

# Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur

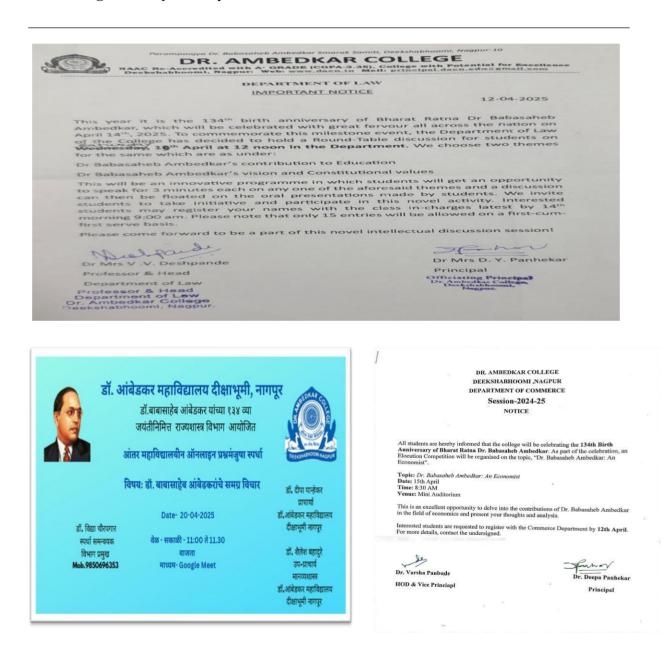
### Report

Title: The Birth Anniversary Celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

**Duration**: One Week Celebration (starting from 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025)

Nature of Programmes: Round Table Dialogue, Deekshabhoomi Visit and A visit to NEERI, Quiz Competition.

Organised by: Faculty of Science, Humanities, Law, Commerce



The 134<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence at Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur. To honour the legacy of one of India's greatest social reformers, jurists, and architects of the Indian Constitution, the college organized a week-long series of events across all faculties. The celebrations were centred on themes of education, social justice, constitutional values, scientific thinking, and the promotion of equality, which reflect the life and mission of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

The multi-disciplinary events conducted by the faculty of Humanities, Science, Commerce and Law brought students and faculty together in meaningful dialogue, academic exploration. Each event was designed to connect Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts with contemporary issues. The events were initiated to highlight Dr. Ambedkar's contribution in the shaping of today's sociopolitical and educational context.

### **Faculty of Law:**

**Title of the Program:** A Round Table Dialogue Titled "Vision And Ideals That Shape India"

Date: 19th April, 2025.

### Number of Participants: 20

To commemorate the 134<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R Ambedkar, a round table dialogue titled "**Vision and Ideals that Shape India**" was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 11.30 AM. The event aimed to reflect on Dr. Ambedkar's ideals in the making of Modern India. The event was organised to foster a collaborative dialogue between faculty and students. The program was supervised by Dr. V.V. Deshpande and Dr. V.A. Sukhdeve. The total number of participants was 20. Dr.Varsha Deshpande, professor and Head of the Department of Law, delivered her inaugural address and threw lights on Dr. Ambedkar's life and his pivotal role in drafting the Constitution. She emphasised his advocacy for liberty, equality and fraternity.

### **Students Presentation:**

Mr. Amol Ghotekar, LLB 6<sup>th</sup> SEM, highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's focus on education as a tool empowerment for marginalised communities. Mr. Sarvesh, LLB 6<sup>th</sup> SEM, Kumar supported this view with references to relevant constitutional articles and quoted the moral role of education. Ms. Linta Thomson, LLB 6<sup>th</sup> SEM, related the ideas of Dr Ambedkar in today's digital era. She gave the examples of digital platforms such as SWAYAM, e-Pathshala and so on which are upholding the values of Dr Ambedkar by providing education to the unreachable and under-privileged sections of the society. It is observed that The New Education Policy also reflects visions of Dr Ambedkar in empowering minds of the young.

#### **Faculty remarks:**

Dr. Pratima Lokhande appreciated the students' engagement and reiterated the r elevance of Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts in today's socio-political context.

