

**UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI**

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**Ordinances, Regulations  
and  
Syllabus**

**for the**

**One Year P. G. Diploma Course in  
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Thoughts**

**(with effect from the academic year 2005-2006)**

## **Dr. Ambedkar Centre for Study of Social Justice**

### **Main Mandate :**

The main mandate of the proposed centre is to discuss, disseminate and to sensitise the people about social justice. Hence, as a first activity of this centre we proposed to start one year P. G. Diploma Course in Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Thoughts.

### **Introduction :**

India has produced great thinkers and social reformers who, by their revolutionary and path breaking thoughts and actions, have left a lasting impact on not only India, but on the world as a whole.

Admittedly, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was a great thinker and visionary who fought for 'empowerment' – social, educational, economical, political and cultural – of the oppressed. He stressed on the empowerment of the oppressed as a means of their release from exploitation and injustice which are social forms of violence against the people cited above.

He was a prolific writer. There was a remarkable combination of writings and waging protest on every possible front in him. He not only fought for the emancipation of the oppressed but strived for overall development of the nation.

His ideas and thoughts on social justice form a framework which needs to be seen in a proper way. His ideas need to be translated into practice keeping in view of the basic agenda i.e. social justice.

### **Objectives of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Thoughts :**

The main objective, besides others, of this proposed centre is to disseminate and put his thoughts into practice through constructive research, meaningful teaching (teaching with concern) and extension activities aiming at awakening the conscience of the people at large.

- (a) To understand and disseminate the concepts relating to Dr. Ambedkar and the philosophy enunciated by him, related to social justice and equity, conflict resolution, non-violence and non-violent protest-movement, empowerment of women, rural development and related topics.
- (b) To conduct field work and action programmes on the basis of constructive programme enunciated by Dr. Ambedkar and action programmes related to the thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar.



- III. Social Justice and the Indian Constitution - Provisions in the Constitution (State Action)**  
Justice, social, economic and political; Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; Equality of Status and of opportunity; Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the nation.
- IV. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy (Legal Aspects)**  
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on Social Justice -Architect of Indian Constitution
- Different Protests (Satyagrihas) & their consequences concerning movements (Social, Political and Cultural)
  - Social Justice
  - Gender Justice (Hindu Code Bill debate).

## Paper II

(100 lectures)

### Social, Political and Religious Thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar

- I. Theories of caste (origin and operational mechanism) S. V. Ketkar, Risley, Dumont Louis, Ambedkar.
- II. Social issues (problems of Labourers, Women and SCs and STs) and Ambedkar's perspective. Dr. Ambedkar's Dhamma and Scientific temper (John Dewy and Ambedkar).
- III. Dr. Ambedkar on parliamentary democracy, Union Government. Dr. Ambedkar's view on Nation and Nationalism.
- IV. Dr. Ambedkar on Religion – Dr. Ambedkar's views on other religions . (Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism and Christianity). Buddha and his Dhanuna (Dharma & Dhamma) Conversion to Buddhism and its consequences.

## Paper III

(100 lectures)

### Dr. Ambedkar's Thoughts and Contemporary Issues

- I. Caste & Casteism (untouchability) - Overt and Covert forms
- II. Centre-State relationship (Nationalism) Politics - Political Socialisation and Political participation of the Dalits, Current Dalit-Bahujan Politics.

- III. Reservation (Current debate) Affirmative Action Policy or Reservation Policy in Private Sector. Social Dynamics - Social mobility and the contribution of Ambedkarite Movement.
- IV. Empowerment of the Weaker Sections (Role of the State and NGOs). Status of Women (Gender discourse).
- V. Ambedkar's legacy : Relevance of Ambedkarism in the era of globalisation (situating Ambedkar in contemporary period). Population Problem – Ambedkar's views.

## Paper IV

(100 lectures)

### Dr. Ambedkar's Economic Thoughts

- I. Dr. Ambedkar's Economic Writings :
  - (i) East India Company: Administration and Finance
  - (ii) The Evolution of Provincial Finance in British India
  - (iii) The Problem of Rupee its Origin and Solution.
- II. Ambedkar's Perspective on Economic Development :
  - (i) Parliamentary Democracy under Capitalism
  - (ii) State Socialism
  - (iii) Rural Poverty (Khoti system and Bill to abolish it)
  - (iv) Mahar Watan - Bill No. XII of 1928 and Bill No. XXIII of 1937.
  - (v) Independent Labour Party's Programme
  - (vi) Political Economy of Hindu Social Order (Caste, Untouchability).
- III. Dr. Ambedkar's View on Water Policy :
  - (i) Origin of Water Policy
  - (ii) Conservation of Water Resources
  - (iii) Multi-purpose Projects
  - (iv) Focus on the Poor and Downtrodden.

IV. The Essence of Dr. Ambedkar's Economic Philosophy

(i) Bahujan Hitaya, Bahujan Sukhaya (Welfare to all, Happiness to all).

**OR**

**Practical**

Dissertation (50 marks)	–	Research Project Assignment
Book Review (25 marks)	–	Review of the book/work carried out by Dr. Ambedkar or other authors on Ambedkar's work.
Viva- Voce (25 marks)	–	On Research Project

**R.4893 Marks Distribution - Total Marks - 400**

Theory Papers	1.	Social Justice Discourse	–	100
	2.	Social, Political & Religious Thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar (with Special reference to Social Justice discourse)	–	100
	3.	Dr. Ambedkar's Thoughts and Contemporary Issues in Indian Society	–	100
	4.	Dr. Ambedkar's Economic Thoughts	–	100
<b>OR</b>				
	5.	Dissertation/Research Project Assignment & Book Review		50
				25
		Viva-voce on Project		25

Total (Theory) 300 + (Dissertation) 50 + (Book Review) 25 + (Viva-voce) 25 = 400

**R.4894 Standards of passing examination :**

A candidate should obtain at least 50% marks in Theory and 50% marks in practical examination. The students will be declared passed if they pass both theory and practical examination.

**Fee Structure :** Rs. 1500/- (Open Category)  
Rs. 750/- (Reserved Category)

**Course Faculty :**

The faculty will be invited as guest Lecturers from Politics, History, Sociology, Law and Economics disciplines.



Medium of Instruction : The medium of instruction is English and Marathi. Students are permitted to write examinations and assignments in English and Marathi Language.

Teaching Method : Classroom lectures  
Presentation of Projects  
Seminars and Workshops.

### Reading List

- Ambedkar, B. R.- Annihilation of Caste in Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 1, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. Writings and Speeches of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vol. 1 to 17 (BAWAS) published by the Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
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 - do - - Dalit Vision, Orient Longman, 1996.  
 - do - - Dalits and the Democratic Revolution, Sage Publication, 1994  
 - do - - B. R. Ambedkar, Penguin Publishers, 2004.