

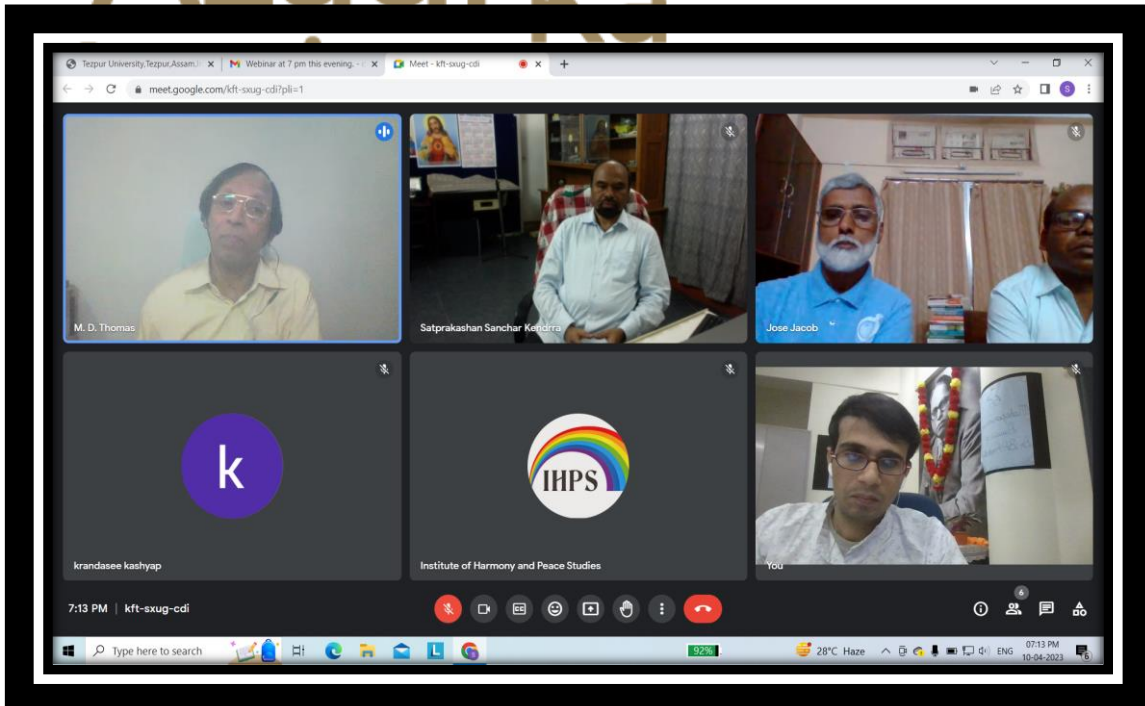
# 132<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary Celebration



## Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

(14<sup>th</sup> April 1891 - 6<sup>th</sup> December 1956)

Birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasahab Dr. B.R. Ambedkar coincides with festivities associated with harvest of crops in different parts of the country. In the state of Assam, it gets assimilated with the joy of Rangali Bihu with an inference towards prosperity for all the descendants. This year in 2023, it was 132<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary celebration providing new facet towards successful 75 years of liberation from colonial rule and to the newly earned credit of heading the G20. Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur university was proudly a part of the global celebrations organised towards birth anniversary of one of the greatest personalities belonging to India. Different activities were planned (in the form of a resource person and as organiser) to pay the gratitude towards babasahab on the university campus and beyond.



It began on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 when Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU, became part as a resource person towards the webinar conducted by Dr. K. Jose SVD, Sanskriti –

North Eastern Institute of Cultural Research, Guwahati. The webinar to commemorate 132<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar was held at 07:00 p.m. on the topic 'Dr Ambedkar 's Dream of Social and Economic Democracy - a work in progress' where four panellists were invited and Dr. D.R. Gautam from Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU was one among them. Dr. Gautam made a precise argument stating the importance of contributions by Dr. Ambedkar towards social and economic democracy in India while discussing the challenges in the way of progress. Emphasising the role of 'education' as envisaged by Dr. Ambedkar, he proposed the need for putting emphasis on education in undoing the existing socio-economic disparity.



On the auspicious day of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023, in the wake of ongoing Bihu festivities, a small program of paying floral tributes and expressing joy through distribution of sweets was organised. As per the schedule, the program began at 10:00 a.m. in the office of Dr. Ambedkar Chair (Room No. 299H, HSS Building) where the gathering of people (TU fraternity) was led by Dr. Biren Das, the registrar of the university. His gesture of paying the floral tribute was joyously emulated by the people present for the occasion that included faculty members, head, scholars, students and other staff members. Prior to that, Dr. D. R. Gautam, Assistant Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU, greeted everyone with good wishes on the birthday of Babasahb and for the occasion of Bihu, and invited the registrar to mark the beginning of the celebration. The gathering was later addressed by Dr. Biren Das who emphasised the contributions made by Dr. Ambedkar in all the fields of development and most importantly through the roadmap in the form of the Constitution which has withstood the numerous challenges posed at different

times. He felt that more sensitization programs should be organised to make people aware about the contributions made by Dr. Ambedkar and requested Dr. Ambedkar Chair to become instrumental in conducting activities that may spread education about Babasaheb who, according to him, was the true nation-builder unlike several other leaders of the national movement in India as Dr. Ambedkar was consistent about inclusion of all in the development process. His words shedding light about Babasaheb were keenly received by all those present especially by the scholars and students who came to pay homage on the occasion. This was followed by gesture revealing the joy and gaiety in the form of distribution of sweets. In a short span of two hours, there were more than 60 persons who turned up to express their gratitude towards Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 132<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary.



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