

Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur

MULTIDISCIPLINARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

**The Mind That Moved Millions:
Unfolding The Global Relevance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**



Organized by

**School of Social Sciences &
Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chair**

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar a visionary jurist, economist, social reformer, and the chief architect of the Indian Constitution stands as one of the most profound intellectuals of the 20th century whose thoughts transcend time, geography, and discipline. His relentless pursuit of liberty, equality, and fraternity, as well as his unwavering commitment to the annihilation of caste, has left a powerful legacy not just in India, but across the world. This International Multidisciplinary Conference titled “The Mind That Moved Millions: Unfolding the Global Relevance of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar” seeks to explore the wide-ranging and enduring influence of Ambedkar’s ideas in the contemporary global context. The conference aims to bring together scholars, researchers, activists, educators, and policy makers from diverse disciplines such as law, social sciences, humanities, economics, education, media, gender studies, environmental studies, and philosophy to critically engage with the multidimensional legacy of Dr. Ambedkar. Through various thematic sessions, keynote addresses, and scholarly interactions, the conference will examine how Ambedkar’s intellectual interventions continue to shape

debates around democracy, social justice, marginality, human rights, and inclusive development. The event also seeks to foster global collaborations and encourage comparative scholarship that repositions Ambedkar as a global thinker whose relevance goes far beyond the Indian subcontinent. In the spirit of interdisciplinary dialogue and inclusive knowledge-making, this conference invites original insights, comparative frameworks, and critical reflections on Dr. Ambedkar’s thought in a rapidly transforming world.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- * To explore the global relevance of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s ideas on social justice, equality, and human rights
- * To encourage interdisciplinary research on Ambedkar’s contributions to law, politics, economics, education, gender studies, and religion
- * To foster dialogue between academic scholarship and grassroots movements influenced by Ambedkarite philosophy
- * To promote comparative studies between Ambedkar and other global thinkers of justice, freedom, and democracy
- * To create a collaborative global academic and activist network focused on Ambedkarite studies and inclusive development

PUBLICATION GUIDELINES

Manuscripts must include an abstract of 250–300 words prepared in accordance with the UGC Ethical Guidelines for Publication, with plagiarism limited to below 10%. Each submission should clearly state the title of the paper, author’s name, affiliation, complete address, and email. Full papers must be written in English and submitted only in MS Word format, with a length of 2,500–3,500 words including figures, tables, and references. All manuscripts should be formatted in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1.5 line spacing, and follow the latest APA citation style. Papers submitted without an abstract will not be considered for review.

(Note : Selected good quality papers will be published in reputed ISSN journal)

Send Abstract and Full Paper to : millionmindintconf@gmail.com

CONFERENCE THEMES

1: Ambedkar's Constitutional Vision and Global Human Rights

Exploring his role in shaping the Indian Constitution and its relevance in the international human rights discourse.

2: Social Justice and Equality: A Global Perspective

Understanding caste, race, gender, and class through Ambedkarite frameworks across nations.

3: Caste, Race, and Intersectionality

Drawing parallels between caste-based discrimination and global systems of oppression such as apartheid, racism, and colonialism.

4: Ambedkar and Global Labour Rights

Examining his contributions to labour policy, workers' rights, and their relevance in global capitalist economies.

5: Economics of Social Justice

Assessing Ambedkar's economic thought on state planning, inclusive growth, and its application in the Global South.

6: Dr. Ambedkar and Gender Equity

Ambedkar's feminist vision, his critique of patriarchy, and its relevance in contemporary global gender struggles.

7: Ambedkarite Education Philosophy and Pedagogy

Education as a tool of emancipation its global influence and adaptation in marginalized communities.

8: Religion and Morality in Ambedkar's Thought

Navayana Buddhism and its ethical relevance in fostering global peace, morality, and equality.

9: Law, Justice, and the Marginalized

Ambedkar's contribution to jurisprudence and the role of law in safeguarding minority rights globally.

10: Political Philosophy and Participatory Democracy

Analyzing Ambedkar's vision of liberty, equality, fraternity, and his critique of majoritarianism.

