

Brief concept Note

Bhima Bhoi was a mystic saint-poet from Odisha. He was born, according to legends, sometime between 1845 to 1855 and belonged to a tribal family of Khonds from western Odisha. At very early age he was initiated into Mahima cult of Mahima Gosain and preached its philosophy extensively in contemporary Odisha. The popularity of mahima Dharma was largely owing to his efforts. He rejected the idol worship, caste system and priesthood of Brahmins and propounded egalitarianism. He believed in the radical transformation of social structure, which he held could happen only after acute crisis or apocalypse. He prophesized about the apocalypse through the medium of his poem registered in his work that also is the reflection of his metaphysical concept of *sunya* or void. In the theology preached by him God was *Alekh* or indescribable, is without form and attributes, compassionate, and can be apprehended through mystic intuition. His poetry reflects the tension of a mind that experienced, in equal measure, the ecstasy of a true saint and anguish over the inequality and suffering of men. He composed a number of devotional and philosophical works like Nirveda Sadhana, Brahmanirupana Gita, Stutichintamani, Chautisa Granthamala, Bhajanamala, Sritinishedha Gita, Ashtakavihari Gita, etc. Bhima Bhoi passed away in 1895 leaving a tradition behind him, which is being followed by many of his followers today but that still need academic attention to bring to light the social and philosophical contribution of this saint-point in order to give him due place among the pantheon of Indian social reformers.

Invitation for Research Proposal

ICHR invites proposals for Research Project Grant under Individual category to work on the life and contribution of **Santa Kabi Bhim Bhoi, a great Philosopher of Odisha and proponent of Mahima tradition.**

- The ceiling amount of the grant will be Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five Lakh only) for two years.
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 - iii. List of publications
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 - v. Application for the Research Project Grant for above said subject complete in all details must reach ICHR, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi-110001 by 30th May, 2022 The scanned copies of duly filled application form with all relevant documents can also be submitted at specialproject@ichr.ac.in
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