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**7th Ambedkar Memorial Lecture (AML)**

8th January 2011, Convention Centre,

NAuroji Campus, TISS, Deonar, Mumbai

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dr B. R. Ambedkar left an indelible mark on Indian society and economy with a broad range of scholarly work and rigorous political activism. In the pursuit of the same, an academic deliberation aiming to amplify the subaltern voices is being conducted under the heading of Ambedkar Memorial Lecture (AML) across the country. Tata Institute of Social Sciences student’s wing hosts the AML every year since 2006. AML in its 7th session this year has organized a public lecture on the *Philosophical roots of Dr Ambedkar’s Social, Political and Economic Perspective. This lecture* seeks to initiate an inquiry into the origins of his teachings.

Dr. Kancha Ilaiah, Professor and former Head of the Department of Political Science at Osmania University, Hyderabad has been invited as the guest speaker. Dr. Ilaiah is a prolific writer and a regular contributor to national newspapers on issues related to contemporary Indian society, religious fundamentalism, Bahujan ideology and prevalent conditions. Although living in Hyderabad, Dr. Ilaiah has campaigned against the practice of “untouchability” and illiteracy all over India.

On the occasion of AML, a photo-exhibition depicting Dr Ambedkar’s extraordinary struggle is also organized along with a live performance by Anand Shinde. Anand Shinde is an eminent singer known for his soul touching songs of revolution and social satire.