

- Critical Analysis of Tribal historiography
- Tribal development, European versus Bharatiya Model
- Issues concerning Tribal Development, Socio-economic problems, Insurgency and Governance

Important Dates

Registration for the Seminar : 22 April 2023
 Submission of Abstracts : 15 March 2023
 Submission of Full Paper : 31 March 2023

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Faculty Members & Others : Rs. 1000.00
 Research Scholars : Rs. 500.00
 PG Students : Rs. 200.00

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About Thakur Ramsingh Itihaas Shodh Sansthan

Thakur Ramsingh Itihaas Shodh Sansthan, Neri, a research institute in Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur district, is located in the lush green valley of Shivalik, on the bank of the Kunah River. The institute is dedicated to the fundamental and empirical research in history, culture, and other thematic areas, with a focus on proffering indigenous standpoints and interpretations. There is an endeavor to provide foundational, alternative and Indic perspective to the perceived interpretations of pivotal events in Indian history. In the year 2023, the institute has marked two glorious decades of its services in the fields of historical research, academic and allied activities such as publication of journal and books, organizing lectures, symposiums, training and workshops.

The institute has been envisioned and founded on the Gurukula model of the Bharatiya knowledge system and provides ample facilities for academic pursuits. The researchers and academicians visiting the Sansthan are supported and facilitated with a rich library, reading halls, well-equipped conference halls, comfortable guesthouses, and other residential facilities. The Shodh Sansthan can be reached by road from all major cities of country. Amb-Andaura is the nearest railway station, which is about 45 KM or one and a half hour drive and the nearest airport is at Gaggal, Kangra which is located at a distance of 90 KM.

About the National Seminar

The states of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, as well as the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Chandigarh, comprise Northwest Bharat. This region has played an important role in the development of Bharatiya society since ancient times. The Sapt-Sindhu region, once a major trade route between Asia and the Middle East up to Rome, historically as well as traditionally, has been the gateway of Bharat. Despite its cultural and geographical riches, this North-west frontier region faced persistent challenges throughout the period. The foreign invaders choose this region to penetrate into Bharat and exploit and destabilize the region. However, the cultural ethos and deeply ingrained belief system of people of this

region enabled them in surviving these attacks. The notable communities in the region includes the Balti, Bakarwal, Beda, Bhil, Brokpa, Changpa, Damaria, Damor, Dhanka Dogra, Gaddi, Garasia, Gujjars, Kathodi, Kinnaura, Lahaula, Pangwal, Lamba, Mina, and others.

The population ratio of the Tribal communities to rest of the total population is very significant in the region that represents its inclusive character. As per the census of 2011, it comprises approximately 14.98% of India's total land area and 10.61% of its population. The total population of this region is recorded as 12,85,07,839 in 2011 that has spread across an area of 49,24,865 sq. km. The socio-cultural history of Northwest Bharat is not only fascinating, but also unique in terms of folklore cultural traditions and customary practices. However, our understanding of the history, culture and pace of the developmental process of preliminary nature owing to the neglect of the history of tribal people by most of the historians whose focus and priority was mainly to construct the history of empires, dynasties and ruling houses is limited and hazy. The proposed seminar aims to initiate the process for construction of Tribal history, identity and collect sources of tribal history, create a network of scholars working Tribes and Tribal culture and compile history of the prominent tribes of India. This Seminar will go a long way in enhancing our understanding on socio-cultural history and society of the scheduled Tribal Areas. Their age-old traditions and changing dynamics and development trajectory of the twenty-first century.

The British administrators and colonial thinkers started working on Tribal communities with the idea that the Tribal people are uncivilized, savage and wild people having no culture and civilization of their own. To civilize the uncivilized they motivated foreign missionaries and church organizations to work among the Tribal people. They created district identities, introduced line system and concept of excluded, partially excluded areas to divide the people of hills and valleys and plains. The ideology of colonial historians and Social scientists was based on the principal of segmentation and isolation contrary to civilizational

linkages, which unites the Bharatvarsha since the time immemorial. Thus in view of richness of Tribal culture, heritage and glorious history there is need to reconstruct the colonial ideas and reconstruct the history of Tribal communities, which were part and parcel of Sanatani Sanskriti.

Aims/objectives the proposed two-day National Seminar:

- Critically review and analyze the approaches towards Tribal history, concepts, ideas and workout strategies for construction of Tribal history.
- Identify sources of Tribal History.
- Initiate the process of re-visiting the Tribal history by using the Bharatiya Sources.
- Accelerate the process of the construction of the prominent Tribes of the region.

Major Themes of the Seminar

The seminar's main theme revolves around various aspects of the history of scheduled tribes in Northwest Bharat (Sapt-Sindhu region). This Seminar is divided into different sub-themes for the sake of giving attention on History of the Tribal people. However, the esteemed scholars are at liberty to contribute their research papers within the broad parameters of the seminar's main theme. The followings are the broader themes the seminar:

- Origin of the idea of tribe and caste, Colonial/Western scholars' construction of tribal history/society
- Origin and migration of Tribal Communities
- Idea of creation, Tribal mythologies and impact of Dharamshartras on Tribal culture
- Sources of Tribal Studies i.e., Vedic, Epic Shashtra, Puranas, mythologies, oral literature, archival records, court chronicles, archaeological evidences, census records etc
- Role of Tribal people in the different periods of human History, Tribal polity and dynasties
- Participation of Tribal people in struggle for Swaraj
- Colonial penetration and foreign intervention in Tribal Areas and Tribal resistance to preserve the Sanatani culture/Heritage
- Religious belief system, social customs, Traditions and Sanskaras of the Tribal societies
- Prominent tribes of India, Case studies on History and their culture