

# **Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Peeth (Ambedkar Chair)**

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Dr. Bhimrao Ram Ji Ambedkar (1891-1956), fondly known as Babasaheb, is one of the most illustrious sons of India and a great National Leader. He is considered the champion of the Dalit cause, an erudite scholar, an extraordinary statesman, and a visionary who contributed greatly to the building of modern India. Dr. Ambedkar left an indelible impression in the history of India as a 'messiah' who unfettered the oppressed masses and secured human rights for millions of weaker and oppressed classes that were path-breaking in



essence and strived towards the monumental endeavors of freedom. He was the chief architect of the Constitution of India, wherein Babasaheb left emancipatory provisions for the justice and empowerment of the oppressed classes. He symbolized the struggle for justice and empowerment of the weaker and downtrodden population in India and laid the foundation stones for building a just society. Babasaheb's groundbreaking ideas led to the formation of the Reserve Bank of India during British rule. As a labour leader, he promoted the revolutionary idea of a 'fair condition of life of labour' as opposed to a 'condition of work', which provided the outline of the future labour laws in India. Babasaheb was also a champion of the cause of gender parity. He initiated reforms for lessening working hours to 48 hours per week, removed the ban of engaging women in various forms of employment, and coded the principle of 'equal pay for equal work' irrespective of gender. His idea of the Hindu Code Bill was emancipatory. Babasaheb also left a lasting impression as a social reformer through his role in movements like Mahad Satyagraha, the Anti-Khoti movement, and the Dalit Buddhist movement.

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Peeth (Chair) was established in the year 1997 by the U.P. Govt. (Letter No. 2063/15 (उ०शि०४) Dated 19.06.1997) for achieving the following objectives.

### **Objectives:**

1. To provide a well-equipped Centre of learning for intellectuals, academicians, and students to undertake studies and research to understand, assess, and disseminate ideas and thoughts of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, particularly on subjects like Economics, Political Science, Religion, Philosophy, Constitutional Studies, Education, Social Work, Human Rights as well

2. as other disciplines considered relevant for the attainment of our National Goal of Social Justice and Empowerment.
3. To conduct research and higher studies vis-à-vis the socio-economic and cultural life as well as the biological aspects of the marginalized/oppressed groups or backward classes or weaker sections of the society.

**Functions:**

1. To serve as a Centre of learning and research not only on the subjects concerning Dr. Ambedkar's Works and Philosophy but also on the issues concerning the socio-economic and cultural life of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minorities, Backward Classes, and other Weaker Sections of the Society.
2. To research the present and past of the deprived people, teaching and organizing lectures, seminars, symposia, workshops, and other similar academic activities.
3. To engage in field research work relating to the contemporary problems and issues concerning SC/ST/Minority/Weaker Sections/Women/Transgender etc.
4. To supervise doctoral and post-doctoral students in research under the thrust areas of the Chair.
5. To coordinate and provide a think tank on the thrust areas of the Chair, drawing expertise and inputs from academic experts from other sectors like Government and other national/international NGOs.

