

Dr B.R. Ambedkar's Pursuit of Social Justice through Education in India: An Analysis

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Introduction

"Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence."

-Dr B.R. Ambedkar

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was a visionary leader who dedicated his life to the cause of social justice and equality. He strongly believed that education was the key to uplifting the lower castes and empowering them to take charge of their own destiny. Throughout his life, Ambedkar championed the cause of education for the underprivileged, and made significant contributions to the fields of education, law, and politics.

As a young man, Ambedkar was denied access to education because of his lower caste background. However, he refused to let his circumstances prevent him from pursuing his dreams, and he worked hard to gain admission to college. Ambedkar was keenly aware of the difficulties faced by lower caste students in accessing quality education, and he made it his life's mission to create a society in which everyone had equal access to education and opportunity.¹

One of Ambedkar's major achievements was his role in drafting the Constitution of India, which enshrines the principles of social justice and equal opportunity. He fought tirelessly for the rights of the lower castes, and his efforts culminated in the landmark Constitution of India, which abolished the caste system and provided for affirmative action programs to help the lower castes. Ambedkar also played a critical role in the establishment of several educational institutions that were specifically designed to serve the needs of the lower castes. For example, he founded the People's Education Society

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