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Jointly Organise



One Day International Conference

on the occasion of

135th Birth Anniversary of

Great Humanist & Epoch Maker Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

On

**'DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR CONTRIBUTION TO
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN INDIA'**

**ಭಾರತೀಯ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ
ಡಾ. ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ರವರ ಕೊಡುಗೆಗಳು**

Date : 25th April 2026 • Time: 10 am • Venue : Golden Jubilee Hall, K.U. Dharwad

ABOUT KARNATAK UNIVERSITY:



Karnatak University was established at Dharwad in the Indian State of Karnataka in October 1949. It is the second oldest University in the Karnataka state. It had its official inauguration in 1st March 1950. It was established to cater to the needs of higher education of people of North Karnataka. The Campus is spread over a vast area of 888 acres and has its own ambience with a sylvan setting of undulating greenery. The rapid development of the institution is credited to the Wrangler Dr. D.C. Pavate, the then Vice- Chancellor (1954 to 1967). The University has 48 PG Departments, 2 PG Centers, 5 Constituent Colleges, 275 Affiliated Colleges. 223 PG and 2780 U.G Teachers are working under P.G. Departments, Constituent and Affiliated Colleges. Around 7726 PG and 82,938 UG Students are persuing their studies. Various traditional and need based courses are offered to prepare the students to face the larger challenges of life. The University is accredited with 'A' grade by National Assessment & Accreditation Council during 2022.

The excellence in teaching, research and academic performance has earned the prestigious tag of 'University with Potential for Excellence' by the UGC in 2012 which speaks of its academic excellence of than 76 years of fruitful existence.

"I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved."

- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

DEPARTMENT OF DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR STUDIES - A PROFILE:



**Dr. B. R Ambedkar Studies
K.U. Dharwad**



**Proposed Dr. B. R Ambedkar
Museum & Library, K.U. Dharwad**

The Department of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies was established in the year 1988. Karnatak University holds the credit of being the pioneering institution of higher education to start the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair in the Department of Political Science headed by late Prof. A.M. Rajashekhariah, who obtained his Ph.D on the political thought of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He was instrumental in establishing the Ambedkar Chair with the help of UGC grants, first of its kind in the entire country.

Department of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies offers Post-Graduate Diploma in Dr. Ambedkar and Open Elective Courses, which help the students to understand the life and philosophy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Every year about 800 students study Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Thoughts and Philosophy. The department had organized Dr. B.R. Ambedkar memorial lectures by inviting eminent jurists namely Justice P.B. Gajendragadkar the then, Chief Justice, High Court of Maharashtra, Justice A. Varadaraja, Justice A.R. Krishna Iyer, Justice O. Chinnappa Reddy and Justice M. Rama Jois. The department offers courses in Dr. Ambedkar's life and mission, social, economic, religious philosophy and political thoughts. The department has been instrumental in organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, special talks on various aspects of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's contributions to the world at large and oppressed sections of society in particular. On the occasion of the celebration of 135th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar, One Day International Conference has been by the department in collaboration with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Training, Research and Extension Centre, GOK on **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Contribution to Women Empowerment in India.**

The Department is set out to organize an International Conference on the theme entitled "Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Contribution to Women Empowerment in India" on the auspicious occasion of celebration of 135th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar, a messiah and liberator of depressed classes and women of India on 25th April, 2026.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was the great humanist, epoch maker, world icon who spearheaded the plea for the oppressed and the suppressed for their marginalised plight on the basis of their caste was also the pioneering visionary statesman as he proposed the Hindu Code Bill in order to empower women and when the Bill was not accepted and passed because of the vested interest group of people, he rendered his resignation and moved out of the cabinet. He described it as "The proposed Hindu Code Bill was unsung and unheard." This act of his, is marked and considered as most radical historical, pioneering resistant drastic step taken by a giant intellectual, who stood by his principles for the empowerment of womenfolk irrespective of caste and religion. Today we all human beings in general and women in particular if at all are enjoying the equal rights it is because of him. While commenting on women empowerment he had opined "We shall see better days soon and our progress will be greatly accelerated if male education is persuaded side by side with female education."

