

DR.BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The University of Mumbai takes pride to launch the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre for Social Justice on the occasion of 129th Birth Anniversary of its esteemed alumni Bharatratna Dr. B.R Ambedkar.

Vision Statement:

The Centre shall emerge as the foremost research center to focus on policy and developments for social justice and humanities studies. It shall, in a long run act as Centre for Excellence and research center and policy proposer to collaborate and participate with International, National, and State level Research organisations, government departments and autonomous bodies.

Mission Statement:

The center shall strive to work with the society to bring important interventions towards social cohesion and larger social inclusion with highest international academic excellence in order to carry out constitutional principle of fraternity.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's philosophy rests on the reconstruction of the world, promote rational sensibilities and socially inclusive development of the community. His idea of social democracy, social justice and critically engaging with theoretical paradigms shall be the underlying idea on which the centre shall attempt to design its academic programmes. The center, as a part of University of Mumbai, intends to envisage a model social role, understand social needs and attempt to offer its intervention for a better society as well as explore various critical frameworks of researches in humanities and social sciences.

The academic programmes that will be offered under this center shall be as follows:

1	M.A . (Hons) in	Ambedkar Studies
2	Post- Graduate Diploma in	Ambedkar Thoughts
3	M.A . (Hons) in	Development Studies and Social Policy
4	M.A (Hons) in	Buddhist Studies
5	Doctoral Programmes in	Social Sciences and Humanities
6	Post Doctoral Fellowships in	Social Sciences and Humanities

While the Masters programmes would be TWO years, full time programme with compulsory internship, the Post-Graduate Diploma shall be part time with duration of One year as per the pattern of University of Mumbai.

The full time programmes will also include Dr. B.R Ambedkars Philosophy and some compulsory credits in statistics and data sciences. The student will have to undergo extensive readings, paper writings and two seminar papers and dissertation based on field work and internship.

The centre shall be working in close collaboration with Centre for South Asian Studies, London School of Economics,(LSE), United Kingdom, where an Annual Conference will be curated, a public lecture in Mumbai will be a part of this programme. At a later stage the Research Centre may also consider to collaborate on exchange programmes with LSE and other institutions outside of Mumbai as well as India.

The Research Centre is in consultation with the Ambedkar International Centre, Washington DC, United States, to offer some scholarships to the students enrolled for its courses. The centre is working towards academic affiliation in the United States along with the Ambedkar International Centre.

We are certain that this centre shall emerge as one of the foremost important centres of excellence in academic research programmes in the field of policy and developments for social justice, humanities and social sciences.

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