



Azim Premji University presents
a Martyrdom Day lecture on
**Bhagat Singh and the Ideological Redefinition of
Revolutionary Nationalism**

Speaker
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Venue: 10th Seminar Hall, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

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About the Lecture

The lecture will focus on the new radical ideas that influenced Indian revolutionaries in the mid-1920s. This led them to question their own earlier understanding of the meaning of "Revolution" and move towards giving the term a new content. A clue to the change is found in the change of the name of the organization from Hindustan Republican Association to Hindustan *Socialist* Republican Association.

Doubts also appeared over the use of individual violent heroic action as a strategy of struggle. An open mass organization called the Naujawan Bharat Sabha was also set up to reach out to students, peasants, and other sections of the people.

Bhagat Singh played a leading catalytic role in these developments. The lecture will discuss the implications of these for the Revolutionary Movement as well for the broader Indian Struggle for Freedom of which it was a part.

About the Speaker

Mridula Mukherjee has taught History at the Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, for over four decades. Her research and teaching have focused on different aspects of the history of Indian struggle for freedom, on peasant struggles in Colonial India, on the agrarian economy of Punjab, on communalism and social movements. Her books include *India's struggle for Independence and India Since Independence*, co-authored with Bipan Chandra and others, as well as *Peasants in India's Non-violent Revolution*, and *Colonialising Agriculture: The Myth of Punjab Exceptionalism*,

RSS, School Textbooks and the Murder of Mahatma Gandhi: The Hindu Communal Project, co-author. She is also co-editor of the Sage series in Modern Indian History.

She was Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, from 2006 to 2011, and Dean, School of Social Sciences, JNU from 2012 to 2014. She has been a Visiting Professor and Fellow at La Sapienza, University of Rome; Institutes of Advanced Study at Nantes, France, at University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Lancaster, UK; at the University of Tokyo, Japan, and at Duke University, USA. She is a member of the External Advisory Board, Long Room Hub, Research Institute for Arts and Humanities, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.