



DR. S. Radhakrishnan Book Club (2020-21)

Name of Workshop/Seminar/Connfer ence	No. of Participants	Date from - to
Lecture on Art and History: Texts, Contexts and Visual Representations in Ancient and Early Medieval India" By Prof R. Mahalakshmi	50	05-09-2020
Lecture on Palace of Illusions By Dr. Smita Sehgal	35	11-02-2021
Speaker session on "The Hitman- A Rohit Sharma Story" by Vijay Lokapally	40	05-09-2021
Speaker session on "Books- Best Medicine to overcome Mental Health issues" by Mr Arjun Gupta and Ms Sanhita	70	09-10-2021
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Art and History: Texts, Contexts and Visual Representations in Ancient and Early Medieval India - By Prof R. Mahalakshmi

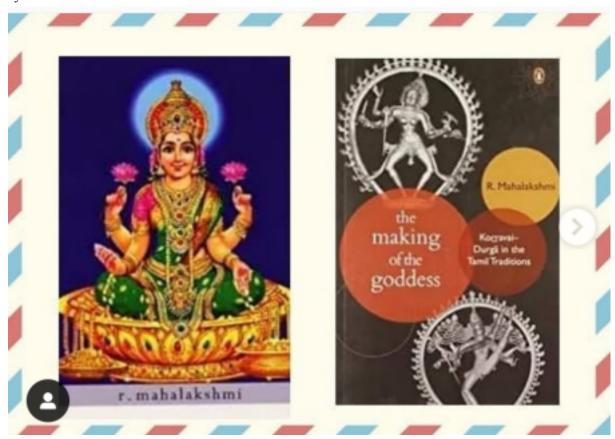
On the occasion of Teacher's Day, 5th September 2020, Dr S. Radhakrishnan Book Club, CVS organised the IX Book Club Meet. Prof R. Mahalakshmi, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU was invited to discuss her latest book "Art and History: Texts, Contexts and Visual Representations in Ancient and Early Medieval India" (Bloomsbury 2019). It was an honour for Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Book Club, CVS to host Prof.

R. Mahalaxmi, the author of the book in discussion to be interacting with the students.

The CVS Principal, Prof. Inderjeet Dagar addressed the Meet on the role and significance of teachers in the shaping society. Prof. R. Mahalakshmi described her journey of writing a book as a labour of love. She introduced all the contributors in the book and highlighted their research in unravelling the interface between art and history. She located historical contexts of premodern Indian art traditions in religious, political and philosophical ideas conveyed through visual representations.

Prof. Mahalakshmi dwelled on the purpose of forms, meanings and symbols of art in a given context. One significant point of her discussion was the centrality of prescription to technique and style to the production of art. With a beautiful PowerPoint presentation, the visual representations in specific regional historical contexts, mythologies and textual prescriptions were showcased. She described Indian art as the 'Garland of Divinity and Resurrection of serene'. Prof. Mahalakshmi mesmerised her audience with her exemplary range of knowledge and powerful articulation.

A large number of students attended the online IX Book Club meet of CVS from various colleges and universities. Winners and runners-up for the email-writing competition were also declared. A beautiful video with serene melody, dedicated to teachers was released by the Radhakrishnan Book Club team.



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Palace of Illusions By Dr. Smita Sehgal

The book in discussion was "Palace of Illusions" by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. Dr. Smita Sehgal, Associate Professor, Department of History, Lady Shri Ram College, spoke on "The Enigma of Draupadi". Dr. Smita Sehgal is an expert on ancient Indian history with profound research on the mega narrative - epic 'Mahabharata'. The event was scheduled on 11th February 2021, Thursday at 4pm on Google meet. The opening address was given by Dr. Richa Malhotra, Convener of the Club. Then, it was followed by the anthem of the Book Club and introduction of the book by Gautam Kumar. The talk delivered by Dr. Sehgal focused on, "The Enigma of Draupadi", who was the protagonist in the intricate tale

woven in the book. During the course of her speech, Dr. Sehgal highlighted various aspects of the character of Draupadi and the various roles she undertook as an enigmatic queen, an unwanted daughter, a faithful wife, a young girl, and simply as a woman in her world. While discussing, we also went into how certain narratives are changed to suit the sensibilities of contemporary time, how it might have been done with Draupadi too. The event was gracefully conducted by the workaholic members. The event was moderated by Suraj Kumar and Shreyansh Dubey. The event ended with the announcement of the next book to be discussed for XIth Book Club Meet.





