

**Guru Nanak Chair**  
**Post Graduate Department of Punjabi,**  
**University of Jammu**  
**Seminar Report**  
**Guru Nanak Dev Ji Di Bani Di Samkali Parsangikta**  
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A one day National Seminar was organized at the Seminar Hall of Department of Punjabi, University of Jammu today by Guru Nanak Chair in Post Graduate Department of Punjabi, University of Jammu. The Theme of the programme was 'Guru Nanak Dev Ji Di Bani Di Samkali Parsangikta'. Prof. Rajni Kant, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest on this occasion whereas S. Ranjeet Singh Tohra, President DGPC, Jammu & Advisor to National Minority Commission was the Guest of Honour on this occasion. Prof. Satnam Kour, Professor of English & Head, Department of Psychology, University of Jammu presided over the first session of the National Seminar. A large number of intellectuals, writers, faculty members, research scholars, students and members of civil society attended the programme. The event has been a part of celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal.

The inaugural session started with the formal welcome address by Prof. Baljeet Kour, Head, Department of Punjabi & I/c Chair Professor, in her address she said that the Department is organizing regularly various literary interactive events between literary people, research scholars, students, faculty and the public in general. This time the National Seminar is dedicated to the contribution and relevance of Guru Nanak Dev's discourse to the modernity.

Prof. Sarabjeet Singh, Chairperson, School of Punjabi Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh was Key-note speaker in the Seminar. In his address he delved deeply on the various conflict ridden life of contemporary world. He elaborated various aspects concerned with the Socio- Economic and Socio- political life under the pressure of various factors influencing contemporary life. Reflecting on his views he explained in depth that how the situation is quite similar as compared to that of the times of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Guru Ji was having dialogue with the communities and stands against the wrong practices of the various religious and political institutions of his times and rejected each and every sort of discrimination in the society.

In his address S. Ranjeet Singh Tohra, President, DGPC, Jammu said that there is a need of Self-realisation to be associated with the path of spiritualism shown by Guru Nanak Dev Ji in his theological ideas. He further added that the complicacies in the life of Commoners in the present time be addressed by the revolutionary ideas of Guru Nanak Dev ji.

Prof. Rajni Kant, the chief guest of the seminar appreciated the efforts made the Guru Nanak Chair in Department of Punjabi to organize such elaborate program to discuss the important issues conveyed by the teaching and principal of the Guru Nanak, a Great Philosopher, visionary and thinker. While speaking on the theme he narrated his personal life experiences of sharing and co-existences of human life's.

In her presidential address Prof. Satnam Kour emphasized on getting rid of ego that dominates in our life. She described some of the quotes from Bani that can help the common man to achieve relief by following the principals & teachings of the Bani of Guru Nanak dev Ji.

In the academic session (2<sup>nd</sup>) Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn, Additional Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Jammu, Dr. Baljeet Singh Raina, President Punjabi Lekhak Sabha, Jammu and S. Harjit Singh Uppal, President Punjabi Sahitak Sabha, R. S. Pura shared the presidium. whereas research papers on the theme of Seminar were presented by Dr. Tiratha Raj Bhoi, Dr. Harbajan Singh, Dr. Manjeet Singh, Dr. Harsimran Singh, Dr. Rajvir Singh, Dr. Gurpreet Kour, Prabhjot Kour, Chanpreet Kour, Amanpreet kour and others. The experts on the presidium expressed their views on the research paper presented during the academic session. They also congratulated the Chair Professor, faculty, Research Scholars and Students of the department to organise such a important program.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Harjinder Singh, Assistant Professor & Co-Coordinator of the event. Dr. Pritam Singh, Assistant Professor & Organizing Secretary of the programme extended the vote of thanks.

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