

# **Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur**

## **Department of Chemistry**

**Name of the Program** : Dr. B. R. Ambedkar 134<sup>th</sup> Jayanti Program Visit to Deekshabhoomi

**Date of the Program** : 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Organized by** : Department of Chemistry, Physics and Botany

**Number of Participants** : 28 students + 15 Faculty and 5 PhD Students = 48

Deekshabhoomi, located in Nagpur, Maharashtra, is a sacred monument of Buddhism and a significant historical site. It marks the place where Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, along with thousands of followers, embraced Buddhism on **14th October 1956**, initiating the mass conversion movement for social equality and human rights. With reference to the letter received from Joint Directorate of Nagpur division (Ref. Ushinbag/Ashta/sankirn/1515/2025). Department of Chemistry, Physics and Botany has organized a visit of MSc, PhD students of Chemistry and Physics department. An educational visit was organized for students to learn about the historical, cultural, and social significance of Deekshabhoomi, promoting awareness about Dr. Ambedkar's teachings and Buddhist philosophy.

### **Objective of the program**

- To understand the historical importance of Deekshabhoomi.
- To learn about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's role in social reform and the Dalit Buddhist movement.
- To explore Buddhist architecture and teachings.
- To promote values of equality, peace, and social justice among students.

### **A. Arrival and Welcome**

- The students arrived at Deekshabhoomi in the morning and were welcomed by the site guides. A brief introduction was given about the significance of the place.

### **B. Exploration of the Stupa**

- The **Deekshabhoomi Stupa**, a magnificent structure, was the main attraction.

- Students observed the **marble-carved panels** depicting the life of Lord Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar's journey.
- The **sacred Bodhi tree**, planted near the stupa, was explained as a symbol of enlightenment.

#### C. Visit to the Museum and Library

- The on-site **museum** displayed artifacts, photographs, and documents related to Dr. Ambedkar and the Buddhist movement.
- The **library** contained books on Buddhism, social justice, and constitutional rights.

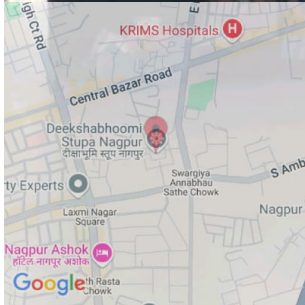
#### D. Interactive Session

- Dr. Subhash Somkuwar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Botany delivered a talk on **Buddhist principles** and **Ambedkar's vision** of social equality.
- Students engaged in a **Q & A session** where Dr. Rahul B. Kamble Assistant Professor, Department of Botany conducted the session to clarify their doubts.

#### Key Takeaways

- The importance of **social justice and human rights** in modern society.
- The role of **Dr. Ambedkar in empowering marginalized communities**.
- The **philosophy of Buddhism**—compassion, mindfulness, and equality.
- The **architectural brilliance** of the Deekshabhoomi stupa.

The program coordinator was Dr. R. C. Sawant, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Dr. A. R. Bansod, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur. The program was conducted by Dr. Rahul B. Kamble, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany and the program was introduced and students got enlightened by Dr. Subhash Somkuwar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Botany. Dr. P. S. Deharkar, Dr. T. S. Wankhede, Ms. K. H. Shahani, Dr. M. V. Pradnyakar, Dr. P. V. Wakudkar were prominently present for the visit program. During the visit, Dr. Rahul Kamble sir asked five questions on Dr. Ambedkar historical paintings and students who answered were given the pen as gift. 28 students + 15 Faculty and 5 PhD Students = 48 were participated for the Deekshabhoomi visit program. Vote of thanks has been given by Dr. R. C. Sawant.



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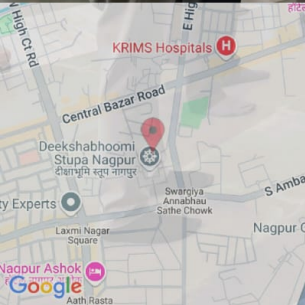
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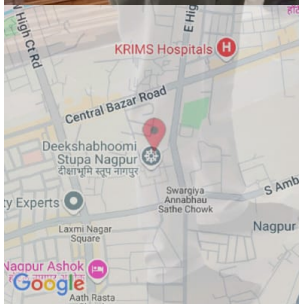


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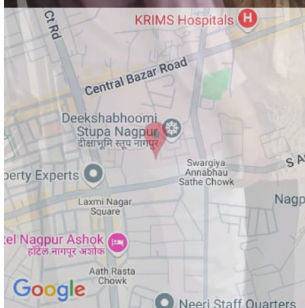
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17	Ms. A. Sheikh	<u>Sheikh</u>
18	Ms. R. Peddilwar	<u>Peddilwar</u>
19	Ms. T. Sheikh	<u>Sheikh</u>
20	Ms. C. Gadekar	<u>Gadekar</u>