

**SHYAM LAL COLLEGE**  
**AMBEDKAR STUDY CIRCLE**  
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IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19, AMBEDKAR STUDY CIRCLE AIMED AT SPREADING AWARENESS REGARDING CONSTITUTION, EQUALITY, WOMEN EDUCATION, DALIT ATROCITIES, RESERVATION, ETC., THROUGH DR. AMBEDKAR'S IDEAS. IN THIS REGARD, THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WERE ORGANIZED:

ASC CELEBRATED THE CONSTITUTION DAY (26TH NOVEMBER) ON 14.11. 2019 AND ORGANIZED A TALK ON THE TOPIC "RELEVANCE OF CONSTITUTION IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA". THE SPEAKERS WERE: PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, RAJYA SABHA AND PROF. N. SUKUMAR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI. CONVENOR, MR. SANJOJ KUMAR AND THE PRINCIPAL, PROF. RABI NARAYAN KAR WELCOMED THE GUEST SPEAKERS AND ALSO ORIENTED THE SITTING AUDIENCE ABOUT THE INTENT BEHIND INTRODUCING AMBEDKAR STUDY CIRCLE. WHILE PROF. N. SUKUMAR CAME UP WITH THEORETICAL EXEMPLIFICATIONS IN ORDER TO STRESS UPON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSTITUTION, PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA PRESENTED A NUANCED VIEW ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION THROUGH HIS EXPERIENCES AS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT. BOTH OF THEM TALKED ABOUT CASTE DISCRIMINATION AND DEFENDED THE NEED FOR RESERVATION. A POST-TALK DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD BETWEEN THE AUDIENCE AND THE GUEST SPEAKERS WHERE A RANGE OF QUESTIONS WERE ASKED FROM THE SPEAKERS.

THE ASC COMMEMORATED THE 128TH AMBEDKAR JAYANTI ON 14.04.2019. A TALK WAS ORGANIZED TO EMPHASIZE UPON THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CELEBRATION. THE SPEAKERS WERE: DR. NEELAM, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, LAKSHMI BAI COLLEGE, DR. UMA KANT, AN INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR AND MR. AMAR SINGH, FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY, SC/ ST ASSOCIATION, DU. CONVENOR, MR. SANJOJ KUMAR FORMALLY WELCOMED THE GUESTS. ALL THE THREE SPEAKERS TALKED ABOUT THE DISCRIMINATION AT VARIOUS LEVELS. DR. NEELAM EXPRESSED THAT DALIT WOMEN ARE DOUBLY SUBJUGATED BY PATRIARCHY. THEY FACE EXPLOITATION NOT ONLY BY UPPER CASTE BUT ALSO BY DALIT MEN. SHE ALSO EXEMPLIFIED THAT BRAHMANISM AS AN IDEOLOGY HAS PERVADED DALIT SAMAJ AS WELL AND THIS HAS TO BE DONE AWAY WITH. DR. UMAKANT HIGHLIGHTED THE DISCRIMINATION IN ACADEMICS THAT HOW THE IDIOSYNCRATIC ATTITUDE OF HIGH CASTE ACADEMICIANS WHO STILL VIEW DALITS THROUGH THEIR STEREOTYPICAL MIND SET AS SOCIALLY AND ACADEMICALLY INFERIOR. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THE PROBLEMS FACED BY DR. AMBEDKAR IN DRAFTING THE CONSTITUTION. MR. AMAR SINGH ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE DISCRIMINATION OF NON-TEACHING STAFF BY THE FACULTY.

IN RESPONSE TO THE LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, THE ASC ORGANIZED AN ACADEMIC TRIP TO AMBEDKAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND AMBEDKAR FOUNDATION. DR. AMBEDKAR'S POLITICAL JOURNEY AND STRUGGLE ARE DEPICTED DIGITALLY IN THE MUSEUM. IT WAS A GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF SLC.

A ONE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR WAS ORGANIZED ON THE TOPIC "DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR'S VIEWS ON SOCIAL JUSTICE, CASTE-BASED DISCRIMINATION AND BAHUJAN IDENTITY" ON 23.04.2019. THE SPEAKERS WERE DR. NAMDEV,

**KIRORIMAL COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, PROF. SHEORAJ SINGH "BECHAIN", HINDI DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, PROF. CHANDRABHANU BHARAS, GAUTAM BUDDHA UNIVERSITY, UTTAR PRADESH AND DR. CHANDRA SEN, NEW SCHOOL UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, USA. VARIOUS PAPERS WERE ALSO PRESENTED DISCUSSING A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES. BOTH THE GUEST SPEAKERS PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS ON CASTE-BASED DISCRIMINATION AND DALIT/BAHUJAN IDENTITY.**