

Team Teaching Stratification in India

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Our goal for today :-

What are we discovering today:

1. CORE COURSE 5 (CC 5): **CONTEMPORARY INDIA AND EDUCATION**
2. **Module 1 - Unit 2.** Addressing Inequality of Indian society: Nature, Challenges and Role of Education
3. a) **Stratification of Indian Society with reference to Caste**, Class and Gender.

c) **Role of Education** with respect to addressing the needs of stratified (Caste) and marginalized groups

Objectives for today's session

- To understand the inequalities in Indian Society.
- To define stratification
- To examine the features of stratification
- To distinguish between closed and open stratified societies
- To classify the types of stratification
- To analyse the different illustrations from multimedia in understanding the consequences of stratification
- To infer the role of education and teacher in addressing the challenges of a stratified society
- To understand the implications for education in coping with Inequality

Social Stratification: Survey

The **inequality of status and prestige** is marked feature of a stratified society.

In the results of above survey we too tend to rank jobs in different status - In a state of nationwide sample of adult was asked to rate ninety occupations in accordance with prestige associated with each occupation. **The 'physician' had the highest prestige and shoe shiner, the lowest.** In between them were other occupation like clerical and sale occupation etc.

Do reflect : During COVID 19 pandemic , suddenly though some jobs were applauded more than others - survey





BASES OF SOCIAL STRATIFICATION



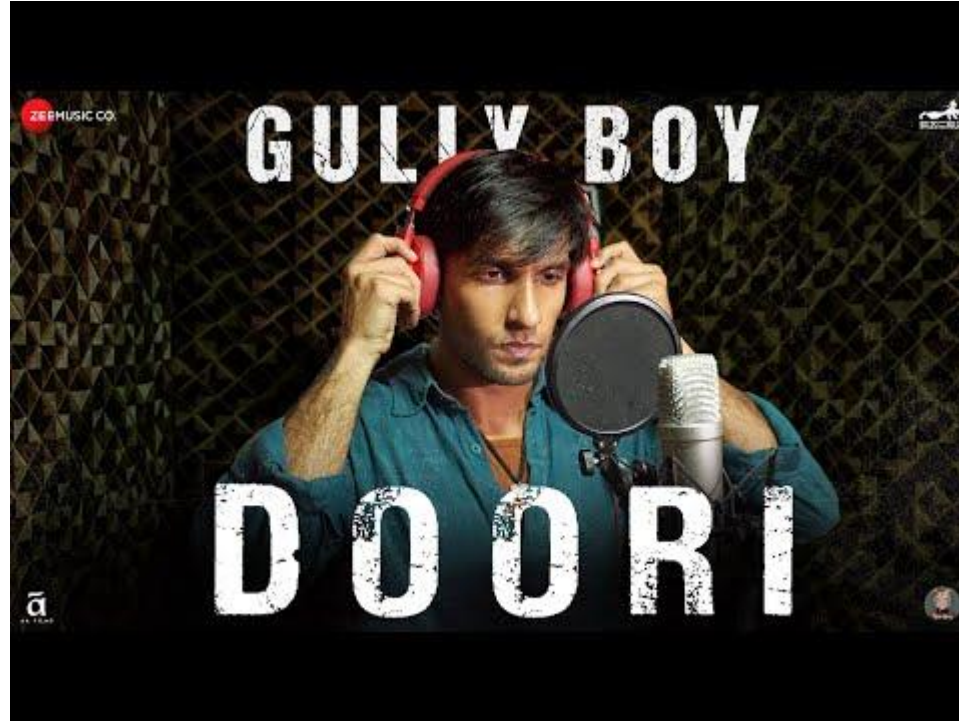
WEALTH – associated with education, income and occupation

POWER – ability of one party to affect the behavior of another party



PRESTIGE – the distinction or reputation and how people are subjectively evaluated by others

Gully Boy song 'Doori': A hard-hitting track on social stratification



Stratified society

Is stratification a new concept ?

