



Department of Japanese
Nippon Bhavana, Bhasha-Bhavana
Visva-Bharati

Miss Karabi Mukherjee Endowment Lecture

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Department of Japanese takes pleasure to inform you that the Second Endowment Lecture under the ***Miss Karabi Mukherjee Memorial Lecture Fund*** will be held at **Lipika Auditorium on February 18, 2025 at 10:30 am.**

Ambassador Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa, Former Ambassador to Japan, Government of India, will deliver the lecture on ***Indo-Japan Relations in the First Quarter of the 21st century: How they have evolved.***

Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (Offg.), Visva-Bharati has kindly agreed to deliver the Presidential Address. Mr. Koichi Nakagawa, Hon'ble Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Mr. Koji Sato, Director General, Japan Foundation, New Delhi, and Prof. Ashok Kumar Chawla, Advisor (Japan), East Asia Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, have kindly consented to grace the occasion.

All are cordially invited.

Prof. Gita A. Keeni
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Miss Karabi Mukherjee



Miss Karabi Mukherjee spent nearly four decades in Japan. She worked with the renowned Professor of Bengali Tsuyoshi Nara at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. She also taught Bengali to many Japanese nationals, who were associated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan.

Speaker of the Endowment Lecture:

Ambassador Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa joined Indian Foreign Service in 1979 and served as Ambassador of India to Japan, Qatar and Sweden. She also held significant assignments in China, Geneva, The Netherlands, the International Labor Organization and the Ministry of External Affairs handling India's relations with the UN system.

During her 36-year career, she played a pivotal role in building strong multifaceted partnerships with countries like Japan, China and Pakistan. She actively participated in international conferences and negotiations on climate change, sustainable development, disarmament, human rights etc.

Ambassador Wadhwa currently serves as the Chairperson of India-Japan Friendship Forum, a member of the Board of Directors of Asian Confluence, Shillong and serves as an Independent Director and Advisor on the Boards of several companies.

In recognition of her contributions, she was awarded the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun by the Government of Japan in April 2024.





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PROGRAMME GUIDE

<i>Baran</i> (Felicitation of the Guests)	10:30 a.m.
<i>Ved Gaan</i>	10:40 a.m.
Lighting of the Lamp	10:45 a.m.
Opening Song	10:50 a.m.
Welcome Address:	10:55 a.m.
Prof. Mrinal Kanti Mandal Dean, Institute of Languages, Literature and Culture, Visva-Bharati	
Presidential Address:	11:05 a.m.
Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor (Offg.), Visva-Bharati	
Overview of the Memorial Lecture:	11:15 a.m.
Prof. Gita A. Keeni Head of the Department, Department of Japanese, Visva-Bharati	
Memorial Lecture:	11:30 a.m.
Hon’ble Ambassador Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa Former Ambassador to Japan, Government of India & President, India-Japan Friendship Forum, India	
Special Remarks:	12:15 p.m.
Mr. Koji Sato Director General, The Japan Foundation, New Delhi	
Congratulatory Remarks:	12:25 p.m.
Prof. Ashok Kumar Chawla Advisor (Japan), East Asia Division, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI	
Observations and Reminiscences from:	12:35 p.m.
Prof. Purabi Roy Donor & Sister of Miss Karabi Mukherjee	
Vote of Thanks:	12:45 p.m.
Dr. Sudipta Das Assistant Professor, Department of Japanese	

Venue: Lipika Auditorium

Date & Time: 18.02.2025 (Tuesday) 10:30 a.m.

All are cordially invited.

