

DALIT RIGHTS TO DIGNITY AND RECOGNITION: VOICES OF PROTEST IN DALIT AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the concepts of 'oppression' and 'humiliation' to highlight the marginalized position of the Dalits in Indian society. The Dalits are the victims of various forms of caste-related discrimination, deprivation and violence. This paper proposes that Dalits must not be deprived of their fundamental rights to dignity and recognition; Dalit writers should carry on writing their autobiographies to voice protests against all forms of oppression and humiliation.

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