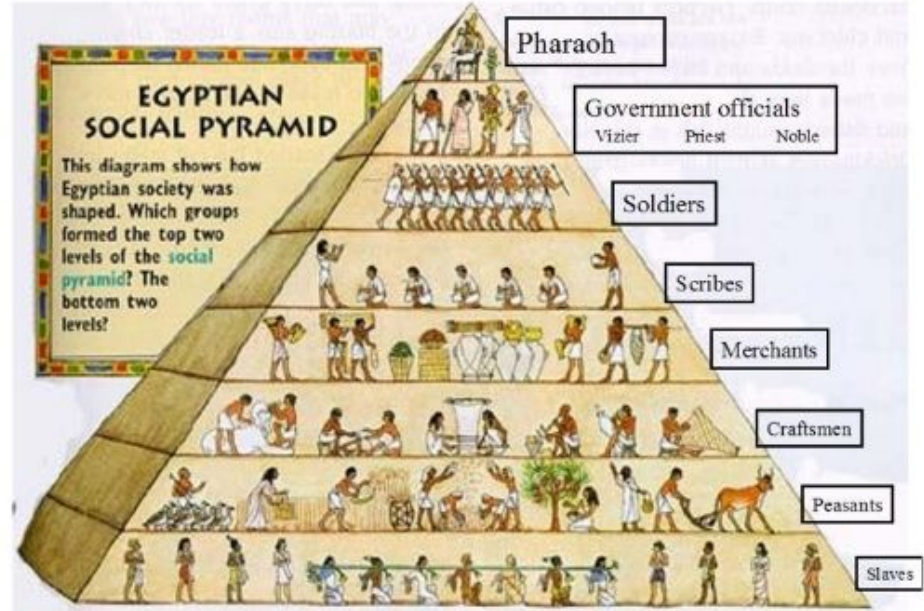
Its ancient, modern , seems almost timeless

Its an **ancient social** phenomer

Ancient Greece, Eypgt, India, E - witnessed stratification from ar times

Its **modern, contemporary** :
example of KEM doctor - exploited on basis of caste,

- Some people (or groups of people) have unequal access to power and/or resources, while other people (or groups) have less.



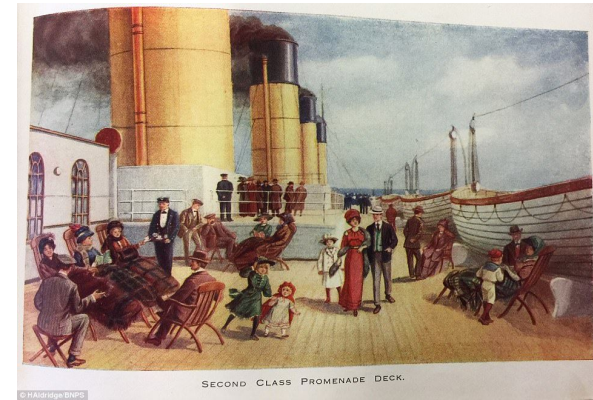
Why is it **NOT Biological** but **Social** ??

Rich/poor
high/ Low?
My position?

Stratification and its ways are a matter of social customs and conditioning. It is not inborn - the unequal sharing of the privileges and resources



TITANIC movie - let's go beyond the fairy tale love story to the **reality of class stratification** - The ship like our world stratified -space , accomodations, food, clothes , service even lifeboats stratified..



Hierarchy of Social groups

As exemplified by caste, social stratification involves **a hierarchy of social groups**. Members of a particular group have common identity, like interests, and similar life-style.

They **enjoy or suffer from the unequal distribution of rewards** in societies as members of different social groups.



Types of Stratified Societies

CLOSED

1. ASCRIBED STATUS
2. STATUS BASED ON BIRTH, CASTE, RELIGION, GENDER
3. NO SOCIAL MOBILITY

Dr. Ambedkar - Father of India's Constitution
still carries the label of Dalit.



OPEN

1. ACHIEVED STATUS
2. STATUS BASED ON MERITOCRACY
3. SOCIAL MOBILITY is important feature

The former CEO of Starbucks spent his childhood in a subsidized housing complex for the poor in Brooklyn. People like **Steve Jobs, Ed Sheeran, Selena Gomez, Leonardo DiCaprio, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Shahid Khan, J.K. Rowling, and Ralph Lauren** all came from a humble background.

Being poor doesn't stop them from chasing their dreams and pursuing success.

Social Stratification affects generations and societies



Conflict Theory

- Stratified societies have two major social groups (Karl Marx)
- Ruling class (ownership/ control subject class)
- Subject class.

Functionalist Theory

- T. Parsons believes that order, stability and cooperation in society are based on value consensus.
- Education favours people.
- Successfully performing social values will be ranked highly and are rewarded.

Stratification

The situation in which the economic goods in a society are distributed unevenly among different groups or categories of people



62 people own as much wealth as 50% of the world's population.



