

**Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair**  
**Jointly with**  
**Department of Laws,**  
**Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar**  
**is organizing**

**National Seminar**  
**On**

**Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: Architect of Modern India**

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## **ABOUT GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY, AMRITSAR**

Guru Nanak Dev University was established on November 24, 1969 to mark the birth Quincentenary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism. The University upholds the teachings and values of the Guru, the apostle of universal brotherhood, truthfulness, non-violence, compassion, tolerance, harmony and humanity, who strictly observed moral and ethical values in daily life.

Ever since its foundation, the endeavor of the University has always been to meet the objectives enshrined in the Guru Nanak Dev University Act 1969, which emphasizes that University would make provisions for imparting education and promoting research in the humanities, learned professions, sciences, especially of an applied nature and technology. Hence, it has been promoting education in such fields as Basic and Applied Sciences, Arts, Management, Information Technology, Media, Industrial Technology, Environment, Planning and Architecture Studies. In addition, research on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev ji, promotion of the Punjabi language and spreading education among educationally backward classes and communities are its other commitments.

Spread over area of 500 acres towards the west of the city, Guru Nanak Dev University presents a picture of lush green landscape, modern architecture and a sustainable environment.

## **ABOUT DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR CHAIR**

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Chair established in Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, has a special significance for being at a University named after the first Guru of the Sikh religion, whose teachings/preachings emphasized the creation of a society based completely on principles of equality and social justice, similar to the philosophy of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

The main objective of having a Chair set up in the name of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar is to provide a well-equipped Center of learning to intellectuals, academicians, and students to undertake studies and research on the founding father of the Indian Constitution. To disseminate ideas and thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, particularly on subjects like Economics, Political Science, Women Studies, Guru Nanak Studies, Indian Philosophy, Constitutional Comparative Studies, Education, Social Work, Human Rights, Sub-Altern Studies, Social Movements as well as realization of National Constitutional Goal of Social Justice as enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

The activities of the chair are based upon Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's work and philosophy, issues relating to the socio-economic and cultural life of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, minorities, backward classes, and other weaker sections of the society.

## **ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAWS**

The Department of Laws at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar was established in the year 1972 with the LL.B. Course and in 1983, teaching of LL.M. was started. The Department now offers Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Three Years Course, B.A.LL.B Five Year Course and Master of Laws (LL.M.) One Year Course. There is also a provision for research leading to a Ph.D. Degree. By now, more than six thousand students have obtained LL.B. Degrees from the Department. Nearly five hundred students have completed LL.M. and more than 100 students have been awarded Ph.D. degrees

## **ABOUT THE SEMINAR**

The foundation of modern India is not merely built upon its infrastructural development or political institutions, but upon the moral and constitutional ideals that sustain a pluralistic, egalitarian, and democratic society. At the heart of this transformative vision stands Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar— jurist, economist, political philosopher, and social reformer—who emerged as the principal architect of an inclusive India.

Dr. Ambedkar is appreciated for his all-round contribution in India's rise as a successful democratic nation in modern India. His vision of nationalism was rooted not in ethnicity, religion, or linguistic identity, but in an ethical and justice-based approach to building a sovereign, inclusive, and democratic nation. He believed that true national integration would only arise from the annihilation of caste and the establishment of a society built on liberty, equality, and fraternity. For Dr. Ambedkar, the Constitution was not merely a legal document but a comprehensive blueprint to institutionalize these principles. It served as a unifying force in a historically fragmented society, binding citizens through equal rights and democratic governance (Rodrigues, 2002). Dr. Ambedkar's nationalism was radically inclusive- offering dignity to the downtrodden, security to minorities, and justice to all citizens. His vision continues to project him as a visionary Architect of India's moral, legal, and socio-political identity. His legacy, however, extends far beyond constitutional authorship- it is a living doctrine that informs India's developmental trajectory in the 21st century.

