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Department of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Studies

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A National Seminar on

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA: PERSPECTIVES OF DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR

**ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಭಾರತದ ಸಂವಿಧಾನ:
ಡಾ. ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್‌ರವರ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಕೋನಗಳು**

**On the Occasion of Celebration of 133rd Birth Anniversary of
Great Humanist & Epoch Maker Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**

Date: 14th April 2024 • Venue : Golden Jubilee Hall , Karnatak University, Dharwad.



ABOUT KARNATAK UNIVERSITY

Karnatak University was established at Dharwad in the Indian state of Karnataka in October 1949. It is the second oldest University in the Karnataka state. It had its official inauguration in March 1950. It was established to cater to the needs of higher education of people of North Karnataka. The Campus is spread over a vast area of 888 acres and has its own ambience with a sylvan setting of undulating greenery. The rapid development of the institution is credited to Wrangler Dr. D.C. Pavate, the then Vice- Chancellor (1954 to 1967). The University has 48 PG Departments, 3 PG Centers, 5 Constituent Colleges, 275 Affiliated Colleges. 223 PG and 2780 U.G Teachers are working under P.G. Departments, Constituent and Affiliated Colleges. Around 7726 PG and 82,938 UG Students are pursuing their studies. Various traditional and need based courses are offered to prepare the students to face the larger challenges of life. This University has been accredited with 'A' grade by National Assessment Accreditation Council recently during 2022. The excellence in teaching, research and academic performance has earned the prestigious tag of 'University with Potential for Excellence' by the UGC in 2014, which speaks of its academic excellence of its 70 years of fruitful existence.



DEPARTMENT OF DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR STUDIES - A PROFILE:

The Department of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies was established in the year 1988. Karnatak University holds the credit of being the pioneering institution of higher education to start the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair in the Department of Political Science headed by late Prof. A.M. Rajashekhariah, who obtained his Ph.D on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He was instrumental in establishing the Ambedkar Chair with the help of UGC grants, first of its kind in the entire country.

Department of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies offers Post-Graduate Diploma in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies and Open Elective Courses which help the students to understand the life and philosophy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Every year around 800 students study Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Thoughts. The department had organized Dr. B.R. Ambedkar memorial lectures by inviting eminent jurists like Justice P.B. Gajendragadkar the then, Chief Justice of Maharashtra, Justice A. Varadaraja, Justice A.R. Krishna Iyer, Justice O. Chinnappa Reddy and Justice M. Rama Jois who had delivered special lectures on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Thoughts and Contribution to society. The department offers courses in Dr. Ambedkar's life and mission, social, economic, religious philosophy and political thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The department has been instrumental in organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, special talks on various aspects of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's contribution to the world at large and oppressed sections of society in particular. On 4th, 5th and 6th October 2016, on the occasion of the celebration of 125th birth anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar, the first ever International Conference was organised by the department in collaboration with Sera Jey Monastic University, Bylukuppe on **Creating Better World: Dr. B R Ambedkar's Vision and Perspectives**. A record number of participants from India and abroad actively participated in this conference and over 1000 papers on various sub themes were presented by scholars and students.

The department is set out to organize a National Seminar on the theme **Social Justice and the Constitution of India: Perspectives of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar** on the occasion of celebration of 133rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, a messiah and liberator of masses on 14th April 2024.



Dept. of Dr. B. R Ambedkar Studies, K.U. Dharwad



Proposed Dr. B. R Ambedkar
Museum & Library, K.U. Dharwad



A National Seminar on **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA: PERSPECTIVES OF DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR**

14th April 2024

Democracy, Social Justice and the Constitution of India are inseparable and interlinked. Democracy is a form of the government in which people participate in legislation to regulate the life of people through a representative government. According to Dr. Ambedkar 'Democracy is not merely a form of government. It is primarily a mode of associated living of conjoint communicated experience. It is essentially an attitude of respect and reverence towards our fellow men. It is a form of government that brings revolutionary changes in social and economic life. Dr. Ambedkar was a true democrat and believed in revolutionary changes in social and economic life of people without bloodshed. It is well known fact that Democracy has its roots in ancient India's Buddhist institutions and Bhikku Sanghas. India is a mother of Democracy due to the fact that Buddhists had adopted democratic values such as freedom, fraternity and equality and individual dignity. Dr. Ambedkar explained that the ideas and ideology of freedom, fraternity, equality and social justice were not derived from the French Revolution, but from Buddha who revered by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as Margadata and First Guru of enlightenment.

