

## **Relevance of Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar’s Thoughts in Contemporary Women’s Empowerment.**

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**Abstract:** Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar was a great visionary, reflected in his extensive work in every field. The architect of the Constitution and social reformer made a significant contribution to the enrichment of women. As the first Law Minister of free India, he made several crucial laws for the betterment of women which are still apt and indispensable. So the whole country especially women is still indebted to his valuable and incredible work. Dr.Ambedkar spent his life for the enrichment of women’s lives to provide dignity and modesty. In this contemporary age, Dr. Babasaheb's work for women is fitting.

**Keywords:** Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar, Thought, work, women, present scenario. Empowerment.

**Introduction:** The present paper is a modest endeavour to show how the work and thoughts of Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar are apt in today’s scenario of women. Current incidents of sexual assault show how women’s lives are not as safe and sound as Dr. Babasaheb expected. Still, plenty of work is expected to be done to implement the work, Dr.Ambedkar did for the need of women's empowerment is only possible. Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar made many laws but the prominent implementation is expected to do positive work to improve the women’s lives. In this contemporary age, plenty of issues persist like an obstacle to women's empowerment

### **Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar and his feminist views about Women:**

One of the greatest personalities of our India is Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar he devoted his whole life to the betterment of mankind of India including women as his famous and very suggestive quotes show his commitment and greatness of work. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was a pioneering thinker and social reformer his most appropriate quote regarding empowerment in every sector is social, economic, political, and cultural. Educational and gender etc. He fought for the all-around development of women mostly the dignity and modesty of women. He said, “I measure the progress of the community by the degree of progress which women have achieved.” As the first Law Minister he emphasized framing laws for the betterment of women.

Laws like the Right to Vote, equal pay scale, maternity benefits, one-third reservation, and Hindu Code Bill to strengthen equal family rights. Social and religious discrimination, and equal labour as rules. So in this manner, Dr.Ambedkar spent his life for the betterment of women. He strongly admits that Class and Caste are the greatest enemies of humankind. Unless and until women's exploitation will not stop Social justice is not possible. According to Dr. Ambedkar, a woman is a lynchpin, a backbone or keystone of the family and society. Dr.Ambedkar even thought about women who are involved in bad practices like prostitution. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was a versatile personality who cared for women as he was worried about their precarious situation. Women have to suffer many hardships in life even though born into the upper class, she was in a state of deprivation, as he said ‘Class is a state of mind’ Dr.Babasaheb was very much concerned about the well-being of women as this quote is an example of it “unit is meaningless without the accompaniment of women. Education is fruitless without educated women and Agitation is incomplete without the strength of women.” He always strived hard to give equal status to women in every field. According to him, women must be emancipated from all types of discrimination. Such a great thinker, philosopher, visionary, and activist he was. None can equal the work he did for the betterment, especially for women. In India Due to Dr.Babasaheb’s hardships, women received equal justice.

**Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar and the situation of Contemporary women:** There are some positive developments for women's empowerment in education and many other fields and they are contributing significantly in each field. The government is strongly supporting women for their betterment. Several women's organizations are working for the improvement and advancement of women. Women are free to

gain education and do jobs in any field equal to men and have equal salaries; its credit goes to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. However, the efforts of Dr. Babasaheb are not yet realized completely as today's modern women are not safe and secure. She is victimized sexually each day and the recent increase in sexual harassment cases is a very significant example of it. As per the report, more than 31000 rape cases are reported which shows a high rate of rape cases and unfortunately, a low rate of conviction, and its effect is that rapists are not afraid to do such acts, and most raped women are brutally murdered. Even these days' girl children are not safe in today's modern world. Women's discrimination is rampant everywhere and she is easily victimized at home and workplace. Though they are in every field their position is secondary. In politics, very few women are in important posts and the power of decision-making is in the hands of men, especially husbands. Plenty of women are still undernourished and facing so many health issues. Illiteracy among women still exists mostly in rural areas, young girls are forced to stop their education. In every religion, women have to face moral and religious trials. They are still victims of blind faith or superstitions. Still, the proportion of suicide cases of women is more than that of men, and terribly suicide for marriage-related issues like dowry and home violence even in rich and well-educated families. The responsibility to do household chores and mainly to raise children is on the shoulders of women so it is difficult for them to have a work-life balance. Mostly they are emotionally blackmailed.

**Conclusion:** No question still areas like gender equality, safety, and security at home in society and mainly at the workplace are to be improved and a strong punishment is essential to stop sexual assault. Then only as Dr. Babasaheb said real progress in society is women's empowerment which is still incomplete. Whatever issues related to women raised by Dr. Ambedkar the same issues presently exist on more or less level. So there is still a need for Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's visionary work and thoughts at this age as he realized the value of women at home and in society. To provide a healthy and secure environment for women is necessary in this contemporary age. Everyone is responsible for giving equal status to women using the efforts and work done by the great person Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. So it is quite correct Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's work toward women is still necessary.

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