

**CELEBRATION OF
70th ANNIVERSARY OF CONSTITUTION DAY
REPORT**

**WEBINAR ON
डॉ. अंबेडकर: संवैधानिक मूल्य, सामाजिक न्याय एवं शिक्षा**

Dr AMBEDKAR: CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EDUCATION

**Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
(14th April, 2020)**



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In the wake of the lockdown arising from COVID 19 pandemic, the scheduled programme as per the calendar prepared by the Committee for celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Constitution could not be organized. So, the Committee delved upon the alternative options and it was decided that an online workshop be organized on 14th April, 2020, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on the topic 'Dr Ambedkar: Constitutional values, Social Justice and Education'. Online registrations for the workshops were invited through Google forms and conducted through Google meet. The scheduled time of the workshop was 11:00 AM, however, the participants were asked to join the webinar 15 minute prior to the event.

The workshop commenced with the welcome address of Prof. Seema Dhawan, Organizing Secretary of the workshop. She welcomed all the resource persons, namely Prof. Sanjeev Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar, the Keynote speaker of the event; Prof. Sushma Yadav, Vice Chancellor, BPS Mahavidyalaya, Haryana; Prof. Kiran Dangwal, University of Lucknow and Dr Bharti, Associate Professor, DCSN, NCERT, New Delhi. Prof. Dhawan also welcomed all the participants and instructed them about the technical modalities to be done for successful conduct of the webinar.

After the welcome address, Prof. M.M. Semwal, Convenor of the Workshop and Nodal Officer, Uttarakhand State Coordinating University, HNB Garhwal University (A Central University), informed the participants about the objectives of the workshop. He also mentioned that the success of first of such an online event at the distant location like Srinagar Garhwal will pave a way for many more such events, especially in the post lockdown time.

Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Hon'ble Minister, Human Resource and Development, Govt. of India, congratulated the university and blessed the participants through a video clip. He expressed his happiness on organizing a webinar during the times of COVID 19 pandemic. He also mentioned that such events will also instill motivation to other universities to conduct online workshops/ seminars and open up new ways for teaching learning process. He conveyed that such events will help in development of universities, society and the country, especially in post lockdown era.

Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, HNB Garhwal University, Patron of the webinar praised the organizing team for putting forth the idea of celebrating the birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar in such a great way. She reflected that the participants, through such media, will get acquainted with the modern technology and it will also help them in their future endeavors. She also

directed all to strictly follow the guidelines issued by the Government of India with regard to COVID 19 for their own safety and that of the nation.

Prof. Sanjeev Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar the keynote speaker, communicated on the topic 'डॉ. अम्बेडकर का राजनैतिक दर्शन'. He emphasized on the life of Dr Ambedkar and that he was a real nationalist. He further added about the various important responsibilities that Dr Ambedkar successfully held, viz. First Law Minister, Govt. of India; Chairperson of the Constitution Drafting Committee, Role in Social Movements, Role in Pune Pact and others. He also conversed about the political philosophies of Dr Ambedkar.

Prof. Kiran Dangwal, Dept. of Education, University of Lucknow, on the topic 'डॉ. अम्बेडकर का शिक्षा दर्शन' informed the participants about the emphasis that Dr Ambedkar placed on the education, as a tool for removal of social discrimination, injustice and social evils. She communicated about the views of Dr. Ambedkar, on the aims of education, structure of curriculum, subjects to be included, the teaching methods to be used and on the role of teachers.

Dr Bharti, Associate Professor, Dept. of Children with Special Needs, NCERT, New Delhi, addressed on the topic 'डॉ. अम्बेडकर की दृष्टि में समावेशन' presented her views that Dr Ambedkar was a crusader for social equality, not only on the basis of caste but also gender. She added that Dr. Ambedkar was a firm believer on the notion that the progress of a nation can be measured by the condition of women in that country. He also stressed upon the participation of women, without whom, a nation cannot sustain its progress.

Prof. M. M. Semwal, thereafter interacted with the participants and asked to raise some points relevant to the topic on which a short discussion was held. The resource persons satisfactorily answered the questions raised.

Prof. M.S. Negi, Member, Organizing Committee extended vote of thanks for the successful completion of the webinar. He presented his gratitude to Hon'ble Minister, the Vice Chancellor, Resource persons, and the participants. Members of the Organizing Committee namely, Prof. R. Kunwar, Dr Jyoti Tiwari, Dr J P Bhatt, Dr. Prashant Kandari, Dr R.S Fartyal, Dr Arun Shekhar Bahuguna, Dr Sarvesh Uniyal and Dr Nitin Sati contributed significantly in the conduction of webinar.

In the last, Prof. Seema Dhawan requested the participants to write an article on the views of Dr. Ambedkar and his contribution on the building of nation and send through email to the organisers.

All the participants were very enthusiastic and thanked the organizers for providing such a wonderful and enriching experience at their homes. In all, 286 participants (121 teachers, 45 Research Scholars and 120 students) from 24 Universities, including Central Universities, State Universities, and Private Universities registered for the webinar. On the request of participants, the workshop was again conducted on 23.04.2020. In all, 124 participants joined the event and will be given participation certificates.

The event was well covered in the print and electronic media.