

Phule-Ambedkar Chair University of Mumbai



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VISION:

To articulate the “Phule-Ambedkarian Perspective(s)” as a body of critical theoretical knowledge to understand and analyze the social, economic, political and cultural processes; and to engage with the thematic of the Nation and Nationalism, Culture, Religion, Economy, Polity, Gender, Caste and Class, Citizenship, livelihood and survival strategies, Environmental concerns, Social movements, Globalization and other important issues.

MISSION:

To hold Conferences/Seminars/and Workshops on:

Social Exclusion, Citizenship, Survival strategies and livelihood issues, Multiple marginalities and Vulnerabilities, Gender mainstreaming, Environmental concerns and Research Methodologies and Social Theory

फुले-आंबेडकर अध्यासन ध्येय

- (१) फुले-आंबेडकरी प्रणित शोषण मुक्त, समताधिष्ठित व बंधूतेवर आणि आत्मनिर्भर समाज निर्मितीसाठी महत्वाच्या ठरणाऱ्या विचारांचे संवर्धन करणे.
- (२) जात, वर्ग व स्त्रीदास्य या तीनही शोषणाच्या व्यवस्था व त्यांचे परस्पर आकलन करून शोषणमुक्त समाजनिर्मितीच्या ध्येयासाठी ज्ञाननिर्मिती करणे.
- (३) भारतीय समाज, अर्थकारण, संस्कृती, राजकारण या क्षेत्रांचे चिकित्सक आकलन करून सामाजिक न्याय, समता, व शोषणमुक्त समाजासाठी त्यांची वैचारिक फेरमांडणी करणे.

वरील उद्देशांच्या पूर्तीसाठी अध्यासन खालील धोरणे आखित आहेत.

- (१) फुले आंबेडकर विचारासंदर्भात तसेच त्यांच्या मानव मुक्तीच्या लढयासंदर्भात चर्चासत्रे, कार्यशाळा आयोजित करणे.
- (२) सामाजिक वंचितता व न्याय तसेच स्त्रीयांचे सक्षमीकरण व समानता, सिद्धांत व संशोधन अभ्यास पद्धती, या संदर्भात कार्यशाळा आयोजित करणे.
- (३) डॉ. बाबासाहेब “आंबेडकर मेमोरीयल लेक्चर” व “महात्मा जोतीराव फुले” ही दोन वार्षिक व्याख्याने आयोजित करणे. तसेच फुले आंबेडकर विचारांना केंद्रस्थानी मानून सध्य स्थितितील सामाजिक, आर्थिक, राजकिय, सांस्कृतिक विश्लेषणाकरीता मासिक व्याख्याने व चर्चा आयोजित करणे.



Activities at a glance:

- The Phule-Ambedkar Chair was established in January 2008. During the time the Chair held a Seminar on Dalit Literature on 19-20 December 2008.
- Under the present Co-ordinator (since March 2010) the 'Department organized the ' following academic programmes:
- National Seminars/Workshops: 14
- Special Annual Orations: 4
- Special Guest Lectures: 8
- Special Events: 2
- Research facilities: 2643 Books, and 6 International & National Journals

Departmental Strengths: At Glance

Teaching programs: The 'Chair' wishes to propose a PhD and M Phil program in the field of "Cultural Studies", which is in the process of realization. We envisage being a Research Centre in the field of Cultural Studies with M Phil and PhD programmes. This would make the Phule-Ambedkar Chair the only centre in this field of multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary enquiry and research, in the state of Maharashtra. The CS we hope to offer a context for serious discussions and research training on science and technologies as cultural engagements, the multifaceted dimensions of 'mobilities' and materialities and the issues of relations of power operating in and through the cultural domain.

Publications: 1) *Destitute Literature* by Dr. Aniket Jaaware
2) *Two Essays on Caste* by
Dr. Gail Omvedt and Dr. Bhatat Patankar

Departmental Strength - 2

The Propsoed Publications (edited Volumes):

- 1) *Dalit Women: Social Experience, Resistance and Knowledge Building*
- 2) *Reading Jotirao Phule In and For Our Times*
- 3) *Reading as a Critical and Emancipatory 'Practice': Reading Ambedkar Today*

a series of three volumes on:

- Ambedkarian perspective on Society, Culture and Religion
- Ambedkarian perspective on Law, Governance and Justice
- Ambedkarian Perspective on Equality, Citizenship and Democracy

The Phule-Ambedkar Chair has started a '**Saturday Colloquium**', which is an open academic forum for discussion on contemporary social and cultural issues. The sessions are held on every working Saturday, afternoon.

