



INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

3-Day National Conference on

INDIAN HISTORY: EMERGING PERSPECTIVES

March 5–7, 2018

venue: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Mansingh Road, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

DAY-1

March 5, 2018

09:00–09:30: Registration

10:00–12:00: Session I: Inaugural

Welcome

: Prof. Rajaneesh Kumar Shukla

Member Secretary, ICHR

Introduction to the Theme of Conference

: Dr. Michel Danino

Coordinator of the Conference

Keynote Address

: Dr. R. Nagaswamy

Eminent Historian, Padma Bhushan Awardee

Presidential Address

: Dr. Arvind P. Jamkhedkar

Chairman, ICHR

Vote of Thanks

: Dr. S.K. Aruni

Director, ICHR

12:00–12:30: Tea Break

12:30–14:00: Session II

[Chair: Dr. Michel Danino]

Dr. **Koenraad Elst**: An Appraisal of the Linguistic Evidence in Relation to the Aryan Homeland Issue

Prof. **Ranjan Chakrabarti**: Colonial Forest Policy and the assault on the Environment and Tribal Society

14:00–15:00: Lunch

15:00–16:30: Session III

[Chair: Dr. Nanditha Krishna]

Prof. **Michel Danino**: Fabricating Evidence in Support of the Aryan Invasion–Migration Theory

Dr. **Shrikant G. Talageri**: The Rigveda and the Aryan Theory: A Rational Perspective

16:30–17:00: Tea Break

17:00–17:45: Session IV [Chair: **Dr. Meenakshi Jain**]

Prof. **Madhu Kishwar**: Feminine in the Indic Imagination

18:00 : **Cultural Programme**

[*Kathak* Performance by Parth Mandal and Team]

19:30 : **Conference Dinner**

DAY-2

March 6, 2018

09:30–11:00: Session I [Chair: **Dr. M.D. Srinivas**]

Prof. **R.N. Iyengar**: Archaeoastronomy and Ancient Indian Chronology

Prof. **Amartya K. Dutta**: Mathematics Gems in Vedic and Sutra Literature

11:00–11:30: Tea Break

11:30–13:00: Session II [Chair: **Dr. Koenraad Elst**]

Prof. **K.T.S. Sarao**: Muhammad Qasim and the Encounter of Indian Hindus and Buddhists
with Islam

Dr. **Meenakshi Jain**: Islamic Iconoclasm and the Hindu Response

13:00–14:00: Lunch

14:00–15:30: Session III [Chair: **Dr. R.S. Agrawal, Member of ICHR**]

Prof. **K. Ramasubramanian**: The Kerala School of Astronomers and their Discovery of
Calculus

Prof. **M.S. Sriram**: Non–Geocentric model of Planetary Motion in the Kerala School of
Astronomy

15:30–16:00: Tea Break

16:00–17:30: Session IV [Chair: **Dr. Purabi Roy, Member of ICHR**]

Prof. **Shonaleeka Kaul**: What is History? Revisiting the *Rajatarangini*

Dr. **Amarjiva Lochan**: Indian History beyond the Borders: Bharat's Extension into Today's
Southeast Asia

Day-3 March 7, 2018

09:30–11:00: Session I

[Chair: **Dr. Naryana Rao**, *Member of ICHR*]

Prof. **Nanditha Krishna**: Assault on the Environment

Prof. **D.K. Chakrabarti**: The Politics of the Aryan Hypothesis in India (paper to be read in absentia)

11:00–11:30: Tea Break

11:30–13:00: Session II

[Chair: **Dr. P. T. Haridas**, *Member of ICHR*]

Prof. **M.D. Srinivas**: Indian Economy and Polity in the Eighteenth Century: The Locality Accounts of Chengalpattu Region

Dr. **Probal Roy Chowdhury**: Indigenous Education in the Madras Presidency and its Transformation under the British Rule in the Nineteenth Century

13:00–14:00: Lunch

14:00–15:30: Session III

[Chair: **Dr. C.I. Issac**, *Member of ICHR*]

Dr. **Saradindu Mukherji**: Social and Religious Reform Movements in Nineteenth-Century India: Wahhabis and Faraizis: A Reassessment of their Legacy

Dr. **J.K. Bajaj**: Changing Religious Demography of the Indian Subcontinent during British Rule and in the post-Partition period

15:30–16:00: Tea Break

16:00–18:00: Session IV

[Chair: **Dr. Saradindu Mukherji**, *Member of ICHR*]

Prof. **Monmayee Basu**: The Underlying Causes of India's Partition

Dr. **Purabi Roy**: Suppression of Information on Netaji's Disappearance by the British and Indian Governments

Concluding Remarks: Prof. Nanditha Krishna

Vote of Thanks: Dr. S.K. Aruni, Director, ICHR

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