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Invitation

“Reflections on the Rāmāyaṇa”

Thursday, 2nd February 2023

Shri Samir S Somaiya

President, Somaiya Vidyavihar &
Chancellor, Somaiya Vidyavihar University

cordially invites you for the Inaugural Function of the
International Conference on

Reflections on the Rāmāyaṇa

organised by

K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies

In collaboration with

Central Sanskrit University

New Delhi

Ayodhya Research Institute

Department of Culture, U. P. Government, Lucknow

K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce

Mumbai



2nd February 2023



9:25 am - 1:00 pm



Nalanda Auditorium, 4th floor, K J Somaiya Institute of Management,
Somaiya Campus, Vidyavihar (East)

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Guest of Honour

Hon'ble Shri Chandrakant Patil

Minister of Higher and Technical Education of Maharashtra

Chief Guest

Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi

Vice-Chancellor of Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi

Keynote Speaker

Prof Molly Kaushal

Mission Director, National Mission on Cultural Mapping, New Delhi

About the Conference-

The Rāmāyaṇa has captured the imagination of people across the sub-continent and journeyed to distant shores from ancient times, taking on local forms in text as well as art and performance. This conference explores these narratives as they have evolved in local cultures, leading to variations in plots, characterisation that reflect the different emphases and concerns of the receiving cultures.



International Conference on “Reflections on the Rāmāyaṇa”

Programme Schedule

Inauguration Function, 2nd February

Venue-Nalanda Auditorium, Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus

9:25 am - 9:30 am	Campus prayer by Ms Prachi Pathak
9:30 am - 9:35 am	Sanskrit invocation by Dr Rudraksha Sakrikar
9:35 am - 9:40 am	Welcome address by Dr Supriya Rai, Director, K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies
9:40 am - 9:55 am	Address by the Chief Guest Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor, CSU
9:55 am - 10:10 am	Address by Guest of Honour Shri Chandrakant Patil, Minister of Higher and Technical Education of Maharashtra
10:10 am - 10:20 am	Presidential remarks by Shri Samir Somaiya, Chancellor, SVU
10:20 am - 10:25 am	Vote of thanks by Dr V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, SVU

Tea break 10:25 am - 10:40 am

10:40 am - 10:50 am	Address by Dr Lavkush Dwivedi, Director, Ayodhya Research Institute, Dept of Culture, U. P. Govt., Lucknow
10:50 am - 11:20 am	Keynote address by Prof Molly Kaushal, Mission Director, National Mission on Cultural Mapping, New Delhi
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Performance प्रतिमा - Voice of Kaikeyi, A new adaptation of a Classical Sanskrit Play by Dr Prasad Bhide and Ms Ananya Govitrikar, Somaiya Centre for Performing Arts

Lunch break 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

The sessions will be held in hybrid mode.

2nd February, Session I

Venue-Nalanda Auditorium, Somaia Vidyavihar Campus

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Rāmāyaṇa Traditions and Practices in Kerala by Dr Gauri Mahulikar
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Muslim Rāmāyaṇa Traditions in South Asia by Dr Azeez Tharuvana
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Comments by the Chairperson

Tea break 3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

2nd February, Session 2

Venue-Room number 201, Chanakya Building, Somaia Vidyavihar Campus

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Rāmāyaṇa - A South Indian Perspective by Dr D K Hari and Dr Hema Hari
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	A Special Version of Rāmāyaṇa in Kannada Yakshagana by Dr Kumar
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	रामचरितमानस में लोक और शास्त्र का समन्वय by Dr Ramakant Pandey
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	लोक एवं आदिम संस्कृति में राम by Dr Srikrishna Kakde
5:30 pm - 5:45 pm	Comments by the Chairperson

3rd February, Session I

Venue-Room number 201, Chanakya Building, Somaia Vidyavihar Campus

9:30 am - 10:00 am	Thai Ramakian: Its Major Diviations from The Valmiki Ramayana by Prof Chirapat Prapandavidya
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Cambodian and Laotian Ramayana by Prof Sacchidanand Sahai
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Comments by the Chairperson

Tea break 10:45 am - 11:00 am

3rd February, Session 2

Venue-Room number 201, Chanakya Building, Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus

11:00 am - 11:30 am	गोंडांचे रावणायन आणि रामायण by Ms Ushakiran Atram
11:30 am - 12:00 am	Chitra-ayana in Rāmāyaṇa Forms and spaces in selected Rāmāyaṇa depictions by Ms Sonika Soni
12:00 am - 12:30 am	Visual representations of Ramayana by Ms Abira Bhattacharya
12:30 am - 1:00 am	Reflections on the Ramayana by Dr Jayanti Manohar
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Comments by the Chairperson

Lunch break - 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

3rd February, Session 3

Venue-Room number 201, Chanakya Building, Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	The Trail of Rāmāyaṇa in China: A Study of Langa Xihe (兰嘎西贺) by Dr Saheli Chattaraj
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	In Search of Women's Voices in the Ramakatha - A Multifaceted Approach by Ms Garima Chaudhary
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Comments by the Chairperson

Tea break 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Film Screening and Shadow Puppet Show

Venue- Nalanda Auditorium, 4th floor, K J Somaiya Institute of Management

3:45 pm - 5:15 pm	Film 'In the Shadow of Time' by Mr Shankhajeet De
5:15 pm - 5:40 pm	Talk by Mr Shankhajeet De
5:40 pm - 6:40 pm	Shadow theatre performance by Mr Krishna Masage and group

4th February, Session 1

Venue-Room number 201, Chanakya Building, Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus

10:00 am - 10:30 am	Retelling the Rama Story in Assamese: Madhav Kandali's Satkanda Rāmāyaṇa by Dr Dhurjjati Sarma
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Ramkatha in Manipur: Textual, Aural and Visual Re-presentations by Dr Ahanthem Homen Singh
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Ramakatha in Karbi Mantras by Dr Rupanjali Hazarika
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Comments by the Chairperson

Tea break 11:45 am - 12:00 pm

4th February, Session 2

Venue-Room number 201, Chanakya Building, Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Screening of film Rāmāyaṇa in the North East by Dr Bappa Ray
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Talk by Dr Bappa Ray

Lunch break 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

4th February, Session 3

Venue-Room number 201, Chanakya Building, Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	A comparative study of Kamban and Valmiki Ramayanas: some characters, some episodes by Dr Vidya Venkatesan
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Hanumān and Hanuruha in the Jain Rāmāyaṇa by Dr Eva De Clercq
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Comments by the Chairperson

Tea break 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Valedictory Function

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3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Valedictory address -Dr Shrikant Bahulkar
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Few reviews
5:00 pm - 5:05 pm	Vote of thanks Dr Supriya Rai

To Register:

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