



THE  
**DEOL**  
FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION  
AND HUMAN RIGHTS



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# OUR PRIORITIES

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The Deol Foundation is non-profit organisation committed to promoting Freedom of Expression and Human Rights (as set out in the universal declaration of human rights and subsequent united nations conventions and declarations).



## PRIORITY — 01

SUPPORT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION



## PRIORITY — 02

PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS



## PRIORITY — 03

SUPPORT EMERGING JOURNALISTS, MEDIA PROFESIONALS, AUTHORS, ARTISTS, POETS, RESEARCHERS, AND INFLUENCERS.

We are focus primarily on 5 core programmes

Poetry - Poetry Global

Art - Global Art Display

Literature - TDF Book Publishing

Research - Academic Research

Journalism - Journalist/ Media Support Programme

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# AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Art, literature, poetry, academic research and the media are significant tools for freedom of expression and human rights promotion. Whereas research and media capture the chronicle aspects, the emotions are best relayed through art, literature, and poetry. The latter assist in touching the hearts and minds, engaging people differently than academic or political texts. Literature can lead to great changes, either general or personal.

The Deol Foundation is a totally independent non-profit and not influenced by popular opinion or political agenda. We are guided by expertise, evidence and humanity.

In contemporary society, the right to free expression and information dissemination is paramount. The ability to exercise these rights without any form of illegitimate interference or fear is a critical element of a just society, where every individual can enjoy the same human rights and have access to justice. Unfortunately, this is not the case in all societies. Governments are expected to prohibit hate speech; however, some exploit their powers to pass laws that criminalize free speech to suppress dissent, citing reasons such as religion, national security, or counter-terrorism. In



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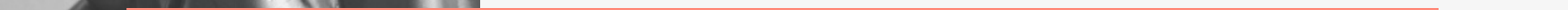


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# AIMS AND OBJECTIVES CONTINUED...

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Sadly this is not the case everywhere. Although governments are supposed to ban hateful speech, some abuse this power to pass laws criminalizing free speech in order to silence dissent. The reasons given often relate to religion, natural security or counter-terrorism. Freedom of speech has also been threatened recently by authorities suppressing NGO's, and activists.



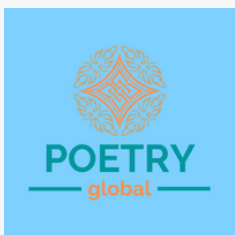
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# OUR PROJECTS



## ACADEMIC RESEARCH

The Deol Foundation Academic Research Programme supports and develops new writers in their endeavours to research, write and publish academic research in the areas of freedom of expression, human rights, literature and art related research.



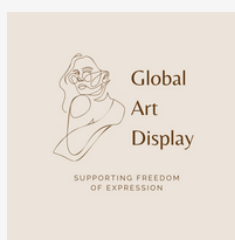
## POETRY

An accurate definition of poetry does not exist, for it cannot easily be defined. Nor is it something that can necessarily be explained, rather it is something to be experienced. [www.PoetryGlobal.com](http://www.PoetryGlobal.com) is the home of expressive poetry by established poets and newcomers.



## LITERATURE

TDF BOOKS is a new independent publisher and part of The Deol Foundation. We aim to publish one book per year complimenting our theme of work for that period. Our core values of freedom of expression and human rights are displayed through a blend of literature, poetry and art. Ensuring a lasting impact, quality, subject matter, and innovative approach are all key areas for us.



## ART

[www.GlobalArtDisplay.com](http://www.GlobalArtDisplay.com) is committed to art exhibiting pieces featured on freedom of expression, human rights, environmental rights, social impact and mental health. Art can be a huge form of both inspiration and education, helping us on our journey in bringing about effective positive change.



## JOURNALISM AND MEDIA

These projects will focus on supporting new would-be media professionals and existing independent platforms. We aim to offer grants, equipment, and mentoring. Projects in Asia and Africa are under way.

