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### DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR'S PERSPECTIVE ON CURRENCY ISSUES A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF INDIA, TURKEY, BRAZIL, AND SOUTH AFRICA (1980-2020)

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#### **Abstract:**

Under the economic philosophers like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, India, an emerging market like Turkey, Brazil and South Africa, has struggled to have currency stability. Ambedkar's commitment to social justice and inclusive policies on the economy is to find a balance between growth, stability and equity. India has responded to exchange rate volatility, inflationary pressures, and external shocks that prevailed from 1980 to 2020 in the way it navigated its monetary policy choices. These dynamics are examined by means of econometric methods, namely stationarity tests, Johansen Cointegration, Vector Autoregression (VAR), and Granger Causality tests in this research, and compared with India's experience with other such global cases. Unabated inflation and external vulnerabilities have time and again instigated currency volatility, regardless of the country's economic structure and policy measures. This study utilises Ambedkar's emphasis of economic equity in combination with the present policy issues and seeks to address the need for reforms towards achieving financial resilience, equitable growth and sustainable stability in a connected global economy.

**Keywords:** India, Currency Stability, Economic Inclusivity, B.R. Ambedkar, Fiscal Discipline, Emerging Economies, Inflation, Exchange Rate Depreciation, Economic Justice, Monetary Policy, Financial Resilience.

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### **Introduction:**

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision of monetary stability and economic justice has helped shape contemporary debates in contemporary policy towards India's economic growth. In 1923 Ambedkar wrote The Problem of the Rupee: Its Origin and Its Solution criticizing the colonial monetary policies and laying

the basis of monetary policies that take into account monetary stability and social well being. He stated that monetary management or management of the currency is not an end in itself but a means of facilitating the process of inclusive development of the nation where all feel the benefits of development.



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After independence, India's monetary and fiscal history was changed in the decades that have followed and moved from state led planning to the liberalization policies of the 1990s. At the same time, these changes helped market expansion, but also enabled for the continuation of a challenge that has yet to be resolved: maintaining economic dynamism through social equity. Over time it became increasingly important that Ambedkar focus on stable currencies and inflation management as well as the necessity of an autonomous economic policy. In the history of the Central Bank, its role has never been more important. Today, his vision rings sufficient in contemporary models of policy that emphasize the need for stable exchange rates, price stability, and protection from external shocks on national interests.

Second, using Turkey, Brazil and South Africa as comparative cases, this research compares India's monetary reform experience from 1980 to 2020. In view of similar challenges, these countries have nonetheless demonstrated institutional differences as well as economic diversity: unstable and inflationary pressures on exchange rates, and problems of enduring the imposition of fiscal restraint without undermining social inclusion. For instance, India's attempt to stabilize the rupee gets complicated by the fact that Turkey is undergoing currency crises - with big changes in its monetary policy. Large scale reform has been an important struggle for Brazil against hyperinflation, and its Real Plan. Like South Africa, the need for dependence on commodity exports and foreign capital shows the vulnerability of the country to fluctuating global markets.

## Theoretical Underpinnings and Modern Relevance:

Ambedkar's economic ideas, articulated in the mid-20th century, surprisingly resonate with today's economic challenges. His major ideas include:

- For economic development, he suggested that there
  must be a stable currency and exchange rate. He
  denounced the British Gold Standard and other
  monetary systems as deflationary constraints.
  Currently, inflation targeting and managed floating
  exchange rates are applied in order to achieve it.
- Price Stability Was an Equally Important Warning Sign to Him as Growth: Ambedkar considered unbridled inflation just as worrisome as inflation without growth. Moreover, he preached of a disciplined monetary control, a concept which is interpreted to our current time as central banks, influencing interest rates to prevent inflation with growth as well as to stop the decrease of purchasing power.
- As a firm believer of an independent central bank, Ambedkar argued that the central bank must remain aloof of politics in order to have sound economic management. Today, due to their relative autonomy from partisan influence, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Banco Central do Brasil, South African Reserve Bank (SARB) and their Turkish equivalent operate with significant autonomy.
- His economic philosophy depended on the belief that the policies of the national monetary policy should be in the interest of the common welfare.
   Post 1991 Indian economic reforms, Brazil's Real Plan, and various targeted interventions in Turkey and South Africa are all instances of Ambedkar's notion of monetary sovereignty.

