



**ICSSR Sponsored International Seminar**

**on**

**“Dr. B. R. Ambedkar’s Vision for Self-Reliant India of 21st Century”**

**on**

**21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023**

**-:Venue:-**

**Senate Hall**

**Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra**

***Organized by:***

**Centre for Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies  
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(‘A+’ Grade, NAAC Accredited)  
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## About the University

The Kurukshetra University was established in 1956 as a unitary residential University and its foundation stone was laid by late Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India. Located in the holy city of Kurukshetra, its campus is situated on the western bank of Brahm



Sarover (the holy tank) and extends over an area of over 400 acres. In the north-east of the University, there is an old 'Buddha-Stupa' which preserve the heritage and culture of Buddhist era. Starting with only the Department of Sanskrit, it has grown into a multi-faculty University as one of the premier centres for advanced study and research in the region. The University has been awarded

“A+” Grade by NAAC and has also been granted academic autonomy under ‘Category-1’ by the University Grants Commission for maintaining high academic standards.

## About the Centre

The Centre for Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies was set up in Kurukshetra University in June, 1992 to mark the centenary celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. A tall statue of Dr. Ambedkar was unveiled on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 in the lawn of Faculty of Law at Kurukshetra University campus. The objectives of the Centre include promoting an objective study of Dr. Ambedkar’s works, understanding his relevance in the present day, bringing out journals and other publications devoted to his life and works, encouraging Ph. D. scholars and researchers to explore the works and ideology of Dr. Ambedkar and holding seminars, conferences, symposia, lectures and competitions on Dr. Ambedkar so as 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 /facilities provided by the Centre:

- It organizes lectures/seminars/workshop/symposiums/declamation contest on the life and thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
- It guides and motivates the Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Caste students from time to time and addresses their grievances.
- The Centre gives facilities of newspapers/magazines/Journals to students preparing for competitive exams.

- It organizes talent competitions/Quiz contests for students studying in schools, colleges and departments of university.
- The Centre is running computer training programmes in Basic Computer, Web-designing and Tally Courses.
- The Centre is also running one year Post Graduate Diploma in Buddhist Studies from the academic session 2019-2020.

### **About the International Seminar**

Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was a legendary figure who played a significant role in the self-reliant of India. He was not only the chief architect of Indian Constitution but also a great social reformer and an universal economist. He struggled throughout his life to secure safeguard the socio-economic rights of the downtrodden. He wrote many books and research articles in various journals and magazines, focusing upon social evils and various distortion afflicting the economy, business and finance. In fact, the socio-economic approach of Ambedkar can be understood not only by reading his scholarly written research oeuvre but also by analyzing his role as an administrator in laying the foundation of modern and self-reliant India.



Ambedkar's notion of social and economic development can be understood if we view his thoughts in an integrated way considering the fact he was a versatile genius having expertise on diverse disciplines and a variety of subjects. Hence, gleaning his thoughts from his writings and putting them in a coherent way to grasp his philosophy of socio-economic development is indeed a difficult task. Although, Dr. Ambedkar did not use the term 'development', he integrated it in his views while emphasizing that economic structure constitutes a vital aspect of democracy. For him, democracy is a form of government which sensitizes the social conscience so that rights and duties are equally shared by the people. He also maintains that political democracy cannot last, unless social democracy forms its central core. He was a strong champion of social justice for the downtrodden and his vision of a strong nation consisted in social and political democracy, providing greater opportunities to those who have been victims of discrimination and denial of opportunities since times immemorial. His three principles – Liberty, Equality and Fraternity are enshrined in the Indian Constitution, giving equal opportunities to all classes. He emphasized the agriculture labour should be given at least minimum wages fixed by the government apart from fixing the number of their working hours, conferring leave benefits, insurance, etc. According to him, to release the pressure on agriculture the country needs to be industrialized in a bigger way.

