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CONTRIBUTION OF DR. AMBEDKAR'S TOWARDS WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN INDIA

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"I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved"

- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Abstract :

Ambedkar is one of the greatest personalities in India. His life was a great story of sacrifice and struggle. His birth as an untouchable gave him a bitter taste of caste domination and unbearable pain. He was a fighter for the dignity of man and deprived people. His life was a struggle of a champion of human rights. So obviously he was a great thinker of woman and their rights. Being a pioneer of social justice, he always worked for the woman emancipation. His principle aim was to build up a society based on social justice. To secure and fulfill his dreams he thought everybody should be equal irrespective of caste, creed, gender and religion. For that reason he started work for the upliftment of woman and their rights.

Keywords:- women empowerment, Hindu code bill, perfect equality.

INTRODUCTION

Dr. B.R Ambedkar was among the most outstanding scholars of India in the 20th century in the word. He made significant efforts to lead the society on the path of Liberty, Equality and. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is the greatest Indian after Mahatma Gandhi. He was a great scholar, institution builder and economic theorist. Prof. A. K. Sen has also said, "Ambedkar is my Father

in Economics. He is true celebrated champion of the underprivileged. He deserves more than what he has achieved today. However he was highly controversial figure in his home country, though it was not the reality. His contribution in the field of economics is marvelous and will be remembered forever..!" Ambedkar was not only the father of Indian Constitution; he was a great freedom fighter, political leader, philosopher, thinker, economist, editor, social reformer, revivalist of Buddhism and was first Indian to break down the barriers in the way of advancement of women in India. He laid down the foundation of concrete and sincere efforts by codifying the common Civil Code for Hindus and other sections of the Indian society. He stated that women should be given all round development more importantly social education, their wellbeing and socio-cultural rights. He emphasized that each and every section of Indian women be given their due share and it is a must to maintain and protect dignity and modesty of women. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar always believed in movements led by women. He also added that if the women from all walks of life are taken in to confidence, they may play a significant role in the social reforms. They have played very massive and active role to eradicate the social abuses. He insisted that every married woman must participate in her husband's activities as a friend. But she must show the courage to deny the life of slaves. She should insist on the principle of equality. If all the women follow it, they will get the real respect and their own identity.

Objectives:

The present paper is an endeavor to highlight Dr. Ambedkar's view on women rights and problems.

Methods:

Secondary data have been collected from internet, newspapers, published papers and books.