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Q7(b)

Elaborate various forms of Dalit assertions in contemporary India? Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · Sociology GS 2 · 15 marks · Social Movements in Modern India

Social Movements in Modern India: Peasants and farmers movements; Women's movement; Backward classes and Dalit movement; Environmental movements; Ethnicity and Identity movements.

Core demand of the question

- Elaborate various forms of Dalit assertions in contemporary India
- Keep to a 15-mark length

Revision summary

Dalit assertion takes party, conversion, literary, legal, and digital forms.

It refuses Gandhian Harijan inclusion as enough.

Campus and **atrocities law** are institutional fronts.

Land, work, and slums are material fronts.

Class splits exist; the identity of assertion remains.

Introduction

Dalit assertion in contemporary India is not one party or one riot response. It is conversion, electoral blocs, literature, campus politics, land and wage fights, and digital publicity. The forms share **Ambedkar**'s refusal of Harijan charity.

Body**Political forms**

- BSP-type parties and alliances treat caste as a vote that can capture the state.
- Local panchayat contests against dominant-caste capture, often met by violence.

Religious and cultural forms

- **Navayana** Buddhist conversion and new visibilities of **Ambedkar** jayanti.
- **Dalit literature**, music, and counter-revival against a Ghurye Hindu canon.

Institutional and legal forms

- Reservation defence, atrocities-law litigation, and campus associations.
- Creamy-layer and class splits appear inside assertion, without ending the identity.

Economic and spatial forms

- Struggles over land, sanitation work, and urban slum tenure.
- Migration as exit, which **Ambedkar** hoped from the city, still incomplete.

New publics

- Digital naming of atrocity, kin to Me Too's publicity method though not the same movement.
- **A disharmonic public:** constitutional morality versus honour.

Flow diagram

Ambedkarite core -> Parties panchayat
Ambedkarite core -> Conversion literature
Ambedkarite core -> Reservation atrocity law
Ambedkarite core -> Digital public

Conclusion

Contemporary Dalit assertion is electoral, religious, literary, legal, and digital. The various forms aim at annihilation of humiliation, not at a better rung on Sanskritization's ladder. They are fragmented by class and region, and they are the living edge of Indian democracy.

Facts & figures

Navayana

Buddhist conversion as a continuing form of exit and dignity.

BSP-type electoral assertion

Caste as a democratic bloc rather than a plea for service.

Atrocity law

Legal form of assertion when the village honour system punishes equality.

Dalit literature

Cultural assertion that writes the social experience the canon omitted.

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