

# **International Seminar**

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# Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Vision of Socio-Economic Transformation November 7 - 8, 2019

# -:Venue:- **Senate Hall** Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra



# Organized by CENTRE FOR DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR STUDIES,

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#### **About the Centre**

The Centre for Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies was established in Kurukshetra University in June, 1992 to mark the centenary celebrations of Baba Saheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. A separate building was dedicated to the Centre in the year 2013. The Centre has well stocked and organized Library having more than 3000 books. It has also a well equipped Computer Lab. The objectives of the centre includes to study the work of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar scientifically and objectively, to understand Dr. Ambedkar's relevance in present time, to study problems such as untouchability, social injustice, etc. in the light of his ideas, to collect and publish writings and speeches of Dr. Ambedkar, to bring out publications and journal devoted to his life, the subjects in which he contributed and to propagate the philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar, to encourage students of M.Phil., Ph.D. courses and other scholars to work on Dr. Ambedkar and Dalit literature, to hold seminars, symposia, lectures and competitions on Dr. Ambedkar's life, work and ideology and to provide a common platform to the scholars working on Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts in India and abroad to share their views and experiences.

# **Activities Undertaken at the Centre**

- It organizes lectures, seminars, workshops, symposiums, essay writing competitions, declamation & quiz contests on the life and thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
- It guides and motivates the SC/ST students from time to time and addresses their grievances.
- The Centre gives facilities of newspapers, magazines, internet, journals to students preparing for competitive exams.
- It runs Tally courses i.e. Tally Ace, Tally Pro & GST using Tally in collaboration with Tally Education Pvt. Ltd.
- The Centre has recently started one-year Post Graduate Diploma in Buddhist Studies from the academic session 2019-2020.

#### THE CONTEXT:

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is famous globally as prime architect of Indian Constitution and for his contribution to the welfare of larger sections of the society, but it is evidenced that he had been a great economist also. In fact, he was the first Indian who has been awarded with Ph.D. in Economics. He wrote many books and research articles in journals. magazines particularly in the field of sociology, economics, business and finance. Some of his contributions are- (1) Administration and Finance of East India Company, (2) The Evolution of Provincial Finance in British India, (3) The Problem of the Rupee: its Origin and Solution, (4) Economic Writing on States and Minorities, (5) Small Holdings in India and their Remedies, etc. The economic approach of Dr. Ambedkar can be understood not only by reading his published works but also by analyzing his role as an administrator in laying the foundation of the modern labor laws, river valley projects, and the electricity. But what is important that he understood the linkage between the agriculture, poverty eradication, education, industrialization, and infrastructure. Even while advocating land reforms, his grasp of the social, political and administrative dynamics led him to advocate the feasible path rather than polices based on the intentions and mere principles.

Today, India is growing fast on different economic indicators like- GDP growth rate, Per Capita Income, FDI, International Trade, etc. but Indian common man frustrated and disappointed due to many social and economic problems. Due to financial scarcity and loan burdens, continuous exploitation in the hands of landlords and banks, farmers are under tremendous stress. The gap between the rich and the poor is widening day by day. In such a scenario it becomes vital to understand and apply the economic thoughts, principles, theories and research works of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. In order to eradicate different socio-economic problems like- unemployment, poverty & illiteracy, fiscal deficit, trade deficit, etc. his approaches on proper management of foreign exchange, management of financial resources, maintaining the value of home currency, etc. must be given due importance. In the light of above, time is opportune to highlight Dr. Ambedkar's contribution in bringing socio-economic transformation in Indian Society.

# **Objectives of the Seminar**

- To study Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's thoughts, philosophy and his contribution in dealing socio-economic issues.
- To make the learners, researcher, students and other people aware how the ideas of Dr. Ambedkar have brought (and can bring even now) social change, social development and modernization for welfare of the nation as a whole.
- To understand philosophy of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar regarding weaker sections of the society.
- To delve upon Dr. Ambedkar's social and economic philosophy as a potential-actual alternative in contemporary modern India.
- To make the learners aware and understand the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in industry, business, foreign exchange, Indian currency administration, functioning of central monetary authority of country, government finance management and other financial matters pertaining to national and international importance.
- Globalization of Ambedkar's thoughts and philosophy to resolve impeding socio-economic problems in the world.

#### SUB-THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

- · Ambedkar as Economist
- Ambedkar's Vision of Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women
- · Ambedkar's Vision of Social Equality
- · Ambedkar and Social Democracy
- · Constitutional Provisions for Social Justice
- · Upliftment of Downtrodden
- · Role of Ambedkar in Economic Development of India
- · Ambedkar on Indian Agriculture and Industry
- Ambedkar on Equal Distribution of Economic Resources
- · Ambedkar and Gandhi on Rural Development
- Role of Ambedkar in Building Institutions of National Importance
- · Role of Ambedkar in Gender Equality
- · Ambedkar and Labour Reforms
- $\cdot \quad \text{Ambedkar's Thought on Demonetization}.$

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

The Seminar is open for all Teachers, Advocates, Social Activists, Research Scholars, Students, etc. Research Papers (3000 to 5000 words along with an Abstract of 300 words, APA style references in MS word, Times New Roman with 12-point size (for English version) and Kruti Dev 10 with 14-point size (for Hindi version) with 1.5 line spacing is required to be submitted for the International Seminar. Only Selected Papers will be allowed for presentation in the Seminar.

<u>Note</u>: Selected Papers will be published in the form of an edited book with ISBN which will be released in the inaugural session of the Seminar.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Submission of ABSTRACT	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Selection of ABSTRACT and Intimation to Participants	21 <sup>st</sup> October 2019
Submission of FULL PAPER	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Acceptance of FULL PAPERS and Intimation for Presentation	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019

#### REGISTRATION DETAILS

Every participant needs to register himself/herself with a Registration Fee as mentioned below. The Registration will start on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from 9:00 AM onwards. Participants has to register themselves by filling Registration Form along with Registration Fee on the spot.

#### Fee Details:

Research Scholars/Students : Rs. 700 Faculty/Academician : Rs. 1200 Foreign Delegates : Rs. 5000

#### ACCOMODATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Accommodation will be made available for the outstation participants on their prior request in University Guest House as per availability of rooms at the time of reporting. The participants are advised to arrange TA/DA from their parent institutions. All correspondence in this context may be addressed to Organising Secretary and Deputy Director.

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