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About the Centre

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSE&IP), Pondicherry University is an interdisciplinary teaching and research Centre established on 27th January 2009 under XI plan of the UGC. The vision of the Centre is to address to the programmes / exceptions of invisible minorities and all the issues pertaining to excluded groups through action oriented research. The thrust areas of Centre are conceptualizing discrimination, exclusion and inclusion based on caste, creed, ethnicity and religion, formulating appropriate policies for protecting the rights of socially excluded groups. It organizes seminars, conferences and discussions regularly on the themes related to the excluded communities and socially disadvantaged groups. As a part of ongoing endeavour to address the marginalized and excluded communities, the Centre is proposed to organize a two day national seminar on **“Dr.B.R.Ambedkar’s Perspective of Equality and its Relevance in the era of Globalisation” on 29th & 30th Nov, 2011.**

About the Seminar

Dr.B.R.Ambedkar was one of the illustrious sons of India who struggled throughout his life to restructure the Indian society on the most egalitarian and humanitarian principles. He was not only a great national leader but also a distinguished scholar of international repute.

He was a multifaceted personality, an intellectual revolutionary and statesman of the 20th Century. His contributions pervade the entire gamut of social sciences and all of his writings and speeches portrait equality and social justices. Therefore, he is remembered and admired as a nationalist, a learned economist, brilliant and dynamic lawyer, constitutionalist, authority on political issues, statesman, author, agitator, lawmaker, liberator, leader of the oppressed and the exploited and the chief architect of Indian Constitution.

Dr.Ambedkar’s scholarly work and speeches indicate his deep understanding of the socio-economic problems of Indian society and his perspective of development of India with equal justice to the all sections of the people in the society. He says caste system is specifically Indian expression of institutionalized inequality and indignity, with elevation for some and degradation for others and untouchability is a part and parcel of the caste structure. The abolition of untouchability was a key constitutional provision for securing human dignity to Dalits and significant step towards equality and social justice. Dr.Ambedkar believed that the state has to play crucial role in restructuring the society under democratic polity and the foundations of democracy would be feeble and shaky if there is no social and economic democracy consistent with political democracy.

He opined that the existing social and economic institutions in India were not conducive for accelerating economic development with social justice and emphasized the need for removing the social and economic inequalities as pre-condition for stable democracy and rapid economic development with justice.

After the attainment of independence India adopted national economic policy with the primary objective of growth with justice. Self-reliance was one of the important objectives of planning besides expansion of employment and removal of poverty. Further the Indian government has introduced several safeguards, constitutional provisions and policies for the betterment of marginalized communities and equality. Since 1991 Indian society and economic policy has been liberalized emphasized on privatization and globalization. There has been a shift in Indian economic policy from state oriented development strategy to market oriented development leaving the decisions of production and distribution to the market signals. The outcome of globalization has been exposed with positive and negative facets in all the spheres of Indian society. One of the main criticisms of globalization and economic reforms has been that they do not have 'human face' and have not achieved inclusive growth or equitable development.

It is important to note that growth may be higher in the last two decades but inclusive

growth or equitable development of all sections in the society has been missing. It is like running a train with engine only without connecting bogies and people to the engine. Still major proportion of the population in the clutches of poverty, and facing caste based discrimination, exclusion and discrimination in the social, economic and political spheres. Given this scope, the **Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy** at Pondicherry University is intended to address the problems of excluded communities in the Indian society on the academic platform for better inclusive policies which will bring the equity among the different social groups in the Indian society. We also felt that it is important to critically examine the transformation of the ideas and practices of equality and social justice in the contemporary India. Hence the seminar proposes to examine the following issues in detail.

Sub-Themes of the Seminar:

- ✦ Dr. Ambedkar Perception of social Justice
- ✦ Constitutional provisions and marginalized communities
- ✦ Struggles and success of inclusive policies.
- ✦ Dr. Ambedkar and economic justice.
- ✦ Dr. Ambedkar and gender equality.
- ✦ Globalization and marginalized communities.
- ✦ Conceptualization of Ambedkarism
- ✦ Dr. Ambedkar and Human rights.

- ✦ Dr. Ambedkar views on social exclusion and market discrimination
- ✦ Dr. Ambedkar and model society
- ✦ Dr. Ambedkar and contemporary Indian thinkers.

Call for papers and deadline

We request Researchers and Faculty from Universities, Research Centers, social activists, policy makers and NGOs already carrying out research on the above sub themes to present papers and participate in this seminar. Abstracts can also be sent on topics that do not fall within the suggested sub-theme but fit with the title of the seminar. All the paper presenters are requested to submit their abstracts (Maximum 500 words) by **10th November 2011**. The abstracts and presentation should be in English language and it should be submitted in electronic form (Ms Word format) to ambedkarseminar@gmail.com. Authors of accepted abstracts will be intimated by **12th November** and the full paper in both hard and soft copy (Maximum 15 pages) should reach on or before **20th November 2011** to the Seminar Convenor or co-ordinator.

Travel and accommodation

Authors (first author only) of accepted papers will be provided sleeper class rail/Bus fare (shortest route). Due to limited financial resources, the Directors of CSSEIP, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Studies and other Centres supported by UGC/ICSSR are requested to meet your TA out from the UGC/ICSSR grant released to your Centre under the head TA/DA. However, the seminar organising committee will provide the accommodation and local hospitalities for the delegates at free of cost.

Registration Fee

Academic Staff and delegate - Rs.500/-
Young Scholar/Student - Rs.300/-

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