

Post-Event Report

Event	Webinar
Topic	Political Voices, Independence and Partition
Organizer	Virsa: The History Society
Date	24 th January, 2022
Time	11:00 AM
Duration	2 hours
Place/Platform	Google Meet
Number of Participants	80
Guest Speaker/Trainer	Dr. Bhuwan Kumar Jha
Welcome Speech	Dr. Baljeet Singh
Introduction to the Speaker	
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Activities

VIRSA- The History Society of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi organized a webinar on the topic "Political Voices: Independence and Partition" on 24 January 2022 at 11:00 AM on Google Meet. Dr. Bhuwan Kumar Jha was the guest speaker at the event. He teaches History at Satyawati College and is also concurrently a Fellow and Deputy Director at the Centre for Global Studies (formerly Developing Countries Research Centre) of the University of Delhi.

India's Independence, Partition and the resultant horrors have continued to elicit wide ranging debates on various aspects such as the causes, consequences as well as the 'inevitable' nature of Partition. In this backdrop, Dr. Bhuwan Jha's talk began with his comments on the artificial nature of the two nation theory propounded by the communalists that ultimately culminated in India's partition.

Dr. Bhuwan Jha chronologically traced the origin and growth of the theories on 'Incompatibility' of the Hindus and Muslims and the resultant demand for India's bifurcation, with a focus on the roles played by Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Muhammad Iqbal, and the British imperial government.

Dr Jha also commented on the efforts made by Mahatma Gandhi and the Indian national congress to allay the fears of the minorities and bridge the widening gaps between the Hindus and the Muslims.

Dr Bhuwan Jha traced the solidification of Pakistan demand to the meetings between



Muhammad Iqbal and Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Their meetings culminated in the pronouncement
of the thesis that Muslims in India face not economic, but cultural problems. This thesis sought
to negate the INC's efforts at forming a united Hindu-Muslim front to forcefully present
demands to the imperial government.

The talk was interspersed with interesting anecdotes such as Gandhi's suggestions to Jinnah; Lord Mountbatten's comments on Jinnah etc.

Dr. Bhuwan's lecture was followed by a Question-Answer session. Participants put queries in the chat box. Dr Jha responded to each of the questions.

The webinar significantly enhanced students' comprehension of the circumstances in which the Indian Nation-state was partitioned.

Main Ideas

Vote of thanks

Professor RK Sharma

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Pictures (Attach Five Photos)