Dr. Ambedkar's legacy is not limited to his role as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution; it extends to his profound interventions in education, economics, legal reform, and institutional design. His advocacy for the annihilation of caste, equal access to education, and socio-political empowerment of marginalized communities—especially Dalits, women, and religious minorities—laid the groundwork for an inclusive democracy long before such ideas were institutionalized globally. Dr. Ambedkar's thought continues to shape discourses on affirmative action, inclusive governance, and human rights across the world. Dr. Ambedkar was not only the Chief Architect of the Constitution; he was the architect of a humane and just India. His legacy lies not just in the laws he wrote, but in the moral vision he offered—a vision that challenges us to build a society where no child is denied education because of poverty, no woman feels unsafe in a workplace, no elderly person is left without care, and no citizen is stripped of dignity. In an age threatened by ecological collapse, authoritarianism, and digital disenfranchisement, Dr. Ambedkar's philosophy offers a scientifically grounded, ethically vibrant, and globally relevant path forward. His mission lives on—in every act of resistance against injustice, and in every policy that strives toward equality and dignity. As such, he must be honoured not only as the Father of Modern India, but as one of humanity's foremost visionaries of ethical nation-building. Against this background, an effort is made to analyze the relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's writings towards development of modern India.

## **THEMES FOR THE SEMINAR**

The Seminar will provide a platform to deliberate and propose suggestions on the following themes. The seminar offers a plethora of non-exhaustive themes:

1. Dr. Ambedkar's Contribution to Nation Building
2. Dr. Ambedkar and Making of Modern India
3. Dr. Ambedkar and Social Justice
4. Philosophy of Nationalism by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
5. Architect of Democracy and Equality
6. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Views on Human Dignity
7. Casteless Society
8. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on Women Empowerment
9. Dr. Ambedkar on Making of Indian Constitution
10. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles
11. Dr. Ambedkar and Advocacy for Uniform Civil Code
12. Hindu Code Bill
13. Labour Laws

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Contributions are invited from the Academicians, Professionals, Researchers, Advocates, Research Scholars and the Students from law and social sciences background on the above mentioned theme/sub-themes of the seminar. Authors of selected abstracts shall be given an opportunity to present their paper during the National Seminar. Registration Form is to be submitted through Google Form <https://forms.gle/C6kTSZuiVn5Uco7V8>

Abstract and full research papers are to be submitted through Email ID – seminarbrambedkar2026@gmail.com.

The selected papers will be published in the form of Edited Book with ISBN Number.

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

- The language of the paper should be English only.
- The Abstract must contain the highlights of the full paper and should not exceed 250 words.
- Author(s) Name(s), University/Organization, Paper Title, Email Address and Mobile Number to be stated clearly in the cover page of the research paper.
- Paper should not have been published earlier nor should it be under consideration for publication.
- Author(s) will be required to fill the Registration Form and Declaration after the selection of their abstract. Registration Link:
- **Maximum Plagiarism of 10% is allowed.**
- **The authors should submit report of plagiarism along with the research article.**
- All submissions must be made to email id- [seminarbrambedkar2026@gmail.com](mailto:seminarbrambedkar2026@gmail.com)
- **There is no registration fee for the seminar.**

## **WORD LIMIT**

- The word limit for research paper (inclusive of abstract) is between 3000 words (minimum) to 5000 words (maximum).
- This word limit is inclusive of footnotes. The word limit must be strictly adhered to by the participants.

## **CO-AUTHORSHIP**

- Co-authorship is allowed. However, there can be maximum two authors in one research paper.

## **FORMAT GUIDELINES**

- The research papers text should be in MS Word Format (doc./docx.) with Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5 on an A4 size paper.
- The Footnotes should be in Times New Roman, Font Size 10 with Single Spacing. End notes are not permissible.
- MLA Handbook citation format shall be strictly followed.
- One inch margins on all sides should be maintained.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Last date for Abstract Submission	17th January, 2026
Intimation of acceptance of abstract	20th January, 2026
Full Paper Submission	24th January, 2026

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