Social justice, he believed, is a political mechanism to ensure the equitable distribution of resources without discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, color, race and gender. There is no Democracy without social justice and they are inseparable entities. Democracy is a vehicle of social transformation, but social justice is its mechanism. So without each other both have no relevance. Dr. Ambedkar is being a Champion of Social justice in world, held that social justice means liberty, equality and fraternity for all citizens and it stands for equitable distribution resources needed for the overall development of the people.

The Constitution of India is an embodiment of social justice. Social justice is ensured through various provisions and Constitutional

remedies to establish an egalitarian society. It is also an embodiment of social and economic justice. Further Democracy, Social Justice and the Constitution are also inseparable entities and these holds that, the individual dignity, freedom and etc are basic human rights. It is pertinent to debate on relationship between Democracy, social justice and the Constitution of India. In view of this it is proposed to organise National Seminar on the theme entitled **Social Justice and the Constitution of India: Perspectives' of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**. This National Seminar intends to highlight the following issues to rebuild the Nation with multi-dimensional approach involving Democracy, Social Justice and the Constitutional remedies. Hence, the following fundamental issues will be debated in the Seminar:

- 1. How far Democracy and Social Justice have been in force as per the various provisions of the Constitution of India? If not, what are fundamental impediments?**
- 2. Indian Democracy has not gone beyond Political Democracy and it did not realize the social and economic democracy as envisioned by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. So, this seminar aims to & visit Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts & Philosophy.**
- 3. How far the dreams of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar with regard to democracy, social justice and Constitutional remedies are being visualized. What are the fundamental issues and challenges involved in achieving the goals of democracy in contemporary India.**

These are the broad areas of enquiry and debate for the researchers, Ambedkarites, human rights activists, academicians, Policy makers and students to ponder upon. The research papers/articles will focus the main theme and other related themes and issues.

REGISTRATION FORM

One Day National Seminar on Social Justice and the Constitution of India: Perspectives of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar' organized by Dept. of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies, Karnatak University, Dharwad on 14th April, 2024.

Name (in Block Letters) Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms/ : _____

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SUB THEMES

1. Challenges of 21st century India – Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Thoughts.
2. Indian Constitution and Role of Ambedkar in making of it.
3. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a Great Humanist.
4. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's contribution to social transformation.
5. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Nationalism.
6. Women Empowerment – Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's perspectives.
7. Influence of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Literature.
8. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Buddhist thoughts.
9. Role of Ambedkar in revival of Buddhism in India.
10. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision of Prabuddha Bharat: Revival of Buddhism in Contemporary India.
11. Dr.B.R. Ambedkar and Economic thoughts.
12. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's thoughts in contemporary India.
13. Dalits at Cross roads: education, migration and conversion.
14. Democracy, Social Justice in contemporary India.
15. Mass conversion and social change-politics of emancipation.
16. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a social scientist: caste dynamics and social change.
17. Religious Harmony for Better living.
18. Universal responsibility in building Harmonious society.
19. Any other relevant theme/topic will be considered for seminar presentation.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Papers on the above themes are invited by scholars, academicians, faculty members, students, researchers and experts in the field. Participants have to send their full length papers pertaining to the theme of this Seminar both in hard copy and soft copy to The Co-ordinator, Department of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Studies, Karnatak University, Dharwad, **e-mail id: dr.b.r.ambedkar130@gmail.com (exclusively for the paper acceptance only) by 6th April 2024. The papers must be less than 1500 words in length in A4 size. Times New Roman, font size 12, 1.5 line spacing.** Papers must be strictly original in nature and should be free from plagiarism. References should be given at the end of the paper as per publication manual of MLA handbook. Declaration should be given by the authors that the paper is authors original and has not been published earlier or has not been submitted / accepted for publication elsewhere as presented in any of the conference. The papers shall be peer reviewed before they find inclusion in the volume with ISBN. Priority will be given to the articles having originality & quality with regard to content and presentation of ideas. Adherence to these guidelines is able enable the quality of research papers.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

The participants should send their duly filled in registration form along with the full length paper with the registration fee in cash / UPI / DD / through electronic transfer/ drawn in **favour of Organizing Secretary, One Day National Seminar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies 2024 Karnatak University, Dharwad.** Payable at Canara Bank, Karnatak University Campus Branch, Dharwad - 580003.

