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September 4-6, 2024**

**Theme: Systems of Knowledge in India: Moving towards
self-reliance**

Self-reliance is the process of becoming empowered with knowledge to have a self-sufficient, and independent way of life. For this India has nurtured plural ways of drawing upon its diverse resources, rich cultural heritage and intellectual traditions. These plural ways show that self-reliance is possible with an open mind that is firmly grounded in its roots.

The cultural heritage of India includes the local, regional, and primarily oral traditions, the day-to-day practices, folk culture, myths, local rituals, and customs. The intellectual traditions include traditions of philosophy, architecture, grammar, mathematics, astronomy, history, sociology, politics, ethics, logic, science, medicine, plants, soils, cosmology, trade, commerce, biology, art, craft, dance, music, theatre, literature, calligraphy and much more.

For several hundred years power structures have inhibited the interplay between cultural heritage and intellectual traditions. These structures privileged the languages of written traditions and the practices of rural and urban dwellers as great tradition and invisibilized the oral traditions and the practices of peasant cultivators, crafts people, forest dwellers, fisherfolks as little tradition.

Further, in modern times colonial and post-colonial power structures have marginalised these plural ways of creating knowledge in relation to a way of life, Modern science labels this as ethno-science. Several scholars, in their quest of self-reliance, have been engaged in challenging this perception and critiquing the hegemony of modern science.

Equinox 2024, invites papers, empirical and theoretical, that engage with plural ways of knowing and living in India.

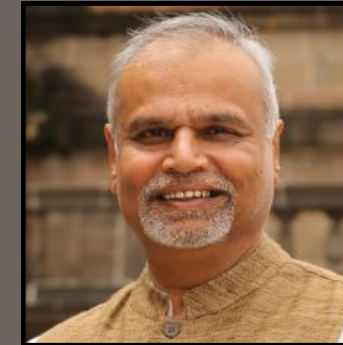
Inaugural Session

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Book Discussion

'Genome to Om'

Evolving Journey of Modern Science to Meta-science
by
Bhushan Patwardhan and Indu Ramchandani
Publisher
BluOne Ink Private Limited, India

Date: Sep 4, 2024

Venue: NSB Auditorium, Maitreyi College
Time: 10.30 am- 12.00 pm

Panel for Book Discussion

- **Dr Rajiv Kumar**, Former Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Govt. of India
- **Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha**, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India
- **Dr Vinay Sahasrabudde**, Former Member of Parliament and President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi
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- **Dr Rabinarayan Acharya**, Director General, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush New Delhi

Moderator:

- **Prof. Balaganapathi Devarakonda**, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, Delhi

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Fozia Dastango
Award winning artist of National
acclaim of the 16th century oral
storytelling art, Dastangoi



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Registration fee

Indian delegates

Faculty/Scientists/industry persons (Physical mode): INR 1500
Faculty/Scientists/industry persons (Online mode): INR 1000
Research scholars: INR 1000
Undergraduate/Postgraduate students: INR 500

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Faculty/Scientists/industry persons (Physical mode): \$50
Faculty/Scientists/industry persons (Online mode): \$40
Research scholars: \$40
Undergraduate/Postgraduate students: \$20



Submit your abstracts through the Registration link/QR code:
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Registration fee* is to be paid via NEFT to the following account:

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Abstract Guidelines

Structured abstract: Genesis, methodology, results, discussion, conclusion. Times New Roman; spacing: 1.5; word limit: 350; Title of paper: font 14, bold, Capitalize each word (noun); Authors and affiliations: The affiliation should include address of the institute where the work was carried out (font 12); Address, email and phone number of corresponding author: font 12; Key words: 4-5.

Last date of Registration and Abstract submission: **Aug 20, 2024**
Intimation about selected papers: **Aug 30, 2024**

The full length papers may be published in the **October, 2024** issue of our e-journal Vantage: Journal of Thematic Analysis, after due process of peer-review.

SOME SUGGESTED SUB-THEMES

- Medical Epistemes: Indigenous knowledge and healing systems
- Traditional and Modern Ecological practices
- Climate Resilience: Harnessing indigenous knowledge systems
- Rituals and indigenous practices related to agriculture
- Harmonizing traditional and scientific knowledge systems for agricultural practices
- Textual and oral traditions
- Traditions of philosophical thoughts
- Culture, language, and science
- Ancient centres of knowledge and education: Nalanda, Taxila, Kashi, etc
- Indian cuisines: nutrition, history, regions and culture
- Life and method of philosophers and thinkers
- Religion, mathematics, astrology, astronomy,
- Cultural perceptions of homeland (Bharat, Hindustan, Aryavrat, Sapangada, Niyamgiri etc.
- Maritime knowledge, trade, and commerce
- Migration and diaspora
- Swadeshi and self-Reliance
- Folk and Tribal culture: folk lore, stories, local deities, folk songs, dance etc.
- Traditional knowledge systems in Building craft (Arts, Craft and architecture)
- Others

