

Report on a lecture on
Indian Constitution and Minority Rights

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Birth Anniversary Celebration-2026

The Subject Association of the India Arab Cultural Centre (IACC), Jamia Millia Islamia, organized a commemorative programme on the occasion of the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar. The event was held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 4:00 PM in the IACC Conference Room, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. The programme was convened with the objective of paying tribute to Dr. Ambedkar's unparalleled contributions to the making of the Indian Constitution and his lifelong commitment to the principles of social justice, equality, and the protection of marginalized and minority communities. His vision of an inclusive and democratic society constituted the central theme of the event.

As the guest speaker, Prof. Mohammad Asad Malik, Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, and Chief Proctor of the University spoke on the topic "*Indian Constitution and Minority Rights*". In his address, he elaborated upon the constitutional framework governing minority rights, with particular emphasis on Articles 25 to 30 of the Constitution of India. These provisions, he noted, guarantee religious freedom, cultural autonomy, and the right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions, thereby reflecting the pluralistic and secular character of the Indian state.

In order to substantiate the constitutional position, the speaker referred to several landmark judicial pronouncements that have significantly contributed to the interpretation and evolution of minority rights in India and quoted cases like 'The State of Madras v. Champakam Dorairajan', 'Re Kerala Education Bill', 'St. Xavier's College v. State of Gujarat' and 'T. M. A. Pai Foundation v. State of Karnataka'.

The speaker emphasized that these judicial decisions collectively illustrate the dynamic role of the judiciary in safeguarding minority rights while maintaining a balance between individual freedoms, equality, secularism, and national integration. The programme proved to be an intellectually enriching and meaningful occasion. It not only paid homage to the enduring legacy of Dr. Ambedkar but also reinforced the significance of constitutional values, minority rights, and the role of the judiciary in upholding the democratic fabric of the nation.

The programme witnessed active participation from faculty members, students, and research scholars, which culminated in a brief interactive session. The discussion provided valuable insights into contemporary challenges relating to minority rights and

constitutional governance. The event was successfully coordinated under the leadership of Dr. Md. Aftab Ahmad, Director, IACC, and Dr. Zulfikar Ali Ansari, Advisor, Subject Association.



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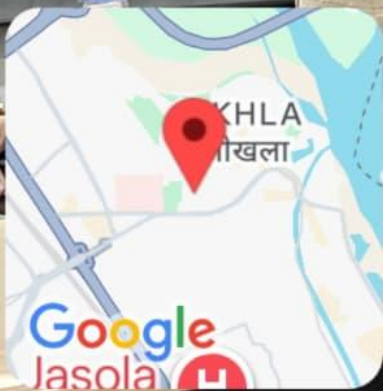
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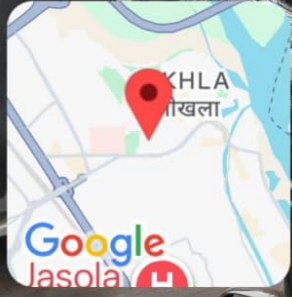


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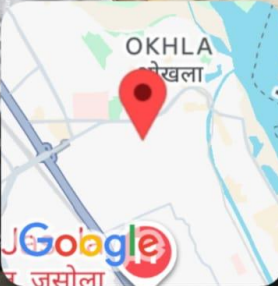
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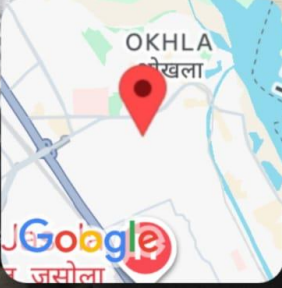
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