

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

128th Ambedkar Jayanti on 14.04.2019

The ASC commemorated the **128th Ambedkar Jayanti on 14th April, 2019** by organizing a talk on the occasion to emphasize upon the importance of the occasion. The eminent speakers invited were: **Dr. Neelam, Assistant Professor, Laxmi Bai College, Dr. Uma Kant, an independent scholar and Mr. Amar Singh, Former General Secretary, SC/ST Association, DU.** Mr. Sanoj Kumar, Convenor, ASC and Dr. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, SLC welcomed the eminent guests with bouquets and mementos. The program was anchored by Dr. Rajeshwari, member of ASC. The speakers eloquently brought our discrimination, prejudices and stereotyping faced by dalit community both male and females at different levels of Indian society including academics. **Dr. Neelam** expressed that dalit women are doubly subjugated by patriarchy. They faced exploitation not only by upper caste but also by dalit men. She also exemplified that Brahmanism as an ideology has pervaded Dalit Samaj as well and this has to be done away with. She reminiscenced some of her personal experiences to bring out the double discrimination suffered by dalit women. She suggested that dalit women should needs to educate and empower themselves to resist the discrimination. **Dr. Umakant** highlighted the discrimination in academics that how the idiosyncratic attitude of high caste academicians still view Dalits through their stereotypical mind set as socially and academically inferior. He also explained the problems faced by Dr. Ambedkar in drafting the constitution. He held that caste system has also afflicted dalits and there is hardly any inter-marriages among them. Social change cannot be brought in real terms unless caste system is done away with. **Mr. Amar Singh** also highlighted the discrimination of non-teaching staff by faculty. He brought out the discrimination through personal reminiscences. There were 40 students participated in this event, along with teacher and non-teaching staff. The session was followed by a question-answer session and thereafter, vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Rajkumar Prasad.

Mr. Sanoj Kumar

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