

**REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA,
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND
ON THE OCCASION OF INAUGURATION OF THE AMBEDKAR AVENUE
IN KINGSTON**

Kingston, May 16, 2022

Your presence on this occasion is a tribute to one of the greatest personalities to have served the cause of social reform and nation building.

I feel honoured to inaugurate the Ambedkar Avenue in this beautiful city of Kingston. It fills me with great pride to see that one of the ablest sons of India has been recognized so far away from home.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar is primarily known as the architect of the Indian Constitution. He introduced progressive ideals for the social and economic empowerment of the depressed classes into the Indian Constitution. Dr Ambedkar educated and inspired the people towards the goal of removing inequality. His efforts have borne tangible results and have transformed the lives of millions in India.

Some people may wonder about the relevance of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar to Jamaica. Let us always remember that icons like Dr Ambedkar and Marcus Garvey cannot be limited to just one nation or community. Their message of equality of all, and their appeal to end all forms of discrimination has universal resonance. Therefore, Dr Ambedkar's message is as relevant to Indians as it is to Jamaicans, and to people in every part of the World.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

When you pass this Avenue named after Dr. Ambedkar, the great reformer, may you be reminded that his work remains to be completed. Every sensitive resident of the planet has to carry Dr Ambedkar's agenda forward. Let us not stop till every stomach is filled, everybody is clothed, every tear has been wiped from every eye in this world, and every individual is given equal respect.

Thank you very much.