

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Views on Truth, Upliftment of Dalits and its Relevance

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ABSTRACT

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's life, his thoughts and his actions can be considered as the awakening turning point in the history of India, which draws a dividing line between the 'Gulam Bharat', Shattered Society', Declination of human being on the ground of discrimination 'and 'Independent India', United Society and no ground of discrimination with progress of each and every individual along with protecting human rights. B.R. Ambedkar also fought for the truth and this way he established the importance of truth for ever for everyone. In many aspects the B.R. Ambedkar favored the means of truth, no matter what were the circumstances he had to face in his life. 'Messiah of Dalits', Messiah of oppressed and downtrodden section of the society', Architect of Indian Constitution', are some of the titles being used by people for him, that shows the significant role of Dr. Ambedkar from bottom to top, from a person to the whole country. The greatest virtue is humanity, that is beyond caste, colour, creed, gender and even beyond the territory. Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Independence, Peaceful co-existence are also some of the concepts every person of the world and every nation should live for. Upliftment of a person socially, economically, politically without any discrimination, progress of a nation with having sovereignty are some aspects show greatness of the ideas of Dr. Ambedkar, that is also totally relevant in the present phenomenon /era of globalization. The idea of Dr. Ambedkar that connects him with the modern times of globalization is humanity with all the aspects social, economic, political, cultural, educational and independence of all the countries with growth, progress and development having equal status to one another with harmony.

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Introduction

Dr. B R Ambedkar's famous quotation is "Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence".

If we are of this opinion that ideas, views, thoughts and reforms presented and expressed by a thinker or reformer are limited to a certain time period, then we are unable to see his /her ideas in a wider context as well as there is a lack of outlook to see it's relevance in the future or unable to show a relationship with the changing scenario and circumstances. Therefore, it is imperative that valuable ideas of great thinkers should be studied and analyzed beyond the time line.

Dr. B R Ambedkar was born at the juncture when India was not only fighting with the British imperialism or rule for independence but moreover along with this, was fighting a battle in herself for the rights, freedom, upliftment and opportunities of equality for the downtrodden section of the society, which has been exploited since long/since centuriesdeprived of dignity being a human and now waiting for someone who will come forward and will end the this so called exploitation and discriminative behavior.

At this time when social equality and freedom from brutal behavior was equally important for the depressed persons, Dr. Ambedkar emerged as a ray of hope for these people who not only stood against the tradition and established system but changed the whole political, social system and set an example before the world how a battle is fought and won where question arise of oppressed people.

As we all know that present era is an era of Globalization, where we find the free flow of goods, services, products, technologies among the nations or which is the spread of products, goods, services, investment, technology across national borders. It has made the territorial boundaries among the nations meaningless as was never ever imagined. Economically it has connected the economies of nations but besides this the people of different nations have also got connected to each other and incidents and activities of one place affects the whole world as never happened before.

In the context of present scenario of globalization, now the question arises –Is Dr. Ambedkar's philosophy or his views time –bound, limited to a certain territory? Does it have a wider context where the depressed classes of the world are not excluded? Is it relevant in the current scenario of globalization, which has transformed the world into 'One Village'. At present where violence, discrimination on the basis of color, creed, gender, brutal behavior, genocide have become a stigma against the humanity and being human, we are ashamed of all these incidents no matter on which land these incidents are taking place, has the war of Dr. Ambedkar for the betterment of these people become more significant and relevant?

Dr. B R Ambedkar's Philosophy

"Be Educated, Be Organized and Be Agitated."

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's life, his thoughts and his actions work as a guiding philosophy for many of thinkers, reformers as well. His views can be considered as the awakening turning point in the history of India, which draws a dividing line between the 'Gulam Bharat', Shattered Society', Declination of human being on the ground of discrimination 'and 'Independent India', United Society and no ground of discrimination with progress of each and every individual along with protecting human rights'. It was the end of prolonged nightmare, end of slavery, end of discrimination and abolition of inhuman behavior, injustice forever.

