

## **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's thoughts related to education**

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### **Abstract :**

The purpose of this paper is to study thoughts, work and facts of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar regarding education. According to him education is necessary in the society under the principles of equality and justice. He said that, "Education is what makes man fearless, teaches him the lesson of unity makes him aware about his rights and inspires him to struggle for his rights". According to Dr. Ambedkar primary education plays important role in any developing country. He recognized the lack of education was the main cause for the backwardness of the poor people. He strongly held and put his efforts for the education should be the priority in society. The aim of Dr. Ambedkar is to spread idea of education among the people for the reconstruction of society.

**Key words :** Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Primary education, higher education.

### **Educational Qualification of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar :**

Dr. Ambedkar's important work in social reform law and politics is paralleled by his extraordinary educational qualification. In his life time he totally earned 9 degrees, which were B.A., M.A. (2), M.Sc., D.Sc., Ph.D., LL.D., D.LIT and Bar-at-Law, Babasaheb's extra-ordinary qualification became a pride for his people. Dr. Ambedkar's philosophy of education saw it as a constructive tool towards reform, and individual and total development. In his words, "The education that makes us neither competent nor teaches us lessons of equality and mortality is no more education." He believed that education is the only way through which one can be enlightened. He was one of the foremost advocates of women's education. He said that he measures the progress of community by the degree of progress which women have achieved.

### **Dr. Ambedkar's quotes on education :**

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's contribution towards country is of no bound. His contribution towards formation of constitution and other policies earned global recognition and admiration.

Below are some inspiring quotes on education by Dr. Ambedkar on education:-

1. 'If you believe in living in respectable life, you believe in self-help which is the best help.'
2. 'Be educated, be organised, be confident, never give up, these are the principles of our life.'
3. 'Life should be great rather than long.'
4. 'I like the religion that teaches w. liberty, equality and fraternity.'
5. 'The progress of any society depends on the
6. 'Educate boys and girls, do not involve them in traditional business activities.'
7. 'Knowing that education is the way to progress in life, students should study hard and become loyal leaders of society.'
8. 'Purpose of education is to moralize and socialise the people'.

### **Work of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar :**

Ambedkar, the Chief Architect of Indian constitution was a scholar, philosopher, a visionary and true nationalist. He led many social movements to secure human rights to the oppressed and depressed sections of the society. He was born in a socially backward family. So he was the victim of caste discrimination and inequality. Fighting all odds he attained higher degrees. He was the jurist and started fighting for the rights of the depressed class in society for the justice. He was the first Law Minister of free India. He worked for the framing of the constitution. In his later years, he acted as a revivalist of Buddhism in India, by converting himself to the religion to free himself from the odds of caste differences and unfairness practiced by the Hindus.

### **Educational work of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar :**

Dr. Ambedkar saw education as an effective instrument of a mass movement which could safeguard life and liberty. Education could encourage the oppressed to fight and remove exploitation and make the way to free thinking.

Dr. Ambedkar did not consider education only as a means of self-support or as a tool of child's personality development.

As a result, he gave a revolutionary role to education in constitution. He added articles 29 and 30 to the constitution to include protection for minorities. Under article 29 of the constitution, a person's right to admission into educational institutions that the state manager or financially supports are guaranteed.

According to Article 30, all minorities should have the ability to construct and operate educational institutions of their choosing, independent of the basis of discrimination.

He paid high value on education because he believed that education is the best means of putting a stop to social captivity.

Teaching will help these people to gain social status, economic growth and political independence.

### **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and Philosophy :**

Dr. Ambedkar strongly said that social equality, justice and freedom were the pre-requisites for swaraj.

Dr. Ambedkar's philosophy is to establish peace and harmony among Indian people without any discrimination.

He thought that there is a need to set up a new social order based on liberty, equality and fraternity.

According to him society is always composed of classes, whether it is economic, intellectual or social. In Hindu culture class was the first to transform into a class. According to Dr. Ambedkar class is a closed social group.

Dr. Ambedkar focuses on this for untouchables.

### **Thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar on education :-**

According to Dr. Ambedkar, "The object of primary education is to see that every child who enters the primary school leave it only at a stage when it becomes literate and continues to be literate through out the rest of his life."

Education has the sole purpose to enlighten the depressed classes to enhance their social, economic and political upliftment.

We live in progressing and developing society. The reputation of the person depends upon the educational qualifications. He also said that school is an institution

where the minds of students are cultured. The school is a factory of making good citizens. He given an importance of education in society.

Dr. Ambedkar was a well-known teacher. He established people's education society in Mumbai and Aurangabad. His educational philosophy is reflected in his articles and lectures.

### **Conclusion :-**

For Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Education was the main key to open the doors of light, vision and wisdom. He says that education and the society have a bounded relationship the progress of the society is only possible through education. He thought that education can bring change and equality in society. He had done plentiful work to awake depressed class to voices of their and showed a path through education to them. He ensured educational rights of all sections of the society by providing rights under section 29 and 30.

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