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Core English

Question 1: Short note on "Who were the Shudras"?

Answer: Who were the Shudras, is a book written by Dr. BhimRao Ramji Ambedkar.

This chapter is preface of his book, where he talked about the reactions of Brahmins, whenever he delivered a speech or talked about caste system caste system in India and how they oppose him. This book talks about how higher class is trying to supress lower caste. According to BabaSaheb, this book is about reality check and this book is mainly for ignorant and uninformed shudras. How these caste was created by Brahmins and on what basis?

Further this preface talks about this book is totally based on research, and he has guided by the best tradition of the historian; who treats all literature as vulgar and this book is pure work and is free from biasness, free from passion, fear and faithful to the truth. And even maintaining total transparency, this book will trigger Brahmins as this totally opposes their spiritual book. And how Hindu Judges and Prime Minister even support the Brahmins. And how he is hopeful that one day upcoming generation will get agree with him.

Question 2: Recent incident of Caste Discrimination in India.

Answer: Case of Rohit Vemula

Rohit Vemula, a PhD scholar at the Hyderabad Central University, committed suicide on January 17, 2016 in his hostel room by hanging himself from a ceiling fan. He was allegedly upset over disciplinary actions that were taken against him by university. From July 2015, the university stopped paying Rohith his monthly stipend of ₹2500, with friend alleging that he was targeted for raising issues under the banner of Ambedkar Student Association. However the university denied the allegation, blaming the delay on paperwork.

Case of Payal Tadvi : A junior doctor who committed suicide following caste based harassment was denied mandatory medical leave, according to the chargesheet filed by police in the case. And she accused 3 senior for harassment because of her caste.

In my opinion, today also people practices the caste system in India. Even though we claim to have move forward. The most disturbing thing, in both the cases is that these people were not like regular people both had good exposure to education and the accused were also highly educated. Then also they performed such deed. According to me, it doesn't matter how civilized and educated people are they will not stop this. As this is something they are in touch with from their early exposure to the society. And people need to change this mindset in order to move together and perform as better citizens.