

EO No. 99825
Dr. Ambedkar Foundation
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Govt. of India

15, Janpath, New Delhi-110001
Dated: 02.02.2026

To

The District Magistrate
(All Districts of India)

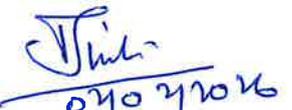
Subject: Celebration of 200th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule-
regarding

Sir,

Please refer to this office letter of even. No. dated 30.12.2025 (copy enclosed) on the subject cited above and to request to forward the proposals of eligible NGOs and Govt. Colleges/Universities etc. who fulfil the eligibility criteria under the scheme so that further action can be taken in this regard. The duly approved proposals in original, may be sent to the Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, 15, Janpath, New Delhi-110001

Thanking you.

Your's sincerely,


02/02/2026
Manoj Tiwari, IPS

Director

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सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता मंत्रालय
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Sir,

Hon'ble Prime Minister has announced during his address to the Nation on the occasion of Independence Day celebration on 15th of August, 2025 from the rampart of Red Fort, to celebrate the 200th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule to honour his work and recognition of his contribution to the education of women, oppressed and neglected people of the society of Maharashtra in particular and the Country at large. The celebration will begin from April, 2026 to April, 2027 (Date of birth of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule-11.04.2026) for the whole year.

2. In this connection, it is stated that Dr. Ambedkar Foundation is having a scheme "**Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints**" under which grant-in-aid is provided to registered/recognized NGOs and recognized Govt. Colleges/Universities/Institutions for an amount of Rs. 2.00 lakh and Rs. 5.00 lakh respectively. Salient features of the scheme is given below:-

2.1 Dr. Ambedkar Foundation is running a scheme to provide grant-in-aid for celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of 16 Great Saints such as (i) Sant Kabir (ii) Guru Ravidas (iii) Guru Ghasidas (iv) Chokhamela, (v) Nandnar, (vi) Narayan Guru, (vii) Namdev, (viii) Lord Buddha, (ix) Maharishi Valmiki, (x) Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, (xi) Savitri Bai Phule, (xii) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, (xiii) Ayyankali, (xiv) Dr. Santuji Ramji Lad and (xv) Tukaram Bhaurao Sathe (popularly known as Anna Bhau Sathe), (xvi) Durbal Nath Ji. The GIA is provided to registered NGO's & Govt. Colleges / Universities / Institutes of the State/ Centre govt. or any institutes recognised by the UGC. State / Central Govt. An amount of Rs.5.00 Lakh is given to Recognized Colleges/Universities/Institution and Rs.2.00

Lakh is given to Registered NGOs by following prescribed procedure. GIA is provided only once in a particular Financial Year to a NGO/ Govt. Colleges / Universities / Institutes etc.

2.2 Eligibility:

- i. NGOs registered with NGO portal of NITI Aayog, which are in existence for at least 2 years and whose proposals are recommended by the DMs/DCs of a District in the State Govt./UT concerned.
- ii. Govt Colleges / Universities / Institutes of the State/ Centre govt. or any institutes recognized by the UGC State / Central Govt.

2.3 Procedure for applying:

The applicant may submit a detailed proposal, in the prescribed Application Form containing the following details:-

- (i) A detailed write-up on the Great Saint whose Birth / Death Anniversary proposes to celebrate.
- (ii) Item-wise breakup of the grant applied.
- (iii) Details of such celebrations / activities organized by them in the past.
- (iv) Annual Reports & Audited accounts of preceding two financial years.
- (v) A Bond [in stamp paper of Rs. 100/- duly Notarised] that in case of violation of any of the conditions of this scheme, they would be liable to refund the amount of grant and would be debarred from applying for grant under any Scheme/Programme of the Foundation
- (vi) Proposals will not be received /accepted by hand or through e-mail in the office of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF). Proposals must be submitted one month before the date of programme in the office of DAF.

2.4 No. of occasions

For celebrating the anniversary of any Saint mentioned above, an institution/ organization may apply for grant in aid for maximum **one occasion** in **one Financial Year**.

A copy of the scheme is enclosed for your ready reference.

3. In view of the above, it is requested to forward the proposals of eligible NGOs and Govt. Colleges/Universities etc. who fulfil the criteria under the scheme so that further action can be taken in this regard.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,


31/11/2025
Manoj Tiwari, IPS

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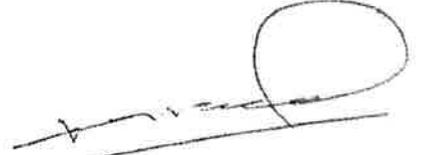
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Date: 03.08.2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Notification of revised Scheme for "Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of Birth / Death Anniversary of Great Saints" - regarding.

The competent authority has approved the modification in the Scheme for "Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of Birth / Death Anniversary of Great Saints" for implementation. A copy of the revised Scheme for "Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of Birth / Death Anniversary of Great Saints" is enclosed.



(Vikas Trivedi)

Director DAF/DAIC

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Copy to:-

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister (SJ&E) & Chairperson (DAF).
2. PPS to Secretary (SJ&E).
3. PPS to Secretary (NCSC) & Member Secretary (DAF).
4. File concerned.



Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of Birth /Death Anniversary of Great Saints

Introduction:

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was a great national leader of twentieth century. He was an intellectual, scholar & statesman and contributed greatly in the nation building. He led a number of movements to emancipate the downtrodden masses and to secure human right to millions of depressed classes. He has left an indelible imprint through his immense contribution in framing the modern Constitution of free India. He stands as a symbol of struggle for achieving the Social Justice.

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) was set up in pursuance of the recommendations of Babasaheb Dr.B.R.Ambedkar's Centenary Celebrations Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the then Prime Minister. The Foundation was registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, on 24th March, 1992 under the aegis of the Ministry of Welfare now the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

The objectives of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation include providing financial aid to the institutions propagating Babsaheb's memory, to organize special campaign for removal of untouchability and caste based prejudices for bringing an attitudinal change in the society through communal harmony and brotherhood and to organize lectures, seminars and symposia etc. on socio-economic issues.

2. **Scheme:**

Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for celebrating of Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints, has been formulated to provide grants-in-aid, for celebration Birth/ Death Anniversary of Great Saints, such as (i) Sant Kabir, (ii) Guru Ravidas, (iii) Guru Ghasidas, (iv) Chokhamela, (v) Nandnar, (vi) Narayan Guru, (vii) Namdev, (viii) Lord Buddha, (ix) Maharishi Valmiki, (x) Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, (xi) Savitri Bai Phule, (xii) Dr. B.R.Ambedkar, (xiii) Ayyankali, (xiv) Dr. Santuji Ramji Lad and (xv) Tukaram Bhaurao Sathe (popularly known as Anna Bhau Sathe), (xvi) Durbal Nath Ji and the names of the other saints as approved by the Foundation from time to time, who tirelessly worked for promoting Social justice, removal of inequality & discrimination and for amelioration of the conditions of weaker sections of the society. The grant-in-aid, under the scheme, for celebrating birth anniversary of Great Saints, is provided to the NGOs and Colleges/ Universities/ Institution etc.

3. **Eligibility:**

The followings are eligible to apply for grant under the scheme:

- (i) NGOs, registered with NGO portal of NITI Aayog, which are in existence for at least 2 years and whose proposals are recommended by the DMs/DCs of a District in the State Govt./UT concerned or any competent officer authorised by DM/DC. When the recommendation letter is signed by an officer other than DM/DC, then the signing authority will clearly mentioned in the letter that the proposal is approved by concerned DM/DC.

- (ii) Govt Colleges / Universities / Institutes of the State/ Centre govt. or any institutes recognised by the UGC. State / Central Govt. In cases of recognised private college/ institutes etc, necessary documents as proof of recognition by the Govt/ IGC to be attached along with the application. The Govt College/ Universities/institutes etc. may directly apply with the Foundation with necessary documents and in their cases: recommendation of the DM/DC is not applicable.

4. Amount of Grant-in-Aid:

The upper limit of the amount of grant-in-aid provided in each case, under the scheme, is as follows:

(i) Recognized Colleges/Universities/Institution	-	Rs. 5.00 Lakh
(ii) Registered NGOs	-	Rs. 2.00 Lakh

In case of Recognized Colleges/Universities/Institutes, proposals can be directly sent to the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation by the Vice-Chancellor/Registrar of the University of the Principal of the College/Institute.