Definitions of Social Stratification

1. Ogburn and Nimkoff: • ‘The process by which individuals and groups are **ranked in more or less enduring hierarchy of status** is known as stratification”
- 2. Lundberg: • “A stratified society is one marked by **inequality, by differences among people that are evaluated by them as being “lower” and “higher”**”.
- 3. Gisbert: • “Social stratification is the division of society into permanent groups of categories linked with each other by the **relationship of superiority and subordinations**”.

Definitions of Social Stratification

4. Williams: • Social Stratification refers to “The ranking of individuals on a scale of **superiority-inferiority-equality**, according to some commonly accepted basis of valuation. •

5. Raymond W. Murray: • Social stratification is **vertical division of society into “higher” and “lower” social units.** •

6. Melvin M Tumin: • “Social stratification refers to “arrangement of any social group or society into hierarchy of positions that are **unequal with regard to power, property, social evaluation and psychic gratification**”.

Types of Stratifications:

The following types of social stratification have been known to exist:

i) the age-set system

ii) slave system,

iii) estate system,

iv) **caste system**,

v) class system,

and vi) race/ethnic system.



"CASTER"



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Somebody misinformed you, sir. Only backward castes, OBCs and Dalits live here. There is no human being here.



Case Studies in India

A random sampling of headlines in mainstream Indian newspapers tells their story: "Dalit boy beaten to death for plucking flowers"; "Dalit tortured by cops for three days"; "Dalit 'witch' paraded naked in Bihar"; "Dalit killed in lock-up at Kurnool"; "7 Dalits burnt alive in caste clash"; "5 Dalits lynched in Haryana"; "Dalit woman gang-raped, paraded naked"; "Police egged on mob to lynch Dalits".

"Dalits are not allowed to drink from the same wells, attend the same temples, wear shoes in the presence of an upper caste, or drink from the same cups in tea stalls," said Smita Narula, a senior researcher with *Human Rights Watch*, and author of *Broken People: Caste Violence Against India's "Untouchables."*

A 42-year-old Dalit woman was gang-raped and then burnt alive after she, her husband, and two sons had been held in captivity and tortured for eight days. Her crime? Another son had eloped with the daughter of the higher-caste family doing the torturing. The local police knew the Dalit family was being held, but did nothing because of the higher-caste family's local influence.

Dalit labourer who was beaten up, 'forced to drink urine' dies

RAAKHI JAGGA & SAURABH PRASHAR
LUDHIANA, CHANDIGARH,
NOVEMBER 16

NINE DAYS after he was allegedly beaten up and forced to drink urine, Jagmale Singh (37), a Dalit labourer of Changa Wala village in Sangru district of Punjab, succumbed to his injuries on Saturday.

All the four accused — Amarjeet Singh, his son Rinku, and the latter's friends, Lucky and Binder — have been arrested. The four, all residents of the same village, had reportedly targeted Jagmale following an altercation on October 21. All of them belong to the Jat Sikh community.

"We arrested Amarjeet, Rinku and Lucky on November 14, while Binder was arrested on November 15. On questioning, they claimed that the victim had abused them," said Sangru SSP Sandeep Garg. The four accused have been booked for murder and under the SC/ST Act.

According to Jagmale's statement to the police, as quoted in the FIR, he was taken to Rinku's house and beaten up on November 7. "I was tied to a pole for two-three hours. Beeta alias



Jagmale (left) was attacked on November 7; (above) his wife Manjeet. Kamleshwar Singh



Binder had a stick in his hand. Rinku was holding my arms while his father Amarjeet was carrying a small rod. They beat me up mercilessly... When I asked Rinku to give me water, he went to the bathroom, urinated, and made me drink his urine," Jagmale said in his statement.

According to the FIR, the medical report noted that the injuries were caused by a blunt weapon.

"On October 21, my husband

had an altercation with Rinku, Binder and his friends. However, the matter was resolved. But on November 7, Rinku, Binder and Lucky took my husband to Amarjeet's house and beat him up," Jagmale's wife, Manjeet Kaur (32), told *The Sunday Express*. The couple have three children — a 15-year-old son and two daughters aged 9 and 6 years.

"He was tied to a pole and beaten up. His legs were broken after being hit with rods and sticks, and injuries were inflicted with a screwdriver. Acid was

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THE TIMES OF INDIA

'Society should break all barriers of caste, creed'

Times News Network

Allohabad: Seeking to break down barriers imposed by caste and creed, Parmarth Niketan, headed by several sanitation workers for their efforts to keep the Mela ground clean during the Kumbh-2019, at its camp on Wednesday

President of Parmarth Niketan, Swami Chidanand Saraswati, said cultural beliefs should not serve anyone and

KUMBH MELA

harm people have no place in today's India and that the society should be free of the barriers of 'jaati' (caste).

