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**The Department of English, University of Delhi**

is organizing a

3-day International Conference

on

***English Studies in India: Centenary Perspectives***

in collaboration with

**The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, The Indian Council of Social Science  
Research & Oxford University Press**

**Date: 28 February—2 March, 2023**

**Venue: North Campus, University of Delhi & Indira Gandhi National Centre for the  
Arts**

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## **DAY 1**

**Tuesday, 28 February, 2023**

**(Venue: Convention Hall, Vice Regal Lodge, University of Delhi**

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**9:30-10:30 AM**

**REGISTRATION**

**10:30-11:30 AM**

**INAUGURAL SESSION**

- Chief Guest: Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Education.
- Presided over by Prof. Yogesh Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi.
- Keynote Address: Prof. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- Address by Mr. Sumanta Datta, Managing Director, Oxford University Press

**11:30 AM-12:00 noon**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**12:00 noon-1:00 PM**

**SESSION I**

### **Renaissance and 17th Century studies**

Chair: Prof. Bijay Kumar Das, (Retd) Department of English & Culture Studies, Burdwan University

Speakers:

- Prof. Shormishtha Panja, (Retd) Department of English, University of Delhi
- Dr. Amrita Sen, Associate Professor, Department of English & Deputy Director, UGC-HRDC, University of Calcutta

**1:00-2:00 PM**

**LUNCH**

**2:00-3:00 PM**

**SESSION II**

### **18th and 19th Century English Studies in India**

Chair: Prof. Shirshendu Chakrabarti, (Retd) Department of English, University of Delhi

Speakers:

- Prof. Brijraj Singh, Professor (Emeritus) of English, Hostos Community College, City University of New York
- Prof. Anjana Sharma, Department of English, University of Delhi

**3:00-4:00 PM          SESSION III**

**Modernism and Beyond**

Chair: Prof. Christel R. Devadawson, Department of English, University of Delhi

Speakers:

- Prof. Amritjit Singh, Langston Hughes Professor (Emeritus), English & African American Studies, Ohio University
- Prof. Simi Malhotra, Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia

**4:00 -4:30 PM          TEA**

**7:00 -9:00 PM          PANEL DISCUSSION and DINNER (For  
official/registered delegates and invitees only)**

**VENUE:** Fountain Lawn, Main Building, India International Centre, 40, Max Mueller Marg, Lodhi Gardens, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi.

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- Panel Discussion on *English Studies in India*
- Dinner

**DAY 2- Wednesday, 1 March, 2023**

**(VENUE: Samvet Auditorium, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Janpath Building, near Western Court, Janpath, New Delhi**

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**10:30-11:30 AM**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**English Studies in India: Centennial Reflections**

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Makarand R. Paranjape, Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Chair: Prof. Anil K. Aneja, Head, Department of English, University of Delhi

**11:30 AM-12:00 noon**

**TEA**

**12:00 noon- 1:00 PM**

**SESSION IV**

**India in Colonial Imagination**

Chair: Prof. Harish Trivedi, (Retd) Department of English, University of Delhi

Speakers:

- Prof. K. Narayana Chandran, Institution of Eminence Research Chair in Literary and Cultural Theory, Department of English, University of Hyderabad.
- Prof. Susheel K. Sharma, Department of English, Allahabad University

**1:00-2:00 PM**

**LUNCH**

**2:00-4:00 PM**

**SESSION V**

**Indian Writing in English and Translation**

Chair: Prof. Raj Kumar, Department of English, University of Delhi

Speakers:

- Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar, Editor, *Indian Literature*
- Shri. Chandan Sinha (IAS), Director General, National Archives of India
- Prof. Bijay Kumar Das, (Retd) Department of English & Culture Studies, Burdwan University
- Prof. Nandini Sahu, School of Humanities, Indira Gandhi National Open University

**4:00-4:30 PM            TEA**

**4:30-5:30 PM            Cultural Performances  
coordinated by IGNCA**

- Ms. Sheel Singh Rajput - *Aalha Udal*
- Mr. Gaffaruddin Mewati – *Pandun Ke Kade*

**DAY 3- Thursday, 2 March, 2023**

**(VENUE: Conference Centre, North Campus, University of Delhi**

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**10:30-11:30 AM            SESSION VI**

**Journey of the Department till 2000**

Chair: Prof. Rajiva Verma, (Retd) Department of English, University of Delhi

Speakers:

- Prof. Mythili Kaul, (Retd) Department of English, University of Delhi (online)
- Prof. Rupin W. Desai, (Retd) Department of English, University of Delhi
- Prof. Harish Trivedi, (Retd) Department of English, University of Delhi
- Ms. Amrita Bhalla, Associate Professor, Department of English, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi

**11:30 AM-12:00 noon            TEA**

**12:00 noon-1:00 PM SESSION VII**

**New Directions in English Studies and the Department**

Chair: Prof. Subarno Chattarji, Department of English, University of Delhi

Speakers:

- Prof. Christel R. Devadawson, Department of English, University of Delhi
- Prof. Raj Kumar, Department of English, University of Delhi
- Prof. Anil K. Aneja, Head, Department of English, University of Delhi
- Prof. Anjana Sharma, Department of English, University of Delhi
- Prof. Priya Kumar, Department of English, University of Delhi

**1:00-2:00 PM          LUNCH**

**2:00-4:00 PM          SESSION VIII**

**English Studies in India: The Authors' Voice**

Chair: Prof. Malashri Lal, (Retd) Department of English, University of Delhi & Former Dean, Academic, University of Delhi

Authors:

- Mr. Navtej Sarna (IFS), Novelist & Former Ambassador of India to the United States
- Ms. Usha Akella, Poet & Founder, Matwaala South Asian Diaspora Poets' Festival, North America
- Mr. Mahesh Dattani, Playwright (online)
- Ms. Manjula Padmanabhan, Playwright, journalist & children's book writer (online)

**4:15-5:00 PM    Cultural Programme by the students of the  
Department of English**

**5:00-5:45 PM VALEDICTORY SESSION**

- Chief Guest: Padma Bhushan Prof. Kapil Kapoor, Chairman, Indian Policy Foundation; Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Former Chairperson, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla
- Presided over by Prof. Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi
- Guest of Honour: Dr. Vikas Gupta, Registrar, University of Delhi

**5:45-6:15 PM          HIGH TEA**