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**Mission Vision and Modus Oparandi Visualized by Lokmany Balgangadhar Tilak in
his Philosophy of Swaraj in Modern India**



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3	Organized by	Department of Political Science, JMDPL Mahila College, Madhubani (A Constituent Unit of LN Mithila University, Darbhanga
4	Convened by	Dr. Vinay Kr. Das, Assistant Professor in Political Science, JMDPL Mahila College, Madhubani
5	Date of event	19th September, 2021
6	Venue	Conference Hall of JMDPL Mahila College, Madhubani
7	Sponsoring Agency	Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) 35, Firoz Shah Road, New Delhi.
8	Participants	Students, Teachers, Academicians, Social Activists, Media Persons, Bureaucrats, Legal Professionals, and other Prominent Persons.
9	Dignitaries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. (Dr.) RP Shrivastava, Former Vice Chancellor, BN Mandal University, Madhepura, 2. Dr. Mustaque Ahmad, Registrar, LN Mithila University, Darbhanga 3. Sri Sameer Mahaseth, MLA, Madhubani Town, 4. Dr. YL Das, Former Head, Research & Evaluation, State Resource Centre-DEEPAYATAN, Patna 5. Sri Awdhesh K. Narayan, Senior Resource Person, State Resource Centre-DEEPAYATAN, Patna 6. Prof (Dr.) CD Amar, Former Professor, University Department of Political Science, BRA Bihar University, Muzaffarpur 7. Dr. Amar Kumar, Member Syndicate, LN Mithila University, Darbhanga 8. Sri Shyam Kishore, IAS, Administrator, BSRTC, Patna 9. Smt. Anju Kishore, Social Activist, OCPA- Patna 10. Smt. Swarnima, Social Activist, Madhubani 11. Dr. Kalpna Kumari Jha, Principal, JMDPL Mahila College, Madhubani

Objective of the seminar:

The main objective of the seminar was to discuss the concept, vision, mission and modus oprandi of 'Swaraj' suggested by **Lokmany Balgangadhar Tilak** and the derive critical issues to be addressed to remove the existing bottlenecks in the way of attaining the goal of 'Swaraj' in true sense in our independent India.

Discussions / Deliberations:

Proceedings: Inaugural Session

At the outset of the seminar Principal JMDPL Mahila College, **Dr. Kalpna Kumari Jha** delivered welcome address to the distinguished guests, scholars and the cross sections of the participants.



Dr. Kalpna Kumari Jha, Principal, delivering welcome Speech

Dr. Vinay Kr. Das introduced the topic and described the background and the purpose of organizing the seminar on such a historical topic of contemporary relevance.



Dignitaries and Guests are lighting the Inaugural Lamp

Dr. Amar Kumar, senate and Syndicate member, LN Mithila University told that indeed Tilak was an intense writer and renowned philosopher. He was capable to motivate and mobilize community for justified cause. For his radical thinking and writings he had to go to jail at several occasions. But he never surrendered and continued assertive adventurous movement erruptedly in his life time. This way he presented his role model of a great nationalist.

In course of deliberating the inaugural speech, **Dr. Mustaque Ahmad**, Registrar of LN Mithila University, Darbhanga said that Lokmany Balgangadhar Tilak was the true nationalist. He was infact of founder of freedom movement who had proclaimed that “ **Freedom is my birth right, I shall have it**” Tilak also opposed the social evil like ‘**Child Marriage**’ massively persisting in Indian society at that time. His patriotism is quite inspiring. However, **Tilak** was revolutionary in his thoughts as as it is said that that **Bal** (Bal Gangadhar Tilak) **Pal and Lal** had chosen the same path for freedom movement.



Dr. Mustaque Ahmad, Registrar, LNMU, Darbhanga, delivering inaugural speech

Chief Guest of the seminar **Prof. (Dr.) RP Shrivastava** while expressing his views on this auspicious occasion, informed the audience that the congress party was formed in 1885 in India. “**Lok Manya Tilak** joined the party and he also initially assisted the British Government in governing the country on their request. But with passage of time when tilak strongly felt that the Britishers do not serve the interest of Indians, he vehemently opposed the government and fought for independence of India until his last breath. Basically **Tilak** was a great thinker. He was written “**Geeta Rahasy**” which may be turned as his commendable academic and spiritual contribution. Hence, idea, philosophy and action of Tilak was influenced by **GEETA**’ a holy and religious book.

