

National Seminar organised by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Study Centre and Department of Journalism, Kalindi College on “Legacy of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in media: Analysis and Impact”

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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Study Centre and the Department of Journalism, Kalindi College, University of Delhi organized a two-day National Seminar on the 20th and 21st August, 2019. The study centre, established in 2017, aims to promote ideas of social justice and human rights for the marginalized. The seminar was conducted under the patronage of honorable Principal Dr. Anula Maurya, and was convened and co-convened by Dr. Sunita Mangla and Ms. Manisha respectively. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Chief guest Prof. Vivek Kumar, Guest of Honour - Dr. Bharat Jha and Prof. Ramjilal Jangid with other distinguished guests namely Dr. Jagdeesh Chaudhry, Dr. Rajkumar Phulwaria and Dr. Geeta Sahare. As quoted by Prof. Ramjilal Jangid “*Dr. Ambedkar sirf ek vyakti nahi, balki vichar the*” (Dr. Ambedkar wasn't just a mere human being, but an ideology). Dr. Jagdeesh Chaudhry motivated the audience by stating that, “Even when the entire nation stands against you, you must stand by the truth”. This was followed by a plenary session addressed by prolific scholars and journalists like Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Mr. Gyanendra Rawat, Dr. Deoraj Singh, Dr. Ratan Lal, Mr. Surendra Singh, Mr. Arun Kumar, Dr. Neeru Johri and Dr. Umesh Pathak respectively. The seminar was divided into 4 technical sessions. Session 1 embarked upon the vision of Ambedkar and his ideas on how media has proved its importance to the society. Faculty members from Kalindi College and other universities presented their papers in this session that was chaired by Ms. Manisha Rathore. The remaining sessions were conducted on the second day of the seminar.

As a part of the seminar, the students of the department had also set up a photo exhibition on the theme “Dr. Ambedkar's vision: Voice of the Voiceless”. The second day of the National Seminar saw an ardent start with the beginning of the second Technical Session. It embarked upon Dr. Ambedkar's views on the existing gender and caste equalities and was chaired by Ms. Sagorika Singha. This was followed by Session 3 which shed light upon Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts on women empowerment and the social barriers they face which was chaired by Ms. Divyani Redhu. Session 4, chaired by Ms. Apoorva Bhutan, mainly focused on media's role in uplifting feminist perspective, and the marginalized communities and Dr. Ambedkar's relevance in the current scenario. The conclave received massive participation from various colleges and universities including Kirori Mal College, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, Jawaharlal Nehru University, IP University, Maharaja Agrasen College, Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Student, Manav Rachna International University, French Institute of Languages, Guru Jambheshwar University, Chandigarh University, MRIJRS and MMB. A huge participation was witnessed from Kalindi College as well. A total of 71 speakers were registered, out of which 50 scholars presented their papers. The conclave concluded with a Valedictory Session which was addressed by Mr. Deepak Parvatiyar as the Chief Guest. The two-day seminar highlighted the various facets of Ambedkar's life and his relevance in the contemporary times.