

Dr. Ambedkar Centre for the Studies of Human Rights

School of Humanities & Social Sciences,

Gautam Buddha University

About the Centre

The Dr. Ambedkar Centre for the Studies of Human Rights has been a unique Centre of Excellence of Gautam Buddha University right from the time of its inception. The Centre of Excellence aims at spreading the gospel and promoting the idea of Human Rights through the prism of Greatest Scholar of all times, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. How to inculcate into the mind of the students, teachers and citizens with ideas of Human Rights and Human Dignity as perceived by Dr. Ambedkar has been the focal area of study of the Centre. By virtue of being human, we all have certain basic rights and liberties which have been bestowed on us naturally. These basic rights and liberties shall have to be entitled to all the citizens of the country irrespective of their caste, colour, creed, community and place of birth. When the Constitution of India was framed, these natural rights and liberties were placed in the Fundamental Rights Section and thus, got guaranteed by the state. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, struggled relentlessly to bring about changes in social, political, economic, cultural and religious aspects of life of the citizens of the country which were otherwise stagnant and had to live in a strict form of social gradation. But Dr. Ambedkar questioned the status quo and authored the Constitution of India wherein, he included all the basic human rights as fundamental rights under Arts 12 to 35. He not only rescued many illiterates, poor, women, children, weak and marginalized people from the clutches of social stigma, political sabotage, economic handicap, cultural hegemony and religious bigotry but also began a new belief of justice, equality, liberty, fraternity and opportunity for all. The Centre is intended to undertake serious research works on Dr. Ambedkar's thought on law, liberty, equality, fraternity, human rights and human dignity. The Centre offers three important Programs of Study on M.A. Ph. D and Certificate Course respectively presently. Students are encouraged to study on Ambedkar Thought, Human Rights, Civil Liberty and Social Justice. The Dr. Ambedkar Centre for the Studies of Human Rights shall endeavor to serve as the Centre of scholarly writings, publications, debates and discussions, seminars, Talks and research works, community engagement and also explore the idea of social engineering in our society.

Objective of the Centre

Dr. Ambedkar Centre for Human Rights aims at providing a comprehensive platform for advanced studies in Human Rights and Duties, fostering diverse perspectives, valuable skills, and advanced knowledge among students. Through a flexible curriculum based on a Choice Based Credit System, students are empowered to choose electives from various disciplines, ensuring a well-rounded education conducive to diverse career opportunities in teaching and research. Striving for a balance between theoretical insights and practical relevance, the Centre emphasizes classical and advanced concepts, research methods, and perspectives in human rights, enabling students to critically analyze contemporary issues using scientific, logical methods, and theoretical frameworks. Furthermore, the Centre seeks to address a wide spectrum of social issues prevalent in India, including development, casteism, environment, minorities, women, and backward classes, equipping students with the necessary analytical tools to assess

social realities critically. Additionally, the Centre endeavors to illuminate the multifaceted contributions of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar beyond the understanding of his life and ideologies. By empowering learners to comprehend and sensitize towards marginalized groups and mainstreaming these concerns in societal practices, the Centre intended to cultivate awareness of Ambedkar's pivotal role in India's development, fostering responsiveness to constitutional means for societal welfare and instilling a deep appreciation for his legacy and its significance in shaping an inclusive nation.

Course Offered

Three courses have been approved by the Board of Studies (BoS) under the Dr. Ambedkar Centre for the Studies of Human Rights:

1. Ph. D. in Human Rights
2. Master of Arts (M.A.) in Human Rights
3. Certificate Programme on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Life and Thought

Out of the above, Ph. D. in Human Rights and M.A. in Human Rights have been advertised for the academic session (2025-26).



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Educational Qualifications: M.A., M. Phil., Ph.D. (JNU), LL.B., (DU), New Delhi.

Area of Specialization: Political Science and International Relations, Law and Governance, Constitution, Legislation, Security, Liberty, Public Policy and Political Thought.

Total Teaching Experience: 22 Years.

