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To,

Dear Sir/ Maddam'

It gives us an immense pleasure to inform you that Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Studies Centre of our college is organizing UGC sponsored Interdisciplinary International Conference on “**Ambedkar's Buddhism and its Emancipatory Potential.**” on **27th & 28th January, 2012.**

Sub Themes are : 1... Reinterpretation of Buddhism in Ambedkarian Perspective.

2... A Practical View of Babasaheb's 'Buddha and His Dhamma'

3... Buddha's Challenge to Caste and Inequality of Different Denominations.

We request you to recommend this to all interested faculty members from all departments of your College / Institution so that they participate in the Conference. We also invite research papers from on the theme and sub themes of the Conference.

The authors have to prepare their papers **only in English language**, not more than **2000** words. And also a concise abstract of the paper maximum in **300 words** typed only in **MS-WORD** format, on one side of **A4 size** page with Margin: Left – 1.25 inch, Right – 1.00 inch Top- 1.00 inch Bottom- 1.00 inch, **Font** – Times New Roman, **Font size** – Title: 14 pt Bold, Name of Author : 12 pt Normal, Address of Author: 10 pt Italics, Section and sub-section heading: 12 pt Bold, Figure and Table caption: 10 pt Normal.

As per the above format research paper & its abstract along with **Registration Fees, CD & One hard copy** ought to be sent **on or before 30th Dec., 2011.** **Soft copy can be sent by E-Mail.** E-Mail - drmukundingle@rediffmail.com / dnbesekar@gmail.com

Registration Fees: 1) With Accommodation : Indian Rs. 1500/-, Foreign delegates : US \$ 35.00 only. 2) Without Accommodation : Indian Rs. 1000/-, Foreign delegates – US \$ 25.00 only.

Mode of payment – Cash/Cheque or DD in favour of Dr. M.R.Ingle, Convener, Shivaji College, Akola, payable at Bank of Maharashtra, Shivaji College Branch **on or before 30th Dec., 2011.**

We assure you that selected papers will be published in the **Book Format Souvenir** with **ISBN**, to be released at the conference. We once again request you to take this opportunity and encourage as many scholars as possible to participate in the deliberations of the conference. More details are available in the brochure that will soon be reaching you. You can send your paper on following address.

With regards

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An Appeal to Research Scholars

On 14th October 1956, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar embraced Buddhism along with his over seven hundred thousand followers at Nagpur and thus paved the way for the revival of Buddha's Dhamma in the land of its birth. Ever since the rise of Buddha on the religious firmament of the sub-continent, his message to humanity has been an 'unfading symbol of the ethical-rational as against bigoted – hypocritical in human relations'. The master clearly stood for those 'dimensions of thought that are rational, against priest craft, superstition, ritualism, all forms of religious oppression, for ethical uprightness, transparency in thought and behavior and compassion towards all, particularly the weak and the oppressed'.

Babasaheb too envisioned a life free from such evils which dwarf the ethical-rational behavior of human beings necessary for their advancement both material and spiritual. His conversion to Buddhism presupposed Buddhist religious ideology and symbolism to be the medium for achievement of life-aspirations of the suppressed and their eventual achievement of human dignity and establishment of egalitarian society. The conversion was not an enticement to lure the stigmatized to overcome their centuries old disabilities alone. The purpose behind it was to reconstruct the world on the foundations of compassion, tolerance, reasonableness and morality which will awaken the men to engage themselves in life for achievement of material and ethical development fostering equality, fraternity and justice.

Now after more than five decades of conversion, the increasing flock of scholars and practitioners have begun to verify the tenets of Buddhism with a view to find reliable alternative to the otherwise prevalent dogmatic, ritualistic, sectarian, superstitious, divinely ordained beliefs and practices which are more collective - celebrational than ethical instrumental. Visualizing it impotent to bring changes in the life situation of human beings, in our case a victim of hierarchical and religiously given order, which is beset with ascriptive discrimination pushing them to ignorance, penury, stigmatization and suppression many of them are convinced that the Buddha's path is salvational and perfectionist.

Keeping in view these reverberations all around we think it opportune to invite the best brain like you to explore and construct a liberative, emancipatory theme which envisages a life of dignity and perfection to suppressed and oppressed.

For this purpose we have chosen the broad theme titled

“Ambedkar's Buddhism and its Emancipatory Potential.”

Under which the following sub themes are –

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With warm regards.

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