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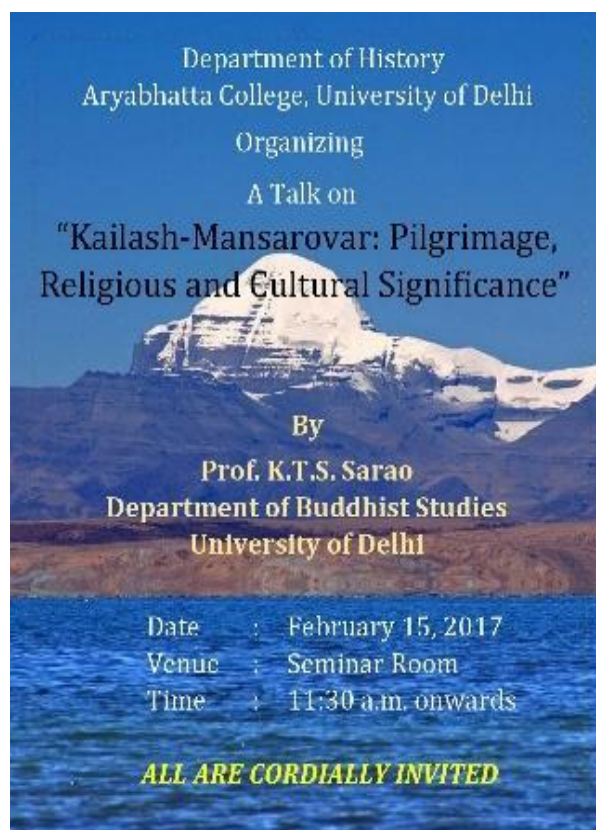
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15th February 2017

**Lecture on “Kailash Mansarovar: Pilgrimage, Religious and Cultural Significance”
by Prof. K.T.S Sarao**

The Department of History organised a lecture on the topic “**Kailash Mansarovar: Pilgrimage, Religious and Cultural Significance**” by Prof. K.T.S Sarao, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi. The talk was organised by the Teacher in Charge Dr. Krishna Murari. The guest was welcomed by the Principal. Guest Speaker Dr. Sarao gave a socio historical perspective on the Pilgrimage to Kailash. The seminar was attended by 123 students from History Hons and B.A program courses.



7th March 2017

International Women's Day Seminar - Social Construction of Gender in Ancient and Early Medieval India

Gender as a category of analysis has transformed our understanding of historical processes over the last few decades, both within and outside India. Transcending the notion of 'anatomy shaping destiny', historians have argued that the most fundamental social distinction that emerges across regions all over the world and chronological periods is that of gender. In Indian context also, a number of scholars have examined closely a variety of literary, epigraphical and visual sources, to argue that women and men are not born but are shaped by social attitudes and world-views. It is the process of socialisation that leads to gender differences and distinctions. In this seminar, we seek to present the recent historical understanding on the social construction of gender in ancient and early medieval India.

The department of History organised a seminar on 7th March 2017 to celebrate the International Women's Day. (8th March is celebrated as International Women's Day worldwide) as the eminent speakers on the topic had prior commitment on 8th March so the seminar was held on 7th March 2017. Professor R Mahalakshmi, CHS/SSS/JNU, Professor Jaya Tyagi, Department of History, DU and Associate Professor Shalini Shah, Department of History, DU were the speakers who talked about different views pertaining to gender issues in ancient and early medieval Indian history and how it impinges on present context as far as gender is concerned. The seminar was informative and made lively and interactive by the faculty members of different courses and students in large numbers. The seminar was attended by 151 students.