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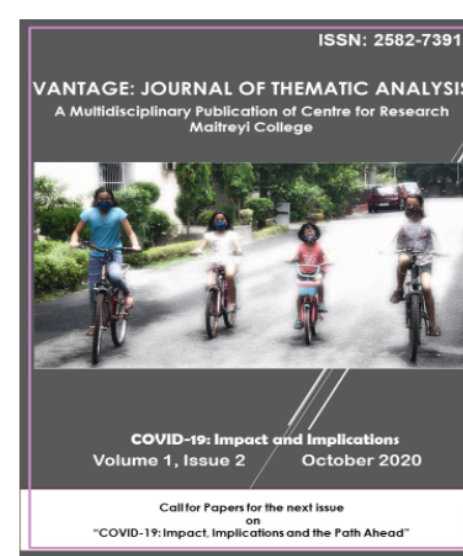
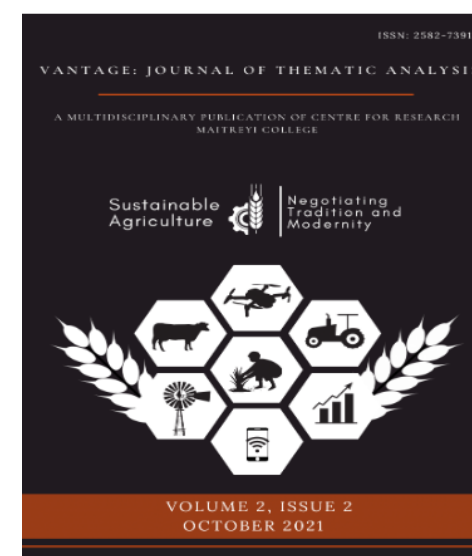
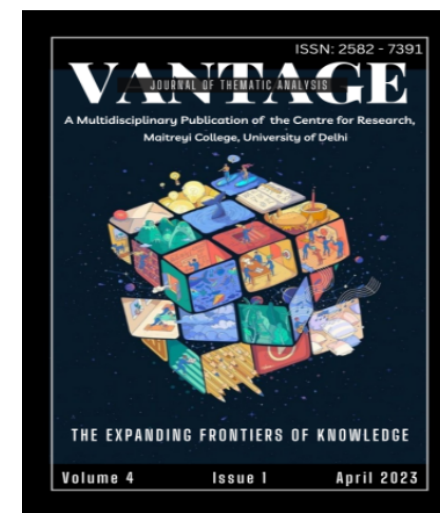
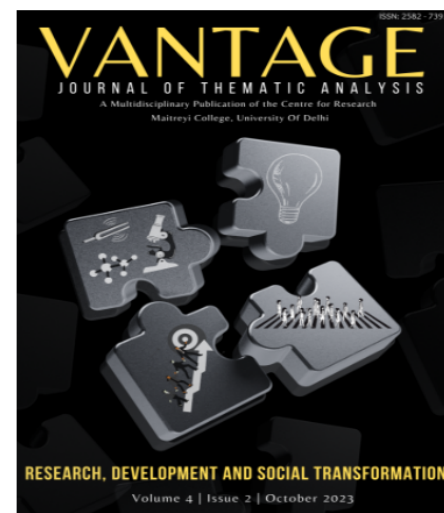
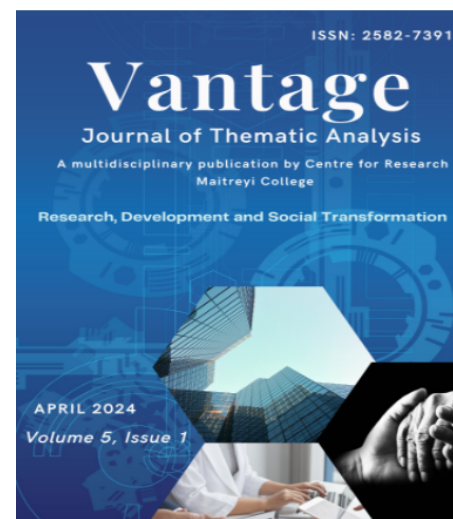


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ABOUT COLLEGE

Maitreyi College, a constituent college of University of Delhi and an eminent institution of higher education was established in 1967. Named after the renowned Vedic scholar Maitreyi, wife of sage Yajnavalkya, the college has undertaken a glorious journey of evolution in its five decades and onwards, with numerous achievements in academics, research, cultural and community engagement under its name. The college is proud to earn an A++ Grade in its second cycle of NAAC accreditation and it also carries the distinction of Star College for its Science Departments, conferred by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. It is amongst the top 6 colleges of University of Delhi to have received this title. For the current year, the college has an all-India NIRF rank of 36.

The college offers multiple courses in Science, Commerce and Humanities offered by University of Delhi and also provides the students with a wide number of options for papers under VAC and SEC that are studied under the UGC-F 2022. It is also a part of the Cluster Colleges of University of Delhi for the conduct of these courses. The college also aims at inculcating a strong research inclination among its students and stakeholders. The Centre for Research (CFR) of the college conducts research projects every year under its various programs. The college also provides its students with placement opportunities and entrepreneurial startup support through the Placement Cell and the Entrepreneurship Cell (E-Cell). The college has an Enabling Unit (EU) that works for the welfare and support of Divyangajan (Persons with Disabilities).

The cultural and academic societies of the college are well known throughout University of Delhi and beyond with students participating and winning numerous international, national and state-level competitions and events. Maitreyi College is a part of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a MHRD initiative, where our students and faculty actively contribute towards collaborative and transformational changes in rural India. We are also proud to be a part of the Ek Bharat - Shreshth Bharat initiative which celebrates cultural diversity.

The college has a distinguished Sports Department. We have our illustrious students who have brought laurels to the college in various sports at international, national and state level competitions and events. The college has established the Sashakta Nodal Sports Centre. The college has also collaborated with Special Olympic Bharat, Delhi to hold fitness training camps for athletes with disabilities in the college premises. The Pragati Sports Centre of the college enables women from across the country to undertake practice in Netball.

The college has a well developed and state-of-the-art infrastructure and laboratories. The college library has one of the largest collections of resources amongst the colleges of University of Delhi. There is a Girls Hostel that has an accommodation capacity for over 100 outstation students. Maitreyi College values holistic and empowered growth and development of all its stakeholders and makes dedicated and concerted endeavors to achieve higher and newer goals as an institution.

