

Seminar, Book Discussions, Meet the Author
(1st February, 2014 – 31st December, 2014)

- a. The book “New Urdu Writings: from India and Pakistan” by Rakhshanda Jalil. New Delhi: Tranquebar Press, 2013 was discussed on 10th February, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ali Javed, Dept. of Urdu, Delhi University and the discussants were Dr. Tarun K. Saint. Dept. of English, Hindu College; Dr. Saif Mahmood, Lawyer, Supreme Court; Prof. Subodh Lal, Poet, Author, Theatre Person.
- b. The book entitled “Gupta, Dipankar. Revolution from Above: India’s Future and the Citizen Elite” by Dipankar Gupta. New Delhi: Rupa, 2013 was discussed on 28th February, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Madhavan K. Palat, Historian. The discussants were Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka, Centre for the Study of Social Sciences, JNU; Prof. Praful Bidwai, Senior Journalist and Mr. Roshan Seth, Theatre, Film and Mass Media.
- c. The book “Catch Up: Developing countries in the World Economy” by Deepak Nayyar. Oxford: OUP, 2013 was discussed on 12th March, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bimal Jalan. Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India. The discussants were Mr. Prem Shankar Jha, Newspaper Editor, Author and Columnist; Dr. Sanjaya Baru, Centre for Policy Research; and Prof. Neera Chandhoke, National Fellow, ICCR.
- d. The book “Teasing Questions: Exploring Disconnects in Contemporary India” by M. Hamid Ansari. New Delhi: Niyogi, 2014 was discussed on 26th March, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Shri B. G. Verghese, Eminent Journalist & Writer. The discussants were Shri Vinod Mehta, Chief Editor, Outlook; Dr. George Mathews, Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, Amb. Satish Chandra, Dean, Centre for National Security & Strategies Studies.
- e. The book entitled “Gandhi Before India” by Ramchandra Guha. New Delhi: Penguin, 2013 was discussed on 28th April, 2014. Prof. Aparna Basu, All India Women’s Conference Chaired the discussion with the discussants Dr. Partho Datta, Zakir Hussain College; Dr. Rahul Ramagundam. School of Dalit Studies. Jamia Millia Islamia; and Dr. Kingshuk Chatterjee, Shiv Nadar University.
- f. The book entitled “Dominant Finance and Stagnant Economies” by Sunanda Sen. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2014 was discussed on 12th May, 2014. Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development Chaired the programme with the discussants namely; Prof. C. P. Chandrasekhar, JNU; Dr. Aseem Srivastava, Environmental Economist; and Shri Paranjyot Guha Thakurta, Journalist.
- g. The book “The Life and Times of Charlie Chaplin” by Nandini Saraf. New Delhi: Ocean Books, 2013 was discussed on 28th May, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Ms. Aruna Vasudev, Editor-in Chief, Cinemaya. The discussants were Ms. Kumkum Khanna; Mr. Deepak Majumdar and Mr. Arun Anand

