

## **DR. S. Radhakrishnan Book Club (2018-19)**

<b>Name of the Workshop</b>	<b>No. Of participants</b>	<b>Date</b>
The idea of a Teacher in an expanding knowledge Universe By Dr. Rakesh Batabyal	50	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Past and Present 'Karma Bhoomi' and 'The Difficulty of Being Good' by Dr Shashi Bhushan Upadhyay	40	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
History, Memory and Narrative: Partition of India Revisited By Professor Sucheta Mahajan,	45	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018
A Voice of their Own : Women Identity and Writings in India ( 1919-2019) By Urvashi Butalia	40	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019



## **The idea of a Teacher in an expanding knowledge Universe By Dr. Rakesh Batabyal**

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018, on the occasion of Teacher's Day, the History Department under the guidance of their Teacher-in-Charge. Dr. Richa Malhotra inaugurated the Dr S. Radhakrishnan Book Club. First lecture of the Book Club was delivered by Dr Rakesh Batabyal, Professor, Centre of Media Studies, JNU, on the topic 'The idea of a Teacher in an expanding knowledge Universe'. The Time Travellers celebrated the teacher's day with full zest and zeal.








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## **Past And Present Karma Bhoomi and The Difficulty of Being Good By Dr Shashi Bhushan Upadhyay**

On 5 October 2018, the Dr S. Radhakrishnan Book Club of the History Department had organized its 2nd Book Club Meet. The books in discussion were 'Karma Bhoomi'

by Munshi Premchand and 'The Difficulty of Being Good' by Gurcharan Das. The event was graced by the presence of Dr Shashi Bhushan Upadhyay, Professor, History Department, IGNOU, who gave a Indian thought-provoking lecture on 'Past and Present' by correlating the above mentioned books and the great epic 'Mahabharata'. It was an illuminating session wherein the students got a chance to envisage the significance of our ancient past in the present.



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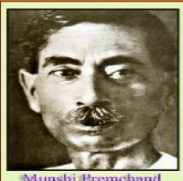
**Dr. Radha Krishnan Book Club**

cordially invites you all


to a lecture on

**'PAST AND PRESENT : A DISCUSSION ON KARMA  
BHOOMI AND DIFFICULTY OF BEING GOOD'**


by



Munshi Premchand



**Prof. Shashi Bhushan Upadhyay**  
(Professor, Department of History, IGNOU)



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**Date : 5th October 2018**  
**Time : 2:00 pm**  
**Venue : Conference Room, NB**

**Anjali : 95600 95764**  
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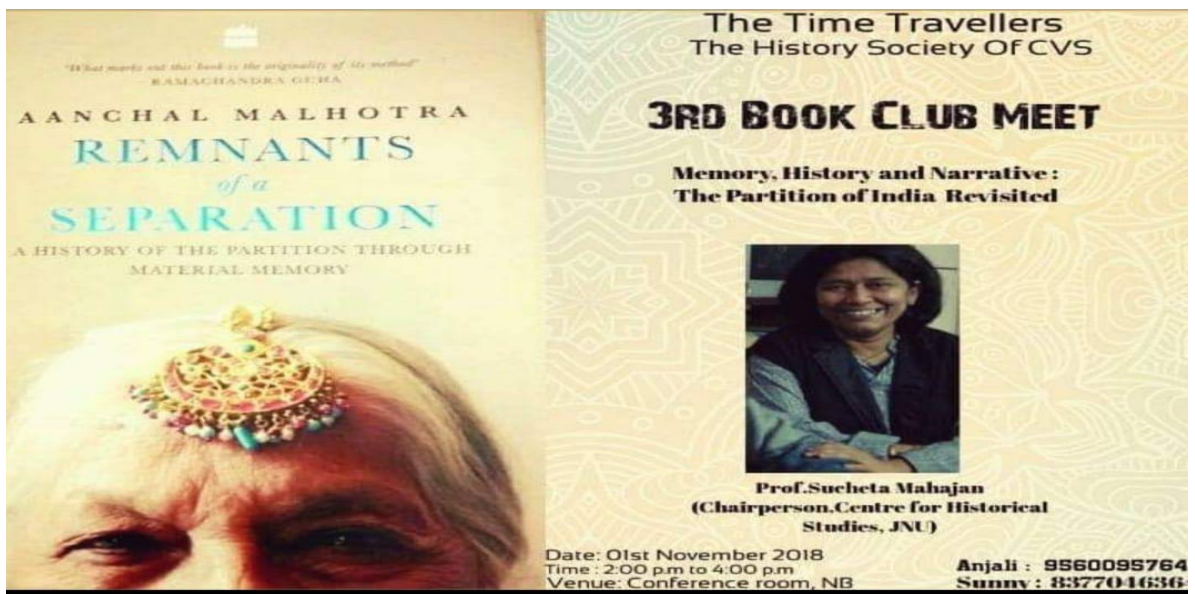
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## **History, Memory and Narrative: Partition of India** **Revisited By Professor Sucheta Mahajan**

