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#### The Embassy of Russia In India

#### Report on

## International Seminar "Leo Tolstoy's Heritage In The Modern World"

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1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	International Seminar "Leo Tolstoy's Heritage In The Modern World"
2. Date and Time	28 February 2025; from 10 am to 1 pm
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical Mode
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	The Embassy of Russia in India
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	<ol> <li>Dr. Girish Munjal, Coordinator from the Embassy of Russia in India.</li> <li>Prof. Vadim V. Polonskiy, Director, A.M. Gorky Institute of World Literature of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia and Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences.</li> <li>Dr. Galina V. Alekseeva Academic Director, Academic Director of the Leo Tolstoy Estate-Museum Yasnaya Polyana</li> <li>Dr. Girish Munjal , Assistant Professor of Russian, Department of Slavonic &amp; Finno-Ugrian Studies, North Campus, University of Delhi.</li> <li>Prof. Lia Bushkanets, Director, Tolstoy Museum, Kazan, Russia,</li> <li>Ekaterina E. Dmitrieva, Leading researcher,</li> </ol>

	Institute of World Literature (A.M. Gorki) of Russian Academy of Sciences, 7. Prof. Marina Arias-Vikhil, Institute of World Literature (A.M. Gorky) of Russian Academy of Sciences 8. Dr. Mazai G. Selimov, Research Fellow, Institute of World Literature (A.M. Gorky) of Russian Academy of Sciences.
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	07
8. Number of Student attended / participated	70
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	The international seminar was to provide the participants with the insights into Tolstoy's literature, philosophy, and modern thought.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	DDKSSSBS, under the auspices of the Embassy of Russia in India, organised an International Seminar on "Leo Tolstoy's Heritage in the Modern World". The seminar focused on Leo Tolstoy, a Russian literary giant, and his contributions to philosophy, culture and society in his writings, the classic 'Yasayana Polyana' - his sanctum and an estate museum, the city of kazan, and the relationship between Thoreau – Gandhi – Tolstoy. Highlighting Tolstoys heritage and his influence in the modern world.  Programme Schedule: Inaugural Session: Sr. Prof. Ganesha Somayaji, Professor of Sociology and Dean DDKSSSBS escorted the dignitaries to the dais.  1.) Prof. Anuradha Wagle, Dean, Shenoy Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University was the Chief Guest. 2.) Dr. Prakash Parienkar, Director, VRPP, Guest of Honour, 3.) Prof. Vadim Polonskiy, Director, A.M. Gorky Institute of World Literature, Russian Academy of Sciences, Guest of Honour 4.) Dr. Galina Alekseeva, Academic Director Of Leo Tolstoy Estate-Museum "Yasnaya Polyana" 5.) 4. Dr. Girish Munjal, Coordinator from the Embassy of Russia in India.  After the Inaugural Session, the Technical Session commenced post tea break.

The details of the Technical Session is as under:

- 1. Introductory Comments: Dr. Girish Munjal.
- 2. Prof. Vadim V. Polonskiy, Director, A.M. Gorky Institute of World Literature of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia and Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Presentation topic: Why is Tolstoy always 'inconvenient'?
- 3. Dr. Galina V. Alekseeva Academic Director,

Yasnaya Polyana, Leo Tolstoy Estate Museum, Tula, Russia Thoreau-Tolstoy-Gandhi

- 4. Dr. Girish Munjal, Assistant Professor of Russian, Department of Slavonic & Finno-Ugrian Studies, North Campus, University of Delhi. Presented on Yasnaya Polyana: Leo Tolstoy's Sanctum
- 5. Prof. Lia Bushkanets, Director, Tolstoy Museum, Kazan, Russia, Perception of Leo Tolstoy by Modern Kazan & it's Mythology
- 6. Ekaterina E. Dmitrieva, Leading researcher, Institute of World Literature (A.M. Gorky) of Russian Academy of Sciences, 25a Povarskaja Moscow 121069, Russia. What was wrong with Tolstoy's novel about the Decembrist, and why has itn't been finished?
- 7. Prof. Marina Arias-Vikhil, Institute of World Literature (A.M. Gorki) of Russian Academy of Sciences, 25a Povarskaja Moscow 121069, Russia Tolstoy & Gorki: Two literary giants in conversation
- 8. Dr. Mazai G. Selimov, Research Fellow, Institute of World Literature (A.M. Gorki) of Russian Academy of Sciences, 25a Povarskaja Moscow 121069, Russia, Presented on: The Perception of Leo Tolstoy in Japan
- 9. Short Documentary on Tolstoy's Life and Legacy Dr. Girish Munjal
- 10. Concluding remarks and final vote of thanks by Ms. Evelyn S. Fernandes.

	philosophy, and modern thought.  3. Participants gained a deeper understanding of Tolstoy's literary work, his philosophical ideas and relevance to society and culture and how they continue to shape the modern world in the present day.  4. The diverse discussions, from Tolstoy's works to his impact on figures like Gandhi and Thoreau, provided new perspectives on Tolstoy's relevance across time and culture
13. Enclosures with report	Programme Schedule, Geo-tag photos, Attendance of students/faculty.