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Xth BOOK CLUB MEET



O TIME : 4:00 p.m.

• VENUE : GOOGLE MEET

V DATE: 11th Feb, 2021

TOPIC: The Enigma of

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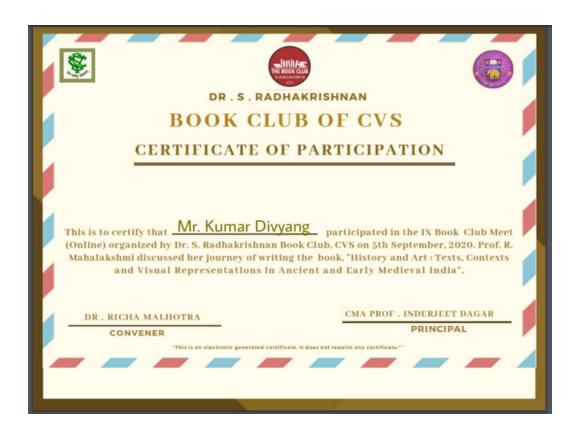
This is to certify that ___ - participated in the IX Book Club Meet (Online) organized by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Book Club, CVS on 5th September, 2020. Prof. R. Mahalakshmi discussed her journey of writing the book, "History and Art: Texts, Contexts and Visual Representations in Ancient and Early Medieval India".

DR. RICHA MALHOTRA

CMA PROF. INDERJEET DAGAR

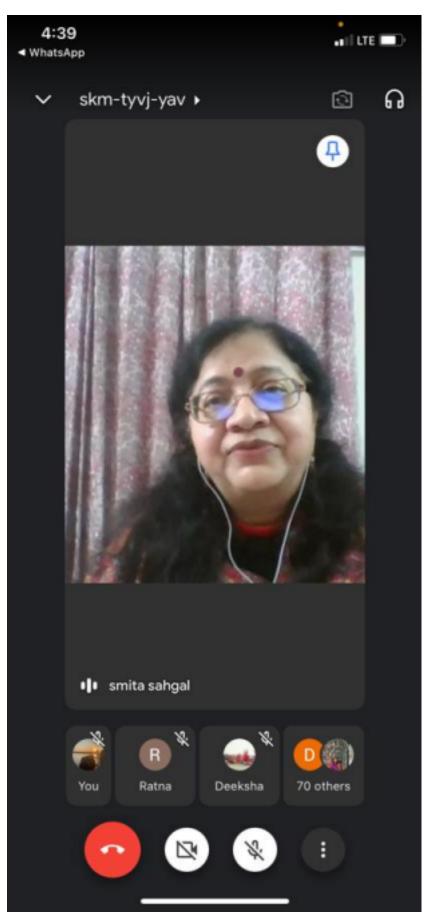
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The Hitman- A Rohit Sharma Story" by Vijay Lokapally

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Book Club of CVS organized the XI Book Club Meet on 5th September, 2021 marking the 133rd Birth Anniversary of the renowned philosopher, educator, Bharat Ratna awardee, and first Vice-President of the Independent India Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. The day is also

celebrated as the Teacher's Day and the Foundation Day of the society.

"When people throw stones at you, you turn them into milestones."

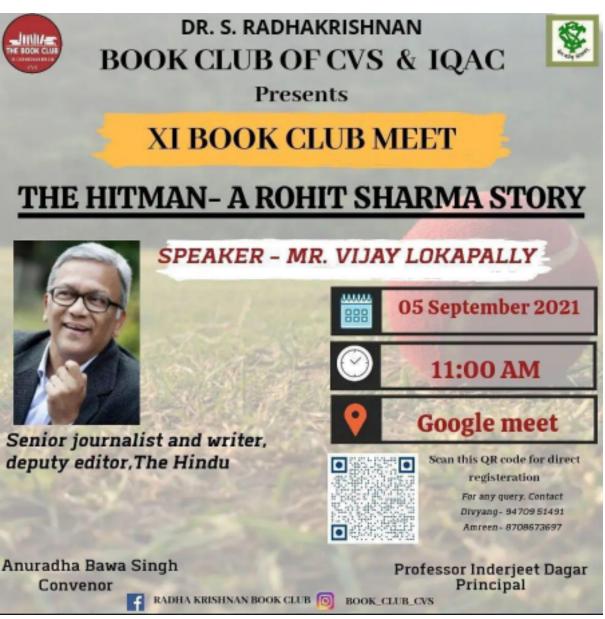
The motto of the Book Club CVS is to spread a reading culture amongst students for a better tomorrow and it was an honour for the Club to host Mr. Vijay Lokapally, renowned author, sports journalist and Former Deputy Editor of the daily newspaper, The Hindu for the session. His book 'The Hitman: The Rohit Sharma Story' was the book of discussion of the session.

