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To The Registrar
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Subject: Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints.

Sir / Madam,

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation is an autonomous organization set up under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The Foundation, inter-alia, is implementing a Scheme namely "Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints". A copy of the scheme is enclosed for your ready reference.

2. This scheme is formulated to provide grants-in-aid, for celebrating Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints such as Saint Kabir, Guru Ravidas, Chokhamela, Nandnar, Narayan Guru, Namdev, Lord Buddha, Maharishi Valmiki, Mahtama Jyotiba Phule, Savitri Bhai Phule, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Ayyankali and the names of other saints as approved by the Foundation from time to time, who tirelessly worked for promoting social justice, removal inequality and discrimination and for amelioration of the conditions of weaker sections of the society. Recognised Colleges/Universities/ Institutes and registered NGOs, which are in existence for at least two years are eligible to apply for assistance. In accordance to the scheme, the proposals for recognised Colleges/Universities/Institutions for financial assistance may be forwarded direct to the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation by the Vice Chancellors / Principals of the Colleges.

Yours faithfully,

(D.P. Majhi)
Director

**Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Celebration of
Birth /Death Anniversary of Great Saints
(Revised Scheme-2016)**

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:

The scheme has been formulated to provide grants-in-aid, for celebrating Birth/Death anniversary of Great Saints, such as Sant Kabir, Guru Ravidas, Guru Ghasidas, Chokhamela, Nandnar, Narayan Guru, Namdev, Lord Buddha, Maharishi Valmiki, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Savitri Bai Phule, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar, Ayyankali 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

- (i) Registered NGOs, which are in existence for at least 2 years and whose proposals are recommended by the District Magistrate of State Govt./UT Administration.
- (ii) Recognized Colleges/Universities/Institutes

3. Eligibility:

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

- (i) Registered NGOs, which are in existence for at least 2 years and whose proposals are recommended by the District Magistrate of State Govt./UT Administration.
- (ii) Recognized Colleges/Universities/Institutes

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:

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| (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 send to the Dr Ambedkar Foundation by the Vice Chancellor of the University or the Principal of the college/Institute.

Grant-in-aid amounting to Rs.50,000/- & less may be sanctioned with the approval of Hon'ble MSJE/Chairman, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. Grant-in-Aid from Rs. 50,000 to Rs.1.00 Lakh, may be sanctioned with the recommendation of a committee consisting of Member Secretary, Director (DAF), DS (IFD), Director (SCD) and inspection reports of the nominated officers of Dr.Ambedkar Foundation, corporations and Ministry of Social Justice& Empowerment. On receipt of proposal from the institution JS (SCD) & MS (DAF) will nominate officers for inspection. The inspecting officer will submit the inspection report in the Prescribed Proforma. (Annexure-I)

For celebrating the anniversary of any saint mentioned in Para 2 above, every institution/ organisation will be entitled to get grant in aid for maximum six occasions in one year as under:-

- (i) 3 celebrations up to Rs. 1 Lakh expenditure limit
- (ii) 3 celebrations up to Rs. 50,000 expenditure limit.

This will be further subject to the condition that every organisation/institution can take grant-in-aid for maximum 2 celebrations of each saint in a year.

The proposals of Rs more than 1 Lakh under the Scheme will be considered by a Grant-in-aid Committee consisting of the following:-

- (i) 2 Members of Governing Body out of which one will act as chairman
- (ii) Director (DAF) - Member
- (iii) Deputy Secy. (IFD)/Director (IFD) - 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 such cases has to be recommended by the concerned DM/DC/Collector of the District where the programme is scheduled to be held.

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 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).
- (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 should be submitted by the NGO/Organization so the same are received in the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation minimum one month in advance.

6. **Terms and Conditions:**

- (i) 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
 - i. Life & Work of the Great Saint
 - ii. Contribution of Dr. Ambedkar and others to Social Justice
 - iii. Road map for building a society based on the principles of social justice, equity, equality of opportunity etc.
 - iv. Other related subjects
 - c. A quiz/ debate/essay competition etc. on the life and work of the Great Saint & others 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) The grants-in-aid shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned.
- (vi) 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.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) Rules and Regulations of General Financial Rules (GFR) would be followed.

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. 1.00 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 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: 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.

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.....
3. Authorization persons(Name, Address, Permanent Address, PAN card no).....
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4. Name of the Great Saint whose Birth Anniversary is proposed to be celebrated
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5. Details of identical/similar programmes organized previously.....
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6. Nature of the Event proposed to be organized [see para 6 (i) of the Scheme].....
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7. Proposal recommended by.....
8. List of enclosures:
 - a. 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)
 - b. A note on the theme of the celebrations.
 - c. Annual Report & Audited accounts, for the previous two years.
 - d. Copy of Memorandum of Association, Rules & Registration Certificate.
 - e. Item-wise break-up of estimated expenditure (including basis of working out the estimates)
 - f. Tentative no. of invitees/ participants with category wise break-up.

Signature, with office seal, of the
authorized signatory

Place and date