Ambedkar's economic principles advocate for an integrated policy approach. In Turkey's case, early implementation of comprehensive reforms—emphasizing both inflation control and currency stability—might have altered its economic trajectory from the 1980s to the 2010s

### **Objectives:**

1. To analyze the historical currency crises and monetary policy responses of India, Brazil, South



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Africa, and Turkey (1980-2020).

2. To examine the alignment between Ambedkar's monetary theories and modern monetary policies.

#### **Literature Review:**

Cerra and Saxena (2002) explore the factors behind India's 199 currency crisis, which resulted in a significant devaluation of the rupee. The crisis unfolded as the rupee gradually lost value while India's foreign exchange reserves, managed by the Reserve Bank of India, were nearly depleted. The researchers analyze this crisis using error correction models (ECM) and estimate the real equilibrium exchange rate through the technique developed by Gonzalo and Granger (1995). Their study incorporates multiple econometric tests, including Johansen's cointegration test, the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test, the Phillips-Perron (PP) test, and Granger causality tests, to assess exchange rate movements.

Their findings indicate that three major factors contributed to the crisis: the overvaluation of the rupee, ongoing current account deficits, and diminishing investor confidence. Unlike firstgeneration currency crisis models, which typically predict sudden economic collapses, India's situation was unique due to its strict capital controls and limited capital mobility. Consequently, the rupee experienced a more gradual depreciation rather than an abrupt crash. The study argues that the Mundell-Fleming model more effectively explains India's exchange rate fluctuations compared to first-generation crisis models or Edwards's (1989) misalignment theory. The research elevates the degree of importance of the current account on the short term real exchange rate movements and stresses the need to keep the macroeconomic stability and manage the current account deficits precisely and restore the confidence of investors in order to avoid the similar crisis in the future.

This broad is then adopted by Dholakia (1991), who analyses the overall economic problems of India in the crisis. In his study he uses statistical data and compare the history to evaluate the key economic indicators such as foreign exchange reserves, fiscal imbalances and inflation trends. The perspective is that India's foreign currency reserve lost sharply and severely concerned the solvency of the country. At the same time fiscal deficits eased, especially in revenue expenditures, putting more strain on the economy. But inflation soared which eroded purchasing power and brought about economic instability, causing slowed GDP growth and a fall in industrial production, which therefore signalled a severe economic downturn.

The study presents both short term and long term strategies to deal with those challenges. The first move was to stabilize the economy and that meant getting external financing, with the aim of doing so in the short term. The increase in the exports, currency depreciation, restrictions on the government expenditure were the policies to be followed over long run. Structural reform focused on removing public enterprises from their inefficient past and fostering the country's export competitiveness, while improving fiscal policies to reduce the deficits and enabling long term economic stability.

During the years of 1996 through 2001, currency crises occur in South Africa which Knedlik (2006) examines as to the local effects of foreign exchange volatility in emerging markets. Due to their smaller economies and higher economic risks, these countries often experience severe financial instability following currency depreciation. The research applies a signals approach to forecast crises by identifying key economic indicators. It employs the Exchange Market Pressure (EMP) Index, which assesses market pressure through exchange rate movements, interest rate fluctuations, and reserve changes. A crisis identification framework is utilized to define



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significant depreciation events and establish crisis thresholds. The study identifies major crises in April 1996, July 1998, and December 2001, with the signals approach successfully predicting the first two; however, it proved less effective for the 2001 crisis, indicating evolving crisis dynamics. Among the tested indicators, gold price fluctuations emerged as a strong predictor of currency crises. The findings emphasize the need for continuous updates to crisis indicators and recommend integrating multiple forecasting models to improve accuracy. The study also advocates for further research into alternative forecasting techniques to enhance financial stability assessments in South Africa.

