



**K.N. Singh Memorial 7<sup>th</sup> National Seminar**

**On**

**"Transnational Identities: Theory, Text and  
Criticism"**

**11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**

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## **Transnational Identities: Theory, Text and Criticism**

Globalization with its better opportunities has created a new class of expatriates and immigrants. They are trans-nationals who are in between dislocation and relocation, between centre and periphery, between past and present, like passengers in transit between cultures; always in search of identity. They have synthesized the paradoxes for their success. Being the citizen of the multination, they are the 'Trishanku', the 'Nowhere man', having many roots like a Banyan tree they are rootless, ambassador and refugee simultaneously. Being global in outlook, they are local in habits and have become 'Glocal'. The world literature has been enriched with multiculturalism, post-nationalism, post-colonialism, post-modernism etc. by Diasporeans.

The Indian Diaspora writings can be categorised into two groups. The first group of migrants belongs to those who have spent a part of their life in India and are literally displaced. They carry their cultural bag with them which makes it difficult to assimilate with the host culture. Racial discrimination, hostile conditions and cultural onslaughts make it difficult to survive whereas academic and materialistic prospects make it more difficult to return back to home land. Being torn between two polarities they develop a sense of in-betweenness, a sort of 'hybrid', 'diasporic identity', always in a state of flux. This identity crisis can best be seen Edward Said who defines it as a sort of 'hybrid'. For Rushdie they are 'wounded creatures' with 'fractured perceptions'. Salman Rushdie, Bharati Mukherjee, Vikram Seth, Rohinton Mistry, Anurag Mathur and others belong to this group. The second generation of Diaspora writers belongs to the educated elites of India, born and brought up outside India, migrated to developed countries like the USA, UK, Canada & Australia. They are doctors, engineers, financial experts, writers and media people who enjoy the privilege of being a proud Indian community. They are global Indians in spirit and soul. Being twice or thrice removed from the reality of India, they make an easier conversion from the past Indian culture to the materialistic western culture. They are in a love-hate relationship with India. They view India from outside considering it as exotic and wonderland. Kiran Desia, Jhumpa Lahiri, Ram Chandra Adiga and others belong to this group.

The national seminar intends to project the achievements and struggles of the trans-nationals. The purpose is also to search a new aesthetics, a new approach to understand and interpret diaspora literature. Sub-themes for the seminar are:

1. Diaspora and post-colonialism
2. Diaspora theories
3. The literature of the first generation diaspora
4. The literature of the second generation diaspora
5. Women writers of Indian diaspora
6. Children's literature of Indian diaspora
7. Non-fictional writings of Indian diaspora

## **Paper submission:**

We invite papers related to the thrust areas with the concept note of the proposed national seminar. The research papers should conform to MLA style (seventh edition). Presentation time will be of fifteen minutes. The abstract should not exceed 300 words and should reach the Organizing Secretary latest by 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 through e-mail on vijayptp.vp@gmail.com or knipss\_sln@rediffmail.com and hardcopy along with duly filled registration form. Papers could also be sent on postal address Dr. V.P. Singh, Head, Department of English, KNIPSS, Sultanpur (U.P.)-228118. All the delegates will have to submit one copy of their research papers at the registration table for including them in the anthology to be published later on as the proceedings of the national seminar. It should also carry the title of the paper, authors name, contact address with phone & e-mail.

## **Registration:**

Registration fee will be as follows for different categories-

Faculty Members	-	Rs. 800/-
Research Scholars	-	Rs. 500/-

The registration fee has to be paid in cash either at the registration table or through D.D. drawn in favour of Dr. Vijay Pratap Singh, Organizing Secretary of the National Seminar. The registration fee includes Conference Kit, Certificate and Hospitality.

## **Venue:**

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Study Centre, KNIPSS, Sultanpur.

