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A TWO DAY WORKSHOP

ON

**EMBITTERED HISTORY
POST-MEMORIES OF PARTITION**

*Your gracious presence
on the occasion is solicited.*

[B. P. Sinha]

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Venue : New Academic Block, CUJ, Ranchi.

Date : 06-07 March, 2013.

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Concept Note

"Nation-making," wrote Urvashi Butalia, "is a violent process." The trauma of Partition and its aftermath has lingered in the collective memory and continues to affect the present of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The nightmarish experience of Partition, its dance macabre and the ensuing destruction deeply affected the psyche of newly born nations and dismembered their histories. Since the apparent justification for the Partition, the 'two-nation theory', recognized Hindus and Muslims as two dissimilar communities unlikely to coexist, its post-memories continue to haunt the life of the people on both sides of the border and Partition still remains a 'grand-narrative', 'a point of reference' for its supporters and detractors.

While much of the literature on the Partition of India provides disturbing accounts of rioting, separation and violence, stories about rape, kidnapping, abduction and forced marriage of women, this two day workshop on **Embittered History: Post-Memories of Partition** would like to unearth some of the issues hidden deep within this festering wound.

The Workshop would aim to explore and recontextualize the post-memories of Partition with special thrust on:

- a) The Question of Communal Harmony in Contemporary India
- b) Issues of Border and Peace
- c) Dehistoricisation of narratives of Hate
- d) Truth, Reconciliation and Healing
- e) Stateless People : Issues of Enclaves and Chitmahals

SCHEDULE OF THE WORKSHOP

Day I, 06th March 2013

Inaugural

Panel 1: The Making of Nations: A Personal Testimony to Partition

Time: 10.00 to 12.00 noon

Session Chair: **Prof. B. P. Sinha**

Panelist: **Balbir Dutt**, Editor, Ranchi Express

Panel 2: A Dialogue with a Writer

Time: 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Session Chair: **Prof. A. K. Sharma**

Panelist: **Aditya Sen**, Journalist and Writer

Day II, 07th March 2013

Panel 3: Those Unheard Voices: Stories of Women and Children

Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Session Chair: **Dr. Shreya Bhattacharji**

Panelist : **Kathinka Sinha Kerkhoff**,

South Asia Regional Representative,

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Panel 4: Post-memories: Cross-generational Responses

Time: 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Moderator: **Aditya Sen**, Journalist and Writer

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