The Dr S. Radhakrishnan Book Club of the History Department organised its 3rd Book Club Meet on 1 November 2018. The book in discussion was 'Remnants of a Separation : A History of the Partition through Material Memory' by a young artist and author Aanchal Malhotra. Four students Karuna, Phunsuk, Simran and Sukhbir presented the book reviews. A

Powerpoint presentation of photographs of the Partition of India was shown by Ishita along with short clips from the movies, 'Pinjar' and 'Garam Hawa' by Jatin and Aman Pratap respectively to showcase the ramifications of the Partition. History department teacher-in-charge Dr. Richa Malhotra described Aanchal Malhotra's work as a riveting testimony of partition trauma woven with fine sensitivity and compelling emotionality and introduced the speaker. This was followed by a mesmerising lecture on 'History, Memory and Narrative: Partition of India Revisited' by Professor Sucheta Mahajan, Chairperson, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU. Along with this, Pranav and Aman recited heart-rending poems on the Partition. It was an enthralling event wherein the students got a chance to understand the gravity of the Partition in people's lives as well as the significance of memory in interpreting the past. Dr.Mrinmoyee Ray extended vote of thanks to Prof. Sucheta Mahajan.



The image shows two promotional materials for a book club meet. On the left is the cover of the book 'Remnants of a Separation: A History of the Partition Through Material Memory' by Aanchal Malhotra. The cover features a close-up of an elderly woman's face with a traditional Indian headpiece. On the right is a poster for 'The Time Travellers The History Society Of CVS 3RD BOOK CLUB MEET'. The poster includes the title 'Memory, History and Narrative: The Partition of India Revisited', a portrait of Prof. Sucheta Mahajan, her name and title, and event details: Date: 01st November 2018, Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Venue: Conference room, NB. Contact numbers for Anjali (9560095764) and Sunny (837704636) are also listed.



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## **A Voice of their Own : Women Identity and Writings in India ( 1919-2019) By Urvashi Butalia**

