

Lecture:

**'Rromani Women: their position in traditional wisdom and in modern times'**

An informative lecture titled "*Rromani Women: their position in traditional wisdom and in modern time*" was delivered by Prof. Marcel Courthiade, Head of Section of Rromani Studies, Department of South Asian Languages, INALCO, Paris, France, at IGNCA; and chaired by Prof. G.C. Tripathi, an erudite Sanskritist, who has received the President's Certificate of Honour for Sanskrit Studies. Prof. Courthiade spoke about the Rroma diaspora, who were displaced from Kannauj in 1018 AD, they joined the then ongoing Turkish migration and left Westward with the Proto-Turks after the Dandanaqan battle in 1140 AD. Though they migrated to European cities, assimilating in their culture but also retained a connection to their roots in India. The process of progress, adaptation and diffusion of Roma community is based on Indian value system of peaceful coexistence, respecting other cultures and contributing towards growth. Prof. Courthiade emphasised on the fact that Rroma women maintained Indian traditions in the countries that were unaware of India, along with its culture and traditions