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Remembering Dr B R Ambedkar

The 125th birth anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar, renowned Indian jurist, economist, and social reformer, popularly known as the *Father of the Indian Constitution*, is being celebrated in India and across the world this year.

In this context, the Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture in collaboration with the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture, Mauritius are organizing a Seminar on 'Remembering Dr B R Ambedkar' on Thursday, 19 May 2016 from 1000 hrs to 1130 hrs at the IGCIC Auditorium, Phoenix.

The function will be presided over by the Hon. Ms Aurore Perraud, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development & Family Welfare, Government of Republic of Mauritius. Dr. Ashok G. Modak, eminent research scholar and educationist from the University of Mumbai, India will deliver a keynote address on the visionary thinking of Dr Ambedkar. The seminar will also include an interactive panel discussion on the ideas of social justice and inclusion, freedom and equality, and their relevance to contemporary times. Other panelists will include High Commissioner of India to Mauritius H E Shri Anup Kumar Mudgal, Dr. Jimmy Harmon, Director, Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture, and Professor Sheila Bunwaree, SSR Chair of African studies, University of Mauritius.

Prize winners of the *Remembering Dr B R Ambedkar Writing, Cartoon and Painting Competition* organised earlier this month by the Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture in collaboration with the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture, will be announced and rewarded on the occasion. You will have a chance to read and see some of the winning written entries, caricatures and paintings.

To learn more about Dr Ambedkar, his life and works, please visit www.mea.gov.in/ambedkar.htm

We look forward to welcoming you at IGCIC on Thursday 19 May 2016!