



### Dalit literature : A Retrospective Vista



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#### **Abstract :**

*Dalit literature of today tends to be more realistic as it is the expression of the first-hand experiences, which the dalits had been confronting in their life. These experiences are drawn from real life therefore; it is parallel to life. It opposes exploitation and oppression and craves for social equality and economic justice. It is a movement to bring about social change. Dalit literature acquaints people with the evils of caste system and untouchability in India. Dalit literature is related to the principles of negativity, rebellion and champions the cause of humanity and equality among men by raising voice against the evil customs of discrimination prevalent in society. Thus, it also tries to undermine the caste system in India and is revolutionary in nature. One must admit that it has left an indelible impression on the Indian literature in general.*

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