



# Ambedkar Jayanti

## Why in News?

The **Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh** paid tribute to **Bharat Ratna** Baba Saheb **Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar** on his 134th birth anniversary.

## Key Points

### ▪ About Dr. Ambedkar :

#### ◦ Introduction:

- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was **born in the year 1891** in **Mhow, Central Province** (now Madhya Pradesh).
- He is considered the **Father of the Indian Constitution** and was the **first Law Minister of India**.
- He was the **Chairman of the Drafting Committee** of the Constitution.
- He was a **famous politician** who fought for the rights of Dalits and other socially backward classes.

#### ◦ Contribution:

- He led the **Mahad Satyagraha in March 1927** against Hindus who were protesting against the decision of the municipal board.
- He participated in all the **three Round Table Conferences**.
- In the year 1932, Dr. Ambedkar signed the **Poona Pact** with **Mahatma Gandhi**, in which he gave up the idea of demanding a separate electorate for the Depressed Classes (**Communal Award**).
- His ideas presented before the Hilton Young Commission laid the foundation of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.

#### ◦ Adoption of Buddhism:

- He **resigned from the cabinet in 1951** due to differences over the Hindu Code Bill.
- He converted to **Buddhism** and **died on December 6, 1956 (Mahaparinirvana Day)**.
- **Chaityabhoomi** is located in Mumbai, which is known as B.R. Ambedkar Memorial.
- In the year 1990, he was awarded India's highest civilian honour, **Bharat Ratna**.

#### ◦ Important Works:

##### • Magazines:

- Silent Hero (1920)
- 'Outcast India' (1927)
- Equality (1929)
- The Public (1930)

##### • Books:

- Destruction of caste system
- Buddha or Karl Marx
- The Untouchables: Who They Were and How They Became Untouchables
- Buddha and his Dhamma
- The rise and fall of Hindu women

##### • Organization:

- Outcast Welfare Association (1923)

- Independent Labour Party (1936)
- Scheduled Castes Federation (1942)

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