Dr. Ambedkar's contributions for the cause of women empowerment is immense. As Independent India's first law minister he had drafted the landmark Hindu Code Bill which aimed to grant women the right to property, adoption, divorce and enforce monogamy. He also ensured that equality is guaranteed through the Indian Constitution, equal rights including equality before the law, non discrimination and equal opportunities in public employment. He had strongly believed that, education is the essential factor to empower women. He insisted that, "I measure the progress of the Society by the degree of progress which women have achieved." As early as in 1938 in the Bombay Legislative Assembly he had argued for the right to birth control and reproductive choices, linking them to women's identity as an individual in the society. He championed equal remuneration for equal work and advocated for maternity benefits and better working conditions for women in factories, long before they were officially adopted. He was responsible for introducing MTP Act in order to maintain dignity and equal participative status for women even within the family.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as a social, political and religious reformer must essentially be remembered for his yeoman service and enormous contributions towards empowering women and uplifting them from their marginalised position in the society.

One Day International Conference on

‘DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR CONTRIBUTION TO WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN INDIA’

organized by Dept. of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies, Karnatak University, Dharwad on
25th April 2026.



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“I refuse to join with them in performing the miracle—I will not say trick—of liberating the oppressed with the gold of the tyrant, and raising the poor with the cash of the rich.” - **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR & DHARWAD

A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP

In 1856 a Mahar (oppressed class) boy sought admission to pursue his education in Dharwad, then the East India Company was ruling India. Because of the social restrictions imposed by Caste Hindus on Depressed Classes, the concerned committee could not take the decision in favour of Mahar boy. Therefore, the company referred the case to the then Queen Victoria of England. When Babasaheb Ambedkar was pursuing higher education in U.K. (1920), in the India Office Library he came across records of plea of Mahar boy. Babasaheb Ambedkar was thrilled to see the letter of the boy. In this connection Babasaheb Ambedkar wanted to visit Dharwad. In 1929 he started a Boarding for untouchable boys. In the year 1930-31 when Babasaheb Ambedkar went to England to participate in the Round Table Conference, Matoshri Ramabai came to Dharwad and stayed with the inmates of the boarding and in the time of distress she had to pawn her gold bangles to provide ration for the poor inmates. Sir Siddappa Kambli the then Minister for Education who hailed from Dharwad was very close to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. In the year 1925-26 Bombay Government appointed a University Reform Committee, Sir Chimanlal Setlavad was appointed as a Chairman. Though Ambedkar was not a member of the Committee, the Committee sent a questionnaire to him. Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar gave a written report to the committee in which he recommended to consider Dharwad as a potential centre for higher education and to start a University. Hence this university was established.

CLIMATE AND PLACES OF TOURISTS INTEREST :

Dharwad has moderate climate in April. The nearby tourist places are Dandeli, Goa, Kittur Fort, Savadatti, Gotagodi, Badami, Aihole, Maski, Pattadakallu, Hampi, Bijapur, Buddha Vihar at Sannati and Gulbarga.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES :

A cultural programme is organized in the evening on 25th April 2026 at the Conference Venue.





“Every man who repeats the dogma of Mill that one country is no fit to rule another country must admit that one class is not fit to rule another class.” - **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**



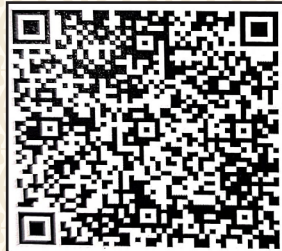
REGISTRATION DETAILS

The participants should send their duly filled registration form along with the full length paper and the registration fee in cash / DD / through electronic transfer/ drawn in **favour of Convener, One Day International Conference 2026, Department of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies Karnatak University, Dharwad**. Payable at Canara Bank, Karnatak University Campus Branch, Dharwad - 580003.