"We are here to honour you as *sarjan* (respect) is more important than *sarjan* (items). We need to realise that these people are our brothers



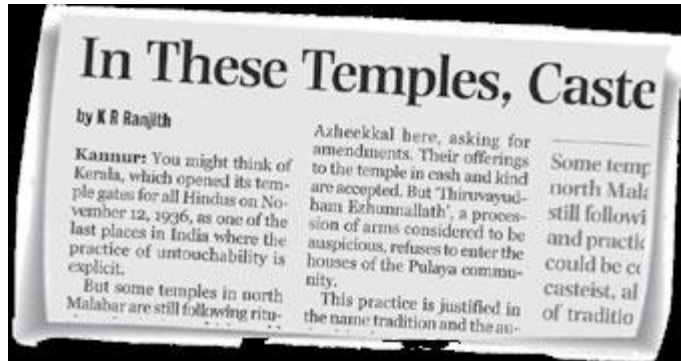
Parmarth Niketan's president Swami Chidanand Saraswati along with sanitation workers at the event on Wednesday

and sisters, and the caretakers of our land. As I have been saying since the beginning of Kumbh Mela, the holy rivers of Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati do not ask for anyone's 'jaati' before they take a dip," said Swami Chidanand Saraswati, Chairman of National Com-

mision of Safai Karamcharis, Manhar Vajbhaji Zolai, also attended the programme. "With sanitation workers being honoured by Swami Chidanand Saraswati, it sends a positive message to the whole world."

Parmarth Niketan's Sadevi Bhagawati Saraswati, said, "Our culture teaches us 'Vasudha Kutumbakam' which means that the world is a family but we are actually living that tenet. People clean their own trash and their own mess or at most, they clean it for their family members. You are the ones who have made the world your family and ensure cleanliness for everyone."

Swami Chidanand Saraswati led a procession, along with sanitation workers and seers, to take a dip in Sangam on Wednesday



Caste inequity fuels gender injustice

Shobha Shukla

If I touched some upper caste child, even by mistake, I would be thrashed by the teachers - who were all Brahmins (upper caste). Even as a child I could feel the upper caste-Dalit divide. So, I stopped going to school. I am illiterate today because of the stigma against Dalits that still exists in our society, especially in rural areas.

Later in life too, when I sought to work to make ends meet, my caste came in my way. Being a Dalit, nobody was ready to employ me as a domestic help. I was fit only for the job of a sweeper," shared Geeta (35 years).

It is important to recognize how gender injustices underpin the caste, class and social inequities. "I did start going to school. But as I am a Dalit (untouchable), I was made to sit away from the rest of the children."

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Geeta was married at the age of 15 to Sanjay of Banda in Uttar Pradesh, India. Marriage brought only pain, misery and sorrow for her. There were 15-20 people in her in-laws' family. "They all ganged up against me. They took away all my belongings.

the night, get their bath ready," do myriad other chores. A slight delay in any work would trigger a beating, not only from my husband but also other family members. My husband would return late in the night and then abuse me physically and verbally. The more I resisted the more I got thrashed. I was treated worse than an animal," remembers Geeta.

She suffered for eight long

years in the hope that her husband would mend his ways. But instead of improving, things slipped from bad to worse. Meanwhile Geeta had become the mother of a daughter and a son. "He worked as a sweeper in her in-laws' family. They all ganged up against me. They took away all my belongings. I had to dance to everybody's tune - cook food till late in

Vanangana's intervention, a written compromise was reached with her husband. He promised to treat her well. So, she went back to her in-laws' house. But once she was there, her husband was back to his usual self.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. SHE EVENTUALLY LET GO OF WHAT SHE COULD NOT CHANGE

One day he thrashed her, and then not only threw her and the children out of the house, but also threatened to kill her if she ever returned. Geeta somehow managed to reach Vanangana in a decrepit state. There she was first treated for her injuries and then counselled to take an informed decision. Geeta refused to return to her husband's house.

Vanangana helped Geeta file a court case, demanding monetary help from her husband. But even after 10 years of filing the case, nothing has come out of it. In 2010, the court did decide in Geeta's favour, ordering her husband to pay her INR 2000 every month. But the order is yet to be implemented.

