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Q4

Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B R Ambedkar, despite having divergent approaches and strategies, had a common goal of amelioration of the downtrodden. Elucidate.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS I · 12 marks · The Freedom Struggle

The Freedom Struggle - its various stages and important contributors / contributions from different parts of the country.

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Poona Pact, 1932

Agreement after Gandhi's fast: reserved seats for the depressed classes instead of separate electorates.

Annihilation of Caste, 1936

Ambedkar's undelivered address arguing that caste cannot be mended by piety alone.

Harijan campaign

Gandhi's 1930s drive against untouchability through tours, funds, and a newspaper.

Article 17 spirit

Constitutional abolition of untouchability, a legal path Ambedkar helped lock in.

Nagpur conversion, 1956

Ambedkar and followers embraced Buddhism as a dignified exit from caste Hinduism.

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