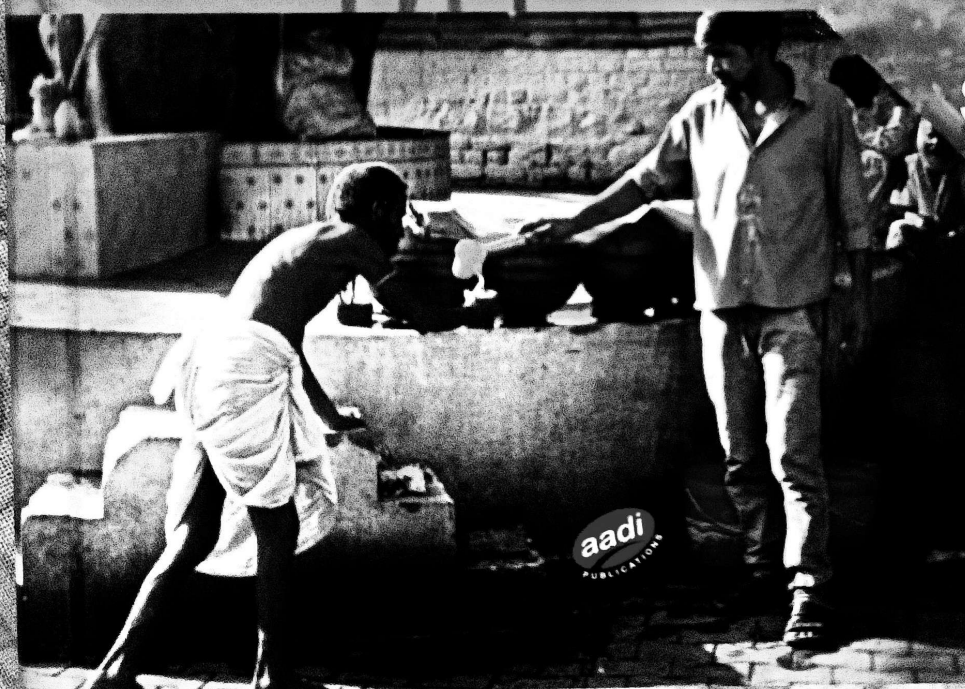


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The Caste Context in Indian Society

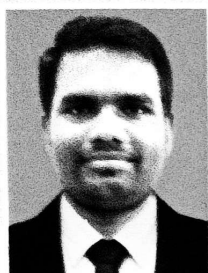
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The word 'caste' is derived from the Spanish word 'Casta' which means race. People born in a particular race have their separate caste. It defines all social, economic and political relationship for the individual. Caste is a notable foundation of social stratification in India. The caste stratification of the Indian society had its origin in the Chaturvarna system—Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas and Shudras. At the top of the hierarchy were the Brahmins who were mainly teachers and intellectuals and came from Brahma's head. Kshatriyas or the warriors and rulers came from his arms. Vaishyas or traders were created from his thighs. At the bottom were the Shudras who came from Brahma's feet.

But we can see that in Indian society the caste system did not come into existence all of sudden or at a particular date. It is the result of a long process of social evolution like hereditary occupations, the desire of Brahmins to keep themselves pure the lack of rigid unitary control of the state, the unwillingness of rulers to enforce a uniform standard of law and custom, the Karma and Dharma doctrine which holds the view that a man is born in particular caste because of the result of his action in the previous incarnation, the doctrine of dharma explains that a man also accepts the caste system and the principles of the cast to which he belongs in living according to dharma, deliberate economic and administrative policies followed by various conquerors, foreign invasions and rural social structure, etc.

In India the society is divided into various social groups called castes. Each of these castes in a well developed social group, the

This book aims to present a comprehensive and empathetic account of the Dalit experience. It is not just a collection of facts and figures but a narrative that captures the voices, stories, and aspirations of Dalit individuals and communities. Through personal narratives, scholarly analysis, and historical perspectives, it seeks to dismantle the myths, stereotypes, and misconceptions that surround the Dalit community. Furthermore, this book endeavors to highlight the struggles and achievements of Dalit leaders, activists, and reformers who have dedicated their lives to fighting for equality, justice, and social transformation. It acknowledges their courage, resilience, and unwavering commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable society.



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