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## International Seminar

### 'Social Justice Policies of Modi Government'

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019; Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power with the slogan of '**Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas**' and promised inclusive development of every section of society, especially the poor and vulnerable. The BJP government, under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, implemented several policies for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs, Divyangs, Senior Citizens, Nomadic Tribes and others. In the pursuit of this objective, the ambit of the affirmative action was also expanded by including new sections of society and by designing universal policies.

In India, the politics of social justice has largely revolved around the identity politics. But the larger idea of social justice is to create an egalitarian society based on modern value systems. From 2014 to 2019, the government enacted several policies that went beyond the politics of identity and redefined the idea of social justice. Attempts have been made to connect social justice and empowerment with market economy and to introduce new policies like Venture Capital Fund for SC/ST entrepreneurship, Stand Up scheme, MUDRA scheme, Jan Dhan and others. The government has sought to establish a balance between society, state and market.

At the same time, dissenting voices from Scheduled Castes and other sections have also been witnessed on issues like reservations, representation and atrocities. Many dissenting voices have also been raised from tribal areas about development model, displacement and rehabilitation. Apart from this, the number of senior citizens is increasing by the day and so are the areas of their concern. The Other Backward Classes (OBCs) have also come up with their demands and many communities are clamouring for inclusion in this segment. Recently, the government has created a new category of Economic Backward Classes and allotted 10% reservation for them.

The old challenges of social justice, response of the Modi government, new policies and dissenting voices need to be discussed and debated to understand the emerging scenario. The seminar proposes to evolve an understanding of the 'Idea of Social Justice' under Modi government and its synergy with the core philosophy of the Bharatiya Janata Party. It will also focus on the policies of the social justice and their implementation under the Modi government.

### Proposed Themes:

1. Social Justice: Theory and Practice
2. Antyodaya and Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas
3. Issues and challenges of marginalised sections
4. Contemporary Dalit issues

5. Issues and policies for OBCs & EBCs
6. Issues and policies for Tribals & Nomadic Tribes
7. Gender issues and socially marginalized sections
8. Issues and Policies for Senior Citizens and Divyangs
9. Reservation, Representation and Recognition
10. Affirmative action beyond reservation
11. Marginalised Sections and private Sector
12. The Idea of New India and Social Justice

## **Guidelines for the International Seminar:**

- Abstract should not exceed more than 400 words.
- Last date of submission of abstract is 10th September, 2019.
- Abstract can be submitted either in English or Hindi.
- English abstracts: Times New Roman, font size 12 and spacing 1.5.
- Hindi abstracts: Same as above with PDF format.
- Travel and Accommodation would be provided by the organisers.
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