health at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. JNU, as it is affectionately known, is one of the premier universities in India, and has considerable strength in areas that CID Research also works in. Nonetheless it exists in a country with great disparities, with high levels of poverty and abundant infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, dengue, and malaria that plague the population. Any visitor to India will see the contrast of the great art and ancient monuments, the modern traffic jams and posh shopping malls, with the rural farming poor and urban workers who may lack even basic sanitation.

### **Debating Global Health in India**

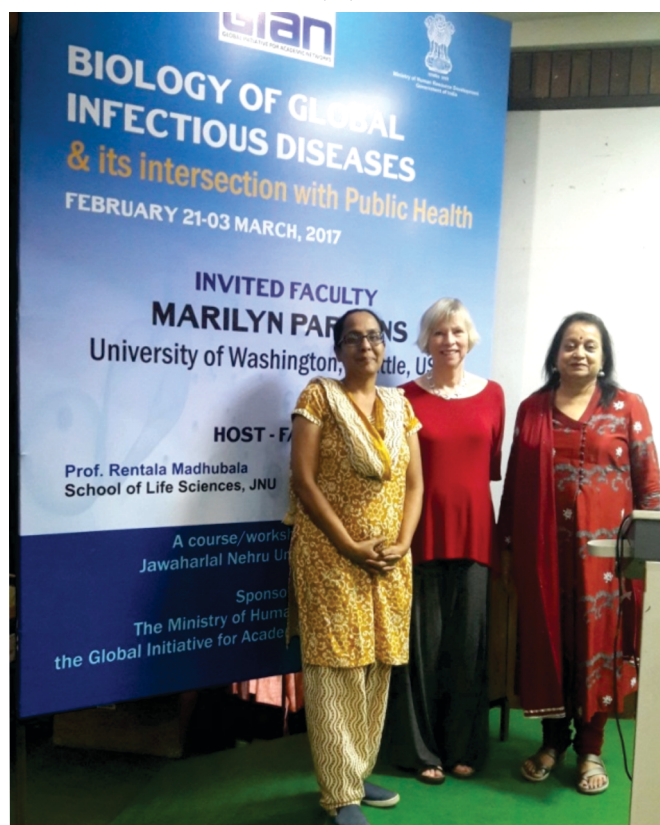
Mentoring opportunities like these are some of the highlights of my career. In this short course, both the trainees and I learned a lot. I met with 25 graduate students and postdoctoral scientists for several hours a day over two weeks. The students chose infectious disease topics relevant to public health interventions to debate, drawing on the Indian perspective. We heard debates on whether it is time to mount a global measles eradication program, whether patients with drug-resistant tuberculosis should be quarantined, and whether prevention of viral infections is the best way to reduce liver cancer in India. The students were brilliant and overcame their reticence to question one another and offer insights. This is what a teacher loves!

### **When Toilets Make the News**

But I saw public health debates happening outside the classroom as well. As I read the daily newspaper at my guest house, I was struck by how immediate the issues of infectious diseases are in India, as shown by numerous articles on topics ranging from viral encephalitis as an election issue to an upsurge

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in mosquito-borne diseases in New Delhi. The media especially brought to life the fight against diarrheal disease, estimated to kill more than 100,000 children per year in India. Newspapers and TV stations regularly cover the topic and steps being taken to combat it. These steps reflect the fact that even though the agents that cause diarrhea can be viruses, bacteria or parasites, they all share the property of being transmitted by fecal contamination...exacerbated by open defecation.



The Government of India has embarked on a Clean India Campaign, or Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, with key goals of building toilets and reducing open defecation. The government is trying a variety of tactics as a solution to open defecation. Creatively building on the wide adoption of cell phones (more people in India have cell phones than have a household toilet!), teachers in some districts in the north have been asked to send in photos of themselves by their household toilet. Perhaps more encouraging is the social and cultural upswelling of support. Imams in some states are refusing to marry couples where the bride will live in a home lacking a toilet. Just as important, a new saying adopted by multiple villages is the pro-sanitation, pro-women slogan: "No toilet, no bride!"

Numerous barriers still remain – such as the belief by some folks that a toilet in the house is unclean, so going outdoors is preferred. Where toilets were constructed without proper septic

tanks, they've sometimes found novel misuses constructed – with stalls being converted into a grocery or even a kitchen! Recent government reports indicate that sewage management capacity is at less than 30% country-wide, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is providing special funding to that end, aiming to handle the increased use of toilets and to prevent the spread of disease.

