



Azim Premji University presents Martyrdom Day Special Lecture on

“Relevance of Bhagat Singh’s Ideas in Our Times”

Speaker: Prof Chaman Lal

Date: March 23, 2015 (Monday)

Time: 2.30 to 4.00 pm

Venue: 10th Floor Auditorium, Pixel A, (Azim Premji University)

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About the Lecture

Bhagat Singh lived a short life of 23 years, i.e. 1907-31. His active socio-political life was just eight years, viz. from 1923 till his execution. Yet, even after 84 years of his execution, his name still reverberates as freshly as during his times. Do we still need to talk about him in contemporary sense or just as a historical popular figure?

Though ironical, but it seems that his role in the form of his ideas has become even more relevant than his own times! This needs to be examined in context of the development of Indian society in Independent India. Not only Bhagat Singh, has the Indian society followed even the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru, Subhas Bose, Dr. Ambedkar for the fulfillment of Indian people's expectation from the state and governments in power in Independent India?

It is in this general context that ideas of Bhagat Singh about his dream of Indian society and its relevance in our times shall be discussed.

About the Speaker

Professor (Retired) Chaman Lal (prof.chaman@gmail.com) is the former Chairperson of Centre of Indian Languages in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He also served on assignments at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda and as a Visiting Professor on Hindi Chair in The University of the West Indies in St. Augustine campus.

Prof Chaman Lal has fifty plus authored/edited/translated books to his credit in Hindi, Punjabi and English. Some of his books have been translated into Marathi, Bengali and Urdu languages as well. His main areas of interest are Translation of Indian literature, history of revolutionary movements during freedom struggle of India. He is known for his books on Indian revolutionary Bhagat Singh and revolutionary Punjabi poet Pash. He has won many national and state awards in the field of literature in India, including National Prize for Translation from the National Academy of Letters (SahityaAkademi) of India. Out of his 50 plus publications, some titles include 'Punjabi and Dalit Images in Indian Literature', 'Understanding Bhagat Singh' (2013) and 'Ghadar Party Hero: Kartar Singh Sarabha' (2010). His latest publication is 'Shaheed Bhagat Singh: Dastavezon ke Aaine Men (Edited-Urdu) (2014).

Professor Chaman Lal has presented papers in many national and international conferences including conferences in Monash University, Melbourne (Australia), Dongguk University, Busan (Korea), Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland (UK), The Academy of Social Sciences, Vietnam, Buo Ma Thuat (Vietnam) and The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine campus, Trinidad & Tobago. He has also delivered lectures in India and abroad, including USA, Canada, Mauritius, Pakistan and Suriname, which include more than eighty lectures on Bhagat Singh alone.