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SOCIAL

JUSTICE
AND
DR. AMBEDKAR



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THE PATH TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Preamble of the Constitution of India reads, “We, The People of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic and to secure all its citizens: Justice, social, economic and political...”

The Constitution of India promises us, the citizens of India, social justice, but have we reached the goal yet? Social justice refers to equality, meaning all citizens are equal and have to be treated equally without any bias based on colour, religion, caste, sex, economic background, and so on. It also means no person will be given any special privilege or status. Social justice could have different definitions, but the essence remains the same: Inclusion and fairness.

► EQUITY

It denotes that every citizen should get equal access to resources specific to their needs and that they should get the opportunities they need to attain their goals in life, and thus lead happier and more peaceful lives. It also means that resources should be distributed as per the requirements of people. To ensure equity, there should be policies to address the past hindrances people faced in accessing resources. Thus, equity is essential for equality.

► DIVERSITY

India's strength lies in unity in diversity, but when it comes to social justice, diversity is not often represented well. It is important to promote diversity in different settings, be it educational, employment, government, or social sectors. Women, minority communities, people with disabilities, indigenous communities, and others need representation at all levels to attain an equal society as well as to ensure inclusion in society.



THERE ARE FIVE MAIN PRINCIPLES THAT CONSTITUTE SOCIAL JUSTICE.

► HUMAN RIGHTS

The most fundamental principle of social justice is human rights. Human rights and social justice are interrelated, and without human rights, there cannot be social justice. Human rights refer to rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of class, caste, region, religion, colour, creed, or sex. The right to life, freedom of expression, the right to education and livelihood, the right to dignity, the right to peace and safety, and more, are human rights. The guarantee of human rights assures equality, justice, respect, and freedom.

► ACCESS TO RESOURCES

Equal access to resources such as healthcare, food, housing, education, and more is essential to ensuring social justice in society. Even today, lakhs of people in India continue to suffer denial of resources. For different socioeconomic groups, equal access to resources helps them get an equal start in life.

► PARTICIPATION

Participation refers to the principle that every individual in society, especially those from marginalised groups, gets their voice heard. We often see that public policies are set by a few, but with the inclusion of every section of society in such processes, the vision of a just society could become a reality.

THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

Even today, poverty, illiteracy, ignorance, and lack of access to basic facilities such as food, shelter, drinking water, electricity, and more, are plaguing our society. How can social justice be a reality when these issues are still prevalent?

Age-old biases against certain classes and sections promote discrimination. When crores of people are pushed into oblivion and suffer in silence, how is social justice possible?

To ensure social justice, the priority should be adhering to the five principles of social justice listed above. Equality is possible if there is equity and equal access to resources. Education is a human right, and governments need to ensure that every child and every citizen is educated and that they are able to pursue education without any obstacles. For this to happen, discrimination based on caste, class, religion, and sex needs to be addressed and eradicated.

India is progressing, no doubt, but only when the fruits of progress reach every corner of the country can we boast of progress. When every citizen of India enjoys a safe, healthy, happy, peaceful, and dignified life, there could be the possibility of social justice. To make this vision a reality, everyone has to contribute, from the government to you and us! Striving for social justice is definitely worth it because it prevents deprivations arising from social prejudice and guarantees the essentials of a better life to every citizen.

FEBRUARY 20 IS CELEBRATED WORLDWIDE AS THE WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar strongly believed in the concept of social justice, having suffered the absence of it in his life. As he said, without social justice, political justice is not possible.

DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR – THE LIFE

Born on **April 14, 1891**, in **Mhow** (now known as Ambedkar Nagar), Madhya Pradesh to Ramji Maloji Sakpal and Bhimabai Sakpal. He was the 14th child of his parents.



WHAT HE SUFFERED

He was born into the 'Mahar' caste, then called untouchables, who suffered extreme social discrimination. At every step of his life, he faced brutal discrimination. He could not sit with the other children in his class. He could not even drink water on his own, as he was not allowed to touch anything. Even when he secured high offices in the government, he continued to suffer caste discrimination. This shows how deeply rooted the cruel notion of untouchability was in India then. Poverty, lack of basic human rights, and obstacles in every step of his way—he persevered and paved his way through hard work, dedication, and the will to change societal laws that deprived human beings of their basic human rights.

