

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

SEMINAR REPORT

Seminar on: “German Unification, 1871”

Date: 27 February 2026

Venue: Smart Classroom, Old Academic Building–01, Rama Devi Women’s University (RDWU)

The Department of History, Rama Devi Women’s University, organized a seminar on “**German Unification, 1871**” on 27th February 2026. The distinguished resource person for the seminar was **Mr. Purna Chandra Dash**, a reputed scholar in the field of Modern European History.

Objectives of the Seminar

1. To help students understand the historical background and process of German unification in 1871.
2. To provide systematic knowledge about the role of nationalism and diplomacy in 19th-century Europe.
3. To develop a critical understanding of the contribution of key leaders in the unification of Germany.

Proceedings of the Seminar

The seminar commenced at **10:30 AM** in the Smart Classroom, Old Academic Building–01, RDWU. The esteemed guest, Mr. Purna Chandra Dash, arrived at the venue along with the faculty members of the Department of History and was warmly welcomed by the students and staff.

The session began with an introductory address by **Mr. Paramjit Singh**, who highlighted the academic achievements and scholarly contributions of Mr. Dash. After the formal introduction, the session was handed over to the resource person to deliver his lecture.

Mr. Dash began his presentation by explaining the political condition of the German states before unification. He discussed the impact of the **Congress of Vienna**, which reorganized Europe after the Napoleonic Wars and left Germany divided into numerous independent states under the German Confederation.

He elaborated on the rise of nationalism in the 19th century and the role of **Otto von Bismarck**, the Prime Minister of Prussia, in achieving unification through his policy of “Blood and Iron.” The speaker explained the three important wars that led to unification:

- The Danish War (1864)
- The Austro-Prussian War (1866)
- The Franco-Prussian War (1870–71)

He emphasized how these wars strengthened Prussia's position and ultimately led to the proclamation of the German Empire in 1871 at the Palace of Versailles. He also discussed the role of **Wilhelm I**, who was declared the first German Emperor.

The session was highly interactive. Students actively participated by raising questions regarding nationalism, diplomacy, and the consequences of German unification on European politics. Mr. Dash addressed their queries thoughtfully and encouraged analytical thinking.

The seminar concluded with an engaging Question-and-Answer session, which enhanced the students' understanding of 19th-century European history.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the seminar, students:

- Gained knowledge about the background and process of German unification.
- Understood the role of nationalism and diplomacy in European politics.
- Learned about the leadership and strategies of Otto von Bismarck.
- Developed a clearer understanding of the impact of German unification on modern Europe.

The seminar proved to be intellectually stimulating and academically enriching for all participants.


Conclusion

At the end of the session, the distinguished guest was felicitated and presented with a sapling as a token of appreciation and respect from the Department of History.


Finally, **Dr. Ganeswar Nayak**, Senior Faculty Member of the Department of History, delivered the Vote of Thanks, expressing sincere gratitude to Mr. Purna Chandra Dash for his enlightening lecture and to everyone who contributed to making the seminar a grand success.

The program concluded on a positive and appreciative note.

Seminar Photos and Attendance



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