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The holy place, where purity and piousness touch us and our lives turn to be pure, is called 'Tirtha', or a 'Promised Land'. Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi referred to the places related to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, as the Panchtirth (The Five Sacred or Promised Lands). We have been inspired to look at the important places related to the lives of our great men with a new perspective and to preserve them.





## These Panchtirthas are :

### His Birthplace

Mhow, Indore, Madhya Pradesh

### Place of his Education

Residence while studying in London

### Deeksha Bhoomi

Nagpur, the place where he converted himself to Buddhism

### Mahaparinirvana Bhoomi

Delhi, the Nirvana Sthal, where he breathed his last

### Chaitya Bhoomi

Dadar, Mumbai, the Place of Perpetual Rest, where he was cremated



Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, pays tribute to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.



# 1.

## Birthplace - Mhow, Indore



Birthplace is very important in everyone's life. But there are some places which, by the birth of great people, become pure, they become holy and sacred.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was born on April 14, 1891 in Mhow. Dr. Ambedkar's father - Shri Ramji Maloji Sakpal - was a Subedar Major in the Mahar Regiment in the British Army. He was born in a military cantonment where his father's residence was. This place is in the Kali Paltan area of Mhow on the Mhow-Mandleshwar highway in the Indore-Mumbai direction. A Buddhist stupa-shaped monument was erected at this place on the 100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb on April 14, 1991. Designed by the architect - Shri E.D. Nimgade, this monument is a wonderful piece of white stone architecture spread over 4.52 acres.





Every year millions of followers of Dr. Ambedkar, followers of Buddhism and tourists reach this birthplace memorial located in Mhow and remember Dr. Ambedkar with reverence, enthusiasm, and gaiety. In this monument, the history of Babasaheb's life is enlivened in the form of photographs, as well as his huge statue makes one feel his presence there.

On April 14, 2016, Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Bhim Janmabhoomi and paid tribute to Dr. Ambedkar and presented the concept of "Panchtirth" to the nation. On December 6, 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister declared Bhim Janmabhoomi as a National Heritage.

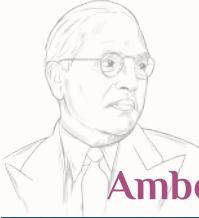
Today this birthplace has become a place of faith for the whole world.



"Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's crusade to reckon in the deprived strata of the society into the mainstream will remain an ideal for every generation."



- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, India



## 2.

### Education Land Ambedkar Bhavan - London



Education is an essential part of personality and development of any person. It is inspiring to get the best education after recovering from adversity and use it for the welfare of the country. From this point of view, the place where Babasaheb took his higher education is inspiring for all of us.

'Shiksha Bhoomi' is the house in North London where Dr. Ambedkar lived in 1921-22 for higher studies at the London School of Economics. It is a four-storeyed building located at 10, King Henry Road which was bought by the Government of Maharashtra for about Rs 40 crore. In 1991 the building was declared a British heritage and it read: "Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar 1891-1956, Indian warrior of social justice, lived here."

The credit of being the only Indian to receive such an honour in Britain goes to Dr. Ambedkar, in whose memory a full-fledged London residence - declared a national heritage. In this building there are pictures, letters, books and other items of Dr. Ambedkar and his statements are engraved on the walls.





Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Dr. Ambedkar Memorial in London on November 14, 2015. With the inspiration of Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, it was given the form of a museum and its decoration was made museum friendly. Honourable Prime Minister's vision is to develop this place as a place where people from all over the world can come to experience and know about the economic thinking of India. This memorial displaying the economist nature of Babasaheb is a place of inspiration for all Indians.





“Dr. Ambedkar believed that the obstacles in life could be surmounted with the help of education. He held the welfare of farmers and labourers very high. Having a rare economic outlook, Dr Ambedkar believed in the power of education.”



- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, India



### 3.

## Deeksha Bhoomi - Nagpur



“Deeksha” (One’s commitment to education) is the opportunity of all of us in life from where our life gets direction towards attaining the goal. One of the most important milestones in Babasaheb’s life vow to dedicate his life to social justice and equality was the ‘Deeksha’.

The ‘Deeksha Bhoomi’ is the land where Babasaheb converted himself to Buddhism (Dhamma).

Deeksha Bhoomi is situated on four acres of land in Nagpur city where Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar embraced Buddhism (Dhamma) along with, about 6,00,000 followers on October 14, 1956. In this way, the Neo-Buddhist movement started in Nagpur. The site became a major Buddhist pilgrimage in India.

The dome built on the Conversion land is 120 feet high and almost as wide. In the middle of it is a beautiful statue of Gautam Buddha. An original copy of the Constitution of India has also been kept in the courtyard of Deeksha Bhoomi.





