

A Festival:

'Shakti Parva: Celebrating feminine Energy'

In 2018, on the occasion of International Women's Day, a Festival titled “Shakti Parva: Celebrating feminine Energy” was organized by Nari Samvaad Prakalp at IGNCA from 6th – 8th March. The parva was dedicated to celebrating the inherent Shakti or the strength of feminine energy.

The festival included a host of events which comprised special lectures by eminent personalities such as Smt. Sindhutai Sapkal, Padamshri Malti Joshi and Padmavibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh. A three days workshop on 'Natya Therapy' by Dr. Dimple Kaur; Thematic academic symposia based on '*Women and Education*'; '*Women in Arts and Culture*' and '*Women and Politics*' were organized during the festival. Several Professors, Artists, lawyers, Media persons spoke, and deliberated on aforesaid themes, and the students and audiences actively participated in Q&A sessions. Two Photo Exhibitions titled 'Divine Manifestations of Shakti- Tattva' (in collaboration with Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan) and a Book Exhibition of women-centric themes from IGNCA's Kalanidhi collection were showcased. Evening performances on the related themes and Film-screening on relevant theme was also held. All these events highlighted the creative role of feminine power from Indian traditional point of view and its expanse across the country.