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ABOUT DHARWAD CITY

Dharwad is the district headquarters and the cultural capital of north Karnataka. The city is built on seven hills and lakes. It is also called as Chota Mahabaleshwar. Dharwad in the fringe of Malenadu is a centre for higher education with several universities, including the recent addition of IIT and IIIT. It is known for its great traditions in music and literature. The twin cities Dharwad and Hubballi occupy an important place in the state. Dharwad is 425 KMS northwest of Bangalore on NH 4 between Bangalore and Pune. It is well connected with Bus, Train and Air facilities. The nearest airports are : Hubballi Airport (22kms), Belagavi Sambra Airport (80kms), Goa Panjim Airport (160 kms)

Dharwad has a history of over one millennium. All the dynasties of North Karnataka ruled the region until 1818 when the British began their rule after overthrowing the Peshwas of Pune. Under The British Dharwad was a humble town. The town has fort built by the Vijayangar empire in 1403. Dharwad played a significant role in India's struggle for Independence. Great leaders namely Tilak (1907) Gandhiji and Lala Lajpat Rai (both in 1921) Rajaji (1927) Bose (1938). Savarkar (1940) have paid their visit to this town. Progressive King of Kolhapur, Chatrapati Shahu Maharaja, was educated at Maratha Mandal Campus in Dharwad.

Great humanist, Epoch maker Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and his wife Mathoshri Ramabai Ambedkar visited this place and stayed here at Buddha Rakkhit School at Dharwad. The Dharwadians celebrated at the circle now known as Jubilee Circle in 1947 when India got its Independence. Hence the city of Dharwad is going to lay a milestone in organizing this International Conference under the auspicious of Karnatak University, Dharwad.

“Democracy is not merely a form of Government...It is essentially an attitude of respect and reverence towards fellowmen.” - **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**



SUB-THEMES

1. Democracy, Rights and social transformation: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Influence.
2. Equality, Liberty, fraternity: Realizing Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Dream.
3. Constitutionalism & Rule of Law: Vision behind Indian Constitution.
4. Role of Constitutional Morality
5. Dr. Ambedkar's Perspectives of Social Justice: The path way to Global Peace.
6. Women's Rights in Hindu Code Bill.
7. Legal reforms for women's empowerment.
8. The Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar: Voices for Global Humanism.
9. Peace through Dhamma: Dr. Ambedkar's Message to the world.
10. Buddhism and Social Reconstruction: A Global Humanitarian Approach.
11. Any theme related to Dr. Ambedkar's Ideology.

CALL FOR PAPERS :

Papers on the above sub themes are invited by scholars, academicians, faculty members, students, researchers and experts in the field. The participants have to send their full length papers both in hard copy and soft copy to the Co-ordinator, Department of Dr. B R Ambedkar Studies, Karnatak University, Dharwad, e-mail id: dr.b.r.ambedkar130@gmail.com (exclusively for the paper acceptance only) by 20th April 2026. The papers must be less than 1500 words in length in A4 size. Times New Roman, font size 12, one and half spacing. Papers must be strictly original in nature and should be free from plagiarism. References should be given at the end of the paper as per publication manual of MLA handbook. Declaration should be given by the author that the paper is original and has not been published earlier or has not been submitted / accepted for publication elsewhere. **Only Selected papers will be published in AKSHARA SURYA(ASJ) which is a ISSN Peer reviewed Journal. The authors of these selected papers have to pay Rs. 1000/- (One Thousand Rupees Only) towards Article processing charges(APC). However, the conference Registrations fees also to be paid.** Priority will be given to the articles having originality & quality with regard to content and presentation of ideas. Authors should make sure that the submitted articles are devoid of plagiarism as per UGC Guidelines - 2018. Adherence to these guidelines is able to enhance the quality of research papers.



“Political tyranny is nothing compared to the social tyranny and a reformer who defies society is a more courageous man than a politician who defies Government.” - **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**

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