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The delegates will be provided accommodation in the university campus.

How to Reach University:

The University campus is located at a distance of 9 KM from Kuppam railway station and 7 KM from Kuppam APSRTC Bustand. Kuppam can be reached by train/bus. It is on the railway line connecting Bangalore – Chennai at the distance of 105 KM from Bangalore and about 250 KM from Chennai and 200 KM from Tirupati.

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UGC – A two-day National Seminar
On
Socio-Philosophical Perspectives of
Mahatma Jyotirao Phule
(26th and 27th March, 2019)



Organized by
The Department of Comparative
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The University

The Dravidian University was established through a Legislature Act of Andhra Pradesh in 1997 and conceived as an Inter - State Institution. The neighboring Governments of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala have extended initial support. The University is located in a serene rural setting with pleasant greenery spread over the spacious campus about 1090 acres endowed with huge deposits of granite, giving a picture of rock garden. The university got NAAC accreditation with 'B' grade and 9th Rank for 'Swacchha Campus' among State, Central Universities and Deemed Universities in India. The basic aim of the University is to promote Dravidian Literature, Dravidian Culture, History, Philosophy and Folk and Tribal Studies.

About the Department

The Department of Comparative Dravidian Literature and Philosophy was established in 1999. The main objectives of the Department are: To promote teaching and research in Comparative Dravidian Literature, Religion and Philosophy 2. Teaching and research related to Dravidian Culture, Literature, Religion and Philosophy 3. To promote research on the perspectives of Comparative Literature and Philosophy in South India.

About the Seminar

The aim of the seminar is to illuminate the 'Socio-Philosophical discourses of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule' (1827 - 28 -1890) and his contribution to the modern society. He was a great poet-philosopher, social reformer and a passionate leader of the masses. During the period of Phule the social conditions in India were in doldrums. The people were superstitious and the caste system prevailed all over India.

Social reformers like, Basaveswara, Vemana, Potuluri Veerabrahmam, Rajaram Mohan Roy, Savitribai Phule, Chatrapati Shahu Maharaj, Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy, Dr. Bhandarkar, Sri Narayanaguru, Veer Savarkar and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar fought against caste system and superstitions. Mahatma Jyotirao Phule was one such person.

Jyotirao Phule as believed to be the first Hindu to start an orphanage for the unfortunate children. He was influenced by Thomas Paine's famous book 'The Rights of Man'. He believed that enlightenment of the women and lower caste people was the only solution to combat against the social evils. In 1851, Jyotirao established a girls' school and asked his wife to teach the girls in the school. He also opened two more schools for the girls and a school for the lower castes, especially the mahars and mangs. Viewing the pathetic condition of widows and unfortunate children Phule decided to open an orphanage. In order to protect those widows and their children, Jyotirao Phule established an orphanage in 1854.

In 1873, Phule formed the *Satya Shodhak Samaj* (Society of Seekers of Truth). The purpose of the organization was to liberate the people of lower-castes from the suppression. He believed that, without social, economical and political equality within the Hindu society there would not be peace and prosperity. According to him, the society must be based on reason and not on atrocious traditions of caste system. He devoted his entire life for the liberation of untouchables from the exploitation. According to him, the entire human race is one and there is no higher and lower. His ideology was love and compassion. A community lives in peace only when the individual desires the happiness of his neighbours as his own. Phule's entire life was dedicated to one purpose, securing '*justice and equality*' to this 'untouchables'. At this juncture, this is the time to recall Mahatma Jyotirao Phule's social and philosophical teachings through this seminar.

Sub-themes of the Seminar:

- ✓ The biography of Jyotirao Phule –
- ✓ Socio-Political Philosophy
- ✓ Savitirao Phule on Women Education
- ✓ Phule and Vemana on Caste system
- ✓ Phule and Sri Narayanaguru on Religion
- ✓ Phule and Basaveswara on Spiritual philosophy
- ✓ Phule and Depressed classes

- ✓ Phule and M. K. Gandhiji : views on Hinduism
- ✓ Jyotirao Phule's impact on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
- ✓ Relevance of Phule's teachings to modern society
- ✓ Jyotirao Phule views on Child Marriage
- ✓ Phule as a Social reformer
- ✓ Phule and Satya Sodhak Samaj
- ✓ Phule's Contribution to Humanism
- ✓ Phule contribution to Workers Union
- ✓ Phule and other social reformers

Call for Papers

Papers should be written only in English. Based on the technical committee recommendations, papers for the National Seminar shall be selected and published with ISBN Number. Registration is mandatory for paper presentations. All abstracts/papers should be sent through e-mail only on or before 10th March 2019.

Paper format and Layout

1. Title 2. Author(s) with their designation, Address, e-mail and Phone numbers. 3. Abstract (maximum 150 words). Full paper should be sent through e-mail and hard copy with CD on or before 10th March, 2019. The committee will select papers for publication.

Registration Fee is to be paid on or before 10th March, 2019

For Faculty : Rs. 500-00

For Research Scholars : Rs. 300-00

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