

Event: Book Discussion on “Region, Religion and Politics: 100 Years of Shiromani Akali Dal”

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Time: 12:30 PM

Venue: Mata Gujri Hall

A book discussion on the recently published book “**Region, Religion and Politics: 100 Years of Shiromani Akali Dal**”, by **Prof. A.S. Narang** (Former Professor of IGNOU), was organised by *Polimates*, the Political Science Department, Mata Sundari College for Women, University of Delhi, in collaboration with *IQAC*. It was held on 12th April 2023 in Mata Gujri Hall, at 12:30 p.m., on the occasion of 100 years completion of Shiromani Akali Dal.

The event formally began at 12:40 PM with a warm welcome and a brief introduction of the event by the Convenor, Dr. Simer Preet Kaur. The guests: Prof. Narang, the Chairperson; Prof. Mahindra Nath Thakur (Professor, CPS, JNU), the Director of IQAC, Dr.Lokesh Kumar Gupta and the discussants; Dr. Harwinder Singh (Assistant Professor, MSCW) and Mr. Varun Wighmal (Research Scholar, CPS,JNU) were facilitated with planters as a small token of gratitude by Principal, Prof. Harpreet Kaur.

She congratulated the author and highlighted the changing political scenario of Punjab in the context of religion. Dr. Lokesh Kumar Gupta, the IQAC coordinator, acknowledged the presence of students and showed his support for the event. Dr. Neetu Sharma, the event coordinator, threw light on the major incidents shared in the book followed by Prof. Narang who enlightened the students with his words of wisdom on the curse of the Green Revolution and the possibility of identity politics in Punjab.

Discussant Harwinder Singh highlighted the politics of indecisiveness and the politics of freebies in Punjab followed by Mr. Varun Wighmal who focused on cultural plurality and internal diversity in the state. Afterwards, the platform was opened for questions. The students participated enthusiastically with their inquisitive questions.

Prof. Mahindra Nath Jha thanked Prof. Narang for his great contribution to the field and summed up the discussion. He further emphasized for in-depth research on the subject by the young scholars. The session successfully ended at 2:30 PM with a vote of thanks by Dr. Moitri Dey in which she expressed her gratitude for the presence of the renowned guests and for the support of the faculty members along with the team of POLIMATES .