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Press Release

JMI's Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion organizes Lecture on 'Periyar and Self Respect Movement'

The Subject Association of Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi organized an extension lecture to commemorate the 146th birth anniversary of Periyar EVR. The lecture was titled "Periyar and the Self-Respect Movement: A Revolutionary Approach to Social Justice."

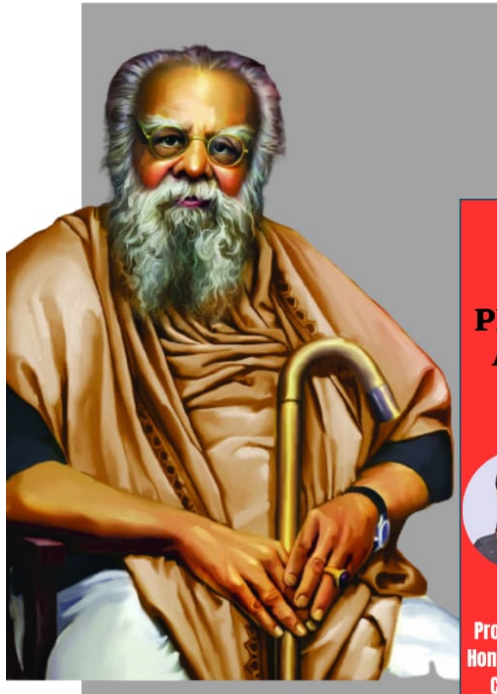
Dr. Mujibur Rehman chaired the session, and Dr. Arvind Kumar co-chaired. Mr. Elaiyakumar moderated the session. Dr. Sandeep Yadav, Associate Professor at Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, delivered the lecture. He briefly discussed the Self-Respect Movement as a social and political reform initiative founded by E.V. Ramasamy, popularly known as Periyar, in Tamil Nadu, India, in 1925 and the context. The movement aimed to dismantle the entrenched caste hierarchy and promote rational thinking, self-respect, and equality, especially for the marginalized communities in Indian society. During the early 20th century, Tamil society was deeply divided by caste, religious dogmas, and gender inequality.

Dr. Yadav chronologically listed Periyar's social reform works like Eradication of Caste, Liberation of Women, Rationality, and other aspects of his inclusive politics. The Self-Respect Movement laid the ideological foundation for the Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu. Political parties like the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) drew heavily from Periyar's ideas, emphasizing social justice, secularism, and regional pride. Periyar's Self-Respect Movement was a radical attempt to transform society by promoting human dignity, equality, and rational thought, pushing back against centuries of social and religious inequality. He added that how Periyar's vision to establish an inclusive society led to the people welfare policies of Tamil Nadu Government irrespective of Political parties. He also emphasized the importance of spreading Periyar's ideas across India and the need for the Dravidian movement.

Students, scholars, and faculty members attended the event. The lecture followed by the Q&A session and concluded with a vote of thanks.

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Invites you for an extension lecture to commemorate
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**PERIYAR AND THE SELF-RESPECT MOVEMENT
A REVOLUTIONARY APPROACH TO SOCIAL JUSTICE**



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