'Messiah of Dalits', 'Messiah of oppressed and downtrodden section of the society', 'Architect of Indian Constitution', are some of the titles being used by people for him, that shows the significant role of Dr. Ambedkar from bottom to top, from a person to the whole country. He sacrificed whole his life for the protection of humanity, his life was devoted to the person who is exploited due to any reason and therefore is compelled to tolerate the misbehavior of others.

He himself was the person, who was tortured badly and suffered the most humiliating behavior, just because of the reason of his birth in a section of the society which have been considering only to serve the others, follow the worst norms and usages which are meant to be made only for them in order to fulfill the purposes of so called that section of the society which can progress and prosper on the basis of their suppression.

Dr. Ambedkar put emphasis not only on the social sphere of life, but we must say that no aspect can be seen where we do not find the impression of Dr. Ambedkar's ideas. He raised his voice and focused on those areas which were necessary to destroy the backwardness and connect and include the downtrodden people to the main stream of system. Therefore, when we study about the ideas of Dr. Ambedkar, we find that he left no stone unturned to improve the condition of these people all over the country.

He destroyed the social fabric, which differentiates, discriminates and works as a barrier in uniting the people, he stressed on making this weaker section financially sound, not to do humiliating works anymore, live for our own self betterment. He knew the fact that illiteracy is one of the biggest reasons behind all this scenario of inhuman behavior and since long they have been devoid of education so that because of not being aware they will never raise their voice for equality and freedom.

Besides this social and economic reforms or making social, economic structure much strong for the oppressed class, he tried great effort for politically protect this section or to secure them through political and constitutional provisions or steps which can be seen in the Indian constitution beautifully. Thus, he tried to secure their future so that what has been happening since long can never happened with the generations to come.

Dr. Ambedkar was also against the discrimination against the women and stood for women empowerment. For him there must be equality as women are as able as men are and they should be given the opportunities for development which they are deprived of since so many years. He also said

that women can play an important role in creating the better future for their children by educating them and motivate her family to quit the bad habits.

Thus, the philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar consists of upliftment of the suppressed people of Indian society including women as well and credit goes to him where he not only strongly forced them to recognize their strength, power to get united and agitate wherever it is necessary to break the barrier of traditions and imposed rules.

Dr. Ambedkar's Philosophy and it's Relevance

Humanity is the main concern we all live for, Dr. Ambedkar devoted his whole life for this sole aim and taught everyone a lesson that we should be united to make a world where there will be no exploitation, no violence, no discrimination, no place for hate and inequality, all are equal and we should live with harmony and peace maintaining the dignity and respect of every person being a human.

Aforementioned 'Messiah of Dalits', Messiah of oppressed and downtrodden section of the society 'are the titles being used for Dr. Ambedkar denotes the functions which have been done by him for the people, have been suffering from such pathetic situation since centuries. He empowered the weaker section of the Indian society through his deeds, actions, speeches, writings and from all other means whatever they could have got at that time .Most important thing is that his term of weaker section of the society includes not only downtrodden, depressed or oppressed people but also it includes the women as well who has been suffering the brutal behavior of the male dominating society and due to this atrocity lost her identity and existence even. Dr. Ambedkar opposed this discrimination against the women and stood for women empowerment. He supported the thing that concepts, which have been prevailing in the society since the beginning or came into existence later, but if it is beyond the dignity of a person either based on gender, cannot be justified. He also recognized the power of women in improving the deteriorating situation of the backward classes, where he urges the female members of the family not to support those members, who do not wish to overcome from this humiliating situation and wished that they will teach their children to be educated, make progress and amaze the world through their talent.

As we all know, that it was not the era of Globalization, when Dr. Ambedkar fought bravely for the rights and freedom of backward classes of the Indian society. It was an era of sovereignty, territorial boundaries and India was fighting for her independence. At this time, when travelling to other countries through way of transportation, newspaper and other means of mass communication available at that time were the only source to know the incidents and activities, it was much hard for the reformers to message their thought to the people of other countries and to know if humanity is also suffering in the same manner as of India.