Prof. (Dr.) RP Shrivastava delivering his views on the topic



Finally, **Prof Shrivastav** appealed that the ethics of Tilak needs to be followed to the larger interest.

Honorable Member of Legislative Assembly, Sri **Sameer Kumar Mahaseth** while addressing the august gathering said that **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** was a great nationalist. One can learn lesson of responsible citizenship from his life style.



Sri Sameer Kumar Mahaseth, MLA, Madhubani delivering his view

Distinguished guest **Sri Shyam Kishore** (IAS) while sharing his heart felt feelings about Tilak revealed that Tilak was a great statesman. His principles, thoughts and contributions are unforgettable, useful and inspiring to the new generation especially youth. He added that Tilak is well known for his prudent and radical thinking. Shyam Kishore finally advocated to integrate the thoughts of Tilak in Study curriculum and text book at higher education level.



Shyam Kishore, (IAS), delivering his opinion

Inaugural session ended with a thought provoking remarks of the Principal, chairing the session who viewed Lokmany Tilak as an unique ardent, diligent countryman and faithful patriot and also emphasized to learn lesson from his philosophy and ever memorable deeds of benevolence.

Technical Session:

Technical session started with presentation of paper on the theme of seminar. Altogether, five papers were presented as under:

SI	Name	Designation	Title	Remarks
1	Miss Jyoti Kumari	Student BA,IIIrd Year	तिलक का सामाजिक - राजनितिक दर्शन	Highlighted Tilak's philosophy and his belief in tradition, culture and human values.
				
	Miss Alka Anjali	M.Ed Student	आधुनिक भारत के लिए बाल गंगाधर तिलक का स्वराज दर्शन	Tilak's philosophy and his contribution towards Swaraj were delt effectively
				
3	Sri Anand Kumar	Student, BA Part-I	Thoughts of Bal Gangadhar Tilak in respect to Swaraj in Modern India	Paper contained the concept and modalities of Tilak to attain swaraj for political freedom and strengthening Indian

				economy
4	Prof. Braj Kishore Bhandari	Assistant Professor in Philosophy of the College	Vision Mission and Modus operandy visualized by Tilak in his philosophy of swaraj	This paper presented Tilak's vision approach and strategies to achieve the goal of Independent India.
5	Dr. Lal Babu Sah	Assistant Professor in Political Science of the college	वर्तमान परिप्रेक्ष्य में तिलक का स्वराज दर्शन की उपयोगिता	This paper described the social and political journey of Tilak in historical perspective.



In addition to the above papers presented in seminar a few proficient and prominent scholars also presented their view points and took part in discussions on the subject of the seminar as follows:

Prof. (Dr.) Prakash Nayak said that **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** was a social reformer, freedom fighter and able and efficient leader. He added that, now we do have our constitution of independent India. Hence, our duty is to make the nation of Tilak's dream with the help of constitutional provisions.



Prof. (Dr.) Prakash Nayak, addressing to the public on the topic of the seminar

Mrs. Anju Kishore said that Tilak was the pride of the nation. He was frank, honest and fearless person. He believed in truth, justice and patriotism. Youth and students should get inspired with his life style, thought and actions.



Mrs. Anju Kishore, Social Activist sharing her view

Dr. Bharat Bhushan Roy, teacher's representative pointed out that Tilak tried his level best to awaken the people by way of organizing cultural activities like 'Ganesh Pooja', Shivaji festival etc. He used to experience the sense of pleasure in confronting the challenges and threats to overcome it.

Mrs. Swarnima while sharing her opinion Tilak said that Tilak's thought was influenced by Marxist ideology. His thought was so revolutionary that the British government gave him title of 'Father of Indian Unrest'. Tilak plunged deep into mass politics. He had in true sense of honorship to the nation. Indeed he was a social teacher, philosopher and freedom fighter.



Mrs. Swarnima, Academician, sharing her view

Prof. Braj Kishore Bhandari, elaborated the situation which pushed Tilak to come forward with all commitments to fight against British colonism in India. He remarked that Tilak was widely accepted and appreciated for his valuable contribution to the country. He was a man who

selflessly attempted to imbibe the sense of brotherhood among different caste, creed and religions.



