

IIAS Academic Activities in Brief (Jan.-June 2023)

I. Seminars by the Fellows

The Fellows of the Institute present seminars, mostly related to the progress of the projects undertaken by them at the Institute. During the period January-June 2023 the following seminars took place:

- Dr. Ramesh Waman Awalgaonkar, Fellow: "*Leela Charitra: Research and Editing*" (23 March 2023)
- Professor Shankar Sharan, National Fellow: "*Renewal of Indian Education: Teachings of Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, Rabindranath Tagore and Sachchidananda Vatsyayan 'Ajneya'*" (23 March 2023).
- Dr. Mahesh Champaklal, Tagore Fellow: "*Bhāsa's Mahābhārata Plays in Performance*" (31 March 2023)
- Professor Anand Kumar, National Fellow : *Jayasi's Padmavat* : "*Common Pattern of Islamic Invasions and Punitive Incursions from the time of Muhammad Kasim till Shah Jahan: Temples, Kingdoms, Women and Men*" (13 April 2023)

II. The UGC Inter-University Centre Associates' presentations:

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

March 2023

1. Dr. Baldev Singh : "*Urban Employment Guarantee Schemes (EGS) in India: A case study of some selected states*" (21 March 2023).
2. Dr. Panchali Mujumdar Bhattacharya: "*Emergence of progressive writing in India: From Angare to the birth of the All India Progressive Writers Association*" (21 March 2023).
3. Prof. (Dr.) K. Sreelatha: "हिन्दी साहित्य-विमर्श में गांधी दर्शन की भूमिका" (21 March 2023)
4. Dr. Arun Guleria: "*The portrayal of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in select science fiction: An analysis*" (21 March 2023)

April 2023

1. Dr. Brij Ratan Joshi: "निराला : कविता और काव्य सिद्धान्त" (21 April 2023).
2. Dr. Radhamani C.: "दलित स्त्री कहानियों में आधी आबादी का यथार्थ" (21 April 2023).
3. Dr. Kunjikannan R.: "*The Significance of Health Education, Taekwondo and Yoga Training for Women's Physical and Psychological Fitness*" (21 April 2023).
4. Dr. Debarshi Bhattacharya: "*Study on Transformation of Tribal Ethnicity and Socio-economic Status of Toto Tribe in West Bengal*" (21 April 2023).
5. Dr. Akal Amrit Kaur: "*Discourse with the Art of Dr. Sidharth*" (24 April 2023).
6. Dr. Shilpa Dadarao Jivrag : "गुलजार का साहित्य और सिनेमा" (24 April 2023).
7. Dr. Rama R. Dudhmande : "संत साहित्य एवं मानसिक स्वास्थ्य" (24 April 2023).
8. Dr. Krishnamani Bhagabati : "*Perception of Locals on the Changing Dynamics of Shimla : A Case Study Approach*" (24 April 2023).
9. Dr. Ajayan. T.: "*India and SAARC : Challenges and Opportunities*" (24 April 2023).
10. Dr. Ananya Parida : "*Towards a Unified Dissent : Locating an Alternative History in Prison Narratives of Colonial Odisha*" (25 April 2023).
11. Dr. Binumol Abraham : "*Laughter as Caricature : Cartoons and Anxieties of Patriarchy in Modern Kerala*" (25 April 2023).
12. Dr. Indu K.V. : "स्त्री विमर्श के आईने में पुराण के अनछुए अनगिनत तारे (पवन कारण के 'स्त्रीशतक' काव्य संग्रह की चुनी हुई कविताओं के विशेष संदर्भ में)" (25 April 2023).

May 2023

1. Dr. Manisha Patil: "Cultural Appropriations of The Mahabharata: A Continuous Battle between Colonization and Decolonization" (23 May 2023)
2. Dr. Geeta Goyal: "Women's Voice: Some reflections from the select works of India – English writers during mid- twentieth century" (23 May 2023)

