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**Women in Indian Knowledge Tradition:
Philosophy, Spirituality, Nature and Culture**

February 8-10, 2017
Venue: New Seminar Room



Day 1: 8th February 2017

Session 1- Inaugural
10:30 am -12:00 noon

Invocation : *Sangeetika*
(Indian Music Society, KNC)
Lighting of Lamp
Introduction of the Topic: Dr. Geetesh Nirban
(Convener)
Welcome Address: Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni
(Principal, KNC)
Felicitation of Guests: Dr. Manju Pandit
(Incharge, Dept. of Philosophy, KNC)
Address by Chief Guest: Dr. Kavita A. Sharma
(President, South Asian University)
Key Note Address: Dr. S. R. Bhatt
(Chairman, ICPR)
Address by Advisor: Dr. Balaganapathi Devarakonda
(Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, DU)
Vote of Thanks: Convener

High Tea
12:00 noon-12:30 pm

Session 2
12:30 pm-2:00 pm

Chair:
Dr. Ranjan Ghosh, Former Director, ICPR

Speakers:
Dr. Vibha Chaturvedi, Professor and Head,
Dept. of Philosophy, University of Delhi
*Women, Agency and Freedom: Two Women Characters
from Mahābhārata*

Dr. Kanchana Mahadevan, Professor and Head,
Dept. of Philosophy, University of Mumbai
*A Feminist Hermeneutics of Tradition: Revisiting the
Mahābhārata*

Lunch
2:00 pm- 2:45 pm

Session 3
2:45 pm- 4:15 pm

Chair:
Dr. Shugan Jain, Chairman,
International School for Jaina Studies

Speakers:
Dr. Manisha Sethi, Associate Professor,
Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and
Civilizations, Jamia Millia Islamia
Gendering Moksha: The Case of Jain Women Renouncers

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Dr. Kamala Jain, Associate Professor,
Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi
*A Symbol of Redefined Spirituality: Acharya Shri
Chandana Ji*

Session 4
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

Chair:
Dr. Balaganapathi Devarakonda
Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Delhi

Speakers:
Ms. Shruti Appalla and Ms. Meghna Jalan, KNC
*Intersection of Spirituality and Compassion: Insights
Through the Work of Maa Amritanandmayi*

Ms. Charu Pragya, KNC
*The Trials of Femininity: A Contextual Reading of
Women in Buddhist Thought Tradition of Ancient India*

Ms. Shubhangani Jain and Ms. Siddhi Shailendra, KNC
Vālmiki's Sītā: A Contemporary Feminist Approach

Day 2: 9th February 2017

Session 5 - Plenary Address
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Speaker:
Dr. Bina Gupta
Curators' Distinguished Professor Emerita, Department of
Philosophy, University of Missouri.
Affiliated Faculty, South Asian Studies,
University of Pennsylvania.
*Gārgī and Maitreyī in the Brhadāranyaka Upaniṣad
(BU): Women and Philosophical Acumen in Ancient India*

Tea
11:00 am - 11:15 am

Session 6
11:15 am - 12:45 pm

Chair:
Dr. Bina Gupta

Speakers:
Dr. Kanchana Natarajan
Professor, Dept of Philosophy, University of Delhi
*An Indian Intellectual Tradition of Critique: Disputes and
Contentions Found in Tamil Kappiyam (Kāvya)
Nilakesi*

Day 2: 9th February 2017

Dr. Meera Baidur

Associate Professor, Centre for Philosophy and Humanities,
Manipal University

*Philosophy of Gender, Body, and Reproduction in Some
Pre-Modern Textual Traditions of India*

Lunch

12:45 pm - 1:30 pm

Session 7

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Chair:

Mr. Come Carpentier De Gourdon

Convener, Editorial Board,
World Affairs Journal

Speakers:

Dr. Rita Malhotra

Former Principal (Officiating)
Kamala Nehru College

Traversing Social Wilds through Art form of Poetry

Dr. Alan Johnson

Professor, Dept. of English and Philosophy,
Idaho State University

*Shadows of Enchantment in Indian Forest Fiction: Hansda
Souvendra Shekhar's 'The Mysterious Ailment of Rupi Baskey'*

Tea

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Session 8

3:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Chair:

Dr. Kanchana Mahadevan

Professor and Head,
Dept. of Philosophy, University of Mumbai

Speaker:

Dr. Daniel Raveh

Professor,

Dept. of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University

*Silence or Silencing? From Gārgī Vācakanvī to
Mahasweta Devi*

Day 3: 10th February 2017

Session 9

10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Chair:

Dr. H.S. Prasad

Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Delhi

Speakers:

Dr. Sampadananda Mishra

Director, Sri Aurobindo Foundation for Indian Culture (SAFIC),
Puducherry

Mahāvīdyās: Cosmic Powers of the Divine Mother

Dr. Bharti Puri, Associate Professor,

IIT-Delhi

Women in Buddhism

Tea

12:00 noon - 12:15 pm

Session 10

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm

Chair:

Dr. Minoti Chatterjee, Former Principal,

Kamala Nehru College

Speakers:

Dr. Amita Singh, Professor and Chair,

Centre for the Study of Law and Governance,
Jawaharlal Nehru University

Search for the Woman Sufi Saint 'Baba Jaan'

Dr. Rizwan Quiser, Professor and Head,

Dept of History, Jamia Milia Islamia

(Re)Searching Woman's Space in Sufism and Sufic Practices

Lunch

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm

Session 11: Valedictory

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Guest:

Dr. Shashi Prabha Kumar, Founder Vice Chancellor,
Sanchi University for Buddhist-Indic Studies, Madhya Pradesh.
Professor and Former Chair, Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University.

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3:30 pm

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