Lastly, Mr Akash Dhote contributed to the discussion by elaborating the use of AI to gain more information. He mentioned that when asked to one of the AI applications – How would Dr Ambedkar react to the current socio-political environment in India? The answer was astonishing because India is the only country in the world that values its minorities and it is the uniqueness of India that unity prevails despite existing in a varied diverse culture of different languages, customs and lifestyles.



#### **Faculty of Humanities:**

### Title of the Programme: Intercollegiate Online Quiz Competition on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Thoughts.

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> 20 April 2025 Time: 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM Medium: Google Forms Participants: All undergraduate and postgraduate students Last Date of Registration: 20 April 2025 Total Number of Participants appeared: 61

To engage students from across institutions, the Department of Political Science hosted an online quiz competition on Dr. Ambedkar's life and ideology. The quiz was open to undergraduate and postgraduate students and conducted in Marathi to maximize accessibility. The competition consisted of 25 multiple-choice questions and was timed at 45 minutes. It drew participation from various colleges including Hislop College, SFS College, and PG departments of RTMNU. The winners were awarded books and certificates at the hands of Principal Dr. Deepa Panhekar in a brief felicitation ceremony. Other participating students were given e-certificates. The distinguished students were congratulated by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Memorial Committee President Bhadant Arya Nagarjun Surei Sasai and the Secretary, Hon. Sudhir Fulzhele, and other honourable members. On this occasion, Vice-Principal Dr. Shailesh Bahadar was present. The program was inaugurated by Prof. Vidya Chaurpagar, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science.

### **Quiz Format:**

Total Questions: 25Question Type: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)Total Duration: 45 minutesMarks for Each Correct Answer: 1 markLanguage: Marathi(No Negative Marking)

#### **Prize Winners:**

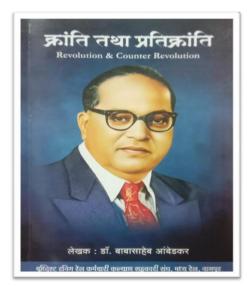
1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Aditi Wasnik – Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Harsha Hadepe – SFS College, Seminary Hills, Nagpur
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (Tie): Chetan Khapker (RTMNU) & Ashwini Mandhare, Sharadchandra College, Nagpur

All participants received e-certificates and the event was praised for promoting academic engagement with Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts.



### Certificates of participation and appreciation

### **BOOKS AWARDED TO THE WINNERS**

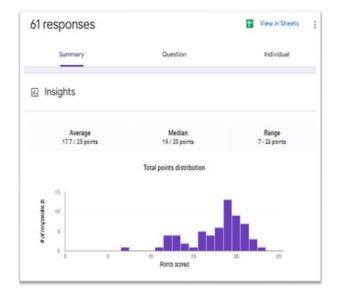




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**Faculty of Science:** 

#### Title of the Programmes: Educational Tour to Deekshabhoomi – April 16, 2025

Organized by: Faculty of Science (Departments of Chemistry, Physics, and

**Botany**)

Participants: **48** (**28 students, 15 faculty, 5 PhD scholars**) Coordinators: **Dr. R.C. Sawant, Dr. A. R. Bansod** Conducted by: **Dr. Rahul B. Kamble** 

A special educational visit to Deekshabhoomi — a place of profound historical and spiritual significance — was organized to help students understand the monumental event where Dr. Ambedkar embraced Buddhism along with thousands of followers. Students were welcomed by site guides and taken through the Stupa, museum, and the Bodhi tree — a symbol of enlightenment and equality. Students observed carved panels depicting the life of Lord Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar. A session at the on-site museum provided deeper insight into the history of the Dalit Buddhist movement. A library visit offered students access to rare texts on Buddhism, constitutional law, and social justice. An interactive talk was delivered by Dr. Subhash Somkuwar, head, Department of Botany, who explained Ambedkar's embrace of Buddhism as a radical act of liberation. This was followed by a Q&A session conducted by Dr. Rahul Kamble. A short quiz session based on Ambedkar's life and legacy saw active student participation, with winners receiving small tokens of appreciation.