Dr Payal Tadvi's suicide in Mumbai shows how deep caste prejudices run in medical colleges across the country. From not being allowed to perform important surgeries to being labelled 'quacks', TOI decodes the anatomy of bias

WHEN DOCTORS DISCRIMINATE

Some 400 medical professionals across the country have signed a petition to the government asking it to take steps to ensure that medical colleges do not discriminate against students based on their caste or religion. The petition, titled "We Demand Equal Access to Medical Education for All", was submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, on November 10.



The petition, signed by doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals, states that discrimination against students based on caste or religion is a common occurrence in medical colleges across the country. It mentions that students from lower castes and religions often face harassment, discrimination, and are not allowed to perform important surgeries. The petition also mentions that students from lower castes and religions often face harassment, discrimination, and are not allowed to perform important surgeries.

IN THE MEDICAL field, we should have the common sense to know that nobody's blood is different.

DR MOHAN RAMANATHAN
Anatomist and Surgeon

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FOUR WAYS TO A MORE EQUAL CAMPUS

1. **Establish a committee** to monitor and report on any caste or religious discrimination on campus. This committee should include representatives from all castes and religions.

2. **Provide training** for faculty and staff on diversity and inclusion. This training should focus on how to create a more inclusive and equitable campus environment.

3. **Establish a grievance redressal mechanism** to address any caste or religious discrimination on campus. This mechanism should be accessible to all students and staff.

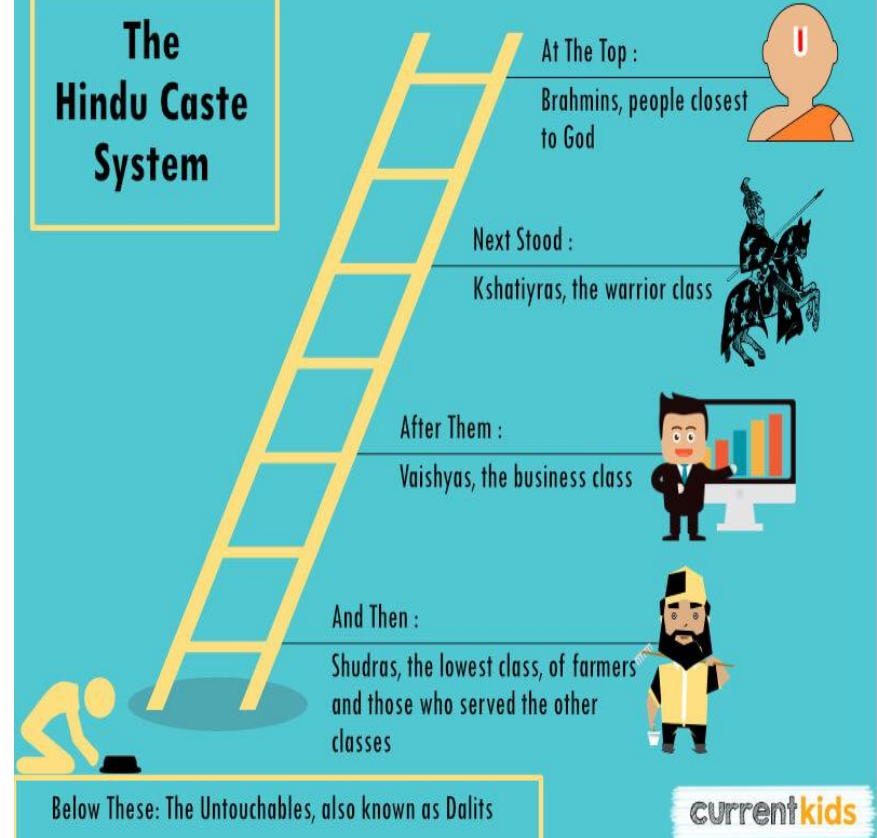
4. **Provide financial support** to students from lower castes and religions to ensure they can afford to attend medical college.

Caste System: How'd it start?

Step 3:
Label the parts of
Brahma
with the
caste that
fits.



The Hindu Caste System



Meaning of the Caste System

The word caste derived from the Spanish and Portuguese “**casta**”, means “**race, lineage, or breed**”.