Dr. Lal Babu Sah opined that Tilak was impartial statesman of India. His contribution to the nation is enduring.

Miss Jyoti Kumari viewed that Tilak provided a great height to the Indian independence movement . He vehemently opposed the partition of Bengal by the British ruler.

Miss Alka Anjali viewed that Tilak was a critique of all the bad deeds and unreasonable human and social values.

Mr. Anand Kumar said that Tilak was an excellent motivator, mobilize and hard core freedom fighter.

Prof. (Dr.) CD 'Amar'informed the audience that Tilak had joined the politics in his early age of 20 years. He lived and worked for 'SWRAJ' which was the dream of his life. He was full of sense of self respect in serving the society and the nation at large. He believed in democratic set up, transparency, upliftment of the poorest of the poor, justice of the common mass. Tilak was in favor of calling back the people's representatives incase of public (vote) wish so. Tilak advocated for agro based industries in India for rapid economic growth and employment generation.



Prof (Dr.)Chiranjeev Das 'Amar' expressing his view on the topic

Dr. YL Das viewed about novel idea of philosophy of Tilak are contemporary relevance. The State and the Central government should follow the principles of democratic system, social, political and economic thought of Lokmany Bal Gangadhar Tilak. to make a great India. It should be honestly introspected and judged that how far we have achieved the idea of Tilak and what are the task ahead to attain the goal of great India with all parameters of 'SWARAJ' in which the people can have their say in every matters.



Sri Awdhesh K. Narayan in his speech dealt in detail the historical significance of 'SWARAJ' in present context for which Lokmany Bal Gangadhar Tilak dedicated his life. Tilak launched 'Home League' movement'. For this purpose.

Dr. Yogendra Lal Das in his valedictory session address summarized the views of speakers. He said that undoubtedly Tilak was a Statesman of genius. He was scholar, teacher, philosopher, mathematician, pleader, nationalist, journalist, social reformer and great political leader. He laid the foundation of India's independence and vehemently opposed the British rule. From the life cycle of Lokmany Tilak, it appears that he was a great diplomat truthful, fearless fair and brave person. He was well accepted and appreciated by the mass. Vision of great man was to make country free from slavery, exploitation, superstitions, dependence, deprivation, ignorance, untouchability, and communal tension etc. Obviously, he lived and work for national integration, communal harmony, fair governance and democracy. His mission was to attain 'Swaraj' (self government in India) and to imbibe values such as swadeshi (materials, goods produced and consumed by India self sufficiency and self respect.



Participants are getting certificates from Chief Guest

In order to translate his mission into action, he followed the path of mobilizing the mass to join hands in freedom movement through effective ideas, speeches, writings, organizing meetings, seminars cultural festival (Ganesh Mahotsaves and so on), united masses of different religion and disseminating literatures against British government. He formed a forum termed as 'Home Rule

League' to fight against undemocratic and inhuman action of British government. Though the modus operandi of our great leader was based on leblist ideology to a great extent. However, it was not his option but compulsion caused by the British colonial anti people governance system and economic exploitation . Thus, Mahatma Gandhi called Tilak as maker of modern India and Nehru called him as a 'Father of the Indian revolution'

Finally, seminar ended with the vote of thanks by **Dr. Nivedita**. This seminar certainly holistic understanding of the personality, principles and valuable contribution of Tilak to the nation. His approach to have an unite, democratic and prosperous country has a great relevance even today.

Recommendations:

On the basis of discussion and discussions held in the seminar on the subject following recommendations emerged;

1. Biography of socio-political of Tilak needs to be incorporated in study curriculum and text books right from elementary to higher education level so that students may learn from his philosophy of swaraj
2. ICHR should encourage activities of seminar, symposium, debate, essay competition on such an eminent personalities of the nation so that in depth understanding can be developed about him among the students and other sections of the society and they may imbibe the novel value of Tilak.
3. The ICHR may also sponsor research study on such an eminent personalities to reveal the historic part as regard contribution of great freedom fighters which have contemporary relevant in modern political democratic system.
4. Information Education and Communication (IEC) material in different form containing the typical message of Tilak can be developed and disseminated through organizing outreach activities at different locations.

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