



National Seminar
On
Peasants and Tribes in Indian History: Colonial Experiences

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Call for Paper:

History of Peasants and Tribes in colonial India has been attracting the attention of the historians for quite some time. Focus of research has been turned away from the history of the elite towards history from below. In the process, the history of the Peasants, the Tribes, the Working Class have been emphasised upon and along with the oral sources various new primary sources are being consulted for analysing the condition of the peasants and tribes. Historians of different schools of thought – Marxist, Subaltern and Nationalist have analysed the condition, grievances and resistance of the peasants and tribal people of India in the colonial period.

Whether the peasants as a class were formed during the medieval period, may be an issue of controversy among the historians, but scholars have taken up a number of peasant movements both pre and post 1857 period for historical research. Both medieval and modern period of Indian history is featured with tribal movements. Colonial period, however, witnessed a paradigm shift in the causes and nature of the peasant and tribal movements. The tribes in particular were identified and characterised in a manner that suited the colonial ideology.

The present seminar on the theme **Peasants and Tribes in Indian History: Colonial Experiences** aims at bringing out different trying conditions that the peasants and tribes of India faced during the colonial period and to identify whether any evolution in its characteristic features can be traced with the changes occurred in ideological and material dimensions. Original research papers, therefore, are invited from the scholars working in the field on the *sub-themes* mentioned below.

- **Relevant Historiography**
- **Different peasant and tribal movements in India during the colonial period**
- **Different interpretations of the terms ‘peasant’ and ‘tribe’**
- **Peasants, tribes and issues concerning the colonial state**
- **Economic, social and environmental issues related to peasants and tribes**
- **Participation of the women and the ‘Gender Question’ in peasant and tribal movements/ condition of peasants and tribes**

Participants are requested to email their abstract/s and full paper/s (in .doc file, Times New Roman, Font 12, double spaced) to <historyrgu@gmail.com> on and before 7th March, 2017. The abstract should not exceed 300 words and the full paper should be written within 3000 words.

Registration:

The registration fees for participating in the seminar would be (i) Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five hundred only) for teachers (ii) Rs. 400/- (Four Two hundred only) for Research Scholars (iii) Rs. 300/- (Rupees three hundred only) for students. **Registration for the seminar shall commence from 09-30 AM onwards on 16th March, 2017.** Registration form may also be downloaded from the University website < www.raiganjuniversity.ac.in >

Registration fees may be deposited within 7th March, 2017, to the following Account No. by electronic transfer. Such participants are requested to email the scanned copy of filled up Registration Form and Receipt of Fee Deposit to <historyrgu@gmail.com>

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