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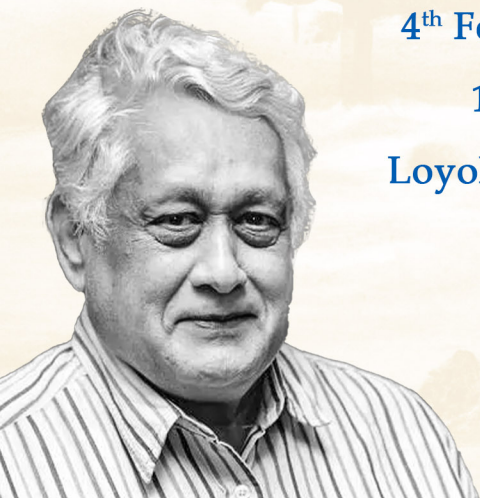
Department of English *presents* Annual Republic Day Lecture Series 5th Edition

Ethics, Earth, and the Anthropocene

4th February, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Loyola Auditorium
SJCC



SPEAKER

Shiv Visvanathan
social science nomad



MODERATOR

N Manu Chakravarthy
Visiting Professor, and Writer

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ABOUT THE LECTURE SERIES

The Annual Republic Day Lecture Series, hosted by the Department of English, is now into its fifth edition. Every year a renowned public intellectual is invited to deliver a lecture on contemporary socio-political and cultural challenges. The lecture series was inaugurated in 2019 by Prof. Rajendra Chenni and was followed by lectures from Prof. Anand Teltumbde, Prof. G N Devy and Ms. Patricia Mukhim. The Republic Day Lecture Series is designed as a space for dialogue and interaction around the themes of democracy, pluralism, and the idea of India. We feel that this effort at an ongoing dialogue is especially important in the present times.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPUBLIC DAY LECTURE

Ethics, Earth, and the Anthropocene

We inhabit not just a place but also a time period. Ours is not just the times of the modern nation-state or of advanced technology, but also a unique time period in the history of homo sapiens in which we started living as a large collective having significant impact on the earth. The Anthropocene epoch is understood to have begun when we transitioned into this new way of collective living. Human activities, leading to the destruction of the environment, are a result of social, economic, and political systems that we have developed for our collective living and sustained by the shaping of the personal and the collective selves. The contemporary debates on the human condition have laid significant importance on our relationship with the modern nation-state and technology. However, the dehumanizing nature of corporations, the nexus between politics, business, and technology, and the global rise of right-wing fascism, both political and economic, present a unique moral challenge before the personal and the collective, compelling us to frame these debates within a much larger context of the Anthropocene.

This lecture seeks to frame the socio-political and cultural issues of our times within a much larger project of evaluating our ethical relationship with the times we are living in. What is the ethical relationship of the personal and the collective self with the planet? How does the personal 'I' form the collective 'we'? Are we tasked with the responsibility of stewardship of the planet? Is this our ethical duty? If so, how are we to carry out this responsibility? Isn't the integrity of the 'self' at the heart of such a responsibility? How do we re-imagine democracy, nation-state, citizenship, environment, politics, legality, power, cooperation, and human relationships that is necessary for such a stewardship? How are such questions relevant in the Indian context? How can a dialogue on the ethics of our relationship with the planet be carried out in a language that is rooted in our place and times?



ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Prof. (Dr.) Shiv Visvanathan is currently Professor at Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat and Director, Centre for the Study of Knowledge Systems, O.P Jindal Global University. He is a trained social anthropologist with a PhD from the University of Delhi. He is an Indian public intellectual and social scientist best known for his contributions to Science and Technology Studies, and for the concept of cognitive justice a term he coined. An interdisciplinary thinker, prolific writer and delightfully bold and eloquent orator, Professor Visvanathan's articles and writings reflect his dissection of diverse issues with a sharp and critical wit. His wide interests range from cognitive justice, urban studies, the sociology of corruption and ethics, the sociology and philosophy of science, history of technology and traditional knowledge, social movements, globalization to the culture and politics of ecology which feature in leading newspapers and publications such as the Seminar magazine, Economic and Political Weekly, and The New Indian Express.

ABOUT THE MODERATOR

Prof. N Manu Chakravathy is a renowned teacher and critic, known for his significant contributions to literary and cultural criticism. He has written extensively on various subjects such as literature, music, feminism, politics, and cinema. He has authored several books and published insightful articles on Indian and Iranian cinema, as well as the creative impulses of eminent Musicians, Creative Writers, and Filmmakers. In 2011, he received the national film award (Swarna Kamal) for Best Critic. Currently, he serves as a Visiting Professor at several reputed National Institutions and lectures on Cinema and Cultural Theory.



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE:

Welcome Address	10.30 a.m.
Introduction of the Speaker	10.35 a.m.
5 th Republic Day Lecture	10.40 a.m.
Tea Break	11.40 a.m.
Q & A	11.50 a.m.
Vote of Thanks	12.25 p.m.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

St. Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC), formerly a part of St. Joseph's College, established in the year 1882, is managed by the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES). The Commerce Department was established in the year 1949 and it became an independent college with its own building in Brigade Road in the year 1972.

The college has in its Vision a model for higher education which encourages individuals to dream of a socially just world and in its Mission a strategy to empower individuals in realizing that dream. With an objective of imparting quality education in the field of Commerce and Management, the college has been innovating in all aspects of higher education over a long period of time. These innovations were further bolstered with the granting of autonomous status to the college by UGC in September 2005. From then on, the college has taken a lead in reforming curriculum and syllabus, examination and evaluation pattern, and teaching and learning methods through the Board of Studies, the Academic Council and the Governing Council composed of eminent academicians, industry representatives and notable alumni.

The college has undergone four cycles of NAAC accreditation starting from the year 2000 in which it secured 'five stars', next in the year 2007 an 'A' grade, in the year 2012 again an 'A' grade and recently in February 2021 an 'A++'. It is one of the very few institutions in the country to have secured A++ grade in the fourth cycle under the Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) and the first college in Karnataka to do so. The college was declared as a 'College with Potential for Excellence' in the year 2010. In 2011 SJCC was recognized as a Research Centre by Bangalore University. The college has been ranked among the top 100 colleges of the country by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of Ministry of Education, Government of India, for the past several years.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Since its inception the Department of English has focused on providing a humanistic perspective to the study of language and literature. The faculty at the department come from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, interests, and orientations. Some of our special interest areas include Cultural Studies, Postcolonial studies, Film studies, Theatre and Performance Studies, Gender Studies, and Classical and Contemporary Literature.

The department fosters special interest student associations, and conducts activities, such as literary fests, debating competitions, book exhibitions, film screenings, art appreciation workshops, writing workshops, and quiz competitions. It also encourages participative dialogue within the larger community through programmes like Republic Day Lecture Series, Seminars, Panel Discussions, and Colloquiums on topics of contemporary cultural and political significance.