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the Birth Centenary of
Shri Dharampal
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Thinking with Dharampalji on Civil Disobedience and Indian Traditions Today

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Dharampalji's Civil Disobedience and Indian Tradition. The talk will reflect on the important idea of the social contract between the ruler and the ruled, highlighted in the book, and explore the options it presents for civil society and public discourse today. It will discuss both the commonality and the different traditions of civil disobedience in India and the west and look at opportunities for a creative interpretation, following Gandhi, of these in contemporary India. The presentation will advocate a more pro-active interpretation of social history and historiography by scholars today, following the useful leads that Dharampalji's work provides.

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Significance of Dharampal's Work for Understanding Rule of Law and Legitimacy in Indian Tradition



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Dharampal's monumental work on eighteenth and nineteenth century Indian history has been instrumental in bringing to light facets of Indian polity and society, even the memory of which contemporary India does not possess. However, these facets are of the greatest importance not only for comprehending Indian polity's true character, but also for bringing into sharp focus the great distortions from which mainstream history and historiography of the period suffer. Through his study titled Civil Disobedience and Indian Tradition he brings to light the factuality of a great nonviolent mass movement during 1810-11 against the imposition of new taxes on houses and shops. The material in this volume concerning this mass movement is of great significance from several perspectives, yet particularly for understanding the concepts of the Rule of Law and Legitimacy in Indian Tradition.