According to Anderson and Parker, “Caste is that extreme form of social class organization in which the position of individuals in the status *hierarchy is determined by descent and birth.*”

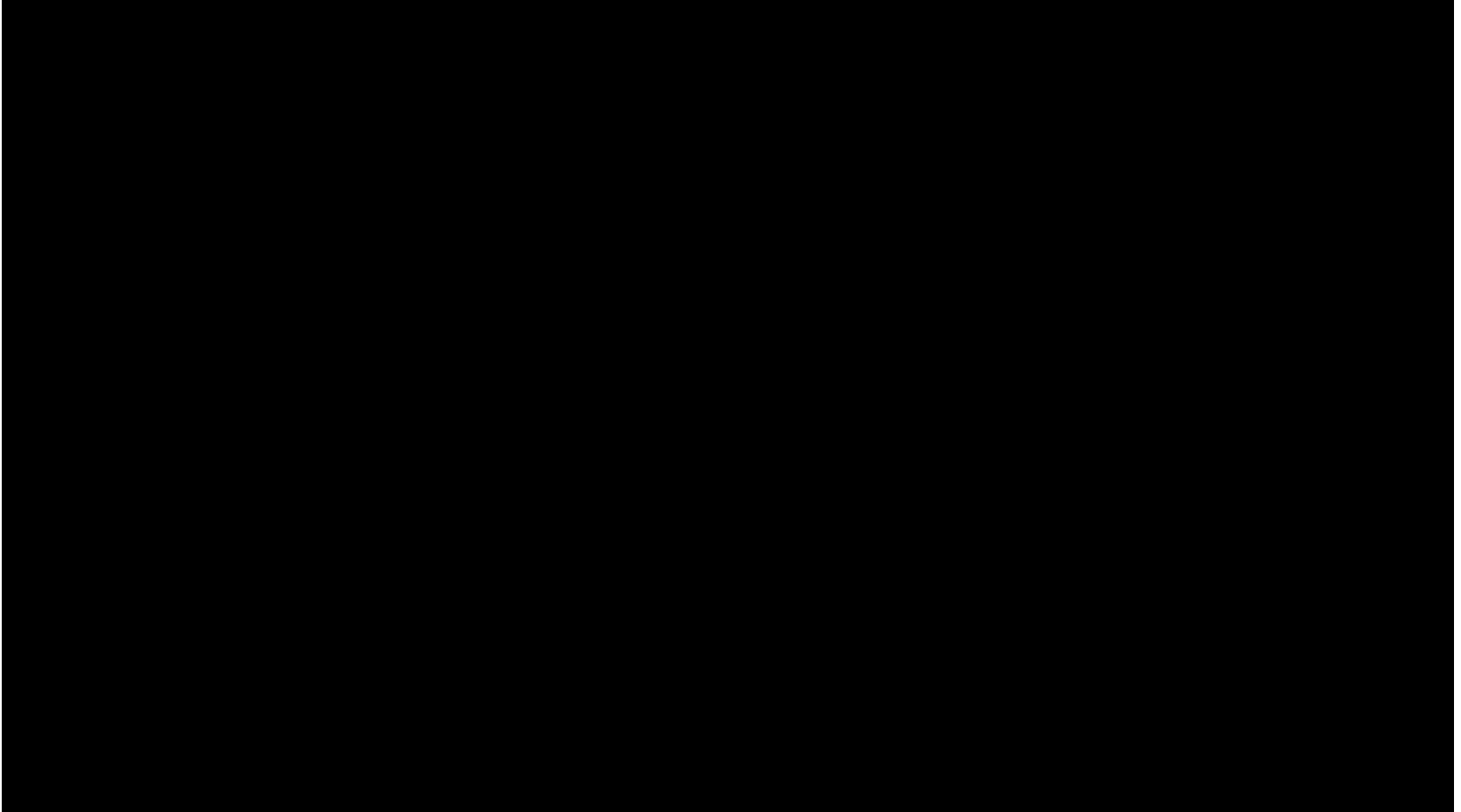
Caste systems are **closed stratification systems** in which people can do little or nothing to change their social standing. A caste system is one in which **people are born** into their social standing and will remain in it their whole lives. People are **assigned occupations** regardless of their talents, interests, or potential. There are virtually **no opportunities to improve a person's social position.**

Characteristics of Caste System

- Segmental Division
- Hierarchy System
- Endogamy
- Hereditary Status & Hereditary Occupation
- Social Segregation
- Disabilities & Privileges



Video#1



Reflection Time !!!

- ❖ What was the root of caste the discrimination in the video ?
 - ❖ Why were the atrocities borne by the people?



