



Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar

Known as the 'Father of the Indian Constitution', Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was a politician, economist, and jurist from India. **Born on April 14, 1891**, the influential Dalit leader led the committee that drafted India's constitution during the Constituent Assembly deliberations. A strong supporter of women's and labour rights, *Ambedkar was also the first*

Law Minister in free India. As such, every year on April 14, the birth anniversary of the social rights advocate is commemorated.



Ambedkar was born into an impoverished Dalit Mahar family and dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of Dalits, who were deemed untouchables by society at the time. He donned many hats but was above all a social reformer. His birthday, thus, provides an opportunity for all Indians to reflect on the country's socio-economic progress.

Fighting the atrocious and bitter caste system, he embarked on a number of undertakings and became the first Indian to receive a PhD in Economics from a foreign university. Ambedkar worked hard and studied at universities in the United States, Britain, and Germany and earned a Doctorate in Economics from Columbia University in 1917. He has written Annihilation of Caste – a seminal document talking about caste oppression in India. He often stressed on education as a potent tool that could help break the age-old restrictive shackles of discriminatory social practices. “**Educate, agitate, and organise**”, were his famous words.

Bhim Jayanti was first observed in 1928 by Janardan Sadashiv Ranapisay, and it was declared a public holiday in more than 25 Indian states and union territories. The great statesman challenged India's caste-based system that's why his birthday is also observed as Equality Day throughout the country.



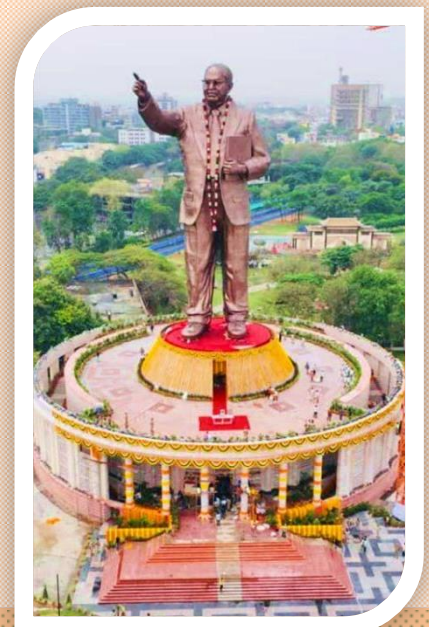


On Ambedkar Jayanti, all of the country's important leaders, including the Prime Minister and President, pay homage to his statue in the Parliament. At various institutions, processions and competitions, plays, and theatrical adaptations based on the life of BR Ambedkar are held. **Babasaheb's contribution to uplifting the lives of Dalits and untouchables is commemorated on Bhim Jayanti**, which is widely observed by Dalits, Adivasis, and labourers.

Ambedkar Jayanti is also known as Bhim Jayanti and is celebrated as a public holiday across India since 2015. On his 132nd birth anniversary,

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao unveiled a 125-foot tall statue of B R Ambedkar in Hyderabad on April 14, the birth anniversary of the architect of the Constitution, on a grand scale.

Ambedkar Statue



India is commemorating the **132nd birth anniversary** of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar on **April 14, 2023**, as Ambedkar Jayanti. This day has been declared a public holiday by the central government, underscoring the importance of Ambedkar's contributions to Indian society.



National Water Day

Today is National Water Day. **Dr. BR Ambedkar's birthday is observed as Water Day** in the country. (National Water Day April 14)

In 2016, the then Union Cabinet decided to observe Dr. BR Ambedkar's contribution to water resources development on **April 14 as National Water Day**. The announcement was made by the then Water Resources Minister Uma Bharati. The idea is to educate people on Ambedkar's birthday about managing precious water resources.

Ambedkar's role was not only in framing the constitution. Ambedkar also played a key role in formulating an all-India policy for managing the country's water resources. Damodarwadi. Ambedkar was also the chief planner of projects including Hirakud. Ambedkar's contribution was invaluable in developing a new water and power policy during 1942-46 to better utilize the water resources of the country for all.

Every year March 22 is observed as World Water Day. This time, World Water Day focused on accelerating action to solve the water and sanitation crisis. Let the celebration of National Water Day further inspire efforts to highlight the importance of water and conserve it.



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