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## **“The Ideas and Practices of the Dalit Movement in Karnataka”**

Speaker  
**Du Saraswathi**

**Date: April 14, 2015 (Tuesday)**

**Time: 3.00 to 5.00 pm**

**Venue: Seminar Hall, 10th Floor, Pixel A, Azim Premji University**

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### **About the Lecture**

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Dr. Bhim Raoji Ambedkar (14th April, 1891 – 6th December, 1956) was among the leading lights of modern India. He was especially interested in the uplift of downtrodden and marginalized and left the slogan ‘Educate, Organize, Agitate’ for posterity.

To observe the 124th birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar, we recount the struggles of common Dalit folks in rural and urban contexts. While all Dalit organisations stand for equality and human dignity, we try to indicate the difference in the assertions of Dalit identity in Karnataka. The reflection of these struggles in literature shall form a focus of this lecture.

### **About the Speaker**

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Du Saraswathi is a poet, writer, theatre person and activist since 1985. She has been active in the workers’ movement, a feminist and an admirer of Ambedkar.

In her own words, ‘I want to become more transparent, more honest. I am a person who cries, gets angry, shouts. I wanted to see only beauty. Buddhism has helped me to wrestle with all that, to confront the fact that reality is both poison and nectar and also to look at the filth within me...’