

NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

Program for Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's 118th Birth Anniversary at Netaji Bhawan, 38/2 Lala Lajpat Rai Sarani (Elgin Road) Kolkata, January 23-24, 2015

January 23, 2015:

10.30 am-12.15 pm: Traditional Netaji Birthday Assembly presided over by H.E. the Governor of West Bengal and inauguration of the conference on "Asia in Bengal, Bengal in Asia, 1900-the present"

Professor Sugata Bose will speak on "Mahatma's Netaji"

Netaji Birthday Concert "Confluence" by Bickram Ghosh and Rhythmscape

Opening Songs by Sasha Ghoshal

1.30-2.30 pm NIAS Annual Lecture at Sarat Bose Bhawan, 1, Woodburn Park, on "Rivals or Friends? Jawaharlal and Subhas" by Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Vice-Chancellor, Ashoka University, presided over by Professor Sugata Bose

3 pm-4 pm: Conference Keynote in the Sarat Bose Hall, Netaji Bhawan, on "The Bay of Bengal and its Cultural Interactions" by Sunil Amrith, Professor of South Asian Studies, Harvard University, chaired by Ayesha Jalal, Mary Richardson Professor of History, Tufts University

4.15 pm-4.30 pm Release of Book on Learning Chinese through Bengali by Narayan C. Sen

4.30 pm-6 pm: Panel 1 in the Sarat Bose Hall, Netaji Bhawan

Chair: Ambassador K. Kesavapany, Singapore

"Bengal's Relations with Southern China and Southeast Asia" by Iftekhar Iqbal, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

"Bengal's Relations with Tibet and China" by Tansen Sen, Baruch College, City University of New York

"Asia in Bengali Literature and Journals in the Twentieth Century" by Sarvani Gooptu, Calcutta Girls' College

6.30 pm-7.30 pm: Panel 2 in the Sarat Bose Hall, Netaji Bhawan

Chair: Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor, University of Calcutta

“Bengali Forerunners and Contemporary Indo-Japanese Cooperation” by Yasushi Tomiyama, Japan Institute for National Fundamentals

“Japan, India and Southeast Asia: Cooperation for Development and Freedom” by Shigeharu Aoyama, Japan Independent Institute

January 24: 2015:

11 am-12.30 pm: Panel 3 in the Sarat Bose Hall, Netaji Bhawan

Chair: Hari Vasudevan, University of Calcutta

“Influence of the Red Fort Trials on International Law” by Kirsten Sellars, Chinese University of Hong Kong

“Radha Binode Pal and the Tokyo Trials” by Milinda Banerjee, Presidency University, Kolkata

“A New Age of Asian Leadership” by Mariko Gakiya, University of Tokyo

2 pm-3.30 pm: Panel 4 in the Sarat Bose Hall, Netaji Bhawan

Chair: Tansen Sen, Baruch College, City University of New York

“India-Japan Strategic Partnership in the Eastern Indian Ocean” by Hiroaki Nakanishi, University of Kyoto (in cooperation with the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta)

“Scientific Visions and Projects: Inter-Asian Cooperation” by Saurabh Dutta Chowdhury, King’s College, London

“The Cha Project: A Bridge between India and Singapore” by Rinkoo Bhowmik

4 pm – 5.30 pm: Fourth and Final Sarat Bose 125th Birth Anniversary Lecture by Ayesha Jalal, Mary Richardson Professor of History, Tufts University, on “The Struggle for Pakistan: A Muslim Homeland and Global Politics” chaired by Rajat Kanta Ray, Emeritus Professor, Presidency University

6 pm – 7.30 pm: Netaji Oration 2015 by Homi Bhabha, Anne Rothenberg Professor of the Humanities, Harvard University, on “Pessimism of the Intellect, Optimism of the Will: Auden, Bose, Fanon, Gramsci” chaired by Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of History, Harvard University