

109th birthday celebrations of Babu Jagjivan Ram

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REPORT ON

109th BIRTH DAY CELEBRATIONS OF BABU JAGJIVAN RAM

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Welcome address given by Dr Bhukya Tirupathi, Asst Professor of Dept of Telugu & Translation Studies, Dravidian University.

In the Presidential address of 109th Birth Day Celebrations of Babu Jagjivan Ram, former Dy. Prime Minister of India, Professor N Kanakaratanam, the organizer of the 109th Birth Day Celebrations at the Dravidian University, spoke about the contribution of Jagjivan Ram to the Indian society particularly in the upliftment of weaker sections. He said that Jagjivan Ram's life is motivation to entire people in order to come up in their lives.

Chief Guest of the Programme, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the Dravidian University Professor E. Satyanarayana garlanded the portrait of Babu Jagjivan Ram and said that every one is equal in the society. He emphasized on annihilation of any discrimination from the society in order to achieve social justice to create a good society. He praised Babu Jagjivan Ram who was a former Dy. Prime Minister of India for his contributions towards establishment of equal society. He said that Babu Jagjivan Ram's services to the weaker sections will never be forgotten. Hence, students should learn leadership qualities from the great leaders like Sri Babu Jagvin Ram. And he guided students to grow up by hard work but not by the caste and religion. He encouraged weaker sections to come over from the inferiority complexities by reaching the higher ranks. On the spot general Quiz conducted for students and research scholars on Babu Jagjivan Ram Life and Mission by organizer Professor N Kanakaratanam attracted the participants. Prizes were given to the three winners by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Dravidian University, Professor E Sathyanarayana.

Guest of Honor, Rector of the Dravidian University Professor G Balasubramanian emphasized on changing the mind set of high castes from their caste feelings.

Guest of Honor, Registrar of the Dravidian University Professor B Tirupathi Rao spoke about importance of eradication of caste which is spoiling the spirit of democratic society. He brought about the increasing violence against Dalits in the last 30 years. He referred classical book of Professor Nicolas Dirks *Castes of Mind* as a Prof. of increasing violence against Dalits in India.

Senior Scientist Dr A Venkat Narsaiah from the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad explained how Babu Jagjivan Ram started his radical actions by breaking the two pots kept for Untouchables and Touchable while he was studying at the school. He referred to many policy decisions of Babu Jagjivan Ram while he was a Railway Minister, Labour Minister, Defense Minister and Home Minister for the upliftment of employees of above mentioned ministries. His services have reached entire society. He said that Babu Jagjivan Ram was responsible for nationalizing the corporate institutions and establishing public institutions.

Co-ordinator of UGC-SC/ST Cell Professor S. Penchalaiah explained philosophy of Dr B R Ambedkar in this celebration.

Songs on Great leaders Babu Jagjivan Ram, Dr B R Ambedkar and Lord Buddha were sung by Dr Raghunandhan from Chittoor, which inspired the audience.

Dr T Manappa, Asst Professor of the Dept of Folk Lore and Tribal Studies, Dravidian University's song on *Dappu* (Leather instrument) and its significance in the society enthralled the audience.

Finally, programme came to a close by vote of thanks by Dr Kishore, Asst Professor of the Dept of Library Sciences, Dravidian University.

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