### Fighting Diarrheal Diseases

Around the world vaccines against diarrheal disease are lacking, with only rotavirus infection being effectively prevented. Thus diarrheal disease agents are representative of a host of major pathogens that contribute to the burden of diseases for which vaccines are urgently needed.

These stories illustrate that tipping the balance towards health benefits requires the efforts of many stakeholders – the media, politicians, faith leaders, educators, mothers, and scientists! Each group plays an integral part in trying to overcome these difficult economic, cultural, and scientific challenges to create a more healthy world for all.

This story would not be complete without expressing my thanks to my gracious hosts at JNU, Dr. Rohini Muthuswami and Dr. Rentala Madhubala. Dr. Madhubala has long and deep connections to CID Research, starting when she came in 1993 as an assistant professor to learn molecular biology in Ken Stuart's lab. Since then she has risen to prominence in India, where she is a member of the India National Science Academy, among many other honors.

At CID Research, our main work is research on global infectious diseases, and sometimes our research takes us to countries where the impact of these diseases is great – countries like Thailand, India, South Africa. We know that our goal of eliminating suffering from infectious diseases relies on working with scientists in these countries, and that the next generation of scientists both here and abroad is critical to success. So it's not surprising that we have a long tradition of leading and participating in intensive trainings for graduate students and junior faculty through workshops in developing countries. We have co-sponsored, with our in-country partners, and the support of the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health, over a dozen workshops in countries like India, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda on topics important to global infectious diseases such as advanced technologies for research, drug discovery, bioinformatics, and clinical trials.

**Rohini Muthuswami, Associate Professor  
School of Life Sciences**

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## IEEE Student Branch, Jawaharlal Nehru University

IEEE Student Branch JNU has been initiated by the School of Computer and Systems Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The purpose of this branch is to disseminate knowledge and exchange ideas amongst students of JNU and establish the goal of Digital India Initiative. It also aims to organize social welfare program for the underprivileged people of the society. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Honorable Vice Chancellor, JNU inaugurated the branch by cutting a virtual Digital Ribbon on 19 October, 2016. We are a blooming group of active members involved in participating and organizing a range of academic and research activities. The office bearers of IEEE Student Branch JNU for the year 2016-2017 are:

The branch is actively organizing different lecture series that complement classroom learning and increase awareness among the students in various technical fields, allow networking with other students with similar interests. Many eminent researchers, academicians, and alumni within the country and overseas delivered their lectures. The speakers included Dr. Ravi Kothari (IBM Research Center, New Delhi), Prof. Rahul Garg

(Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Delhi), Mr. Chandresh Kumar Maurya (Ph.D. Research Scholar, IIT Roorkee and Alumni, JNU), and Prof. Fujita Masahiro and Prof. Makoto Ikeda (Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, University of Tokyo, Japan). The talks were full of motivation and inspiration for students to do research towards real life issues. A large number of participants turned up to attend the talk with great enthusiasm and excitement.

A List of activities organized by IEEE Student Branch JNU are detailed below-

Designation	Name
Branch Counselor	Dr. T.V.Vijay Kumar
Student Chair	Mr. Gaurav Kumar
Student Vice Chair	Mr. Manish Gupta
Student Secretary	Mr. Amit Singh
Student Treasurer	Mr. Shivendra Kumar Pandey
Student Webmaster	Mr. Dharendra Kumar

S. No.	Title of Talk	Speaker	Lecture Series	Date
1.	Deep Learning	Dr. Ravi Kothari, Distinguished Engineer and Chief Scientist at IBM Research Center, New Delhi	Expert Lecture Series	October 19, 2016
2.	Machine learning in fMRI analysis methods and scientific research on Yoga	Prof. Rahul Garg, IIT Delhi.	Expert Lecture Series	November 3, 2016
3.	Anomaly Detection in Big Data	Mr. Chandresh Kumar Maurya, IBM Research Bangalore	Alumni Lecture Series	November 10, 2016
4.	Unification of Synthesis and Verification in Topologically Constrained Logic Design	Prof. Masahiro Fujita, VLSI Design and Education Center (VDEC), University of Tokyo, Japan	Expert Lecture Series	December 13, 2016
5.	Low-voltage design with autonomous control by gate-level handshaking	Prof. Makoto Ikeda, Department of Electrical Engineering & Information Systems, University of Tokyo, Japan	Expert Lecture Series	December 13, 2016
6.	Structural Connectomics: Mapping the Brain for the Clinic	Dr. Ragini Verma, University of Pennsylvania, USA.	Expert Lecture Series	January 20, 2017
7.	Building Even Deeper Networks: From Highway Network to Resnets and Beyond; How Modern architecture deals with depth	Mr. Vivek Kothari	Industry Lecture Series	March 4, 2016
8.	Unsupervised Anomaly Detection from Video Sequencing With Deep Convolutional Auto-encoders	Mr. Saurav Gupta	Industry Lecture Series	March 4, 2016