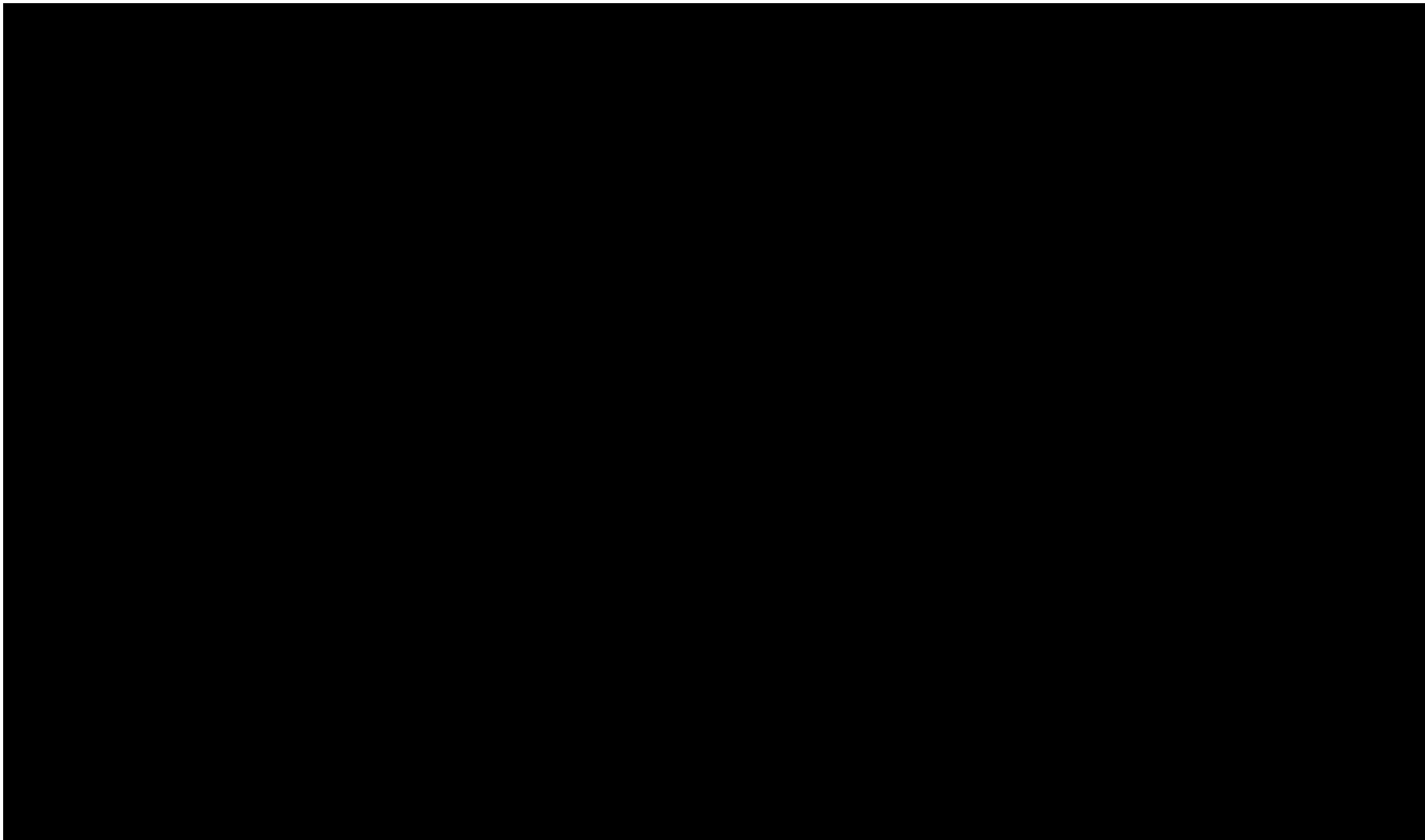
Video #2



Reflection Time !!!

- ❖ How was Dr Ambedkar treated on the basis of Caste system?
- ❖ How would you feel if you were denied the right to live with dignity ?





Time to Take Action !!

