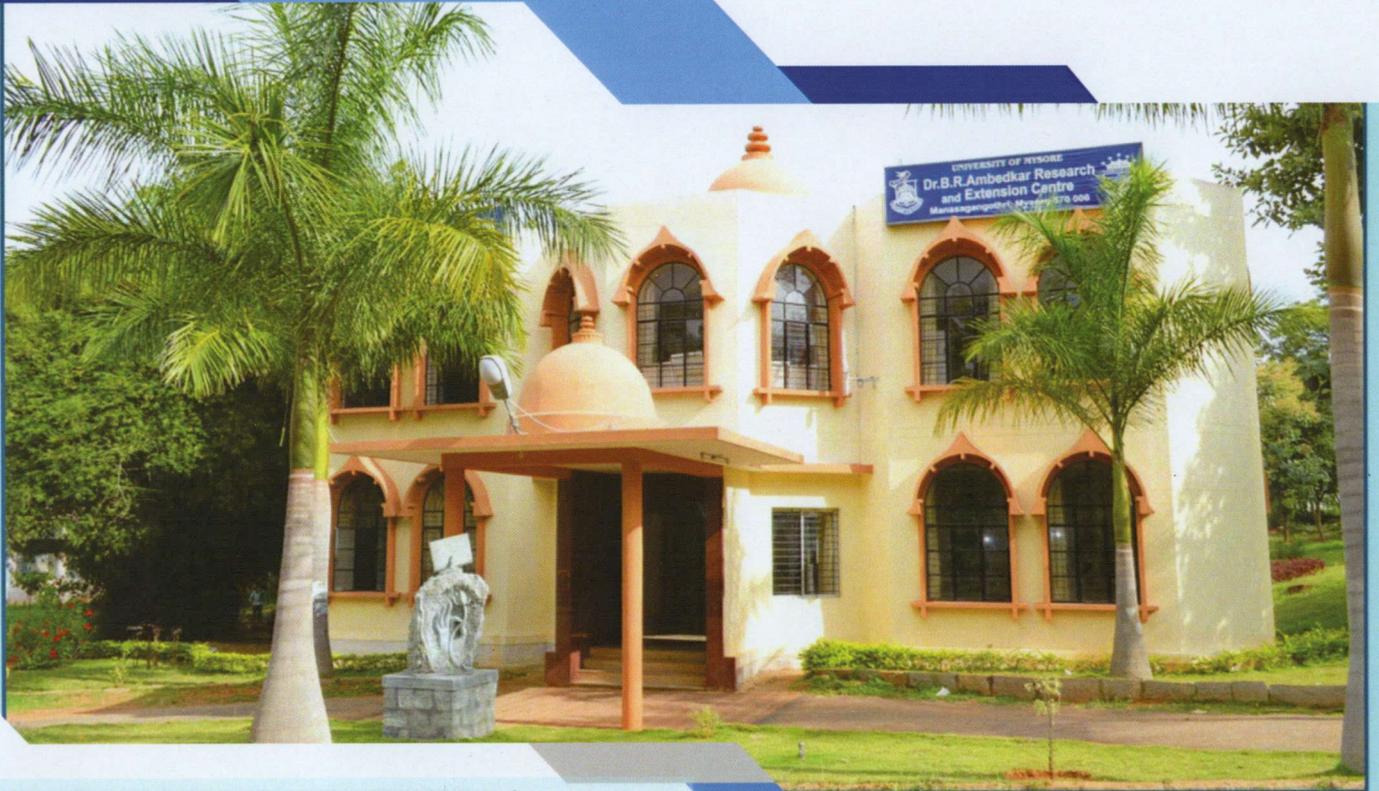




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DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR RESEARCH AND  
EXTENSION CENTRE



## Genesis

**BHARAT RATNA** Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, affectionately known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, was undoubtedly one of the most illustrious sons of India. He appeared on the Indian socio-political scene in the early 1920s and remained at the forefront of the social, cultural, religious economic and political transformation of India, till his mahaparinirvan. He was not favoured either by family fortune or political lineage. But by the sheer grit of his determination, hard work, supreme courage and self-less sacrifice, he withstood bitter political opposition and painful caste-discrimination to become the principal Architect of the Constitution of Independent India.

