

Outreach and Extension Division Launch Programme 30.09.21



**Importance of Extension Activities and
Community Engagement for a Public University**

Inaugural Address

Professor Anu Singh Lather, Vice Chancellor
AUD

Special Lecture

Professor Pamela Singla, Head, Department of
Social Work, University of Delhi

Presentations by AUD Alumni

Reflections and Lessons Learnt through
Community Engagement Practices at AUD
Students from SGA, SBPPSE, CDP, SES

Date: Thursday,
September 30, 2021

Time: **2.30 pm**

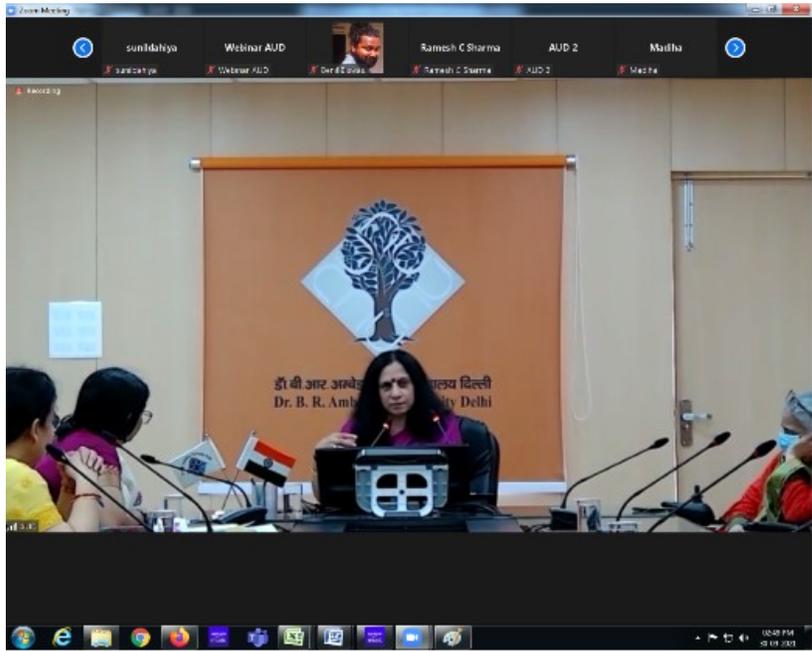
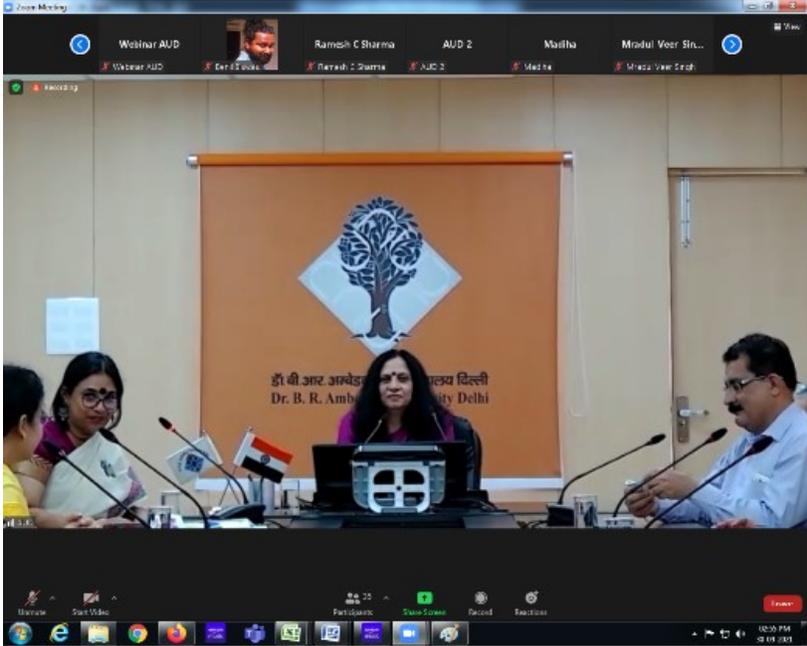
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Press Note Outreach and Extension Division

Dr B R Ambedkar University Delhi launched its Outreach and Extension Division (*Prasaar aur Vistaar Prabhag*). There is a very important role that Extension activities and community engagement plays in a public university. It has been argued that extension activities has the potential of leading towards further democratisation of education as well as plays a significant role in development. That the purposes of extension and outreach is to bring about transformation is indisputable.

AUD's outreach and extension division will make connections with government institutions, corporates, non governmental organisations, law professionals in order to bridge the gap between the university and the community. While community engagement has played a pivotal role in the teaching practices of AUD through all its programmes, this Division will connect to people, cultures and communities. The way ordinary people from underprivileged backgrounds may benefit from this Division are:

1. Legal awareness camps and legal aid clinics. Women especially will benefit from these initiatives
2. Medical camps in neighbourhoods which would help children and elderly, especially the latter so that they do not have to travel to clinics or hospitals
3. Adoption of villages—providing education, assessing skills among youth and enabling them to receive certificates through courses/skill training that AUD offers
4. 'Academics on Wheels' initiative, taking the classroom to the neighbourhood—holding workshops on Constitution, digital literacy events, entrepreneurial lessons

The launch event of the Outreach and Extension Division took place on Thursday September 30, 2021 where the Inaugural address was delivered by the University Vice Chancellor Professor Anu Singh Lather. She emphasised on the need for universities to play a role in social service, social responsibility besides teaching and research activities. The larger duty towards society and nation by bridging the educational and skill development divide between people from different social locations was what she projected as the orifice of the education system. This event had AUD alumni from Management Studies, Urban Studies and Development Practice presenting on the ways in which their courses had various aspects community engagement. Professor Pamela Singla, Head of the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi delivered a Special lecture on this occasion.