

The ban on APSC: Madras (India) IIT unhappy with rationalism and Modi critique - weblinks to commentary and statements

Sunday 31 May 2015, by [Collective / Multiple signers](#), [SACW](#) (Date first published: 30 May 2015).

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) decided, on May 22, to 'derecognise' the Ambedkar-Periyar Study Circle (APSC), an independent student body of the institution. The APSC was created in April 2014 to foster conversation and raise awareness about Ambedkar-Periyar, Dalit figures in Indian history, and rampant caste violence in the country. This ban raised many protests. Find below a number of related links.

IIT-Madras reprimands students' body that criticised Narendra Modi and saffronisation by Arun Janardhanan | Chennai | Updated: May 29, 2015
<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/iit-madras-bans-a-students-body-that-criticised-narendra-modi-his-policies-and-saffronization/99/>

IIT Madras and Modi Government Play Big Brother, Ban Student Group by The Wire Staff, 29 MAY 2015
<http://thewire.in/2015/05/29/iit-madras-and-modi-government-play-big-brother-ban-student-group/>

'Still don't know reason for undemocratic ban': IIT-M students by Abhishek Saha, Hindustan Times, New Delhi | Updated: May 29, 2015
<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/two-iit-madras-students-speak-out-after-modi-criticism-controversy-ban-is-unconstitutional-undemocratic/article1-1352644.aspx>

Facing flak, Ministry & IIT-M defend ban on student group: Authorities say that the group did not follow guidelines prescribed by Sruthisagar Yamunan, Anita Joshua (The Hindu May 30, 2015)
<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/facing-flak-ministry-iitm-defend-ban-on-student-group/article7262011.ece>

IIT-Madras' ban on student body that criticised PM Modi is a national shame by Sandip Roy May 30, 2015
<http://www.firstpost.com/india/iit-madras-ban-on-student-body-for-criticising-pm-modi-is-a-national-shame-2269168.html>

Abridged version of statement issued by the Ambedkar-Periyar Study Circle (APSC) regarding the banning of the group by IIT Madras
<http://communalism.blogspot.in/2015/05/india-abridged-version-of-statement.html>

Full text of Arundhati Roy's statement in support of Ambedkar Periyar group de-recognised by IIT Madras

at:

<http://www.thenewsminute.com/article/full-text-arundhati-roys-statement-support-ambedkar-periyar-group-de-recognised-iit-madras>

In solidarity with Ambedkar Periyar Study Circle: JTSA

<http://www.indiaresists.com/jtsa-extends-solidarity-with-ambedkar-periyar-study-circle/>

* *From South Asia Citizen Web*, [SACW](http://sacw.net), sacw.net, 30 May 2015.

See also on ESSF (article 35059): [Caste violence & brahminisation: Against the decision of the Indian Institute of Technology Madras to 'derecognise' the Ambedkar-Periyar Study Circle](#)
