

**Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts  
Kala Nidhi Division**

*Cordially invites you to*  
**Book Launch and Discussion on**  
**Rang Vidushak**  
**A mask without a mask**

**By**  
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**2nd December, 2023**  
**04.00 PM**

**Chair**



**Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi**  
Member Secretary, IGNC

**Speakers**



**Dr. Anjana Puri**  
Theatre Music Expert



**Shri Bharat Sharma**  
Renowned Choreographer  
& Theatre Expert



**Prof. Devendra Raj Ankur**  
Former Director, NSD



**Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh C. Gaur**  
HoD, Kala Nidhi Division, IGNC  
& Former Director, NSD



**Ms. Rama Pandey**  
Theatre Director & Writer

**Venue:**

Samvet Auditorium, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts  
Janpath Bhuilding (Near Western Court), Janpath, New Delhi - 110001



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**Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts  
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**Invites you to  
A Memorial meeting to pay “Shraddhanjali” to**



**Late Sh. Krishan Kumar Bhatia**  
(24<sup>th</sup> August 1929 - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023)

**Freedom Fighter, Legend Librarian  
and Social Worker**

**Founder Member & Secretary**

Ranganathan Research Trust  
& Ranganathan Research Circle

**Scientist**

Central Road Research Institute, CSIR

**On**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 at 12.00 Noon**

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**Shri K.K. Bhatia  
a Social worker with a will of steel**

In 1994, a man waited for six hours to meet a Tihar prisoner convicted for drug peddling, just so that he could arrange for a free artificial limb he had promised the man. Others may have given up when told by jail authorities that with the disabled jailer's cell an hour and a half away it would be impossible to arrange a meeting. But not this man. He persisted until he could meet the convict, and later after months of negotiations with jail authorities, managed to have the NGO providing the limb to visit the convict and have him fitted for it. This man with a will of steel was K.K. Bhatia. And he went on to arrange for eight more artificial limbs for prisoners.

Born in 1929, K.K. Bhatia, an ex-armed forces man, was by profession a librarian. In other avatars he was a freedom fighter and social worker. Till his death in November 2023, Bhatia worked relentlessly for the cause of prisoners. He operated, supported by just his pension, from his humble single story house in Rajouri Garden, a house surrounded by palatial bungalows. He also worked with Tihar authorities to promote reading as a habit among prisoners and stressed on the need for prison libraries. The branch of the Delhi Public Library (DPL) in Tihar jail, was in fact opened as a result of his persistent efforts. As a library professional Bhatia after retirement travelled to remote areas in the states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand to raise awareness on the benefits of rural libraries. This man of high integrity and a strong belief in social causes pledged his body to medical science before his death.