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Report on Special Session Conducted on the Occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti 2026

On the occasion of the upcoming Ambedkar Jayanti 2026, the AUD Gender Studies department organised a special interactive session at the Kashmeeri Gate Campus of Dr B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. The session was conducted under the guidance and in the presence of the Dean of the School of Human Studies, Dr Rachna Choudhary, to commemorate the life, ideals, and contributions of Dr B. R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution.

Objectives of the Session

The session aimed to:

1. To engage with Ambedkar's autobiographical narrative and understand caste discrimination through lived experience.
2. To analyse how gender, caste and class intersect in the system of operation.
3. To draw connections from the historical untouchability and its modern manifestation of invisible forms in contemporary India.
4. To create a reflective space for students to question the modern manifestation of castes and how it shapes social relations in 21st-century India

Activities Conducted

1. Scenes from the Hindi film DIKSHA were screened, setting an emotional and visual dimension of the caste dynamics.
2. Selected excerpt from WAITING FOR A VISA was read aloud in reading circle format, initiating the reflective tone of the classroom.
3. Students collectively discussed Ambedkar's account of humiliation and social exclusion.
4. An open discussion followed, where students shared anecdotes about how castes operate today through microaggression, conscious decisions and institutional biases.

Event Poster



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Invites you to

DISCUSSION ON AMBEDKAR'S WAITING FOR A VISA

Date: April 10, 2026

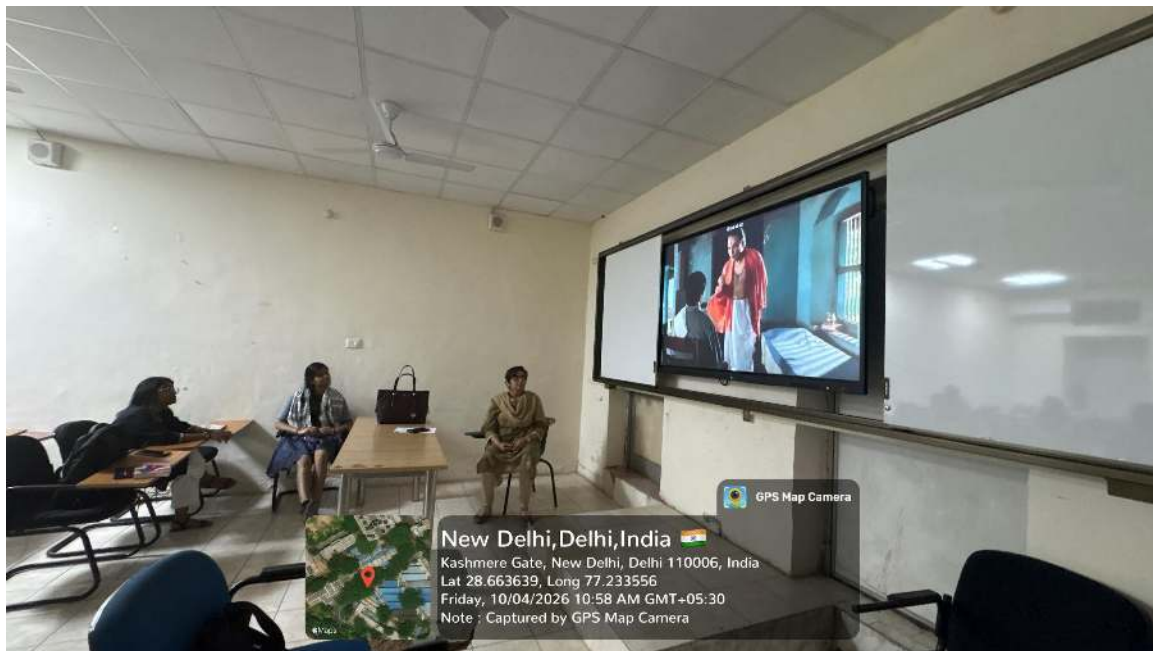
Venue: CR 2

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Event Highlights



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Conclusion

The session effectively instilled Ambedkar's century-old experience in the present-day sites of discrimination. It reinforced that caste is not a social relic but a living and evolving institution of oppression. Ambedkar Jayanti was a meaningful occasion to revisit the learnings and his call for critical actions. Students left with a greater understanding of their responsibility to challenge caste in everyday forms.