



Invitation

Nagarjuna Training Institute
Nagaloka, Nagpur

Asoka-Vijaya-Dasami National Seminar

16th Oct 2021

“The function of religion is to reconstruct the world”.

- Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Theme

Dr. Ambedkar, Buddhism, and the Post Pandemic World.

The pandemic has not only exposed social fault-lines and weaknesses in a way that can no longer be ignored but also exacerbated many of them, not only in India but throughout the world. Concurrently and perhaps enabled by it, the world geopolitical situation seems to have made a considerable shift. India and the world are faced with old questions they can no longer ignore and new questions they have to face up to.

For Dr. Ambedkar Buddhism was so much more than a matter of personal faith and practice, as is clear to anyone who has read just a little of his writings. It was connected inextricably with the all-encompassing values of “Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity”, and was clearly in his mind the foundation of his concern to “reconstruct the world”. The supreme importance he gave to this was reinforced in his conversion ceremony on the anniversary of King Asoka’s most momentous conversion to Buddhism.

How Dr. Ambedkar saw Buddhism “reconstructing the world” is such an essential question in terms of his vision, but one that has still hardly been explored or even appreciated as yet. However, the predicament created by the pandemic demands that we try and understand its implications as never before, and try to bring alive his essential principles of social transformation in today’s world.

Session I : Time 10.30am to 1.00 pm



Understanding the Crisis

Chair and Concluding Remarks:

**Dh. Lokamitra,
Founder, Nagaloka.**



Speakers:

- Prof. Y. S. Alone. JNU, New Delhi.
- Dr. Nitish Navasagare. Principal, Marathwada Law College, Pune
- Ayushyamati Manjula Pradeep, Co-Founder, National Council of Women's Leaders
- Dr. Vikas Jambhulkar, RST Nagpur University, Nagpur.

Session II: Time 2.15 to 5.00 pm



Towards the Solution

Chair and Concluding remarks:

**Prof. S. K. Thorat
Prof Emirates, JNU
Former Chairman, UGC, New Delhi.
IIDS, New Delhi.**



Speakers:

- Prof. Mahesh Deokar, Dept. of Pail and Buddhist Studies, Pune.
- Prof. P. Kesavkumar, Delhi University, Delhi.
- Prof. Bodhi, TISS, Mumbai.
- Dr. Santosh I. Raut (Maitriveer Nagarjuna), EFL University, Hyderabad.

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