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## TWO DAYS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

*“Development Perspectives of  
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Contemporary World”*

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## KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY



Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, is a State Public University established by the act of State Legislature in 1992, and was brought into force on 1st June 1996. Ever since its establishment, KSOU has been pro-actively engaged in fulfilling the national objectives of higher education i.e., to achieve **ACCESS, EQUITY, QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY and ACCOUNTABILITY**. A Pioneer and Premier Centre of Higher Education under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system, KSOU was carved out of illustrious University of Mysore in 1996. Before becoming the university, KSOU was an Institute of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education (ICC&CE) of the University of Mysore which was established in 1969.

The motto of **KSOU - “ HIGHER EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE”**, promises to reach out to those unreached - to all those higher education aspirants. The Open University was established in pursuance of National Policy on Education, NPE-1986 on the recommendation of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) of MHRD, Government of India. The working professionals, households, the disadvantaged sections of the society and people from backward regions, who cannot pursue education through 'in- class'/conventional mode get new opportunities to learn through distance education mode. The role of KSOU is vital in enhancing the GER of the state to much higher level. The KSOU has created an excellent academic and administrative infrastructure, not only at its headquarters in Mysore, but also at its 33 regional centers across the state.



Headed by His Excellency, the Governor of Karnataka, who is the Ex-Officio Chancellor, while the Minister for Higher Education is the Ex-Officio Pro-Chancellor, and the Vice-Chancellor is the Principal Academic and Executive Officer of the university, the KSOU is a body corporate comprising of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, the members of BoM, Academic Council, Dean (Academic), Registrar (Evaluation), Finance officer among other officers of the university. The contribution of the KSOU for the ODL system is invaluable. With the entire State has its jurisdiction, KSOU has established 33 Regional Centres, in addition to recognizing a good number of affiliated Colleges as Study Centers across the State. Significant is the role of KSOU in enhancing the GER of the State. In terms of providing quality and relevant education, the role of KSOU is commendable. The Courses, Curriculum, Study Materials, Contact Classes, Method of Testing, Transparency in the conduct of Examination, Evaluation and announcement of results.

The quality of SLMs, Radio talks, audio-video lecturers produced 'in-house studios' housed on the main campus have earned the admiration of a large community of distance learners across the Country as well as outside the Country. MBA, M.Com, Media studies, MA and Education Programs are some of the most sought-after courses among others. Admission to courses is done twice-a-year in the month of January and June as per the UGC-DEB guidelines, and the admissions are done online. Access to E-content, E-access to SLM's, Books and journals in the main library, on-line lectures are additional advantages to KSOU students. Establishment of Science labs, Audio-Video, Virtual labs, Re-establishment of Radio Station –'JNANA VANI' are among the notable digital initiatives, the KSOU has launched since the re-recognition of KSOU by UGC from 2018-19.

Well-known is KSOU for its students support services - establishment of Skill Development Center; Training Center for Competitive Examinations, Campus Recruitment Drives, Online and Off-line Counselling, On-line Admission, Digital Payments of all kinds of fee payment are some of the pro-student recent undertakings of the KSOU. Lodging facilities in Hostels for students coming for coaching classes, skill development programs and contact classes in a clean-green environment is yet another student support service. With state of the academic infrastructure; online and off-line student support, KSOU is a dream institution for distance learners.



## DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTRE-A PROFILE

As per KSOU sub rule XIX and case 23(3) of KSOU Act 1992, with the signature of the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and Pro-chancellor with the purpose of carrying out various academic activities of Baba Saheb B.R. Ambedkar's thoughts at the KSOU. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair was inaugurated on 21-10-2005 by the former Hon'ble member of Planning Committee Dr. Balachandra Mungekar.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies and Research Centre of Karnataka State Open University could flourish well due to the special concern and initiatives taken by the earlier Vice Chancellors Prof. Sudharao, Prof. Vivek Rai, Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Prof. D. Shivalingaiah and Dr. Vidyashankar S. The previous Directors of the Centre, Prof. K.T Shivanna and Prof. Mahadevi have organized various programmes like special lectures, state and national level conferences and also have published various books of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. Hence, they have contributed for the development of the centre by disseminating the thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to the students, scholars and people at large apart from starting the P.G Diploma and Certificate Courses in Ambedkar Studies.



Since 2005 Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Study and Research Centre of Karnataka State Open University regularly organizing many programs to further and enhance the intellectual knowledge of the faculty, researchers, students and the society at large. In continuation of these programmes, it is felt that Baba Saheb's intellectual acumen, thoughts and ideas embedded in his speech, writings, constitution framing and movements that are relevant for today's modern society and are helpful in building a socially and economically equal, just and enlightened India. Therefore, today's young generation essentially need to understand and follow Ambedkar's ideologies in order to adopt a scientific and rational approach in their lives as desired by Ambedkar.