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9	Computational Multimedia Advertisement	Prof. Mohan Kankanhalli, Dean of NUS School of Computing, National University of Singapore, Singapore	Expert Lecture Series	March 8, 2017
10	An Introduction to Game Theory	Dr. Anurag Singh Assistant Professor, National Institute of Technology, Delhi	Expert Lecture Series	July 7, 2017

**T.V. Vijay Kumar**  
**Branch Counselor, IEEE Student Branch JNU**

## Jawaharlal Nehru University ACM Student Chapter

Jawaharlal Nehru University ACM Student Chapter is established as an initiative for knowledge sharing by the School of Computer and Systems Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The chapter aims at uniting the computing fraternity of Jawaharlal Nehru University under one umbrella and allow the students to learn together and share their knowledge to cater the interests of the individuals as well as the university as a whole. It serves as a gateway to forums, panel discussions, and symposia that fosters students' professional development. Beyond this we also seek out to organize social welfare programs for the underprivileged sections of the society. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal

Nehru University inaugurated the Jawaharlal Nehru University ACM Student Chapter on 12 January, 2017. The chapter is functioning and organizing a range of academic and research activities. The office bearers of the Jawaharlal Nehru University ACM Student Chapter for the year 2016-2017 are:

Designation	Name
Faculty Sponsor	Dr. T.V. Vijay Kumar
Student Chair	Mr. Jay Prakash Soni
Student Vice Chair	Ms. Jyoti Singh Kirar
Student Secretary	Ms. Ankita Verma
Student Treasurer	Ms. Karishma Singh

The chapter has organized some lectures, seminars and workshops to facilitate the interaction of the students with the distinguished researchers and academicians. Lectures were conducted under the categories Expert Lecture Series, JNU Faculty Lecture Series, Industrial Lecture Series and Alumni Lecture Series. As a part of our Expert Lecture Series, Prof. Shashi Shekhar (McKnight Distinguished University Professor, Department of Computer Science, College of Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota), Prof. Jayadeva (Microsoft Chair Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Delhi) and Prof. M.K. Das (Institute of Informatics & Communication, University of Delhi) have delivered informative and motivating talks. Ms. Sandesha Rayapa-Garbiyal (Linguistic Empowerment Cell, J.N.U) has conducted a workshop on Effective Communication and Interpersonal Skills as a part of our JNU Faculty Lecture Series. The three-hour workshop session focused on developing and enhancing the soft skills of the participants. For providing some industrial exposure to the students, a talk was conducted by Mr. Vivek Kothari, Data Scientist as a part of our Industrial Lecture Series. Our Alumni Mr. Rajiv Ratn Shah (Research Scholar, National University of Singapore) has delivered a lecture on an inspiring research problem and also shared his research experiences with the participants.

The activities organized by the chapter are listed below:

S.No.	Title of Talk	Speaker	Lecture Series	Date
1.	Leveraging Multimodal Information in Semantics and Sentics Analysis of User-Generated Content	Mr. Rajeiv Ratn Shah, Research Scholar, National University of Singapore, Singapore	Alumni Lecture Series	November 22, 2016
2.	Workshop on Effective Communication and Interpersonal Skills	Ms. SandeshaRayapa-Garbiyal, Assistant Professor, Linguistic Empowerment Cell, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	JNU Faculty Lecture Series	December 3, 2016
3.	Spatial Big Data	Prof. Shashi Shekhar, McKnight Distinguished University Professor, Department of Computer Science, College of Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota	Expert Lecture Series	December 29, 2016

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4	Spatial Data Mining and Environmental Science	Prof. Shashi Shekhar, McKnight Distinguished University Professor, Distinguished University, Teaching Professor, Department of Computer Science, College of Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota	Expert Lecture Series	December 29, 2016
5	Learning from Ants: The Journey to a Distributed Router ASIC	Prof. Jayadeva, Microsoft Chair Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Delhi, New Delhi	Expert Lecture Series	January 12, 2017
6	Building Even Deeper Networks: From Highway Network to Resnets and Beyond; How Modern architecture deals with depth	Mr. Vivek Kothari, Data Scientist, Mobileum, Gurugram, India	Industry Lecture Series	March 4, 2017
7	Dynamical Complexities of Nonlinear Physical and Biological Systems	Prof. M.K.Das Institute of Informatics & Communication, University of Delhi South Campus, India	Expert Lecture Series	July 13, 2017

