

Jawaharlal Nehru University

127th Birth Anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar

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JNU today celebrated the 127th Birth Anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar in the Convention Centre which was attended by a huge audience. This was the first occasion in JNU that an event to celebrate Dr. Ambedkar's Birth Anniversary was officially organised. The speakers on the occasion spoke of Dr. Ambedkar's contribution and his unparalleled service to modern India.

Prof. RP Singh, Rector, JNU, initiated the discussion by saying the lasting memory of Baba Saheb Ambedkar will be to focus on educational reform and expansion in India. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar, sat through the entire event and listened to the experts on Dr. Ambedkar. Prof RK Kale, former VC of Central University of Gujarat, said in his Keynote address that to fully realise Dr. Ambedkar's dream each university in India should have an Engineering School. And the JNU VC responded to this suggestion by informing the audience that JNU has started an Engineering School and the first batch of the students will join this July. He further said that Dr. Ambedkar stands tall in JNU, in both senses of the term, because the University Library, the tallest building on the campus, was last year named after him, and also because Dr. Ambedkar put great importance on books and libraries.

Prof. Vivek Kumar, Ambedkar Chair at JNU, said Dr. Ambedkar needed to be decoded in 21st Century India, because he was an inspiration for all sections of the Indian society. The Chief Guest for the occasion, the famous Agriculture Scientist, Dr. RS Kureel, emphasized on Indian mode of learning and thinking to usher in a real social change in our country. The VC assured the audience that we would make this event a regular feature in JNU's calendar.

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