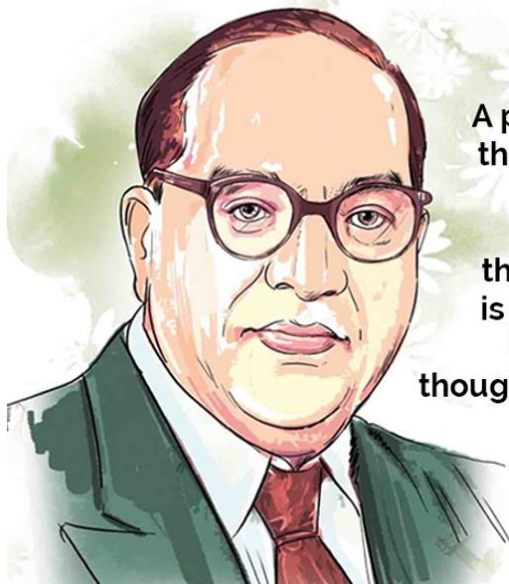


The constitutional construction of constitutionalism on human rights instil a sense of pride among We, the People of India.

The words of former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan remain pertinent: "Our mission is to confront ignorance with knowledge, bigotry with tolerance, and isolation with the outstretched hand of generosity. **Racism can, will, and must be defeated.**"

2.BR Ambedkar: institution builder, champion of depressed classes



"Freedom of mind is the
real freedom.
A person whose mind is not free
though he may not be in chains,
is a slave, not a free man.
One whose mind is not free,
though he may not be in prison,
is a prisoner and not a free man.
One whose mind is not free
though alive, is no better than dead.
Freedom of mind is the proof
of one's existence."

Dr. B.R Ambedkar

Context:

The nation is celebrating the **130th birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar**. His role as a **social reformer, chairman of the draft committee of the Indian Constitution, and first law minister of the country** is well-known.

But he wore many hats — a distinguished economist, active politician, eminent lawyer, labour leader, great parliamentarian, fine scholar, anthropologist, orator, etc.

The country has marked the **beginning of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** to commemorate **75 years of Independence**.

It is imperative to reflect on Ambedkar in all his facets to grasp the gravity of his ideas, **his role as a nation-builder** and actions taken thereupon, **to strengthen the social fabric and build a just society and stronger nation.**