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Time:

10 a.m. onwards

Date:

4th February, 2014

Prof. Mohammed Badrul Alam

Head, Department of Political Science

Adnan Farooqui

Convener

Programme

Inaugural Session : 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Chair: Prof. Badrul Alam, Head, Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Inaugural Remarks: Prof. S. M. Sajid, Vice - Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Keynote Address: Political Competition in the Heartland 2014: Emerging Patterns in Uttar Pradesh, Prof. Sudha Pai, Rector, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Tea: 11 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Working Session I: Situating Indian Democracy

11:15 a.m.-1:15 P.M.

Chair: Dr. Mukul Kesavan, Associate Professor, Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia

Speakers:

- 1) Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 2) Prof. Dipankar Gupta, Distinguished Professor and Director, Centre of Political Affairs and Critical Theory, Shiv Nadar University
- 3) Dr. Ananya Vajpeyi, Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

Lunch: 1:15 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Working Session II: Round Table with Political Journalists

2 p.m.. - 3:30 p.m.

Chair: Ms. Saba Naqvi, Political Editor, Outlook

Speakers:

- 1) Mr. Paranjay Guha Thakurta, Senior Journalist and Political Commentator
- 2) Mr. Shankar Raghuraman, Senior Editor, The Times Of India
- 3) Mr. Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay, Senior Journalist and Political Commentator

Working Session III: Battleground 2014

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Chair: Prof. Balveer Arora, Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi

Speakers:

- 1) **Lok Sabha Elections 2014: Will it be a three way Contest?**, Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Co-Director, Lokniti, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi
- 2) **Bi-Polarity, Multi-Polarity and Coalition Politics in India**, Dr. E. Sridharan, Academic Director, University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India, New Delhi
- 3) **Bottom up Perspective to Indian 'National' Elections**, Dr. Manisha Priyam, ICSSR Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi

Vote of Thanks: Adnan Farooqui, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Tea: 5 p.m. onward

Our Participants



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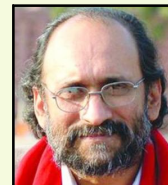
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Balveer Arora is the Honorary Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Science, New Delhi. He has served as Rector, Jawaharlal Nehru University from where he retired as Professor, Centre for Political Studies. A leading authority on Federalism and multiple dimensions of Indian Politics, he was awarded Officer of the 'Ordre des Palmes Academiques', by the Government of France in 2003 for distinguished contribution to academics.



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