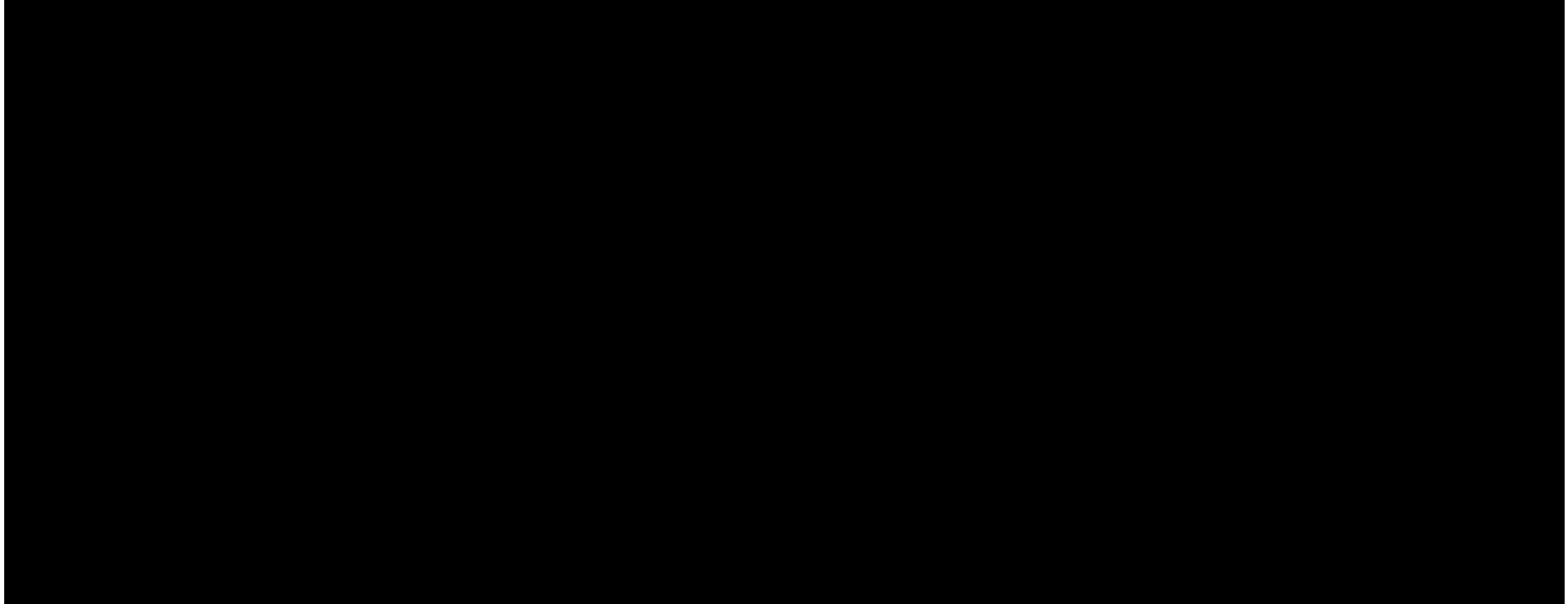
What was the story of the girl ?

What are your views on the discrimination faced by her ?

What would you do if you were in her place??

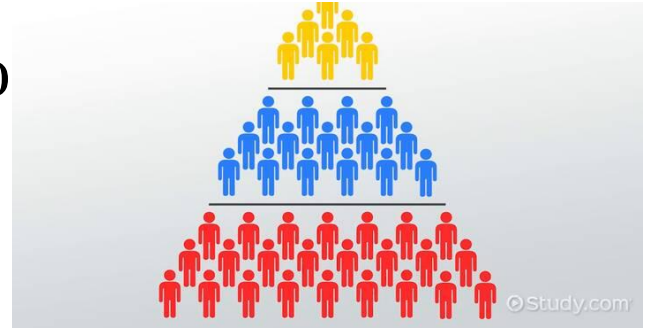


Struggle for Justice !!!



Causes of Caste System

- ❖ Retain hereditary based profession
- ❖ A desire to gain power
- ❖ Feel superior over others
- ❖ Social Inequality
- ❖ Need for financial, economic and social security
- ❖ Limiting marriage and future generations within closed sects
- ❖ Sense of Caste Prestige
- ❖ Reservation Policy



Understanding Effects of Caste System - A Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukW8tFc9OR4>

Effects of Caste System

- Lack of Freedom among people
- Undemocratic Imposition
- Prevalence of social inequality & untouchability
- Drastic impact in equality of Economic conditions
- Lack of professional and business opportunities
- Rigidity in society rules
- Restricted social growth
- A threat to general peace and society stability



You cannot build anything
on the foundation of
caste. You cannot build up
a **nation**. You cannot build
up a **morality...**

~Dr B.R. Ambedkar

BREAK OUT TIME
ROLE OF EDUCATION IN
ADDRESSING CHALLENGES OF
STRATIFICATION(CASTE)

LET'S SHARE OUR IDEAS

Equality



The assumption is that everyone benefits from the same supports. This is equal treatment.

Equity



Everyone gets the supports they need (this is the concept of "affirmative action"), thus producing equity.

Justice



All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because **the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed.** The systemic barrier has been removed.