WHAT HE ACHIEVED

Dr. Ambedkar realised way earlier in his life that only education could change his life.

- He was the first student from his caste to study at Elphinstone High School.
- He graduated with a degree in political science and economics from Bombay University in 1912.
- He studied at the prestigious Columbia University in the United States after receiving a scholarship from Sayajirao Gaekwad, the ruler of Baroda. He completed his MA from the university in 1915.
- He studied economics at the London School of Economics and enrolled to study law at Grey's Inn.
- He completed D. Sc. in Economics from the University of London in 1923.
- He received his Ph.D. in economics in 1927 from the University of Columbia.
- He led the Mahad Satyagraha in 1927 to assert the rights of Dalits to use water from a public tank in Mahad, Maharashtra.
- The Kalaram Temple Movement in 1930 secured the right of Dalits to enter Hindu temples.
- He played a crucial role in the establishment of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- He also served as the Labour Minister in the Viceroy's Executive Council from 1942 to 1946. He championed crucial labour reforms during his tenure.
- He was the chairman of the drafting committee of the Indian Constitution.
- He became the first Minister of Law and Justice of Independent India.

A prolific author and scholar, Dr. Ambedkar authored many books. Some of them include 'The Annihilation of Caste', 'The Evolution of Provincial Finance in British India', 'Who Were the Shudras?', 'The Problem of the Rupee: Its Origin and its Solution', 'Castes in India: Their Mechanism, Genesis and Development', 'The Buddha and his Dhamma', 'Buddha or Karl Marx', among others.

HIS LEGACY

Dr. Ambedkar embraced Buddhism in a historic ceremony in Nagpur in 1956. It also resulted in a mass conversion of Dalits, giving them a new identity and hopes for a dignified future. Dr. Ambedkar passed away on December 6, 1956. He was 65. December 6 is observed as Mahaparinirvan Diwas across India. The nation remembers him every day as the **"Father of the Indian Constitution!"**

His writings, his philosophy, his guidance, and his message continue to be relevant, as he inspires millions even today. He showed us that hope for a better tomorrow starts with the first step of believing in oneself and marching towards it with perseverance, knowledge, determination, and confidence.

His life was not easy, and it continued to throw challenges at him till his death, but Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar focused on uplifting the marginalised and clearing the path for others to follow. He dedicated his life to eradicating caste discrimination. Dr. Ambedkar's teachings continue to be relevant, and he remains a beacon of hope and inspiration to every Indian.

ANIMAL WELFARE MOVEMENT



1 Sterilization Surgeries
1540 Nos

Vaccination
3145 Nos



3 Treatment under
In-patient Department
866 Nos



Treatment under
Out-patient Department
1566 Nos

4



5 Ambulance Rescues
918 Nos



24X7 OPD

**AT UTKARSH ANIMAL
HOSPITAL, MUMBAI
IS AVAILABLE AT
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UTKARSH ABC (Animal Birth Control) PROGRAMME



**UTKARSH ABC
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Utkarsh conducts the ABC programme in six cities, namely, Mumbai, Thane, Ahmednagar, Latur, Nanded, and Satara.

ABC (Sterilisation & Vaccination) is crucial in dog population management.

Utkarsh ABC is unique. Apart from following the AWBI (Animal Welfare Board of India) guidelines, Utkarsh also undertakes the following procedures:

- Videography of the catching and releasing process to note and ensure the exact location
- 7-in-1 vaccination to the dogs at the time of admissions to prevent viral infections
- Complete blood examination of the dogs before surgery
- Tying reflective radium collars to the dogs on their release to protect them from road accidents at night

UTKARSH ANIMAL WELFARE MOVEMENT NOW AT NASHIK

Voiceless animals now have a home they can call their own.

Utkarsh Animal Hospital in Nashik is now open to all kinds of animals!

