

THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF CASTE IN THE CONTEMPORARY INDIAN SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

The caste system has influenced all the areas like education, economy, politics, marriage, and religion. Since endogamy is the only characteristic that is peculiar to caste. People are not ready to compromise with endogamy. There is a significant influence of caste from birth to death in the life. People are more influenced by Manusmriti than Indian constitution. Even today also Dalits are last to be employed in days of prosperity and the first to be fired in days of adversity. The caste instead of disappearing in the wake of modernism has become still stronger. This article focuses on how people have become conscious on caste in contemporary society. It also talks about the impact of the caste consciousness.

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