Deeksha Bhoomi is a holy place of social change, ideological revolution, and emotional dedication. This is a place of faith for crores of neo Buddhists, from where one gets the energy to keep working continuously for society and the country.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has paid his respects by visiting Deeksha Bhoomi on the occasion of 124<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Babasaheb on April 14, 2017. Honourable

Prime Minister's resolution of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas is a resolution inspired by the land of Deeksha. Deeksha Bhoomi is a holy place for the Prime Minister and all the crores of us countrymen who think that the dream of development of the country reaches the last person of the society and its share should be ensured in it.

It is such a place of inspiration for them which shows the path of social change/revolution. As the cradle of the Neo-Buddhist sect, Deeksha Bhoomi presents a blend of knowledge, action and virtue to Buddhists, Ambedkar's followers, and tourists from across the country and abroad.



"Dr. Ambedkar unified the society through the medium of the Constitution."

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, India





## 4.

### Mahaparinirvana Bhoomi Delhi



No matter how great a person is, life is bound by the bondage of death. There are very few people in this world who may go away from this world in the worldly sense, but by their actions and by the light of their personality, they become immortal. Babasaheb Ambedkar was one such great man. Mahaparinirvana Bhoomi is the place in Delhi where Babasaheb breathed his last on 6 December 1956 and attained Mahaparinirvana (Salvation).

On the day before Dr. Ambedkar's Jayanti (his birth anniversary) on April 13, 2018, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial at 26, Alipore Road in Delhi. This national monument is made in the shape of an open book (Constitution). Built as a marvel of architecture with gardens and fountains, this monument is the centre of attraction due to its design and decoration. This memorial properly displays the 'life and journey' of Dr. Ambedkar and commemorates his social, political, economic, and cultural contributions.





Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi tried to understand and assimilate Babasaheb's philosophy of life and his work for the people of India. While imbibing the ideals of Babasaheb, he has raised his imagination in the form of work. Today, if every person of India feels empowered and self-supporting, then it is the inspiration of Babasaheb and the resolve of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This Mahaparinirvana land is a place of determination for social equality for all of us Indians.



"Dr. Ambedkar voiced for all those who had to face injustice."

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, India







## 5.

### Chaitya Bhoomi - Mumbai



"Chaitya Bhoomi" is the place where Babasaheb was cremated on 6 December 1956 after his mortal remains were brought from Delhi to Mumbai. This place was earlier known as Dadar Chowpatty (Dadar Beach). Chaitya Bhoomi is one of the places associated with the life of Dr. Ambedkar. The two-storey building built over the funeral site of Dr. Ambedkar is in the shape of a stupa. Its architecture is inspired by the religious and philosophical thought of Babasaheb. The ashes and the main remains of Dr. Ambedkar are housed in a small, square ground floor room at Chaitya Bhoomi. There are also statues and paintings of Dr. Ambedkar and Buddha, adorned with flowers.

On the second floor there is a white marble dome which is a shelter for Buddhist monks. Like the Buddhist caves, the stupa is very beautiful and its form is very simple. This memorial was inaugurated by Dr. Ambedkar's daughter-in-law - Mrs. Meerabai Yashwantrao Ambedkar - on December 8, 1971.

In the year 2015, Bhoomi Pujan (inauguration of the construction) of this memorial site was done by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The way Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi adopts the ideals of Babasaheb, has given the mantra to all the countrymen to be devoted towards their cause, and the same vibration is received here. It vibrates our lives as a place of dedication.





“Dr. Ambedkar encountered  
innumerable difficulties,  
humiliation, but he had the inner  
strength to get over them.”



- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, India



## Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi



Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, 15 Janpath, New Delhi, was inaugurated on 7 December, 2017 by the blessings of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. Hon'ble Prime Minister has envisaged to develop this centre as a 'Centre of Excellence' for study, research, analysis and policymaking in the field of socio-economic and cultural change. The main objective of this centre is to reduce socio-political and economic inequalities through proper and authentic research.

The area of this state-of-the-art centre is about 3.25 acres in the heart of Delhi and is a three storeyed building with administrative blocks and other facilities. Various types of green plants are planted in the outer part of this building, which enhance the beauty of this place. There is a huge 18 feet high bronze statue of Dr. Ambedkar in the building. Also, there is a small amphitheatre, two chaitya domes, two pylon gates of red stone, Buddha statue and Ashoka Pillar to its right. There is a large square area on the ground floor below the dome, where there is the statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar sitting in the chair.



“Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar stands as an inspiration not only for a community but also for the entire world.”



- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, India









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