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**Dr. B.R AMBEDKAR'S VIEWS AGAINST MANUSMRITI AND
TOWARDS EMPOWERING WOMEN**



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ABSTRACT

Manusmriti is considered as a holy book of the upper caste where the position of the women is degraded. In this study, the focus is primarily on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's contribution to women's empowerment by mobilizing women against the subjugation they suffer from the caste and gender hierarchies in order to maintain the caste system in place. As Ambedkar realized, women must serve as torchbearers of a new society which is classless and casteless. The companionate relationship he advocated between men and women represents an alternative to the master-slave relationship

in Manusmriti. Manu's thought of a woman was of a subhuman being in need of stringent control by her male relations. This article seeks the answer to the question of why women need to be controlled. As suggested by Manusmriti. The article is based on secondary sources like the internet, books, magazine, and newspaper. Various national and international research papers were reviewed by the researcher to adopt a broad analysis on this subject.

KEYWORDS

Manusmriti, Master - slave relation, Upper caste, Empowerment