

Seminar, Book Discussions, Meet the Author
(1st February, 2013 – 18th December, 2013)

A book on the renowned Indian Physicist, **Dr. Kariamanikkam Srinivasa Krishan: His Life and Work** authored by D C V Mallik and S C Chatterjee. Hyderabad: Universities Press, 2012 was taken up for discussion under the Chairmanship of Prof. Govind Swarup, Renowned Radio Astronomer along with Dr. D.C. V. Mallik, Indian Institute of Astrophysics and Shri V. R. Triruvady, Former Director, John Brown Engg. India on 6th February, 2013. The discussion was on the meticulously documented account of Krishnan's life and his scientific work.

The discussion on the book **“The Indian Ideology”** by Perry Anderson. Gurgaon: Three Essays, 2012 which suggests that the roots of the current ills of the Republic go much deeper, historically, was Chaired by Prof. Paul R. Brass, University of Washington, Seattle along with Prof. Mushirul Hasan, DG, National Archives of India, Prof. Rajeev Bhargava, Director, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies and Prof. Kamal A. Mitra Chenoy, Centre for Comparative Politics & Political Theory on 25th February, 2013.

The book **“My Frozen Turbulence in Kashmir. Tenth Edition (Updated to July, 2012)”** by Jagmohan. New Delhi: Allied Publishers, 2012 was discussed on 7th March, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Vice Adm K. K. Nayyar, Chairman, National Maritime Foundation along with Ambassador K. C. Singh, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, GOI, Shri K. P. Singh, Former Director, IB and Shri Rahul Pandita, Associate Editor, Open Media Network

“India's Foreign Policy: Coping with the Changing World” authored by Muchkund Dubey. Pearson: Noida, 2013 was discussed on 22nd March, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Natwar Singh, Former Minister of External Affairs along with Shri Salman Haider, Former Foreign Secretary, GOI, Shri B. G. Verghese, Eminent Journalist & Writer and Prof. Mahendra P. Lama, JNU

A discussion on **“Indraprastha: the Quest for Women's Education in Delhi”** edited by Narain Prasad and Subhadra Sen Gupta. Delhi: Delhi Book Co, 2012 was held on 11th April, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Prof Aparna Basu, All India Women's Conferences along with Dr Kavita Sharma, Director, IIC and Dr. Swapna Liddle, Co-Convenor, INTACH, Delhi Chapter. The discussion was around the role and contribution of first ever educational institution for women in the Independence struggle of India.

Under the Chairmanship of Prof. Mohan Maharashi, Theatre Director along with Prof. Tripurari Sharma, National School of Drama, Dr. Neelam Mansingh Chowdhry, Director, The Company (a theatre troupe based in Chandigarh) and Shri. Rudraprasad Sengupta, Director, Nandikar, Kolkata, the book **“Contemporary Theatre of India: an Overview”** edited by Chaman Ahuja. New Delhi: National Book Trust, 2012 was discussed in collaboration with National Book Trust (India) on 25th April, 2013.

A discussion on **“Relevance of Ambedkar” based on the 3 volume book entitled “Ambedkar Speaks”** edited by Prof Narendra Jadhav. New Delhi: Konark Publisher, 2013. was held on 10th May, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri Soli J. Sorabjee, former Attorney-General of India (Chair) and President IIC along with Justice V. S. Sirpurkar, Retd.

Judge, Supreme Court of India, Shri H. K. Dua, M.P. Rajya Sabha and Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development

“Kashmir: the Unwritten History” by Christopher Snedden. Noida, HarperCollins, 2013 was discussed on 10th July, 2013. The Chairperson was and eminent Journalist & writer Shri B. G. Verghese. The other panelists are Prof. Satish Kumar, JNU; Shri Sushant Sareen, IDSA and Shri Harish Khare, former Media Advisor of the PM.

“Feeding Gods and Mortals”: a book discussion based on three books; 1. **Bhog: Temple Food of India** by Geeta Budhiraja and Arun Budiraja. New Delhi: Krishna Prena Charitable Trust, 2012. 2. **The Ultimate Army Cookbook: A Memsahib Cooks** by Kikky Sihota. New Delhi: Roli, 2013. 3. **Secrets from the Kitchen: fifty years of culinary experience at the India International Centre** compiled by Bhicco Manekshaw and Vijay Thukral. New Delhi: Niyogi Books, 2013 was held on 24th July, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Pushpesh Pant, Historian & food Critic. The other discussants are Shri Rahul Verma, The Hindu; Chef Manish Mahrotra, Indian Accent; and Ms. Maryam Reshi, Food Critic.

A discussion on the book entitled **“The Mirror of Beauty”** by Shamsur Rahman Faruqi. New Delhi: Penguin, 2013 was held on 7th August, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashok Vajpeyi, Renowned Poet, Essayist, Literary-Cultural Critic. The other discussants are Dr. Baran Faruqi, Jamia Millia Islamia; Prof. Shamim Hanfi, Renowned poet, Dramatist & Critic and Shri Avinash Das, Journalist.