Ambedkar focused on land reforms, consolidation of land holdings and wanted agricultural activity to be considered at par with industry. He observed that the size of the land holdings owned by the marginalized groups were not viable and sufficient for good living. On the other hand, some rich farmers had too large holdings to carry out agricultural operations efficiently. India has primarily an agrarian society, earning its livelihood through farm activities. In this connection, Ambedkar suggested division of land into economic units, depending on the value of the capital formation in the agricultural land rather than the size of operation. He also suggested that collective method of farming since such a system would provide social justice and equality to labour class in contrast to private ownership system. He proposed that agricultural finance and insurance should be under the control of the government so that labour class can have proper access to the service without discrimination.

He was the first economist to identify the problems of disguised unemployment in India and advocated rapid industrialization to shift disguised unemployed labour from agriculture to the manufacturing sector. Apart from this, he felt that workers should be entitled to work with dignity and they should be provided certain facilities and incentives to keep them healthy and productive.

#### **Sub-Themes of the International Seminar:**

1. Dr. Ambedkar's Vision of Making *Aatam Nirbhar Bharat*
2. Gender Socio-Economic Equality
3. Establishment of Just Society
4. Ambedkar's Role in Social and Economic Development of India
5. Ambedkar and Social and Political Integration
6. Dr. Ambedkar and Indian Education with Special Context to NEP 2020
7. Ambedkar and Social and Economic Empowerment of Women
8. Dr. Ambedkar as Socialist
9. Social and Economic Equality
10. Ambedkar's Views on Demonetization
11. Equal Distribution of Equal Economic Resources
12. Role in the Establishment of Modern Banking System in India
13. Economic Upliftment of Downtrodden
14. Ambedkar on Industrial and Agrarian Development of India
15. Ambedkar and Gandhi on *Swadeshi*
16. Ambedkar and Labour reforms in India

#### **Objectives of the Seminar:**

1. To understand Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's thoughts, philosophy and his contribution in making India Aatam Nirbhar (Self Reliant India).
2. To make the learners, researchers, etc. aware how the thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar have brought social, economic and political development of India and modernization for welfare of the nation as a whole.
3. To establish castles society in India.
4. To make learners aware and understand the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in industrialization and agriculture revolution.
5. To make students and researchers aware and understand the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in business, foreign exchange and currency.
6. Globalization of Ambedkar's thoughts and philosophy to resolve impending socio-economic problems in the World.
7. To delve political, social and economic philosophy as a potential-actual alternative in contemporary modern India.
8. To understand Ambedkar's educational thoughts which can help in making India *Vishva Guru*.

#### **Call for Papers:**

The International Seminar is open for all i.e. Teachers, Social Activists, Research Scholars/ Students, etc. The participants are requested to send an abstract of their paper not exceeding **300** words on theme/sub-themes of the Seminar through e-mail (cdbraseminar2021@gmail.com) to the Organizing Secretary latest by **5 September 2023**.

Participants are further requested to send their unpublished original full research paper along with relevant references between **2500-4000** words latest by **12 September, 2023**. The abstract and full paper should be submitted in MS Word typed in Times New Roman with 12 font size (for English version) and Kruti Dev 10 with 14 font size (for Hindi version) with 1.5 line spacing with sufficient margin. Only selected papers will be allowed for presentation in the Seminar. Research papers should be according to Research Methodology.

**Note:** Selected Research Papers with footnotes/endnotes based on primary sources will be published in the form of an edited book which will be released in inaugural session the Seminar.

#### **Important Dates**

Submission of Abstract : **5 September, 2023**  
Submission of Full Paper : **12 September, 2023**  
Date of Registration : **21 September, 2023**

#### **Registration Details:**

Every participants/delegate needs to register himself/herself with a Registration Fee (in cash) of Rs. **1200/-** for Teachers & Professionals, **Rs. 5000/-** for foreign delegates and **Rs. 700/-** for research scholars/students on the opening day of Seminar. The registration will start on **21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 9:00 am** for all participants. Participants are requested to register themselves by filling "**Registration Form**" along with registration fee on the spot.

Accommodation will be made available for the outstation participants on their prior request. The participants are advised to arrange TA/DA from their parent institutions.

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