

# IIAS Academic Activities in Brief (Jan.-June 2022)

## 1. Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture

The 8<sup>th</sup> Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture of the Institute was jointly organized by the IIAS, Shimla and Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi (IGNOU) on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU, New Delhi. It was delivered by *Padam Vibhushan* Dr. Sonal Mansingh, a well-known dance-Guru, and Hon'ble Member of Parliament, the Rajya Sabha. She spoke on "*The Many Faces of Woman: Ashta-Naayika & Tagore*".

## 2. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture

The 24<sup>th</sup> Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture on 'Constitutional Fraternity in the working of our constitution' was delivered by Justice P.S. Narasimha, Hon'ble Judge Supreme Court of India at the Institute on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Prof. Shashi Prabha Kumar, Chairperson, IIAS Governing Body, introduced the Speaker. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Director I/c, IIAS & Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU delivered the welcome address.

3. A national seminar on "*State Politics in India*" was organized at the IIAS during 4-5 July, 2022. Prof. Himanshu Roy, University of Delhi was the convener of the seminar. The keynote address was delivered by Shri Uday Mahurkar, Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, Government of India, New Delhi. The participants in the seminar were Prof. Mahendra P. Singh (Rtd, Delhi University); Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta (Rtd. Himachal University, and former officiating Director, IIAS); Prof. Amit Dholakia, The M S University of Baroda, Vadodara; Prof. Pampa Mukherjee, Punjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. Vinny Jain, St. John's College, Agra; Prof. Ashutosh Kumar, Punjab University, Chandigarh; Prof. Rekha Chowdhary (Rtd.), University of Jammu; Prof. Rekha Saxena, Delhi University; Dr. Krishna Murari, Shaheed Bhagat Singh

College, New Delhi; Dr. Samundra Gupta Kashyap, State Information Commissioner, Assam; Prof. Arun Kanti Jana, North Bengal University, Siliguri; Prof. Gyanranjan Swain, Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur; Prof. Mohan B. Pillai (Rtd), Pondicherry University; Prof. Satish Kumar, IGNOU, New Delhi.

4. A national conference on "*National Education Policy 2020: An Amalgamation of Tradition and Modernity*" was held, in blended mode, in collaboration with the Bhavan's Leelavati Munshi College of Education (BLMCE), New Delhi at Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi on 05<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Prof. ShashiPrabha Kumar, Chairperson, IIAS Governing Body, delivered the Inaugural Address. The keynote Address was delivered by Dr. C. K. Saluja, Director, Sanskrit Promotion Foundation, New Delhi.

5. A national art workshop on the theme 'Freedom' was convened by Prof. Him Chatterjee, Department of Visual Arts, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla during 20-30 September 2022. Eight artists from different parts of the country participated in the workshop, including Mr. Ravinder Sharma, Chandigarh; Prof. Pranam Singh, BHU, Varanasi; Prof. V. Nagdas, Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, Chhattisgarh; Mr. Abbas Batliwala, Udaipur; Mr. Ajay Kumar Samir, Uttranchal; Prof. Ram Viranjan, Kurukshetra; Mr. M Rama Suresh, Tamil Nadu. Shri Prem Chand, Secretary, Additional Charge/Librarian, IIAS delivered the welcome address. Prof. Usha Bande, an eminent scholar from Shimla delivered a speech and concluding remarks at the end on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## WEEKLY SEMINARS BY FELLOWS

The Fellows of the Institute presented weekly seminars which are open to other scholars at the Institute, Associates of the Inter-University Centre and faculty of Himachal Pradesh University. These seminars relate to the themes

of the projects undertaken by the Fellows of the Institute. During the period July-Dec. 2022, the following seminars were given by the Fellows:

