



Dr. Bhalchandra Munekar

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Educational Qualifications	B.A.(Hons.) in Economics, M.A.(Economics) Ph.D. Educated at University of Mumbai

Profession	Economist, Teacher, Educationist, Social Worker
Positions Held	Vice Chancellor of the University of Mumbai (2000-2004), 1999 Member, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, Government of India July 2004-June 2009 Member, Planning Commission March 2010 Nominated to Rajya Sabha May 2010 onwards Member, Committee on Urban Development Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs July 2010 onwards Member, National Council for Teacher Education Aug. 2010 onwards Member, Select Committee to the Wakf (Amendment) Bill, 2010 May 2011 onwards Member, Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (2011-2012) August 2011 onwards Member, Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice Aug. 2012 onwards Member, Committee on Home Affairs Aug. 2012 onwards Member, Committee on Library
Books Published	Books (in English): (i) The Political Economy of Terms of Trade, 1992; (ii) Buddhism and the Contemporary World : An Ambedkarian Perspective, 2006 and (iii) Dr. Ambedkar's Approach to Buddhism, 2010; in Marathi: (i) Indhan (Fuel), a collection of fifty newspaper column articles., 1998 and (ii) Me Asa Ghadalo (The Story of My Life), 2008, nominated as Modern Indian Classic by the Sahitya Academy and is being translated into several languages; Edited; (i) Indian Economy in the New Millenium (with Nachane and Rao), 2001, (ii) The Economy of Maharashtra : Changing Structure and Emerging Issues, 2003 and (iii) Buddhism and the 21st Century, 2009; Monographs: (i) A Blueprint of Maharashtra's Agricultural Development (with Mahendra Dev), 1996, (ii) Dr. Ambedkar's Quest For Democratic Socialism, 1999, (iii) The Political Economy of India's Economic Development since Independence (in Marathi), 2000, (iv) The Political Economy of Globalisation (in Marathi), 2001 and (v) India's Economic Reforms and the Dalits : An Ambedkarian Perspective, 2003
Sports, Clubs, Favourite Pastimes and Recreation	Reading, writing, social work, music, films and dramas
Countries Visited	Canada, China, France, Germany and U.K.; important academic visits include: (i) Canada, to attend the Conference of the International

Association of Universities , December 2000, (ii) France and Germany, visited several universities on the invitations from the German Academic Exchange Programme and Foreign Affairs, Ministry of France, (iii) U.K., to deliver the First Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on India's Economic Reforms and the Dalits: An Ambedkarian Perspective at the Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, (iv) China, as Member of the delegation of the University Grants Commission, visited ten universities to study the Chinese Education System and its Relevance to India, June 2002, (v) France, as a Member of the official delegation led by the Minister of Human Resource Development, September 2005, and participated in the world conference organised by the UNESCO on Education for All in Paris and (vi) Beijing (China), as leader of the Government of India's delegation to the 5th High Level Group Meeting on Education for All

Other Information

President, Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Social and Economic Change, 1995-2008; Founder President, (i) Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Social and Economic Change and (ii) Yashodhara Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.; Founder Vice-Chairman, Parivartan Cooperative Bank Ltd.; Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai, May 2000-July 2004; President and Chairman, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla since September 2005; served in the Reserve Bank of India, 1965-74 and resigned in 1974 as Economic Assistant; was awarded three year UGC fellowship for doing Ph.D. in Economics, however, chose to become Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Mumbai in 1984; Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics, 1989; Professor, Industrial Economics, 1998; was invited by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences for carrying out a comparative study of the Indian and Chinese Agricultural Price Policies in 1996; as a Member of the Planning Commission, Government of India, suggested several new policies and programmes in the areas of Education, Social Justice and Empowerment, Tribal Affairs, Labour and Employment, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, which subsequently became a part of the 11th Five-Year Plan; Reports submitted as Member, Planning Commission on (i) Intersectoral Issues relating to the Tribal Development (including the drafting of the Tribal

Forests Rights Act) (three reports); (ii) Minority Concentration Districts and Implications of Geographical Distribution of Minorities in Towns and Cities (two reports), (iii) Financing Higher and Technical Education and (iv) Review of National and State Eligibility Tests (two reports); participated in several national and international seminars and conferences, and contributed papers; has delivered more than 150 public lectures in different parts of the country on topics such as democracy, secularism, caste system and untouchability, gender equality, development and justice, education, globalization, trade unions, etc.; Convenor, Sub-Group on International Seminar on Buddhism and the 21st Century organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, to commemorate the 2550th Anniversary of Tathagat Buddha, 4-6 Febraury 2006