11: Global Relevance of Ambedkar's Dalit Movement

Understanding the transnational influence of the Dalit movement and Ambedkar's legacy abroad.

12: Media, Representation, and Ambedkarite Voice

Exploring portrayal of Ambedkar in mainstream and alternative media; rise of Ambedkarite digital activism.

13: Literature, Culture, and the Ambedkarite Imagination

Representation in Dalit literature, theatre, folklore, and how cultural narratives reinforce Ambedkarite thought.

14: Environmental Justice and Equity

Ambedkar's thoughts on water rights, urban planning, and their connection to ecological justice today.

15: Ambedkar and Indigenous Knowledge Systems

Revival of subaltern epistemologies through Ambedkarite frameworks across indigenous communities globally.

16: The Global Future of Ambedkarite Thought

Evolving interpretations, global collaborations, and the possibilities of a worldwide Ambedkarite movement.

(Note: Any Other Topic Relevant to The Main Theme)





ABOUT THE SOLAPUR

Solapur district, located in the state of Maharashtra, India, is a region of rich historical, cultural, and socio-economic significance. Known as the “Textile City,” Solapur has long been recognized for its thriving handloom and power loom industries, especially its world-famous Solapuri chaddars and towels. The district also has a strong agricultural base, producing sugarcane, cotton, and pulses. Solapur is home to diverse communities and reflects a confluence of Marathi, Kannada, and Telugu cultures. It houses important religious sites making it a center of spiritual heritage. Educational institutions, universities, and growing industrial zones contribute to the district’s modern development. Geographically, it serves as a major junction connecting Maharashtra with Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. With its blend of tradition and progress, Solapur district represents a dynamic region playing a vital role in India’s cultural and economic landscape, making it ideal for scholarly exchange.

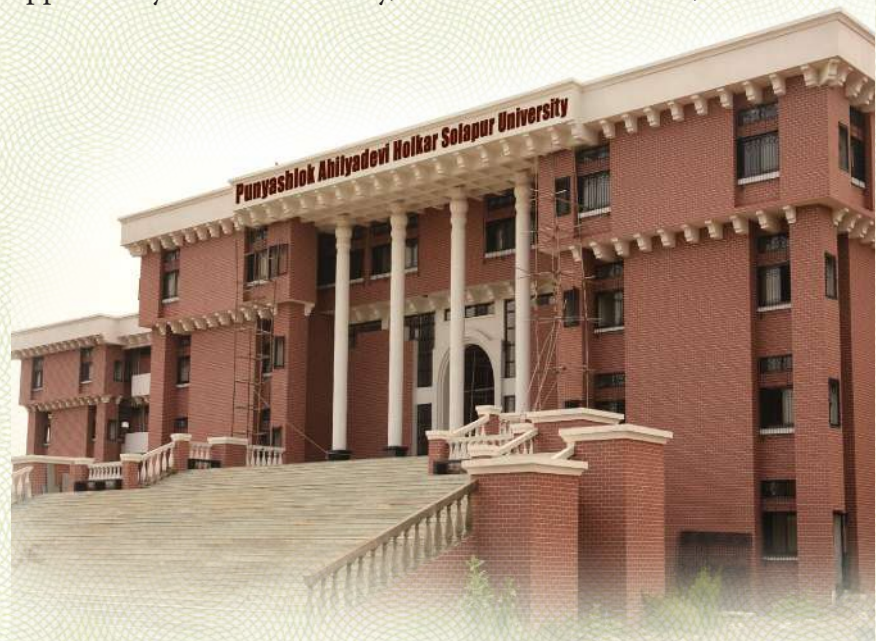
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar used to visit Solapur. He visited Solapur 11 times. On 14 January 1946, he was felicitated with an honorary scroll on behalf of the Municipal District Local Board at the Late R. B. Mule Memorial Hall of

Haribhai Devkaran School. While responding to the felicitation, Babasaheb remarked, “I laid the foundation of my public work in Solapur.”

