

"The caste system as we know, is ~~an~~ anachronism. It must go if both Hinduism and India are to live ~~and grow~~ from day to day."

—Mahatma Gandhi.

"In the context of society to-day the caste system and much that goes with it are wholly incompatible, reactionary, restrictive, and barriers to progress. There can be no equality in status and opportunity within its framework, nor can there be political democracy, and much less economic democracy. Between these two conceptions conflict is inherent and only one of them can survive."

—Pandit Shri Jawaharlal Nehru.

"The caste system is the main hindrance in the way of achieving our goal of establishing casteless and egalitarian society. Identification of socially and educationally backward classes in terms of caste is perpetuation of the evils of the caste system. Sooner we get rid of it the better for the nation."

—Commission.

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