The inaugural address of the session was given by Prof. Inderjeet Dagar, Principal CVS. He addressed the meeting on the role and significance of teachers in shaping the society. Further, the poem, 'Kitabe' by Safdar Hashmi was recited by Shaziya and the book review written by Tanya on this book, 'The Hitman: The Rohit Sharma Story' was recited by herself.

Mr. Vijay Lokapally described his journey of writing this book as a labour of love and dedication. He introduced all the contributors in the book and highlighted his work in unravelling the interface between sports and journalism. He described how one should be completely honest while writing a book and mentioned that reading doesn't require much effort if one is engaged in the reading of its favorite genre.

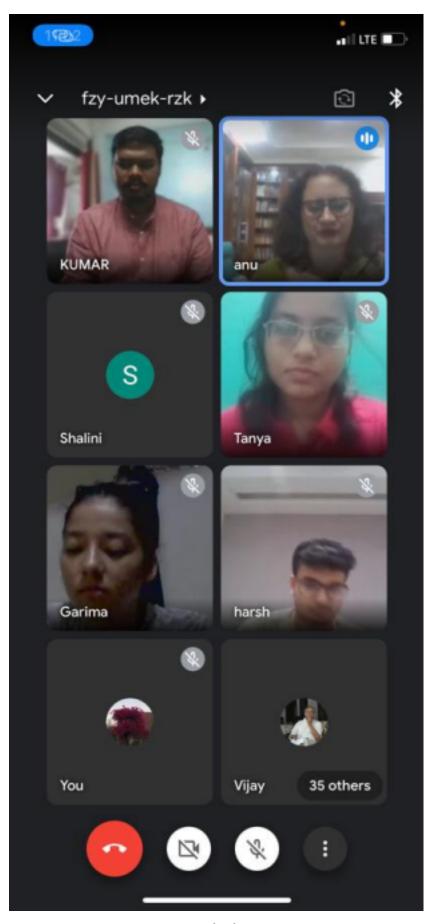
In the Q&A round, participants put some fascinating questions in front of the speaker, making the session more insightful and interesting. Mr. Lokapally mesmerised his audience with his exemplary range of knowledge and powerful articulation.

Finally, the Vote of Thanks was given by Ms. Anuradha Bawa Singh, Convenor of the society and declared the result of the Article Writing Competition. A large number of students attended the online meet from various colleges and universities. It was an engrossing session that no one really wanted to end.



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Books- Best Medicine to overcome Mental Health issues" by Mr Arjun Gupta and Ms Sanhita

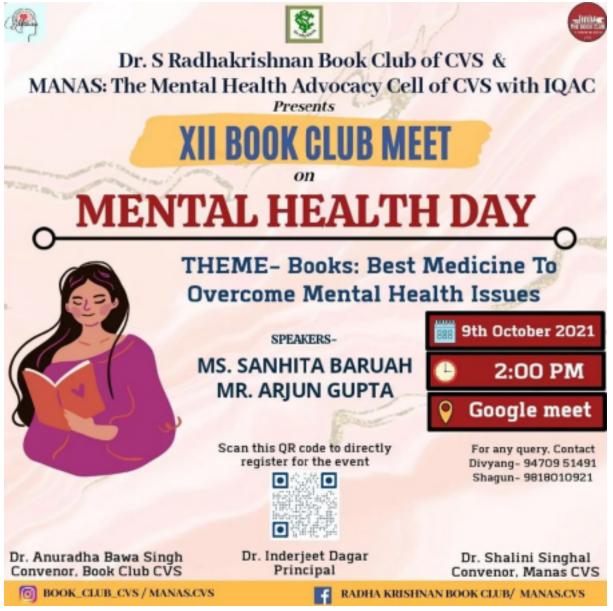
the occasion of World Mental Health Awareness Day in collaboration with Manas: The Mental Health Advocacy Cell and IQAC. The theme of the session was "Books: Best Medicine to Overcome Mental Health Issues". The session provided the students with an understanding of Mental Health issues in the world of misapprehensions.