- h.** Book entitled “An Undocumented Wonder: The Making of the Great Indian Election” by S. Y. Quraishi. New Delhi: Rupa, 2014 was discussed on 9th June, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Subhash Kashyap, former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha. The discussants were Prof. Pushpesh Pant, noted Indian Academic; Shri Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Journalist; and Ms. Seema Chishti, Journalist
- i.** The book “Accidental India: a History of the Nation’s Passage through Crisis and Change” by Shankkar Aiyar. New Delhi: Rupa, 2012 was discussed on 27th June, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador G Parthasarthy, former High Commissioner to Pakistan. The panel consists of Dr. Subir Gokarn, former Deputy Governor of RBI now with Brookings Institute; Dr. Indira Rajaraman, former member Finance Commission; Shri Naresh Chandra, former Cabinet Secretary and Ambassador and Shri Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, New Indian Express Group.
- j.** The book “A Southern Music: The Karnatik Story” by T. M. Krishna. New Delhi: HarperCollins, 2013 was discussed on 4th July, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhaskar Ghosh, former Secretary. I& B and Culture, GOI alongwith other discussants Shri Ramaswamy Iyer former Secretary Water Resources, GOI; Shri Ashok Vajpeyi, Poet, Essayist, Literary-Cultural Critic, and Mrs. Vidya Shah, Musician.
- k.** The book “Srinagar: an Architectural Legacy” by Feisal Alkazi. New Delhi: Roli Books, 2014 was discussed on 30th July, 2014. Dr. Karan Singh Chaired the programme alongwith the discussants Randeep Singh Nandal, Journalist; Jagan Shah, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs; Raheel Khursheed, Head of News, Politics & Govt. TwitterIndia.
- l.** The book entitled “Quintessential India” by B. G. Verghese. New Delhi: Tranquebar, 2014 was discussed on 13th August, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Nitin Desai, Indian Economist. The panelists were Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Ms. Shoma Chaudhury, Columnist & Writer.
- m.** The book entitled “Democracy and the Crisis of Inequality” by Zoya Hasan. Delhi: Primus Books, 2014 was discussed on 26th August, 2014. Dr. Sudha Pai, Rector & Professor Centre for Political Studies, JNU Chaired the Programme alongwith the discussants Prof. Achin Vanaik, Political Science Dept. DU; Prof. Peter Ronald DeSouza, Senior Fellow, CSDS; and Shri Harsh Mander, Social Worker & Writer.
- n.** The book entitled “India through American Eyes: 100 Years Ago” by Pran Nevile. Delhi: Primus Books was discussed on 10th September, 2014. Dr. Karan Singh, MP Chaired the programme. The discussants were Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Indian Diplomat; Dr. H. K. Kaul, Director, Developing Library Network; and Ms. Humra Quraishi, Freelance reporter & Columnist.
- o.** The book “Aequabilis: fairness, equity and justice- a study of select judgments of justice” by Jai Anant Dehadrai. Nagpur: Air Law Academy & Research Centre, 2014 was discussed on 17th September, 2014. The discussants of the

programme were Mr. Colin Gonsalves, Sr. Advocate & Director Human rights Law Network; Ambassador Lakhan Mehrotra, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs; and Ms. Sunita Narain, Director, CSE

- p. The book entitled “Your History Gets in the Way of my memory: Essays on Indian Artists” by Geeti Sen. Noida: HarperCollins, 2012 will be discussed on 27th October, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Karan Singh, MP with other discussants Ambassador Jayant Prasad, former Ambassador of India to Nepal; Mr. Suneet Chopra, Writer and Critic; and Mr. Ranbir Kaleka, Artist and Academician.
- q. The combined discussion for the two books on Khushwant Singh namely; 1. “Khushwant Singh: Unforgettable Fiction, non-Fiction, Poetry & Humour” by David Davidar & Mala Dayal. New Delhi: Rupa Publications, 2014 and 2. “Khushwant Singh: the legend lives on...” by Rahul Singh. New Delhi: Hay House, 2014 was discussed on 10th November, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Shri Soli J. Sorabjee. The other discussants were Prof. Mushirul Hasan, Ms. Suneet Mani Iyer; Ms. Patricia Montalto, Duchess of Fragnito; and Prof. Harish Trivedi, Delhi University.
- r. The book entitled “The System View of Life” by Fritjof Capra and Pier Luigi Luisi. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014 was discussed on 26th November, 2014. Discussants were Shri Arun Maira and Dr. Vandana Shiva alongwith the PowerPoint Presentation made by the author Prof. Pier Luigi Luisi.
- s. The book: Gandhi: A Spiritual Biography by Arvind Sharma. Gurgaon: Hachette, 2013 was discussed on 8th December, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bharat Gupt, Indian Classicist. The discussants were Shri Arun Shourie, Indian Journalist & Former Rajya Sahbha, MP; Shri Rajiv Vohra, Swaraj Peeth Trust.
- t. The book “Towards a Knowledge Society: new identities in Emerging India by Debal K. SinghRoy. Delhi: Cambridge University Press, 2014 was discussed on 22nd December, 2014. Professor Yogendra Singh, Emeritus Professor, JNU Chaired the programme alongwith the discussants Professor Amrit Srinivasan, IIT Delhi; Professor George Mathews, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi; Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhari, JNU and Prof. Abhijit Dasgupta, Professor of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, DU.