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FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AND ATROCITIES AGAINST DALIT'S IN KARNATAKA:AN OVER VIEW

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ABSTRACT:

In Karnataka more than 25% population belongs to Scheduled caste and Scheduled Tribes. Though its population represented by 25% out of total population of state still it is not far behind in registration of cases relating to the discrimination and atrocities against the Dalit's in form of untouchability, ill treatment, ban on temple entry, non-entry to common places, filing of false cases, cheating, assaulting and killing in name of honor. According to the report of NCRB the cases of discrimination and atrocities against the Dalits are increased day by day in Karnataka since 2018. More than 2029 and 458 cases of atrocities cases against the Scheduled caste and Scheduled Tribes respectively are registered in 2021 only.



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INTRODUCTION :

From 1st April 2020 to March 31st 2021 more than 2,327 case have registered inform of exploitation, murder and other cases on members on Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe community. By the end of December 2021 from April more than 1673 cases of crimes and atrocities against scheduled castes and tribes which account for 16% of overall crimes that have taken place in the state, in 2021.

In 2019, there have been 87 murders, 216 cases relating to exploitation, 2024 other instances and 3 incidents of fire against Dalits are booked.

In May 2019 A Narayan Swamy, The Member of Parliament from BJP from Chitrdurga Constituency he was denied to enter into Gollarhatti village in Pavagad Taluk of Tumkur district. It shows caste system even undermines the constitutional position of man.

Even after 75 years of independence of country People from Dalit Community still facing lots of hardship to avail service from barber's shop in many villages of Karnataka state in came to light in 2017 when members from Madiga Community Harnagari Village of Haveri district demanded to allowed them into barber shops.

In Vijaypur district in the name of "honour" Killing within 10 days two boys belongs to Dalit's were killed, on 24th June, 2021 a Muslim family openly killed a Dalit boy due his love with Muslim Girl. In another case a boy from Madiga Community of Bargur village of Koppal district allegedly murdered

by dominant Kuruba Community on 22nd June in 2021 due to his love with girl from Kuruba Community.

On 6th June 2021 in Yelburga Taluk of Koppal District of Karnataka two Dalit boys were assaulted, abused and humiliated when they approached two barbers for a haircut. After the Denial of Dalits to avail barber service they were humiliated and assaulted just for asking for haircut. This incident led the attempt to suicide by consuming pesticide by two Dalit youth. According source the village upper caste people of Hossalli village won't let the Dalits to enter the Barber shops and also pressurize the Barber community to denied their service to the Dalit community in the name of social ostracism which located 4 Km away from the Yelburga Taluka Head quarter. It is not just problem of Hosalli village it is quite common in every village of Country but these all ended un reportedly due to their inevitability of work opportunities in the lands of upper caste due to fear of lose work for sustain of their life in village these families retain maintain the saliency

On 21st April 2022 two Dalit boys were tortured to Death in Tumkur district. 30 year Girish Mudalgiriappa and 32-year-old Girish both youth are residents of Peddanhalli village of Tumkur.(The Indian Express 24th April 2022)

ASSAULTATION AND LOCKING UP DALIT WORKERS INCIDENT:

In the Chikkamagaluru district of Karnataka in Connection with recovery of loan owned by six s Dalit labours family, a Coffe estate owner and his son allegedly locked up and beaten including women and children when they want to free from their forced labour, in this group two women's were pregnant. Even their children also not allowed to go school. However, members of this family succeeded to filed to case against them under 2005 Atrocity Act.

In some villages in Karnataka the upper caste community where its population is in majority still they attempted to kill the Dalits boys even just if they crossed their vehicles on road these things are quite common north India'n states like UP,Bihar, Rajstan MP etc same thing is also repeated in Karnataka in the year 2021 On 30th November when a 22 year old boy identified as Udaya kiran resident of Mulbagal town of Kolar district it is just 110 km away state capital city Banglore. who belongs to Adi Karnataka community categorized as Scheduled Caste was heading to Byrakur, 3 kilometres from his village, on a two-wheeler to buy groceries on November 30. During his ride, Uday overtook one of three motorcycles driven by boys of Vakkaliga community they told that, this had enraged them and insult their community the men stopped Uday's vehicle and allegedly assaulted him and confiscated his motorcycle and mobile phone. They asked him to bring the elders of his family and took his bike.

Uday requested the men to return his mobile phone and bike. The accused then tied up Uday to a tree and assaulted him though he is the son of Grampanchayat meber.. He was beaten up before the villagers, which had really put him to humiliation. Uday had completed Class 12 (2nd PUC) and was involved in agricultural activities. He was the pillar of his family.

CASES REGARDING DENIED TO ENTRE AND PERFORM THE WORSHIP IN TEMPLES:

Karnataka is not away from such incidents in which Dalit's are prohibits to entre in temples and they are put under the restriction to use religion public places even after 75 years of independent country. While they try to entre temples and they are kept under social ostracism. Every village of Karnataka is witnessed to this black face of society.

In Kadaga village of Hassan district of Karnataka Thirty-five Dalit families were humiliated, abused, and denied entry into a temple by members of the dominant Vokkaliga and Lingayat castes. According the information from residents say they've seen and subject to rampant caste discrimination, over 70 years around the entry of temples. When the temple was being opened after renovations that the Dalit families had also contributed to, they thought the temple entry issue was settled. But when they reached the temple to offer prayers, they were humiliated and abused with cattiest slurs. People of upper caste of this village considered the Dalits as footwear. One of the elder man of village belongs to Vokkaliga Community identified as Bore Gowda Dalits residents of this told "He compared us to

chappals, and said that like chappals, we must also be kept out of the temple," she alleged, "They told us that the consequences would be bad if we did not listen to them."

Soon after Dalits reaching to temple to perform the worship over 100 people belonging to the dominant castes gathered outside the temple and barricaded the entrance. Despite the presence of the officials and activists, the dominant caste people of the village hurled abuses at the members of the Dalit community. There are around 35 Dalit families in Kadaga village and around 65 Vokkaliga and Lingayat families, Chetan says.

NANDI HALLI INCIDENT ON 6TH MARCH 2023.

A Nandihalli is a small village of Ranebennur taluk of Haveri district of Karnataka, in this village 2 houses which belongs two dalits are setting ablaze. Which took place late night of Sunday when members of these families were in deep sleeping the houses are located next to each other. The reason behind the incident was to be a religious procession was passing through the Dalit colony as part a village fair for goddess Dyamavva when the procession passing through the dalit colony, some children and some youths of Dalit community started to dancing in procession this was objected by the section of upper caste people. During the process exchange of verbal abuse from both sides also happened. This incident provokes the incident of burning the houses of dalits in village.

But luckily in time neighbors came and rescued by dousing the water on burning huts before happening any tragedy and Sixty thousand rupees penalty was imposed on a Dalit boy just for entering the temple and touching the idol.

On 8th September 2022 an inhuman incident that taken place in Ullerhalli village of Malur taluka of Kolar District of Karnataka when a 15-year-old boy enter the temple and touch the idol in Bhootamayam fair. In this village Dalits are comprehensively prohibited to entered into all temples of village. When the procession is carried out, son of Sobamma and Ramesh couple who studying in 10th class in Tekal village next to ullerhalli, touch the pole which affixed the idol of Sidiranna. The village dominant vokkaliga community gathered and called the Dalits families they are less in number, only ten families are living outskirts of village they decided to impose 60 sixty thousand penalties arbitrarily.

The elders of village told that the family the idol turned impure since it is touched by your son and the fine amount would be used to purify the idol. The woman has to boards train at early morning 5.30 to reach Bengaluru Whitefield where she working as housekeeping staff to earn just 13000 thousand per month her husband was in ill condition amid this she is subject to social discrimination.

On 29th March 2022 allegedly a teen Dalit boy was beaten by upper strata people in Hasan district:

An innocent fifteen years Dalit boy allegedly assaulted by upper caste people in Kondaji village of Hasan district, by accusing him of stealing footwear and forced him to wash them in publicly.

This incident occurred when a Dalit boy was returning home from school after appearing his annual examination on 29th March afternoon, when he noticed old footwear on the road. As he stood there for a while a couple of people stopped him and accused him of as staling the footwear. He was allegedly beaten up. The parents reached the spot soon after learning about the incident, when parents starting to inquire his son mistake, gathered people allegedly beaten even parents also only because of they belong to Dalits community.

On 27th May 2022 another 25 years old Vijaya Kamble Dalit boy became the victim of honour killing:

who was in a relationship with Muslim girl. The boy was brutally assaulted before being killed in Wadi town of Kalburgi district.

On 10th February 2023 a Dalit woman was assaulted by upper caste man in Rampur village of Kanakgiri taluk of Koppal district, just because of her cow enter into the field of upper caste man. The owner of field captured the cow and he put the cow in his house. When the woman went to Amresh

house to rescue her cow, the accused hit him with his shoe. He abused her with unspoken words and insulted her community.

The caste discrimination even not left the innocent boys:

who are under their teen age. On 29th September, a 14-year-old Dalit boy was beaten by tied to him to a streetlight pole at Kempadenahalli village of Chintamani Taluk of Chikkaballapur district. The tormentors were belonging to Reddy Community. When the parents are trying to rescue the boy they were also thrashed by them. The group of ten people belonging Reddy community with any fear of law they dragged out the boy in front the parents and tied him to the streetlight pole. By accusing he stole the earring of daughter of them of group with any evidence.

The mother of the boy file complaints against the people who tarnished the image of boy at his early age under SCSTPOA 2015, but police have arrested only three people even after publishing in media.

These in human incidents in Karnataka pose the threat to humanity, constitutional values. When we analysis the consequences of these incidents Dalit's themselves became the scapegoat even after the subject to the exploitation and came to notice to media and society these incidents are politicalized and suppressed them to in the name of social ostracism. The judiciary utterly failed to punish the culprit in the name of lack of evidence. The cases on discrimination against Dalit's are increasing day by day when they are trying to entering the temples. In the name of god and religion Dalit's in Karnataka always became subject to exploitation. This system needs to rectify by entering the judiciary with impartiality in the name of evidence humanity and equality rather than tradition and religion. The political parties should have play the impartial role, in the name of vote bank they also differ to enter these sensitive issues of society. The Non-Government Organizations and religious leaders should initiate such steps in form of dram to mitigate the caste system and untouchability. The educational institutions should play an effective role by advertising what is scientificism rather than preaching traditionalist and cultural heritage in the name of religion.

A Dalit Man thrashed by upper strata community just for requesting to sing a song on Ambedkar in Village:

on 6th April, 2022 at Harogeri village of Mundargi Taluk of Gadag district. The incident took place when organizing committee of Hanuman Jatra organize the musical nigh, in this event all communities except Dalit allowed to sing a song on their community social reformers, when a person identified as Durgappa Tippanna Madar belongs to Dalit community requesting the to sing a song on Dr. Ambedkar based on Mahanayak Serial. The upper caste people forced the orchestra group to not to sing even after the readiness of orchestra group to sing the song on Mahanayak Based life story of Dr. Ambedkar.

Even we analyses the track record of investigation under SC /ST Prevention of Atrocities) based on the data of NCRB is too poor in Karnataka. In 2019 only 3.9% cases are registered under Prevention Atrocities even after more than thousands incidents are took place but 26 incidents are reported to Police department while the number of acquittal stood at 1531.

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