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Celebration of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanthi at BIRD, Mangaluru – Honouring the architect of the Indian Constitution

Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Mangaluru celebrated Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanthi on 15 April 2026 with reverence and solemnity, commemorating the 135th birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution. The programme was inaugurated by Shri V. S. Balasubramanian, Joint Director, BIRD, Mangaluru, by offering floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp.

In his address, Shri V. S. Balasubramanian highlighted the enduring relevance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's ideals in contemporary society. He emphasized that Dr. Ambedkar believed education to be a powerful instrument of social transformation and empowerment, enabling individuals to overcome various challenges in life. He urged all present to imbibe the values of equality, social justice, and constitutional morality espoused by Dr. Ambedkar, observing that these ideals continue to guide the nation towards inclusive and equitable development, in alignment with the vision and mission of NABARD.

The programme also included reflections on the life and works of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar by staff members highlighting his life, vision, and contributions towards social justice and nation-building. As part of the celebrations, the winners of Essay Competition on topics related to contribution of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar to Social Justice and the Constitution of India, conducted on 13 April 2026, were felicitated during the programme. The competition was open to all staff members and their family members, including housekeeping staff, security staff, and other contract staff, and witnessed an enthusiastic response with an impressive 29 entries.

The celebration was graced by the presence of senior officers and staff members of BIRD, Mangaluru, along with housekeeping staff, security staff, canteen staff, and garden staff. The programme was observed in a spirit of respect, reflection, and inclusiveness, reaffirming the commitment of all present to uphold the constitutional values and ideals envisioned by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

Some photographs are appended below.



Lightening of lamp by Shri V S Balasubramanian, Joint Director



Address by Shri V S Balasubramanian, Joint Director



Cross - section of NABARD staff and contract staff





Prize distribution to Winners of Essay Competition - NABARD staff and contract staff