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PREFACE

The study entitled "Youth's Impression on Caste System: A Study of Nalbari District" has been conducted to observe the process of youths of Nalbari District. It has been a great experience for me to gather so much information on the topic during the course of time of my dissertation.

Caste is a huge phenomenon in Indian society. It has various dimensions to look. I have chosen 'caste' as my topic for the dissertation. The prime objective of the project is to find out the ground of caste discrimination, analyse the impression of youths on caste system, examine the difference between rural caste system and urban caste system, and identify the role of social institutions for encouraging caste system.

Considering the above objective and collecting relevant data, various findings and suggestions have been forwarded. I hope this work give some insight about caste system and its problems which societies facing during ancient time to till now.

In conclusion I apologise for the errors, if any that might have crept in despite of sincere attempts. 71 participants were selected as the sample and data were collected based on their opinions about caste system.

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ABSTRACT

Caste is a form of social structure which is determined by birth. Caste system has its grassroot in India. Every Indian face the problem of caste system by birth. Caste system gives us various restrictions in various grounds such as; occupation, food habits, marriage etc. It is harmful for our society. Through this research we have taken some opinions and viewpoints from the youths of Nalbari District. It shows that the youths are very much concern about the negativity of the caste system. Rural areas are mostly facing caste evil effects then urban areas. For example, inter caste marriage is strictly restricted in rural areas. But in urban areas we can see less practice of endogamous marriage. Sometimes some social institutions help to encouraging caste system; such as; marriage, family, religion etc. It is not a good side for our social interactions. It is necessary for us to create mental awareness which through we can try to removing caste practice. Evil effects of caste system create discrimination between human bonding. Because the concept of caste creates higher-lower division between us. So, this research project/dissertation helps us to get knowledge about good and bad impacts of caste system which impacts facing our societies during ancient time to till now.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Indian society is divided into hierarchical division ranking layers mainly based on occupation, social status and so on. This process is called caste system. During ancient time Indian society practiced caste system and maintain higher-lower position between their members. Caste system includes four varnas- Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaisyas and Shudras, which directs their position in their society on the basis of their occupation. For example, first caste or Varna Brahmin performs all pure task such as priests, scholar etc so they get upper position in the society. But Shudras the last Varna who performs all impure tasks such as labour, swiper etc., so they get lowest position in the society. That's why, we can call caste system is a system which is based on occupation.

During the field visit, we found various grounds through which it clears that caste system is source of discrimination. Marriage is an important ground which through societies members practice discrimination. Because every upper caste member wants to marry within their same caste. It is restricted to marry a lower caste member. In rural areas inter caste marriage is strictly prohibited. But now in urban areas inter caste marriage held. Again, some job sectors create discrimination on the basis of caste. A lower caste gets less opportunities than an upper caste member. If a lower caste member is capable with his qualification still, he doesn't get any good job opportunities as like upper caste member; it's just because of the caste; which is a tag by birth. In religious grounds sometimes lower caste members face discrimination. Some religious place strictly avoids lower caste members. During field visit time we faced some problems while interaction; because caste is a very controversial topic in the recent time. So, some participants cannot want to gives their opinion on this topic. Through this dissertation mainly focus some important questions, such as, how many persons believe caste? Are they believe inter caste marriage? Which ground they face caste discrimination? Is caste boon or sin for our society? Finding those question answers is main aim of this dissertation. This process helps us for knowing all members view on caste system. Through this project we mainly focus on youth impression on caste system. Also, they give us positive impression. They support caste system sometimes but in positive way. They also trying to remove evil effects. Also, they use education as a key for removing caste evil impact. Caste system breaks bonding between societies members; also, they agree with this statement.