

# Dr. Ambedkar Centre for the Studies of Human Rights

School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University

# ABOUT THE CENTRE

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- The Dr. Ambedkar Centre for Human Rights stands as a beacon of justice and equality, established in the year 2022. Named after the iconic social reformer and architect of India's constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the center embodies his principles of social justice and human rights. Dedicated to advancing knowledge, advocacy, and action in the field of human rights, the center serves as a platform for scholarly discourse, research, and community engagement.
- Objective of the Centre: Dr. Ambedkar Centre for Human Rights aims to provide 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, research, and . 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 constitutional architecture, fostering a comprehensive 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 aims 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.

# COURSES OFFERED

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

1. PhD in Human Rights
2. Master of Arts (MA) in Human Rights
3. Certificate Programme on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Life and Thought

- Out of the above, PhD in Human Rights and MA in Human Rights have been advertised for the academic session (2024-25).

# PhD in Human Rights

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Optional/Compulsory</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Mode of Evaluation</b>
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		02	Submission of a write up of a mini research report (of not more than 6000 words) on a research related topic and Class presentation
			<b>Total Credit</b>	<b>12</b>	

# Master of Arts (MA) in Human Rights

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



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**Course Structure**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
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
		<b>Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the following)</b>	
5	MHR-509	Human Rights of Women & Child	3
6	MHR-511	Role of Media in Protection and Enforcement of Human Rights	3

		<b>Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course</b>	
7	MHR-513	Rights and Duties	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>
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
		<b>Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)</b>	
12	MHR-510	Humanitarian Laws and Economy	3
13	MHR-512	Right to Education and Health	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>
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
		<b>Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course</b>	
18	MHR-609	Research Methodology	3
		<b>Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)</b>	
19	MHR-611	Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants	3
20	MHR-613	Science, Technology and Human Rights	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>
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
		<b>Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)</b>	
25	MHR-610	Disaster Management in India	3
26	MHR-612	Human Rights and Criminal Justice System in India	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

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

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Optional/Compulsory</b>	<b>Credit</b>
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
			<b>Total Credit</b>	<b>16</b>

# FACULTY OF THE CENTRE

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Dr Pankaj Deep, a Ph.D. graduate from Jawaharlal Nehru University, specializes in Tribal Governance, focusing on Odisha. His research interests encompass public policy, social justice, and governance challenges in India.



## Research and Publications in 2023:

### Articles:

1. "Multi-layered Exclusion in Premier Higher Education Institutions of India" (co-author), Higher Education, Vol. 86, September 2023, The International Journal of Higher Education Research, Springer. (UGC Care and Scopus).
2. Forced Migration, Issues of Livelihood and Policy Response to Vulnerability of the Migrant Labourers: A Field View from Odisha, Journal of Governance and Public Policy, Vol. 13, No.01, January - June 2023.

# PROSPECTIVE FACULTIES

## Department of Political Science and IR:

- Dr. Pankaj Deep
- Dr. V. K. Mishra
- Dr. A. K. Singh
- Dr. C B Bharas
- Dr. Jitendra Singh
- Dr. Hamid Rasool
- Dr. Saumya Sisodia
- Dr. Rachit Srivastava

- Dr. Jitesh Kumar
- Rajesh Verma
- Shivani Rai

## Faculties of Law:

- Dr. K. K. Dwivedi
- Dr. Rama Sharma
- Dr. P. C. Dilare
- Dr. Mamta Sharma
- Dr. Satish Chandra
- Dr. S. K. Tiwari
- Gaurav Yadav

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. Celebrate the 133rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on April 14, 2024, at the university. The occasion will feature a public lecture/talk on Dr. Ambedkar's life and works, along with quiz and debate competitions.
2. Organize a Ten-day Research Methodology Course for social science researchers in early May 2024.