

Seminar, Book Discussions, Meet the Author
(1st January, 2015 – 31st December, 2015)

- a. The book entitled “Resistance, Freedom and Empowerment: the Ethiopian Women’s Struggle by Gennet Zewide. New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2014 was discussed on 13th January, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Rajen Harshe, Dept. of International Relations, South Asian University alongwith the discussants Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, President, South Asian University; and Dr. Nina Dey-Gupta, Former Lecturer at University of Delhi.
- b. The book entitled “Baby Makers: A History of Indian Surrogacy”. Noida: HarperCollins, 2014 was discussed on 27th January, 2015. Ms. Karthika, Publisher and Chief Editor, HarperCollins Chaired the program alongwith the panelists Dr. Ruma Satwik, Associate Consultant, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital; Dr. Supriya Bezbaruah, Communications Officer, Communicable Diseases, Department of World Health Organization; and Ms. Gita Aravamudan, Author and Journalist.
- c. The book “Nehru and Bose: Parallel Lives: New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2014 was discussed on 12th February, 2015 under the chairmanship of Prof. Madhavan K. Palat, Historian alongwith other discussants Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, President, South Asian University, New Delhi; Dr. Indivar Kamtekar, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU; Dr. Partho Datta, Zakir Hussain College, New Delhi; and Shri Swapan Dasgupta, Senior Journalist.
- d. The book “Talking of Justice: People’s Rights in Modern India” New Delhi: Aleph Book Company, 2014 was discussed on 25th February, 2015. Prof. Dipankar Gupta, Shiv Nadar University & director, Centre for Public Affairs and Critical Theory Chaired the programme. The discussants were Indira Jaisingh, Lawyer; and Shri David Davidar, Indian Novelist and Publisher.
- e. The book “Getting India Back on Track: and Action Agenda for Reform” Gurgaon: Random House, 2014 was discussed on 11th March, 2015 under the Chairmanship Dr. Subramaniam Swamy alongwith the discussants Dr. Rathin Roy, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy; Dr. Surajit Mitra, Director, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade; Shri Sunil Jain, Managing Editor, Financial Express.
- f. Meet the Author Programme for Dr. Rakshanda Jalil was organized on 25th March, 2015 based on her three books namely;
 1. Jalil, Rakshanda. A Rebel and Her Cause: the Life and work of Rashid Jahan. Women Unlimited, 2014.
 2. Jalil, Rakshanda. Liking Progress, Loving Change: A Literary history of the Progressive Writers’ Movement in Urdu. New Delhi: OUP, 2014.

3. Jalil, Rakhshanda, tr. Intizar Husain. The Death of Sheherzad. New Delhi: HaperCollins, 2014.

Prof. Salil Misra, Ambedkar University Chaired the programme alongwith the discussants Ms. Ritu Menon, Feminist, Writer and Publisher; and Prof. Pushpesh Pant, noted Indian Academician.

g. Book discussion was organized on 8th April, 2015 collectively for the following two books;

1. Rao, U.R. India's Rise as a Space Power. New Delhi: Foundation Books, 2014

2. Bagla, Pallava & Subhadra Menon. Reaching for the Stars: India's Journey to Mars and Beyond. New Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2014.

Dr. Shailesh Nayak, Secretary, Department of Earth Sciences chaired the programme alongwith the discussants Prof. Yashpal, Former Chairman, UGC; Cmde. C. Uday Bhaskar, JNU, Senior Research Fellow, National Maritime Foundation; and Dr. Ajay Lele, IDSA

h. The book “Tagore and the Feminine: A Journey in Translations” by Malashri Lall. New Delhi: Sage, 2015 was discussed on 24th April, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Indra Nath Choudhuri, Former Member Secretary and Academic Director of IGNSA, held Chair of Tagore Studies at Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland. The discussants were Prof. Alok Bhalla, Dept. of English, CIEFL, Hyderabad. (retd.), Visiting Professor of English at Jamia Islamia and Ambedkar University, Delhi; Ms. Avereer Chaurey, Scholar, Theatre Professional and Artiste; Dr. Suchitra Gupta, Incharge of Cultural Council, DU.

