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Dr. Ambedkar's Vision, and the Ongoing Quest for Social Justice

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Abstract	Manuscript Information
<p>This paper explores the enduring relevance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's vision in the ongoing pursuit of social justice in India. It underscores the foundational need to build an inclusive society that ensures equal access to opportunities, fosters social cohesion, and actively eliminates discrimination. Drawing on Ambedkar's emphasis on education, political representation, and affirmative action, the study highlights how his ideas remain pivotal in addressing contemporary caste-based inequalities and historical injustices. The paper further emphasizes that social justice is not a static goal but a dynamic process requiring continued efforts, policy evolution, and collective commitment. Through a critical examination of Ambedkar's legacy, this research advocates for a transformative and equitable societal framework rooted in justice, equality, and inclusivity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISSN No: 2583-7397 ▪ Received: 30-04-2025 ▪ Accepted: 21-05-2025 ▪ Published: 29-05-2025 ▪ IJCRM: 4(3); 2025: 235-237 ▪ ©2025, All Rights Reserved ▪ Plagiarism Checked: Yes ▪ Peer Review Process: Yes <p>How to Cite this Article</p> <p>Kumar D. Dr. Ambedkar's Vision, and the Ongoing Quest for Social Justice. Int J Contemp Res Multidiscip. 2025;4(3):235-237.</p> <p>Access this Article Online</p>  <p>www.multiarticlesjournal.com</p>

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INTRODUCTION

Social justice is a fundamental aspiration for any society, encompassing the pursuit of a fair and just relationship between individuals and the larger community. In India, this journey towards social justice has been profoundly shaped by the visionary Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, whose ideals and principles continue to reverberate through the country's social fabric. This research paper embarks on a comprehensive exploration of the road ahead

in India's quest for social justice, emphasizing three critical components:

1. Building an Inclusive Society

Building an inclusive society represents the very essence of social justice, as it envisions a society where every individual not only enjoys equal opportunities but is also actively encouraged to participate in all aspects of public life. This inclusive society is

one where discrimination based on factors such as caste, religion, gender, or economic status is eradicated. To move forward in the pursuit of social justice, it is imperative to delve into the critical components that underpin inclusivity.

- **Equal Access to Opportunities:** In a just society, equitable access to opportunities, resources, and services is the cornerstone. It demands that every member of the community, regardless of their background, have unobstructed access to opportunities that enable them to flourish and achieve their potential. This means addressing the deep-rooted structural inequalities that have historically limited the access of marginalized communities to these opportunities. The road to inclusivity necessitates dismantling these structural barriers to ensure everyone can participate and thrive.
- **Social Cohesion:** Inclusion is not merely about providing equal opportunities; it extends to fostering social cohesion. Social cohesion implies the existence of unity, shared values, and collective responsibility within a diverse society. The fabric of inclusivity is intricately woven with these threads of social cohesion. In order to realize a truly inclusive society, it becomes crucial to address the deep-seated divisions, disparities, and prejudices that persist within our society. This means not only removing the structural barriers but also creating an environment where people from all backgrounds can coexist harmoniously.
- **Elimination of Discrimination:** Discrimination, in any of its forms, serves as the antithesis of social justice. To embark on the path toward inclusivity, it is imperative to actively dismantle the systems of discrimination that still exist within our society. Discrimination based on caste, gender, religion, or economic standing must be confronted and rooted out. The road ahead involves a dedicated and unwavering commitment to eliminating these unjust systems and replacing them with principles of fairness, equity, and justice.

The pursuit of building an inclusive society is complex and multi-dimensional. It demands not only the transformation of policies and structures but also a fundamental shift in societal attitudes and norms. Achieving an inclusive society, where all individuals can flourish and coexist harmoniously, is an indispensable element of the broader quest for social justice. It requires collective effort, active policy changes, and a shared commitment to the fundamental principles of equality and non-discrimination.

2. Embracing Dr. Ambedkar's Vision

Dr. Ambedkar's vision serves as a beacon of hope and a roadmap for the journey towards social justice. His ideals of equality, justice, and the annihilation of caste are not only relevant but profoundly significant in contemporary Indian society, underscoring their enduring importance. Let's delve deeper into this aspect:

Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's Vision:

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision remains highly pertinent in the modern age. His emphasis on education as a means of liberation from discrimination is especially significant. In a general public damaged by well-established disparities and position-based

separation, information keeps on being the way to destroying the chains that propagate segregation and social treachery. Dr. Ambedkar's vision, with its emphasis on education, underscores the power of knowledge in addressing and redressing historical injustices.

