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HIS LEGACY AND RELEVANCE**

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MESSAGE

The Constitution of India is an embodiment of equality freedom and fraternity. Social justice provide guarantees to all citizens of the country and it ensures individual freedom, dignity and sovereignty. In addition, social justice is necessary for the realization of fundamental rights and opportunities. Today we are passing through the transition of society and critical situation in the contemporary India and there is a dire need to revisit the contributions of founders of Modern India and the chief architect of the India Constitution and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's relentless efforts to make the constitution as relevant as it was facing new challenges. In view of the new challenges it is necessary to reassess the historical role played by Ambedkar as World Leader and also to reassess and revalidate his legacies and his relevance to the issues of contemporary India.

The Concept of social justice confirms equal opportunities and rights to all the citizens of the country irrespective of religion, caste and creed. The architects of Indian constitution including Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar have included social justice and guaranteed freedom, equality and fraternity. By providing the social justice, they implemented these elements and dreamt the creation of egalitarian society without having inequality. Thus, in the democratic system all citizens have been provided with social justice and rights. Social justice and Constitution are interlinked and dependent on one another and they are inseparable. Through the strategy of giving social justice the intentions of the Constitution are being effectively implemented, and the downtrodden, weaker sections, backward classes and women community are a part of the process of empowerment.

In view of all the above, I am extremely happy to know that the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Studies Centre, Karnatak University is organizing one day International Conference on **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as world Leader: Legacy and Relevance** on the occasion of 69th Mahaparinirvan the great humanist, statesman and Jurist. The Researchers, educationists, Ambedkarites and students participating in this conference have submitted their articles. I am glad to know that these articles/findings are being compiled into a volume entitled "Prajna". This centre is organizing such workshops, conferences regularly and this is an appreciable fact, I hope that, such activities will continue to happen in the coming days also. I congratulate the organizers for organizing this academic event consisting of thought provoking debates and deliberations. I wish all the Best for the Conference.


(Prof. A. M. Khan)

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ಸಂದೇಶ

ಪ್ರಚಲಿತ ಭಾರತದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ, ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ವಿದ್ಯಮಾನಗಳ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಮತ್ತು ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಂವಿಧಾನದ ಆಶಯಗಳನ್ನು ಪುನರ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುವ ಐತಿಹಾಸಿಕ ಅಗತ್ಯತೆ ಇದೆ. ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಪರಿಕಲ್ಪನೆಯ ಸರ್ವರಿಗೂ ಸಮಾನ ಅವಕಾಶಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳನ್ನು ಖಾತರಿಪಡಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯಾನಂತರ ಡಾ. ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಇತರ ಸಂವಿಧಾನದ ರಚನಾಕಾರರು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯವನ್ನು ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಂವಿಧಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ಸರ್ವರಿಗೂ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಸಮಾನತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಭ್ರಾತೃತ್ವವನ್ನು ಖಾತರಿಪಡಿಸಿ, ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯದ ಮೂಲಕ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ಸಮಸಮಾಜ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡುವ ಕನಸು ಕಂಡಿದ್ದರು. ಪ್ರಜಾಪ್ರಭುತ್ವ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಸಮಾನ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮತ್ತು ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯದ ಮೂಲಕ ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಸಂವಿಧಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವಾರು ಅವಕಾಶಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂವಿಧಾನ ಪರಸ್ಪರ ಅವಲಂಬಿತವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಬೇರ್ಪಡಿಸಲು ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಕಾರ್ಯತಂತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಂವಿಧಾನದ ಆಶಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯರೂಪಕ್ಕೆ ತರುವ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಸಮಾಜದ ದಮನಿತ ತಳ ಸಮುದಾಯ, ದುರ್ಬಲ ವರ್ಗಗಳು, ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಮಹಿಳೆಯರ ಅಭ್ಯುದಯಕ್ಕೆ ಒತ್ತು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಮತ್ತು ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಂವಿಧಾನದ ಆಶಯಗಳನ್ನು ಪುನರ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುವ ಮತ್ತು ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡಿಸುವ ಅಗತ್ಯತೆ ಇರುವ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕ.ವಿ.ವಿ.ಯು ಡಾ. ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗವು 'ವಿಶ್ವನಾಯಕರಾಗಿ ಡಾ. ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ : ಅವರ ಪರಂಪರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತತೆ' ಎಂಬ ವಿಷಯದ ಮೇಲೆ ಒಂದು ದಿನದ ಅಂತರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವಿಚಾರ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ ಡಾ. ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರರವರ 69ನೇ ಮಹಾಪರಿನಿರ್ವಾಣ ದಿನದ ಉತ್ಸವದ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದು ನನಗೆ ಸಂತಸ ತಂದಿದೆ. ಈ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವ ಸಂತೋಷದಕರು, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞರು, ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರವಾದಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಸಂತೋಷದ ಪ್ರಬಂಧಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ತಾವು ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತಪಡಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಲೇಖನಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟನೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವರು. ಅವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯ್ದು ಸಂಪ್ರಬಂಧ ಹಾಗೂ ಲೇಖನಗಳನ್ನು 'ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾ' ಎನ್ನುವ ಸಂಪುಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಿರುವುದು ಸಂತಸದಾಯಕ ಸಂಗತಿ. ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಈ ವಿಭಾಗವು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿರುವ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂತೋಷದ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು ಶ್ಲಾಘನೀಯವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಮುಂಬರುವ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಕೆಲಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು ನಡೆಯಲಿ ಎಂದು ಶುಭ ಹಾರೈಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.