Name of coordinator: Dr. Girish Munjal

Coordinator from the Embassy of Russia in India

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Date: 28/02/2025

#### "LEO TOLSTOY'S HERITAGE IN THE MODERN WORLD"

## ORGANISED BY THE D. D. KOSAMBI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND BEHAVIOURAL STUDIES, GOA UNIVERSITY AND THE EMBASSY OF RUSSIA IN INDIA

**Venue**: VRPP Lecture Hall

Time: 10 am to 1 pm

Directorates Building, Goa University

Coordinators: 1. Dr. Girish Munjal, Assistant Professor of Russian, Department of Slavonic & Finno-Ugrian Studies, North Campus, University of Delhi

2. Dr. Mozinha Fernandes, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Goa University, Goa

3. Ms. Evelyn Fernandes, Ph. D. Research Scholar, Sociology Programme

#### **Programme Schedule: Inaugural Session**

Compering: Ms. Evelyn Fernandes

Sr.	Registration	9.30 to 10
No.	(To be taken care by Dr. Mozinha Fernades)	
1.	Escorting the Guests to the Dias by the Dean, DDKSSSBS:  1. Prof. Anuradha Wagle, Dean, Shenoy Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University who is the Chief Guest.  2.) Dr. Prakash Parienkar, Director, VRPP, Guest of Honour,  3. Prof. Vadim Polonskiy, Director, M. GORKI INSTITUTE OF WORLD LITERATURE, RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Guest of Honour  4. Dr. Galina Alekseeva, ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OF LEO TOLSTOY ESTATE-MUSEUM "YASNAYA POLYANA" and  5 Dr. Girish Munjal, Coordinator from the Embassy of Russia in India	10 am to 10. 5 am
2.	Welcome: Sr. Prof. Ganesha Somayaji. Dean, DDKSSSBS	10.5 to 10.10 am
3.	Introducing the Theme of the Seminar: Dr. Girish Munjal, Assistant Professor of Russian, Department of Slavonic & Finno-Ugrian Studies, North Campus, University of Delhi	10.10 to 10.15 am
4.	Remarks by Dr. Prakash Parienkar, Director VRPP and Konkani Writer and Film Director	10.15 to 10.20 am
5.	Prof. Vadim Polonskiy, Director, M. GORKI	10.20 to 10.25 am

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6.	Dr. Galina Alekseeva, ACADEMIC	10. 25 to 10.30 am
	DIRECTOR OF LEO TOLSTOY ESTATE-	
	MUSEUM "YASNAYA POLYANA"	
7.	Prof. Anuradha Wagle, Dean, Shenoy Goembab	10.30 to 10.35 am
	School of Languages and Literature, Goa	
	University	
8.	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Mozinha Fernandes

Tea Break: 10.40 am to 11 am

#### **TECHNICAL SESSION**

Coordinator: Dr. Girish Munjal

Sr. No.	Name and Affiliation	Presentation Topic	Time
	Introductory Comments: Dr.	•	11 am to
	Girish Munjal		11.5 am
	Prof. Vadim V. Polonskiy	Why is Tolstoy always	11.5 am
	Director, A.M. Gorky Institute of	'inconvenient'?	to 11.20
	World Literature		am
	of the Russian Academy of		
	Sciences, Moscow, Russia		
	&		
	Corresponding Member of the		
	Russian Academy of Sciences		
	Dr. Galina V. Alekseeva	Thoreau-Tolstoy-	11.20 am
	A andomia Director	Gandhi	to 11.35
	Academic Director, Yasnaya Polyana,		am
	Leo Tolstoy Estate Museum,		
	Tula, Russia		
	Dr. Girish Munjal	Yasnaya Polyana: Leo	11.35 am
	Assistant Professor of Russian,	Tolstoy's Sanctum	to 11.55
	Department of Slavonic & Finno-	,	am
	Ugrian Studies,		
	North Campus, University of		
	Delhi		
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	Prof. Lia Bushkanets	Perception of Leo	11.55 am
	Director, Tolstoy Museum,	Tolstoy by Modern	to 12.10
	Kazan, Russia	Kazan & it's Mythology	pm
	Ekaterina E. Dmitrieva	What was wrong about	12.10 pm
	Leading researcher,	Tolstoy's novel about	to 12.25
	Institute of World Literature	the Decembrist's and	pm
	(A.M. Gorki) of Russian	why it hasn't been	

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Moscow 121069, Russia		10.05
Prof. Marina Arias-Vikhil	Tolstoy & Gorki: Two	12.25 pm
Institute of World Literature (A.M. Gorki) of Russian	literary giants in conversation	to 12.40 pm
Academy of		
Sciences, 25a Povarskaja		
Moscow 121069, Russia		
Dr. Mazai G. Selimov	The Perception of Leo	12.40 pm
Research Fellow,	Tolstoy in Japan	to 12.55
Institute of World Literature	_	pm
(A.M. Gorki) of Russian		
Academy of		
Sciences, 25a Povarskaja		
Moscow 121069, Russia		
Concluding remarks and vote of thanks by Ms	. Evelyn Fernandes	12.55 pm
-		to 1 pm

### Photographs of the International Seminar on "LEO TOLSTOY'S HERITAGE IN THE MODERN WORLD"













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