

**HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST DALITS AND SOCIAL WORK
INTERVENTIONS FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION IN KACHEEPURAM
DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU**

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ABSTRACT

Dalits continue to be oppressed and discriminated against in villages, in educational institutions, in the job market, and on the political battlefield, leaving them to struggle against the unjust practices of exclusion and exploitation. In such a situation Indian constitution assures justice, equality, liberty and fraternity so that they remain socially included in the mainstream of the society. The dalit youth have come to understand the human rights violations regarding owning land, violations regarding getting access to quality education, health, employment, violations with regard to gaining political power and even basic violations against human respect and dignity.

Though there has been more social awareness, political consciousness, developing strong self identity and respect still the challenges and struggles in emancipating dalits from the practice of untouchability and exclusion is rampant. Education, Employment, accessibility has paved way for upliftment and social inclusion but the social respect and dignity for dalits is still a challenge in every walk of life. In this paper the researcher had studied the human rights violations against dalits in Kancheepuram district in attaining social inclusion and suggests certain measures towards social inclusion based on empirical study.

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