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## National Level Webinar on Caste Inequality Debates in India organized by Department of Sociology

Date: 19.04.2022

Time: 12.30 a.m.- 1.30 p.m.

Venue: Seminar Hall, Room no 15, College Premise

Number of Participants: 13 (Including Teachers, Students, All Faculties)

**Name and Designation of Resource Person(s):** Dr Arvind Kumar, Assistant Professor at Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.

**Organizing Committee:** Department of Sociology and IQAC.

**Brief Report:** To commemorate Ambedkar Jayanti and to celebrate Dalit History Month an online Special Lecture was organized by the Department of Sociology, in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata. The lecture was delivered by Dr Arvind Kumar, Assistant Professor at Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.

Respected Teacher-In-Charge, Dr Parthasarathi Dutta delivered the Welcome Address. Respected IQAC Coordinator, Dr Alpana Ray extended a warm welcome to the Resource Person and introduced the eminent Resource Person. The Special Lecture was moderated by Dr Sreyasi Chatterjee.

Dr Kumar began his lecture by talking about Dr B.R. Ambedkar—the great defender of human rights. While discussing the contribution of Dr Ambedkar, Dr Kumar spoke about how Dr Ambedkar being a member of the Mahar community, grew up witnessing social oppression in a caste-ridden society. Dr Ambedkar became a great champion of the Dalit cause by turning the depressed class movement into a revolutionary movement. Dr Ambedkar time and again emphasized on the centrality of Dalit classes in understanding the true meaning of Independent India. Today we celebrate this very revered civil rights leader who through his inspirational work ‘Annihilation of Caste’ voiced loud and clear a blistering argument against the ancient system of social stratification.

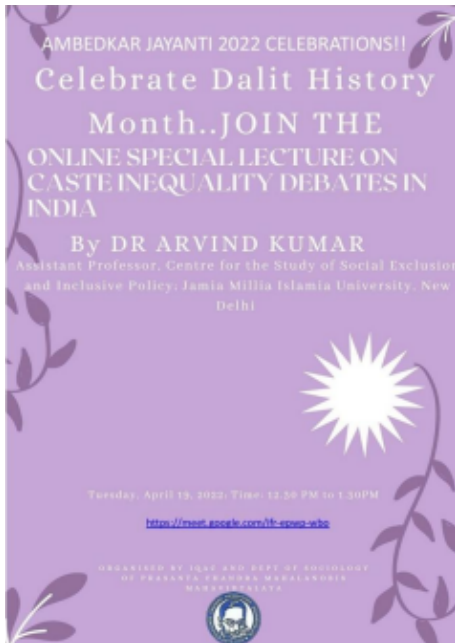
Dr Kumar, in the second half of his lecture elucidated upon popular caste inequality debates and how they shape society. Through examples, he questioned the occupational basis of caste and explained the linkage between caste and class. In his lecture, Dr Kumar traced the origin and development of caste inequality in India. An intensive Question-Answer Session took place after the special lecture by the eminent resource person. This session was conducted by Mr Debadyuti Karmakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata. Issues such as increasing instances of violence against Dalits; caste-based reservation and various theoretical standpoints on untouchability were deliberated upon. The Awareness program ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Sreyasi Chatterjee, HOD, Department of Sociology.

The benefits of such webinars are as follows

- Contribution of Dr B.R. Ambedkar, the great defender of human rights was discussed.
- Dr Kumar traced the origin and development of caste inequality in India. He also addressed the significance of Ambedkar Jayanti and explained the linkage between caste and class.



**Resource Person: Dr Arvind Kumar Delivering His Lecture**



**Banner of the Webinar**

*Parthasarathi Dutta*

(Dr Parthasarathi Dutta)  
Teacher In Charge