



In Commemoration of 133<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of  
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar



**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON**

**“DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR & 75 YEARS OF INDIAN  
CONSTITUTION AND DEMOCRACY”**

**13-14<sup>th</sup> April’ 2024, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**

*(Hybrid mode)*

**Organized by**

**Department of Marathi, Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati  
&  
SC, ST, OBC Employees Welfare Association of Visva-Bharati**

*“Democracy is an attitude of mind or a philosophy of life. Equality and liberty are no doubt the deepest concern of democracy. But it is the fellow feeling that sustains the democracy.”-- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar*

The Constituent Assembly adopted and passed the Draft Constitution of India prepared by the Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on 25 November 1949. While presenting the Draft Constitution in the Constituent Assembly Dr. Ambedkar cautioned that the document has ensured political democracy of every Indian but every Indian had also the right to social and economic democracy. The Constitution came into force on 26 January 1950 and made India officially a Sovereign, Secular and Democratic Republic. The Preamble to the Constitution enshrines the guiding principles of the Indian Republic – Social Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. The 26<sup>th</sup> January is observed as the Indian Republic Day every year in all government and autonomous institutions across India for realization of these principles.

The Indian Republic has become 75 years old. It is pertinent to review the political, social and economic development of Indian democracy as envisioned by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

India’s constitution and democracy is premised on the ideas of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. It is not only a political, economic and social landscape but also a reflection of unity in diversity. It ensures political representation of all sections of society and provides special provisions for marginalized groups so that they may also be part of socio-economic development. Dr. Ambedkar always wanted social democracy above political one. In his view, a healthy democracy is not possible if there are contradictions and bottlenecks in the progress of society. Socio-political equality, public conscience and constitutional obligations have potential to nurture civic morality among people which is important to guide the nation towards growth and prosperity. According to Dr. Ambedkar, nationality should cultivate the belongingness among people and should not be restricted to any particular caste or class. Dr. Ambedkar wanted democracy to strive for socio-economic transformation of various communities rather than being a mere tool to establish majoritarianism. In this mammoth task of transformation, he wanted the constitution to play a pivotal role. Therefore, he ensured inbuilt provisions like Article 15(4), Article 16(4), and Article 30 which deal with the upliftment of the Scheduled Castes, Schedule Tribes, and minorities. He also incorporated fundamental rights of the citizens in the constitution so that individual rights may not be encroached under collective interests of dominant groups.

This Seminar invites academicians, scholars and practitioners from different parts of India and abroad for deliberation and research paper presentation on the main theme **“DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR & 75 YEARS OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND DEMOCRACY”** and Sub-themes mentioned below:

**Sub-Themes:**

1. Indian Democracy: Prospects and Challenges
2. Constitutional Safeguards for Marginalized Groups of Indian Society
3. Quest for Equality in Indian Society
4. Dalit Movements in India
5. Racial Discrimination against Indian Diaspora
6. Contribution of Unsung Dalit Heroes to Indian Society
7. Dalit Literature in Indian vernaculars
8. Marginalized Groups of Indian Society: Their Economic Development, Entrepreneurship and Challenges.
9. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's thoughts on Buddhism and democracy.

**Call for Paper:**

The participants are invited to present their research papers on the above-mentioned main theme and sub-themes through oral presentation at hybrid platform.

Abstracts (within 350 words) and full papers (within 5000-6000 words) may be sent to: [ambedkarconference@gmail.com](mailto:ambedkarconference@gmail.com)

**Deadline for Submission of Abstracts and Full Papers:**

Abstract Submission	March 31, 2024
Notification of abstract's acceptance or rejection	April 5, 2024
Full Paper Submission	April 10, 2024
Last date of Registration	April 10, 2024

**Guidelines for Abstract and Full Research Paper Submission:**

All abstracts and full research papers must be submitted in MS Word format within word limit in Times New Roman font with a 12 font size (normal) for text and 12 font size (bold) for heading in APA 7<sup>th</sup> manual citations and references. Each abstract/full research paper should contain title, author name and his/her designation, affiliation, complete mailing address along with his/her telephone number and email-ID.

**Registration for the Seminar:**

Category	Registration Fees
Professional/Academician/Teacher for research paper presentation/participation	Rs. 2000/-
Research Scholar for research paper presentation/ participation	Rs. 700/-

**The Registration Fee consists of:**

- Conference Kits.
- Breakfast & Lunch.

(Note: The online session will be coordinated through Zoom digital Platform.)

**Registration Fees:**

The registration fee for the International Seminar may be paid through online money transfer in favour of SC/ST/ OBC Employees Welfare Association of Visva-Bharati payable at Union Bank of India, Bolpur (to be intimated immediately after the transfer of money with receipt through specified e-mail). The last date for the receipt of the registration form along with registration fee is April 10, 2024. The registration will be confirmed on receipt of the registration form with fee.

**Details of the Bank Information:**

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**Publication Opportunity:**

Only quality research papers shall be published in the form of a peer-reviewed journal or an edited book with ISBN Number.

**How to reach the venue:**

By Train: Howrah/Sealdah to Bolpur-Santiniketan, distance 165 kms, (Venue of the Seminar; LIPIKA, Santiniketan is just 2 kms away from Bolpur station).

By Road: Nearly 180 kms from Kolkata.

By Air: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata is the nearest airport.

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**International Seminar on ‘Dr. B.R. Ambedkar & 75 Years of Indian Constitution and Democracy’ (13-14 April, 2024)**

Name of the Participant (in Block letters): \_\_\_\_\_

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Title of the Research Paper:

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Category of the Participant: (a) Faculty ☐ (b) Practitioner/Professional ☐ (c) Research Scholar/Student ☐

\*Affiliation of the Participant: (a) Educational Institute ☐ (b) NGO ☐ (c) Corporate Sector ☐

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