- Professor P.K. Choubey, Fellow “*Human Development – Concept and Index: Revisiting the Vision Reason from India Perspective*” (07<sup>th</sup> July 2022).
- Dr. Ramesh Waman Awalgaonkar, Fellow “*लीला चरित्रः शोध एवम् संपादन/Leela Charitra: Research and Editing*” (14<sup>th</sup> July 2022)
- Dr. Mahesh Champaklal, Tagore Fellow “*Revisiting Mahabharata through Bhasa, Tagore and Modern Playwritings...*” (21<sup>st</sup> July 2022)
- Professor Anand Kumar: *Jayasi's Padmawat* : (1) Translation (2) Essays on Padmawat and Jayasi (18 August 2022).
- Dr. Perna Chaturvedy: *राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ और मिडिया* (15 September 2022)
- Professor Ravinder Singh: *Relocating Punjabi Literary Tradition in its Geo-Cultural and Civilizational Context* (27 October 2022)
- Dr. Aziz Mahdi: *Common Roots of Heritage: A Research on Similarities present between Ramayan, Mahabharat and Shahnameh (of Ferdowsi)* (28 October 2022)
- Professor Chungkham Yashawanta Singh : *A History of Manipuri Language* (03 November 2022)
- Professor Harpal Singh: “*The Life and Legacy of Maharaja Ranjit Singh*” (03 November 2022)
- Professor (Dr.) Mandavi Singh: *कथक नृत्य परंपरा: वर्तमान परिदृश्य में परिवर्तन और चुनौतियाँ* (09 November 2022)
- Dr. Alok Kumar Gupta: *19<sup>वीं</sup> सदी के गुजराती और हिन्दी साहित्य में भारतीय चेतना* (10 November 2022)
- Professor Rajender Singh: *कौरवी लोक नाट्य का इतिहास (History of Kaurvi Folk Play)*, (01 December 2022)
- Dr. Alpana Trivedi Giri: *भौगोलिक दृष्टिकोण से महाभारत का विसंकेतन (Decoding of Mahabharat from Geographical Perspective)*, (08 December 2022)
- Dr. Jai Ram Singh: *Alexander Cunningham : His Conspiracy to belittle the Indian History, Culture and Civilization* (08 December 2022)
- Dr. Siddharth Satpathy: *Provincial Victorians: Narratives of Power, Contract and Capital in Colonial India*, (09 December 2022)
- Dr. Anju Sharma: *Women Empowerment Policies and Perspective Post 2014*, (15 December 2022)
- Dr. Nandji Rai: *कर्मनाशा घाटी का पुरातत्व एवं प्रचीन मार्ग (नृजातीय एवं ऐतिहासिक अध्ययन के विशेष सन्दर्भ में)* (15 December 2022)

### Visiting Scholars

1. **Dr. S. Ramanathan**, Former Director, School of Management Studies, Anna University, Coimbatore deliver a lecture on the “*National Poet Subramania*

*Bharati: Thinker ahead of times from Tamil Nadu*” (16<sup>th</sup> September, 2022)

2. **Dr. Koenraad Elst**, an eminent Indologist, delivered three talks at the institute per details given below:
  - (i) “**The Vedas as Influential Literary Achievement**” (on 11 Nov.2022)
  - (ii) “**Why Out of India Theory**” (14 Nov. 2022)
  - (iii) “**Problems of Secularism in India**” (15 Nov. 2022 )

### Guest Fellows

1. **Professor Sachidananda Mohanty**, Former Professor & Head, Department of English, Hyderabad University and former Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha delivered a lecture on: “*Colonial Gazetteers, Print Culture and the Making of a Provincial Identity*” (11<sup>th</sup> October, 2022).
2. Dr. Manorama Patri, Professor, Department of Zoology, Ravenshaw University Cuttack delivered a lecture on : “*An Overview of Faunal Diversity in IIAS Campus, Shimla, H.P. India*” (21<sup>st</sup> October 2022)

### Associates in the UGC Inter-University Centre

The following presentations were made by the IUC Associates during the period under report:

### July 2022

1. Dr. Sarani Ghosal Mondal : “*Integrating Soil and Soul: A Study of Sri Aurobindo's Select Poems and Nonfiction*” (25<sup>TH</sup> July 2022).
2. Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari: “*Udayana's Rebuttal of the Non-existence of Proof as the Proof for the Non-existence of the Self*” (25<sup>TH</sup> July 2022).
3. Dr. Soma Das: “*The Intersection of Caste and Violence in Bollywood*” (25<sup>th</sup> July 2022)
4. Dr. Rasheda Parveen: “*Mapping Homeland: Mythical Politics in Agha Shahid Ali and Mahmoud Darwish*” (25<sup>th</sup> July 2022)
5. Dr. Baliram Dhapse: “*इक्कीसवीं सदी के हिन्दी सिनेमा में समाज चित्रण की बदलती छवि के विशेष सन्दर्भ में*” (26<sup>th</sup> July 2022)
6. Dr. Sashikala Rai : “*क्षेत्रीय सिनेमा (मराठी) विशेष संदर्भ 'सैराट'*” (26<sup>th</sup> July 2022).