**T.V. Vijay Kumar**  
Branch Counselor, IEEE Student Branch JNU

### ‘साहित्यिक विमर्श एवं नई सांस्कृतिक चुनौतियां’ पर संगोष्ठी

जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के भारतीय भाषा केन्द्र के सभागार में शोध संवाद द्वारा ‘साहित्यिक विमर्श एवं नई सांस्कृतिक चुनौतियां’ विषय पर संगोष्ठी आयोजित किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता प्रो. वीर भारत तलवार ने किया और मंच का संचालन नीतिशा खालखो ने किया। संगोष्ठी के सत्र की शुरुआत करते हुए जाहिदुल दीवान ने सभी विद्वतजनों और छात्रों की उपस्थिति पर अभार प्रकट करते हुए परिचर्चा में संवाद के मुख्य विन्दुओं से अवगत कराया।

गोष्ठी के सत्र को आगे बढ़ाते हुए गुजरात केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय के डा. किंगसन पटेल ने स्त्री विमर्श पर अपनी बात रखी। उन्होंने कहा कि १९६० के बाद पारंपरिक व्यवस्था में स्त्री के प्रति बदलाव आया है लेकिन जो बदलाव आया है, उसमें स्त्री कितनी मुक्त है? उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि स्त्री की स्थिति वैसी नहीं है जैसा मिडिया और साहित्य में हम पाते हैं। आज स्त्री के ऊपर दो तरह का दबाव है, घर और बाहर दोनों। दोहरे-तेहरे श्रम के बाद भी उसे पैसे खर्च करने का अधिकार नहीं है। कहीं न कहीं यह एक तरह से हमारे पुराने संस्कृति का विस्तार है। यह एक नई तरह की

पितृसत्ता है। उन्होंने कहा कि पहले श्रम को अधिक महत्व दिया जाता था, लेकिन आज सुन्दरता को अधिक महत्व दिया जा रहा है। स्त्री का प्रतिमान मिडिया और साहित्य बना रहा है। स्त्री पर बाजारवाद का गहरा प्रभाव है। इसका प्रभाव अब गांवों में भी देखने को मिल रहा है। ग्रामीण इलाके में जो संस्कृति पहले काम को महत्व देती थी वह अब सुन्दरता को महत्व दे रही है। स्त्री की स्वतन्त्रता पर चर्चा करते हुए उन्होंने यह भी सवाल उठाया कि स्त्री प्रेम करने के लिए कितनी मुक्त है अंत में अपनी बात को विराम देते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि आज सामाजिक-सांस्कृतिक आन्दोलनों को एक होने की जरूरत है। कार्यक्रम को आगे बढ़ाते हुए जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के डा. गंगा सहाय मीणा ने आदिवासी विमर्श पर अपनी बात रखी। उन्होंने अपनी बात रखते हुए कहा कि हमें आज समझने की जरूरत है कि तमाम विमर्शों का उद्देश्य क्या है? हम आदिवासी साहित्य को कैसे समझें? आदिवासी साहित्य का मूल तत्व क्या है? उन्होंने कहा आदिवासी साहित्य से आदिवासी दर्शन को समझा जा सकता है? आदिवासी दर्शन तक पहुंचने के लिए आदिवासी साहित्य पढ़ने की जरूरत है। आदिवासी दर्शन समानता और बराबरी पर आधारित है। पूरखासाहित्य आदिवासी साहित्य का मूल तत्व है। हमारे साहित्य में जो

एक तय प्रतिमान है, हम उस तय प्रतिमान से आदिवासी साहित्य को नहीं समझ सकते। आदिवासी का मूल चिन्ता संस्कृति बचाने का है। आजाद भारत में आदिवासी साहित्य को खत्म करने की कोशिश की गई है। आदिवासियों की पहचान उनके भाषा और साहित्य में है। आज आदिवासी दर्शन खतरे में है। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि भारत में एक भी राज्य आदिवासियों को ध्यान में रख कर नहीं बनाया गया। आदिवासी समाज में पहले भेदभाव नहीं थे अब आने लगा है। आदिवासियों में भी संस्कृतिकरण का प्रभाव होने लगा है। अंत में अपनी बात खत्म करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि भाषा और संस्कृति को बचाने का सवाल आदिवासियों का मुख्य सवाल है।

दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के सह-प्राध्यापक डा. कवितेन्द्र इन्दु ने दलित विमर्श पर अपनी बात रखी। उन्होंने दलित विमर्श पर अपनी बात रखते हुए यह सवाल उठाया कि पुरानी चुनौतियां अभी बनी हुई है या खत्म हो गई है? दलित विमर्श और स्त्री विमर्श अब हाशिया का साहित्य नहीं रह गया है, यह मुख्य धारा का साहित्य बन गया है। उन्होंने सहानुभूति और स्वानुभूति के सवाल पर अपनी बात रखते हुए कहा कि एकता के लिए सहानुभूति और स्वानुभूति दोनों जरूरी है। अंत में अपनी बात खत्म करते हुए यह भी कहा कि विमर्शों पर संस्कृतिकरण का प्रभाव देखने को मिल रहा है।

प्रो. वीर भारत तलवार ने अपने अध्यक्षीय वक्तव्य में कहा कि अस्मिता मूलक विमर्श राजनीतिक सत्ता से जुड़ा हुआ है। प्रत्येक आन्दोलन की अपनी विशिष्टता होती है। अलग-अलग विमर्शों की समस्या भारतीय समाज की जटिलता है। जिसे हम नजरअंदाज नहीं कर सकते। अपना वर्चस्व कायम करने की परंपरा भारत में बहुत पुरानी रही है। अस्मिता मूलक विमर्शों में एकता होना एक ठोस सवाल है। यहां एक और सवाल यह है कि सांस्कृतिक चुनौतियां हैं क्या उन्होंने इसको समझाते हुए कहा कि राष्ट्रवाद का विमर्श भी एक विमर्श है। जो सभी विमर्शों से ऊपर है। स्त्रीत्व और पुरुषत्व के बिना मिले मनुष्य नहीं मिल सकता। अन्त में अपनी बात खत्म करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि विमर्शों के सामने यही सांस्कृतिक चुनौतियां हैं जिसे हमें समझने और एक होकर लड़ने की जरूरत है।

गोष्ठी के अन्त में जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के शोध छात्र जैनेन्द्र ने सभागार में उपस्थित समस्त वक्ताओं, अध्यापकों और श्रोताओं को धन्यवाद ज्ञापन करते हुए कहा कि गोष्ठी का आयोजन सार्थक और महत्वपूर्ण रहा।

रक्षा कुमारी झा,  
जे.एन.यू

### लिली रे साहित्य पर विचार गोष्ठी

भारतीय भाषा केन्द्र, जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय एवं सेंटर फॉर स्टडीज ऑफ ट्रेडिशन एण्ड सिस्टम्स द्वारा आयोजित विचार-गोष्ठी में सुविख्यात मैथिली कथाकार लिली रे की रचनाओं पर गहन चर्चा हुई। लिली रे के जीवन और साहित्य द्वारा यह जानना बहुत आसान होगा कि ज्ञान के लिए सदैव सांस्थारनिक शिक्षा अनिवार्य नहीं। प्रो. देवेन्द्र चौबे की अध्यक्षता और लिली रे साहित्य के सम्पादक डा. रामानंद झा "रमण", लिली रे के पौत्र जुबीन रे, प्रो. देवशंकर नवीन, प्रो मणीन्द्र नाथ ठाकुर, प्रो अखलाक आहन,



मैथिली-भोजपुरी अकादमी, दिल्ली के सदस्य डा. राजेश झा, प्रसिद्ध कथाकार डा. गंगेश गुंजन एवं तमिल विदुषी डा. डी. उमा देवी विद्वानों की गरिमामय उपस्थिति में लिली रे के साहित्य पर ऐतिहासिक एवं समाजशास्त्रीय दृष्टि से विचार हुआ। इस अवसर पर रेवोलुशन हाईवे के लेखक, सुपरिचित इतिहासकार और लिली रे के उपन्यास पटाक्षेप के नायक दिलीप सीमीयन ने भी अपने विचार रखे। लिली रे की पुस्तकों की प्रदर्शनी इस आयोजन एक रोचक किस्सा था। इस अवसर पर प्रो. मणीन्द्र नाथ ठाकुर ने घोषणा की कि कहानियों और कहानीकारों को बचा लें तो समाज और संस्कृति भी बच जाएगी, ज्ञान बच जाएगा। कार्यक्रम का संचालन डा. सविता एवं धन्यवाद ज्ञापन श्री अमित आनन्द ने किया।

