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AMBEDKAR 135th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

The Ettram Public Charitable Trust commemorated the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on 14th April 2026 with great reverence, social commitment, and public participation across three key locations in Chennai. The day-long programme was designed not merely as a ceremonial tribute but as a meaningful social outreach initiative aligned with Ambedkar's vision of equality, education, and social justice.

1. Madras High Court – 10:00 AM

The celebrations commenced at the historic Madras High Court premises at 10:00 AM. The event was led by the Managing Trustee Mr. Subramaniam, along with key members Mr. Vinayagam and Mr. Raja Kalimuthan. Floral tributes were respectfully offered to Dr. Ambedkar, symbolizing gratitude for his monumental contributions to the Indian Constitution and social reform.

The gathering witnessed the esteemed presence of several judicial officers, advocates, and members of the legal fraternity. Their participation added dignity and institutional significance to the event, highlighting Ambedkar's enduring influence on India's legal framework.

A brief but impactful address was delivered, reflecting on Dr. Ambedkar's role in shaping modern India, his relentless fight against social discrimination, and his vision of an inclusive society. The speakers emphasized the relevance of constitutional morality and the need for continued awareness of fundamental rights and duties.

As part of the Trust's service-oriented approach, buttermilk was distributed to more than 200 people, considering the summer heat and public convenience. Additionally, lunch was arranged and served to around 100 individuals, including attendees,

support staff, and members of the public. Gifts were distributed to Security personal and Sanitary workers. This act reinforced the Trust's commitment to blending tribute with tangible social service.

2. Ambedkar Statue, Chennai Harbour – 12:00 PM

The second phase of the programme was conducted at the Ambedkar Statue near Chennai Harbour at 12:00 PM. This segment saw the participation of over 100 people, including local residents, social workers, and cultural artists.

Floral tributes were once again offered to Dr. Ambedkar, reaffirming collective respect and remembrance. The atmosphere was marked by unity and cultural vibrancy, as traditional Indian folklore drum players (Parai artists and other folk performers) were present, symbolizing grassroots cultural expression. Recognizing their contribution to preserving indigenous art forms, the Trust distributed gifts to these folklore drum players. This gesture was both an appreciation of cultural heritage and an acknowledgment of Ambedkar's advocacy for marginalized communities, many of whom are custodians of such traditional arts.

Short speeches were delivered emphasizing social equality, dignity of labour, and the importance of cultural identity within the broader framework of national progress. The event successfully connected Ambedkar's ideals with real-world social and cultural empowerment.

3. Nolambur – 6:00 PM

The final and most socially impactful segment of the celebration was conducted in Nolambur at 6:30 PM. Staying true to its core belief that "education alone can uplift a person," the Trust deliberately chose an economically backward locality to extend its outreach.

The programme began with a gathering of students, parents, and local residents. A speech was delivered highlighting Dr. Ambedkar's emphasis on education as the most powerful tool for

social transformation. His famous call to “Educate, Agitate, Organize” was reiterated as a guiding principle for young minds. Following the address, essential educational materials including notebooks, pens, and biscuits were distributed to more than 100 students. The distribution aimed not only to support their immediate academic needs but also to motivate them to pursue education with confidence and determination.

The interaction with students was warm and encouraging, creating a sense of inclusion and aspiration. Volunteers engaged with children, reinforcing the importance of schooling and self-belief. This segment clearly reflected the Trust’s mission to translate ideology into actionable grassroots impact.

Conclusion

The Ambedkar 135th Birthday celebration organized by Ettram Public Charitable Trust was a well-structured and meaningful initiative that combined homage with humanitarian service. Across all three locations—Madras High Court, Chennai Harbour, and Nolambur—the events maintained a consistent focus on respect, awareness, and social responsibility.

By integrating legal fraternity engagement, cultural appreciation, and educational support, the Trust successfully upheld the ideals of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in both spirit and practice. The programme not only honored a महान् visionary but also reaffirmed the Trust’s dedication to societal upliftment, equality, and inclusive progress.

The celebration stands as a model for how commemorative events can be transformed into impactful social interventions, ensuring that Ambedkar’s legacy continues to inspire and empower future generations