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1<sup>st</sup> MAHABHARATA MANTHAN

Exhibition, Cultural Performance  
&  
International Conference on

19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017,  
IGNCA, New Delhi



यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य  
वर्त्यमिच्छति भारत।  
अभिवृत्तानमधर्मस्य  
तदात्पन्नं युजामयात्म३४-३६  
परदिवाण्यसधुना  
सन्निवृत्तवदुष्कृतम्।  
धर्मसंस्थापनसुवाय  
सम्भवामधिगेयुगे३५-८॥

"Yadi-yadi hi dharmasya  
Ghnerbhavati bhīnta  
Abhyutthānam adharmasya  
Tadātmānam vijñāsy nāna  
paritōṣāya siddhāntam Vinōṣāya ca dharmata,  
Dharmā Sansthāpanārthāya Sambhavāmi yugo-yuge"



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*Cordially invite you to grace the inauguration*

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**&  
International Conference on**

**MAHABHARATA: A Critical Revisit to the Tangible & Intangible Heritage**

*Chief Guest*

**Dr Mahesh Sharma,**

*Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), Culture & Tourism, Govt. of India*

*Keynote Address*

**Prof B.B. Lal, Former DG, ASI**

*Guest of Honour*

**Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, President, IGNCA**

**Prof Y.S. Rao, Chairperson, ICHR**

**Prof Sushmita Pande, Chairperson, NMA**

**Smt Sujata Prasad\*, Addl. Sec, MOC; DG, ASI**

**Dr B.R. Mani, DG, National Museum; VC, NMI**

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017, from 4:00 pm

Venue: Auditorium, IGNCA, New Delhi

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**Dr A. B. Shukla, Member, National Monuments Authority**

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**Prof B. B. Lal, Former DG, ASI (Keynote Address)**

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**Dr B. R. Mani, DG, National Museum; former ADG, ASI**

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**Shri K. N. Dikshit, Chairperson, Indian Archaeology Society**

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**Prof Satyavrat Shastri, Eminent Sanskrit Scholar**

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**Prof Sushmita Pande, Chairperson, National Monument Authority**

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**Prof Vasant Shinde, VC, Deccan College Deemed Univ.**

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**Prof Y. S. Rao, Chairperson, ICHR (Special Address)**

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**International & National Speakers:** (alphabetical by first name)

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**Dr Abhay Kumar Singh, Prof of Ancient History and Archaeology, Bareilly, UP**

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**Prof Alexis Pinchard, Assoc. Prof of Philosophy, (France)**

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**Dr Archana Asthana, ASA, ASI**

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**Prof Ashvini Agarwal, Dept. of Ancient Indian History, Punjab Univ**

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**Shri A. K. Bhatnagar, ADG (retd.) Meteorology Dept., Govt. of India**

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**Shri Bhuwan Vikram, SA, Agra Circle, ASI**

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**Dr Come Carpentier, Independent Scholar, Journal of World Affairs**

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**Dr D. K. Hari & Dr Hema Hari, Founders, Bharat Gyan, Chennai**

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**Prof Frederick M. Smith, Prof of Sanskrit, Univ. of Iowa, USA**

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**Gen G. D. Bakshi, Independent Scholar, Gurugram, Haryana**

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**Dr Joydeep Bagchee, Fellow (Habilitation), Freie Univ, Berlin**

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**Dr Keonraad Elst, Independent Scholar, Belgium**

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**Dr Manoj Kumar, Consultant, National Monuments Authority**

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**Dr Mohan Gupta, Independent Scholar, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh**

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**Dr Molly Kaushal, Director, Janpada Sampada, IGNC**

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**Prof Nalini Rao, Prof of World Art, Soka Univ. of America, USA**

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**Prof Pradip Jyoti Mohanta, Prof, Tezpur Univ, Assam**

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**Shri Praful Goradia, Author, former MP+ Prof Jaganniwas Iyer, Pol. Sc., Mumbai**

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**Shri Purushothaman Avaroth, Independent Scholar, M. Tech, IIT Mumbai**

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**Dr R. Nagaswamy, Director (retd.), ASI, Chennai**

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**Dr Shashi Tiwari, President, WAVES**

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**Dr Virendra Bangroo, Director, Audio-Visual Documentation, IGNC**

**Dr Vishwa Adluri, Adjunct Assoc. Prof, Hunter College, USA**

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## A Brief About us

Draupadi Dream Trust derives its name and strength from the historical Mahabharata era Panchala Princess Draupadi. It was registered in 2003, at the Pandavas' Indraprastha, present day New Delhi. It is a Not-For-Profit, Charitable Organization working with the **Mission to –**

1. Revive ancient era tangible and intangible Heritage.
2. Help the women /youth / local community realize and build their own capabilities, so that they can be an asset to themselves, and thus to family and society.

The Trust is working at the birthplace of Draupadi, **Kampilya**, in Dist. Farrukhabad, UP, at Pandava city Indraprastha, (New Delhi) and other areas of India, too. It follows the method of Research, Advocacy, Awareness and Training and Program Implementation to optimize local growth and opportunities, poverty removal and new development options in synergy with local Culture, Craft, and Traditions & History.

**Why Cultural Heritage?** A proper understanding of our Common Cultural Heritage is crucial to creating a better understanding and appreciation of our nation's history and culture. It also helps in proper perspective of gender parity, and making women equal partners in progress, for any progressive society. Please visit [www.draupaditrust.org](http://www.draupaditrust.org)

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