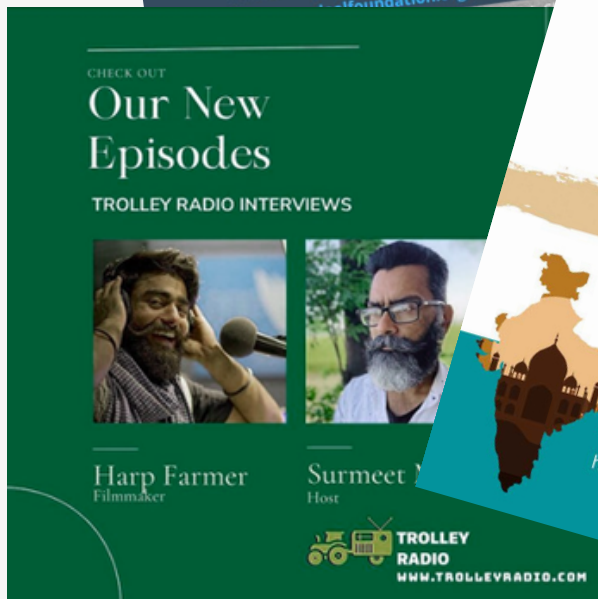






# CASE STUDY

## THE DEOL FOUNDATION AND THE LARGEST PROTEST IN HISTORY



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‘The ongoing protests come after a nationwide demonstration Thursday, when an estimated 250 million workers, farmers and their allies joined in what’s believed to be the largest organised strike in history anywhere in the world. Organisers say tens of thousands of demonstrators have now gathered at each of New Delhi’s three borders, in cold winter conditions...’ Democracy Now, 2020

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What started off as small-scale protests in August 2020 against three new farm ordinances approved by the government of India, would go on to become the largest protest ever recorded. The government officially passed the ordinances into law in 27th September 2020 and claimed the new laws are aimed at giving farmers the freedom to sell directly to institutional buyers such as big trading houses, large retailers and food processors.

Farmers countered saying the laws will deregulate crop pricing and eventually, get rid of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) that guarantees them an income by setting a uniform price for certain crops. Most farmers are small-scale and have low annual incomes, not being in a position to take their produce out of their district to trade.

They believe in the long run a consortium of private players will develop, leaving them vulnerable to large corporations and market forces. In the law meant to provide for a governing mechanism for the contract farming, there seems to be no check upon the corporate houses coming into contract with the small peasants,

# CASE STUDY CONT...

## THE DEOL FOUNDATION AND THE LARGEST PROTEST IN HISTORY



against usurping their land, also the dispute mechanism does not allow them to go to court. Similar developments have brought devastation on farming communities in several countries including the U.S.A and France.

Mass protests followed, culminating in hundreds of thousands of farmers and their supporters encamping around Delhi for over a year in makeshift tents. Large scale human rights violations were alleged to have been committed during this period including illegal detention, torture, and restriction of a free press and media.

In January 2020 alone the following occurred in relation to journalists were arrested:

·January 17: Three journalists of the website 'The Frontier Manipur' were arrested under the UAPA and charged with sedition.

·January 20: Senior journalist Paranjoy Guha Thakurta was issued a non-bailable arrest warrant by a Gujarat court.

·January 25: Three journalists in U.P.'s Kanpur Dehat district were booked for airing a report about a school function drill. January 28: FIRs were lodged against six senior journalists for inciting violence on January 26: through their social media posts. January 30: The Rampur Police in U.P. registered an FIR against senior journalist Siddharth Varadarajan.

·January 31: Mandeep Punia was arrested by the Delhi Police at the Singhu border. Another journalist, Dharmender Singh, was picked up by police on January 30 evening from the border(20).

Farmer Labourers Activist Nodeep Kaur was also arrested on Jan 12th 2021. Geeta Pandey of the BBC, quoted Meena Harris's tweet that the activist was "arrested, tortured & sexually assaulted in police custody".

There was also a clamp down on social media. 'Twitter is locked in a battle with the Indian government after it was ordered to take down accounts supporting the ongoing farmers' protests. India's government has reportedly threatened to punish Twitter employees with fines and prison terms of up to seven years for restoring hundreds of accounts after the initial takedown'(26).

On 29 November, both Houses of the Indian Parliament passed the Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021: repealing the laws and paving the way for the farmers protest to end on 11 December 2021.

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Kanwaljeet Singh  
General Secretary Punjab Kisan Union.  
Member of SKM

The book captured the emotions of the movement. The Radio spread info about our rights. The Human Right's Report highlighted our plight to the world and the International exposure had a positive effect. Journalists and activists were released from prison soon after.

