



# Dr. Ambedkar's Death Anniversary

## Why in News?

Recently, Uttar Pradesh leaders paid tributes to Dalit icon and **India's first Law Minister Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar**, who headed the [Drafting Committee](#) of the Indian Constitution, on his death anniversary.



## Key Points

- **About:**
  - **Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar** was a prominent **Indian jurist, economist, social reformer, and politician.**
  - He was born on **April 14, 1891** in **Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.**
    - His father, **Subedar Ramji Maloji Sakpal**, was a well-read person and follower of [Sant Kabir](#).
- **Education:**
  - Ambedkar earned his **Bachelor's degree from Bombay University** and went on for further studies to **Columbia University in New York and London School of Economics.**
- **Contributions:**
  - In **1924**, he started an [Association for the welfare of the depressed classes](#) and in **1927**, he started the [Bahishkrit Bharat newspaper](#) to address the cause of the depressed classes.
    - He also led **the Mahad Satyagraha in March 1927.**
  - He participated in all three [Round Table Conferences](#).
  - In 1932, Dr. Ambedkar signed the [Poona pact](#) with [Mahatma Gandhi](#), which abandoned the idea of separate electorates for the depressed classes ([Communal Award](#)).
  - In **1936**, he formed the **Independent Labour Party** to safeguard the interests of the depressed classes.

- In 1942, Dr. Ambedkar was appointed to the **Executive Council of the Governor General of India as a Labour member** and elected to the **Constituent Assembly from Bengal in 1946.**
  - He was the **Chairman of Drafting Committee** and remembered as the **Father of the Indian Constitution.**
- In 1947, Dr. Ambedkar became **Minister of Law in the first Cabinet of independent India.**
  - **He resigned from the cabinet in 1951,** over differences on the Hindu Code Bill.
- **Additional Details:**
  - Later in life, He **converted to Buddhism.** He passed away on **December 6, 1956, which is commemorated as Mahaparinirvan Diwas.**
    - **Chaitya Bhoomi** is a memorial to B R Ambedkar, located in Mumbai.
  - He was also awarded **India's highest civilian honour the Bharat Ratna in 1990.**

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