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Kala Nidhi Division

Cordially invites you to the

Professor Maheswar Neog Memorial Lecture
on

**Topic: Maheswar Neog: In Search of
Krishna in Assam**

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**Exhibition: Through the Lens: The Life and
Works of Prof. Maheswar Neog**

— Speaker —



Prof. (Dr.) Hindol Sengupta
Professor
O. P. Jindal Global University

— Chair —



Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi
Member Secretary
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— Welcome & Introduction —



Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh C. Gaur
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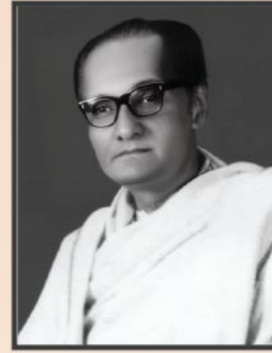
10th September, 2024
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Venue:

Samavet Auditorium
Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
Janpath Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001



Exhibition Curated by
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Professor Maheswar Neog (1915-1995)

Professor Maheswar Neog was a leading scholar dedicated to preserving Assam's literary, historical, and cultural heritage. He served at Gauhati University in various roles, including Jawaharlal Nehru Professor of Assamese. He also served as Srimanta Sankaradeva Professor at Patiala University and was instrumental in getting Satriya dance recognized as India's fifth classical dance form.

His notable works include *Sankaradeva and his Predecessors*, *Early History of the Vaishnava Faith and Movement in Assam*, *Rhythm in the Vaishnava Music*, *Religions of the North-East*, *Assamese Dramas and Theatre*, *The Bhakti Ratnakara of Sankaradeva*, *History of the Concepts of Bhakti* and many more.

Prof. Neog received numerous honors, including the Padmashree and Sangeet Natak Akademi fellowship. Gauhati University conferred upon him the title of Professor Emeritus and the Saint Sankaradeva award.

The Kala Nidhi - Reference Library of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts has, over the years, have received the personal libraries of many renowned scholars and artists as gifts, which hold special significance in the field of art and related studies. Some of the notable such collections include those of Prof. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee, Thakur Jaidev Singh, Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, Shri Devendra Swaroop, Prof. Namvar Singh, and Acharya Hazari Prasad Dwivedi. As part of this series, in 1992, Sh. Pranab Swarup Neog, the son of Prof. Maheswar Neog, donated a collection of 3500 books and 27 Sanchipat manuscripts of Prof. Neog to the Kala Nidhi - Reference Library of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. In honor of these eminent scholars and to express gratitude towards them, the Kala Nidhi Division has been organizing Memorial lectures annually. This is the first lecture in memory of Prof. Neog.

About the speaker

Prof. (Dr.) Hindol Sengupta is a multiple award-winning historian, author, and professor of international relations at the O. P. Jindal Global University. He is also co-founder of the foreign policy platform Global Order, and the Grin publishing house. He has written 12 acclaimed books and is the only Indian ever to win the Wilbur Award given by the Religion Communicators Council of America for his book *Being Hindu*. He was trained in history and international relations at the University of Oxford, and in business and finance at Columbia University. He is a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader.