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College of Social Work,
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Thematic Sessions

1

Jyotirao Phule's Ideas on Religion, Rationality and Social Reform

- Critique of religious orthodoxy
- Rationalism and critical thinking
- Religion, morality and social equality
- Contemporary Relevance of Satyashodhak thoughts

2

Jyotirao Phule and the Rights of Marginalised Communities

- Dalits, Advasis and other marginalised groups
- Social exclusion and access to resources
- Rights-based approaches to development
- Community empowerment and participation

Programme

- Inaugural Session
- Keynote Address
- Thematic Sessions: Paper Presentation and Discussion
- Valedictory Address

ON THE OCCASION OF THE
200TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF
MAHATMA JYOTIRAO PHULE



CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SOCIETY
AND SECULARISM

and

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK,
(EMPOWERED AUTONOMOUS),
NIRMALA NIKETAN, MUMBAI

*Cordially
invite you to*

ONE-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON



Mahatma Jyotirao Phule's Vision and
Contemporary India: Revisiting
Equality, Justice and Social
Transformation

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

10.30 AM - 6:00 PM

Venue:

College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan
38, New Marine Lines, Churchgate, East, Mumbai,
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About the Seminar

Mahatma Jyotirao Govindrao Phule (1827–1890) was a pioneering thinker and social reformer whose critique of the caste system, advocacy for education, and vision of an egalitarian society remains deeply relevant today.

His foundation of Sarvajanic Satyashodhak Dharma, a rational and ethical religion for solidarity across communities, provides important insights into issues of equality, secularism and social justice.

This seminar revisits Phule's ideas and their relevance to contemporary India, encourages critical reflections on truth, reason, equality and social justice.

Objectives

- To critically examine Jyotirao Phule's contribution to social and religious reform in colonial India.
- To explore his vision of a liberal, ethical religion as articulated in Sarvajanic Satya Dharma as well as the work of the Satyashodhak Samaj.
- To situate Jyotirao Phule's legacy within contemporary debates on caste, secularism and social justice.
- To provide a platform for scholars, students and researchers to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue on the philosophical, historical and sociological dimensions of Jyotirao Phule's work.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The seminar invites paper presentations addressing the following themes:

Jyotirao Phule's Ideas on Religion, Rationality and Social Reform

Jyotirao Phule and the Rights of Marginalised Communities

DEADLINES

Abstract Submission: 5th October, 2026

Full Paper Submission: 13th October, 2026

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Abstract title:** 15-20 words, in UPPER CASE.
- **Abstract text:** Approx. 500 words with 3-4 keywords.
- Use Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced.
- Provide contact details of the presenting author.
- Paper may be based on research, field intervention.
- **Full papers:** Approx. 2,500 words including appendices and references.
- APA Referencing Style to be followed.
- Pages must be numbered.
- Submissions must be in MS Word (doc/docx) format.
- Papers must NOT have been previously presented, published or accepted for publication elsewhere.
- All authors must register prior to the registration deadline.

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Chief Guest



**Dr.. Bhalchandra
Laxman Mungekar**

Economist

*An Indian economist, educationist,
Former Vice-Chancellor of the University
of Mumbai and Rajya Sabha member.*

Keynote Address



Prof. Umesh Bagade
Professor

*Department of History & AIC, Dr.
Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada
University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar,
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Valedictory Address



Prof. Dr. S. K. Chahal
Professor

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