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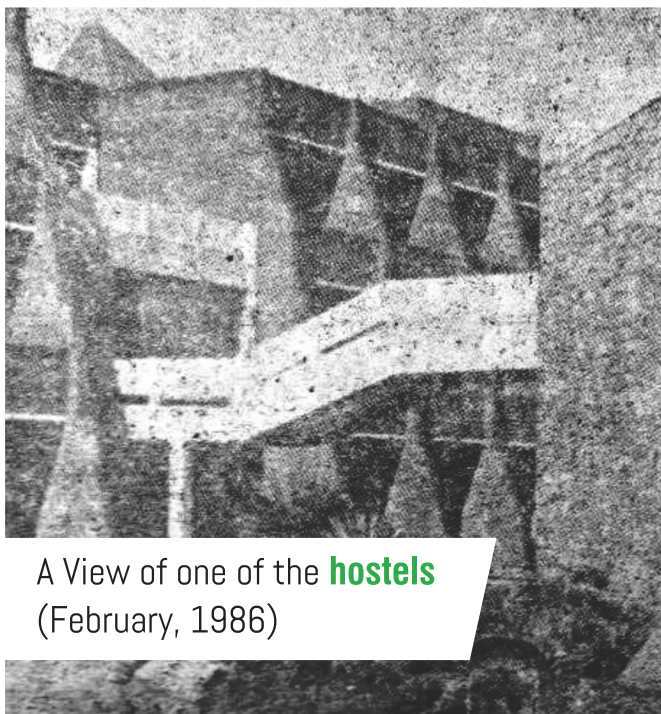
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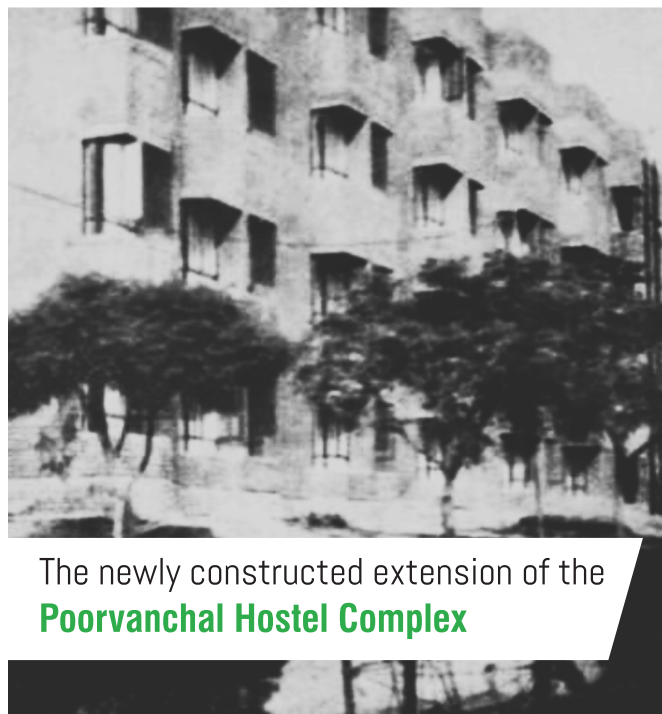
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One of the **JNU Hostel** in New Campus (February, 1986)



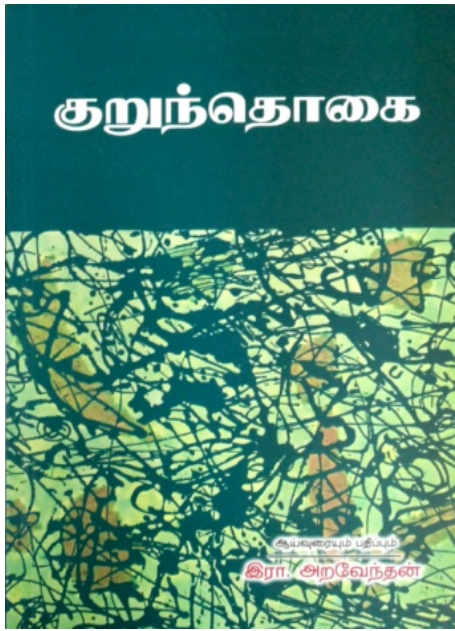
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The newly constructed extension of the **Poorvanchal Hostel Complex**



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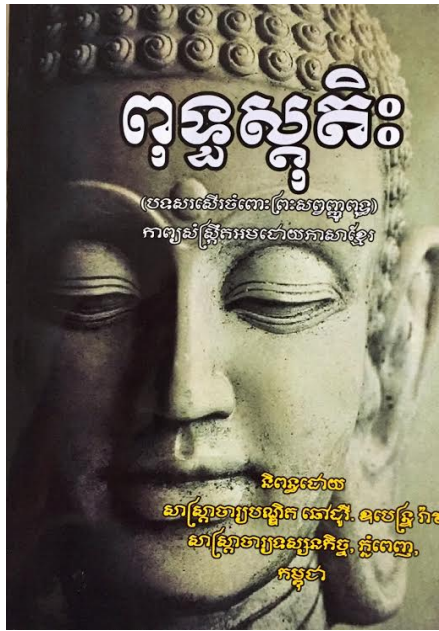


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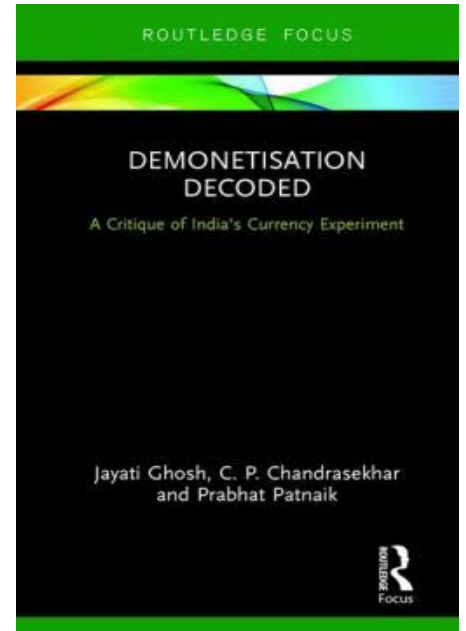


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## Alumni Corner



Interview with **Dr. Sujay Ghosh**, Associate Professor Political Science, Vidyasagar University West Bengal

### Mushtaq: How and when did your association start with JNU?

**Dr. Ghosh:** In July 1990, when I joined the CPS for MA.

When I visited the CPS, was thrilled to find so many big names – and they were so approachable!

### Mushtaq: How did JNU shape you and help you in your career?

**Dr. Ghosh:** I am what I am because of JNU: scientifically designed study-programmes and opportunities that reward the hard working people. When I moved to MPhil/PhD, I discovered the research opportunities: so many books and Journals ... not only do they facilitate studies, they also ignite dreams: "yes you can." My motivation to publish in international journals has roots in the library stacks of JNU.

### Mushtaq: What was your first impression about JNU?

**Dr. Ghosh:** Grand architecture washed by light monsoon, splendid natural beauty (then I had written back home that peacocks roam here to and fro) and of course, cheap canteens.

### **Mushtaq: How do you see the role of JNU in nation building?**

**Dr. Ghosh:** Yes, some people go for serious social engineering, but for most of us, across political spectrum (even the “apolitical” ones), are from career-seeking, consumerist middle class or aspiring middle class backgrounds, wish to gain JNU education for greener pastures such as prestigious and high-paying jobs at home or abroad. Still, since JNU offers quality education, it overall builds a good fund of human capital, although there are some bad examples too. Moreover, the inclusive socio-political climate in JNU, various programmes and opportunities themselves create a healthy human ambience.

### **Mushtaq: How do you see JNU has changed over the years?**

**Dr. Ghosh:** Very difficult to say from a distance – much of contemporary JNU life is known to me through Facebook, which is not necessarily an accurate indicator. After the 2016 experience, for the first time I saw JNU grabbing news headlines in the national media for so many days. Still, with my limited understanding, I fear that identity-politics has cemented in JNU over the last few years. I remember students’ elections – which were of great educative value, were suspended in JNU for many years. After it was restored, I hoped various competing students would find some “touchstones” – create some points of meeting, consensus and common cause. Apparently, that did not happen – hence we had to witness the demonization of JNU in early 2016, and the subsequent rise of polarized identity politics.

### **Mushtaq: Any personal experience of JNU you wish to share?**

**Dr. Ghosh:** It is doubtful whether JNU influences national politics, but JNU is certainly influenced by national politics. Identity politics in JNU was taking shape from our times: when I joined JNU in 1990, Mandal Commission recommendations were put into action. Then in 1992, Babri Masjid was demolished. Still,

the social relations among the students were not much embittered by political cleavages. In one of my friends’ group, we were three: one of them from the Muslim community, the other friend was an ABVP supporter. They debated on every issue, yet also shared food from the same plate and since both were from UP, visited one another’s place as well. The friendship continues even today.