Book discussion on the collective three Books entitled; 1. **An India for Everyone: a path to Inclusive Development** by Amarjeet Sinha. Noida, HarperCollins, 2013. 2. **Higher Education in India: in Search of Equality, Quality and Quantity** edited by Jandhyala B. G. Tilak. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2013. 3. **Beyond Inclusion: the Practice of Equal Access in Indian Higher Education** edited by Satish Deshpande and Usha Zacharias. New Delhi: Routledge, 2013 was discussed on 21st August, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Member, Planning Commission. Prof. Sukhdeo Thorat, former Chairman, UGC, Mrs. Pramila Balasundaram, Founder-Director SAMADHAN, Centre for Human Resources, Prof. Vimala Ramachandran, NUEPA and Ms. Manisha Priyam, Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.

Book discussion on the book entitled **“In the Company of a Poet: Gulzar in Conversation with Nasreen Munni Kabir**. New Delhi: Rupa, 2012 was held on 5th September, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri. Pavan K Varma, Retd. IFS. The other panelists are Prof. Salil Misra, Dean, Ambedkar University; Shri Suresh Kohli, Literary Critic; Prof. Pervaiz Alam, Appejay Stya University and Ms. Rakshanda Jalil, Writer

The book entitled **“At Work in the Informal Economy of India: a Perspective from the Bottom Up”** by Jan Breman. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013 was discussed on 24th September, 2013. The other panelists are Prof. Ashoke Chatterjee, Former Director, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad; Dr. Maureen Liebl, Handicraft Consultant; and Ms. Ritu Sethi, Craft Revival Trust.

Book discussion on collective three books entitled; 1. **The third dimension: air power in combating the maoist insurgency** by A. K. Agarwal. New Delhi: Vij Books, 2013. 2. **Let’s call him Vasu with the Maoists in Chhattisgarh** by Shubharanshu Choudhary. New Delhi:

Penguin, 2012. **3. Centre for Policy and Research. Occasional Paper no. 21. Consultation on the Fifth Schedule and Tribal rights.** New Delhi: Centre for Policy and Research, 2013 was discussed on 9th October, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri B. G. Verghese, Senior Journalist. The other discussants are Shri Kapil Kak, Former Air Vice Marshall, Shri G. K. Pillai, Former Home Secretary of India and Shri E. N. Rammohan, Former Director-General, BSF.

Book Discussion on **Ramchandra Gandhi: The Man and his Philosophy** by A. Raghuramaraju (New Delhi: Routledge, 2013) was held on 5th November, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Seyed E. Hasnain, IIT, New Delhi. The other discussants are Prof. Mrinal Miri, MP (Rajya Sabha) & NEHU, Shillong; Prof. Suresh Sharma, CSDS, New Delhi; and Dr. Devasia M. Antony, Hindu College.

The book entitled “**The Past Before us: Historical Traditions in Early North India**” by Romila Thapar. New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2013 was discussed on 5th December, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Uday Kumar, Deptt. of English, DU. The other panelists was Prof. Kesavan Veluthat, Deptt. of History, DU; Prof. Najaf Haider, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU and Prof. Kumkum Roy, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU

Collective two books entitled **1. Fruiting Trees of IIC** by V. Ramachandran. New Delhi: Aravali Books, 2012 and **2. Trees of IIC** by Samar Singh. New Delhi: India International Centre, 2008 were discussed on 18th December, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Prof. H. Y. Mohan Ram, Senior Scientist alongwith Shri Suhas Borker, Editor & Executive Director, CFTV News; Dr. P. Chitrlekha, Dayal Singh College and Dr. R. S. Sharma, Deptt. of Environmental Studies, Delhi University as a panelists.

Meet the Author:

Meet the Author Programme was held on 22nd May, 2013 with the introduction of Ashis Nandy, author of the book “**Ashis Nandy and the Cultural Politics of Selfhood**” by Christine Deftereos (New Delhi: Sage, 2013). The Panelists as discussants are Shri Ashok Vajpeyi, Former Chairman, Lalit Kala Academy, Dr. Aditya Nigam, CSDS, Dr. V. Sujatha, Centre for the Study of Social System, JNU, Dr. Alok Sarin, Psychiatry, Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science & Research had discussed the subject of the book in the presence of the author Christine Defteros. The programme was chaired by Prof. T. N. Madan, Institute of Economic Growth.

The book entitled “**Dharma and Ecology of Hindu Communities: Sustenance and Sustainability**” by Pankaj Jain. Surrey, Ashgate, 2011 was discussed on 26th June, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Bharat Gupt, International Forum for India’s Heritage. The other panelists are Prof. Servchetan Katoch, Deptt. of English, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Delhi University and Dr. Sudhirendar Sharma, Environmentalist.

