

Trump's tariff policies spell global economic turbulence

Trump's tariff policies are sounding the alarm bells for what could very well escalate into a full-blown trade war, potentially triggering a global economic disaster or a severe recession. There is a general perception, particularly within government circles, that these tariffs imposed by the United States will not significantly impact India. However, this assumption is far from the truth.

The reality is that India will not remain insulated from the ripple effects of these protectionist measures. While the impact may not be immediately visible, the country's economic growth is likely to become unstable in the foreseeable future. Even when growth resumes, it may neither be steady nor robust, it could be sluggish, if not outright crippling. The contri-

bution of individual states to the national economy is bound to take a hit, as their local economies are poised to slow down under external pressures.

One of the major fallouts of the US tariff regime will be a likely increase in unemployment across sectors, accompanied by a spike in inflation. These twin evils, joblessness and rising prices will directly affect the common man. The already low incomes of the middle and lower-income groups will shrink further, pushing them into greater financial distress. Their struggle for survival will become more acute, and savings, already meagre, will dwindle from their pockets.

With governments facing economic stress and public discontent, public spending is bound to rise. This would



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be an attempt to compensate for the economic pain felt by citizens due to sluggish growth and income stagnation. People's expectations from the state will increase, but fulfilling them in a fiscally constrained environment will only add to the government's debt burden. Simultaneously, the pressure of personal loans on individuals is worsening the economic fragility of households.

The volatility in global markets triggered by these tariffs could lead to a sudden fall in stock markets, which in turn will erode the value of people's investments and hard-earned savings. Trump's tariff-driven policy moves, what I call Trump's Tariff Trumpets (TTTs) are in fact severe blows to the global economic system.

India, and more specifically its states, including Andhra Pradesh, cannot remain untouched by this whirlwind. If governments do not address the situation with foresight and effective policy responses, the fallout could derail national developmental visions such as Swachh Bharat and others. But if approached with the right strategies, the crisis could be transformed into an opportunity for course correction and structural reforms.

Failing to act decisively, however, will only exacerbate inequality and deepen poverty. Under such circumstances, economic development will remain a distant dream. TTTs are not mere trade barriers they are ticking time bombs that threaten the very foundation of equitable and sustainable development.

A Tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar – A Visionary Beyond His Time

- **Pandit Nehru made a historical wrong by not appointing Dr. Ambedkar as minister of education.**
- **Congress's Failure to Honor Dr. Ambedkar: A Nation's Unfinished Acknowledgment**

Tribute to one of the greatest minds and visionaries our nation has ever produced—Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. A jurist, an economist, a social reformer, and above all, a tireless advocate for justice and equality.

But while we celebrate him as the Father of the Indian Constitution, if Dr. Ambedkar had been appointed as India's first Education Minister by Nehru the shaping the destiny of India's youth right from beginning would have been different.

Pandit Nehru's decision : A Historical Wrong

History often remembers great leaders for what they did—but it must also reflect on what they failed to do.

One such missed opportunity was Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's decision not to appoint Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as India's first Education Minister. In doing so, a man who understood the grassroots crisis of illiteracy, who lived through the social exclusion that millions of Indians still face, and who stood as a symbol of the transformative power of education, was sidelined from the very ministry that could have reshaped the destiny of India's youth.

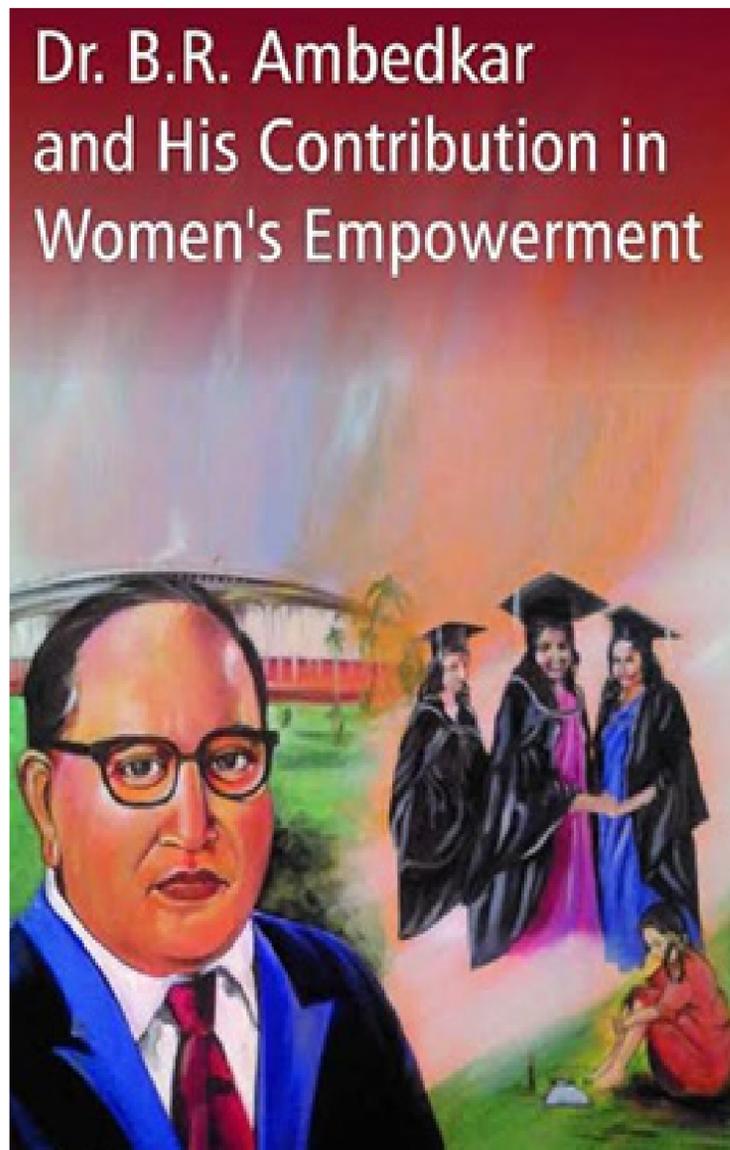
Instead of placing one of the most educated, visionary minds in charge of national education, India handed the reins to others who—while competent—did not carry Ambedkar's lived experience of marginalization or his urgency for educational justice.

