



**CENTRE FOR  
INDEPENDENCE AND PARTITION STUDIES**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH  
DYAL SINGH COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**

**Organized a One Day National Seminar on  
'Bharat Ka Vibhajan aur Manviye Rishton ke Hanan ki Dastan'  
( भारत का विभाजन और मानवीय रिश्तों के हनन की दास्तान )**

**held on Tuesday 18 February 2025**

**REPORT**

The Centre for Independence and Partition Studies, University of Delhi in collaboration with the Department of Punjabi, Dyal Singh College organized a One Day National Seminar on '*Bharat Ka Vibhajan aur Manviye Rishton ke Hanan ki Dastan*' on 18 February 2025. The seminar was inaugurated with lamp lighting and recital of the Saraswati Vandana by the students of Dyal Singh College, followed by the *Kulgeet* of the University of Delhi.

Prof V. K. Paliwal, Principal, Dyal Singh College welcomed and felicitated the guests. Prof. Ravinder Kumar, Director, Centre for Independence and Partition Studies, addressed the inaugural session for the seminar and spoke about the Centre and its endeavours. The Distinguished Speakers of the session were Prof Shri Prakash Singh, Director South Campus, University of Delhi, and Prof Payal Mago, Director, Campus of Open Learning, University of Delhi. Prof Shri Prakash Singh addressed the gathering by highlighting the true anecdotes and miseries of prominent families namely, the Mohattas and the Majithias, and their contribution to the socio-economic-politico life of the country. Prof Payal Mago highlighted the plight of the affected persons and the atrocities endured by them during the partition, including that of her own family. Prof Alka Gupta, Director IQAC, Dyal Singh College, extended a vote of thanks for the inaugural session.

The second session was chaired by Prof Amrit Kaur Basra, an eminent historian and scholar, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce. The speakers for the second session were Dr Bhuvan Kumar Jha, Department of History, University of Delhi, Prof Himanshu Roy, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Prof Ravinder Singh, Department of Punjabi, Dyal Singh College.

Prof Jha highlighted the intent and economic benefits derived to the businesses during partition, Prof Roy explained the role of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and Md Ali Jinnah during the period of partition and lastly, Prof Ravinder Singh highlighted the breaking of the composite culture which brought distressed and traumatic experiences to the uprooted families. He also emphasized that the concept of partition was forced upon on the common people which was never desired by them. Prof Amrit Basra eloquently summarized the presentations and also spoke about the uniqueness of the Centre for Independence and Partition Studies, and its future perspectives on research. Prof Jyoti Trehan Sharma, Joint Director, Centre for Independence and Partition Studies concluded the seminar with a vote of thanks, and reflected that such collaborative engagements give an opportunity to the students to understand historic facts in the right perspective.

The Coordinator and the Co-coordinator for the seminar were Dr Rattandeep Kaur and Dr Harmeet Kaur respectively from Department of Punjabi, Dyal Singh College. The organizing team comprised of Dr Jyoti Paul, Dr Rajesh Kumar Abhay, Dr Neetu Bhattacharya, Dr Daljeet Singh, Mr Madhurendra Singh, Mr Anil Kumar, Mr Rakesh Kumar and Dr Abu Zahir Rabbani.