i. The book “Applied Diplomacy: through the Prism of Mythology: Writings of T P Sreenivasan” by Divya S. Iyer. New Delhi: Wisdom Tree, 2014 was discussed on 6th May, 2015. Shri Suresh Prabhu, Railway Minister Chaired the programme alongwith the discussants Dr. Bibek Debroy; Amb B S Prakash; Amb. Kanwal Sibal; T P Sreenivasan; and Dr. Divya Iyer.

j. The book “Andaman and Nicobar Islands: India’s Untapped Strategic Assets” by Sanat Kaul. New Delhi: IDSA, 2015 was discussed on 27th May, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Raja Mohan, Head-Strategic Studies & Distinguished Fellow. The discussants were Admiral Premvir Das Retd. Commander-in Chief, Eastern Naval Command Mr. Jayadeva Ranade, President, Centre for China Analysis & Strategy Mr. Shakti Sinha, Director, South Asian Institute for Strategic Affairs. (32 people attended)

k. The book entitled “Architecture of the Buddhist World: the Golden Lands: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand & Vietnam. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia” by Vikram Lall. J F Publishing, 2014 was discussed on 12th June, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, Chairperson, IIC Asia Project. The discussants were Dr. Lokesh Chandra, President, Indian Council for Cultural

Relations; Dr. Subhash C. Malik, Retd. UGC Professor; Prof. Nalini Thakur, School of Planning and Architecture; and Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, Research & Information System for Developing Countries.

An exhibition on “Architecture of the Buddhist World: Southeast Asia” by Vikram Lall was also organized from 12th-18th June, 2015 at Foyer C D Deshmukh Auditorium.

- l.** The book “Islands: Short Stories” by Keki N. Daruwalla. New Delhi: Tranquebar Press, 2014 was discussed on 26th June, 2015. Prof. Alok Balla, Dept. of English, CIEFL, Hyderabad. (retd.), Visiting Professor of English at Jamia Islamia and Ambedkar University, Delhi chaired the programme. The discussants were Dr. Malashri Lal, Dean, Academic Activities & Project, Delhi University; Dr. Rakhshanda Jalil, Writer, Critic & Literary Historian and Shri Keki N. Daruwalla, Poet, Writer & Author of the book.
- m.** Meet the Author- Amitav Acharya was organized on 14th July, 2015. The book entitled “The End of American World Order” by Amitav Acharya. New Delhi: OUP, 2014 was discussed. Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development chaired the programme alongwith the discussants Amb. K. P. Fabian, former Diplomat & Foreign Policy Analyst; Prof. Satish Kumar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU; Prof. K P Vijayalakshmi, Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies School of International Studies, JNU.
- n.** The book entitled “Librarianship in Indian National Perspective” Subhash Biswas. Gyan Publishing, 2015 was discussed on 24th July, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Shri Jagmohan , Former Governor, J&K. The other discussants were Dr. Kalpanan Das Gupta, former Director, Central Secretariat Library and former Chairperson, Working Group on Libraries National Knowledge Commission; Dr. Gayas Makhdumi, University Librarian, Jamia Milia Islamia; and Dr. Usha Munshi, Librarian, IIPA.
- o.** The book “World Order: Reflections on the Character of Nations and the Course of History” Henry Kissinger. New Delhi: Allen Lane, Penguin, 2014 was discussed on 5th August, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Shri Shiv Shankar Menon, Former National Security Advisor to Manmohan Singh Government. The other discussants were Shri Bharat Wariawalla, Fellow, CSDS; Shri Shakti Sinha, Chairman, South Asian Institute for Strategic Affairs; and Ambassador Jayant Prasad, Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study of India and Former Ambassador of India to Nepal.
- p.** The book “Kapila Vatsyayan: a Cognitive Biography: afloat a lotus leaf by Jyoti Sabharwal. New Delhi: Stellar, 2015 was discussed on 19th August, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Shri N. N. Vohra, Hon’ble Governor of Jammu & Kashmir ; Dr. Harish Trivedi, Retd. Professor of English, DU; Shri Omchery N. N. Pillai, Honorary Director, Bhartiya Vidhya Bhawan; Amb. Krishnan Raghunath, former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to Russia, Philippines; Smt. Leela Venkataraman, Freelance Journalist-Dance Critic.

