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**66<sup>th</sup> Mahaparinirvana Diwas  
of  
Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**



**6<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Activities for the Day**

Floral Tribute : **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

Live DAIC Function  
(Prime Minister of India) : **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**www.daic.gov.in**

Display of DAF Schemes : **Entire Day**

7<sup>th</sup> Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture : **04:00 p.m.**

**Prof. Debi Chatterjee (<https://meet.google.com/cvy-gqpc-kqx>)**

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### 7<sup>th</sup> Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture Ambedkar's Vision of Democracy

6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Time- 4:00 P.M.



Google Meet

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#### Prof. Debi Chatterjee

Prof. Debi Chatterjee is a distinguished academician who superannuated as a professor in the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University. She was a visiting professor in the Department of Human Rights and Human Development, and in the Department of Political Science at Rabindra Bharati University. Also, she was a guest lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Human Rights, Department of Anthropology, Calcutta University. She holds a rich teaching experience of more than 31 years with specialisations such as Human Rights, Indian Society and Social Problems, Dalit Movements, Thought & Struggles Against Caste, Gender Issues, and Public Administration. Her major book titles include *Dalit Rights/Human Rights*, *Ideas and Movements Against Caste in India: Ancient to Modern Times*, *Up Against Caste: Comparative Study of Ambedkar and Periyar*, *Sociology of National Integration*, *Colour Volcano*, *Under my Dark Skin flows a Red River: Translations of Dalit Writings from Bengal*, *Democracy and Democratisation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The South Asian Experience*, and *Human Rights: Theory and Practice*. Apart from this, she is the editor/author of several academic writings in the form of articles, chapters and books. Currently, she is serving as the editor of an esteemed (bi-annual) Sage Journal (Contemporary Voice of Dalit) of which she is the founder editor since 2008.

#### Abstract: Ambedkar's Vision of Democracy

Indian democracy has traversed a long path for over more than seventy years. Yet even today the marginalization of the Dalit population is widely visible in the socio-economic and political spheres. Beyond the obvious, are the deep and subtle forms of marginalization calling for attention. In fact, since the early 1990s, violence against the Dalits has been escalating dramatically against the backdrop of the economic reforms associated with liberalization and privatization. Today, a relook at Ambedkar's ideas becomes imperative as India struggles with a plethora of mounting tribulations. For much of India's present-day problems, the panacea may well rest in Ambedkar's thoughts. His ideas of nationhood, politics, social justice, equity and economics are of great relevance today in moulding the future course of India's democracy. He needs to be seen not just as an icon of the marginalised castes, but as a champion of the rights of all marginalized people and a thoroughly equipped thinker who was committed to, and capable of contributing to the development of the modern Indian democratic state in a holistic sense.

#### Program:

Introductory Remarks	: Prof. Dhruva Kumar Bhattacharria, (Pro VC, TU)
Lecture	: Prof. Debi Chatterjee, JU
Chairperson	: Prof. Kedilezo Kikhi
Vote of Thanks	: Dr. D.R. Gautam

