

JANJATIYA GAURAV SEMINAR



National Seminar

on

*“Life, Leadership and Legacy of Birsa Munda:
Inspiring National Spirit and Tribal
Empowerment”*

Organized by

Vidya Vistar Scheme

Shivaji College
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About Shivaji College

Shivaji College was established in 1961 by the Hon'ble Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh, Union Minister for Agriculture and a renowned social activist and farmer-leader. It is a premier constituent institution of the University of Delhi, committed to delivering high-quality education in the Humanities, Sciences, and Commerce. Accredited with an 'A' grade by NAAC and ranked among the top 10 science colleges in the country by India Today in 2017, the college has made remarkable strides in recent years, as reflected in its upward movement in the NIRF rankings - from 70 in 2023 to 49 in 2024. Located in West Delhi's Raja Garden, the college provides a dynamic academic environment supported by 20 undergraduate programs, postgraduate courses, and robust infrastructure, including modern laboratories, smart classrooms, and a well-equipped library.

Spread across a sprawling 10-acre green campus, Shivaji College fosters holistic student development through a vibrant ecosystem of co-curricular societies, research initiatives, and community outreach programs. It hosts IGNOU and School of Open Learning centres, offers add-on and skill-based courses, and promotes student innovation and entrepreneurship through platforms such as TEDxShivajiCollege and Enactus. From heritage conservation and environmental sustainability to academic exchange programs and a state-of-the-art sports complex, Shivaji College remains deeply rooted in its motto, "Amritam Tu Vidya" - a commitment to knowledge as a transformative force for both individual and national progress.

About Vidya Vistar Scheme (V2S)

The Vidya Vistar Scheme (V2S), launched by the University of Delhi, advances the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 by promoting academic collaboration and capacity building between its colleges and departments and higher education institutions located in remote and underserved regions of the country. Rooted in the principles of mutual respect, cooperation, and resource-sharing, the scheme fosters partnerships aimed at achieving academic excellence and inclusive education. Recognizing that India's aspirations to become a global knowledge hub depend on the development of human capital through innovation, skill enhancement, and equitable access to resources, the V2 Scheme provides a robust framework for meaningful institutional cooperation. In line with this vision, Shivaji College has established academic partnerships with Himalayan Degree College, Rajouri, Jammu & Kashmir, and Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, Sikkim to advance shared goals in teaching, research, and academic outreach.

Concept Note

Birsa Munda (1875–1900) stands as one of the most iconic figures in India's anti-colonial resistance and a pioneering voice for tribal identity and empowerment. Born into a tribal community, Birsa rose to prominence as the leader of the Ulgulan ("Great Rebellion"), mobilizing indigenous communities against colonial exploitation and feudal oppression. His courageous efforts challenged not only British administrative structures but also the systemic marginalization of Adivasi lives, livelihoods, and cultural systems.

As India commemorates the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, this National Seminar on "Life, Leadership, and Legacy of Birsa Munda: Inspiring National Spirit and Tribal Empowerment" aims to critically revisit and disseminate his enduring contributions. The seminar offers a platform to explore his multi-dimensional legacy - as a revolutionary leader, a symbol of indigenous assertion, and a visionary advocate for social justice and self-rule.

Birsa Munda's legacy resonates strongly in today's context of tribal displacement, environmental degradation, and policy exclusion. His ideals of grassroots resistance, cultural preservation, and inclusive governance offer vital frameworks for addressing the persistent inequalities faced by tribal communities in contemporary India.

This seminar seeks to reflect on how his leadership unified marginalized communities, fostered a collective tribal consciousness, and ignited a spirit of nationalism that remains relevant in current debates on equity, sustainability, and identity. It aims to facilitate interdisciplinary dialogue among scholars, policymakers, and students to reimagine tribal empowerment through the lens of Birsa Munda's life and thought.

Seminar Objectives and Vision

- *Reconnect* with the history of tribal resistance led by Birsa Munda
- *Reaffirm* the importance of tribal identity and empowerment in national development
- *Reimagine* policies and strategies for ensuring sustainable development, justice, and equity for tribal communities
- *Reach out* through a blended mode (offline and online) to enable wider academic outreach, ensuring an inclusive and accessible platform for dialogue on tribal empowerment.

Call for Papers

We cordially invite doctoral scholars, academic faculty, early-career researchers, and students from institutions of higher education to submit original research papers for presentation at the National Seminar on the Life, Leadership, and Legacy of Birsa Munda. This seminar aims to critically explore Birsa Munda's enduring impact from historical, cultural, and socio-political perspectives, while also engaging with contemporary debates on tribal empowerment, governance, and development.

Participants are encouraged to align their submissions with the core theme and sub-themes of the seminar. Papers that offer critical analysis, explore emerging areas of inquiry, or investigate the intersections of tribal identity, resistance, policy, and justice are especially welcome.

Sub Themes

- Birsa Munda's Ulgulan: Resistance, Leadership, and National Pride
- Preservation of Tribal Heritage: Art, Culture, and Oral Traditions
- Contemporary Relevance of Birsa Munda's Vision in Policy and Governance
- Tribal Youth and the Legacy of Birsa Munda
- Representation of Tribals in Literature, Media, and Popular Culture
- Sacred Ecology and Tribal Worldviews

Who can Participate?

- PhD Scholars
- Post-Doctoral Scholars
- Faculty Members
- Early Career Scholars
- UG/PG University Students

Important Dates :

- Abstract Submission: 28 June, 2025
- Abstract Selection: 05 July, 2025
- Full paper Submission: 20 July, 2025
- Presentation Schedule: 3 August, 2025

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts and full papers may be submitted in either English or Hindi.
- Each submission must include the title of the paper, author(s) name(s), institutional affiliation(s), and contact details.
- Co-authorship is permitted for up to three authors per paper.

Formatting Requirements:

- Abstract word limit: 350 words
- Full paper word limit: 5000 words
- Font:
 - English: Times New Roman
 - Hindi: Unicode
- Font size:
 - 12 pt for main text
 - 14 pt for headings
- Spacing: 1.5 line spacing
- Alignment: Justified

Citation Style:

- Use APA 7th Edition for all citations and references.

Note: Submissions should be sent to the Organizing Committee at v2s@shivaji.du.ac.in in .doc or .docx format only.

All submissions will undergo a rigorous plagiarism check to ensure the originality and academic integrity of the work.

Key Highlights

- ICSSR Submission: Selected papers will be forwarded to the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for inclusion in a multi-volume national compilation on *Janjatiya Gaurav Seminars*.
- Edited Volume Publication: A curated selection of high-quality, peer-reviewed papers will be published as an edited book with ISBN, ensuring academic credibility and broad dissemination.
- Certification: All registered participants will receive participation certificates from the organizing committee.

Participants have to arrange their travel and accommodation.

High-Tea & Lunch will be provided during the seminar.

No Registration Fee

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