

**DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**

**BEST PRACTICES**

**1. Professor Narendra Nath Choudhuri (1902-1977) Memorial Annual Lecture Series:**

Professor Narendra Nath Choudhuri (1902-1977) M.A. first class first in Sanskrit from Calcutta University, received four gold medals for standing first in the subject and also in all the art subjects in 1925. He joined Ramjas College in 1926 and became Honorary Reader of Sanskrit at Delhi University in 1928. He received his D. Litt. from Calcutta University on his thesis 'Philosophy of Poetry' written in Sanskrit. The thesis in book form was hailed as a seminal work in the classical acharya tradition in contemporary times.

He became Head of the Department of Sanskrit and Modern Indian Languages, Delhi University in 1949. After the introduction of academic positions in the University, he became the Reader and Head of the Deptt. of Sanskrit in 1953 and afterwards in 1956 the first professor and Head of the Department of Sanskrit of Delhi University. He was Dean, Faculty of Arts for a period of three years and retired in 1965 after serving the University for thirty-nine years. His contribution towards building and growth of the Sanskrit Department of Delhi University will always be remembered by one and all.

This lecture series is annually held since 2002:

	Date	Speaker and Topic
I	13.12.2002	Prof. V.N. Jha <i>The Philosophy of the Given and the Created</i>
II	30.01.2004	Prof. Kamlesh Dutt Tripathi <i>Traditional Indian Theatre: Representational or Presentational</i>
III	18.12.2004	Dr. Karan Singh <i>Vedanta in the Modern Context</i>
IV	23.01.2006	Sh. N.Gopalaswami <i>Status of Sanskrit in Modern India</i>
V	18.12.2006	Prof. Rajendra Nanavati संस्कृत काव्य में लोकजीवन
VI	24.01.2008	Prof. Radhavallabh Tripathi कालिदास का नाट्यसंसार
VII	05.02.2009	Prof. Reva Prasad Dwivedi भारतीय काव्यशास्त्र की नवीन उपलब्धियाँ
VIII	22.01.2010	Goswami Shyam Manohar Ji ब्रह्मवादी सहिष्णुता
IX	28.02.2011	H.E. Sh. Balmiki Prasad Singh बहुधा दृष्टि और आधुनिक विश्व
X	27.01.2012	Prof. George Cardona Panini as an Innovator: His Relations with Predecessors and Reasons for Changing
XI	23.01.2013	Prof. Navjeevan Rastogi अभिनवगुप्त का सौन्दर्य-चिन्तन और त्रिकपरम्परा
XII	03.01.2014	Prof. Arvind Sharma Perspectives on the Caste System

XIII	29.01.2015	Sh. Rajiv Malhotra Sanskrit Studies and the Rise of American Orientalism
XIV	31.03.2016	Dr. James Glover Vedic Mathematics
XV	01.02.2017	Prof. Banarasi Tripathi निर्वचन की परम्परा और यास्क
XVI	03.02.2018	Prof. Om Prakash Pandey वेदानुशीलन का अतीत और अनागत

## 2. Indra Vidya Vachaspati Sanskrit Extemporaneous Elocution Competition:

Indra Vidya Vachaspati Ex-Vice Chancellor, Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya was famous for his nationalist views and attained glory as the chief editor of Veer Arjun, a famous Hindi daily for more than 25 years. As a famous freedom fighter, he took part in Gandhi Ji's Dandi March. He contributed 'Prachinabharatetihasah', a Sanskrit book on history, Mere Pita, Biography of Swami Shradhanand, Founder of Gurukul Kangri University, Hardwar and several Sanskrit poems to the academic world. So, the Department feels its duty to commemorate his birth day, 9<sup>th</sup> of November by organising a Sanskrit Programme in the form of said competition every year. It is one of the very few Sanskrit extemporaneous elocution competitions in the country. It aims at inculcating the ability in the students to express their views in Sanskrit on any topic naturally and fluently. For the purpose, the topics are given to the participants just before 30 minutes of the commencement of the programme.

**Head of the Department**