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Introduction

Man is a social animal who cannot live outside the stream of society. Almost all political thinkers since Plato to Laski have accepted the freedom of democracy as the vital source of success for individual and society. Violation of rights, no matter from which community one belongs, destroy the very basic fundamental rights of civic culture. The rise of institutions and material culture transformed the traditional character of human values into a corrupt society. Social dimensions like religion, race, ethnicity and language and the empowerment of community, therefore, become necessary to examine the fast changing socio-political parameters, especially in India that claims to be the largest democracy in the world. Caste system has been one of the basic features of traditional Indian society since centuries which exercised profound influence over social and political fabric of India. Western Imperial Powers fully exploited the poor and marginalized communities to pursue a policy of divide and rule and exploited sectional loyalties based on caste, class and language to promote the vested interest. Indian National Congress (INC) took bold initiatives to check the evils of caste politics during post independence. Even the very spirit of Indian

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