They may also transfer the Delegation fees to the

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The Organizers does not encourage spot registration in order to ensure better quality academic interface to participants.



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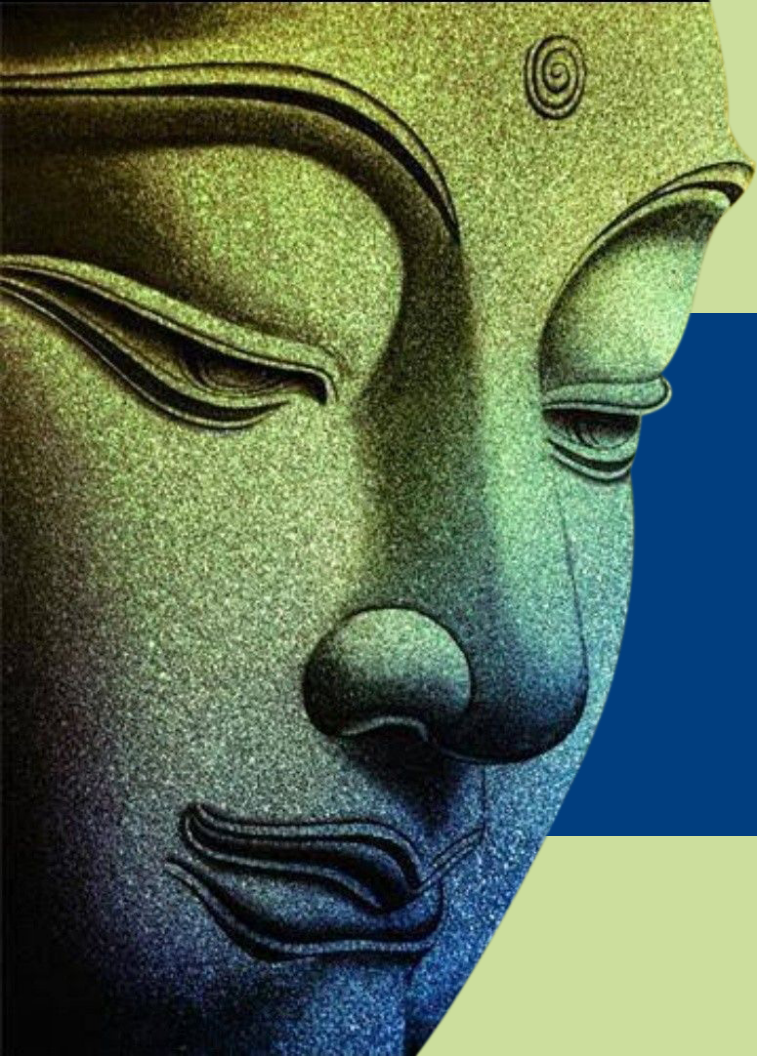
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DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR & DHARWAD A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP

In 1856 a Mahar (oppressed caste) boy sought admission to pursue his education in Dharwad. Then the East India Company was ruling India. Because of the social restrictions imposed by Hindus on Depressed Classes, He could not take decision in the favour of Mahar boy. Therefore, the company referred the case to the then Queen of England. When Babasaheb Ambedkar was pursuing higher education in U.K. (1920), in the India Office Library he came across the records of plea of Mahar boy. Babasaheb Ambedkar was thrilled to see the letter of the boy. In this connection Babasaheb Ambedkar wanted to visit Dharwad. Later in 1929 he started a Boarding for untouchable boys, then in the year 1930-31 when Babasaheb Ambedkar went to England to participate in the Round Table Conference, Matoshri Ramabai came to Dharwad and stayed with the inmates of the boarding and at the time of distress she had to pawn her gold bangles to provide ration for the poor inmates. Sir Siddappa Kambli the then Minister for Education who hailed from Dharwad was very close to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. In the year 1925-26 Bombay Government appointed a University Reform Committee under Chairmanship of Sir Chimanal Setlavad. Though Dr. Ambedkar was not a member of the Committee, the Committee sent a questionnaire to him. Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar gave a written report to the committee in which he recommended to consider Dharwad as a potential centre for higher education and to start a University.



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