This was not just a political oversight—it was a historical wrong.

Ambedkar didn't just believe in education—he embodied its power to liberate. His life was a testament to how knowledge could break chains of caste and poverty. Had he been given the responsibility, India's education system might have focused earlier on equity, social inclusion, and empowerment, not just literacy and bureaucracy.

Today, as we look at the gaps that persist in our education system—whether it's caste-based inequality, dropout rates, or the urban-rural divide—we must also look back and ask: What if Dr. Ambedkar had led us from the very beginning?

It's time we not only honor his memory—but also acknowledge the oppor-



tunities that were denied to him, and through him, denied to generations of Indians.

Imagine a man who had lived through the caste oppression... who rose against all odds to earn multiple doctorates from the world's top universities... who believed with all his heart that education is the ultimate tool of liberation.

With his unmatched intellect, his deep grasp of the grassroots realities of Indian society, and his unwavering belief in the transformative power of learning, Ambedkar would have been the ideal architect of India's post-independence education policy. He knew that true freedom was in-

complete without the education of the masses—especially the marginalized.

In 1947, India needed not just freedom—it needed direction. It needed someone who understood why millions of children couldn't read, why girls weren't in school, and why caste still chained the human mind. That someone was Dr. Ambedkar.

Had he been given charge of shaping India's educational foundations, perhaps our schools would have been more inclusive, our textbooks more empowering, and our youth more awakened—sooner, stronger, freer.

Dr. Ambedkar once said, "Cultivation



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of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence." His vision went beyond literacy—he wanted education that liberates, dignifies, and uplifts.

We honor his legacy, let us not just remember him as the chief architect of our Constitution, but also as the educationist India could have—and should have—fully embraced.

Let us commit ourselves to his dream: an India where every child, regardless of background, has the right to quality education—and a fair shot at dignity and opportunity.

Instead, while he gave India its Constitution, his revolutionary vision for education remained largely unrealized in his lifetime. Had his ideas shaped the foundation of our schools and universities, India might have seen an earlier and deeper social awakening—an educational revolution that reached every village and every child, regardless of caste or class.

Congress's Failure to Honor Dr. Ambedkar: A Nation's Unfinished Acknowledgment

History will never forget that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar gave India its most powerful instrument of justice—the Constitution. Yet, it must also remember that the political establishment, particularly the Congress party, failed to fully honor him when it mattered most.

Despite his monumental intellect and unwavering commitment to the nation, Dr. Ambedkar was not given a cabinet portfolio befitting his vision

and capabilities. He was made Law Minister, yes—but not given charge of education, economy, or social justice—areas where his expertise was unmatched.

Even more telling is the fact that he was denied the Bharat Ratna during his lifetime. This highest civilian honor was awarded to him posthumously in 1990—34 years after his death—a delay that speaks volumes about how the ruling establishment undervalued his legacy during the early decades of independent India.

This wasn't just a political slight—it was a failure to recognize a man who had dedicated his life to the upliftment of the most oppressed, to the building of institutions, and to the preservation of democratic values.

Ambedkar wasn't just a Dalit icon—he was a national visionary. And if the Congress truly believed in equality, inclusion, and justice, it should have been the first to recognize his unmatched contributions in real time, not decades later when the public demand became too loud to ignore.

Today, India remembers Ambedkar not because he was honored by power—but because he empowered the voiceless. It's a legacy far greater than any title or position—and one that history has finally begun to correct, even if too late.

Ambedkar's Resignation speech: An important Testimony to Nehru's narrow Vision

Pandit Nehru, while celebrated as a statesman, cannot be absolved of how Ambedkar was politically cornered and eventually pushed out of the cabinet. The Congress leadership's discomfort with Ambedkar's radical vision for caste annihilation, social equality, and educational reform created an environment where he was never fully supported—and often isolated.

Ambedkar wasn't given the Education Ministry, despite being one of the most qualified individuals in the country—someone who had studied at Columbia and the London School of Economics, and who deeply understood India's grassroots problems. Had Nehru truly wanted to transform India's education system, Ambedkar was the obvious choice. He wasn't chosen.