

Ambedkar Study Circle (ASC), SLC (2016-17)

Seminar on the Topic: "Babasaheb B.R. Ambedkar: Making of Republic India" held on 24th January, 2017.

The Ambedkar Study Circle (ASC) organized a seminar on the topic "**Babasaheb B.R. Ambedkar: Making of Republic India**" on 24th January, 2017. **Sh. Anil Chamadia**, editor of **Mass Media and Jan Media** and **Chairman of Media Studies Group**, a media think tank and **Sh. Urmilesh Urmi**, **Senior Journalist** were distinguished speakers invited to deliver lecture on the occasion. The seminar was inaugurated by a welcome address by the Convenor, Mr. Sanoj Kumar and the Principal and Head of the Institution, Dr. Rabi Narayan Kar by paying floral tribute to Baba Saheb Ambedkar and presenting bouquets and mementos to the guest speakers. The programme was anchored by Dr. Rajeshwari, Assistant Professor in the Department of English. **Sh. Anil Chamadia**, in his lecture emphasized how Dr. Ambedkar was very particular in removing not only foreign imperialism but also imperialism within Indian society represented by the four-fold caste hierarchy. He held that Dr. Ambedkar stood for removing social and economic injustices simultaneously and not simply "social" or "economic" injustice. In his lecture highlighted the role of Ambedkar as a policy-maker in the Capacity of Member of Bombay Legislative Assembly, Member of Viceroy's Defence Advisory Committee, as Labour Minister, his contribution in the making of Indian constitution and as India's first Law and Minister. **Sh. Urmilesh** in his lecture drew comparison between Dalit movement and OBC movements and underlined the difference by stating that Dalit movement arose in a specific context that was informed by philosophical and educational basis provided by social reformers such as Dr. Ambedkar. He was of the view that in comparison OBC movements have remained unstructured and lack coherent leadership and are therefore weakly grounded. He emphasized this fundamental weakness why OBC movements have it failed before *kamandal* onslaught. Sh. Urmilesh also brought out the above weakness by citing the role played by different members in the making of Mandal Commission Report. The programme was extremely well received by the students and teachers who had gathered in large numbers. The programme ended with a question and answer session followed by vote of thanks by Dr. Raj Kumar Prasad to the dignitaries and the audience on behalf of the ASC. There were 60 students of various disciplines, teachers and the non-teaching staffs joined in large numbers during and post-seminar to interact with the invited dignitaries.





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