Constitution of India: A Crusader of Social Transformation in the Country

Abstract:

Social transformations are symbols of development and hallmark of a matured society. Social

transformation here indicate a change in any long standing belief or behaviour of a society to

accommodate the emerging needs of the society. Such transformation may generally occurs

due to enactment of legislations or new interpretation of any Constitutional provisions by the

judiciary. In India, the Constitution is the supreme law of the land. The Constitution of India

was adopted in 1950 and it wants to ensure socio-economic and political justice to all without

any discrimination. Being one of largest written Constitution in the world, Constitution of

India contains several provisions for the purpose of achieving the solemn objective of justice

to all. Based on these provisions the Government of India has enacted several legislations to

give effect to the scope of these provisions.

The Constitution of India is a living document and it has undergone several amendments in

order to meet the needs of the changing society. Further, it has witnessed expansive

interpretation of its provisions by the judiciary as well as the legislature for the purpose of

introducing social reforms in the country. Agrarian Reforms; Protection of SC and ST

Communities; Gender Justice; etc. are some of the areas were the provisions of the

Constitution and its interpretations played a key role in introducing a social transformation.

On November 26th, 2021 India celebrated its 72nd Constitution Day to commemorate the

adoption of the Constitution of India. In this context it is necessary to examine the

contribution and influence of Constitution provisions in introducing social transformation.

This paper is intended to review the various legislations enacted by the Indian Government

and landmark interpretations of constitutional provisions by Indian Judiciary which have

paved a way for transformation in Indian Society.

Keywords:

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