

HINDU SOCIETY MUST ORGANISE ON MODERN LINES BREAKING DOWN ITS AGE-LONG FRAMEWORK

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar declared on 19th March as Independence day for Untouchables. This was the day of 1927 when a historical meeting of Untouchables was held at Mahad, where Dr. Ambedkar declared the three principles of democracy i.e. liberty equality and fraternity. To Commemorate that a special function, “Untouchables Independence day”, was organised at Mahad on 19th March 1940 on behalf of Independent Labour Party. A special handbill was published for this occasion. Accordingly the Depressed Classes observed March 19, 1940 as their Independence day— ”¹

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar addressed a rally of 10,000 people at Mahad.” In the course of his speech he observed.

“It was entirely wrong for the Indians to concentrate all their attention on political independence of the country and forget the foremost social and economic problems. He said that it was high time that Hindu society were organised on modern lines breaking down its age-long framework.” At night an address of welcome was presented to Dr. Ambedkar by the Mahad Municipality.²

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¹: Janata, 23rd and 30th March 1940.

²: Keer, P. 331.