

constructed a counter-narrative, often using pre-Aryan history (e.g., King Bali) to empower non-Brahmin communities.

• **Rational Humanism:** His advocacy for a "universal religion" based on equality and human dignity continues to be a blueprint for combating contemporary caste-based violence and discrimination.

• **Empowering the Powerless:** His emphasis on self-reliance, dignity of labor, and the use of literature/media (like *Deenbandhu*) to reach the masses remains a model for social activism. It is also an attempt of empowering those who have been completely neglected in the power structure and their lives have been a saga of exploitation and displacement.

b) Quiz and Essay Competition on Life and Work of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule :

These competitions for students would be conducted through virtual mode with an intention to introduce college students all-encompassing personality of Mahatma Phule.

c) **Cultural Programme:** A musical programme of ballads on life and work of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule will be hosted by the college for local folk.

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Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SzZqbHJLqz59YicUiv_mHEswyECEEdnMU0cSIPMUs0o/edit

Quiz Competition for Students link:

<https://forms.gle/TRBC9TpKK9Lk2CQz6>

Note : There is No Registration Fee



: Venue :
Indira Gandhi (Sr.) College,
CIDCO, New Nanded



Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

(An Autonomous body under The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment-Govt. of India)

In Collaboration with
Indira Gandhi (Sr.) College,
CIDCO, New Nanded

Jointly Organize

National Symposium on Mahatma Jyotiba Phule: Harbinger of Social Equality



To Commemorate
200th Birth Anniversary of
Mahatma Jyotiba Phule

On

11/04/2026 (Saturday)

Time : 10.00 am to 5.30 pm

About College:

Indira Gandhi (Sr.) College, CIDCO, New Nanded is one of the recognized institutions of higher education in the jurisdiction of SRTM University with two and half decades of proud standing.

With the vision “न हि ज्ञानेन सदृशं पवित्रमिह विद्यते (There is nothing holy in the world like knowledge- Bhagwatgeeta: 4:38) the college has been enlightening the path of its students coming from lower socio-economic sections. The college, has already completed two rounds of NAAC Accreditation with B+ grade as well ISO, Energy and Green certification. On the other hand, the college has been striving to keep its bond with society through NSS activities and NAMP project.

The college activities every year on the occasion of various social, educational and national anniversaries. This tradition of the college is not limited to formal programs only but is dedicated to the all-round development of the students and increasing social awareness. Especially, various programs are celebrated with enthusiasm on the birth anniversaries of great personalities like Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule, Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, and Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe.

About Dr Ambedkar Foundation:

DAF was set up on 24th March 1992 on the recommendations of the Cenetary Celebration Committee headed by the then Hon'ble Prime

Minister of India, to implement the programmes and activities for furthering the ideology and message of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar among the masses in India as well as abroad along with the mandate to manage, administer and carry on the important and long-term schemes and programmes during the Cenetary Celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The foundation also celebrates Birth/Death Anniversary of Saints who have played vital role in corresponding the message of social equality in country like India where caste is an identity.

About Symposium

a) Core Themes of Symposium on “Mahatma Phule: Harbinger of Social Equality”

- **Arming against Brahminical Hegemony:** Phule's foundational struggle against the caste system, which he viewed as a human-made institution designed to oppress Shudras and Ati-Shudras. He opposed Brahminical mind set to unearth the power politics behind it.
- **Caste Politics and Phule:** The symposium aims at exploring historical illustrations on caste politics and Phule's response to it. The idea of caste-based politics in Indian society has multiple layers inequality and divide. These aspects would be covered through deliberations and discussions.
- **Intersectional Struggle (Caste-Gender-Class):** Phule is recognized for connecting the oppression of lower castes with that of women, labeling them together as the

"down-trodden trinity" (Stri-Shudra-Atishudras).

- **Education as a Weapon for Liberation:** The focus on his belief that education, particularly for women and marginalized communities, is the primary tool for breaking the chains of social inequality.

- **Phule's Literary Legacy:** The writings of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule denote his vibrant perceptions on social conditions. An urge for social equality is found in his writings through well-illustrated intellectuality. The facets of social equality, its system can be learnt through his writings.

- **Modern India and Phule's Relevance:** Symposiums frequently connect Phule's 19th-century activism to current issues such as Dalit rights, OBC mobilization, the "mistaken modernity" of cultural casteism, and the need for a rational, secular social order.

Key Aspects of His Relevance in Modern Struggles:

- **Intersectionality:** His focus on how caste, patriarchy, and class overlap in the oppression of women and lower castes is highly relevant to modern feminist and anti-caste intersectional theories.

- **Counter-Hegemonic Narrative:** Phule rejected traditional histories and instead