



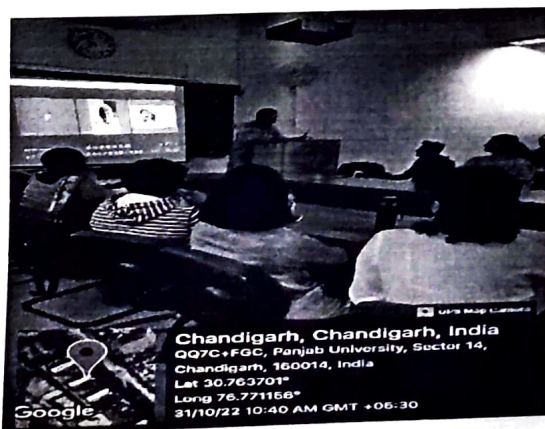
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**Report**

The Department of Political Science organized a lecture on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 (Monday) at 10:30 am** on the occasion of **"National Unity Day"** in blended mode by **Prof. Himanshu Roy**, Department of Political Science, DDU College, University of Delhi, Delhi. Prof. Roy, who is the co-author of Book on Sardar Patel published by SAGE, New Delhi delivered the lecture on **"Patel's Ideas of Governance"**. Prof. Roy referred to the great level of integrity and commitment to the nationalist cause by Sardar Patel. He also referred in detail Sardar Patel's contribution in unifying India. As many as 565 princely states became integrated to India due to his political skill and astuteness. As a Home Minister Sardar Patel played a stellar role in bringing Junagarh, Hyderabad and Jammu and Kashmir rulers to sign the instrument of accession which brought all the princely states to become part of Independent India. He also referred Patel's contribution in retention of Indian Civil Services and the role he played in the re-settlement of the refugees who came from Western Punjab and East Bengal during partition. Patel as an organization man was the choice of Provincial Committees of the Congress to become the Prime Minister of Independent India but he dropped out on advice of Mahatma Gandhi in favour of Nehru. The Patel was a pragmatic leader who played a great role in accession of Kashmir to India and he did not want India to go to the UN Security Council over the issue. He wanted India to recognize Tibet as an independent country and also was in favour of having diplomatic relation with Israel and was in favour of strong military build up. He was against dynastic politics and favoured strong policy against Pakistan. As an administrator, Patel excelled himself first as a Chairperson of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and then as the Home Minister of India. Patel was notable for very high level of personal honesty and integrity. As a leader in charge with the Congress party funds he kept all the accounts and after his death his daughter returned all the money and account details to Jawahar Lal Nehru, the Prime Minister. He led a very simple Gandhian way of life and known for his austerity.

The formal lecture was attended by the faculty and students of the department including the researchers.



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