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### DR. AMBEDKAR CHAIR IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT OF TRIBAL POPULATION

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To

**The All Dean/Head/Faculty Members/All non teaching Staff**

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Amarkantak (M.P.)-484887.

**Sub:-Invitation for Saint Guru Ravidas Jayanti held on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.**

Dear Sir/Madam

We hope you are doing well.

Invitation from Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal, Amarkantak,  
Madhya Pradesh, India.

We are happy to announce that Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak is organizing a Webinar on ‘**Contribution of Saint Guru Ravidas Socio-Religious Upliftment**’, as the part of the birth celebration of Guru Ravidas Jayanti held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Esteem presence of **Prof. Shri. Prakash Mani Tripathi, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, IGNTU.**

Guru Ravidas's was born in 1450 CE and died in 1520 CE. Ravidas was also known as Raidas. He was born in the village of Seer Goverdhanpur, near Varanasi in what is now Uttar Pradesh, India. His birthplace is now known as Shri Guru Ravidas Janam Asthan. Mata Kalsa'n was his mother, and his father was Santokh Dass. His parents belonged to a leather-working Chamar community making them an untouchable caste. While his original occupation was leather work, he began to spend most of his time in spiritual pursuits at the banks of the Ganges. Thereafter he spent most of his life in the company of Sufi saints, sadhus and ascetics. His text *Anantadas Parcai* is one of the earliest surviving biographies of various Bhakti movement poets which talks about the birth of Ravidas. Medieval era texts, such as the *Bhaktamal* suggest that Ravidas was the disciple of the Brahmin *bhakti*-poet Ramananda. He is traditionally considered as Kabir's younger contemporary. However, the medieval text titled *Ratnavali* says Ravidas gained his spiritual knowledge from Ramananda and was a follower of the Ramanandi Sampradaya tradition. His ideas and fame grew over his lifetime, and texts suggest Brahmins (members of priestly upper caste) used to bow before him. He travelled extensively, visiting Hindu pilgrimage sites in Andhra, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and those in the Himalayas. As his poetic hymns in regional languages inspired others, people from various backgrounds sought his teachings and guidance. Peter Friedlander states that Ravidas' hagiographies, though authored long after he died, depict a struggle within the Indian society, where Ravidas' life gives the means to express a variety of social and spiritual themes. At one level, it depicts a struggle between the then prevalent heterodox communities and the orthodox Brahminical tradition. At another level, the legends are an inter-communal, inter-religious struggle with an underlying search and desire for social unity. At yet another level, states Friedlander, the stories describe the spiritual struggle of an individual unto self. The songs of Ravidas discuss *Nirguna-Saguna* themes, as well as ideas that are at the foundation of Nath Yoga philosophy of Hinduism. He frequently mentions the term *Sahaj*, a mystical state where there is a union of the truths of the many, and the one. There is no historical evidence to verify the historicity in these hagiographies, which range from Ravidas's struggle with Hindu Brahmins, to his struggle with Muslim Sultan Sikander Lodi. Friedlander states that the stories reflect the social dynamics that influenced the composers of the hagiographies during the 17th- to 20th-century. These are legends where Ravidas is victorious because God intervened with miracles such as making a stone float in water, or making river Ganges to reverse course and

flow upstream. The legends, suggests Lorenzen, cannot be separated from the power and political situation of this era, and they reflect a strong element of social and religious dissent by groups marginalised during a period when Indian society was under the Islamic rule and later the colonial rule. In this context Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarknatak is organised one day Webinar on “**Contribution of Saint Guru Ravidas in Socio-Religious Upliftment**”As part of Guru Ravidas Jayanti 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### Programme Schedule

11:00 AM to 11:05 AM	Welcome address <b>Prof. Tanmay Kumar Ghorai</b> , Chair Professor (I/c) Dr. Ambedkar Chair, IGNTU
11:05 AM to 11:15 AM	Kulgeet
11:15 AM to 11:25 AM	Introduction of theme of the Webinar.
11:25 AM to 12:00 PM	Speaker <b>Prof. Umapati Dixit</b> Head of the Department Renewal and Language Extension Department Central Hindi Institute (Ministry of Education, Government of India), Agra, India
12:00 PM to 12:05 PM	Discussion
12:05 PM to 12:30 PM	Special Address <b>Prof. Shri. Prakash Mani Tripathi</b> , Hon’ble <b>Vice-Chancellor</b> , IGNTU,M.P
12:30 PM to 12:35 PM	Vote of Thanks <b>Dr. Vimal Raj A</b> , Research Officer, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, IGNTU.
12:35 PM to 12:40 PM	National Anthem

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**Prof. Tanmay Kumar Ghorai**

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**“Contribution of Saint Guru Ravidas in  
Socio- Religious Upliftment”  
as part of Guru Ravidas Jayanti  
held on 16th February 2022**



**Patron**

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**Convenor**  
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**Vanue: Online Mode**  
**Time - 11.00 am to 1.00 pm**

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