



## DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR CHAIR IN SOCIAL JUSTICE IN IIPA

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice was set up at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in 2004 by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. Since its inception, it has focused on 'Social Justice' as a theme covering pertinent social issues like exclusion, inclusion, marginalisation, disadvantaged sections and the like. As per the mandate of the Chair, a number of quality publications, value adding workshops, memorial lectures, national seminars, dialogue/ discussions, awareness and extension programmes and inter-chair collaborations are organised regularly. Most events highlight Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's work and philosophy and issues relating to socio-economic and cultural life of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, minorities, backward classes and other weaker sections of the society.

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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was a great national leader of twentieth century. He was an intellectual, a scholar, a statesman and contributed greatly in the nation building. He led a number of movements to emancipate the downtrodden masses and secure human rights for millions of depressed classes. He has left an indelible imprint through his immense contribution in framing the Constitution of India. He stands as a symbol of struggle for achieving the Social Justice. Therefore, the chair has a special significance in Indian Institute of Public Administration, which has key role in providing inputs for policy formulation and governance besides sensitizing the administration. ■

– Amitabh Ranjan