A fine statesman and mass leader, Dr. Ambedkar was also a pragmatic thinker and erudite scholar. Even while being fully engrossed in mass movements and living through times of political upheaval, he wrote remarkable treatises on Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, Politics, Law, Religion and Culture. This is clearly the mark of a true intellectual. All his struggles, writings and speeches aimed at liberating mankind from the oppressive elements. He sought to establish a democratic society. Recognizing his service, leadership and the contribution to the knowledge society, the world today has aptly declared him a *symbol of knowledge*.

As a first step, the University of Mysore had constituted Dr. Ambedkar Chair in 1994 on the occasion of commemorating its Platinum Jubilee Celebration. The Chair was established to spread and inculcate the principles and tenets of this great leader among students and the young men and women of this country. In 2000, the University expanded the research and extension activities on Bharatha Rathna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. As a result, this Centre was established.

Sri.V.Srinivasa Prasad, Member of Parliament and former Union and state Minister, and a committed Ambedkarist, made a wholehearted contribution for the construction of an independent building for the Centre. The Centre received Rs. 30 lakhs from Dr. Beatrix D' Souza an the anglo-Indian MP from MP Local Area Development Fund (Chennai) This was upon the request of Sri. V. Srinivasa Prasad.



Dr. Beatrix D' Souza



Sri V. Srinivasa Prasad Hon'ble Union Minister for Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Inaugurating the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre. Vice Chancellor Prof. S. N. Hegde and Honorary Director M.B. Jayashankar were present - 12/11/2000.

## Infrastructure

**Library:** The Centre has its own library consisting of primary and secondary sources on Ambedkar Studies. Various authoritative works on social issues are also available. The collections of the Constituent Assembly



Debates, copy of the Constitution of India and Reports of National commission for Scheduled castes and Scheduled tribes have increased the uniqueness of the library. Research Scholars, students and faculty from different disciplines are regular visitors. Nearly 6500 books, 100 photo albums, 400 audio cassettes, 100 CDs, besides a few journals are readily available to the users. The present library in the coming year will be shifted to the new Jnanadharshan building which is special designed for a good library.

**Computer Lab:** The students of P.G. Diploma in Ambedkar studies learn “Computer Fundamentals and Office Automation” as one of their courses. To benefit them, the Centre started a computer lab which caters to their need. The theory and practical classes have boosted the confidence of students. The research scholars are given computers to execute the research work. The Centre is in its third phase of construction. It is planning the expansion of computer lab. This lab will soon be open to the marginalised sections of the society. Our object is to empower them with knowledge.



## Vishwajvani Auditorium

The Centre is known for its activities in educating students, scholars, people from the marginalised sections and activists on Ambedkar’s thoughts and vision. We felt the need for an independent auditorium to carry out these activities. Sri.V.Srinivasa Prasad took up the task of mobilizing the resources. He was successful in getting grants from Sri H.Vishwanath Member of Parliament and from Mysore Urban Development Authority. Sri C.H. Vijaya Shankar, former Minister, was also helpful in this endeavor. IOA grants of University of Mysore and the magnanimous support of the Vice Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar helped in getting the work completed. The auditorium, with the seating capacity of nearly 300, is engaged in disseminating the vision and mission of Dr.Ambedkar centre.



## Construction of Jnanadarshana - Library, Museum and Dalit Documentation Centre

The third phase of construction which involves Library, Museum and Dalit Documentation Centre is under progress.

The estimate of nearly Rs 700 lakhs will be met by the Government of Karnataka and University of Mysore.