### August 2022

1. Dr. Anurag Bhattacharyya: “*Representation of Gandhian Consciousness in Indian English Fiction with special reference to selected Novels of R.K. Narayan*” (25<sup>th</sup> August 2022).

2. Dr. Tasleem Ahmad War : *"Representation of Kashmiriyat in Rahman Rahi's Poetry"* (25<sup>th</sup> August 2022).
3. Dr. Shalini Sahni : *"कठोपनिषद: नचिकेता द्वारा याचित तीन वर तथा उनका सूक्ष्म विश्लेषण: वर्तमान परिप्रेक्ष्य में"* (26<sup>th</sup> August 2022)
4. Dr. Priyanka Vaidya : *"Nivedita's Yogic Explorations: A Parivrajak"* (26<sup>th</sup> August 2022)
5. Dr. Usha Mishra : *"हिन्दी उपन्यास और थर्ड जेंडर"* (26<sup>th</sup> August 2022)
6. Dr. Alok Vihari Lal : *"समकालीन हिन्दी कविता में सांप्रदायिक आतंक विरोधी स्वर"* (26<sup>th</sup> July 2022).
9. Dr. SiliRaut: *"Burlang Jyatra: A Unique Way of Kutia Kondh's Revitalization of Indigenous Food System in Odisha"* (26 October 2022)
10. Dr. B. N. Harish: *"Fiscal Consolidation Through Transfers: A Study on State Finances of Himachal Pradesh"* (26 October 2022)
11. Dr. Ranjan Kumar Swain: *"National Rural Livelihood Mission in Context to Malkangiri District"* (26 October 2022)

### November 2022

### September 2022

1. Prof. B.Tirupati Rao: *"Liquid Modernity and its Implications to Ethics"* (27<sup>th</sup> September 2022)
2. Dr. Swadesh Singh: *"The New India Consensus: Modi Wave to Modi Way?"* (27<sup>th</sup> September 2022)
3. Dr. Rajesh Kr.Abhay: *"Urban Expansion and Housing Quality in Mega Cities of India: A Case Study of NCT-Delhi"* (27<sup>th</sup> September 2022)
4. Dr. Jagdish Kaur: *"Motif, Patterns and Symbols of 'Dari'"* (27<sup>th</sup> September 2022).
5. Dr. Malleshappa: *"Literary Representations of the kings of Karnataka: A Critique"* (28<sup>th</sup> September 2022).
6. Dr. Anita Nair: *"महिला खिलाड़ियों की चुनौतियाँ-21वीं सदी के दूसरे दशक में हिन्दी सिनेमा के विशेष संदर्भ में"* (28<sup>th</sup> September 2022).
7. Dr. Gajandra Bharadwaj: *"बैगा जनजाति के विकास में हिन्दी की भूमिका"* (28<sup>th</sup> September 2022).

### October 2022

1. Dr. Praveen Kumar Anshuman: *"Dialectics of Marriage as a phenomenon: A Reading in Legal and Spiritual Dimensions"* (25 October 2022)
2. Dr. Harnam Singh Alreja: *"ओशो दार्शनिक पद्धति-तंत्र का आधुनिक संस्करण"* (25 October 2022)
3. Dr. Purnima Thaper: *"Enhancing Employability skills of women at the grass root level through Implementation of Schemes and Programmes for the empowerment of Women in Himachal Pradesh – an Approach"* (25 October 2022)
4. Dr. Dashrath: *"Politics of Gender Representation: A Study of Poile Sengupta's Thus Spake and Nissim Ezekiel's Nalini"* (25 October 2022)
5. Dr. Uttam Lal: *"Borderland Geographies of the Sikkim Himalaya"* (25 October 2022)
6. Dr. Bulbul Gupta: *"Transgender and Constructions of Identity: Positioning Motherhood and Mothering"* (25 October 2022)
7. Dr. Poulami Mukherjee: *"'Interculturality', Portuguese Legacy and Identity in Macao"* (26 October 2022)
8. Dr. Toli Achumi: *"Ethnic Culture of the Phom Nagas"* (26 October 2022)