Caste-Based Discrimination:

The persistence of caste-based discrimination in India underscores the enduring importance of Dr. Ambedkar's vision. Despite decades of social reform and legislative measures, the legacy of untouchability, social exclusion, and caste-based discrimination still looms large. Dr. Ambedkar's vision continues to serve as an inspiration and guide for the relentless efforts to challenge and eventually eradicate the deeply entrenched issues of caste-based discrimination in India. His vision remains a source of strength for individuals and communities fighting against these injustices.

Affirmative Action and Reservations:

Dr. Ambedkar's enduring contribution lies in the concepts of affirmative action and reservations. These are indispensable tools for addressing historical injustices and promoting equitable access to resources and opportunities. Affirmative action measures, such as reservations in education, government jobs, and other sectors, aim to provide marginalized communities with opportunities they have been historically denied. These policies are rooted in Dr. Ambedkar's vision of social justice and remain crucial in combating deeply ingrained disparities.

Political Representation:

The advocacy for political representation, another cornerstone of Dr. Ambedkar's vision, remains equally significant. Inclusion in political processes and governance is the cornerstone of shaping policies and decisions that impact marginalized communities in India. Dr. Ambedkar recognized that without political representation, marginalized communities would continue to be voiceless and powerless. His vision continues to drive efforts to ensure that the diverse voices of India's population are heard in governance and policy-making.

Dr. Ambedkar's vision is not a relic of the past but a guiding philosophy for contemporary India. Its relevance is especially pronounced in the context of education, caste-based discrimination, affirmative action, and political representation. The enduring importance of Dr. Ambedkar's vision lies in its ability to inspire and inform actions that challenge and ultimately overcome the historical injustices that persist in Indian society.

3. The Ongoing Quest for Social Justice

The quest for social justice is a continuous journey that unfolds in the face of multifaceted challenges. This road to a more inclusive, just, and equitable society is far from linear, demanding sustained efforts, adaptability, and a collective commitment from individuals, communities, and governments. The key points addressed in this research paper highlight the following aspects:

- **An Inclusive Society:** The foundation of this journey is the creation of an inclusive society, built on the principles of equality, social cohesion, and the elimination of

discrimination in all its forms. It is a comprehensive undertaking that relies on the active participation of all individuals, inclusive government policies, and the vigilant work of civil society. Achieving this inclusivity requires addressing structural inequalities and dismantling systems of discrimination.

- **Dr. Ambedkar's Vision:** Dr. Ambedkar's vision remains profoundly relevant, particularly in the context of education, caste-based discrimination, affirmative action, and political representation. His ideals serve as a guiding light, inspiring actions and policies aimed at confronting and eradicating historical injustices and social inequalities.
- **Continued Efforts:** The ongoing quest for social justice necessitates continued efforts. This includes vigilance to ensure that the progress made is not reversed, policy reevaluation to adapt to evolving challenges, and an unwavering commitment to legal and political advocacy. Building alliances among various social justice movements becomes instrumental in creating a collective force that can drive change.
- **Hope for the Future:** Despite the challenges, there is hope for a more just, equitable, and inclusive future. This optimism arises from growing awareness and consciousness of social justice issues, empowerment through education that provides marginalized communities with a voice, legal safeguards that protect against discrimination, increased political inclusivity that ensures diverse voices in governance, and the solidarity of global communities in the pursuit of justice and equality.

The journey toward social justice is an ever-evolving process that requires unceasing effort, collaboration, and a profound belief in the transformative power of justice and equality. The street ahead is set apart by determined commitment and aggregate activity, eventually prompting the formation of a more impartial and comprehensive society in India as well as on a worldwide scale. It is through these consolidated endeavors that the vision of a socially just world can be understood.

CONCLUSION

The excursion toward civil rights is a continuous odyssey that explores a scene set apart by various difficulties and intricacies. This research paper has explored the path forward in the pursuit of social justice, centered on the imperative to build an inclusive society, embrace the enduring vision of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, and sustain the collective quest for social justice in India and the world.

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