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130th Birth Anniversary of DR. B.R. Ambedkar

Dear AUD Family!

Today we are celebrating the 130th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. On this occasion, we pay our gratitude to the revered Dr. Ambedkar who was not only a freedom fighter but also an iconic statesman.

Among the architects of Modern India, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar has a towering stature. He is one of those builders of modern India who incessantly worked for the emancipation of the Dalits and other socially backward classes. The very premise of democracy is equality and freedom for which Dr. Ambedkar spent his entire life to achieve. ***“We must stand on our feet and fight as best as we can for our rights”*** is truly exemplified by the life and personality of Babasaheb Ambedkar. He suffered a great deal in his personal life and persevered with his faith in values of democracy and equality.

He was sensitive to the interface between law and custom and popular beliefs. Ambedkar’s idea of constitutionalism revolved around social justice. He wanted to create an egalitarian society through the process of constitutionalism. Babasaheb was of the belief that political democracy alone is not sufficient for us, India needs to be transformed into social democracy in order for it to survive as a nation.

Babasaheb was a flagbearer of change. He believed that ***“If you believe in living a respectable life, you believe in self-help which is the best help.”*** He was also opposed to the concept of society which stressed on individuals ignoring community bonds. Community was central in his consideration.

He was opposed to authoritative and paternalistic tendencies which restrict humanism, freedom of enquiry and equality of persons.. He discussed democracy as a way of life but also believed that rule of law should be a bond uniting people ensuring equal participation of individuals.

His core values were always guided by reasoning without losing sight of the ideal values at the same time. On this day we pay homage to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar for his contributions made to the nation by inculcating in ourselves a feeling of unity and immense pride for the nation that Babasaheb envisioned for us.

Lastly, in his words, ***“Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence”***. Let us all strive for these values.

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