

**Two Day National Seminar**

**on**

**“Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: The Maker of Indian Constitution”**

**on**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023**

**-:Venue:-**

**Senate Hall**

**Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra**

***Organized by:***

Centre for Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies  
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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 Sarovar (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, symposiums, 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/workshops/symposiums/declamation contest on the life and thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
- It guides and motivates the Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes 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

*Bharat Ratna* Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar (1891-1956) was one of the greatest jurists, economists, crusading champion of human rights and social reformer, whose sterling contribution to the framing of the Constitution of India and building modern India are recognized and acknowledged gratefully by the nation. As the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, he made establishment of social and economic democracy along with political democracy as the cornerstone of our Constitution. Veteran Statesman and Former Speaker of Lok Sabha Mr. Somnath Chatterjee narrated that *“to Dr. Ambedkar, Constitution was the vehicle of social and economic change and he envisaged Parliament to actively facilitate social engineering through progressive legislations. He was a statesman of high standing, who will guide the nation to find solution to various problems, now confronting the nation”*.

What is well known about Dr. Ambedkar’s fights against Caste system in India, but what is little known is how Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar had also impacted the economy through his views and thoughts. Ambedkar’s identity as an economist might have escaped their notice because of his fame as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution and as a leader of the backward and downtrodden sections of Indian society. On this day 73 years ago, the Constitution of India was adopted, coming into effect on January 26, 1950. Since 2015, the day has been observed as Constitution Day, or ‘*Samvidhan Diwas*’ The Constituent Assembly took 2 years, 11 months and 17 days to draft the Constitution for Independent India. During this period, it held 11 sessions covering 165 days and its members submitted around 7600 amendments to the draft Constitution. During the deliberation in the Constituent Assembly, Ambedkar questioned the excessive influence and control of Hindu religion, customs and usages into the private lives of an individual. The values of justice, liberty, equality, befitting human dignity of individuals outlined in the Preamble are made more elaborative and substantive in Part III and IV of the Constitution India. Part III deals with Fundamental Rights, while Part IV deals with Directive Principles of the State Policy. A cursory glance at Part III and Part IV eloquently reveals the quest of the founding fathers for social revolution solemnly resolved in the Preamble.

The Preamble of the Constitution of India has authorized the State and its three principal organs – Legislature, Executive and Judiciary to take all necessary measures to create a sustainable social order in which every citizen could be assured of all-inclusive justice without any discrimination on grounds of caste, creed, race, religion, sex, descent, place of birth and residence.

Ambedkar also made various legal provisions in Indian Constitution for the upliftment of women. For this purpose, he drafted and introduced the Hindu Code Bill in Constituent Assembly because there was a stiff opposition on this Bill both inside and outside the Assembly. As a result he resigned from Law Ministry in September 1951. Later on Hindu Code Bill was divided into four Bills and Passed in stages such as (i) Hindu Marriage Act 1955, (ii) Hindu

Succession Act 1956, (iii) Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act 1956 and (iv) Hindu adoption and Maintenance Act 1956.

**Sub-Themes of the National Seminar:**

Dr. Ambedkar: The Architect of Indian Constitution.  
Ambedkar's Speech in Constituent Assembly  
Ambedkar's Role in Social and Economic Development of India  
Ambedkar and Socio-Political Integration  
Annihilation of Caste and Women Empowerment  
Role in the Establishment of Modern Banking System in India  
Economic Upliftment of Downtrodden  
Ambedkar on Industrial and Agrarian Development of India  
Dr. Ambedkar's Quest for Gender Equality  
Dr. Ambedkar and Hindu Code Bill  
Political Participation and Women Empowerment  
Women and Social Rights  
Alternative Journalism, Social Change and Baba Saheb  
Crimes against Women: a defect on Gender Equality  
Conflicts among Women Groups

**Objectives of the Seminar:**

- To promote the ideas on social, economic, political, religious, human rights & constitutional reforms by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.
- To make the new generation aware about Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's ideas on social justice/equity/national integration and women empowerment.
- To explore the potentiality in Ambedkarism to strengthen the society and Indian national spirit.
- To make students and researchers aware and understand the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in business, foreign exchange and currency.
- Globalization of Ambedkar's thoughts and philosophy to resolve impending socio-economic problems in the World.
- To develop political, social and economic philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar as a potential-actual alternative in contemporary modern India.

**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 **30 October 2023**. Participants are further requested to send their unpublished original full research paper along with relevant references between **2500-4000** words latest by **10 November, 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 with ISBN which will be released in inaugural session the Seminar.**

- **Important Dates**

Submission of Abstract : **30 October, 2023**  
Submission of Full Paper : **10 November, 2023**  
Date of Registration : **22 November, 2023**

- **Registration Details:**

Every participants/delegate needs to register himself/herself with a Registration Fee (in cash) of Rs. **1,000/-** for Teachers & Professionals and Rs. **500/-** for research scholars/students on the opening day of Seminar. The registration will start on **22<sup>nd</sup> November 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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