

Seminar Report

Two-Day Multilingual International Seminar on Voices from the Margins: Revisiting Birsa Munda and Other Significant Tribal Movements

Dates: 15th and 16th November 2021


Birsa Munda College organised a Two-Day Multilingual International Seminar titled "Voices from the Margins: Revisiting Birsa Munda and Other Significant Tribal Movements" on November 15th and 16th, 2021. The aim of the seminar was to critically examine the voices and experiences of marginalised communities, paying particular attention to the legacy of Birsa Munda and other tribal movements that have significantly shaped the socio-political landscape.


TWO-DAY "MULTILINGUAL" INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON

"VOICES FROM THE MARGINS: REVISITING BIRSA MUNDA AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT TRIBAL MOVEMENTS"

15th and 16th November, 2021
Organized by
Birsa Munda College
Hatighisa

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PROF. NIMAL CHANDRA SAHA
Vice-Chancellor, University of Burdwan

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SPECIAL GUEST

GAUTAM DEB
Member of Administration, Siliguri
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VENUE and TIME AT:
BIRSA MUNDA COLLEGE
Affiliated by
University of North Bengal
ATAL, HATIGHISA
WEST BENGAL
PINCODE - 734429
10.30 am (onwards)

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Day one: 15.11.2021 (10.30 am onwards)

❖ **First technical session: 12:00 to 1 P.M.**

Chairperson: **Dr. Nimal Chandra Saha**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Burdwan
1st Resource person: **Dr. Dilip Sarkar**, former Registrar, University of North Bengal
2nd Resource person: **Mr. Subhadra Bhattacharya**, Social Activist and Nepali poet, Nepal
3rd Resource person: **Mr. Karan**, ex-Administrator, J.N.S. Nalanda, Nalanda, West Bengal
Interactive Session: Open for discussion
Lunch Break: 30 Mins

❖ **Second Technical Session: 1:40 to 2:15 P.M.**


Chairperson: **Dr. Dilip Sarkar**, former Registrar, University of North Bengal
1st Resource person: **Prof. Pradipta Sen**, Burdwan University
2nd Resource person: **Dr. S.P. Tripathi**, Associate Prof., Siliguri Dhanubaidya College
3rd Resource person: **Prof. Jyoti Kar**, AI Primary School, Siliguri
Interactive Session: Session open for Discussion
End of the day

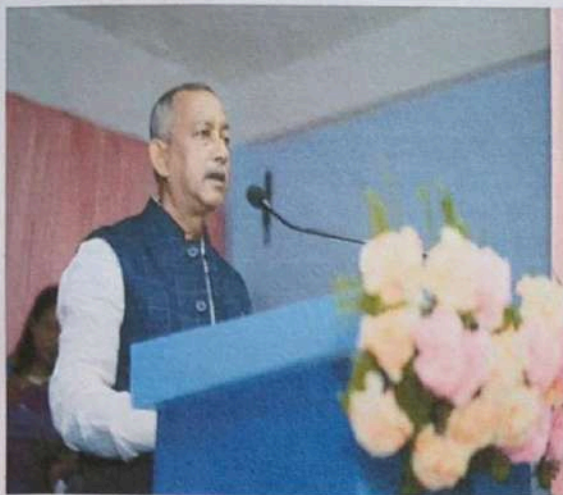
Day Two: 16.11.2021 (10.30 am onwards)

❖ **Third Technical Session:**

Chairperson: **Dr. S.P. Tripathi**, Associate Prof., Siliguri Dhanubaidya College
1st Resource person: **Dr. Subash**, Ex-Officio, Bidhan Bihar University
2nd Resource person: **Dr. Himangshu Kumar**, Prof., Kalyani University
3rd Resource person: **Dr. Binayak Mohapatra**, Principal, Birsa Munda College
4th Resource person: **Mr. Binayak Mohapatra**, Vice-Chancellor, Birsa Munda College
Interactive Session: Open for discussion
End of the seminar
Dr. Binayak Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal
Vice-Chancellor, Program Co-ordinator
End

The seminar comprised multiple technical sessions chaired by eminent personalities from academia and social activism. The programme commenced with Mr. Gautam Deb, Chairperson of the Board of Administrator, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, inaugurating the event by lighting the lamp, symbolising the enlightenment and auspicious beginning of the seminar. Mr. Deb also delivered the welcome address, extending warm greetings to all attendees and emphasising the significance of the seminar.


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The first technical session on November 15th, 2021 was chaired by Dr. Nimai Chandra Saha, Vice-Chancellor of Burdwan University. Esteemed resource persons such as Dr. Dilip Sarkar, former Registrar of North Bengal University, Ms. Subhadra Bhattarai, a renowned social activist and Nepali poet, and Sunil Sarkar, ex-Headmaster of JNS Niketan, Sundarban, West Bengal, delivered insightful presentations. Topics included historical narratives of tribal movements and their socio-economic implications. The session fostered interactive discussions, allowing participants to exchange ideas and perspectives on the challenges faced by marginalised communities.

Following a brief lunch break, the second technical session commenced on the same day, chaired by Dr. Dilip Sarkar. Prof. Paulami Sen from Burdwan University, Dr. SP Tiwari, Associate Professor at Shibpur Dinobundhoo College, and Jonas Karketta from AI Primary School, Siliguri, were among the distinguished resource persons who presented their research findings. Discussions revolved around the cultural preservation efforts of tribal communities amidst modernisation and globalisation. The session concluded with a vibrant exchange of ideas, enriching the understanding of tribal struggles and resilience.

On November 16th, 2021, the third technical session was chaired by Dr. SP Tiwari. Presentations by Dr. Subodh Hansda from Rabindra Bharati University and Dr. Himangshu Kumar from Kalyani University shed light on contemporary issues faced by tribal populations. Dr. Birendra Mridha,

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Principal of Birsa Munda College, and Mr. Bimal Chandra Saha from NBS Mahavidyalaya contributed valuable insights. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, emphasising the importance of community empowerment and sustainable development initiatives.



Dr. Debasis Dutta, Controller of Examinations at the University of North Bengal, chaired the valedictory session. Reflecting on the seminar's proceedings, Dr. Dutta highlighted the significance of academic engagement in addressing the multifaceted challenges confronting marginalised communities. The session concluded with a vote of thanks to all participants, resource persons, and special guests, underscoring the collaborative efforts towards promoting social justice and inclusivity.



The two-day multilingual international seminar on “Voices from the Margins: Revisiting Birsa Munda and Other Significant Tribal Movements” served as a forum for scholarly engagement and