
Report on Two-Day National Seminar on “Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s Vision and India’s Journey Towards Viksit Bharat” organized by the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

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REPORT ON TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

*Dr. B. R. Ambedkar’ s Vision and India’ s Journey
Towards Viksit Bharat*

(15 – 16 April 2026)

Organized by: Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Integral University

Mode: Hybrid Mode

Venue: Hall 4, Central Auditorium, Integral University

The **Department of Humanities & Social Sciences**, Integral University, Lucknow organized a **Two-Day National Seminar** on “*Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s Vision and India’s Journey Towards Viksit Bharat*” on **15–16 April 2026** in hybrid mode. The seminar brought together academicians, researchers, scholars, and students from various universities and institutions across India to discuss Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s contribution toward social justice, constitutional democracy, women’s empowerment, human rights, sustainable development, and inclusive growth in the context of *Viksit Bharat 2047*. The event served as an academic platform for intellectual engagement and critical discussion on Ambedkarite philosophy and its relevance in contemporary India.

Inaugural Session

(15 April 2026)

The seminar commenced with the inaugural function held at the Central Auditorium of Integral University. The session began with the **Introduction and Welcome Address** delivered by **Dr. Anshal Ali Tiger**, Convenor and Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Integral University.

This was followed by the **Welcome Address** by **Prof. Zeba Aqil**, Head of the Department, who highlighted the continuing relevance of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s ideas in shaping a democratic, inclusive, and progressive India. She emphasized the importance of constitutional values, social equality, and educational empowerment in achieving the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*.

The **Keynote Address** was delivered by **Prof. Ananya Vajpeyi**, Fellow at the **Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)** and **Visiting Professor at Ashoka University**. She discussed Ambedkar's intellectual legacy, constitutional vision, and the role of critical thinking in democratic nation-building.

The **Special Address** was delivered by **Prof. Manuka Khanna**, **Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Lucknow**, who focused on Ambedkar's contributions to social reform and educational empowerment.

The **Presidential Address** was delivered by **Prof. Furqan Qamar**, **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Integral University**. He stressed the need to integrate Ambedkar's principles of justice, equality, and fraternity into public policy and institutional development.

The inaugural session concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** by **Dr. Zeeshan Warsi**, Convenor and Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences.

Technical Session - Day 1

(15 April 2026 / 01:30 PM - 03:30 PM)

The Technical Session was chaired by **Prof. Zeba Aqil**, Head, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Integral University. **Dr. Pallavi** served as Rapporteur, while **Dr. Anas Jameel** acted as Moderator. The session featured presentations by scholars and academicians from various universities and institutions across India. The papers addressed multiple dimensions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision and its relevance to contemporary India.

The afternoon session featured a series of paper presentations **(26)** by researchers & faculty from various institutions, each contributing a unique perspective on the relevance of Ambedkar's Vision. The session concluded with remarks by **Prof. Zeba Aqil**, who appreciated the quality of research presentations and encouraged further academic engagement on Ambedkarite thought.

Day 2

(16 April 2026)

The second day of the seminar began with Introduction by **Dr. Anas Jameel**, Assistant Professor (Political Science), Integral University. **Dr. Zeeshan Warsi** served as Rapporteur, while **Dr. Anshal Ali Tiger** acted as Moderator.

The central event of the day was a **Guest Lecture** delivered by **Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari**, **Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia**. Her lecture focused on the sociological relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's ideas in contemporary India. She emphasized the significance of constitutional morality, educational reforms, social inclusion, and democratic participation in building an equitable and developed society. The session concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** delivered by **Dr. Pallavi**, **Assistant Professor (History)**, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Integral University.

The afternoon session featured a series of paper presentations **(17)** by researchers & faculty from various institutions, each contributing a unique perspective on the relevance of Ambedkar's Vision and addressed multiple dimensions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's idea and its relevance to contemporary India.

The Two-Day National Seminar on "*Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Vision and India's Journey Towards Viksit Bharat*" concluded successfully with active participation from academicians, researchers, students, and scholars from across the country. The seminar reaffirmed the enduring relevance of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ideas in addressing issues of equality, justice, democracy, and inclusive development in India. It also highlighted the importance of academic discourse in shaping policies and social awareness for the realization of *Viksit Bharat 2047*.

The **Department of Humanities & Social Sciences** expresses sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chancellor, Integral University, **Prof. S. W. Akhtar**, for his constant support and guidance; Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor, **Prof. Syed Nadeem Akhtar**, for his encouragement; Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, **Prof. Furqan Qamar**, for his continued motivation. The conveners- **Dr. Anshal Ali Tiger**, **Dr. Zeeshan Warsi**, **Dr. Pallavi**, and **Dr. Anas Jameel**, deserves appreciation for organizing a well-coordinated and intellectually enriching academic event under the guidance of **Prof. Zeba Aqil**, Head Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Integral University.

Highlights of the Program:









Regards,
Prof. Zeba Aqil,
 Head,
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