1. Dr. Prabhakarn Nair V.R : *"Asset Inequality and Indebtedness among Indian Rural Households"* (21. November 2022)
2. Dr. Ajitha S : *"Challenges and Prospects of Citizen-Centric E-Governance In India"* (21. November 2022)
3. Dr. Manorama Patri : *"The Neuroscience of Food and Mood"* (21. November 2022)
4. Dr. Harsha Trivedi : *"राजस्थानी लोक नृत्य परंपरा को सिंचित करती वंचित कालबेलिया जनजाति"* (21. November 2022)
5. Dr. Mahatma Shrinath Pandey : *"21वीं सदी के आदिवासी हिन्दी उपन्यास और सामाजिक न्याय"* (23. November 2022)
6. Dr. Ramesh B : *"Hidden Treasury of the indigenous people: Reflections on the ethnomedicine of the Baiga tribes of Central India"* (23. November 2022)
7. Dr. Vijay S Kadam : *"A history of national education policies and education for the disabled in India"* (23. November 2022)
8. Dr. Manish Kr. C. Mishra : *"मालेगांव सिनेमा में फिल्म प्रबंधन"* (23. November 2022)
9. Dr. Sandip Baban Kadam : *"मराठी नाटक की शुरुआत से 1950 तक सामाजिक नाटकों का नैदानिक अध्ययन (महाराष्ट्र का 'नमन-खेले' नाटक)"* (24. November 2022)
10. Prof. Virender Singh Negi : *"हिमालय क्षेत्र में सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक एवं पर्यावरणीय पक्षों के उभरते आयाम: नई दृष्टि एवं समझ का प्रयास"* (24. November 2022)
11. Dr. Chaman Lal Sharma : *"सामुदायिक संस्कृति की लोक विरासत 'घराटः' सामाजिक-सांस्कृतिक अध्ययन (उत्तराखण्ड के विशेष संदर्भ में)"* (24 November 2022)
12. Dr. Bharthi : *"Nomadic Life Style of Gollakurumas: Memories and Reflections"* (24. November 2022)

### Special Lecture by a special invitee

In order to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Shri Mukul Kanitkar, Organising Secretary, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Nagpur delivered a special lecture on *"Implementation of National Education Policy"* (26th July 2022) at the Institute. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, the Director I/c, IAS delivered the welcome address online. The lecture was telecast on the IAS facebook page and also on IAS YouTube channel. About 40 people participated

offline in the seminar room of the Institute, besides the Fellows, IUC Associates and Scholars in residence and Scholars of H.P. University, Shimla.

#### **Other programmes:**

**Partition Horrors Remembrance Day:** As the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced that 14<sup>th</sup> August will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day across the country to remember the “*Struggles and sacrifices of our people.*” And as a part of AKAM, the Institute organised the *Remembrance of Partition day* on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022 in the Seminar Room of the Institute. In this event, the following National Fellows, Fellows, Tagore Fellows and UGC IUC Associates of the Institute deliver their lectures/experiences in remembrance of the tragedy of the partition of India: Prof. Harpal Singh, National Fellow; Prof. Shankar Sharan, National Fellow; Dr. Mahesh Champaklal, Tagore Fellow; Prof. Sachidanandi Mohanty, Guest Fellow; Dr. Shalini Sahani, IUC Associate; Prof. Anand Kumar, National Fellow; Prof. Rajender Singh, Fellow; Prof. P.K. Choubey, Fellow; and Dr. Priyanka Vaidya, IUC Associate

#### **Teacher Day Celebration:**

The National Fellows, Tagore Fellows, Fellows, Guest Fellows, IUC Associates and Scholars in residence celebrated the Teacher Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at

the Institute and remembered the contributions of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the Second President of India, and a teacher and philosopher who also established the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. Prof. Harpal Singh, National Fellow, Prof. Shankar Sharan, National Fellow, and Prof. Mahesh Champaklal, Tagore Fellow spoke on the occasion, remembering the views and contributions of Dr. S Radhakrishnan.

#### **Foundation day Celebration**

The IIAS, Shimla organized its 57<sup>th</sup> foundation day on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Library Hall, of the Institute. On this occasion Chairperson of the Institute Prof. ShashiPrabha Kumar, Vice-Chairman, Prof. Shailender Raj Mehta, Director I/c Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Librarian Sh. Prem Chand, and the Fellows, National Fellows, Associates, Employees and distinguished guests were present. Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Hon’ble Minister for state for Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest of the program and attended virtually/ through video conferencing.

At the end of the programme, a short drama based on the ‘Conversations with dead’ (1910) written by SriAurobindo, was enacted. It is an imaginary dialogue in heaven between Chhatarpati Shivaji Maharaj and the King of Jaipur Maharaja Jai Singh. The drama was directed by Prof. Mahesh Champaklal, Tagore fellow at the IIAS. The programme was concluded with the National Anthem.