- q. The book “2014: the Election that Changed India” by Rajdeep Sardesai. Gurgaon: Penguin, 2014 was discussed on 21st August, 2015. Prof. Dipanker Gupta, Shiv Nadar University & Director, Centre for Public Affairs and Critical Theory Chaired the programme alongwith the discussants Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies; Shri Seshadri Chari, Noted Social Activist & Thinker and Ex-Editor, Organiser; and Shri Manish Tewari, Ex-Member of Parliament
- r. The book entitled “Out of Line: Cartoons, Caricature and Contemporary India” by Christel Rashmi Devadawson. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2014 was discussed on 9th September, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Sir William Mark Tully, Journalist. The discussants were Shri Vishwajyoti Ghosh, Graphic Novelist & Cartoonist; Shri Ajit Ninan, Political Cartoonist; Ms. Urvashi Butalia, Director, Zubaan – an imprint for Kali for Women.
- s. The book “Metaphors of the India Arts and Other Essays”. New Delhi: D. K. Printworld, 2014 was discussed on 28th September, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Prof. K. D. Tripathi, Hony. Coordinator, Kalakosha, IGNC, Varanas. The other discussants are Dr. Parul Pandya Dhar, Associate Professor, History of Art, DU; Dr. Naman P. Ahuja, Associate Professor, JNU; Dr. Shobita Punja, Eminent Art Historian; and Shri Vikram Lall, Architect, Educator, Author, and Patron of the Arts.
- t. The book entitled “The Outsourcer: The Story of India’s IT Revolution” by Dinesh C. Sharma was discussed on 15th October, 2015 under the chairmanship of Dr. Raj Chengappa, Group Editorial Director, India Today. The discussants were Shri AjaiChowdhry, Chairman-Board of Governors, IIT Patna and Founder Member of HCL Group of Companies; Shri VipinTyagi, Executive Director, Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT); Shri Mahesh Uppal, Director, Com First (India) Pvt Ltd.
- u. The book “Womentrepreneurs: Inspiring Stories od Success” . New delhi: Sage, 2015. Was discussed on 30th November, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Syeda Saiyidain Hameed, Former Member, Planning Commission. The other discussants were Prof. Sonu Goyal, Head of business Strategy, International Management Institute, New Delhi; Dr. Gautam Vohra, Environment Campaigner, Author and Founder/Chairman Development Research & Action Group; and Ms. Saroja Khanna, Journalist and Freelance Writer/editor.
- v. The book “A gypse in the World of Ideas” New Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2015 was discussed on 9th December, 2015. Professor Harbans Mukhia, Former Rector and retired Professor of the Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi Chaired the programme . the other discussants were Professor Alok Bhalla, Retired Professor, Department of English, English and Foreign Language University (EFLU), Hyderabad Professor Badri Narayan, Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion (CSDE) School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Dr. Shweta Singh, Assistant Professor , Department of International Relations Faculty of Social Sciences, South Asian University, New Delhi.

- w. The book “Beyond Music: Maestros in Conversation” Interviewers Geeta Sahai and Shrinkhla Sahai. New Dlehi: Niyogi Books, 2015 was discussed on 21st December, 2015. The programme was Chaired by Shri Ashok Vajpayee, Poet, Essayist, Literary-Cultural critic. The other discussants were Smt. Manjiri Sinha, Music critic; Ms. Vidushi Shanti Hiranand, Vocalist; and Prof. Partho Datta, Delhi University