

# Forms of Discrimination against Dalits and Identity Crisis

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## ABSTRACT

There are many evil practises in Hindu society one of such evil is caste which divide and split the society into occupational cubicles. These occupations were predetermined based on the caste hierarchy; in this caste ladder former untouchables were arranged at lower step of the ladder. All the menial and despicable jobs have done by them; it applies to members of those menial castes today known as Dalits. Dalit is a caste rather than class label, which have borne the stigma of untouchability because of the extreme poverty impurity and pollution connected with their traditional occupations. Historically disadvantaged Dalits were suppressed and oppressed physically and economically in the Indian society. Inequalities based on the caste divisions are fundamentally inhumanity and the caste system as an oppressive ideological system represents the scheme of power, domination, privilege and hierarchy. In the India society from primeval to present and in future the discrimination takes place against Dalits various forms like the two-tumbler system to bar on wearing slippers. The caste discrimination, untouchability, caste hierarchal relations of dominance, spine-chilling atrocities and subordinations circumstances has exasperated and cause for the rise of Dalit consciousness. These objective conditions have transformed into the sites of struggles when the Dalits are affronted with the real operation of liberal principles of equality, freedom, fraternity and social justice. In the Indian society caste conflict were widespread that lies at the structural dimensions of the form of untouchability and economic inequality. Caste-based discriminations can be retraced and deconstructed at all spheres of society to combat it. Earlier untouchability was practised after the emergency of constitution former is changed its form and appeared as discrimination against Dalits. In this connection the present paper made an attempt to focus the light on the untouchability and discrimination against Dalits at educational institutions, judiciary, power, media, industry, administration and civil society.

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