Blue Print of Jnanadarshana



Buddha vandan at the Shilanayasa of Jnanadarshana by Bhanthe Bodhidatta, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha kumar and Former Minister Dr H.C. Mahadevappa - 02-03-2020

### Courses Offered:

1. Ph.D in Ambedkar Studies
2. M.A. in Ambedkar Studies
3. Open Elective Papers
4. P.G. Diploma in Ambedkar Studies
5. Certificate Course on Ambedkar Studies

### Pioneering work

1. The Centre is the first in the nation to have an independent building constructed from Rs. 30 lakhs from MPLAD fund of Dr. Beatrix D’Souza an Anglo-Indian M.P. from Chennai.
2. First in the nation to offer M.A. in Ambedkar Studies from the academic year 2018-19
3. First in the nation to offer M.Phil in Ambedkar Studies under fully SFS
4. First in the nation to have organized a mammoth Conference on “March of Dalit Youths Towards Equality” in association with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Dhamma Deeksha Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

5. First in the nation to felicitate Doctorate Degree Holders from SC/ST category on the Birth Anniversary Day of Ambedkar in collaboration with SC/ST Cell, UOM
6. First in the nation to invite school children every year on Ambedkar's Mahaparinirvan day to witness the photo exhibition on Ambedkar
7. **Equality Sculpture Park** – The sculptures are based on History of Equality Movement in India. 12 sculptures are displayed on the premises of the Centre in collaboration with Social Welfare Department and Karnataka Shilpakala Academy, Government of Karnataka.
8. **SPARSHA (Paintings based on Ambedkar Thoughts) 2015**. 35 paintings are exhibited at the Centre in collaboration with Social Welfare Department, Karnataka Chitrakala Academy, Government of Karnataka.
9. DD1 Chandana broadcast one-hour special programme on the achievements of Ambedkar Studies on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

## Activities of the Centre

• National Seminars	: 06
• State Level Seminars	: 27
• Special Lectures in Extension Programmes	: 102
• Open Discussion	: 30
• Workshops	: 17
• Conferences	: 06
• Extension Programmes	: 31
• Memorable Programmes	: 10
• Book Release Programmes	: 07
• Unveiling the secret of Black magic programmes	: 02
• Screening of Movie	: 09
• Poet Summit	: 01

## Research Activities

The Centre proposes to undertake major research initiatives on Ambedkar and related areas like women, minorities, tribal studies, culture and labour. At present, the Centre has following ongoing research activities.

- Dalit Leadership in Indian Politics
- Panchayat Raj Institutions
- Dalit Literature
- Culture
- Education
- Women and Child
- Safai Karmacharis
- Land, Folklore

## Research Projects completed

- Soligas of B. R. Hills: Ethnography and Ayurvedic Practices, Funded by Karnataka Forest Department, Government of India (2006)
- Special lecture Series conducted at Social Welfare Department Hostels, Funded by Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka (2006)
- A Survey on Socio-Economic Background of Life imprisonment prisoners of Mysore Central Jail (2009)
- A Study on the availability of burrial ground for Dalits (Special Reference to Mysore District) funded by UGC, 2011
- A Study on Land Ownership for Dalits : Ambedkar Development Corporation (Mysore, Mandya,

- Hassan and Chamarajanagar Districts) Funded by UGC, 2012
- A Study on Socio-Cultural of Kappe Holeya Community, Funded by University of Mysore under Minor Research Project, 2012.
- A Study on Graduation Hostels of Chamarajanagar District
- A Study on Status of Women Pourakarmikas of Mandya City Corporation
- A Study on the Practices of Ravana Tradition in South Karnataka
- A study on Inclusive character of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Co-operative organisation of Chamarajanagar District
- A Study on Empowerment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe women community under Udyogini Plan of Hunsur Taluk and its impacts
- A Study on the impacts of Anna Bhagya Plan of Yelandur Taluk in Chamarajanagar Districts
- A Study on the status of Land losers for Developmental plans in Mysore urban Hinkal Gram Panchayat Limit of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

### Ongoing Research Projects Funded by the Government of Karnataka

- **Kambalapalli Narmedha: Ondhu Adhyayana**
  - Researcher : Dr. C. S. Dwarakanath
  - Principal Investigator : Prof. J. Somashekar
  - Budget : Rs. 5,95,0000/-
- **Footsteps of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in Karnataka**
  - Researcher : N.S. Shankar
  - Principal Investigator : Basavaraja Devanoora
  - Budget : Rs. 7,76,000/-
- **Atrocity against Dalit Women in Mysore, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar Districts**
  - Research Assistants : Dr. Kalavathi. H.K and Dr. Gopala. S (Appointed by University of Mysore)
  - Principal Investigator : Dr. S. Narendrakumar