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EDITOR'S NOTE

We are immensely proud to organise one day International Conference on “Dr B.R. Ambedkar’ as a World Leader: Legacy and Relevance’ on 6th Dec, 2025, commemorating the 69th Mahapariniravan of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

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 with the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Chair in the Department of Political Science headed by late Prof. A.M. Rajashekhariah, who obtained his PhD on 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.

The department has achieved remarkable academic growth over the years. With the unwavering support of the Government of Karnataka and the Karnatak University authorities, we embarked on this significant endeavour to honour the great legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The decision to compile this volume was met with a positive response, reflecting the widespread interest in Dr. Ambedkar’s ideas and contributions, to make India a vibrant democratic country with the parliamentary democracy.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s life was marked by profound challenges, yet he emerged as a towering figure in the fight against social injustices. Born into a marginalized community, he faced discrimination and adversity from an early age. However, through his resilience, intellect, and determination, he overcame these obstacles to become a beacon of hope for millions. Dr. Ambedkar’s journey from facing caste-based discrimination to leading the drafting of the Indian Constitution is a testament to his unwavering commitment to equality and justice. His struggles and triumphs continue to inspire countless individuals worldwide, underscoring the transformative power of perseverance and courage in the face of adversity.

Ambedkar’s vision and principles continue to hold immense relevance in today’s world, marked by persistent challenges of social justice and equality. As we navigate through complex societal

issues, Dr. Ambedkar's insights offer a ray of hope, advocating for inclusive policies and practices that uphold the dignity and rights of all individuals. His profound understanding of the Constitution of India and its role in ensuring social justice serves as a guiding light for scholars, policymakers, and activists striving for a more equitable society.

The conference aimed to revisit Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision in light of contemporary challenges such as intolerance, communalism, and religious extremism, with a focus on fostering harmonious social orders. The response to our initiative underscores the enduring significance of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy. Scholars, researchers, and enthusiasts have enthusiastically contributed to this volume, demonstrating a collective commitment to furthering Dr. Ambedkar's vision of a just and egalitarian society. We are grateful for the overwhelming support received from the Government of Karnataka, the University authorities, faculty members, and participants, whose dedication has made this endeavour possible.

The response we received when the papers were invited for the presentations was overwhelming within such a short span of time. There were good number of papers, we have been highly judicious in the selection of papers. Curating this edition was really a challenging task, balancing time constraints and thematic diversity. The editorial board, comprised of language and subject experts, played a pivotal role in shaping this endeavour.

It is our hope that this publication, bearing the name "Prajna" will serve as a befitting tribute to Dr. Ambedkar's enduring intellectual legacy and continue to ignite meaningful discussions on social justice and equality. Propagated by Tathagat Buddha'Prajna' which is a first tenet of the order Prajna, Karuna and Samata. Prajna means Awareness. Awareness of social injustice and gain it to achieve equality.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed for the success of this endeavour. Firstly, we express our gratitude to the authorities Government of Karnataka and or Karnatak University, Dharwad, for their unwavering support in publishing this volume. We are deeply appreciative of the dedication and hard work of all the

scholars, researchers, and participants who have contributed their valuable insights and perspectives to this publication. Special thanks to the faculty members, staff, and students of the Department of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies for their tireless efforts in organizing and co-ordinating the seminar. Finally, we thank our readers for their interest and engagement with the ideas presented in this volume. It is through the collective efforts of all involved that we have been able to honour the legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and advance the discourse on social justice and equality.

While we acknowledge the challenges and limitations faced during this academic journey, we remain committed to the pursuit of academic excellence despite of the time constraints and other challenging demands of technicalities. However, we welcome feedback from our readers for further improvisations. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone involved and look forward for their continued support in our academic endeavours.

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