

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and Human Rights

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Introduction

Human rights are above all the rights and these are inalienable rights of every human being. The codification of these rights has been started after the UN Charter in 1945. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948 is the first codified document. The role of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the protection of human rights is neglected or not much explored area of study. He was considered as Dalit icon by narrowing his ideology but infact his human rights perspective was for all and it requies indepth study. He was a strong advocate of human rights for all and the emancipation of Dalits is one of his objectives. The humanrights and his thoughts on pertinent issues are debatable in global academics. His human rights perspectives can be found in many incidences. Therefore, this paper is to study the perspective of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar on human rights. The research methodology used for this study is purely doctrinal based on primary and secondary sources. Dr.B.R.Ambedkar was a crusader of human rightsand it is proved from his work on human rights including the drafting of the Indian Constitution which is the first codified document of human rights in India in which rights of every human being is protected.

The Concept Of Human Rights

Human rights defined as those fundamental rights which are inalienable and essential for every human being. Human Rights are for all irrespective of nationality, race, religion, gender, color, caste and class, etc. The nature of human rights is that it is inherent in every human being and which cannot be separated. It is also true that no one can survive without these rights. Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948, provides that "*all human beings are born free and each one of them deserves equality in terms of dignity and rights.*" In addition to this, in India according to the section 2(d) of he Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, human rights are the right relating to life, liberty, equality, and dignity of an individual