

## **Report**

### **Visit of the French Senate Delegation on Ambedkar Jayanti**

A delegation of the France–India Interparliamentary Friendship Group from the French Senate (Upper House) visited India from 9–16 April 2026. During their visit to New Delhi, the delegation expressed a desire to visit the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) on 14 April, 2026 at 12:00 PM. The Centre was privileged to host the distinguished delegation. The delegates paid floral tribute to Dr. Ambedkar.

The composition of the delegation was as follows:

- a. Ms. Mireille Jouve, Senator for Bouches-du-Rhône; Chair of the France–India Interparliamentary Friendship Group; Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and the Armed Forces – Head of the Delegation
- b. Mr. Louis-Jean de Nicolay, Senator for Sarthe; Member of the France–India Interparliamentary Friendship Group; Member of the Standing Committee on European Affairs
- c. Mr. Jean-Marie Mizzon, Senator for Moselle; Member of the France–India Interparliamentary Friendship Group; Member of the Standing Committee on Finance
- d. H.E. Mr. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India
- e. Ms. Dounya Chenoufi, Executive Secretary, France–India Interparliamentary Friendship Group

The delegation interacted with the Hon’ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar. The Hon’ble Minister highlighted the significance of Ambedkar Jayanti, elaborating on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar’s role as a nation builder and the continued efforts of the Government to further his ideas and values in contemporary times. Courtesies were exchanged during the interaction. The French delegation presented a Senate Medal to the Hon’ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment. In return, the Hon’ble Minister presented an Ambedkar bust to the delegation as a memento.

In this regard, an interpreter, Mr. Niraj Arora was invited to extend his services to facilitate smooth interaction between the Hon’ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment (HMSJE) and the French delegation.





