

**National Seminar on Nehru and the Minorities  
Programme**

**Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009  
Mir Anis Hall**

**INAUGURAL SESSION:** 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

**Chair:** Professor Zoya Hasan  
Member National Commission for Minorities, CPS, JNU  
**Keynote Address:** Mr. A.G.Noorani  
Eminent Constitutional Expert

**Tea:** 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Session I** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Chair :** Professor Zoya Hasan  
**Nehru and the Crisis of Leadership Amongst Muslims in Independent India**  
M.J.Akbar, Editor-in-chief, Covert  
  
**Nehru's Secular Modernist Agenda: A Time for Reflection**  
Prem Shankar Jha, Senior Journalist

**Lunch:** 1 p.m. to 2 p.m

**Session II** 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m

**Chair:** Professor Lakshmi Subramaniam,  
Department of History, JMI  
  
**Giving Women a Role - Perceptions of Gandhi, Bose and Nehru.**  
Dr. Reba Som, Director Rabindranath Tagore Centre,  
Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Kolkata  
  
**Nehru and Women: Three Episodes in Pre-Independent India**  
Dr. Vishalakshi Menon, Reader, Department of History,  
Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi

**Tea:** 3:30 p.m- 3:45 p.m

**Session III** 3:45 p.m-5 p.m

**Chair :** Professor Shakti Kak,  
Director, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, JMI  
  
**Nehru's Concept of Secularism**  
Prof. Rajeev Bhargava,  
Director, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies  
  
**Engaging with the Communal Question: Nehru's Approach**  
Dr. Salil Mishra, Department of History, IGNOU  
  
**Categorising the Nehruvian Model**  
Anil Nauriya, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India

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Session IV	10 a.m- 11:15 a.m
<b>Chair:</b>	Dr. Mukul Kesavan, Department of History, JMI
	<b>Nehru on What Secularism Means</b> Professor Neera Chandoke, Department of Political Science, DU.
	<b>The Reception of Nehruvian Secularism and the Changing 'Political' Architecture of Mosques in Post Colonial Delhi</b> Dr. Hilal Ahmed, Associate Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
<b>Tea:</b>	11:15 a.m-11:30 a.m.
Session V	11:30 a.m. -1 p.m.
<b>Chair:</b>	Professor Anwar Alam., Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, JMI
	<b>Rethinking Jawaharlal Nehru's Internationalism:</b> <b>The League against Imperialism and Anti-Imperial Networks, 1927-1936</b> Michele Louro, Graduate Student, Department of History, Temple University
	<b>Communalism at Home and Conflict Abroad:</b> <b>Domestic Roots of Nehru's Pakistan Policy</b> Dr. Srinath Raghavan, Lecturer, Defence Studies, King's College London,
<b>Lunch:</b>	1 p.m-2 p.m
Session VI	2 P.M-4 P.M
<b>Chair:</b>	Dr. Harish Khare, Associate Editor, The Hindu
	<b>Inclusionary Policies in India: The Nehruvian Legacy</b> Dr. Ajay Mehra, Director, Centre for Public Affairs, New Delhi
	<b>Nehru and the Exceptionalism of the North-east</b> Vasundhara Sirnate, Graduate Student, Charles Louise Travers Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
	<b>Globalisation, Nationalism and Importance of Regional Studies-----A Case Study of North-east</b> Dr. Biswajeet Saikia, Lecturer, Centre for North East Studies, JMI
	<b>Institutional Maneuvers, Nationalizing Performance, Delineating Genre: Reading the Sangeet Natak Akademi Reports, 1953-59.</b> Dr. Anita Cherian, Lecturer, Department of English, Indraprastha College, University of Delhi
<b>Tea:</b>	4 P.M.