

## Curtain Raiser

### **One Day National Conference on Transformative Justice: Dr. Ambedkar's Legacy in Lawyering, Advocacy, and Constitutional Reforms**

**On 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**, Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Symbiosis Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and Research (SCALSAR) in collaboration with Symbiosis Centre for Ambedkar Studies, Symbiosis International University (SIU), are organizing a One-Day National Conference on “*Transformative Justice: Dr. Ambedkar's Legacy in Lawyering, Advocacy, and Constitutional Reforms.*”

The Conference aims to delve into Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's multifaceted contributions to law and social justice, exploring his role as a lawyer, jurist, social reformer, and principal architect of the Indian Constitution. Through this event, students, Ph.D. scholars, faculty members, and legal professionals from across the country will engage in deliberations and paper presentations that examine Dr. Ambedkar's legal battles, activism for caste and civil rights, and his substantial impact on constitutional reforms.

The conference seeks to inspire legal professionals by highlighting Dr. Ambedkar's advocacy for marginalized communities and his enduring influence on contemporary legal practices. By understanding his legacy, participants will gain valuable insights into the ongoing relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's principles, ideology, philosophy, and vision for promoting justice, equality, and social transformation.

The event will be graced by Prof. **(Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur**, *Fulbright Scholar*, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International University, and Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC Lamp co-funded by EU). The felicitation of dignitaries will be done by Mrs. Sanjivani Majumdar, Honorary Director, Babasaheb Ambedkar Memorial and Museum, Pune. The keynote address will be delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor and Professor of Law, Maharashtra National University, Mumbai. For the Plenary Session, Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Choudhary, Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Symbiosis Centre for Ambedkar Studies, Symbiosis International University, Pune, Dr. Ramratan V. Dhumal, Associate Professor, Ajeenkya D. Y. Patil University, Pune, and Dr. Harish Wankhede, Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, will be speaking on various themes of the conference.

The event is anticipated to enrich the academic experience and foster a deeper commitment to public-spirited lawyering among students and scholars. The conference will offer a premier research and deliberative platform for students pursuing Five-Year B.A/B.B.A LLB (Hons.), LLB, Ph.D., LLM, and other advanced degrees with a focus on Ambedkar Studies. The objective is to provide these students with a comprehensive understanding of Dr. Ambedkar's legacy and its relevance in today's legal and social context.

\*\*\*\*\*