



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY, AMRITSAR

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Organizes

TWO DAYS NATIONAL SEMINAR

(15th -16th March, 2024)

On

**CASTE, TRIBE AND GENDER IN INDIA'S
POLICY LANDSCAPE**

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About Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Guru Nanak Dev University was founded in Amritsar on November 24, 1969 founded to mark the 500th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. GNDU is a residential and affiliated university. The university has 35 academic departments on the University Campus, 148 associated colleges, and 71 Associate Institutes, the majority of which are located in rural Punjab. The MHRD has ranked GNDU as one of India's top ten "High Performing State Public Universities". The University Grants Commission has classified the university as "Category One," making it the sole top-tier institution in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Chandigarh. GNDU is a premier university of North India with a score of 3.85 on 4.00 scale of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (accredited at highest level i.e. A++) and it has also been conferred with the status of "University with Potential for Excellence" by UGC. For the record 25th time, GNDU has received the coveted Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Award for overall excellence in sports, this year.

About Department of Sociology, GNDU

The sociology department was established in 1976. Since its foundation, the department has strived to deliver exceptional education and training to students via fieldwork, research, and teaching. The department routinely invites social scientists, researchers to conduct extramural lectures, participate in seminars, workshops (both online and offline). In addition, the Department organizes seminars, and workshops, student presentations, mentoring programmes, field trips, institutional and industrial visits based on the department's specialized courses, and provides specific competencies on personality development and employability skills to students and research scholars. The Curriculum is designed taking into consideration the Vision of New Education Policy, competitive exams, global trends and industry requirements. Alumni of the Department are successfully placed in teaching and research, planning, health sector, social welfare department, NGOs of repute and various other government departments and private institutions. The faculty has also received funds from the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, the National Commission for Women, and the Indian Council for Social Science Research to organize seminars and completed/ing research projects funded by the National Commission for Women, Election Commission, Indian Council for Social science Research and Punjab Government.

About Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was founded by the Indian government in 1969 to support social science research in the country. ICSSR provides funds for projects, fellowships, international collaboration, capacity building, surveys, and publishing. It also coordinates research efforts and promotes multidisciplinary research. It advises the Government of India on all topics relating to social science research as may be referred to it from time to time; and it takes such general measures as may be required from time to time to promote social science research and its use.

About the Seminar

Indian society is diverse in terms of every aspect of social life, including social, cultural, linguistic, ethnic, religious, and so forth which also becomes a basis of diverse forms of inequalities and power relations. The colonial anthropologists and historians observed distinct features of Indian society and also a close connection between caste, tribe, and gender. The extensive documented research reveals that these three groups have been socially marginalized, suppressed and discriminated against in Indian society, historically. They have therefore lagged and underperformed on different measures of social and human development. Although the Indian constitution consists of certain laws and acts which protect these marginalized and vulnerable from the atrocities committed against them, the ground reality is different and ideals of equality, liberty and fraternity remain aspirational.



With the rise of self-respect movements during different phases of history, affirmative Action policy of the Government and the herald of the 1980 led social network revolution several patterns in social, economic, political

milieu have been noticed among these three groups. Today, scheduled castes play a significant role in Indian politics. Likewise, the recent women reservation bill, which got approved in September, 2023 shows that the Indian political system recognises gender equality as a pillar of a just society. However, scheduled tribes do not hold the same level of political significance, barring few exceptions.

In light of this broad idea, this seminar will reflect upon the intricate relationship between the caste, tribe and gender in India. The seminar would provide rich perspectives through which the policies related to Caste, Tribes and Gender in India that have been crafted to address historical injustices and promote social equality in Indian society be scrutinized. The seminar organizing team extends an invitation to social scientists, students, activists, policy makers to be a part of the seminar through paper presentation on the following subthemes:

Subthemes:

- *Intersectionalities of Caste, Tribe and Gender*
- *Caste, Tribe and Gender based violence*
- *Issues of Caste based Discrimination*
- *Issues of Tribal Marginalization*
- *Issues of Gender Discrimination, Disparity*
- *Empowerment and Participation*
- *Policies and legal frameworks to address the issues of caste, tribes and gender*
- *Impact of and effectiveness of Governments affirmative action policies*

The above stated subthemes indicate the understanding of the potential debates within the confines of the theme of the seminar. The presenters may explore other multifaceted topics/issues under the broader theme of caste, tribe and gender in Indian society.

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

Interested participants are requested to send their FULL papers (4500 words) along with the abstract (200 words) on or before **27th February, 2024** to the email id: gndusici@gmail.com

Format of the paper: MS Word, Font 12, 1.0 line spacing, New Times Roman, Justified, Author's Name, Designation, Institute, Phone number, Email).

The paper presenters may send their PPT (optional) to the same email address after confirmation of the paper (1 March 2024).

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee- NIL

Link to Registration: <https://forms.gle/TP3pMVLanN33ztnE28>

Registration Process: The Delegates are requested to register themselves in Advance, however on the spot registration is also there. The registration process would begin at 9:15 am on 15th March at **venue:- Guru Nanak Bhawan, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.**

Accommodation: The paper presenters are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements. Accommodation would be provided in the university guest house only to a few selected presenters on payment basis.

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