

Two Day National Workshop

on

‘THE LEGACY OF DR. AMBEDKAR’ *(exclusively for students and research scholars)* **(March 23-24, 2020)**

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CONCEPT NOTE

A multifaceted personality, all traits rolled in one, Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was an erudite scholar, a legal luminary, a great statesman and a champion of disadvantaged classes. He was one of the most outstanding intellectuals of India in 20th century who dared to break the shackles of caste system for advent of a socially equitable society. He belonged to the rare class of great men who set standards of greatness for themselves and lived up to them. In his own words “a great man must be motivated by the dynamics of social purpose and must act as a scourge and scavenger of the society”. His life is an exemplary testimony to the ideal of securing human dignity to all. Many eminent leaders contributed exceptionally to the building of modern India but Dr. Ambedkar stands apart as his ideas are deeply embedded in a secular and modern understanding of human society.

Dr. Ambedkar, obsessed with caste differentiation since his childhood made educational empowerment a tool to combat challenges of life. He confronted the ills of a conservative society with the strength of his academic excellence, writing and oratorical skills and spirited ideas. He kept the flame of reform ignited and enlightened the shrouded aspects of Indian governance. By conceptualizing caste and gender inequality as inseparable constituents of Hindu social order, he laid the foundation for gradual transformation of Indian social consciousness and perception of gender justice in India.

Dr. Ambedkar has written extensively on different aspects of Indian society - caste, class, religion, gender, language, etc. on which serious discussions and debates have been going on across sections in Indian society. There is a need to revisit Dr. Ambedkar’s valuable insights, ideals and philosophy in locating contradictions in Indian society. The legacy that Dr. Ambedkar left to his followers and his countrymen is lustrous and lasting. The provisions he made in the Constitution, are the greatest integrating force today. Dr. Ambedkar’s legacy will have to be retrieved and extended to strive towards the social and cultural renaissance he had envisioned. His life was a saga of great struggles and achievements. His message to the people was:

“You must have firm belief in sacredness of your mission. Noble is your aim and sublime and glorious is your mission. Blessed are those who are awakened to their duty to those among whom they are born”.

Dr. Ambedkar reminded through his writings, speeches and philosophy, the basic human values an individual need to imbibe and inculcate as a responsible member of society. With his scholarly writings and rigorous political activism, Ambedkar has left an indelible mark on Indian polity, society and economy.

Against this backdrop, it is pertinent to raise some questions to reflect on Dr. Ambedkar’s legacy. How cohesive Indian society has been so far? As members of society to what extent people are communicating, sharing and respecting each other? Are individuals as members of society motivated by the dynamics of social purpose? Divergence is the norm of any society, but convergence on basic issues is imperative to progress and move forward. Why there is so much unrest in society; socially, politically and culturally? To what extent the citizens have adhered to the basic ethos and foundational values of the Constitution? Has India moved in the direction that Ambedkar thought optimal? Have his inheritors embalmed his ideas in dogma, or extended them while confronting new predicaments?

To address these questions and related issues and concerns , Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice, Indian Institute of Public Administration is organizing a two day National Workshop on ‘*The Legacy of Dr. Ambedkar*’ during March 23rd -24th , 2020. The workshop shall dwell upon the legacy of Dr. Ambedkar with a concomitant objective of disseminating his vision and philosophy. The workshop aims to provide a holistic and comprehensive life sketch of Dr. Ambedkar and orient the young scholars to draw inspiration from his thoughts and vision.

The workshop is open to students who are in colleges/universities and research scholars inquisitive to comprehend the ideology of the legendary leader, Dr. Ambedkar in a contemporary perspective.

The National Workshop would broadly focus on some critical themes which may include:

- ❖ Dr. Ambedkar –Transformational Triggers in Life
- ❖ The Radical in Ambedkar: Critical Reflections
- ❖ Dr. Ambedkar’s Interpretation of Caste System and Economic Inequality
- ❖ Strength of Ambedkar’s Social Reform
- ❖ Relevance of Socio-Economic Thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar
- ❖ Dr. Ambedkar and Indian Constitution
- ❖ Enhancing Democratic Values through Education
- ❖ Indian Constitution and Social Justice
- ❖ Ambedkar and Nation Building
- ❖ Conversion to Buddhism: Intent and Aftermath
- ❖ Ambedkar’s Theory of Minority Rights
- ❖ Dr. Ambedkar Legacy- Policy and Governance Perspectives

Important Dates

Programme	:	March 23-24, 2020
Last date for registration (Offline or online)	:	February 28, 2020

Registration and Logistics

The workshop is open to students who are in colleges/universities and research scholars. The students should carry the identity cards issued by their respective colleges and universities while attending the workshop.

There is no registration fee for the workshop. However, it is suggested that the interested students should register at the earliest for the workshop as priority would be given on first come first serve basis. The chair has the final say in deciding the number of participants and confirmation would be intimated to the selected participants by 3rd March, 2020. To register, students can express their interest and send the details as per the ANNEXURE-I on dr.ambedkarchairiipa@gmail.com before February 28, 2020 positively. The students can also

contact the chair in person, if found convenient, to register for the programme. Thus both online and offline mode of registration are available to the students. The accommodation for outstation participants will be provided in IIPA hostel. Please note that the training workshop shall provide travel assistance of 3 tier AC (express train fare only) to outstation participants. Lunch and high tea shall be served to the training workshop participants.

Venue: Conference Hall, Indian Institute of Public Administration, I. P. Estate, Ring Road, New Delhi - 110002.

Date: March 23rd -24th, 2020

General Note: *Please inform us about your participation by 28th February 2020, which would help us in better arrangements of logistics. The participants shall also be provided certificates of participation on completion of the programme.*

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ANNEXURE I- Participants basic details

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Name	
Current Study Profile	
College/University /Institution	
Contact Address	
E-mail	
Mobile Number	