Rena and Msoni (2014) examined how global financial crises, particularly the 2007-2008 crisis, affected the South African economy. In their paper, which appeared in the Journal of Economics, they investigated the channels by which these crises transmitted themselves to capital flows, investment patterns, as well as commodity prices. The researchers used a quantitative approach by applying econometric models to examine the relationship between domestic economic factors including **GDP** growth, unemployment and investment levels and external economic shocks (one of which includes change in capital inflows and the other includes commodity price adjusts). The results suggest there was a significant disruption to South Africa's economy from the 2007-2008 financial crisis with reduced capital inflows and lower commodity prices contributing to lower export revenues. Awareness is drawn to South Africa's external shock vulnerability and a direct association is made between global financial instability and the rise in unemployment. As such, the authors suggest policy measures that can soften the impact of future financial downturns on the economy and their related social and economic costs.

According to (n.d.) Silva Junior, Brazil manages foreign exchange risk as a country with a floating exchange rate system, despite the existence of a floating exchange rate system. Interventions foreign currency transactions as well as interest rate adjustments are used by The Central Bank of Brazil to stabilize the economy. The research analyzes these intervention using an optimal impulse stochastic control model that also incorporates swap operations within the domestic market. It uses the Ptax daily exchange rates, Selic rates, U.S. Treasury Bill rates, international reserves, and public announcements dated from February 1999 to April 2004. To assess volatility, EGARCH models are tested, EGARCH (2,1) was chosen according to Akaike and Schwarz criteria. It shows that by the 2004 post-2004 strategy of accumulating international reserves that reduced its exposure to foreign currency in domestic debt helped Brazil weather 2008 financial crisis. While other economies had to increase interest rates sharply to stabilize their financial systems, this was not the case for Brazil. Such strategy would likely have stopped the interest rates from growing by 5% during economic downturns – highlighting the importance international reserves and foreign exchange swaps to sustain economic stability. Finally, the findings highlight that a well designed risk management framework with a view to the level of economic development, is important to allow emerging economies such as Brazil to react better to external financial instability without affecting their overall financial stability.

### Research Gap:

While previous researches into currency crises have achieved much, they most often focus on discrete period and are based on different techniques from each other, making direct comparison difficult. For example, Rena and Msoni (2014) and Çepni and Köse (2006) assessed the impact of financial crises through



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econometric models, yet their model was applied in a different economic environment and period. Moreover, the research on Brazil and India has used different methods for undertaking the analysis of currency stability in the face of external shocks and monetary policies. For this reason, an integrated analysis of this diversity, involving a uniform timeframe (1980 – 2020) and uniform econometric methods is needed.

In addition, the literature currently available obsesses over technical variables of the model, for example interest rate variations and inflation, and fails to draw a link between those variables and overall socio economic theory. BR Ambedkar's philosophy of social justice and inclusive growth with macro stability has a huge missing link in applying this ideology while doing national economic planning. However, little work has been done to explore the relationship between his thoughts on stable exchange rates, price stability and central bank independence and present day monetary policy. This research fills the gap in that it compares the monetary responses of India, Brazil, South Africa, and Turkey, while (Ambedkar's viewpoints) are also included. In doing so, it aims to present a more broad exposition of stability of currency that extends beyond the procedural monetary policy issues from a finance perspective to social and economic concerns of monetary policies.

### **Research Design and Methodology:**

The relationship between monetary policy and currency stability was studied in the light of how B.R. Ambedkar's monetary principles correlate with contemporary reactions to currency crises in India, Brazil, South Africa, and Turkey. The research makes use of time series econometric techniques along with a cross-country comparative framework for a full analysis.

**Time Span:** 1980–2020

### **Sources of Data:**

The secondary data used in this study is essentially from the World Bank.

### Variables and Hypotheses:

Dependent Variable (Crisis Indicator)

**Exchange Rate Volatility:** Serves as a key indicator to currency instability and measures the fluctuations of a country's exchange rate over time.

### **Independent Variables (Monetary Policy Factors)**

- Interest Rate Changes: Measured through both lending and deposit rates in different countries, reflecting shifts in monetary policy and its impact on financial stability.
- Inflation Rate (CPI): Represents overall price stability in the economy and assesses whether inflationary pressures contribute to currency instability.
- Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER): Compares a country's currency value against a basket of other currencies, providing insight into competitiveness and potential misalignment.
- Money Supply Growth (M3): Tracks the expansion of money in the economy, indicating the extent of liquidity available and its possible effects on exchange rate movements.
- Total Reserves (Including Gold): Reflects a country's ability to handle financial crises, as higher reserves provide a buffer against external shocks.
- GDP Growth (Annual): Serves as a broader economic indicator, showing economic performance and potential resilience to financial instability.