The session began with the inaugural address given by Dr. Shalini Singhal and Mrs. Anuradha Bawa Singh, Convenor of Manas CVS and Book Club of CVS respectively. Furthermore, poems were recited by Maksad and Shaziya on 'Kitabe' by Safdar Hashmi and 'Depression' by Cara Delevingne respectively.

Our revered speakers of the session were Ms. Sanhita Baruah and Mr. Arjun Gupta. Ms. Sanhita Baruah started the session by sharing her personal experience that "Life is not just about moving on but you have to release your emotions as well." She hinted that only we can work on our thoughts and motivated the audience that there is much more to life than just being a survivor. She shared the two mantras that helped her i.e. read like your library card is expiring and write like no one is reading.

The second speaker of the session Mr. Arjun Gupta shared some insightful observations with the audience commenting that "Books might not be the only best medicine but, they help you to find yourself." He accentuated that people should be taught to read books to solve their problems. Whereas, comprehending language can work effectively to help others. He further related that how mental health with toxic masculinity isn't expressed by men due to their conditioning.

The session had an interactive question-answer interval where the audience delivered their mental health issues with the speakers. They experienced a healthy exchange on mental health problems with their solutions. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Amreen with the successful anchoring executed by Deeksha and Anu. It was an engrossing session that no one wanted to end.



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ANNUAL EVENT GEETANJALI SPEAKER SESSION

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Book Club of CVS has organised its annual event, 'GEETANJALI' on April 19th, 2022. The event began with the inaugural address by Ms. Anuradha Bawa Singh, Convenor of the Club who greeted the members for their hard work in the Club.

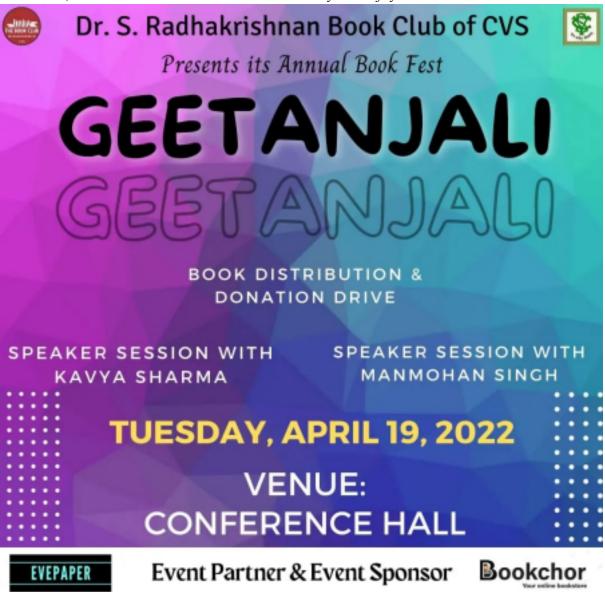
The event kick-started with the poem 'Kitabe' recited by Priyanjana Ghosh. Furthermore, the revered speaker of the session Dr. Manmohan Bawa Singh gave some insights into his career life. He knew multiple languages and told us various anecdotes of his life that made him pursue writing.

Another esteemed speaker of the session was Ms. Kavya Sharma gave us informative tips on how to start writing and also advised us to read books which are juxtaposed to each other to know the perspectives of both. A Q&A session was organised where participants put some fascinating questions making the event insightful.

The Vote of Thanks was given by the President of the Club, Kumar Divyang. The event was hosted by Tanya, Chetan and Aarjav. The Book Donation Drive was headed by Harsh Malik.

The marketing pitch for event partners was done by Anu Chauhan.

In the end, the event was a successful one and everyone enjoyed it a lot.



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