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on

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1 (23 NOVEMBER 2023)

REGISTRATION

9:30 AM onwards

INAUGURAL SESSION

10:00–11:30 AM

- **Introductory Remarks:** **Dr. Kalpana Malik** (Teacher In-charge & Convenor, Subject Society)
- **Welcome Address:** **Prof. Yogeshwar Sharma** (Officiating Principal)
- **Keynote Address:** **Dr. Kumkum Roy**, Former Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

TEA BREAK: 11:30-45 AM

SESSION I: ‘Invisible’ Women: The ‘Missing’ Subjects of Gender History

11:45 AM–1:00 PM

Chair: **Dr. Dilbagh Singh**, former Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Speakers:

- **Dr. Shyam Prasad Vyas**, Professor and Senior Academic Fellow, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR); Emeritus Fellow, UGC; and Professor of History, Jai Narain Vyas (J.N.V.) University, Jodhpur
नारी इतिहास लेखन: पुष्करणा महिलाओं के योगदान का अध्ययन
- **Dr. Manorama Upadhyaya**, Professor and Principal, Mahila P.G. Mahavidyalaya, Jodhpur
The ‘Other’ Women: Cultural Constructs and Questions of Identity

SESSION II: Beyond Binaries: Gender Relations in Literary Texts and Religious Traditions

1:00–2:00 PM

Chair: **Dr. Shyam Prasad Vyas**

Speakers:

- **Dr. Smita Sehgal**, Professor, Department of History, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi
The Mahabharata: Reflections on an Array of Gender Relations

LUNCH: 2:00-2:30 PM

SESSION III: Paper Presentation

2:30–5:00 PM

Chair: Prof. Manorama Upadhyaya

DAY 2 (24 NOVEMBER 2023)

SESSION IV: Gendered Expressions of Power, Piety and Emotions in Medieval India

10:00–11:15 AM

Chair: Dr. S. Inayat Ali Zaidi, former Professor, Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Speakers:

- **Dr. Sunita Zaidi**, former Professor, Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
Reclaiming Women's Voices in Historical Perspective
- **Dr. Sunita Sharma**, Associate Professor, Department of History, B.D. College, Patliputra University, Patna
Exploring the Tenuous Politico-cultural Link in the Imperial Transgression and Spiritual Ascension of Jahan Ara

TEA BREAK: 11:15–11:30AM

SESSION V: Gendered Representations in Visual Cultures

11:30 AM–12:45 PM

Chair: Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Director (Journal, Publication & Library) & Rajbhasha–Adhikari, ICHR

Speakers:

- **Dr. Seema Bawa**, Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi
Representing Mothers and Motherhood in Early Indian Art
- **Dr. Suryanandini Narain**, Assistant Professor, The School of Arts & Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Feminine Representations in Cultures of Popular Print in India

SESSION VI: Gendering Histories of Colonial and Post-colonial India: Reflections on Oversights, Erasures and Misrepresentations

12:45–2:00 PM

Chair: Dr. Prabu Mohapatra, Professor and Head, Department of History, University of Delhi

Speakers:

- **Dr. Jigar Mohammed**, Professor, Department of History, University of Jammu
Social Perception of Women in Modern India
- **Dr. Charu Gupta**, Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi
Reimagining History: Embodying Gender in Colonial India

LUNCH: 2:00–2:30 PM

SESSION VII: Paper Presentation

2:30–5:00 PM

Chair: Dr. Vipul Singh, Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi

VALEDICTORY SESSION

5:00–5:15 PM

Prof. Yogeshwar Sharma, Officiating Principal

Prof. A.M. Khan, Convenor, IQAC

VOTE OF THANKS

Dr. Anand Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of History, Motilal Nehru College

5:15–5:30 PM

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Chair: Prof. Manorama Upadhyaya, Professor and Principal, Mahila P.G. Mahavidyalaya, Jodhpur

1. **DR. PALLAVI PRASAD**, Professor, Department of History, Satyawati College, University of Delhi: ‘Reflections of Women in the Kushana Age’.
2. **DR. RINI PUNDIR**, Professor, Department of History, Kalindi College, University of Delhi: ‘Silence and History: The Tawaifs’.
3. **DR. JYOTI PHULERA**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, GITAM (Deemed University), Visakhapatnam, AP: ‘Exploring gender relations through Histories and Texts of the Delhi Sultanate’.
4. **DR. SABINA KAZMI**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, St. Stephen’s College, University of Delhi: ‘The *Coup d’etat* of Badshah Begum: Women, Power and Authority at the Court of Awadh’.
5. **MR. AAKASH GUPTA**, Research Scholar, Department of History, University of Delhi: ‘प्राचीन भारतीय इतिहास में “तृतीय-प्रकृति” का प्रतिनिधित्व (Representation of “Tritiya-Prakriti” in Ancient Indian History)’.
6. **DR. MOHD REHMATULLAH**, Research Scholar, Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia: ‘Representation of Women and Gender in the Pranami Discourses and Narratives of the Mughal Period’.
7. **MS. SAVITA**, Research Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University: ‘Play of Love in *Chandayan* and *Mrigawati*: A Discourse on Masculinity and Femininity’.
8. **DR. ABHISHEK PARASHAR**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Hansraj College, University of Delhi: ‘Constructing ‘History of the Family’: Household and Gender Among Traders’.

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SESSION VII: Paper Presentation:

2:30–5:00 PM

Chair: **Dr. Vipul Singh**, Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi

1. **DR. ANISHA SRIVASTAVA**, Professor, Department of History, Sri Aurobindo College (Eve.), University of Delhi: ‘In Search of Women Short Story Writers: The genre of Hindi Short Stories in United Provinces (1900-30)’.
2. **DR. NISHITA SRIVASTAVA**, Associate Professor, Shivaji College, University of Delhi: ‘Language, Literature and Gender: A Case-study of Some Caste Journals of the United Provinces (1920-30)’.
3. **DR. PADMA NEGI**, Associate Professor, Department of History, Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi: ‘Between “Tradition and Modernity”: The Fate of Fraternal Polyandry in Kinnaur’.
4. **DR. KAILASH RANI CHAUDHARY**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Janaki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi: ‘Marwar Samaj main Nari Sampathi aur Martubhoj ka Aarthik Samajshatra’.
5. **MR. DIPANKAR DAS**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi: ‘Gendering “Power”, “Strength”, “Energy”, “Valor” and “Vigor”: A Study of Vedic Deities and Myths’.
6. **DR. ETEE BAHADUR**, Assistant Professor of Development Studies, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia: ‘Singing Balti, in a quest for Balti Cultural Identity’.
7. **MS. AJITHA KAKUMANU**, Associate Professor, History Department, ARSD College, University of Delhi: ‘Gender Relations as Depicted in *Fawa'id al Fu'ad*'.
8. **DR. AKHILA MATHEW**, Assistant Professor, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru: *Dakan ri tohmat'*: Witchcraft and Everyday Lives in Eighteenth Century Marwar'
9. **MS. FATHIMA RAJILA KV**, Research Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University: ‘Food and Gender: The Politics of Cooking and Eating in Pre-modern Kerala (circa 13th to 16th Century C.E.)’.
10. **DR. PREM KUMAR**, Associate Professor, Department of History, Motilal Nehru College (Eve), University of Delhi: ‘Beyond the Binaries: The “Other Women” of the Nāṭya Literature’.
11. **MS. SAMITA DAS**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Satyawati college (M), University of Delhi: ‘Women and Gender in Sufi Texts: A Discursive Interpretation’.