## International Conference Theme: “Development Perspectives of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Contemporary World”

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was the principal architect of Indian Constitution and the edifice of India rests on enshrined democratic ideals. He tirelessly worked towards establishing a just and equal society where everyone is mindfully treated with dignity and respect his freedom of choice. He fought for India when she wanted freedom and he worked for India's glory when she needed an architecture of the constitution. Dr B R Ambedkar's contribution towards social and economic development of India can never be forgotten. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was not only a learned scholar and an eminent jurist but also a revolutionary leader who fought against all social evils. It was a time when India needed a paradigm shift and transformation, when India needed a torch bearer of equal and just society. As a towering leader of justice and equity he stood like a rock fought against established dogmas and he deserves to be remembered for his desire to make India a better country in the world to live in. The Columbia University at its Special convocation on June 5, 1952 conferred the LL.D. degree (Honoris Causa) on Dr. Ambedkar in recognition of his drafting the Constitution of India. The citation read as: **“The degree is being conferred in recognition of the work done by him in connection with the drafting of India's Constitution”**. The University hailed him as **“one of India's leading citizens, a great social reformer and valiant upholder of human rights”**. He was conferred with the highest civilian award of the country “Bharat Ratna” in 1990 posthumously in recognition of exceptional service to the country.

Dr. B R Ambedkar was a par excellence scholar and multifaceted leader - Indian jurist, economist, social reformer and political leader, a parliamentarian, a constitutionalist of world repute. He struggled to restructure the Indian society on the most egalitarian and humanitarian principles. He was the first Indian political thinker who realized the necessity and applicability of the western pattern of democracy to India and he introduced fundamental rights for equal social and economic justice, freedom and dignity to all Indian citizens irrespective of caste, creed, or religion. It is in this context that NEW YORK TIMES wrote, “The whole world acknowledges him as the leader of untouchables. But few realized his permanent impact on the constitutional set up of India”. The text prepared by Ambedkar provided constitutional



guarantees and protections for a wide range of civil liberties for individual citizens, including freedom of religion, the abolition of untouchability and the outlawing of all forms of discrimination.

TIMES OF LONDON wrote, “In the social and political life during the last period of the British Empire in India, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's name occupied a prime position. His face reflected his courage and resoluteness, and although his intellect had no parallel in the world, he was not too proud. He could never be flashy”. In this background, a two days international conference deliberates on Development Perspectives of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Contemporary World. The world's social and economic orders have been shaken with emergence of geo-political conflicts, ravages of social and economic fabrics of life, and increasing income or economic inequality. There is an urgent need to discuss, deliberate and offer policy suggestions for mid-course correction and to establish equal and just society aspired by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. In this context the following themes and sub- themes (but not restricted to) are identified to invite scholarly research and policy papers by the faculty, students, researchers and policy makers.

### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SUB THEMES:**

- Dalit Movement - Contributions and the Social Change
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Social Justice
- Contemporary Reflections of the Dalith Movement
- Dalit politics – Nature, Problems and the Challenges
- Relevance of Dr B.R. Ambedkar Economic Thoughts on Economic Development
- India in the Post-Colonial and Globalized World
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Emancipation of Women, Empowerment of Women and Gender Equality
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Labor Reforms
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's view on Indian Agricultural Development and Economic Policy
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s Perspectives on Caste, Class, and Economic Discrimination
- Vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Public Sector, Role of State and Dalits



- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Political Justice
- Vision of Dr. Ambedkar on Democracy and Constitutionalism
- Vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Governance and Public Policies
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Vision on Nationalism and National Integration
- Role of Dr. Ambedkar in Nation Building
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Contribution in Building Institutions of National Importance
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Buddhism
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Religion and Politics
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Contemporary Thinkers
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Views on Education System
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Gender and Racial Justice
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Religious and Cultural Justice
- The World of His Vision
- Critical Analysis of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Vision
- Digital Divide, Marginalized Communities and Resolution through Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Vision
- Intersecting Faiths: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Strive for Universal Equality
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Empowerment of Tribal Communities
- Any other related topic to the conference theme

### Call for Papers :

Research Papers on the above sub themes are invited by academicians, individual scholars, practitioners or policymakers may submit the research papers based on original paper/research based on the contribution of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in economic, social and policy making arena in India. The participants may send their full length papers by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. The papers must be mailed to [drambedkarksou@gmail.com](mailto:drambedkarksou@gmail.com) and papers may be submitted in Kannada Language also. Correct name, designation and e-mail ID of the authors and affiliating organization need to be clearly mentioned in the full paper. A declaration should be provided from the corresponding author along with the paper stating that the work is an original one and does not violate Copyright.