### Faculty Profile:



#### Director

**Prof. J. Somashekar, M.A., Ph.D**

Area of Specialisation – Political Science and Ambedkar Studies

#### Awards:

1. Nada Chethana (Ranga Kalavidaru and Government of Karnataka) Extensive Research on Ambedkar's Thoughts
2. Award of Appreciation (Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Studies, Akola, Maharashtra) Extensive Research on Ambedkar's Thoughts

**Ph.D. Awarded: 12**

**Books: 08**

**M.Phil Awarded: 36**

**Research Articles: 33**

### Position Held:

Sl.No	Designation and Place	Year
1	Director, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore	2003 to 2013
2	Acting Vice Chancellor, Vijayanagara Srikrishnadevaraya University, Bellary	November 12, 2014 to March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
3	Dean – Social Science, Vijayanagara Srikrishnadevaraya University, Bellary	2013-15, Feb 2019 to July 2019
4	Syndicate Member, Vijayanagara Srikrishnadevaraya University, Bellary	2013-14
5	Academic Council Member, Vijayanagara Srikrishnadevaraya University, Bellary	2013-15, 2018-19
6	Special Officer – SC/ST Cell, Vijayanagara Srikrishnadevaraya University, Bellary	2013-15

7	Chairman, DOS in Political Science, Vijayanagara Srikrishnadevaraya University, Bellary,	2013-15
8	Text Book Committee Member, Government of Karnataka	2014-15
9	Registrar (Admn), Kuvempu University, Shimoga	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> 2015 to Jan 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
10	Registrar (Evaluation), University of Mysore, Mysore	Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 to Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019
11	Director, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore	Sept 26, 2019 to till date
12	Editor, my SOCIETY Journal, University of Mysore, Mysuru	October 25, 2019
13	Nodal officer, Karnataka State, 70 <sup>th</sup> Constitutional Day Committee, UGC, New Delhi	2019-2020
14	Member, Internal Quality Assessment Cell ISEC Bangaluru.	2021



**Dr. S. Narendrakumar, M.A. Ph.D - Associate Professor**

Areas of Specialisation – Kannada Literature, Ambedkar Studies

**Book Award – 2011 – Book Name- ‘Bodhinelada Mathu’** Karnataka Dalit

Sahitya Parishat, State Unit, Gadag

**M.Phil Awarded : 25, Ph.D. Awarded : 05, General Articles: 35, Books: 05, Edited Volumes: 08**

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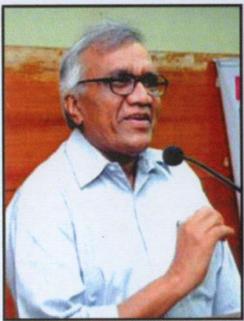
**Former Honorary Director: From 2000-2003**

**Sri. M. B. Jayashankar, B.E. F.I.E – (2000-2003) Books Published:**

1. Arivina Bhaskara - 2003
2. Madhyamadalli Srinivasa Prasad - 2005, 2007, 2016
3. Dalitha Darpana (Adhunka Vachana Sankalana) 2006
4. Boosa Sahitya Endha Maatu - 2010

**Awards: 1. Mysore Jilla Sahitya Parishat Rajyotsava Award - 2008**

### Visiting Professors of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Chair



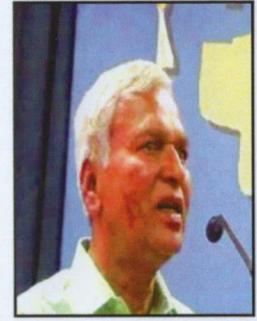
**Prof. Gopal Guru**  
1995 to 1996



**K.T.Shivaprasad**  
June 2008 to Nov 2008  
Aug 2009 to Feb 2010



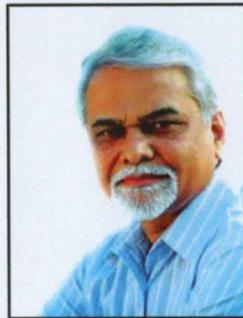
**Prof. M.N.Javaraiah**  
Sept 2011 to Aug 2012