### Title of the Programme: - Scientific Visit to CSIR-NEERI – April 14, 2025

### Organized by: Department of Chemistry

Venue: CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI),

### Nagpur

Participants: 9 MSc Chemistry students

Coordinator: Dr. R. C. Sawant



The celebrations commenced with an educational visit to CSIR-NEERI, where students of the Department of Chemistry had the opportunity to explore the intersection of science and social justice — a field that Dr. Ambedkar strongly advocated. The program began with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony and a welcome address by Dr. M. P. Patil, Chief Scientist at NEERI. He highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's forward-thinking approach to science and technology as tools for national development. The keynote lecture was delivered by Dr. P. S. Changole, an advocate and former principal, who spoke on "Ambedkar's Vision for Scientific India." He Ambedkar's elaborated on lesser-known contributions to environmental policy, water resource management, and his emphasis on rational thought. The event also featured cultural presentations by s t u d e n t s, including speeches, poems, and a skit that portrayed Ambedkar's struggles and achievements. A collective reading of the Preamble to the Constitution concluded the program, reinforcing democratic values.



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#### **CSIR-NEERI**

THE CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) celebrated Dr Ambedkar Jayantion April 14 at the NEERI auditorium. The chief guest was Dr PS Changole, advocate at the Nagpur Bench of the High Court and former principal of Dhanwate National College. In his address, Dr Changole emphasised the importance



of scientific thinking for national progress. He highlighted the visionary elements of the Indian Constitution, particularly concerning water management and conservation of natural resources. He said scientists deserve recognition, as their contributions have driven national transformation.

mation. In his welcome speech, Dr M P Patil, Chief Scientist and Head of the Waste Management Division at CSIR-NEERI, urged all to carry forward Dr Ambedkar's vision and missionfor national development. Dr Sharda Kosankar, Principal Scientist, conducted the programme, and Prakash Kumbhare proposed a vote of thanks. Students from Dr Ambedkar College also participated.

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#### **Faculty of Commerce:**

# Title of the Programme: - Elocution CompetitionTopic:(Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar: An Economist)

Organized by: **Department of Commerce** Date: 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 Time:8:30 AM to 9:30 AM Title: Participants: **66** Coordinator: **Dr. Varsha Panbude** 

The Department of Commerce organized an elocution competition as part of the celebrations for the 134<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. The event aimed to highlight the remarkable contributions of Dr. Ambedkar in the field of economics. The program commenced at 8:30 AM with a warm welcome address by the host, Bhumija Agrawal, a student of B. Com I. She captivated the audience with her articulate hosting skills and enthusiasm for the event. Participants showcased their knowledge, research, and perspectives on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's economic insights and contributions. Each speaker demonstrated a deep understanding of the topic and presented their views eloquently, making the competition highly engaging and thought-provoking. The competition was judged by Dr. Vaishali Fating, who provided valuable feedback to all participants. Her expertise and guidance added great value to the event, ensuring a fair and insightful evaluation of the speeches.

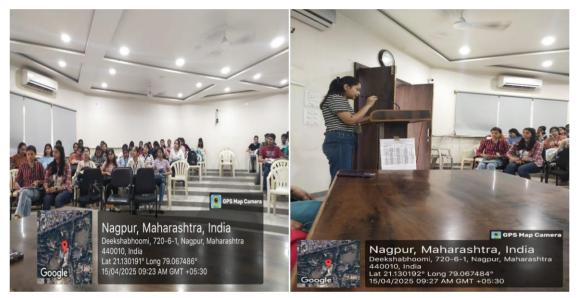
At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Fating felicitated the winners of the competition:

- 1. First Prize: Sumedh Paikrao
- 2. Second Prize: Tanvi Khanorkar
- 3. Third Prize: Aakansha Thakre

The winners received certificates and prizes, recognizing their exceptional performance. The event was a resounding success, leaving the audience inspired by the discussions on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's economic philosophies. It served as a fitting tribute to the legacy of one of India's greatest thinkers. The competition encouraged students to express their thoughts creatively and enhance their writing skills. Certificates and prizes will be awarded to the winners to recognize their efforts and achievements.

# Student participants:







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