

## Ambedkar Study Circle (ASC), SLC (2018-19)

### Academic trip to Ambedkar Memorial Museum and Ambedkar Foundation on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

In response to the letter from Ministry of Social Justice, the ASC organized **an academic trip to Ambedkar Memorial Museum and Ambedkar Foundation** on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. The aim of the trip was to acquaint the students and teachers of SLC about the political journey and struggle through depictions at both these places. 42 students and 5 teachers from various courses and 2 non-teaching staffs joined the trip. The students visited **Ambedkar Memorial Museum situated at Alipur, Delhi** which is the *mahaparivan sthal* of Dr. Ambedkar. Here the students witnessed the architectural marvel of open-book shaped Museum dedicated to Dr. Ambedkar who spent his last day at this place. The place has been turned into Museum and had recently been inaugurated by the hon'ble Prime Minister in 2018. An original Constitution book at the ground floor was a marvel with evoked great reverence. The meditation hall had painting on the walls in which students could observe many important events displayed related to Dr. Ambedkar's life. They were displayed in grandeur alongwith gigantic display boards. In one of the pictures Dr. Ambedkar is shown sitting with his wife Ramabai and other family members including his pet Toby. In the upper storey of the museum the visitors could witness life-size statues such as Dr. Ambedkar handing over the constitution to the Constituent Assembly, Dr. Ambedkar contemplating under a Bodhi tree. The visitors also had an opportunity to see the study room of Dr. Ambedkar alongwith artefacts related to his works. The students also visited **Ambedkar Foundation at R.K. Puram, Delhi**. The Ambedkar Foundation is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and is one such centre established across the country dedicated for research on the ideas of Dr. Ambedkar. The visit helped students interested in Ambedkar's ideas and philosophy and wish to research on him to acquaint with this institution of eminence especially dedicated to researching on Dr. Ambedkar. The trip proved to be enlightening as well as enjoyable for all.

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