

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

Celebration of 126th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar



The 126th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B R Ambedkar was celebrated in the Embassy of India, Muscat on 14 April 2017.

Ambedkar Jayanti is observed on April 14 to commemorate the memory of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. This year marks the 126th birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar who was born on this day in 1891. One of the chief architects of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's unique contribution in building a democratic and inclusive India is well recognized.



A social reformer, a champion of human rights and an emancipator of the downtrodden masses, Dr. Ambedkar dedicated his life to awaken the social

conscience of modern India. Dr. Ambedkar has a vast repertoire of books to his credit. His concern for the oppressed found expression in first book '*Administration and Finance of the East India Company*' which was followed by a sequel titled '*The Evolution of Provincial Finance in British India*'. Subsequently, Dr. Ambedkar wrote his magnum opus "*Problem of the Rupee*" in which the common man was the focal point of his analysis.



To mark this occasion, the Embassy of India organized a Seminar on 14th April 2017 at the Embassy's Auditorium, which focused on Dr. Ambedkar's life and time as well as his seminal contribution to evolution of an inclusive and democratic India. The event was organized by the Embassy of India in collaboration with the Ambedkar International Mission in Oman.

In his address Ambassador of India to Sultanate of Oman, H. E. Indra Mani Pandey, underlined the commitment of the Government of India to promote the welfare of the disadvantaged section of Indian society through inclusive development for all. In this context, Ambassador highlighted the initiatives taken by the Embassy to reach out to the disadvantaged segment of the Indian community in Oman with a view to addressing their problems.

H.E. Mr. M.K. Padmanabhan, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Oman, who was the Guest of Honour, also spoke on this occasion. Dr. P.J. Mani, Director of Indian School Board, in his address highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's contribution to Indian society. A student speaker from Indian School in Seeb made a presentation on Dr. Ambedkar's life and work, highlighting his outstanding contributions as a scholar, educationist, journalist, administrator, parliamentarian, and jurist. Other speakers on this occasion included Dr. Vidyanand Vaidya and Mr. Suryakant Kirloskar, Presidents of Ambedkar International Mission in Oman and Mr. Aziz Rahamtullah, a social worker in Oman.

As part of the celebration, there was also a fancy dress show by young children who were presented medals and certificates by Mrs. Sushma Pandey, wife of Ambassador of India. The winners of essay competition on Dr. Ambedkar's life were presented with awards by H.E. Mr. Indra Many Pandey, Ambassador of India.

The celebration was attended by prominent members of Indian community in Oman, social workers, and media persons.

Muscat, 14 April 2017.