

Centre for Freedom Struggle and Diaspora Studies (CFSDS)

Centre for Freedom Struggle and Diaspora Studies (formerly Indira Gandhi Centre for Freedom Struggle Studies (IGCFSS)) was established in IGNOU in 2008 to facilitate research on the Indian Freedom Struggle and make documents available. In the domains of Indian History & Indian Diaspora, the Centre is committed to publishing quality research and publications.

Activities of the Centre: Seminars/Conferences/Webinars/Exhibitions

The Centre has been undertaking various activities to fulfil its objectives by organizing seminars, conferences, webinars/lectures, exhibition and talks by eminent scholars. Among the Centre's key activities are the collection and compilation of documents and literature on both freedom struggles and indenture history.

The Government of India has initiated 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. As part of this celebration, the Centre has been hosting seminars, conferences, exhibitions, webinars, and lectures. So far, 75 lectures have been delivered online and offline by eminent personalities and dignitaries. Prominent among the dignitaries who delivered the lectures are: Shri. Arif Mohammad Khan, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala; Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament - Rajya Sabha; and Shri Biswa Bhushan Harichandan, Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh. In addition, many other activities have also been undertaken by this Centre.

The details of some of the prominent lectures organized by this Centre till are:

Date	Speakers	Topics
07/01/2022	Prof. Salil Mishra, Professor of History, Ambedkar University, Delhi	Urdu Poetry and Indian Nationalism
14/01/2022	Prof. Ramesh Chandra, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi & Former VC, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, U.P.	Role of India in Development of Global Science
11/02/2022	Prof. Swaraj Basu, Professor of History, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU	Spirit of Sacrifice: Remembering Pritilata Waddadar and Matangini Hazra
18/02/2022	Shri Kailash Chandra Jha, Former Political Advisor, American Embassy, New Delhi	स्वामी सहजानंद सरस्वती और श्री सीताराम आश्रम: भारत के प्रथम संगठित किसान आंदोलन के प्रतीक
01/03/2022	Shri Arif Mohammad Khan Hon'ble Governor of Kerala & Former Union Minister, Civil Aviation of India	अनेकांत और विरुद्धों का सामंजस्य
03/06/2022	Shri R.P. Sisodia, IAS, Special Chief Secretary to Governor of Andhra Pradesh	History of Democracy
29/07/2022	Prof. Girish Nath Jha, Chairman, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India & Professor, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies,	AI Driven Educational Technology for Multilingual India

	JNU, New Delhi.	
12/08/ 2022	Dr. Sharbari Banerjee, Musicologist, Department of Education in Arts and Aesthetics, NCERT, New Delhi.	Evolution of Indian Classical Music Traditions
18 /08/ 2022	Prof. Devendra Kumar Choubey, Professor of Hindi, Centre of Indian Languages, SLLCS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.	Freedom Movement and Some Scattered Sources of History: Context - Rural History of Buxar Region
25/08/2022	Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh (Hon'ble Member of Parliament - Rajya Sabha, Iconic Cultural personality of India, Dance- Guru, Choreographer, Activist, Scholar & Author)	The Many Faces of Woman: Ashta- Naayika & Tagore
07/10/2022	Shri Biswa Bhushan Harichandan Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh	Freedom Struggle and Progressive India @ 75
06/12/2022	Shri Vijay Sampla Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Castes	Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar aur aaj ka Bharat

Publications of the Centre

Besides above, many other programmes/activities are also organized by the Centre from time to time. The Centre has also been involved in the publication works and it has published the books related to Freedom Struggle of India and History of Indian Diaspora, consisting of Poems and Songs on the Azad Hind Fauj & Subhash Chandra Bose, Volume-I (Hindi) 1945-48 and Volume-II (Urdu) 1943-45. Many more Volumes are under publications.

Some Photographs pertaining to Centre's Activities



Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala delivering 50th Amrit Mahotsav Lecture



Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament - Rajya Sabha delivering 65th Lecture



Shri Biswa Bhushan Harichandan, Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh delivering 70th Lecture



Shri Vijay Sampla, Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Castes delivering 73rd Lecture

Staff of the Centre

- Prof. Satyakam – Director
- Shri. Ram Babu - Section Officer
- Two contractual staff and one Consultant.