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FOR

National Integration and Sikh Studies



Cordially invites you

to

National Seminar

On

The Role of Sikhism in National Integration: An Evaluation

to be held on

11th JANUARY 2020

10.30 a.m.

at

Senate-Hall

V.C. Secretariat

**UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN
JAIPUR**

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SESSION – I

INAUGURAL
10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Sh. Gurmeet Singh Kunnar
M.L.A. (Karanpur) Sri Ganganagar
Chief Guest

Sh. Gurdev Singh
(Educationist)
Guest of Honour

Prof. Naresh Dadhich
Former V.C. VMOU, Kota &
President Jaipur Peace Foundation
Special guest

Prof. Jaspal Singh
Former V.C. Punjabi University, Patiala
Key Speaker

Prof. R.K. Kothari
Vice Chancellor
University of Rajasthan, Jaipur
Will Preside over the Inaugural Session

SESSION-II

PLENARY SESSION
SIKH VISION OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY
12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Prof. A.S. Narang
IGNOU, New Delhi
Key Speaker

SESSION – III

IDENTITY POLITICS VERSUS NATION
2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Prof. M. Rajeev Lochan
Department of History
Punjab University, Chandigarh.
Key Speaker

SESSION – IV

SECULARISM AND THE SIKH COMMUNITY
3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Prof. Jagrup Singh Sekhon
Department of Political Science
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
Key Speaker

Presentation of a Report of the Seminar
Vote of Thanks

ABOUT THE CHAIR

For the Promotion of National Integration and Sikh Studies a Chair named as Sri Guru Gobind Singh Chair For National Integration and Sikh Studies was established in the University of Rajasthan in 2017.

The Purpose of this Chair was also to commemorate the 350th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev the founder of Sikhism and to strengthen and celebrate his legacy. This Chair was established by a special grant from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Chair is one of the most significant academic initiatives undertaken at the University of Rajasthan in recent years. It aims to promote Research, examination and dissemination of the teachings of Sikh Gurus with special reference to Rajasthan and plans to engage in comparative studies in major religions as means to promote National Integration and inter-faith understanding. The Sri Guru Gobind Singh Chair for National Integration and Sikh Studies will pursue a variety of academic and research activities ranging from Seminars, Symposia, Extension Lectures and Conferences to Audio-Visual shows in order to fulfil its unique mandate.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHAIR includes the following:

- Examination and dissemination of the teachings of Sikh Gurus with special reference to Rajasthan.
- Comparative Study of Major Religions of the world- Sikhism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, Christianity and Islam.
- Collection and Compilation of source material on themes related to Sikh society, religion and culture.

RESEARCH PROJECTS – undertaken by the Chair on the following themes includes:-

- The contribution of Sikhs to the economy, society and culture of Rajasthan.
- Sikh Gurudwaras in Rajasthan – The proposed project would document and compile the history of Sikh Gurudwaras in Rajasthan and their contribution to religious, social and community life.
- Visits and links of Sikh Gurus to various centres of Rajasthan such as Pushkar (Ajmer District), Naraina (Jaipur District), Kota, Pokhran (Jaisalmer District) etc.

Currently **Dr. Rakesh Kumar Jha** is the Chairperson of the Sri Guru Gobind Singh Chair for National Integration and Sikh Studies.

Registration Fee:

For Teacher: Rs. 500
For Research Scholar/Student: Rs. 300