**Hypotheses and Empirical Framework:** 

**Hypotheses Formulation** 

Hypothesis 1: Impact of Monetary Policy on Currency Stability



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• The changes in monetary policy, such as changes in the interest rates and supply of money, significantly impact the exchange rate stability in India, Brazil, South Africa and Turkey.

### Hypothesis 2: Relevance of Ambedkar's Monetary Theories in Currency Crises

 Ambedkar's monetary principles based on exchange rate stability, price control and central bank independence are significantly aligned to the actual monetary policy responses during currency crises in the selected economies.

#### **Econometric Tests and Models**

This study rigorously utilizes a number of econometric techniques to explore both short and long term relationships between the monetary policy factors and exchange rate stability.

### 1. Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) Test

- It is a test to check whether the time series variables like exchange rates, inflation and interest rates have a stationarity concept. Nonstationary data can give rise to spurious regression and so it is necessary to ensure that the data is stationary.
- Mathematical representation of ADF test is:  $\Delta Y_t = \alpha + \beta t + \gamma Y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \delta_i \Delta Y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$

 $Y_t = Variable of interest,$ 

 $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants,

where:

Moreover,  $\gamma$  tests for the presence of a unit root,  $\delta i$  is a term that accounts for lagged differences in the variable.

### 2. Johansen Cointegration Test

- This test examines whether long-term relationships exist between monetary policy variables and currency stability indicators. If the variables are cointegrated, it indicates that they move together over time despite short-term fluctuations.
- o The cointegration equation is expressed as:

$$\begin{split} X_t &= \alpha + \beta_1 X_{t-1} + \beta_2 X_{t-2} + \ldots + \beta_k X_{t-k} + \varepsilon_t \;, \\ where \quad X_t \quad represents \quad the \quad set \quad of \quad economic \\ variables \ under \ analysis . \end{split}$$

### 3. Vector Autoregression (VAR) Model

 VAR model allows capturing of interdependence between multiple time series variables and their correlation with each other through past values impacting both present and future values of individual variables. It is free from theoretical restrictions and hence a flexible tool to study dynamic relationships unlike the traditional regression models.

The general VAR equation is:

$$Y_t = A_1 Y_{t-1} + A_2 Y_{t-2} + \cdots + A_k Y_{t-k} + \epsilon_t$$
 where:

Yt represents the vector of dependent and independent variables,

Ai are coefficient matrices capturing lagged effects, and

 $\epsilon_t$  denotes the error terms.

### 4. Structural Vector Autoregression (SVAR)

Another contribution of the SVAR model is to extend the VAR framework with theoretical restrictions that convey real world economic policies. For instance, the Reserve Bank of India repo rate increase which is unexpected would have had structured consequences for exchange rate stability and inflation. It provides insight into the workings of an economic shock through the system.

### 5. Granger Causality Test

This test helps in determining whether one variable can predict the second variable over time. In particular, it determines if changes in monetary policy indicators (e.g., interest rates) can predict the change in exchange rate volatility.

The Granger causality equation is:

$$X_t = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i X_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^m \gamma_i Y_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t$$



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where the significance of the coefficients  $\gamma_j$  indicates whether  $Y_t$  (monetary policy variable) Granger-causes  $X_t$  (exchange rate volatility).

### 6. Impulse Response Function (IRF)

In particular, the IRF provides the time for how an economic shock—a sudden increase in interest rates—impacts variables like the exchange rates and inflation. This function contributes to the knowledge and magnitude of the conditions under which monetary interventions are effective.

### **Empirical Model Specification:**

The first step of the study is to transform all variables so they become stationary. The differencing is applied to any series that is non-stationary. As soon as it is confirmed that the data are stationary, we perform cointegration tests based on the Johansen model to determine whether the monetary policy indicators are consistent with long run equilibrium in the exchange rate stability. Then the VAR and SVAR models ascertain how terms of exchange rate movement are all affected dynamically with monetary policy variables. The estimation in these estimations looks to gauge how past monetary policy shocks impact present currency stability, and if these results conform to Ambedkar's theoretical knowledge on economic stability and policy interventions. Secondly, the Granger causality test is applied to discover the direction of money policy decision and exchange rate volatility, and thirdly, the IRF essentially measures short and long term impacts of money shocks on exchange rate movements.

### **Findings:**

### **Ambedkar's Perspective on Economic Policy:**

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was a forward looking economist who also thought that economy has to be stable on the basis of sound monetary policy as well as disciplined management of its fiscal. The principles he pointed out as his key arguments are: **Monetary Stability:** A nation's currency should not be left entirely to market forces; it requires active management to safeguard purchasing power and support long-term economic growth.

**Fiscal Discipline:** Inflation, weakening of the currency and a fall in the real income of the people can be a result of excessive government borrowing and uncontrolled spending. A balanced economy relies on balanced budget.

Coordinated Policy Implementation: An Empirical Findings on Cointegration, VAR Dynamics, and Granger Causality Tests show that individual policies are not enough. Ambedkar had provided a complete crisis mitigation plan for various time periods, which included monetary and fiscal policies. The adherence of these principles helps to moderate the observed ill effects in each period and to learn to be resilient to future shocks. Ambedkar's legacy still is replete with valuable suggestions in dealing with the complexity of currency stability, the dilemma of inflation management and sound long-term economic growth.

• Insulting the Economy from External Shocks:

Ambedkar's own view on a managed currency system is that it should have strong institutional arrangements for insulating the economy from external shocks. An example of this (autonomous central banks) is that they can protect economies (for instance, those of India and South Africa) from the infamous impact of global financial shocks.

**Turkey: Navigating Persistent Depreciation and External Shocks** 

## **Empirical Findings and Year-wise Trends: Early 1980s:**

• Stationarity tests showed that a relevant set of economic variables—such as exchange rate and inflation—failed to show stability. This appeared to suggest that external pressures and missteps in Turkey's policies had a long lasting effects on the Turkish Lira.



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 Evolution of Crisis: Turkey was seeing the end of an economic system that was controlled and moving towards the system of the global markets.
 Sustained depreciation followed with further developments leading to volatility.

### 1990s to Early 2000s:

- Cointegration tests indicated that the exchange rates, the inflation and GDP growth works in the relationship in the long run. In addition, using VAR models, past currency depreciation was found still to prevent the economy from further expansions, while inflation proved to be an enduring phenomenon.
- This was a period of Crisis Evolution with consecutive financial crises. Frequently, government interventions were inadequate or delayed with currency weakness continuing and inflationary problems persisting

### 2010s:

- Domestic Economic Growth and External Shocks: Test Results: Granger causality tests showed that domestic growth has minimal contribution towards exchange rate fluctuations while external shocks seem to play a dominant role.
- Evolution of crisis: Economic difficulties intensified due to existing structural weaknesses of political instability and global liquidity shocks.

# Ambedkar's Perspective and Suggested Solutions: Strengthening Monetary Policy:

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar would have criticized the fact that Turkey does not have central bank autonomy arguing that it is essential to an independent monetary authority to counter persistent economic instability. Proactive use by a central bank could strategically impact the fluctuation of exchange rates and effectively use them to beat inflation.

### **Emphasizing Fiscal Discipline:**

In Prague, he would have argued that while inflation

will be a big enough problem for central banks to contend with regardless, a deeply indebted government aggravates an already overwhelming task. It would also be wise to maintain a tight fiscal policy to minimize long-term vulnerabilities to our economy.

### **Implementing a Coordinated Response:**

Ambedkar's economic principles were characterized by an integrated policy approach. For Turkey, the failure to initiate comprehensive reforms, ones mitigating both inflation and currency stability, early on may have steered the country down a different economic path over the course of the 1980s through 2010s.

## Brazil: From Hyperinflation to the Real Plan Empirical Findings and Year-wise Trends 1980s – The Hyperinflation Era:

- Non-stationarity Problem in Most of the Economic Indicator: Tests of key economic indicators, such as the exchange rate, GDP growth and inflation rates, prove their long term instability. Inflation went wild, forcing devaluations of the currency again and again.
- Brazil's Inflation Crisis: Brazil went through a very serious inflation crisis that destroyed confidence in the national currency, thus triggering the economy's instability.

### Early to Mid-1990s – Structural Reforms:

Policies applied: The second tests were based on the cointegration level of economic variables when the Real Plan was being duly implemented; these tests indicated that start appearing as there was a long term equilibrium, although economic variables kept on interconnected. VAR models were also able to improve upon responsiveness to policy adjustments. All in all, the crisis evolution points to the importance of assessing, predicting, and specifically managing the transitions in such efforts. While economic imbalances still existed, the base of the new economic environment was more stable.



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### 2000s and Beyond:

- Granger causality analyses of test results prove that even after stabilization of the economy, inflation is found to be a leading indicator of exchange rate fluctuations.
- However, despite the countless structural improvements to the Brazilian economy, Brazil was still reliant on outside economic shocks and internal structural weaknesses.

# Ambedkar's Perspective and Recommended Strategies

- 1. Dr. Ambedkar would have understood the Brazil's hyperinflation as a consequence of improper monetary management. He would call for early and decisive intervention as a prerequisite for an independent central bank whose sole purpose would be to suppress inflation, keep the value of the currency stable and halt excessive wages.
- 2. He could underscore the part fiscal mismanagement played in further bad inflation from the 1980s by also early 1960s. Discipline in the fiscal framework and the pursuit of balanced budgets could have, at least in part, aborted inflationary sequences and prevented the last resort recurrences to euro devaluation.
- 3. Ambedkar thought the harmonious monetary and fiscal policies are essential for the long-term economic stability. In the Brazilian case, with the adherence of disciplined fiscal strategies and a vigilant monetary stance, the economy would shelter external shocks and the stability of the macroeconomic environment would be consolidated over time.

India: Structural Reforms and the Ongoing Challenge of Rupee Depreciation Empirical Findings and Yearly Trends 1980s–1990s: Early Challenges

- India's GDP growth was stable while official exchange rate and inflation are non stationary but unstable in the long run. This suggests that there were persistent issues keeping apace on the value of the rupee and inflationary pressures even in the face of stable economic growth.
- The Crisis Evolution was marked with repeated financial crises in India that were due to depreciation of the rupee and inflation spikes, again and again.

# 2000s–2020: Structural Reforms and Modern Economic Dynamics

- Test Results: Cointegration tests confirm that the GDP growth, exchange rate fluctuations, inflation and foreign exchange reserves are strongly interconnected in the long run. Economic growth at robust pace may somewhat curb depreciation of the currency, but persistent inflation remains a serious challenge, the data obtained by VAR analysis indicates.
- Crisis Evolution: Indian economy is performing well to stabilize the economy, however, external shock is consistently disrupting currency stability, which signifies the existence of India's continuing historical inflation & currency stability problem.

### Ambedkar's Perspective and ways of mitigation.

- Dr. Ambedkar suggested a money system that should be managed with a view to prevent external shocks rather than always being in the act of reaction to external shocks. His position backs selective interest rate adjustment to contain inflation and curb an unplanned rupee depreciation.
- Ambedkar was a firm believer in responsible fiscal discipline, emphasizing that not hedging government borrowing and spending would mean a dangerous spiral towards inflation and inducing damage to the economy. Long term instability in

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inflation and exchange rate is likely to be affected with strengthening fiscal discipline in India.

 Integrated Policy Response: In accordance with Ambedkar's philosophy, this financial regulation and management, with the institutional reform, would strengthen the central bank independence along with coordinated response of policy. India needs to strengthen these measures to mitigate external shocks and to contain internal inflationary pressures so as to produce long run stability of its currency.

## South Africa: Confronting Inflation and Structural Volatility

• Further, test results showed that GDP growth was

### Empirical Findings and Year-wise Trends: 1980s – Early Structural Vulnerabilities

relatively stable while the rest of the variables including exchange rate, inflation and total reserves were highly volatile and non-stationary. Thus, it appeared that the economy was vulnerable to persistent financial shocks, including in currency and prices, despite its potential for growth.

Sharp inflation spikes and currency depreciation were the result of crisis evolution stemming from a combination of external shocks along with domestic policies that were inconsistent with promoting economic stability and sustainable growth.

# 1990s–2020 – Long-Run Trends and Economic Insights

 Test Results: The result that as the economic models improved, cointegration tests did confirm a long run interdependence of central macroeconomic variables. The VAR models implied that GDP growth was significantly negatively affected by inflation, while the Granger causality tests showed that inflation could be considered as a precursor to future episodes of economic downturn.

First, there was Crisis Evolution: despite efforts to stabilize the situation, inflation continued to persist. The long term effects can be seen to have curtailed South Africa's growth potential and demonstrates the difficulties in managing inflation simultaneously with growth.

## Ambedkar's Perspective and Recommended Strategies"

- 1. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar believed and realized that unchecked inflation is a serious threat to economic stability and accordingly stated that the Monetary Policy should be strengthened. Thus if he were to analyze South Africa's situation, he would have recommended a free and aggressive central bank that will embark on strict inflation control. Inflation could have been curtailed before it became destabilizing if such a monetary policy were well managed.
- 2. Ambedkar's economic philosophy argues that inflation happens because of excessive government spending and high fiscal deficit. In the South African context, fiscal imbalances would need to have been reduced as well as a commitment to responsible expenditures would have been key to stabilizing the economy. Prolonged inflationary pressures might have been dealt with by those concerning debt management and those of investors' confidence.
- 3. Therefore, Ambedkar perceived economic stability as such which required a comprehensive economic strategy rather than isolated measures. Therefore, monetary and fiscal policies are blended with other structural reforms, given South Africa. A long term stability and growth could be attained based on having price stability, sustainable debt levels, and



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investing in the economic sectors that are most important.

If South Africa tackles inflation through a balanced strategy of good discipline in use of fiscal funds as well as proactive action in monetary management then the economy is not destabilised and can in the long term provide a foundation for sustainable development.

# Synthesis: Ambedkar's Enduring Blueprint for Crisis Mitigation

In other words, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's economic doctrines call for proactive monetary policies along with a strict fiscal discipline and coordination in economic management, which are timeless solutions to overcome the crisis in the financial sector. However his observations would still mean something in a number of key areas.

- Can Ambedkar's concern for intervention and action in policy now help Turkey navigate currency depreciation or Brazil's history of hyperinflation?
   A more predictable and sustainable economic environment will result from proactive management of non stationery trends.
- 2. Economies must be shielded from external shocks: Ambedkar advised of the establishment of strong financial institutions that would serve as a sort of independent central banks to protect economies from unforeseen global economic shocks. However, this method is very applicable to India and South Africa, whose economies are exposed to distortions of external markets. An important form of resilience to such shocks will be available from a well managed monetary system.
- 3. Only with a Holistic Economic Strategy: Several empirical evidences from economic models such as integration tests, VAR analysis and Granger causality confirm that fragmented policies oftentimes don't result in long term stability.

Ambedkar's idea is about how monetary and fiscal policy needs to be synchronized, so that growth is fostered with the balancing of inflation and currency volatility.

Nations can handle present economic challenges and be well equipped to handle future ones by abiding by these principles. Ambedkar's legacy is still a light that shows the way toward achieving financial stability, control of inflation and long term growth.

#### **Conclusion:**

The fact that Brazil, India, South Africa and Turkey struggled with both high inflation and weakening currencies—known, as you may well know, as a precursor to the collapse of economies— was the finding of our research. Turkey, Brazil and South Africa suffer from currency depression and inflation each; Brazil also had to undergo severe hyperinflation caused by weak monetary and fiscal policies. Merely seeing India have commendable economic growth does not mean that its currency cannot fall under the pressure of inflationary pressures. Ambedkar's principles suggest that it is possible to avoid crises and foster strong economies by monitoring the expenditure of government and also interplay of monetary and fiscal policies.

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