

# Department of History

## NATIONAL SEMINAR

### **National Seminar on `18<sup>th</sup> Century Punjab`**

- On 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016, the Department of History had organized a **National Seminar on `18<sup>th</sup> Century Punjab`**. The seminar was inaugurated on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 with the inaugural session presided by Prof. Sukhdial Singh, Department of History, Punjabi University, Patiala. Key note address was given by renowned historian Prof. Indu Banga, Professor Emeritus, Punjab University, Chandigarh. Prof. Sukhdial Singh covered History of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Punjab in his presidential address and emphasized the glory of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Punjab against the notion of darkness related to that century.

Prof. Indu Banga in her key note address set the framework for the seminar. Tracing the idea of sovereignty to Guru Gobind Singh and carried forward by Banda Bahadur, she emphasized on the need to study the 18<sup>th</sup> century Punjab by incorporating the religion, tradition, customs and historical evidences in order to produce and understand the Punjab of 18<sup>th</sup> century in its totality.

The National Seminar was divided into four technical sessions chaired by former principal of Mata Sundri College, Dr. MK Gill; by Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam of Centre for Historical studies, JNU on day one, respectively.

The two-day national seminar started at 10.30 am on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Dr. Gurmeet Singh Sidhu chaired the third technical session. The fourth technical session of the national seminar was chaired by Dr. Surjit Kaur Jolly. The programme ended with a valedictory session.



