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CONCLUSION

The death anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar i.e., 6th December, has been an important occasion for the people of Dr. Ambedkar. Several lakhs of people from all parts of India, especially, Maharashtra, have been visiting the 'Chaityabhoomi', regularly, to pay a tribute to their great leader. On the occasion of 48th Death anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, about 10 to 15 lakhs of people had visited the 'Chaityabhoomi'. The researcher had conducted a survey based on the 'Observation' and 'Sampling' method. The analysis has been given in two parts. The first part, which is based on observation method, represents the general condition at 'Chaityabhoomi'. On every death anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar similar kind of situation could be found. Hence, it could be generalised. However, the second part, which is based on the sampling method, represents the selected sample. There could be differences in the reality. The researcher has selected samples in order to give the social and economic background of the people, who had visited 'Chaityabhoomi'. Therefore, the conclusions drawn from the second part of analysis represents the samples only. However, similar situation could be found in general among the people of Dr. Ambedkar. Following conclusion could be drawn from the analysis.

1. The magic in the name of Dr. Ambedkar was still alive even after 48 years of his 'Mahaparinirvana'. The response

of the people of Dr. Ambedkar at the 'Chaityabhoomi' on the occasion of 48th Death Anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, was overwhelming. The print media estimated the size of Ambedkar's people in different way. It varies from 5 lakhs to 25 lakhs.

- The 'Dadar' railway station (in Mumbai) and a road 2. from 'Dadar' to 'Chaityabhoomi' were over crowded on this day. All the roads around the 'Chaityabhoomi' were overflowing by the people of Dr. Ambedkar.
- The queue outside the 'Chaityabhoomi' was about of 3. five Kms., which had started from 'Chaityabhoomi' and reached 'Prabhadevi' in a zigzag way. It was well disciplined queue.
- Large number of organisations, involved among the 4. Ambedkarites community, were engaged in providing number services to the people at 'Chaityabhoomi'. All types of essential services were made available.
- The meal service was made available at free of cost by 5. number of organisations. There were number of long queues outside the centres, where meal was served.
- The 'Buddhist Society of India' had played an important 6. role in monitoring the people. The society also had engaged in number of activities, from meals to medical facilities. The whole area was monitored by the society.
- 7. Drinking water facilities were also made available by number of organisations.
- 8. Free medical facilities were provided to the people at 'Chaityabhoomi'. Number of organisations took the responsibility of providing the medical facilities. There was long queue, outside such centres.
- 9. Very few of the organisation were promoting the awareness about the human rights, among the people of Dr. Ambedkar.

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