For celebrating the anniversary of any saint mentioned in Para 2 above, an institution/ organization may apply for grant in aid for **maximum one occasion in one Financial Year:**

- Grant-in-Aid amounting up to Rs. 1.00 Lakh may be sanctioned with the recommendation of a committee consisting of Member Secretary, DAF, Director, DAF and Financial Advisor, DAF
- The proposals seeking Grant-in-Aid for more than Rs. 1.00 lakh under the Scheme will be considered by Grant-in-Aid Committee consisting of the following :
 - (i) Member Secretary, DAF - Chairman
 - (ii) Director (DAF) - Member
 - (iii) Financial Advisor - Member

In exceptional cases, the higher grant may be considered by the Chairman of the Foundation on the recommendations of the Grant-in-Aid committee. All proposals by the NGOs have to be recommended by DM/DC of the concerned District where the programme is scheduled to be held. When the recommendation letter is signed by an officer other than DM/DC, the signing authority will clearly mention in a letter that the proposal is approved by the concerned DM/DC.

5. Procedure for applying:

The applicant may submit a detailed proposal, in the prescribed Application Form given in the Annexure-II containing-

- (i) A detailed write-up on the Great Saint whose Birth / Death anniversary, it proposes to celebrate, giving details about the role played by the said saint in promoting social justice, removal of inequality & discrimination (only in respect of those saints, not specifically named in Para 2 of the scheme or separately approved and notified by the Foundation as mentioned therein). Proposed date of celebration is required to be mentioned.
- (ii) Item-wise breakup of the grant applied.
- (iii) Details of such celebrations / activities organized by them in the past.

- (iv) Annual Reports & Audited accounts of the preceding two financial years.
- (v) A Bond that in case of violation of any of the conditions of this scheme, they would be liable to refund the amount of grant and would be debarred from applying for grant under any Scheme/Programme of the Foundation.
- (vi) The application complete of all respect should be submitted by the NGO/Organization by post / Courier only so that the same are received in the office of Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation minimum one month in advance from the proposed date of celebrate. It may be ensured that the applications reach DAF within time and retain proof of sending such proposals. The Foundation is working on the process of on-line application. Once finalised, which will be notified in the Foundation website, applicants have to apply on-line.
- (vii) Incomplete proposals or proposals without recommendation of the DM/DC (in case of NGOs), will not be considered. However, such deficient applicants may provide the necessary documents and mandatory recommendation of the DM/DC at least one week before proposed celebration date failing which such proposal will be treated as closed.
- (viii) The proposals will not be received /accepted by hand in the office of DAF.

6. Terms and Conditions:

- (i) Before processing the proposal, DAF to verify genuineness of the same through DM/DC.
- (ii) The programmes that may be organized to celebrate Birth/Death Anniversary of a Great Saint is indicated below as an illustration:
 - a. An appropriate Cultural programme
 - b. A conference or symposium on themes like in case of Institute/Colleges/Universities etc.
 - i. Life & Work of the Great Saint
 - ii. Contribution of Dr. Ambedkar and others to Social Justice
 - c. A quiz/ debate/essay competition etc. on the life and work of the Great Saint & who contributed for the promotion of social justice, for its students. The winners to be given cash prize along with book(s) on the Great Saints and Dr. Ambedkar.
- (iii) The applicant has to acknowledge on their invitation card, backdrop, banner, posters etc, that the programme has been organized with the grant received from Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt, of India.
- (iv) The grants-in-aid shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned.
- (v) A detailed report on the proceedings of the celebrations along with its photographs, the invitees list and the Utilization Certificate (in the prescribed Performa i.e. GFR-19A) of the grant-in-aid duly audited by a Chartered Accountant, shall be submitted within one month of the date of the celebrations.
- (vi) DAF, may make on the spot checking of the NGO's celebration of the event. In case of violation of any of the conditions of this scheme, the applicant would be liable to refund the amount of grant and would be debarred from applying for grant under any scheme/programme of the Foundation. The names of the debarred applicants would be placed on the website of the Foundations.
- (vii) Rules and Regulations of General Financial Rules (GFR) would be followed by all concerned.

7. Provision of Funds:

The scheme would be funded from the interest earned, on the investment of Corpus Fund, by the DAF. The amount of grants-in-aid sanctioned by the DAF, under this scheme during a particular financial year, shall not exceed Rs. 1.5 crore.

**Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of
Birth Anniversary of Great Saints**

Indicative items of expenditure for which Grants-in-Aid may be claimed under the scheme

(Amount in Rs.)

