

## **Report of the programme**

Socially and Educationally Backward Classes is a one of biggest group in our society. Besides it's vastness, it is variegated in terms of it's problems. These people had given Art and culture to human civilization. It is a challenge before the Higher Education and the people (individuals and organizations) to chalk out exact methods, modalities and techniques which can suggest answer to their problems. The Lifelong Learning Approach can suggest it. Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension of Savitribai Phule Pune University organized a programme entitled, ' Socially and Educationally Backward classes and Lifelong Learning' with the same aims.

### **Here is it's report;**

This programme took place in the Seminar Hall of the Commerce Department. This programme was inaugurated at the hands of Honourable Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. S. Umarani. The Inauguration session, started with collective singing of the Vidyapeeth Geet. Then all the participants recited a Preamble of our Constitution. In the beginning, HoD and Director of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension Prof. Dr. Dhananjay Lokhande welcomed the Pro-Vice Chancellor by offering him a book by a great Satyashodhak Shree R. N. Chavan. Vice President of the Baluter Organisation, Maharashtra State, Shri Pratap Gurao presented the Constitution of India to Honourable Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. N.S. Umarani.

In a welcome address, Prof. Dr. Lokhande reviewed the academic, research and Extension activities of the Department. He reminded the participants about the thoughts of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar regarding S.E.B.C.s(O.B.C.s).He appealed the participants to walk on the path of Dr. Ambedkar for overall development. Program Coordinator Prof. Dr. Satish Shirsath put forward the objectives of the programme. He out the conceptual and philosophical aspects of lifelong learning. He reviewed the quantum of S.E. B.C.s. as to deal with the variegated needs of such a disrupted group. He suggested to deploy lifelong learning approach. He appealed the participants to get united and fight against evils not only outside but as our great leader (Dr. Ambedkar) advised, we must find out lacunas within us and try to overcome them.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. S. Umarani welcomed the efforts of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension. In his inspiring speech, he unfolded the economic and social scenario of our society. He emphasized to achieve our aims by getting Education. By achieving Knowledge, we can no doubt become self-reliant. He opined that, Social Sciences should be considered equal to Natural Sciences. He appealed to throw the superstitions and follow the Science. Program Coordinator Prof. Dr. Satish Shirsath proposed vote of thanks.

One participant Mrs. Nita Gurav presented a motivational welcome song. A documentary prepared by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (formerly Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension) entitled, '*Ha Dhannya Mahatma Zala*' was screened which was written by Prof. Dr. Satish Shirsath.

Adv. Prof. Rajan Dixit (advocate from the High court and Vice President of NUBC, SC & ST, New Delhi) talked on 'Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and Social Justice.' In an educational and informative lecture he clarified the concept of Social Justice in a simple language. He put several examples of areas of Social Justice. He appealed the participants to fight on various platforms of Social Justice. He appealed to develop a think tank of all the down trodden people in society.

In a very inspiring, motivational and informative talk Adv. Mangesh Sasane, presented several development avenues for O.B.C.s Along with agitations, he appealed to the participants to take development programmes to needy people. He requested that, if the University provides students, he alongwith other lawyers can provide them various development programmes.

In an interactive discussion, all the participants presented their views regarding development and agitation strategies. Many participants suggested innovative ideas for empowerment of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes.

In the Valedictory function, Dr. Dhananjay Lokhande said that, we must document the work done. He appealed the participants to work continuously and united. Dean of the Commerce and Management Faculty Dr. Parag Kalkar presented the real picture of our society. He appealed to fetch the glorious history and give due importance and respect to the indigenous people. It can elevate the status of the Nation. In view of bringing the light again on the horizon, he opinioned to respect the layman and his work.

Prof. Dr. Satish Shirsath proposed vote of thanks at last. One of the participants too proposed vote of thanks.

The program was ended with singing a National Anthem.

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Coordinator