### **Mushtaq: You have created the Facebook group for Periyar Hostel Alumni and have connected more than 500 former residents of the hostel to the group. How did the idea of the group come to your mind and how is this group doing on Facebook?**

**Dr. Ghosh:** After joining FB, I was reconnected with many friends & acquaintances. I saw many photos of Periyar Hostel from their collections. An idea came to me: why not regroup them into one place. Periyar was also my home, so many memories, dreams and what not. Every time I visit JNU, I try to visit Periyar and meet people. During our times, we Periyarites were proud of our quality of food and community feelings. I remember, for some days, we had to dine in Kaveri Hostel: there we were vocal in complaining the quality of food. Also, the polemics between Periyar and Kaveri were great attractions. Sorry, no prize for the correct guessing on who was the winner!

### **Mushtaq: Any message you would like to give to the JNU community today?**

**Dr. Ghosh:** I have no such advice, but I am sure they will get plenty of sources, as many of the old JNU-ites are highly successful in many fields. Keep in touch with them. However, I think a bottomline applies to everybody who wants a healthy and successful career: be professional, but also be humane; have some principles which cannot be compromised with under any circumstances. If you want to achieve success, earn it in hard, painstaking ways, not by depriving or harming others.

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# Obituary



## **Prof. P.N. Srivastava has left us for his heavenly abode on Sunday, 18 June, 2017**

He served as the fifth Vice-Chancellor of JNU from 5 March, 1983 to 30 April, 1987. During his tenure, the University witnessed the change in admission policies and started the centralized entrance examination process. As an eminent Life Scientist, he was one of the key architects of the National Policy on Education. He also was the main proponent of the concept of autonomous colleges. Later, he became a Member of Planning Commission, Govt. of India and also served as the President of the Indian Science Congress Association.

He was a great teacher and researcher in the field of Radiation Biology.

## **Career**

Lecturer, University of Allahabad (1951-1961); Reader (1961-1966), Professor (1966-1975), University of Rajasthan, Jaipur; Professor, School of Life Sciences, JNU, since 1975; Dean, SLS (1975-77), Emeritus Professor, SLS, JNU till 18th August, 2017; Rector, JNU (1977-79, 1981-82), Vice-Chancellor, JNU, 1983-1987; Member, Planning Commission, Govt. Of India, 1987-1990; Visiting Professor, Kyoto University, Japan, September-December 1975; Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA, Jan-June 1979; Pasteur Institute, Kyoto (1986, 1994); Institute of Nuclear Medicine Julich (Germany), September - December 1993; Post Doctoral Fellow and Research Associate; Dalhousie University Canada (1957-1959); 1959-1961, Yale University, USA; Visiting Scientist in U.K., Italy, Germany and Japan; First Chancellor of Manipur Central University 2006-2011.

He had been (1) President of the Biological Sciences, National Academy of Sciences, (2) President of the Section of Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries of the Indian Sciences Congress (3) President of the International Council of Scientific Development, Heidelberg, Germany (4) President of the Society of Scientific values (5) President of the Indian Society of Development Biology, (6) Founder President of the Indian Society of Radiation Biology (7) General President of the Indian Science Congress and (8) Chairman of the Advisory Council, Science Olympiad Foundation, (9) Chairman, Board of Governors, Vallabhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi.

## **Awards and Honours**

The numerous award that he received include (1) Aryabhata Medal of the Indian National Science Academy (2) Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) Award, (3) J.C. Bose Award of the UGC, (4) Atma Ram Award of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (5) Goyal Foundation Award (6) Institute of Oriental Philosophy, Japan Gold Medal (7) Medal of the Japanese National Academy of Medical Sciences (8) Award of Highest honour from Soka International University, Tokyo (9) Sir Ashustosh Mookerjee Award of the Indian Science Congress (10) Jawaharlal Nehru birth International award

He has been elected as Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Sciences (FNA) Indian National Sciences Academy (FNASc), National Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS) as well as Royal Microscopical Society (FRMS), UK, Linnean Society (FLS) UK and Foreign Member, New York, Academy of Sciences (by invitation) (USA).

The teachers, staff and students of this School expressed their sense of shock and grief at the sad demise of Prof. P.N. Srivastava.

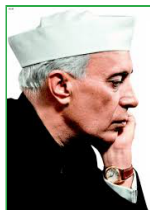
The School of Life Sciences fraternity conveys its heart-felt condolences to the bereaved family. May the Almighty give strength to all the members of the family to bear the loss and may his soul rest in peace.

A condolence meeting of Teachers, Staff and students was held on 21st June 2017 in the School of Life Sciences, to pay homage to the departed soul. Prof. Sudhir K. Sopory, former Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Asis Datta, former Vice-Chancellor expressed their last respect and condolences to late Prof. Srivastava.

***We extend our condolences to the bereaved family.***



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