

## AN OVERVIEW OF WELFARE AND PROGRESS OF DALITS IN KARNATAKA

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Karnataka state has gained the model state status in terms of social transformation and economic progress of weaker sections of society on the basis of the monumental works of eminent saints and statesmen like Basava, Nalvadi Krishna Raja Vodeyar, Devaraj Urs, Basavalingappa, Ramakrishna Hegde, Abdul Nazeer Sab, Siddaramaiah and others. Karnataka has also witnessed several progressive movements including Dalit movement over a period of time. Dalits are the most marginalized sections of society in the state. The Government of Karnataka has implemented series of programmes for the development of weaker sections after independence. An overview of welfare and progress of Dalits in Karnataka is presented in this article which is based on conceptual research methodology.*

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