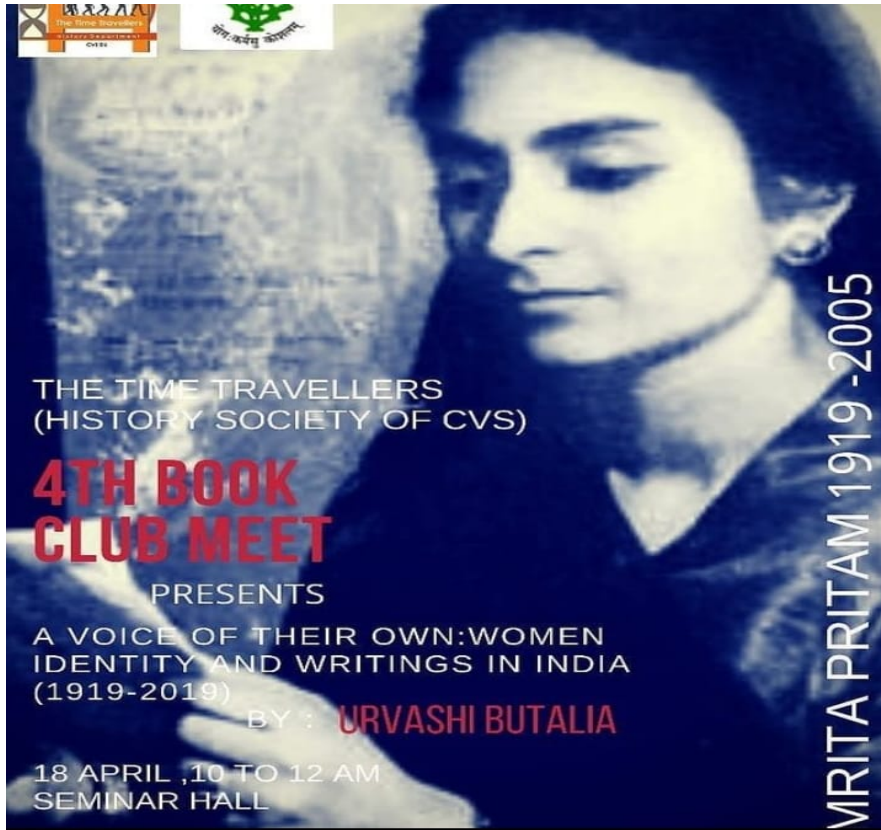
The Dr S. Radhakrishnan Book Club of the Time Travellers, History Society of CVS organised the 4th Book Club Meet on 18 April 2019. The book in discussion was ' \*\*Raseedi Ticket\*\*', an autobiography of a prominent poetess, writer, essayist of Punjabi and Hindi literature, Amrita Pritam. This book is a saga of the trials and tribulations faced by her and how she broke the glass ceiling by her revolutionary and poignant writings on womanhood.

The event was graced by eminent author, activist and publisher, Ms. Urvashi Butalia who delivered an impactful and thought-provoking lecture titled, '\*A Voice of their Own: Women Identity and Writings in India (1919-2019)\*'. She narrated some unheard stories about fearless women who dared to go against the societal norms and patriarchal practices and published writings in vernacular languages. Ms Urvashi Butalia is the co-founder of India's first feminist publishing house, Kali for Women and now heads Zubaan, an imprint of Kali. She has a long history of involvement in the women's movement in India and writes and publishes widely on a range of issues associated with women and gender in India. Among her best known publications is the award winning oral history of Partition, The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India. She is currently working on a number of other books and she is also Visiting Faculty at Ashoka University and at Vedica Scholars.

Our teacher-in-charge Dr Richa Malhotra welcomed the guest of honour and expressed her warmest gratitude to Ms. Urvashi Butalia who has been a faculty member of our college previously, for accepting our invitation. It was an illuminating session on the emancipation of women as well as those fearless women who championed this cause through their writings.

In addition, selected book reviews were presented by Suraj Kumar, Srishti Singh and Rama Ram. Signature poems of Amrita Pritam were recited by Payal Aggrawal, Sunny Kumar and Sarthak Joel Tunious. Sunny Kumar in prelude to his recitation of Amrita Pritam's poem made a brilliant speech in which he compared the radical spirit and activism of her times with the emerging independent identity of Indian women in contemporary times. Along with this, one of our faculty members Dr. Virendra Singh Bithoo recited his fascinating poem on the movements led by Ms Urvashi Butalia. There was also a beautiful PowerPoint on the life and times of Amrita Pritam as well on Indian women writers, made by Ishita Gangal and the main poster of the event was designed beautifully by Fareeha Zubair. In the end, Dr Mrinmoyee Ray gave the vote of thanks to the speaker, faculty members and students and the next book, ' \*The Argumentative Indian\* ' by Nobel laureate economist, Prof. Amartya Sen was given to the members for the 5th Book Club Meet.







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