

## ABOUT THE BOOK

The discourse is a study of the challenges of the present day, India. The book traces a vast and interdisciplinary canvas about modern India which includes the status and empowerment of Women, Human rights violation against women and Advivasis, the Nationalism and RSS, present day relevancy of Gandhi and the law and institutional mechanism for the protection of human rights and women in India.

The book will appeal to academicians researchers, social activists and all those interested in the study of women and the marginalized section of the society.

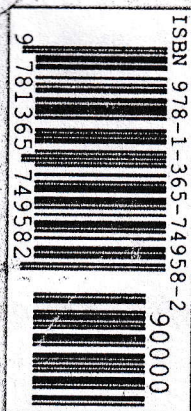
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not only a necessity but also a base on which the new society and civilization are being constructed.

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## **Society and Scheduled Caste Women: A Question of Human Rights**

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Human Right has been a core concept of life in the present century. It has become sine qua non for civic life and civilization. Natural rights based on moral universalism and scientism are the foundations of it. This is essential for full-fledged development of human personality. According to its third generation it reflects collectiveness, solidarity and inclusiveness. It has to protect and nourish all the individuals irrespective of any group, caste, colour, creed, religion and sex and it also includes animals and environment impliedly. This aspect of inclusiveness leads to peaceful, full fledged developed and sustainable world. But, in many cases it is felt and experienced that certain groups and communities are excluded from the process of this inclusive growth and development. And the Scheduled Caste women have been deprived of enjoying their human rights. They have to bear the triple burden of deprivation in terms of caste, gender and poverty. They are forced to enter the labour market at a very early age in order to sustain their families. Traditionally allocated menial and stigmatised works are generally assigned to them. Better paid and dignified jobs continue to be out of reach for them through a systematic denial of rights to higher education, skill training, assets and other productive resources. This process of systematic denial further ensures their exclusion from social political scenario and keeps them restricted to the bottom of the society as invisible citizens.

### **Who Is Scheduled Caste?**

Scheduled Caste is historically disadvantaged population