

Report on Book Discussion & Inauguration

Women Freedom Fighters of India: Some Reflections

Published by Rawat Publications, Jaipur

Edited by Dr. Niharika Tiwari & Dr. Samanta Sahu

1. Event Details

The Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj, organised a Book Discussion and Inauguration programme on Friday, 13 March 2026, at 2:30 PM in the Seminar Hall of the Institute. The event was centred on the newly published volume titled Women Freedom Fighters of India: Some Reflections, published by Rawat Publications, Jaipur.

Date: Friday, 13 March 2026

Time: 2:30 PM

Venue: Seminar Hall, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj

Organiser: Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj

2. About the Book

Women Freedom Fighters of India: Some Reflections is a scholarly volume that highlights the contributions of remarkable women who played crucial roles in India's freedom struggle. Through scholarly reflections and historical insights, the volume revisits forgotten narratives and celebrates the courage, leadership, and political agency of women who shaped India's journey towards independence. The book is published by Rawat Publications, Jaipur, a reputed academic publisher.



3. About the Editors

The volume has been edited jointly by two eminent scholars:

Dr. Niharika Tiwari

Dr. Niharika Tiwari is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Allahabad (Prayagraj). Her academic work engages with questions of gender, politics, south Asia, governance and gender studies. As co-editor of this volume, she has brought together a rich collection of essays that restore the visibility of women freedom fighters in mainstream historical discourse.

Dr. Samanta Sahu

Dr. Samanta Sahu is an Associate Professor at the Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj. His areas of interests are; Urban Studies, Water Issues, Governance and Public Policy Issues, Corruption, e-Governance and Civil Society. As an editor of the book and a faculty member of the host institution, Dr. Sahu played a key role in conceptualising and organising the book discussion event.



4. Distinguished Guests and Dignitaries

The event was graced by distinguished academics who lent significant intellectual depth to the occasion:

Book Inaugural Address and Chief Speaker: Prof. Prithish Acharya

Prof. Prithish Acharya, a distinguished historian associated with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Ajmer, was the Chief Speaker of the programme. Prof. Acharya is widely recognised for his expertise in modern Indian history and education. His address provided a nuanced academic perspective on the contributions of women in India's national movement and contextualised the significance of the volume under discussion.



5. Programme Proceedings

The event commenced at 2:30 PM with a formal welcome. The programme was well attended by researchers, faculty members, and students of the Institute and nearby institutions, reflecting the broad academic interest in the subject. The Seminar Hall was filled to a good capacity, underscoring the relevance of the theme.

The formal inauguration of the book was conducted by Prof. Yogendra Pratap Singh, who unveiled the volume in the presence of the editors, the chief speaker, and the assembled audience. Copies of the book were presented to the chief guest and other dignitaries, marking the formal release of the publication in an academic setting.

Prof. Pritish Acharya, in his address as Chief Speaker, offered a comprehensive analysis of the historical erasure of women's contributions in nationalist historiography. He commended the editors for undertaking the painstaking scholarly work of recovering and presenting these narratives to a contemporary audience. Prof. Acharya highlighted how such volumes serve a dual purpose—as academic resources and as instruments of social memory.

The editors, Dr. Niharika Tiwari and Dr. Samanta Sahu, also addressed the gathering, sharing the motivations behind the book, the methodology adopted, and the range of women freedom fighters whose contributions have been examined in the volume. The discussion session that followed was lively and engaged, with participants raising pertinent questions on historiography, gender, and nationalist politics.

6. Conclusion

The Book Discussion and Inauguration programme was a significant academic event that brought scholarly attention to the often-overlooked contributions of women in India's freedom struggle. The programme successfully fulfilled its twin objectives of inaugurating a valuable academic publication and fostering scholarly dialogue on the theme of gender and nationalism in Indian history.

The event was a testament to the Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute's continued commitment to promoting rigorous social science research and public intellectual engagement. The presence of eminent scholars such as Prof. Pritish Acharya and the active participation of students and researchers made the event a memorable academic occasion.