

Struggle for Equality

Chapter 11: Struggle for Equality · Topic 1

Key Concept

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar led significant efforts for the rights of Dalits (then called untouchables), fighting against caste-based discrimination.

Ambedkar advocated for constitutional protections, reserved representation, and social reforms to uplift marginalised communities.

This struggle for equality ran parallel to the independence movement, recognising that political freedom alone wouldn't ensure social justice.

The efforts of leaders like Ambedkar significantly influenced the inclusion of protections for marginalised groups in India's Constitution.

Quick Revision Notes

- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: led Dalit rights efforts.
- Fought against caste-based discrimination.
- Advocated constitutional protections.
- Also reserved representation, social reforms.
- This struggle ran parallel to independence movement.
- It recognised political freedom alone isn't enough.
- Social justice was also needed.
- Ambedkar's efforts shaped Constitutional protections.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's contributions.
- 2 Discuss why social equality mattered alongside independence.
- 3 Research constitutional protections for marginalised groups.
- 4 Discuss the term 'social justice' in this context.
- 5 Discuss how this struggle shaped modern India.
- 6 Explain the significance of Ambedkar's work.