

Democratic Incarnation of Caste

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Party of upper castes, is now trying to please the lower castes. Politics does not function in Vacuum. It operates in society in which it is influenced by social forces. Caste has been politicised to pursue economic and social rather than ritual concern of the members. In that sense, it is a democratic incarnation of caste. Caste framework has its own limitations. It is diverse and hierarchical. This is a challenge before the caste-oriented politics.

Caste -
social concept
Political
concept

Caste is a social concept indicating divisions in the society while Politics is a political concept regarding governing the society. The two have never existed in separation of each other, reason being that politics cannot exist in vacuum and needs a society to work upon.

Impact of using Caste in Politics :-

1) Political
parties
became
caste
conscious

This has made the Political Parties complacent as they now understand that elections can be won more easily by taking the support of the dominant caste or forging an alliance between castes. *calm satisfaction with oneself*

2) No. of
Political
parties
go
up
castes

A number of Political Parties have grown up which represents only a particular caste or combination of castes. For eg: BSP is a Party of Dalits, RJD and SP are perceived to represent Yadavs; while RLD is supposed to represent Jats in

Western UP.

infested with caste since British invasion
India has been infested with caste system since the British invaded. All castes to save their faith and belief, tried to save themselves in this manner but the British took advantage of the Sectionalism and the caste system and went deep into the Indian Politics.

Caste Consciousness

Due to Politicians, Caste Associations & Reservation, there is an increased Caste Consciousness.

BSP - Dalit

RED & SP - Yadav

RLD - Jats of Western UP.