

GANGA - MEKONG CONFERENCE 2018
Co-organised by
Pridi Banomyong International College (PBIC), Thammasat University, Thailand
and
Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), India
In cooperation with **India Studies Centre of Thammasat University**
22 – 23 March 2018
Thammasat University, Ta Prachan

Thursday 22 March 2018

Venue: Sanya Dhamasakti Meeting Room, 2nd fl Dome Building

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Ken Witoonchart

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Registration |
| 09.30 – 09.40 | Lighting the Inauguration Lamp <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof Dr. Ram Madhav2. H.E. Mr. Bhagwant Bishnoi3. Assoc Prof Gasinee Witoonchart4. Prof S. R. Bhatt5. Dr. Nitinant Wisawaisuan |
| 09.40 – 09.50 | About the Conference
Prof S. R. Byatt
<i>Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, India</i> |
| 09.50 – 09.55 | Report Remarks
Dr. Nitinant Wisawaisuan
<i>Dean, Pridi Banomyong International College, Thammasat University</i> |
| 09.55 – 10.05 | Opening Speech
Assoc. Prof. Gasinee Witoonchart
<i>Rector, Thammasat University</i> |
| 10.05 – 10.15 | Welcome Address
H.E. Mr. Bhagwant Singh Bishnoi
<i>Ambassador of India to Thailand</i> |
| 10.15 – 10.35 | Keynote Speech
Shri Prof. Dr. Ram Madhav
<i>National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
& Director, India Foundation</i> |
| 10.35 – 10.45 | Photo Session & Presentation of Token of Appreciation |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | Coffee/Tea Break |

- 11.00 – 12.00 **SESSION 1: Mekong-Ganga Economic Partnership**
Chair: Asst. Prof. Akkharaphong Khamkhun, *Head of Thai Studies Programme, Thammasat University*
Speakers
1. Prof. Dr. Jaran Maluleem, *Head of Indian Studies Programme, Thammasat University*
Title: Mekong- Ganga Cooperation: An Outlook
2. Dr. Supruet Thavornnyutikarn, *Director of India Studies Centre, Thammasat University*
Title: Reestablishing Economic Linkage in Mekong-Ganga Basins
3. Dr. Kalingal Seneviratne, *Founder, Lotus Communication Network, Singapore*
Title: Linking the Gangas to the Belt and Road
- 12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**
(Common Room, Pridi Banomyong International College)
- 13.00 – 14.30 **SESSION 2: Language & Literature**
Chair: Dr. Anucha Thirakanon, *Thai Khadi Research Institute, Thammasat University*
Speakers
1. Prof. Dr. Satyavrat Shastri, *Eminent Professor of Sanskrit, Delhi University*
Title: The Impact of Sanskrit Prosody on Thai Poetry
2. Prof. Dr. Rana Purshottam Kumar Singh, *Nav Nalanda maha Vihar University*
Title: Glimpses of the Ramayana Culture in Ganga Mekong Region
3. Ms. Srey Peou Em
Title: The Ganga in Khmer Language, Literature and Culture
4. Miss Kamontip Dueathong, *ASEAN Studies, Pridi Banomyong International College*
Title: Cultural Controversies: the Disputes over Common Culture in Ganga-Mekong Region
- 14.30 – 15.00 **Coffee/Tea Break**
- 15.00 – 16.30 **SESSION 3: Inter-faith, Religions, and Social Interface**
Chair: Prof. S.R. Bhatt
Speakers
1. Prof. S. Sahai, *Eminent historian, India Council of Historical Research*
Title: The Ganga in the Mekong Valley
2. Prof. B.N. Labh, *Eminent Professor of Buddhist Studies, Jammu University*
Title: Buddhism: A Uniting Force among the ASEAN Nations
3. Prof Chirapat Prapanvidya, *Royal Scholar & Professor of Sanskrit, Silpakorn University*
Title: Early Religious Interface between India and the Mekong Regions
4. Miss Pimjai Banlangpoh, *ASEAN Studies, Pridi Banomyong International College*
Title: Comparison of Emerging Youth Civic Engagement between Mekong and Ganga

Friday 23 March 2018

Venue: Wan Waithyakon Meeting Room, 1st fl. Dome Building

Master of Ceremonies: Asst. Prof. Akkharaphong Khamkhun

- 09.30 – 10.30 **SESSION 4: Performing Arts and Culture**
Chair: Prof. B.N. Labh
Speakers
1. Prof. S.R. Bhatt, *Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, India*
Title: Indian Culture in Ganga-Mekong Region
2. Ms. Pravithra Srinivasan, *Director, Institute of Natya, Yoga and Verdic Heritage*
Title: Celebration of Culture and Life through Indian Classical Dance
- 10:30 – 10.45 **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Round Table: MGC the Way Forward**
Chair: Prof. Satyavrat Shastri, *Eminent Professor of Sanskrit, Delhi University*
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Valedictory & Closing**
Guest of Honour
- 11.30 – 12.45 **Lunch**
(Common Room, Pridi Banonyong International College)
- 12.45 Leave for Cultural Excursion, led by Mr. Ken Withoonchart
- 13.00 – 16.00 **Cultural Excursion (Delegates from ICPR):**
1. The City Pillar Shrine
2. The Temple of the Emerald Buddha and the Grand Palace
3. Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles