

Nehru, Ambedkar differed on social renaissance, says Bihar governor

Ahmedabad: Bihar governor **Ram-nath Kovind** said on Saturday that the first prime minister of India, Jawahar-



lal Nehru, and Dr B R Ambedkar, had different ideas on social renaissance and upliftment of the down-trodden community. Speaking at the inauguration

session of a national conclave on 'The Influence of Ideology of Dr B R Ambedkar on Marginal Literature' at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, Kovind said that some people think that Babasaheb Ambedkar did not contribute to the freedom struggle, but they do not consider his contribution to society at large.

People thought that only Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi contributed in the fight for India's freedom, but Ambedkar fought for social equality and upliftment of dalits, as he believed that even freedom of the country would not free the oppressed class from the shackles of social evils like untouchability and inequality, Kovind said.

The Bihar governor said further that when Nehru had introduced the Hindu Code bill, Babasaheb had opposed it because the controversial law would have deprived women from getting right to property. Ambedkar believed that rights of both genders should remain the same in democracy, but Nehru was of the view that such social ideologies were not feasible in India. He said adding that this became the reason why Ambedkar resigned from the Nehru cabinet. **TNN**