S.No	Expenditure Head	Maximum permissible ceiling for NGOs	Maximum permissible financial ceiling for Colleges/ Universities/ Institutions
1.	Hiring of auditorium shamiana, public address system, illumination, etc.	60,000	1,50,000
2.	Cultural Programme	25,000	60,000
3.	Honorarium/TA-DA to Speakers	20,000	50,000
4.	Quiz/Debate/Essay completion (including prizes)	25,000	65,000
5.	Refreshments	40,000	1,00,000
6.	Invention cards, Public, etc.	20,000	50,000
7.	Transportation	5,000	15,000
8.	Miscellaneous	5,000	10,000
Total		2,00,000	5,00,000

Note : I Above list of items of expenditure and financial ceiling is indicative. However, a region/ culture specific innovative approach by the Organization/University/ Institution in organizing such function is expected. Proposals will be examined by the Committee, constituted under the scheme, on merits, and items not included in the above table may also be considered, if adequate justification and details are provided, subject, however, to the overall ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakh & Rs. 5.00 lakh, as the case may be.

Note : II If any proposal is received in DAF after celebration of such event seeking reimbursement grants, or any proposal is received in DAF not within one month from the proposed date of celebration or the deficiencies in application is not removed, including recommendation of DM/DC (as applicable) at least one week before proposed celebration date, such proposals will not be entertained and considered as closed.

Application Form

Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Great Saints.

1. Name, Address, tel. No, email ID of the recognized College/ University/ Institute/ NGO
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.....
2. Registration Number (in case of NGO) Please attached proof of registration with portal of NITI Aayog in case of recognized private institutes, please attach copy of proof of recognition by the Government.....
3. Authorization person of NGO / College, Name, Address, Tel.No., PAN card no)
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.....
4. Name of the Great Saint whose Birth Anniversary is proposed to be celebrated
.....
5. Proposed date of celebration (Mandatory).....
6. Details of identical/similar programmes organized previously
.....
7. Nature of the Event proposed to be organized [see para 6 (i) of the Scheme].....
8. Proposal recommended by
9. List of enclosures:
 - a. Application Form duly filled.
 - b. Copy of the document as proof that the NGO is registered in NITI Aayog Portal.
 - c. A detailed write -up on the Great Saint whose birth anniversary, it propose to celebrate, giving details about the role played by the Saint in promoting social justice, removal of inequality & discrimination (only in respect of those saints, not specifically named in para 2 of the scheme or separately approved and notified by the Foundation as mentioned therein)
 - d. A note on the theme of the celebrations.
 - e. Annual Report & Audited accounts, for the previous two years.
 - f. Copy of Memorandum of Association, Rules & Registration Certificate.
 - g. Item-wise break-up of estimated expenditure (including basis of working out the estimates)
 - h. Tentative no. of invitees/ participants with category wise break-up.
 - i. Recommendation of the DM/DC or an authorised Officer (in case it is signed by on authorized officer. attach document to this effect).

Signature, with office seal,
of the authorized signatory

Place:
Date:

Model Format for recommending proposals of recognized and registered NGOs for grant-in-aid under DAF Scheme for celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints.

To

The Director,
Dr. Ambedkar Foundation
15, Janpath, New Delhi-110001

Subject: Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints-reg.

Madam / Sir,

The following NGOs registered through NGO portal of NITI Aayog has / have submitted application (s) for Grant-in-Aid under the Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints:-

- (i)
- (ii)

The above organization (s) has/ have submitted the following documents alongwith its/their applications (s):

- (a) Application in the prescribed format
- (b) Copy of the documents as proof that the NGO is registered in NITI Aayog Portal.
- (c) Copy of Memorandum of Association, Rules & Registration Certificate
- (d) A detailed write-up on the Great Saint that it propose to celebrate with date of celebration.
- (e) Annual Report
- (f) Copy of audited accounts for the last two years
- (g) Item-wise break-up of estimated expenditure
- (h) Tentative no. of invitees / participants
- (i) A bond to the effect in case of violation any of the conditions of the scheme, they would be liable to refund the amount of grant and would be debarred from applying for grant under any scheme/program of the Foundation.

Based on the above, the genuineness of the NGO(s) and their proposal(s) is /are verified and the case(s) is / are recommended to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation for consideration. *This proposal is approved by DM/DC (* applicable only in the cases where the signing authority is other than DM/DC).

Yours faithfully,

DM/DC or their authorized signatory

Seal:

Name:

Tel.No.:

Email Id: