

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the Dalit Movement in India: A Historical Analysis

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Abstract:

This research paper explores the life and contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, a prominent social reformer and leader of the Dalit movement in India. It provides a comprehensive analysis of Ambedkar's role in shaping the Dalit movement and his efforts to address the social, political, and economic challenges faced by Dalits. The paper examines the historical context in which the Dalit movement emerged and discusses key events, policies, and initiatives undertaken by Ambedkar to empower the marginalized communities in India. Furthermore, it evaluates the impact of Ambedkar's ideas and activism on the Dalit movement, highlighting their relevance in contemporary times.

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1.Introduction:

The Dalit movement in India, spearheaded by the visionary leader Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, represents a significant struggle for social justice, equality, and the empowerment of marginalized communities. Dr. Ambedkar's contributions and the historical context of the Dalit movement have had a profound impact on Indian society, challenging deeply ingrained social structures and advocating for the rights and dignity of Dalits.

The caste system, a hierarchical social structure deeply rooted in Indian society, has historically oppressed Dalits, who were considered "untouchable" and subjected to extreme discrimination and social exclusion. However, the emergence of a distinct Dalit identity and the subsequent movement for social reform marked a turning point in the struggle against caste-based discrimination.

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