



**In Commemoration of 126<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of  
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**

**National Seminar on  
Human Rights and Social Justice  
13-14<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**



**Organized by  
SC, ST, OBC Employees Welfare Association of Visva-Bharati**

*"Poverty eradication without empowerment is unsustainable. Social integration without minority rights is unimaginable. Gender equality without women's rights is illusory. Full employment without workers' rights may be no more than a promise of sweatshops, exploitation and slavery. The logic of human rights in development is inescapable." - Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Human Rights are inalienable rights which cover economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights. It encompasses all those rights and freedom which the state may not usurp. The idea of Human Rights is premised on the philosophical thinking of modern times where rationalism, enlightenment, liberalism and socialism are manifested. The core principle of Human Rights is to protect the sanctity and dignity of an individual. It is intended to empower the individuals and communities to seek the transformation of the society towards the full realization of human values. It facilitates a critical analysis of a systemic loopholes coming in the way of civil, economic, social and cultural development of an individual. The Preamble of the Human Rights Declaration refers to the "**Freedom from fear and from want**". The Human Rights are essential instruments for reducing the instances of conflict, building a robust governance system and ensuring accountability of the state towards its citizens. The imminent Philosophers like Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Voltaire and John Stuart Mill have advocated for the existence of human rights. The Vienna Seminar on Human Rights in 1993 adopted the *Universal* nature of Human Rights which means that it is applied everywhere and may not be taken away from the individual even with his/her consent. Human Rights are the rights for all irrespective of their country of origin. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> December' 1948 transformed all the commitments towards the individuals into a legal framework.

While the Human Rights are the commitments to address inequality, deprivation and wants of human life, the concept of Social Justice facilitates the cordial environment and incapacitates the individuals to achieve those rights. The concept of social justice goes beyond the traditional meaning of justice and recognizes the universal human value. During 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, the idea of social justice was basically intended to rationalize consolidation of state authority and enforce social norms to establish the status quo. But in modern times, Social justice emphasizes over collective responsibility to create a system of law for restraining people from harming themselves. Its area of focus is on individual liberties, equality of opportunity and human well-being. The idea of social justice emphasises redistribution on the basis of human need and value, as opposed to what an individual deserves on the basis of social status or productivity.

According to **Dr. B.R Ambedkar**, the term 'Social Justice' is based upon equality, liberty and fraternity of all human beings. The aim of Social Justice is to remove all kinds of

inequalities based on caste, race, sex, power, position and wealth. The Social justice brings equal distribution of the social, political and economic resources to the community. **Baba Saheb Ambedkar** was the principal architect of Indian Constitution where he attempted to include the concept of Social Justice and recognized the existence of human rights. He insisted on integrity and fraternity among the people. His philosophy was replete with social amelioration, political enlightenment and spiritual awakening. Based on the idea of equality, he propagated the freedom of women from the shackles of various restrictions from the Indian society. Due to his consistent effort, the Constitution of India ushered in renaissance through enshrining the concept of Social Justice in its Preamble.

Social Justice and Human Rights strive for the environment where individuals are unrestrained from anything and work for social development and carried forward across from generation to generation. In other words, the paradigm of development has to be transcendental in nature. It has to strive for the long term stability of the growing economy and the progressive environment. The key principle of Sustainable Development underlying all others is the integration of environmental, social, and economic concerns into all aspects of decision making. According to Brundtland Commission, “*Sustainable development is the ability to make development sustainable to ensure that it meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*” To ensure the sustainability of development structure, it is imperative to focus on eco-system services, natural resources, biodiversity, equity, consumption patterns, cultural harmony and societal integration. In other words, the sustainability is premised on justified and humane environment where all agents contribute towards the systemic functioning.

Therefore, the goal of organizing this **National Seminar** is to facilitate a fruitful dialogue on composite roles of Human Rights and Social Justice.

#### **Sub-themes:**

- Contribution of Indian Social Thinkers to Human Rights and Social Justice
- Human Trafficking
- Good Governance and Sustainable Development
- Environment and Ecosystem
- Livelihood, Food Security and Public Distribution System
- Contribution of private sector for marginalised communities
- Agricultural Growth and Sustainability
- Sustainable Urbanization
- Challenges and opportunities of globalization
- Human Rights and Global Scenario

#### **Call for Paper Presentation:**

The participants are invited to present their paper on the above-mentioned sub-themes or related topics through oral presentation. The participants willing to present paper are therefore requested to send their abstract (within 500 words) as a word file attachment to **ambedkarconference@gmail.com**. They are also requested to send the full paper after the notification for acceptance of the abstract as per following schedule:-

#### **Submission of Paper:**

Abstracts' submission deadline	March 28, 2017
Notification of Abstracts' acceptance or rejection	April 1, 2017
Full paper submission	April 8, 2017
Last date of Registration	April 10, 2017

**Guidelines for Paper Submission:**

All submissions of the full paper must be in **MS word form within a word limit of 3000-5000 words, text typed in Times New Roman with a 12 point font size with heading in 14 point font size**. Each paper should include the Title page which will contain title of the paper, affiliation, complete mailing address along with their telephone numbers and email-IDs. The Abstract should be in text form with not more than 500 words as per the specified format of texting. **Please follow APA 6<sup>th</sup> manual for in text citation and for the references.**

**Registration for the Seminar:**

Category	Registration Fees
Professionals/Academicians/Teachers for paper presentation	Rs. 1000/-
Research Scholars/ Students for paper presenter	Rs. 500/-
Only Participation	Rs. 300

**The Registration fee consists of:**

- Seminar Kits
- Food
- Accommodation will have to be managed by the participants on their own

**Registration Fees:**

The registration fee for the National Seminar may be paid through Demand Draft in favour of SC/ST/ OBC Employees Welfare Association of Visva-Bharati payable at Union Bank of India, Bolpur or through money transfer (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, 2017. The registration will be confirmed on receipt of the registration form with fee.

**Details of the Bank information:**

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Bank & Branch: Union Bank of India, Bolpur Branch

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**Publication Opportunity:**

Only selected papers shall be published in the form of an edited book with ISBN Number.

**How to reach the venue?**

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

By Road: Nearly 180 km from Kolkata.

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

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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

### **National Seminar on Human Rights and Social Justice (13-14<sup>th</sup> April' 2017)**

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

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 ☐  
(c) Government ☐ (d) Any Others ☐

Designation of the Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*Demand Draft (DD) No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Money Transfer Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_, Expected date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Copy of Identity Card may be attached/uploaded with the Registration Form

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