

**PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF VIR-PUTRA
MAHARANA PATAP RESEARCH CHAIR
ON
DEFENCE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES**

Chair hosting University & its Administration:

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences (BRAUSS) is the first university of social sciences in the country, set up by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, mandated to accelerate higher education, research, extension and training in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary subjects for social justice & emancipation, economic empowerment & development, educational excellence and socio-economic development, increasing participation of marginalized sections in decision making and nation building.

The Government of Madhya Pradesh has enacted Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences Act, 2015 [Act No. 2 of 2016] which was published in Madhya Pradesh Gazette (Extraordinary) on 13th January 2016. Her Excellency the Governor of Madhya Pradesh Smt. Anandiben Patel is the Chancellor and chairperson of the Governing Body of the University. Prof. Asha Shukla is the Vice Chancellor of the University and she is also the Chairperson of the Executive Council and Academic Council of the University.

BRAUSS – Research University & its Programmes:

BRAUSS is basically a research university and its programmes focus on - imparting higher education, research, extension & training in all fields of knowledge and subjects for the betterment of the society; including- Constitution & Democracy - national integration, democratic decentralization & local self-governance; Social & Educational Empowerment- egalitarian social order, secularism, women empowerment & social emancipation, religious & social harmony, human dignity, family & child welfare, quality higher education; Economic & Financial Empowerment- among the weaker sections through capacity building & entrepreneurship development, welfare economics, and policy reforms; Law & Social Justice – equality of status & opportunities, liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith & worship, fraternity assuring dignity of individual & unity and integrity of nation, ensuring social justice, protecting civil & human rights; Environment & Agrarian Development- conservation of water & natural resources, ecological harmony & interlinking

of rivers, land holdings & agrarian development, agricultural technology & rural crafts; scientific approach towards nation building and International understanding & foreign policies.

BRAUSS follows an integrated module of education, research, extension and training for Production, Management and Application of knowledge in general and capacity building of marginalized sections in particular. University facilitates dissemination and confluence of science & technologies with social sciences to address local development as well as global issues in era of globalization, privatization, liberalization and to achieve the sustainable development goals [SDGs2030].

BRAUSS Campus is located in the well known cantonment town Mhow, which is very strategically located with important defence establishments of the country including Infantry School and Army War College. BRAUSS has set up an independent School of Defence & Strategic Studies and has also started academic programmes in defence and strategic studies.

Importance and Justification of proposed Chair:

Our country is the birth place of many eminent leaders and great warriors who fought for distinct causes in different ways. One of the gallant luminary is Maharana Pratap. He was a man with strong patriotism with great convictions and ideal commitments who always upheld the dignity of his people and the motherland. In the Sisodiya Rajputana history and legacy of Mewar, the north western region of present Rajasthan in India, Pratap Singh was born on 9th May 1540 in Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan and he was the eldest son born to Rana Udai Singh II, the king of Mewar and Rani Jeevant Kanwar.

Crown prince Pratap Singh became the thirteenth king (Maharana) of Mewar and was crowned in 1572. It is reported in the history that Maharana Pratap had turned down six diplomatic missions to suzerainty sent by Akbar and the last such futile mission was headed by Raja Man Singh, the brother-in-law of Akbar. Maharana Pratap angered at him being instrumental in submission of Rajputs, and he bravely fought the famous battle of Haldighati in 1576.

Maharana Pratap's defiance of the Mughal, without any support from other Rajput states, constitutes a glorious saga of his valour and the self-sacrifices for his people and motherland. As also reported, Rana Pratap's methods of defence and strategic warfare strategies were elaborated by Malik Ambar, the Deccani general, and also by Shivaji Maharaj. Therefore, it is considered strategically important to establish a Chair for focused research, extension, training and education in BRAUSS.

BRAUSS envision collaboration with defence institutions and strengthen its defence & strategic studies programmes. Therefore, BRAUSS proposes to set up a Research Chair in the name of Vir-Putra Maharana Pratap on Defence and Strategic Studies.

Objectives of the Chair: The chair would be interdisciplinary and work for the following objectives:

1. To conduct study and research on the life, vision, thoughts and philosophy, socio economic, political and cultural contributions of Maharana Pratap and contemporary leaders of defence and strategic strategies in India.
2. To study the cherished principles, battle strategies and warfare methods, his valour and self-sacrifice for the freedom of his Kingdom and importance of Maharana Pratap in the Indian History as the first native freedom fighter of India.
3. Formulation and execution of research proposals in the context of Defence and Strategic Studies for national and international peace and order.
4. Creating a resource centre for scholars and academicians on defence and strategic studies.
5. Conducting Training and extension programs on the Defence & Strategic Studies in India and abroad.
6. Collaborate with national and international institutions and defence organizations on social preparedness for peace and order.
7. The basic objective of the Chair is to collect all type of reading material on Maharana Pratap, the subsidiary objective of the Chair is to make available all collected reading materials to the research scholars of the University, and outside of University.
8. To develop University for doing research work in the specified field i.e. Maharana Pratap as well as on Defence & Strategic Studies.