

Celebration of Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti on

14th April, 2016

- Dr. N. Sukumar, Asst. Professor of Political Science, Delhi University, was invited as a guest lecture to speak on his Ph. D. thesis “Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s Perspective of Human Rights”.
- The programme began with a screening of a short film on the life of Dr. Ambedkar, made by EOC student members.
- With the end of the screening of the film, Mrs. Asha Verma, EOC faculty coordinator, presented a memento to the speaker and was requested to speak on the topic given.
- In his speech, the speaker said that the jurisprudence is important for the protection of rights of the future citizens. He also declared that the legal education must be made compulsory to all.
- The speaker said that the society shapes our thought. He said that the conditions of the villages are reflected in the education institutions, where the caste discrimination.
- The speaker gave an example of his life event to show how the society shapes our thought.
- He said that the failure of the society to shape a proper thought leads to inefficiency in the elections, where the voter is casting his vote not based on the candidate’s capability or qualifications, but based on his caste, religion, gender etc.
- On contribution of Dr. Ambedkar towards the society, he said that one set of rights are used to ensure other rights. He gave example of how the agitation of the LGBT right to self respect leads to, right of employment for the people belonging to LGBT community.
- Dr. Ambedkar raised questions regarding different issues in the society, and was the only political thinker to give solutions to those problems. The speaker said that, being a faculty of political thought, he has not come across any other political thinker who has raised the issues and at the same time given solutions to it, not even Gandhi and Nehru.
- On importance of Human rights education, the speaker gave the example of his real life experience in Sweden, where he had a conversation with a young girl, who was present in the Conference on Human Rights. The girl was interested in Human rights not because she was taught that subject in school, but because it has been taught by her family. Comparing this situation in Sweden, the speaker said that, in India the parents and the in-laws of women are happy, if she is not educated, forget about respecting Human rights.
- The Programme concluded by vote of thanks proposed by Convener of EOC.