##### Indira Gandhi National College, Ladwa (Dhanora), Kurukshetra Seminar Report

Title: The two-day Seminar on Contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram to Social Justice and Equality

Organized by: Department of History, Indira Gandhi National College, Ladwa, with the sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) on 15 -16 March 2024.

**Inauguration and Welcome Address:**

The two-day seminar commenced under the chairmanship of Shri Pawan Garg, President of the College Management Committee. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Naseeb Singh, and Special Guest, SOM Ladwa, Dr. Upendra Chaudhary, former Member and Director, ICSSR, Ministry of Education, Government of India. Distinguished speakers, including Prof. Arun Kumar (Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Chair, Central University, Himachal Pradesh) and Prof. Amarjeet Singh (former Head, Department of History, Kurukshetra University), shared their insights.

In his welcome address, Shri Pawan Garg emphasized the benefits of such scholarly events for students and their potential to open new avenues for research. College Principal Dr. Kushal Pal highlighted the contributions of the guest speakers and the importance of the seminar's theme.

**Key Highlights of the Seminar**

1. Chief Guest's Address: Naseeb Singh praised Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram for their lifelong dedication to social upliftment and equality. He noted their contributions to India's identity as the largest democratic nation where equal rights are enshrined for all citizens.
2. Special Guest's Remarks: Dr. Upendra Chaudhary called the seminar's theme unique and underexplored, urging the application of Ambedkar's and Chhotu Ram's ideas for public welfare in contemporary times.
3. Keynote Speeches: Prof. Arun Kumar\*\* shared his findings on the Aryans as the original inhabitants of India, citing genetic research linking modern populations in Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh to ancient civilizations like Mohanjodro and Harappa.

Prof. Amarjeet Singh traced the political evolution of India, discussing Sir Chhotu Ram's significant role in challenging the Muslim League to prevent India's partition.

1. Principal's Address: Dr. Kushal Pal lauded Dr. Ambedkar for his role in drafting the Indian Constitution and Sir Chhotu Ram for championing farmers' rights beyond the barriers of politics, religion, and caste.

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**Technical Sessions:** First Session: Chaired by Dr. Satnam Deol (Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar) and co-chaired by Dr. Dharambir (Kurukshetra University) and other experts. Discussions centered on the Hindu Code Bill's role in women's upliftment.

**Second and Third Sessions:** Chaired by Prof. Bhagat Singh (Kurukshetra University) with Dr. Kamlesh Kumari and other experts. The resource persons ware Dr. Rajbir Parashar, Dr. Jaibir Dhariwal. Topics included the works of Dr. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram, as well as contemporary farmers' movements.

**Fourth and Fifth Sessions:** Chaired by Prof. Subhash Chandra, and co-chaired by Dr Raj Kumar Siwach, The resource Persons were Dr. Jagdish Prasad Yadav, Dr Atul Yadav, Dr. Parveen Kumar. Participants delivered enlightening insights into socioeconomic reforms inspired by the two stalwarts.

**Participation:** The seminar saw extensive participation, with 150 registrations from Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, and Rajasthan. Research papers presented during the event showcased diverse perspectives and were highly informative. Plans for publishing the proceedings in book format were announced.

**Closing Ceremony:** The event concluded with a speech by Prof. S.K. Chahal, who reflected on the legacy of Dr. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram. He emphasized their pivotal roles in ensuring social and economic equality and advancing women's freedom.

**Conclusion:** The seminar successfully achieved its objective of honoring the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram to India's social fabric. The intellectual discourse enriched participants' understanding and inspired actionable insights for social change.



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##### Contribution of the Two-day National Seminar to the existing body of research/ Outcome Report of the Two-Day National Seminar

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**Date:** March 15-16, 2024

##### Overview of the Seminar

The two-day national seminar focused on exploring the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram towards achieving social justice and equality. The event brought together academicians, researchers, and students to critically analyze their ideologies, socio­ political efforts, and enduring legacies. The sessions covered a variety of themes, such as social justice, agrarian reforms, educational contributions, and the historical relevance of their philosophies.

##### Key Outcomes

1. **Increased Knowledge**

Participants gained in-depth insights into the Jives, struggles, ideologies works and deeds of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram.

1. **Enhanced Understanding**

A deeper understanding of the philosophical foundations, including Dr. Ambedkar's principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity, and Sir Chhotu Ram's agrarian reforms as well as political philosophy was developed.

1. **Historical Context Awareness**

The seminar highlighted the historical contexts in which both leaders operated, inspiring participants with their strategies to address societal challenges.

1. **Insights into Social Justice**

Comprehensive discussions were held on Dr. Ambedkar's contributions to social justice and economic reforms, including his efforts for Dalit upliftment and women empowerment. Sir Chhotu Ram's contributions towards amelioration of peasantry were significant.



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1. **Educational Contributions**

Detailed information was shared about the initiatives taken by both leaders to promote education among marginalized communities and women as both promoted girl child education. Ambedkar is popularly known as architect of Indian constitution.

1. **Constitutional Role of Dr. Ambedkar**

The seminar emphasized Dr. Ambedkar's significant role in drafting the Indian Constitution and his impactful legal refonns.

1. **Agricultural and Rural Development**

Sir Chhotu Ram's contributions to agricultural reforms and rural development were explored, alongside Dr. Ambedkar's vision for inclusive development.

1. **Relevance** in **Modern India**

The seminar underlined the contemporary relevance of both leaders' ideologies in addressing current social, economic, and political issues.

1. **Scholarly Discourse**

The event provided a platform for meaningful scholarly exchange, fostering collaboration among academicians and researchers in the domain of social justice.

##### Conclusion

The seminar successfully achieved its objectives by promoting awareness about the life and contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram. It provided a holistic perspective on their impact on India's socio-political fabric and inspired participants to explore their relevance in the 21st century.

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**Final Review From the Desk of Principal**

**Dr. Kushal Pal**

**Principal** The Department of History of Indira Gandhi National College, Ladwa (Dhanora), District­ Kurukshetra, Haryana was organized Two-Days National Seminar on **"Comparative Study of the Ideas of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram"** on dated **15-16 March, 2024.** A Total number of 150 participants attended this academic activity. The participants came from Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Himanchal Pradesh, Delhi, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan etc. Six states and Two Union Territory for participation and presented their research papers. In this National Seminar across all over India from 14 esteemed state and central universities faculty members & research scholars had presented their papers which are 115.

In this seminar faculty members from 24 colleges of Haryana state presented their papers. We have requested the other researchers to improve the quality of their paper so that it can be included in the proceedings for publications. The convener and others are seriously working in the direction of publication of seminar proceedings in a book form. We have also formed an Editorial Board which includes eminent historians and prominent social scientists from India. The publication work is under progress. We earnestly request the funding agency (ICSSR) to release the pending grant towards publications and oblige.

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***INVITATION***

Dear Sir/ Madam,

It gives us immensepleasure to inform you that we are going to organize a Two-Day Inter-disciplinary National Seminar on "Comparative Study of the

**Ideas of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu**

**Ram"** on **March 15-16, 2024.** A galaxy of historians intellectuals, academicians, research scholar and students are expected to participate in this seminar. We cordially invite you to participate in this Seminar. We looking forward for your kind co­ operation and encouraging response.



##### CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS

You are requested to present your research papers on any of the mentioned topics and send the abstract of your research paper in MS­ Word, Times New Roman Format, 12 Font size and Double spaced to Email Id: historyign@gmail.com. For full length papers, the reference pattern should be as recommended by APA Style.

**Date of submission of Abstract:**

**March 01, 2024.**

The papers presented in the seminar will be published in book form with ISBN number.

## Accommodation:

The limited accommodation is available and will be provided to the participants on the first-come­ first-served basis. Those who are interested in availing the accommodation are requested to give us advance information so that necessary arrangement may be done.

**Link For Registration:** https://forms.gle/KTyrXVosgx6gFCb36 Full length papers should be submitted latest by **March 10, 2024.**

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**Registration Fee:**

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| **Participants** | **Fees** |
| Faculty/Academicians | Rs. 500/- |
| Research Scholars/ Students | Rs. 300/- |

No TA/ DA is admissible for the participants.

## Account Details:

**Account Holder Name: Principal** I. **G. N. College**

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on

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#### About the College:

Ours is a multi-faculty Co-educational under-graduate **A Grade NAAC Accredited** College, affiliated to Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Nestled in the lush green idyllic, bucolic milieu it came into existence on January 24, 1974 with the tireless and ceaseless efforts made by its founder President Late Sh. Om Parkash Garg, a man with farsighted vision and animated social consciousness. Since its inception, it has made rapid strides in various branches of knowledge, sports, cultural activities and ranks among the best rural colleges of Haryana. It can legitimately boast of being equipped with all the relevant streams of knowledge - Science (both Non-Medical & Medical sides), Commerce, Humanities. Highly qualified, motivated and dedicated members of the staff and Principal under the benign and inspiring tutelage and aegis of its dynamic governing body, the college is blazing the path of knowledge and reaching new academic horizons, catering to the needs of its rural and semi- rural catchment area.

#### About the Place:

The college is located in the village Dhanora on the Ladwa-Mustafabad Road. Ladwa is well connected with New Delhi {160 kms), Kurukshetra (20 kms), Chandigarh (110kms), Ambala {S0kms),Yamuna Nagar (35 kms) ,

Shahbad (25 kms) by road transport.

**Objectives of the Seminar:**

The objective of the seminar is

1. To analyze and critically evaluate the life, work, and ideologies of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram
2. To understand the historical

context in which Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram worked and how their ideas addressed the challenges of contemporary Society.

1. To examine their socio-political contributions:
2. To explore their vIs1on for inclusivity.
3. To discuss their impact on policy and legislation.
4. To evaluate their contemporary relevance.
5. To promote scholarly discourse and knowledge sharing among academicians, researchers, and students interested in the field of social justice and empowerment
6. To explore the impact of their ideas on contemporary India and their relevance in the 21st

century.

###### Theme of the Seminar:

The seminar will encompass various themes and sub-themes related to the ideas and contributions of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Sir Chhotu Ram.

* + Life and Legacy, Philosophical Foundation
	+ Social Justices and Empowerment
	+ Constitutional Vision
	+ Political Movements and Alliances
	+ Agricultural Reforms and Rural Development
	+ Social Justice and Caste Dynamics
	+ Constitutional and Legal Reforms
	+ Educational Reforms
	+ Legacy and Impact on Contemporary Indian Society.
	+ Global Perspectives
	+ Any other areas related to the main theme of the seminar.

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