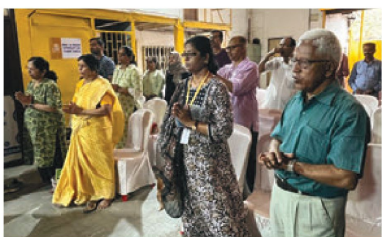
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MUSICAL EVENT FOR PAWED SIBLINGS AT UTKARSH

Certain types of music, with compositions comprising sustained and longer notes and a slower tempo, can help lower heart rates, reduce anxiety, and soothe animals. Such music helps them relax and relieve stress. Studies also state that music therapy can also aid in the recovery process of sick and injured animals. To make this happen, Utkarsh organised a musical evening for our pawed siblings at Utkarsh Animal Hospital, Mumbai, on April 24. Artistes from 'Anaam Prem,' an organisation that works for the benefit of animals, played soothing, classical music for our pawed friends at the hospital. They all listened and seemed to relax. We hope to conduct such musical events again!



CELEBRATION OF VETS

Utkarsh celebrated World Veterinary Day on April 27 with gratitude to our veterinarians and para-vets. They received appreciation certificates for contributing to the Utkarsh mission of animal welfare. The celebrations were held at Utkarsh Animal Hospitals in Mumbai, Ambarnath, and Latur. The theme of this year's **World Veterinary Day** is "Veterinarians are essential health workers." Veterinarians not only contribute to the health of animals, but they also ensure the health of humans through their work. A safer and healthier society is possible because of vets!



UTKARSH DAILY FEEDING DRIVE FOR STRAYS

Utkarsh undertakes feeding drives for stray animals in Mumbai, Ambernath and Shirdi, and feeds more than 6,000 animals daily. Strays are neglected animals and are forced to roam in search of food, often ending up in garbage bins. Hungry animals, especially dogs, can turn aggressive. When stray animals are well fed, they do not roam but take rest. They are calm and peaceful when their stomachs are full. Utkarsh Daily Feeding Drives have helped reduce human-animal conflict in the regions.



VOICE OF VOICELESS

Every human who lends a helping hand to helpless strays is a 'Voice of Voiceless.' Utkarsh calls upon animal lovers to care for strays around them through the 'Voice of Voiceless' campaign. They will ensure food, treatment, vaccinations, and care of strays through the campaign with the help and support of Utkarsh.

VoV ENGAGED
IN APRIL 2024
944

RADIUM COLLAR PROJECT (MULUND)

Radium collars sold in
APRIL 2024
1061

Number of women who
received employment
through the project

11



#STRAYTOGETHER

Aimed at spreading awareness about strays and to encourage and facilitate human-animal peaceful cohabitation, '#StrayTogether' is held at housing societies and constitutes the following activities:

Sterilisation and vaccination of animals in and around the area

Fitting them with radium collars

Ensuring feeding, medical treatment, and care with the help of Utkarsh

Maintaining a register with details on each animal so outside animals could be identified

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Stray problem?
Let us #StrayTogether!

Scientific Stray Management in Housing Societies
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MOVEMENT

“SAY NO TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC”



ANDHRA PRADESH (VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT)

“Say No to Single-Use Plastic” campaigns are very popular with school students. Utkarsh is aiming to take the campaign to as many schools as possible, as it is only through the young students that we can hope to create a sustainable and environment-friendly nation.

At the event conducted at R.C.M. Cathedral aided UP School, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on April 10, 2024, we distributed more than 5000 cloth bags to the students and school staff.

Mr. M Sreenadh, a respected social activist, enlightened the children about the harmful effects of plastic, encouraging them to use eco-friendly products such as cloth bags in their daily lives. He also informed students about the importance of environmental protection. Madam Boddu Maria Ratnam, headmistress of the school, was present on the occasion. A special mention of gratitude to our dear donors, Andhra Paper Limited, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India, and Aurobindo Pharma Ltd., for their support.



WORLD EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

MAHARASHTRA (MUMBAI)

World Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 every year to raise awareness about environmental protection. This year's theme was **"Planet vs. Plastics,"** as plastic pollution continues to cause severe damage to the earth. Climate change is an urgent concern for every nation and every human being on the planet.

