



DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE, 2014

**12, 13 AND 14 APRIL, 2014
NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

“Humans are mortal. So are ideas. An idea needs propagation as much as a plant needs watering. Otherwise both will wither and die.” — B.R. Ambedkar

The proposed Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Social Justice Conference, 2014 will provide an interdisciplinary forum for scholars, academicians, officials, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and civic leaders to discuss importance of Ambedkar's ideas, ways to empower socially oppressed and ostracized groups, exploration of policies and practices to reform current system to encourage marginalized masses and strengthening judicial approach to engage with pressing demands for social justice. The basic purpose of the conference is to create a meaningful dialogue on social justice agenda through active participation of intellectuals.

This Conference will also include Cultural events, Lectures & Art Exhibition on life of Dr.Ambedkar. This Conference is a residential gathering of Intellectuals, Leaders and students from various parts of the nation at NALSAR University of law, Hyderabad. Conference represents a unique opportunity for participants to discuss Dr.Ambedkar's philosophy at the highest level, and produce recommendations for social upliftment.

More broadly, the Conference also aims to deepen the commitment of participating leaders from Academics, Arts, Civil society and Jurists towards the Dr.Ambedkar idea of social justice and to build and scale up momentum for the future generations. The 3 day event will be a series of programs that aim to educate and engage the student community for social awareness and to increase dialogue about Dr.Ambedkar's ideas on social justice. It is the expectation of the organizers that several publications (books and/or special issues of scholarly journals) will result from the Conference.

PROGRAMME FOR APRIL 12-14, 2014

1. ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Academicians, scholars, students, activists and intellectuals from all disciplines are invited to write and present their views in the conference. The participants are required to choose a theme for their essays. All participants are required to submit their abstracts along with the covering letter mentioning name and other details before deadline. The authors would be intimated about the selection of their abstracts through email. Best three entries will be awarded cash prizes.

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| Last date of submission of abstracts | March 31, 2014 |
| Intimation of selection of abstracts | April 04, 2014 |
| Last date of submission of final essay | April 10, 2014 |
| Presentation | April 12, 13, and 14, 2014 (According to schedule) |
| Email id for submission | ambedkarconference.nalsar@gmail.com |

1.1 PRIZES

- 1st Prize – 20,000
- 2nd Prize – 10,000
- 3rd Prize – 6,000

1.2 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- a) The abstract should not exceed 200 words.
- b) Format of the Submission: The essay should be in the English language, typed on A-4 sized paper, 1.5 spaced and Times New Roman Script. The pages should be consecutively numbered. The mode of citation is the Harvard Bluebook Citation, 19th edition. The essay should not exceed 2500-3000 words. Essay should be an original creation and any kind of plagiarism would lead to disqualification.
- c) Authorship: Participants may send papers written either on their own or co-authored with a maximum of one other participant. Presentation of Essay would be mandatory for consideration for prize.

1.3 THEMES –

1. Dr. Ambedkar and reconstruction of the society.
2. Dr. Ambedkar's contribution to women empowerment.
3. Importance of Dr. Ambedkar's Philosophy in the contemporary times.
4. Methods and ideas to foster social inclusion.
5. Strengthening the present legislations to promote the welfare of oppressed communities
or

Any other entry related found suitable by the organizers shall also be accepted.

2. CULTURAL EVENTS

Theatre groups would be invited and Drama would be organized on the life of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and his struggle for the emancipation of marginalized sections. Art exhibition on the life of Dr. Ambedkar shall also be organized.

4. LECTURES BY EMINENT SCHOLARS/SOCIAL THINKERS

Eminent scholars from India and abroad, Social Scientists from across the country are being invited to give lectures on Dr. Ambedkar's Philosophy.

All participants will have to pay for their accommodation and local transport. Participants can contact the organizers for subsidized accommodation. Local hospitality will be provided by the Organizers.

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