ABOUT THE P.A.H. SOLAPUR UNIVERSITY, INDIA

Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, established in 2004 by the Government of Maharashtra, is a dynamic institution of higher education located in the historical city of Solapur. Named in honor of the legendary ruler and reformer Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar, the university upholds her legacy of wisdom, justice, and service to society. Within two decades of its establishment, the university has emerged as a hub of academic excellence and interdisciplinary research. The university has jurisdiction over Solapur district and comprises eleven schools, offering postgraduate education in over 35 disciplines across Social Sciences, Science, Humanities, Commerce, Law, Education, and interdisciplinary studies. With a growing focus on research and innovation, the university promotes inclusive education, skill development, and community engagement, aligned with national priorities and global academic standards. The campus fosters a vibrant academic environment supported by dedicated faculty, modern infrastructure, and a wide network of national and international collaborations.

The institution is home to several research centers, chairs, and extension activities that serve the rural and urban communities of Maharashtra. By organizing international conferences, workshops, and scholarly exchanges, the university plays a pivotal role in fostering global dialogue on pressing issues. Guided by the progressive vision of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar, the university is committed to empowering youth, promoting gender equality, and contributing meaningfully to sustainable development. Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University stands as a symbol of intellectual progress, social responsibility, and cultural pride in Maharashtra and beyond.





ABOUT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Established in the academic year 2009-10, the School of Social Sciences is committed to academic excellence, innovation, and holistic development. In response to nationwide reforms in higher education and the growing influence of globalization, the School fosters interdisciplinary learning that blends traditional knowledge with contemporary perspectives. Our mission is to continuously evaluate our performance against well-defined benchmarks, develop innovative academic programmes, and establish global collaborations to meet the evolving needs of all stakeholders. Unlike conventional models of education, the School emphasizes both curriculum delivery and student personality development. The aim is to understand and critically analyze social processes, enabling scholars to recommend informed and impactful policy interventions. To achieve these goals, the School adopts innovative teaching methodologies that combine strong theoretical foundations with hands-on skill development and practical application. Fieldwork and practical experiences are integral components of all academic programmes, ensuring students are well-prepared for real-world challenges. The School of Social Sciences encompasses the following departments: AIHC & Archaeology, Economics, Mass Communication, Rural Development, Psychology, Political Science, Public Administration & History

ABOUT BHARAT RATNA DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR CHAIR

Established in 2022, the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chair at Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University is a pioneering academic initiative dedicated to promoting the life, philosophy, and global relevance of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The Chair focuses on interdisciplinary research and critical engagement with themes such as social justice, equality, constitutionalism, education, and the upliftment of marginalized communities. Through seminars, international conferences, lectures, and research fellowships, the Chair encourages scholarly discourse and public understanding of Ambedkarite thought. It aims to inspire new generations to examine contemporary challenges caste, gender, human rights through the transformative lens of Dr. Ambedkar's vision. The Chair actively collaborates with scholars, institutions, and civil society to expand the impact of Ambedkar's legacy locally and globally. It stands as a symbol of the university's commitment to social transformation, academic excellence, and inclusive development in line with the ideals of the Indian Constitution.



ABOUT PM-USHA

PM-USHA is a centrally sponsored scheme under the Ministry of Education to improve the quality and access to higher education across the country. It focuses on equity, access, and excellence in states and union territories. It aims to strengthen curriculum, teacher training, infrastructure, accreditation, and employability of students. Originally launched as RUSA in 2013 (first phase) and 2018 (second phase), the scheme was later revamped and renamed as PM-USHA after the introduction of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

MERU (Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities) is a key component under PM-USHA. It supports selected universities with special grants to become world-class institutions. MERU aims to boost research, innovation, and quality multidisciplinary education in India.