## Guidelines for Paper Submission:

For Full Paper(s)

- The limit of the paper should be 3000 to 5000 words
- Use British English
- Send the paper using MS Word format, Times New Roman font, 12 font size, 1.5 line spacing
- Send author/co-author's biography indicating affiliation, designation and contact details
- Check grammar, punctuation and spelling before submitting the paper
- E-mail your paper to: [drambedkarksou@gmail.com](mailto:drambedkarksou@gmail.com)

## Publication Opportunity

The conference offers two publication opportunities :

- All the papers accepted for the conference, post completion of due registration process, will be published as Conference Proceedings with ISBN number against the payments of additional publication cost.
- The best paper presented at the Conference will be awarded and selected papers will be recommended for publication in a special issue of a relevant International Journal, under **Scopus Indexed/UGC Care list/Peer Reviewed and Refereed Journals**, subject to journal review process and payment of processing charges.

## Important Dates

ANNOTATION	DEADLINE
Last date of submission of full length paper	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024
Intimation of acceptance of full length paper	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Conference Dates	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2024





After the successful acceptance of the paper, the candidate can register for the conference from the given google form and attach the payment confirmation / payment proof. All the interested participants should register for the conference by filing up the google form.

**Registration link - <https://forms.gle/Le8MoQzU885upcxq5>**

Only one author is permitted for registration. In the event of multiple authors, separate registrations are required. Participants can make payment through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) using the following account number.

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Faculty members/ Indian Delegates	Rs. 1,500/-
Foreign Delegates	US \$. 50
Research Scholars/ Students	Rs.700/-
Spot Registration	Rs. 1,700/-

The acceptance of the Final Research Papers will be done by the Editorial Board and the decision of the Board will be final.

### About the Mysuru City

Nestled in the heart of Karnataka, India, Mysuru is a city that seamlessly weaves together a rich tapestry of history, culture, and innovation. Mysuru is a centre for higher education with several Universities and is famous in the world for its sandal wood and rose wood artifacts, stone sculptures, incense sticks, inlay work with ivory and its exquisite silk sarees. Mysuru emerged to be one of the major IT hubs in Karnataka. Mysuru is second in state for software exports. It is known for its great traditions in culture, music and literature. Mysore is well connected by bus, train and Air facilities. The nearest Airports are Mysore Airport is also known as Mandakalli Airport. Mysore airport serve the city from all major airports of the nation. It is located about 12 km away from the city. People can take taxis and cabs from outside the Mysore airport to reach the bus stand easily as it is at a reachable distance. At Mysore railway station, passengers can take various trains as it is well connected with all the major cities of India. The schedule of the trains is well maintained so passengers can timely reach to their desired destination. Mysore, often referred to as the "Cultural Capital of Karnataka," is renowned for its majestic palaces, ancient temples, and a legacy that dates back centuries. The iconic Mysore Palace stands as a testament to the city's royal heritage, reflecting architectural grandeur and regal opulence. It encompasses captivating blend of history at every turn of city, from the intricately carved Chamundi Hills to the mystique of the St. Philomena's Church.



Beyond its historical landmarks, Mysore is a hub of cultural festivities and artistic expressions. The city hosts the world-famous Mysuru Dasara, a ten-day extravaganza that showcases traditional dance forms, music, and a grand procession featuring caparisoned elephants. Set against the backdrop of the Western Ghats, Mysore is blessed with natural beauty. The Brindavan Gardens, the tranquil Karanji Lake, and the lush greenery surrounding the city create an atmosphere conducive to intellectual exploration and relaxation. Mysore beckons with open arms, promising a unique experience where history meets innovation, tradition meets progress, and knowledge transcends boundaries. Join us in this captivating city for a conference that promises to be as timeless as the heritage it embraces, Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, Karnataka State. Hence, we look forward to welcoming you to Mysore. The city of Mysuru is surely going to lay a mile stone in organizing this first ever international conference under the auspices of Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru.

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation shall be made by the organizers on twin share base only for the paper presenters at the university Hostel. Those who need the Hostel facility should intimate the organizer at the earliest. For more comfortable (Luxurious) accommodation outstation participants are humbly requested to kindly make their own arrangements for their accommodation.)

### **Cultural Activities**

A cultural programme will be organized on the first day of the conference at the convocation hall in the evening.



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