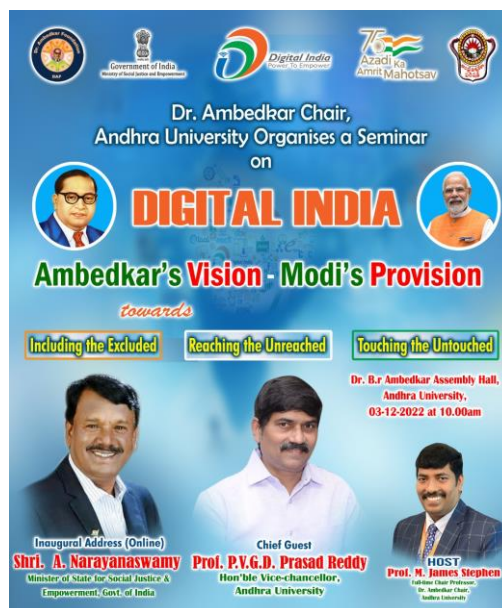
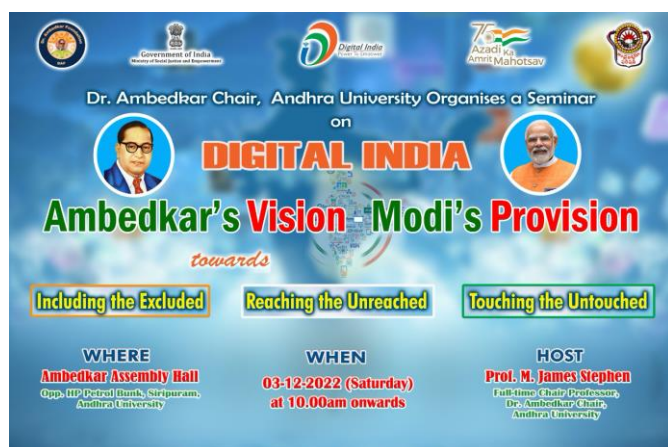


**ONE DAY SEMINAR**  
**THE FIRST EVENT OF DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR CHAIR, ANDHRA UNIVERSITY**

Prof. James Stephen Meka organised the first event, “A one day Seminar” under Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair Andhra University with in a week time after taking the charge as a Full-time Chair Professor. The very first event is a grand success and created a positive vibration across the campus and in the city of Vizag. The theme of the seminar “DIGITAL INDIA: Ambedkar’s Vision - Modi’s Provision” created a lot of excitement among the participants. A brief report is given below:



**Event:** One-day Seminar

**Title:** “Digital India”

**Theme:** Ambedkar’s Vision - Modi’s Provision

**Date & Time:** 03-December 2022 (Saturday), 10:00 am onwards

**Venue:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Assembly Hall, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam

**Organiser:** Dr. M. James Stephen,  
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair Professor, A.U.

**Participants:** 700 Students & Scholars

**Special Address (online):**

Shri. A. Narayanaswamy ji,  
Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

**Chief Guest:** Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy, Hon’ble Vice-chancellor, Andhra University

**Guests of Honour:** Prof. K. Samatha, Rector,  
Prof. V. Krishna Mohan, Registrar, A.U.

**Expert Lectures:**

1. Dr. Suresh Batha, Additional Director & OIC, Software Technology Part of India (STPI), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India
2. Prof. James Stephen Meka, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Full-Time Chair Professor, Andhra University.

**Purpose:**

To educate the young scholars and students to understand the ideology of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar towards “**Including the Excluded**”, “**Reaching the Unreached**” and “**Touching the Untouched**” through ‘Digital India’ initiative

**Objectives of the Seminar:**

1. To propagate the Vision of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar of equal opportunities without any Discrimination.
2. To bring awareness on the Provision of Shri. Narendra Modi Ji through ‘Digital India’ Initiative towards accomplishing the Vision of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar of equal opportunities.

“**Digital India**” is a flagship programme of the Government of India with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Launched on 1 July 2015, by Indian Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi ji, it is both enabler and beneficiary of other key Government of India schemes, such as BharatNet, Make in India, Startup India and Standup India, industrial corridors, Bharatmala, Sagarmala . **This Seminar** will highlight the vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar who stands as a symbol of struggle for striving to achieve Social Justice through Equality, Liberty and Fraternity. Moreover, at the same time this Seminar highlights how ‘Digital India’ initiative of Government of India under the able leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi ji has indeed provisioned to fulfil the Vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

**MOTO:**

The motto of this seminar would be to explain how the digital India scheme has propelled the society towards Including the *Excluded*, *Reaching the Unreached* and *Touching the Untouched*. In doing so it is intended to connect the disconnected youth towards Dr. Ambedkar's Ideology in this Digital age.

In this seminar, experts had given various presentations on how this Digital India initiative realises the ideology of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

There are three Major components of Digital India

**Report:**

The Meeting started with a special song by the students and a SKIT / DRAMA performance from the students of Andhra University portraying the empowerment of a Dalit student using the digital services available, which received a tremendous response from the participants.



*Guests in the first row (Left to Right): The IPR Chair, Govt. of India, Rector of A.U. , Hon'ble Vice-chancellor of A.U. , Registrar of A.U. , Additional Director & OIC, Software Technology Part of India (STPI), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India, HoD, Computer Science.*

The Guest of Honour, the Rector of Andhra University, Prof. K Samatha spoke and congratulated the Ambedkar Chair for organizing such an interesting seminar. Prof T.Shobasri, Principal, IASE also spoke about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and his role in independent India.



*Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India addressing the gathering - Online*

Shri. A. Narayanaswamy ji, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India gave a special address to the participants online and said that it is the first time he participated in a seminar of this kind after becoming the Minister of State. He congratulated Prof. James Stephen for organising such a wonderful event with in few days of his charge as Full-time chair professor. Knowing the importance of this seminar I joined virtually, He said.

He spoke of the vision of Dr. B.R Ambedkar of equal opportunities without any discrimination, which is fulfilled by Digital India, launched by the visionary Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi ji. He also spoke about how Digital India pursues to transform India into a digitally empowered society and economy. He advised the Ambedkar chair to organise many such seminars, awareness, campaigns, and orientation programs, especially in the rural and tribal areas in and around the District. The Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India assured the best support towards all the future endeavours of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, Andhra University.

The Registrar of Andhra University, Prof. V. Krishna Mohan congratulated the Ambedkar Chair for organizing such an exciting event in such a short span. Seeing the response of the people, He said, this chair is definitely going to be a happening chair at Andhra University. He articulated the prime theme of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who has not only given us the constitution but also emphasised on the development of society by avoiding social menace, social evil, and social disparities and bringing them to equality and justice. He said, digitalization is the order of the day, so such a theme integrated with Ambedkar's vision and the Prime Minister's ideology by including the excluded population, which brings them to the main fold, especially women.

The Chief Guest Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy inaugurated a video of "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar chair, Andhra University", which details about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the roles and responsibilities of the Chair at Andhra University which is available on the Ambedkar Chair YouTube channel in the below link.

< <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK2-aaQ9www> >



The guest lecture by Dr. Suresh Batha, Additional Director & OIC, Software Technology Part of India (STPI), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India, appreciated the theme “Ambedkar’s Vision - Modi’s Provision” and appreciated the wonderful thought. The chair was appreciated for selecting the right person for the right theme to present the expert lecture in the seminar.

He explained in detail the vision points of Digital India and its Nine pillars and elaborated on how the government has achieved thus far. He pointed out, through the introduction of UPI payments (digital payments), 2500 transactions happen every second in India. He also explained about the Common Service Centres (CSS), which enable government initiatives to reach directly the rural population. Other schemes such as Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMC), India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) Scheme, National Policy on Software Products (NPSP) Scheme, Start-up India Scheme, Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) encourage the start-up ecosystem. He proudly stated that India has successfully risen from 400 to 85000 start-ups in India since 2014 because of the inception of Digital India. He told the students to take advantage of the schemes available and reminded them about the slogan that states, Indian Talent + Indian Technology = India Tomorrow (Digital India).



Dr. James Stephen Meka, the newly appointed full-time Chair Professor of the Ambedkar Chair at Andhra University was welcomed with huge applause by the participants. He thanked all the students and scholars who came on time and briefed them about the thrust areas of the Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Chair, Andhra University.

- Digital India
- Human advancement
- Multidisciplinary thoughts
- Ambedkar



He said Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was the only man who saw modern India. One statement explains Ambedkar's Vision i.e., "I like the religion that teaches liberty, equality and

fraternity”. He stressed on how Ambedkar’s vision has extended in Including the Excluded, Reaching the Unreached and Touching the Untouched. He also explained about Digital governance, Digital Banking and its impact on India. He stressed to the audience that he knew his mission as a Professor of the Dr. Ambedkar Chair. He said he would fulfil the tasks that have been spelled out in the MoU between Dr. Ambedkar Foundation and the Andhra University. He assured the administration of Andhra University and Shri. A. Narayanaswamy ji, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India and the directors of Dr. Ambedkar foundation that he would bring out the expected outcome.



The Chief Guest Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy has recalled the statement “Cultivation of the mind should be the ultimate essence of human existence”. He appreciated Dr. James Stephen for organizing a seminar with that much gathering, which is the first of its kind. He advised this kind of theme must be propagated in various other universities to reach out the contemporary society.

He spoke about how technology connects the disconnected; People with ethics will have the power to overcome the economy. The concept of India - Be Indian first and be Indian last nothing should come in between not caste, not religion, not society, not influence, not money nothing. This is the philosophy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, he said. He also spoke on how the Prime Minister of this country in his flagship programs such as Startup India, Digital India, Young India, emphasis the pride of India. He also acknowledged the efforts of young and dynamic Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy who is implementing various schemes for the marginalised people in letter and spirit. He also highlighted the various initiative of the University,



he encouraged the students to be serious and work towards their goal and make the most of the benefits available. Once you have received it, give it back to society, not just in terms of money but also in terms of knowledge, warmth or good word. He concluded by saying to make use of digital technology and connect entire India and make India the most happening place.



The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor launched the website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts officially on the LED Screen in the presence of various administrators of the University. The Seminar concluded with the National Anthem.



*Chair Professor addressing the press in the presence of Rector & STPI Adl. Director*

Students have expressed their sincere thanks to Prof. James Stephen for organizing such an enlightening seminar. Scholars of the university expressed their view that this

program was Innovative, Informative and thought-provoking. They also wanted to be part of such events by the chair in the future as well.