National Seminars/Workshops:

- 1) A two days National Seminar on **“Contextualizing Jotirao Phule”** -- 11th & 12th December, 2015.
- 2) A two-day consultation on **“Dalit Critical ‘Public’: Reviewing Contribution of *Asmitadarsh, Sugava* and *Independent Archive* of Ambedkarian Thought’** --7 and 8 August, 2014.
- 3) Three-day national Seminar on **“Who’s Worthy Being”** -- 3rd to 5th January 2014.
- 4) Two-day national seminar on **“Caste and Culture in India - Dynamics of power and Resistance”,-- 13th & 14th March 2013.**
- 5) A two-day national seminar on **“Dalits and Capitalism in Contemporary India: issues and Challenges”**, -- 24th and 25th March, 2012.
- 6) The Phule-Ambedkar Chair organized by **“Re-visiting Dalit Panther Movement”**, -- 5th February 2011.
- 7) The Phule-Ambedkar Chair organized by **“Atrocities against Dalits: Interrogating the State”** --29th March 2010.



8) Two days Special workshop on **“Dalit Women: Social Experience, Resistance and Knowledge Building”** on 6th and 7th November, 2015.

9) The Workshop for **“Youth for Writing and Knowledge Building Process”**, on 6th June 2015.

10) Inauguration of exhibition of Drawings and Paintings by fine artist Prakash Bhise **exhibition on 2nd to 5th March 2015.**

11) One day workshop on theme of **“Caste Violence in Contemporary Maharashtra”** on 10th December, 2014.

12) National level workshop on **“Caste Violence against Dalit Women”** on 25th January 2013, as per of the workshop we have organized Dalit Women’s Cultural performance.

13) A two-day national workshop on **“Caste Violence Dalit Women”**, on 25th to 26th January 2013.

14) Two days Special workshop on **“Dalit Women: Social Experience, Resistance and Knowledge Building”** on 6th and 7th November, 2015.



Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Orations:

1st “Dr. Ambedkar Oration” held on 13th April 2011, offered by **Professor Valerian Rodrigues**, on **“Ambedkar as a Political Philosopher”**.

“2nd Dr. Ambedkar Oration” held on 27th April 2012. The talk by **Dr. Gabriele Dietrich** on **“Dalit Movement and Women’s Movements:**

“3rd Dr. Ambedkar Oration” The title of his talk is **“The Tribal Question in Post-Colonial India”**, The Oration is organized on **11th March 2016**.

Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Orations:

1st “Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Oration” held on 3rd December 2011, offered by **Dr. Aniket Jaaware** on **“Destitute Literature”**.



Special Guest Lecture Series:

- 1) **A Special Guest Lecture** held on 6th August 2011 offered by **Martin Macwan** on **“Dalit Struggle for Land rights and Dignity”**.
- 2) **A Special Guest Lecture** held on 19th October 2011 by **Padmashri Namdeo Dhasal** on **“Buddhism and Ambedkarian Social Revolution”**.
- 3) **A Special Guest Lecture** held on 7th February 2012 offered by **Dr. Bharat Patanker** on **“The Approach to annihilate Caste Exploitation”**.
- 4) **A Special Guest Lecture** held on 6th March 2012 offered by **Dr. Y. S. Alone** on **“Confronting Political Representation and Politics of Visuality”**.
- 5) **A Special Guest Lecture** held on 19th July 2012 offered by **Dr. Bharat Patanker** on **“The Historicity of Caste”**.

Special Events :

- 1) **Discussion-cum-performance** on “**Cultural Resistance Amid Globalization**” on 25th April 2010.
- 2) Screening-cum-Discussion on Documentary film, “**Jai Bhim Comrade**” on 13th February 2012 offered by **Anad Patwardhan**.
- 3) आंबेडकरी सामाजीक क्रातीवर आधारीत एक -पात्री प्रयोग “**क्रांती चा साक्षीदार**”
सादरकर्ते : रूपेश निकाळजे, दिनांक : २३ जुलै २०१२.
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Research facilities at the Phule- Ambedkar Chair:

Library collection of books on Society, Economy, Polity, Gender studies, Cultural studies, Social theory etc. **Books : 2643**

International and National Journals :

1) Race & Class 2) Contributions to Indian Sociology, 3) Economic & Political weekly 4) Seminar, 5) The Economist 6) Social Scientist.



Proposed Teaching Courses

Post- Graduate Diploma Course on
'Cultural Studies',
M.Phil and Ph.D. Courses in Cultural
Studies