

# Ambedkar exhorted 3S mantra for Dalit uplift, says Governor

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RAISING CONCERNS over lack of equal opportunities to all castes and communities, Gujarat Governor O P Kohli Sunday said that B R Ambedkar exhorted *shiksha, sangathan and sangharsh* for the uplift of Dalits.

While speaking at the valedictory session of the national seminar on the 'influence of ideology of Dr B R Ambedkar on Marginal literature' at Gujarat National Law University in Gandhinagar, Kohli said, "Dr Ambedkar said that give equal opportunities, this will give equality of all communities. Today it has been over 65 years since the Constitution came into force. The Constitution accepts the principle of equality, but on



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ground people do not get equal opportunities. People are not getting equal opportunities while our Constitution talks of equality. How equality will come if equal opportunities are not available?"

Further speaking on closing of the two-day seminar organised in celebration of 125th birth anniversary of Ambedkar by the state social justice and empowerment department along with

Gujarat Sahitya Akadami, Kohli said, "Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar realised that only political power will not empower Dalit community. Our constitution already empowers them with voting rights. For their empowerment, he gave three rules to be followed – *shiksha, sangathan and sangharsh* (education, organise and struggle). As he empowered himself through education only."

State social justice and empowerment minister Ramanlal Vora, Gujarat Sahitya Akademy chairperson Bhagyesh Jha and P G Jyotikar, chairman of the Buddhist Society of India were also present during the valedictory session.

Speaking on Dalit literature, Bhagyesh Jha said that pain is the life element of Dalit literature which can also be called a document of this pain.