# TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

# ON

# *Tracing Democratic Ethos in Indic Civilization: Ideas and Structures*

## Hansraj College, University of Delhi

### in collaboration of

### Indian Council of Social Science Research,

### Northern Regional Centre, Delhi

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**Registration link:** https://bit.ly/HRC-historyseminar          October 3, 2023, Monday

## 2nd-3rd NOVEMBER, 2023

## Hansraj College, University of Delhi

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to invite you to the national seminar on **'Tracing democratic Ethos in Indic Civilization: Ideas and Structures'** on **2nd-3rd November 2023**, to be held

at the **Hansraj College, University of Delhi** and supported by the **Indian Council of Social Science Research- Northern Regional Centre, Delhi**.

Eminent social scientists, renowned historians, faculties and research scholars are likely to participate in the seminar. You are cordially invited to participate and present a research paper at the seminar. The research paper must be justified on the basis of original research, sources, new facts and ideas, or the need to reinterpret the topic concerned.

<u>Note-</u> Research papers fulfilling the guidelines mentioned below will be published in a reputed **journal listed in UGC-CARE**. For getting preference in publication 'norms for research paper' (mentioned below) should be strictly followed.

## ABSTRACT

The seminar theme delves into the rich history of democratic traditions within the Indic civilization, emphasizing the enduring legacy of democratic governance in India. It begins by establishing the presence of democratic principles in India's ancient history, dating back to the Vedic era, and highlights recent discoveries supporting this. The fundamental components of the ancient Indian democratic system are outlined, including constraints on those in power, scrutiny of authorities, and active citizen involvement.

The theme explores how ancient texts like the Rig Veda hint at democratic aspects and underscores the importance of communal unity in these systems. It also discusses the deep-seated democratic culture in India, as seen in texts like the Vedas and Kautilya's Arthashastra, which tempered royal authority. Comparing ancient Indian republics like Lichchhavi to Western democracies, underscores unique features and contrasts, especially in terms of suffrage. The discussion extends to South Indian polities, focusing on grassroots-oriented democratic systems and corporate organizations.

The theme also addresses democratic mechanisms in religious institutions, promoting inclusion and pluralism. It concludes by considering the impact of British colonialism on indigenous democratic systems and calls for a re-evaluation of India's democratic heritage. This seminar provides a comprehensive perspective on India's democratic evolution, emphasizing its deep historical roots and the need for a recontextualized understanding in the global context.

Some **sub-topics** related to the seminar theme are being presented here-

1. Evolution of democracy in pre-modern India: archaeological, epigraphic and literary sources

2. Democratic ethics: Philosophical perspectives and ideas

3. Theories and practices of democracy in pre-modern India: structures, institutions etc

4. Working of democracy at local level- folk, tribal and community level: autonomy and decentralization

5. Colonial intervention, it's impact on indigenous cultures and struggle for selfhood

6. **Any other topic** related to and doing justice to the main theme of the seminar.

## NORMS FOR REGISTRATION

Participants interested in attending the national seminar can visit the link- **https://bit.ly/HRC-historyseminar** and fill out the required form to register themselves. In case of any issue, kindly contact at- 9990424189, 9654551440.

**IMPORTANT DETAILS:**

Last date to pay registration fee: **21st October 2023 (Till 6:00 PM)**

Last date to submit abstract- **21st October 2023**

Last date to submit full paper- **1st November 2023**

Mail abstract and full paper at hrcseminar23@gmail.com

**Registration fee amount**: Rs 500 (Mandatory and non-refundable)

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## NORMS FOR RESEARCH PAPER

1.  The research paper should contain the **full name/s** of the author/s, their email ID/s, contact number and address under the **title** of your paper on the **first page**.

2.  The **word limit** for the research paper should be between 4000 to 6000 words including footnotes/endnotes and photographs, (**text for English**- 12 font with 1.5 space of Times New Roman; **text for Hindi**- Kruti dev10 in font size 14 with 1.5 space).

3.  The **abstract of the paper**, of not more than 350 words, is mandatory. It should clearly state the argument/s or theme/s, that are to be discussed in the main text of the research paper.

4.  The research paper should be based on **original research**, sources, new facts and ideas, or **new interpretations** of earlier works.

5.  Full research paper should be submitted in soft copy in **MS WORD only** at hrcseminar23@gmail.com on or before **31st October 2023**.

6.  **Footnotes/Endnotes** should be numbered continuously for the whole research paper, and must be clearly mentioned in the text.

7. While mentioning footnotes/endnotes, **Chicago style citation** should only be used (**for research papers written in either English or Hindi language**). For example: <u>for citing books</u>- Author first name last name, *Title of Book* (Place of publication: publisher, year), page number(s), as in: Zadie Smith, *Swing Time* (New York: Penguin Press, 2016), 315–16; <u>for citing journal articles</u>- Author first name last name, "Title of Article," *Name of Journal* volume, no. issue (month and year): page number(s), as in Susan Satterfield, "Livy and the *Pax Deum*," *Classical Philology* 111, no. 2 (April 2016): 170.

8. If the **maps**, **diagrams**, and **photographs** are furnished in the research paper, these should be listed and be in such forms as to be ready for printing.

9. Paper received by the date mentioned in the circular will get **preference** and be accommodated in the sessions of the two-day seminar, and those received after the last date fixed will be listed separately and accommodated on the last day, **only if possible**.

<u>Note-</u> **1. Research papers received in the format mentioned above will be published in a reputed journal listed in UGC-CARE. Kindly note, that for getting preference in publication 'norms for research paper' should be strictly followed as all the research papers will undergo a peer review.**

**2. Best paper awards will be given to those whose papers will be adjudged best as per the peer-review committee's recommendations.**

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