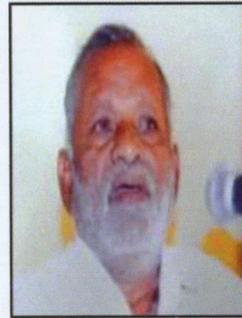
**S. Mariswamy I.P.S. (Rtd)**  
Sept 2012 to Aug 2013



**Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara**  
Nov 2013 to Dec 2015



**Dr. Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy**  
Apr 2016 to Apr 2017



**N. Venkatesh**  
Sept 2017 to Sept 2018



**Sri Basavaraja Devanoora**  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 to till date

The Centre is also supported by 5 Guest faculty

## Post Doctoral Fellows:

1. Dr. D. J. Shashikumar - From 03-10-2012 to 03-10-2017 (Forenoon)  
Title: The Politics of Inclusiveness: Gender Representation in Karnataka Legislature
2. Dr. N. Ningaiah - From 13-09-2013 to 11-09-2018  
Title: Inclusive of Dalits in Urban Co-operative Banks: A Study of Mysore and Gulbarga Districts
3. Dr. Padmashree. T - From 10-12-2019 to 09-12-2021  
Title: A Critical Study on the Living Conditions of the Safai Karmacharis in the Mysore and Mangalore City Corporation

## Publications of the Centre

### Book's Publication of the Centre (03)

1. Abhimukhi (2005) – Editors – Dr. J. Somashekar and Dr. S. Narendrakumar
2. Marali Manege (2006) – Chief Editor – Dr. Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy, Editorial Manager - Dr.J.Somashekar, Editors: Devanoora Mahadeva, Prof. H.Govindaiah, Prof. Aravinda Malagatti, Dr. S. Thukaram
3. Bahushruthathe(2010) – Editors – Dr. J. Somashekar and Dr. S. Narendrakumar

## Forthcoming Publications

1. On Reservation - Collection of articles presented at the National Seminar on 100 years of Reservation.
2. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Contemporary Indian Economy, Collection of articles presented at the National Seminar
3. Dalitara Abhivruddhige Olagolluva Belavanigegala Chintane Mathu Saadhyathegalu
4. Horaatada sagarakke Savilladha nadhi : Dr.Siddalingaiah

## Glimpses of the Activities



Prof. Siddalingaiah and Prof. Aravinda Malagatti at the Samatha Shilpa Udyan - 04-11-2014



Prof. K. S. Rangappa Vice Chancellor felicitating Ph.D Degree candidates on the occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's 124th Birth Anniversary Celebration - 14-04-2015



Honorable Revenue Minister Sri. V. Srinivasa prasad, Noted Litterateur Devanoora Mahadeva and Sri Narayana, Chairman, Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission at the inauguration of State level seminar on Safai Karmacharies - 28-02-2015



Noted Economist Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Member of Parliament and Former Member, Planning Commission of India delivering the Special lecture on Contribution of Ambedkar to Nation Building - 21-09-2016



Dignitaries at the programme on Identity of secular communities in the Education and Employment Sector - 22-04-2017



Peasant leader and MLA K. S. Puttanaiah delivering the inaugural address on Contemporary Issues - 16-09-2017



Prof. Ravivarmakumar inaugurating the play on Constituent Assembly Debates - 27-09-2017



Delegates at the Contemporary Issues on Reservation - 28-12-2017



Smt Indira Krishnappa speaking on the occasion of 62nd Dhamma Deeksha Celebration - 14-10-2018



Former Justice H. N. Nagamohan Das delivering the lecture on Awareness and Importance of the Indian Constitution - 06-03-2019



Prof. G. Hemanthakumar inaugurating the Photo Exhibition of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Life and Mission on the occasion of 63rd Mahaparinirvan Day. Students of Vidyashram PU College at the Photo Exhibition - 06-12-2019



Prof. G. Hemanthakumar, Vice Chancellor University of Mysore inaugurating the Vishwajvani Auditorium 07-02-2020

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