Utkarsh is committed to reducing plastic usage in the country through our various campaigns, including the "Say No to Single-Use Plastic" events.

On World Earth Day on April 22, Utkarsh organised an awareness event to celebrate the occasion at the office of Max Life Insurance located in Mulund (West). More than 50 staff members attended the event.

The speaker of the event, **Ms. Priyanka Jundare**, a social worker with a Master's Degree in Biotechnology and Cytogenetics, enlightened and inspired the audience with her words. More than **300 cloth bags** were distributed at the event. We also distributed cloth bags to the Utkarsh Head Office team members. Mr. Arjun Roy, Associate Regional Manager, Max Life Insurance, was present throughout and supported the cause.



WOMEN’S EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT MOVEMENT



MAHARASHTRA (WADA)

On April 14, a grateful nation celebrated the birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar with gratitude. Students and teachers from the Savitrimai Phule Women Empowerment Centre, Wada, also celebrated the day with floral tributes to the Father of Indian Constitution. They also drew beautiful rangolis to commemorate the day.

Wada centre conducts various skill development courses, including sewing, mehendi and beautician classes.



HEALTHCARE MOVEMENT



The Utkarsh Rabies Mukti Mission aims to eradicate rabies from Maharashtra. We organise anti-rabies vaccination drives all over Maharashtra and vaccinate dogs (pets and strays) to ensure they are rabies-free. Till date, the Rabies Mukti Mission has vaccinated more than one lakh dogs in the state and made them rabies-free!

APRIL 6, 2024

Number of dogs vaccinated: 100

Location: Ghatkopar, Mumbai

Areas covered: Hira Prasad Tiwari Chawl, Asalpha Link Road, Pratham Krupa Cooperative Housing Society and Bonai Yadhav Chawl on Nari Seva Sadan Rd, Beside Jijamata Garden Asalpha and Bhim Nagar in Ghatkopar (West)



Number of dogs vaccinated: 69

Location: Ambernath, Thane

Areas covered: Siddheshwar Mandir, 60 feet Road Mini Market, Moti Nagar, Mantri Nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Chowk, and Juna Ausa Road

APRIL 7, 2024



Number of dogs vaccinated: 70

Location: : Ambernath

Areas covered: Mohan Suburbia, Mohan Nano, Panvelkar Regency, Butter Cup, Kamalakar Nagar, Wadhawa, Panvelkar Campus, Bethul Church area, and South Indian School area



APRIL 13, 2024



Number of dogs vaccinated: 100

Location: Vikhroli, Mumbai

Areas covered: Maniram Yadav Chawl, Hanuman Nagar, Park Site, Anand Ghad, Fish Market Near Park Site, Sane Guruji Chowk, and Park Site



Number of dogs vaccinated: 62

Location: Latur

Areas covered: Anand Nagar, Samrat Chowk, Bhabhagaove Road, Maharana Pratap Nagar, and Garud Chowk

APRIL 20, 2024



Number of dogs vaccinated: 102

Location: Sakinaka, Mumbai

Areas covered: Nair Wadi, Siya Masjid, Khairani Road, Uma Maheshwari 90 fit Road, South Gujarat Transport, New Colony Bakery, and Pipe line Dhobi Ghat



Number of dogs vaccinated: 78

Location: Ambernath

Areas covered: Ambernath Railway Station, Bhaji Market, Ambernath West Police Line, Near Traffic Office, Ambernath, Navin Bhendi Pada, Ladi Naka, Morivali Naka, Forest Naka, and Sarvoday Nagar

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- When you DONATE to Utkarsh Global Foundation (Animal Welfare Movement), you can avail the 80G Exemption Under Income Tax Act, 1961.
- This Programme also falls under Corporate Social Responsibility activity under schedule VII of Companies Act, 2013 in item (iv).
- You can include support to Utkarsh Global Foundation under your CSR Project.
- Your employees can also donate their time, expertise and services to Utkarsh through volunteering.



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