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Meeting of SKM, New Delhi, India Feb 2021

We thank The Deol Foundation for their Indian Farmers Human Rights Report. All 31 of our Farmer Unions leading the protest endorse the report. We urge everyone to push this in parliaments across the world so that the abuses of human rights against peaceful protestors can be highlighted.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST DISHA RAVI RELEASED 13/02/2021.  
LABOURERS ACTIVIST NODEEP KAUR RELEASED 26/02/2021.**

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Professor Of Eminence Punjabi University  
Patiala, Punjab, India

Indian academics have received this piece of literature very well. The tone eloquently reflects a combination of the personal and collective struggle of the agitators, inviting readers to both question and better understand the political and corporate cogs of society. It literally makes you want to go out and protest! The Resistance Collection, whilst containing a rich insight into the Indian farmers' protest, also crosses over. A modern-day inspirational manual of sorts for activists and reformers worldwide.

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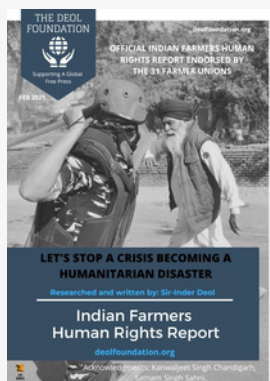


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- PUBLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT
- RADIO STATION
- POETRY BOOK RELEASED
- ACADEMIC RESEARCH PAPER

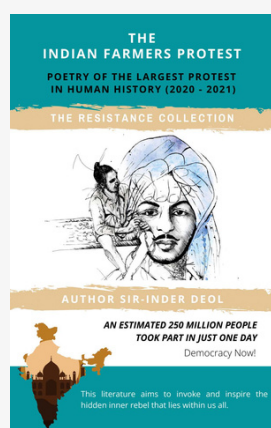
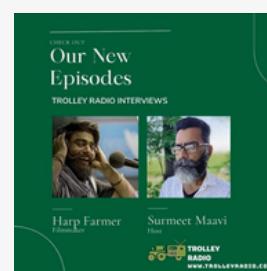


### THE INDIAN FARMERS HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

This report was released in Feb 2021. It was in response to human rights violations committed against protesters and journalists during the Indian Farmers Protest. It had an immense international impact and led to the release of several protesters and debates in parliaments such as the U.K and Australia.

### TROLLEY RADIO

The aim of the station was to provide protesters with news. It was also an avenue to relay information about their rights under the U.N charter of human rights.



### THE INDIAN FARMERS PROTEST 2020-2021 (THE RESISTANCE COLLECTION)

This book of poetry and art relayed the emotions of the protest. The book received huge academic acclaim in India. being released by Professor of Eminence Prof Balkar Singh at Punjabi University Patiala India. A discussion followed attended by leading Indian academics.

### DEOL ACADEMIC RESEARCH PAPER

Background To The Indian Farmers Protest (2020-2021) And Previous Protests During Bjp Rule (2015-2020):





# THE DEOL FOUNDATION WHAT'S NEXT...

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A LAURENCE WELLS

UMN FLOWERS  
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perhaps the most conspicuously  
flowers. It is a bog-loving plant,  
and requires the protection of coal

are all annuals, biennials, and perennials.  
The flowers are sweet-scented. The yellow is  
The flowers of polyphyllus are pale  
The annuals are varied in colour

is a brilliant, erect-growing family of plants,  
from low to beds of gassy moorland to sunny sandy  
Calceolonia, 1 foot, has dense heads of bright scarlet  
in both single and double, in blue, scarlet, grandiflora,  
with magenta-orange—all are large-flowered and showy.  
It requires a little protection in winter.

Callimorpha grandiflora is a short mat-forming plant with a  
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# PREVENT AND DISTURB

## THE DEOL FOUNDATION COUNTER RADICALISATION INITIATIVE

### CHALLENGING ABSOLUTIST THINKING

Individuals are spurred to lessen self-uncertainty, explicitly sensations of vulnerability about their life, their future, and uncertainty about their self and personality. People often steer towards group identification. Social groups are depicted as prototypical entities, comprised of a collection of attributes, values, beliefs, emotions, and behaviours that define the group and its members, as well as differentiate them from other groups. The aim is to counteract and hinder the reinforcement of unprovable dogmatic beliefs, which can lead to radicalization and the proliferation of extremist ideologies. It is crucial to confront this type of absolute thinking.



**STIMULATE** general analytical and critical thinking, skills of observing; empathy; flexibility and adaptability. Uncertainty-identity theory

**ENCOURAGE** specific practical and rational thinking in the areas of self-reflection, Assessing / Re-assessing extreme identity, ideology and other absolutist-held beliefs.

We shall achieve this through 4 programmes:

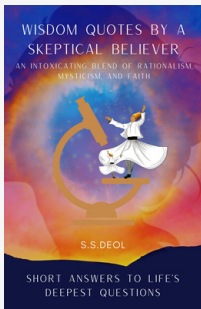
**Literature, Art, Poetry and Academic Research.** This will take final shape in the form of:

- **ACADEMIC RESEARCH PAPER: NOTHING IS CERTAIN**
- **BOOK: WISDOM QUOTES BY A SKEPTICAL BELIEVER (AN INTOXICATING BLEND OF RATIONALISM, MYSTICISM, AND FAITH)**
- **POETRY EXHIBITION: REFLECT**
- **ART EXHIBITION: X-TRME (REMOVING THE LAYERS)**

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### A BOOK: WISDOM QUOTES BY A SKEPTICAL BELIEVER (AN INTOXICATING BLEND OF RATIONALISM, MYSTICISM, AND FAITH)

"Beginning the process of researching this book I have had to basically strip away everything I thought I knew, everything passed down, learnt, picked up along the way and start afresh. I found this liberating..." Deol



### POETRY PROJECT: REFLECT

This project will be a space for new and upcoming poets of all nationalities to display their poems on self reflection. Self reflection is a key tool in the steps towards deradicalisation.



### ACADEMIC RESEARCH PAPER: NOTHING IS CERTAIN

Uncertainty-identity theory (Hogg and Adelman, 2013; Hogg and Wagoner, 2017) postulates that people are motivated to reduce self-uncertainty, specifically feelings of uncertainty about their life, their future, and uncertainty about their self and identity...



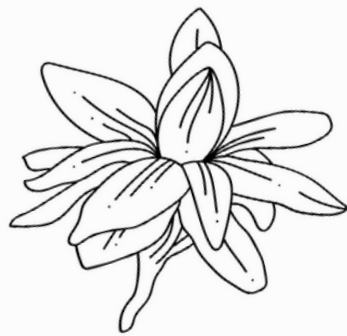
### ART EXHIBITION: X-TREME (REMOVING THE LAYERS)

Creating a new exhibition with art from new and upcoming artists from around the world. X-TREME will be a platform to shine a light on the human susceptibility to a path of extremism through indoctrinisation of certainties.

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COUNTER RADICALISATION INITIATIVE



## **FOWARD**

Neither am I a learned scholar,  
Nor am I spiritually proficient.  
Neither am I absolutely certain about  
**ANY** aspect of faith and belief,  
Nor am I an ardent atheist.  
Neither do I claim to have had  
ultimate mystical experiences,  
Nor am I a **hardened** agnostic.  
Spending time wondering and  
contemplating on the complex  
conundrums of life is an indulgence.  
I am a **skeptical** believer, **bathing** in  
the waters of reluctance and inquiry.

# DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

## GETTING INVOLVED



DONATE

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Why should I get involved? Will I make any difference?

"It means a great deal to those who are oppressed to know that they are not alone. Never let anyone tell you that what you are doing is insignificant."

Desmond Tutu, South African civil rights activists.

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## FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Help The Deol Foundation through donations via Direct Debit - Gift Aid - Standing Order - Annual Donation,- One Off donations and Gift In Wills.  
**Donate to: The Deol Foundation (Cashplus Bank.)  
Account Number: 06816720. Sort Code: 08-71-99**

What will my money be spent on? Operating Costs, Training Journalists, Research, Advertising/Marketing, Equipment/Software, Infrastructure, grants, Salaries and Fund Raising.

## VOLUNTEERING & EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

Volunteers are the back bone of any non profit and this can be a very rewarding endeavour. You can also donate equipment such as IT equipment.



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