

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE


<b>Name of the event</b>	<b>Guest Lecture</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>Title of the program</b>	<b>“Dr.B.R.Ambekar’s thought on Women Empowerment”</b>
<b>Resource Person</b>	<b>Dr.Eranna, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Government First Grade College, Bagepalli</b>
<b>Total Number of participants</b>	<b>72 [BA HEP Students]</b>

Department of Political Science, mLAC organized an online guest lecture on the topic **“Dr.B.R.Ambekar’s thought on Women Empowerment”** on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The participants comprised of Political science faculty, Principal, Teaching faculties of mLAC and students of B.A [HEP & HES].

Ms.Lakshmi.S, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, mLAC welcomed the gathering and introduced the speaker to audience. Dr. Shashikala A, principal, mLAC addressed the gathering and welcomed the speaker.



**MAHARANI LAKSHMI AMMANI COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS)**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
ORGANIZES  
**GUEST LECTURE**  
**On the topic**  
**“Dr.B R AMBEDKAR’S THOUGHTS ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT”**  
On 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 11 a.m



**Presided by:**  
Dr. Shashikala A  
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**Resource Person:**  
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Via: Zoom Meet

Dr.Eranna, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Government First Grade College, and Bagepalli prefaced his presentation with Ambedkar’s quote *“I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved”*.

The speaker presented the vision of Dr. Ambedkar about women which is explicitly depicted in Indian Constitution. Gender Equality is strongly backed by the constitution through articles 14, 15 and 16. He also highlighted on Ambedkar's thoughts on laying down the foundation of social justice and there cannot be social justice without gender equality. Dr. Ambedkar stressed on education for the progress of women and our country. With a deep faith in their emancipation, Ambedkar advised: *'Give education to your children'*.

The speaker viewed that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's approach to women's right was exclusively different from other social reformers like Jyothiba Phule, Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Mahatma Gandhi. And also viewed that Ambedkar in order to secure the goal of making a society based on social justice he gave equal status to women on par with men by providing many provisions in the Indian Constitution. The Preamble of Indian Constitution guarantees social and economic justice to women and that is because of Ambedkar's contribution.

Dr. Eranna, the speaker explained how women enjoyed a very high position but gradually their position degenerated. Women empowerment is a multi-faceted, multi-dimensional and multi-layered concept.

The speaker also threw light on Ambedkar's view on women's oppression, social democracy, caste and Hindu social order and philosophy. For Indian women's movement Ambedkar provides a powerful source of inspiration. Ambedkar saw women as the victims of the oppressive caste-based and rigid hierarchical social system.

The Speaker concluded by saying that Dr. Ambedkar's idea about the rights and development of women are still valid in the present scenario.