### **Programme Schedule:**

#### **11<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 (Saturday)**

Registration and Welcome Tea	08:30 AM onwards
Inaugural Function	10:00 to 12:00 noon
Plenary Session: One	12:30 to 01:30 PM
Lunch Break	01:30 to 02:00 PM
Parallel Technical Session	02:00 to 04:00 PM
Tea	04:00 to 04:15 PM

#### **12<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 (Sunday)**

Breakfast	09:00 to 10:00 AM
Parallel Technical Session: Two	10:00 to 01:00 PM
Lunch Break	01:00 to 02:00 PM
Parallel Technical Session: Three	02:00 to 04:00 PM
Valedictory Session	04:00 to 04:30 PM
Tea	04:30 to 05:00 PM

## About The Institute

Established in 1972, Kamla Nehru Institute of Physical and Social Sciences, Sultanpur is one of the oldest affiliated institutions of Dr. R.M.L. Avadh University, Faizabad. During the forty-two years of its existence, the institute has established itself as one of the premier affiliated colleges of Avadh University for the study of Arts, Sciences, Commerce, Law, Education and other related areas of interdisciplinary studies.

To begin with, the Institute was founded by the great visionary Sri K.N. Singh, the then, Deputy Cabinet Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of India on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct., 1972, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of Nation and was affiliated to University of Gorakhpur. The institute has prime location at the bank of holy river Gomti & 4Kms. away from the historical city of Sultanpur on Allahabad-Faizabad highway approx. 140 Kms. east of Lucknow. From July 1973 till the Institute separated as Kamla Nehru Institute of Physical and Social Sciences in April 1985, it functioned as Kamla Nehru Institute of Science and Technology. Following the separation, the suffix “Science and Technology” was dropped from the name of the Institute and it became Kamla Nehru Institute of Physical & Social Sciences (KNIPSS). Since the Institute provides legacy of students’ discipline and regular class teaching, students from neighboring districts prefer to take admission inspite of the availability of several colleges in their localities. The environment of the institute induces students to seek admission.

### **Vision and Mission**

The vision and mission of the Institute is to achieve economic freedom through the process of Quality Higher Education in post independence era and to contribute to National Development in congruence with social justice.

The academic programme of the Institute both teaching and research is continuously monitored and updated. The Kamla Nehru Institute is the biggest Institution, affiliated to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Faizabad in the Purvanchal region. There are ten thousand students on roll in the Institute.

The Institute comprises the faculty of Arts, Science, Commerce, Law, Education, Physical Education and Home Science. The Institute also runs doctoral programmes in Science, Commerce and Humanities. Internet facility is also available to promote research. Presently the following institutes and faculties constitute the core academic life:

- (a) [Kamla Nehru Institute of Physical & Social Sciences](#)
- (b) [Kamla Nehru Institute of Management & Technology](#)
- (c) [Kamla Nehru Institute of Child Education](#)
- (d) [Kamla Nehru Institute of Information Technology](#)
- (e) [Kamla Nehru Krishi Vigyan Kendra](#)
- (f) [Kamla Nehru Institute of Pharmacy](#)
- (g) [Kamla Nehru Law College \(Five Years\)](#)

## Accommodation:

Efforts are being made to make the stay of the delegates comfortable in guest houses. We need prior confirmation along with delegate fee positively before September the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in order to enable us to book the accommodation for the resource persons and paper writers participating in the seminar.

## Travel:

Sultanpur is well connected with Delhi, Patna, Varanasi and Lucknow by rail and road transport. The distance of Sultanpur is about 140 kms. from Lucknow and Varanasi. It is about 100 kms. and 60 kms. from Allahabad and Faizabad, respectively.

## Climate:

October in Sultanpur has an even climate. It is neither very cold nor very hot but has a pleasant climate.

Thanking you,

With regards

Yours Sincerely

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## Delegates Registration Form

(Please register me/my nominee for the programme)

Name (in block letters) \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Accommodation Required Yes/No

Arrival date ..... Time ..... Train Name/No .....

Departure date ..... Time ..... Train Name/No .....

Enclosed Draft No. .... / Cash Rs..... in favour of Dr. Vijay Pratap Singh, Organizing Secretary, National Seminar, KNIPSS, Sultanpur (U.P.)

I wish to attend the National Seminar (Please tick the box) as **Academician/Research Scholar** -

as delegate

as delegate presenting paper entitled

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Signature

Note:

1. Photo copy of this form will also be accepted
2. Please keep a photo copy of the filled in Registration form before its submission.