

Caste System In India: A Critical View Of The Issue

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The caste system is still very much prevalent in India. This system acts as one of the institutions of cruelty and injustice wherein it is very common for the lower caste people to be ostracized by the upper ones. Although the outward hatred might have lessened with the increase in the rate of literacy but it still acts at the back of the majority of the people's minds as a stigma which has been an obstacle to creating cultural equivalence.

The caste system in India has social, political and cultural roots even today. With the passage of time it has taken on different shapes. The recent Jat agitation and protests by the Patel community show where we have landed. In the era of privatization and globalization it was expected that social mobility will take place and divisions in society will go away. However, the reality remains gloomy. Most people from lower castes are either poor or below poverty line.