Ph. D. in Human Rights

S. No.	Course Code	Course Name	Optional/ Compulsory	Credit	Mode of Evolution
1.	DHR 801	Philosophy and Methods in Social Sciences	Compulsory	04	Examination
2.	DHR 802/RPE 601	Research and Publication Ethics	Compulsory	02	Examination
3.	DHR 803	Democratic Governance and Human Rights in India: Theory and Practices	Compulsory	04	Examination
4.	DHR 804	Seminar Paper	Compulsory	02	Examination

			Total Credit	12	Submission of a write up of a mini research report (of not more than 6000 words) on a research related topic and Class presentation
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Master of Arts (M.A.) in Human Rights

Semester	Core Courses	Choice Board Courses (Elective)	Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)	Project and Viva-voce	Total No of Papers	No of Credits	Total Credits
I	4	1	1	-	4+1+1=6	(4X4)+3+3	22
II	4	1	-	-	4+1=5	(4X4)+1x3	19
III	4	1	1	-	4+1+1=6	(4X4)+3+3	22
IV	3	1	-	1	3+1+1=5	(3x4)+(1x3)+(1x6)	21
Number of Papers	15	4	2	1	22	-	84
Total Credits	15x4=60	4x3=12	2x3=6	1x6=6	-	-	84



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Human Rights and Duties

Course Structure

S. No.	Course Code	Paper Title	Credits
1.	MHR-501	Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights: History and Theory	4

2.	MHR-503	International Organisations and Normative Provisions for Human Rights	4
3.	MHR-505	State, Democracy, Political Theory and Human Rights	4
4.	MHR-507	Social Justice and Human Rights in India	4
		Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the following)	
5.	MHR-509	Human Rights of Women & Child	3
6.	MHR-511	Role of Media in Protection and Enforcement of Human Rights	3
		Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course	
7.	MHR-513	Rights and Duties	3
		Total	22
8.	MHR-502	Constitutional Provisions and Human Rights in India	4
9.	MHR-504	Human Rights: Indian Perspectives	4
10	MHR-506	Dr Ambedkar's Perspectives on Human Rights	4
11	MHR-508	Public Policy and Human Rights in India	4
		Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)	
12	MHR-510	Humanitarian Laws and Economy	3
13	MHR-512	Right to Education and Health	3
		Total	19
14	MHR-601	Environmental Governance, Sustainable Development and Human Rights	4
15	MHR-603	Globalisation, Development and Human Rights	4
16	MHR-605	Human Rights, Social Movements and Civil Society	4
17	MHR-607	Politics of Disability and Human Rights	4
		Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course	
18	MHR-609	Research Methodology	3
		Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)	
19	MHR-611	Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants	3
20	MHR-613	Science, Technology and Human Rights	3
		Total	22
21	MHR-602	Democratic State and Human Rights	4
22	MHR-604	Gender Justice and Human Rights	4
23	MHR-606	Inclusion and Human Rights: A Debate	4
24	MHR-608	Dissertation	6
		Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)	
25	MHR-610	Disaster Management in India	3
26	MHR-612	Human Rights and Criminal Justice System in India	3
		Total	21

Certificate Programme on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Life and Thought

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Name	Optional/Compulsory	Credit
1	CBA 101	B.R. Ambedkar: A Thinker, Life and His Times	Compulsory	4
2	CBA 102	Political Thought of B R Ambedkar	Compulsory	4
3	CBA 103	Economic Thought of B R Ambedkar	Compulsory	4
4	CBA 104	B.R. Ambedkar Thought on Society and Culture	Compulsory	4
			Total Credit	16

Other Perspective Faculties

Department of Political Science and I. R.:

- Dr. Pankaj Deep
- Dr. V. K. Mishra
- Dr. A. K. Singh
- Dr. Gitesh Kumar
- Dr. Saumya Sisodia
- Dr. Deepak Kumar
- Dr. Rohit Kumar
- Dr. Rajesh Verma
- Dr. Shivani Rai
 - Mr. Arpan Banerjee

Faculties of Law:

- Dr. K. K. Dwivedi
- Dr. Rama Sharma
- Dr. P. C. Dilare
- Dr. Mamta Sharma
- Dr. Satish Chandra

Past and Forthcoming Events

1. Celebrate the 133rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on April 14th, 2024, at the university. The occasion has done feature a public lecture/talk on Dr. Ambedkar's life and works.
2. The centre is going to celebrate the 134th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on April 14, 2025, at the university.