

The research department of BARTI apart from conducting research on issues of Social justice and equality that requires in-depth research, analysis and evaluation also implements the **BANRF Fellowship Program since 2013.**

In grateful commemoration of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's historic journey in 1913 to Columbia University, New York for Higher Studies, BARTI launched Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Research Fellowship (BANRF) in 2013. The fellowships are open to Scheduled Castes (SC) Post graduate candidates belonging to Maharashtra, who wish to pursue regular and fulltime M. Phil and Ph.D degrees, in any subject, from Indian Universities / Institutions / Colleges approved under the UGC Act.

Salient features of the fellowship

- First of its kind fellowship in the country in the name of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.
- 50% reservation for women candidates.
- Financial assistance on the lines of Rajiv Gandhi National Research Fellowship (RGNF).
- Interactive workshops conducted, were in the students get guidance/inputs regarding their research from subject experts.

Since 2013 to 2017, 557 students are availing the benefits of the fellowship. Out of these 92 fellows (76 M. Phil & 16 Ph.D) have completed and submitted their thesis/dissertations to BARTI. More than 200 research papers/articles by the Fellows have been published in National and International Journals.

Some of the selected fellows have been able to attain their dreams of pursuing higher education along with no. of academic achievements in their fellowship tenure.

Mr. Amit Lokhande and Mr. Namdeo Togare are two such fellows of BARTI who have no. of accomplishments to their credit.