3. Dr. Ashanand Makhija: "भारतीय संस्कृति, कृषि एवं स्वास्थ्य में पंचगव्य की उपयोगिता" (23 May 2023)
4. Dr. Viramdevsinh B. Gohil: "A Study of Emotional Intelligence with special reference to Emotional Self Awareness and Assertiveness among Saurashtra Region youth of Gujarat" (23 May 2023)
5. Dr. Gauri Tripathi: "अंधायुग: मिथ और यथार्थ" (24 May 2023)
6. Dr. Nilabh Kumar: "सामाजिक ताने-बाने की जटिलता और इक्कसवीं सदी की कहानियाँ" (24 May 2023)
7. Dr. Tirthankar Ghosh: "Disaster and Culture: Revisiting the Kangra Earthquake (1905)" (24 May 2023)
8. Dr. Anaya Thatte: "महाराष्ट्र के भीमगीत: उद्देश्य, स्वरूप तथा विकास", (24 May 2023)
9. Dr. Brijesh Kumar Pandey: "समकालीन कविता में नैतिकता के प्रश्न: बदलते संदर्भ और सरोकार", (25 May 2023)
10. Dr. Ramesh Pratap Singh: "स्वाधीनता आंदोलन और प्रेमचंद की कहानियाँ", (25 May 2023)
11. Mr. Rony George: "Emergence of India As a nation with special reference to English literature", (25 May 2023)
12. Dr. Anagha Rane: "Efforts of Sex Education During 20th Century in India", 25 May 2023)
13. Dr. Santosh Suradkar: "History of Political and Economic Movements in Berar Region, 1900-1947", (26 May 2023)
14. Dr. Suman Luthra: "Economics of Ignoring -Late or No Lessons from Early Signs", 26 May 2023)
15. Dr. Abhimanyu R. Dhormare : "Pregnancy Experiences and Maternal-Foetal Attachment of Surrogate, Intended & Expectant Mothers", (26 May 2023)
16. Dr. Kailash Ambhure: "मराठी आलोचना पर पश्चिमी आलोचना का प्रभाव", (26 May 2023)
8. Dr. Poonam Prakash: "Sustainable Development and Statutory Plans – A Critical Appraisal of draft Development Plan of Shimla" (23 June 2023).
9. Dr. Gargi Bhattacharya: "Buddhist Narrative Śārdūlakarṇa-avadāna to Dance Drama Chandalika (The Untouchable Girl): Anti-caste dialogue to Tagore's perception of 'MĀNAVA'" (26 June 2023).
10. Dr. Sushma Trivedi: "Esoteric Odisha?: Paraphrasing Xuanzang and Tārānāh, Augmenting Sectarian Ambiguity" (26 June 2023)
11. Dr. Ajeet Singh: "Orality and Performance Context: (Re)-Viewing the Aesthetics of Sa-ang Theatre of Haryana" (26 June 2023)
12. Dr. Rajni Srivastava: "Rawls Theory of Justice: Amartya Sen's critique and Rawlsian Response" (26 June 2023)
13. Dr. Rajendra Bandu Shejul: "The Uniform Civil Code: contextualizing the perspective of the framers of the Constitution" (27 June 2023)
14. Dr. Jati Sankar Mondal: "Translocational Positionality: Cultural Identity and Politics of Representation in Indian-Australian Writings" (27 June 2023)

III. Lectures by Special Invitees

Professor Samdhong Rinpoche

In the series of *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, Professor Samdhong Rinpoche, an eminent Buddhist Scholar (Special Invitee) was invited to deliver a lecture on "Buddhist Teachings for Protection of Environment" on 15 May 2023 in the Seminar Room of the Institute for the Fellows, IUC Associates and the academic community of Shimla. Professor Shashi Prabha Kumar, Chairperson, IAS Introduced Professor Samdhong Rinpoche and the theme of lecture. This event was telecasted on the IAS facebook page and on the IAS YouTube channel.

Dr. Krishna Gopal

In the same series, Dr. Krishna Gopal, Sah Sarkaryavah, Rashtriya Swamsevak Sangh delivered a Special Lecture on "प्राचीन भारतीय आचार्य-परम्परा" on 20 May 2023 at the Institute for the Fellows, IUC Associates and the academic community of Shimla. Professor Shashi Prabha Kumar, Chairperson, IAS delivered the welcome address and introduced Dr. Krishna Gopal. Professor Nageshwar Rao, Director, IAS, Shimla extended vote of thanks for delivering the important lecture. The lecture was telecasted on the IAS facebook page and on the IAS YouTube channel.

June 2023

1. Dr. Brijendra Pandey: "ऋषि और कृषि : ज्ञान और सृष्टि की भारतीय मीमांसा" (22 June 2023)
2. Dr. Basavaraj Tallur: "The Idea of Casteless Society in the Vachanas of Basavanna" (22 June 2023)
3. Dr. Priyanka Singh: "From Epic to peoples text: Presence and representation of the Ramayana in Haryanvi songs" (22 June 2023)
4. Dr. Sunil Kumar Singh: "पातंजल - साधना में सद्गुण विमर्श" (22 June 2023)
5. Dr. Sanhita Joshi: "Eurocentric Interpretive Frames or Indigenous Political Ideas: Understanding the political in Western and Ancient Indian traditions" (23 June 2023)
6. Dr. Karunakar Singh: "Decolonizing Indian Sociology: The Case of a Forgotten Sociologist Benoy Kumar Sarkar" (23 June 2023)
7. Dr. Samir Prabhakarbhair Bhatt: "इक्कीसवीं सदी के गुजराती कविता में उपेक्षित समुदाय और उन के प्रतिनिधि कवि स्वर" (23 June 2023)