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DALIT MOVEMENT IN INDIA

WHO IS DALIT?

**GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPRESSED,
EXPLIOTED OR BROKEN IN SOCIAL
STRUCTURE.**

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Dalit can understand on two perspectives:

- **Class analysis** (Marxist perspective)
- **Caste analysis**

DALIT MOVEMENT:

- Dalit movement is the collective action or organized action of groups or lower caste people against the upper caste people and their Brahminical ideology to maintain the equality and empowerment.

Relative deprivation theory

According to Relative deprivation theory when one group feel deprive as compared to other group or (reference group) on the bases of economical, political and social.

Types of Dalit Movement:

Ghanshyam Shah (1980) classified Dalit movement:-

- Reformative Movement
- Alternative Movement

Reformative Movement:

Reformative movement is to solve the problem of untouchables through reform the caste system.

The reformative movement try to reform on the bases of separating there religion (Hinduism) as a sect.

Alternative Movement:

Alternative movement attempt to create an alternative socio-cultural structure by conversion to some other religion or by acquiring education, economic status and political power for equality in society.

ISSUES OF DALITS

MOVEMENTS:-

- **Untouchable**
- **Duija (twice born)**
- **Alienations and exploitation**

Significant of Dalit

Movements:

TO ABOLITION CASTE HIERARCHY IN SOCIAL STRUCTURE.

IT TRIED TO GAIN RECOGNITION FOR SEPARATE IDENTITY OF “DEPRESSED CLASS” AND A PROPORTIONATE SHARE IN POLITICAL POWER FOR DALITS.

TO SEARCHING FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY AND SAFEGUARD OF DALIT.

IT STRUGGLED FOR SEPARATE ELECTORATE AND ADEQUATE REPRESENT IN THE ELECTED BODIES.

TO MAINTAINING SOCIALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY EQUALITY TO DALITS.

EMPOWERMENT OF DALITS THOROUGH RESERVATION POLICES.

CONCLUSION:

- The Dalit movements help to brought 'dalit' on the agenda of mainstream politics. It helps to set positive values of liberty, equality and fraternity.
- It promoted political consciousness to struggle against exploitation and injustice
- It declared its allegiance to scientific rationalism and opposition to humbug of any kind.
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Any Questions??

THANK YOU.