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Report on the Joint Celebration of the Birth Anniversaries of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Dr B. R. Ambedkar

(Organised on Saturday, 11th April 2026)



The College Library organised the joint celebration of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule (11 April) and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar (14 April) on 11th April 2026 at 12.30 p.m. The programme was conducted with great respect and enthusiasm in the presence of the Principal, Vice Principal, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students.



The programme began with the offering of floral tributes to the images of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Dr B. R. Ambedkar by the Principal, Vice Principal, and Librarian, as a mark of deep respect to these great social reformers and nation builders. Their immense contribution to education, equality, social justice, and the upliftment of the oppressed was remembered on this solemn occasion.

The programme was conducted by Mr. Santosh Patil, Librarian, who also addressed the audience. In his speech, he highlighted the remarkable contributions of Mahatma Phule and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar to Indian society. He spoke about their lifelong struggle for social reform, educational empowerment, equality, and justice. He also raised a question on why The social crusader mahatma Phule was not given the Bharat Ratna Award to date. He also emphasized how both leaders dedicated their lives to the cause of the deprived and marginalized sections of society and inspired the audience to follow their ideals.

On this occasion, Ms Vijeta Survey, a junior college teacher, delivered a thoughtful speech on the importance of education. She emphasised that education is the true foundation of national progress and social transformation.



While explaining its significance, she quoted a powerful thought: “if you want to destroy a nation, just spoil its education system, she elaborated this thought by giving some examples. Her speech reminded the audience of the vital role of quality education in building a strong and progressive nation, a principle strongly upheld by both Mahatma Phule and Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar.

Following this, Ms Swati Gode spoke about the current deplorable condition of women in society. She discussed the various challenges and inequalities still faced by women and connected these issues with the reformist vision of Mahatma Phule and Dr Ambedkar, who consistently worked for women’s dignity, education, and empowerment. Her speech raised awareness among the audience of the ongoing need for social reform and gender equality.

The Principal, Prof. Vinita Pimpale, then addressed the gathering. In her inspiring speech, she urged everyone to follow the path shown by Mahatma Phule and Dr B. R. Ambedkar. She stressed the importance of adopting their values of education, equality, justice, and humanity in our daily lives. She encouraged students and staff members to contribute positively to society by upholding these ideals.



At the end of the programme, the vote of thanks was delivered by the Librarian, who expressed sincere gratitude to the Principal, Vice Principal, speakers, staff, students, and all those present for making the programme successful and meaningful. He thanked everyone for their active participation and presence.

The programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, marking the end of the event on a respectful and patriotic note. The celebration was a meaningful tribute to two of India's greatest reformers and served as an important reminder of their enduring message of education, equality, social justice, and human dignity.

Report prepared by Mr Santosh Patil

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