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REPORT ON
MAHAPARINIRVANA DIWAS
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Mahaparinirvana Diwas was celebrated by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Department of Sociology and Social Work, Dr. Harishingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.) on 6th December 2021. In this programme following activities were done with the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Nilima Gupta.

1. Photo of Dr. Ambedkar (6x4 feet) was placed at the conference hall for floral tribute.
2. Flower decoration was made.
3. Floral Tribute to Dr. Ambedkar was done by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (Prof. Nilima Gupta), Chief Guest (Dr. K.M. Bhandarkar), and Key Note Speaker (Prof. Badri Narayan).
4. Memorial lecture on Dr. Ambedkar was organised.

The programme was conducted as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Abhiyan and the following requirement was strictly followed.

1. All banners were carry with AKAM logo
2. Size of AKAM logo was bigger than other logo used in the banner and AKAM logo was placed at the centre of the banners.
3. The event was published in the local newspaper and circulated by several social media agencies.

Memorial lecture on Dr. Ambedkar

The title of the Memorial lecture on Dr. Ambedkar Chair was 'The Image Travels: Dr. Ambedkar in Hindi Region. The key Note Speaker for the lecture was Prof. Badri Narayan (Director, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj). The Chief Guest of the Programme was Dr. K.M. Bhandarkar (National President, Council for Teacher Education Foundation). The Programme was chaired by Prof. Nilima Gupta (Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor).

Prof. Badri Narayan in his lecture highlighted the community perception and imagination of Dr. Ambedkar by different social groups in different periods of post-independent India and their socio-political relevance for the nation-building project. He viewed that the diverse meaning of Dr. Ambedkar by various social groups and regional communities gives power to the socio-political and economic philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar in modern India for an inclusive national integration and progressive democracy. He opined that the one-dimensional understanding and perception of Dr. Ambedkar may lose the essence of his philosophy for a vibrant democracy and



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inclusive development. Prof. Badri Narayan concluded his lecture by emphasising that the present government is making effort to keep the diverse understanding of Dr. Ambedkar as real essence of Babasehab's vision to celebrate the plurality of India.

Dr. K.M. Bhandarkar highlighted the importance of Dr. Ambedkar's life history as a road for the development life-skill among the contemporary youth. He discussed the struggling life of Dr. Ambedkar as a motivation for the people of modern India.

Prof. Nilima Gupta in her presidential remarks discussed the historicity of the philosophy and vision of Dr. Ambedkar and the role of Dr. Ambedkar Chair in transforming the essence of Ambedkar vision into practice. She highlighted the effort of Dr. Ambedkar in transforming the cultural practices of Indian social structure for a progressive democratic social order. She viewed that the plurality of Indian tradition and diverse perspectives of Dr. Ambedkar can be realised by academic discussion, debate and argument and Dr. Ambedkar Chair is a platform for these academic activities by which the society can be transformed according the real vision of Dr. Ambedkar. Further, Prof. Gupta promised that the Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya will actively engage in making Dr. Ambedkar philosophy at work and will contribute its academic research based knowledge on the socio-political and economic philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar for the practice of integral humanism, policies for inclusive development, and micro-level diverse understanding of Dr. Ambedkar to make 'local as vocal'.

Vote of thanks to the dignitaries was given by Dr. Shibsankar Jena and the programme was organised by the supervision of Dr. Kali Nath Jha (In-Charge of Dr. Ambedkar Chair).

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