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Debate the issue whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.

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Annihilation of Caste, 1936

Ambedkar's text that set destruction of jati, not reform of varna pride, as the goal.

1956 Buddhist conversion

Mass conversion at Nagpur as an exit from Hindu caste rather than a bargain inside it.

Dalit Panthers

1970s Maharashtrian militant cultural-political assertion that named caste violence in a new idiom.

BSP in Uttar Pradesh

Electoral vehicle that turned Dalit identity into state power in the 1990s-2000s.

PoA Act, 1989

Atrocities law used by movements to make caste violence a public crime.

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