



# BHEEM SAPTAH

Celebrating Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's  
135th Birth Anniversary

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

08 April to 14 April 2026



Date	Time & Venue	Session / Event	Details
08 April 2026	4:00 PM Onwards Convention Centre, Auditorium 1	Inaugural Session	<p><b>Chief Guest:</b> <b>Shri Kishor Makwana</b> <i>Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Castes</i></p> <p><b>Prof. L.C. Mallaiah</b> <i>Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dravidian University, Andhra Pradesh</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit</b> <i>Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JNU, New Delhi</i></p> <p><b>Coordinator:</b> Prof. Kedar Singh <i>(Director, R&amp;D, JNU)</i></p> <p><b>Co-coordinator:</b> Prof. Vivek Kumar <i>(Dean, SSS, JNU)</i></p>
09 April 2026	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM SSS 1 Committee Room	<b>Lecture 1:</b> <b>Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar:</b> <b>The Academician</b>	<p><b>1. Prof. Manoj Kumar Jena (CSSS, JNU)</b> <i>Discussant: Prof. Shuchi Yadav (CMS, JNU)</i></p> <p><b>2. Dr. Jyoti Atwal (CHS, JNU)</b> <i>Discussant: Prof. Sanghamitra Acharya (CSMCH, JNU)</i></p>
	2:30 PM – 5:30 PM SSS 1 Committee Room	<b>Lecture 2:</b> <b>Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar:</b> <b>The Academician</b>	<p><b>1. Prof. Gurram Srinivas (CSSS, JNU)</b> <i>Discussant: Dr. Pradeep Shinde (CISLS, JNU)</i></p> <p><b>2. Dr. Suresh Babu (ZHCES, JNU)</b> <i>Discussant: Dr. Ratheesh P. K. (CSSS, JNU)</i></p>
10 April 2026	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM SSS 1 Committee Room	<b>Research Scholars' Symposium</b> <b>Session I</b>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Milind Awad (CES, SLLCS JNU)</p> <p><b>1. Dr. Sarvpriya Raj (CSSS, JNU)</b> <i>Conceptualising the Migration of Ravidasia Community from Punjab</i></p> <p><b>2. Snehashish Das (CSSS, JNU)</b> <i>Theoretical &amp; Philosophical Framework for Studying Anti-Caste Movement</i></p> <p><b>3. Dr. Swati Suna (University of Sydney)</b> <i>Ambedkar, Equity, and Limits of Reform in Universities</i></p> <p><b>4. Vaibhav Kharat (DSE, DU)</b> <i>Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Philosophy of Public Sociology in India</i></p>

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	<p><b>11:30 PM – 1:00 PM</b> SSS 1 Committee Room</p>	<p><b>Research Scholars' Symposium</b> <b>Session II</b></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Nemthiangai Guite (CSMCH, JNU)</p> <p><b>1. Jaiwant Murmu</b> (CSSI, JNU) <i>Towards Inclusive Education for Tribal Learners through Culturally Relevant Pedagogy</i></p> <p><b>2. Yogendra Kumar</b> (DSE, DU) <i>Reframing Knowledge: Philosophical Approaches to Perspective from Below</i></p> <p><b>3. Manmeet Randhawa</b> (CSSS, JNU) <i>Neighbourhood of Potters in Urban Villages of Delhi</i></p> <p><b>4. Alyaka Aftab</b> (CSSS, JNU) <i>Mapping Exclusions Among Muslims in Indian Cities — A Case of Kolkata</i></p>
	<p><b>2:30 PM – 4:30 PM</b> SSS 1 Committee Room</p>	<p><b>Research Scholars' Symposium</b> <b>Session III</b></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Prof. Sigamani Panneer (CSLG, JNU)</p> <p><b>1. Dr. Akanksha Verma</b> (CSSS, JNU) <i>Equality Before Nation: Ambedkar's Inclusive Vision of Nationalism</i></p> <p><b>2. Akanksha Shahi</b> (CSSS, JNU) <i>Reimagining Prostitution from the Margins: A Case Study of the Banchhada Community in Madhya Pradesh</i></p> <p><b>3. Amit Gautam</b> (CSSS, JNU) <i>From 'Martial Race' to Modern Martyr: An Ambedkarite Perspective on Military Identity</i></p> <p><b>4. Raam Singh</b> (CES, SIS, JNU) <i>Structural Similarities and Everyday Discrimination among Dalits in India and Roma in Europe</i></p> <p><b>5. Amratha Lekshmi</b> (CSSS, JNU) <i>Theorizing Leisure as an Anti-Caste Praxis</i></p> <p><b>6. Sharvari R. Patil</b> (CSSS, JNU) <i>Cultural Democracy &amp; Tamasha Performance: Dr. Ambedkar's Vision of Social Justice</i></p>
<p><b>11 April 2026</b></p>	<p><b>11:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b> SSS 1 Committee Room</p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion 1</b> <b>Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and His Production of Knowledge</b></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Prof. Rabindra Kumar (IGNOU)</p> <p><b>1. Dr. Vinod Arya</b> <i>Asst. Professor, Central University of Punjab</i></p> <p><b>2. Dr. Neeraj Kumar</b> <i>Asst. Professor, Maitreyi College, Delhi University</i></p> <p><b>3. Dr. Sudhir Mhaske</b> <i>Asst. Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Delhi University</i></p> <p><b>4. Dr. Milind Dhaware</b> <i>Asst. Professor, CSAS, SIS, JNU</i></p>
	<p><b>2:30 PM – 4:30 PM</b> SSS 1 Committee Room</p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion 2</b> <b>Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and His Production of Knowledge</b></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Prof. Arvind Kumar (ABVSME, JNU)</p> <p><b>1. Dr. Sanjay Onkar Ingole</b> <i>Asst. Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia</i></p> <p><b>2. Dr. Komal Rajak</b></p>

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			<p><i>IISER, Mohali</i>  <b>3. Dr. Harish Chandra</b>  <i>Asst. Professor, PGDAV College, Delhi University</i>  <b>4. Dr. Sandeep Kumar Singh</b>  <i>Asst. Professor, CIPOD, SIS, JNU</i></p>
13 April 2026	<p><b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</b>                      Dean's Committee Room, SSS 2</p>	<p><b>Essay Competition</b>                      (Open to All JNU Students)</p>	<p><b>Co-ordinator: Dr. Milind Dhaware</b> (CSAS, SIS, JNU)  <b>Theme:</b>  <b>Dr. Ambedkar and His Knowledge Production</b></p>
	<p><b>10:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b>                      SSS 1 Committee Room</p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Dr. Ambedkar and Social Inclusion</b></p>	<p><b>Chair: S. N. Prasad</b> (Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, JNU)  <b>Co-Chair: Prof. Y. Chinna Rao</b> (Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, JNU)</p> <p><b>Prof. Gomati Bodra Hembrom</b>  <i>Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia</i>  <b>Dr. Pranav Kumar</b>  <i>Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, JNU</i>  <b>Dr. Veeragoni Shirisha</b>  <i>Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, JNU</i>  <b>Dr. Rosina Nasir</b>  <i>Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, JNU</i></p>
14 April 2026	<p><b>11:00 AM onwards</b></p>	<p><b>Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar</b>  <b>Jayanti Celebration</b></p>	<p><b>Floral Tribute to Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Statue</b></p>

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