When we have a look over the relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's ideas and views and his deeds to reform the system of India in the present context of Globalization, we find that Dr. Ambedkar stood not only for the suppressed class of India but also, he has a heart full of love, harmony, sympathy for all wherever the humanity is in danger because of dictatorship, atrocities, violence, discrimination on any ground, wherever suppression can be seen and people are compelled to live a life not worth for being human.

In fact, we find that Dr. Ambedkar's philosophy and ideology has proved more significant and relevant in the present scenario of Globalization, where people share some common problems being a human suffering from and discriminatory and humiliating behavior on any ground is the worst the world is suffering from. We can have here example of racial discrimination, which still prevails, refugee crisis, world is witnessing so far like Syrian Refugee Crisis, Rohingya Refugee Crisis are some instances where people are forced to flee their own country of origin due to violence, discrimination etc. and now they are compelled to look for the shelter on this earth wherever they can get ...without having proper facility of food, cloth, basic amenities, medical facility, education... quite pathetic situation, that is like hell on earth, totally deprived of human rights, citizenship which are essential for development being human and these are the circumstances which are as stigma for humanity.

Conclusion

Exploitation, worst feeling of superiority and not considering some people as human being and misbehave with them, are some tendencies that can be seen in each and every age This is also the truth that in every era we find 'MAHAPURUSH' who save the humanity i.e. poor and depressed people from these atrocities and Dr. Ambedkar was one of them ...the prominent leader, who not only fought bravely for the independence of India and provided us the best constitution of the world where we find the

safeguards for the generations to come ,so that what they have suffered the next generation will never suffer. The ideology and struggle and how to achieve goals through this as well as save the humanity has become more relevant in the present era of Globalization, where we talk about the pleasures and pains of not only of a particular territory but we talk about 'VASUDHAIV KUTUMBKAM'. Being the greatest virtue of all the virtues there is humanity, which is beyond caste, color, creed, gender and even beyond the territory. Every person of the world and every nation should live for Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Independence, and Peaceful co-existence... the ideals, which makes us real human being on this earth. Upliftment of a person socially, economically, politically without any discrimination, progress of a nation with having sovereignty are some aspects show greatness of the ideas of Dr. Ambedkar, that is also totally relevant in the present phenomenon / era of globalization, where we cannot confine ourself for the betterment of persons of a certain area or of the people of our country ,but we are to work for the depressed class / exploited people of the whole world, wherever atrocities can be seen and people are deprived of their rights, freedom and are being behaved in a brutal manner that is against the principle of humanity.

We must say that the concept of Globalization has changed the whole scenario in terms of knowing each other better than before, like a family. If Globalization connects economies, technologies then we must admit that it also connects the people of different nations, cultures, ideologies, persons, who are different from each and every aspect, but thing that is common among them, is that they have the right to live with dignity, with equality, enjoying life with liberty, where a life of without hunger, without fear, without exploitation etc. The best thing of present era is now it connects the pain of all people across the world ad struggle and how to stand strongly for the weaker section of the world can be learnt from him and inspire the struggles of victims either it is question of survival of oppressed people or question of women empowerment. Exploitation, violence, discrimination cannot be justified in ant forms of these atrocities and no matter in which country it happens. Therefore, voice can be raised collectively in this regard as there have been movements for women empowerment collectively.

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The best thing of present era is now it connects the pain of all people across the world ad struggle and how to stand strongly for the weaker section of the world can be learnt from him and inspire the struggles of victims either it is question of survival of oppressed people or question of women empowerment. Be Educated, Be Organized and Be Agitated' these motivational words are applicable for a human being all over the world for being human. Thus, it can be said that present era of globalization makes Dr. Ambedkar's philosophy or views more relevant and presents them in the wider context of the world as far as oppressed people are still having a dream of a better future with dignity.

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