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- Registration & Abstract Deadline : 31/10/2025
- Last Date for Full Paper Submission : 10/11/2025

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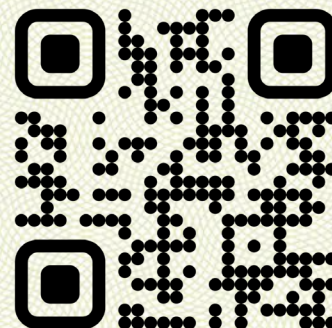
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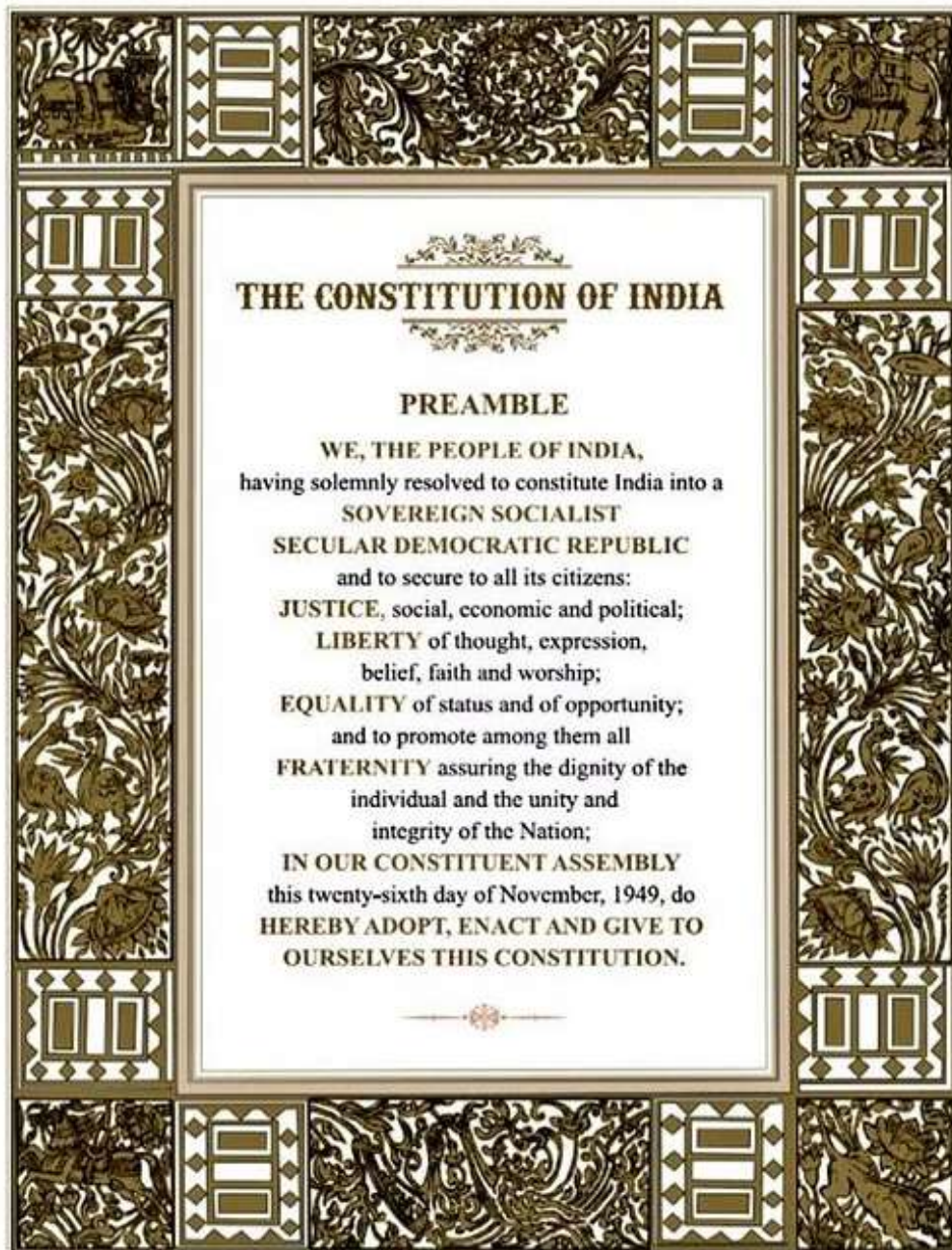
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