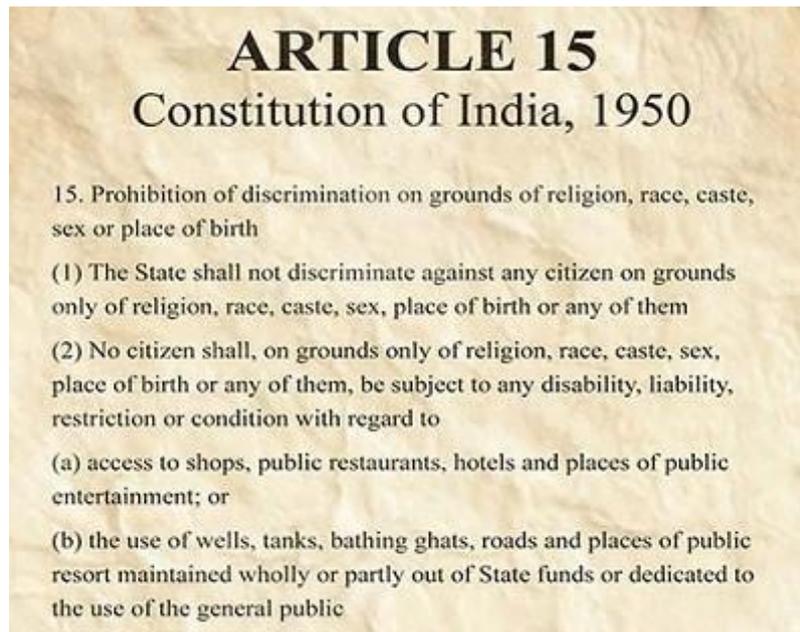




Article 15 & Today's Youths

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Article 15 in The Constitution of India states that

15. Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth

(1) The State shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, and place of birth or any of them

(2) No citizen shall, on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them, be subject to any disability, liability, restriction or condition with regard to

(a) Access to shops, public restaurants, hotels and palaces of public entertainment; or

(b) The use of wells, tanks, bathing ghats, roads and places of public resort maintained wholly or partly out of State funds or dedicated to the use of the general public

(3) Nothing in this article shall prevent the State from making any special provision for women and children

(4) Nothing in this article or in clause (2) of Article 29 shall prevent the State from making any special provision for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens or for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes

Article 15 of Indian Constitution assures Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth but Today's Indian Society is still practicing discrimination on above mentioned criteria.

Now the question arises, what youths of India are thinking about these kind of ongoing discriminations in our society.

In the age of social media and information bombardment, youths all over India can be broadly divided into three categories:

1. Highly careerist youths driving themselves towards PSU or Corporate Jobs, sometimes Tech-based startups engulfed with parental or peer pressure. Most of them are residing permanently or on migrated identities in 10-15 big Indian Cities.

2. Youths lost in career race due to lack of financial resources or small town exposure limitations driving themselves - in struggle for continuous applications for Govt. Jobs till the age restriction is in their side / or, in surviving with small scale private sector jobs or unorganized business / or, in race to earn some fast money by getting involved with Political Hooliganism, Syndicates, Touts, Corruption Rackets, and Criminal Activities

3. Youths Labeled as Creative Nerds (If they express themselves by creating something innovative, offbeat, out of the box e.t.c.) or Intellectuals (If they read too much and express themselves vocally or with their art, writings, or any other medium) or sometimes Urban Naxals (if they express their dissents against authority or establishments in Public Forums or Social Media)

Now, regarding the first category, they are mostly aloof of expressing themselves on various issues related to discrimination and even if they do it sometimes, mostly within their small periphery of professional or family relations or in social media limited to follow-up of some majoritarian thoughts fed to them by Mainstream media or Social taboos. There may be some exceptions in this category but they and their thoughts are very mostly unorganized, subjected to a threat of succumbing to some professional or social pressure if they face some kind of discrimination in their life ever. They are mostly spoon fed with the concept of self centricism since childhood and in that concept, discrimination is a major tool to make one rise ahead of others.

Youths lost in career race due to lack of financial resources or small town exposure limitations, for their survival are already involved either with some kind of struggle or with some negative entities and thus their minds are fully controlled by something or someone else. So it can't be expected from them to raise their voice regarding some kind of discrimination practiced near them. They will either remain silent or take the side of authority behind the discrimination.

Now comes the 3rd category, the category itself found in society in exceptions, mostly unorganized and rarely connected to a person belonging to the similar category. They are regularly under pressure from family, peers, society, sometimes governance and any kind of majoritarian authority. In spite of such pressures, they are found to express their thoughts, creativities, dissents in some kind or other forms. It may be Art, Voice, Writings, Creations, Innovations, Performances, sometimes Ideas and Ventures related to their ideas.

Discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth is not practiced in generally by Sate (exceptions are there in some parts of India where administrative discriminations take place) but definitely is practiced in some form or other in many societies in India. List of examples is too long and out of scope of this article. Youths of 3rd category raise their voice against these practiced discriminations but their voices are either made silent or they keep shouting in vein as listeners are deaf on their thoughts. Those listeners definitely have ears, eyes, and mouth but the minds controlling them are either sold or cunning.

In 2019, a bollywood movie "Article 15" hit the screens and was liked by many youths all over the country but truly speaking, how many of the youths who liked that movie practice the soul of Article 15 - i.e. fight against any kind of discrimination in real life ?? If that practice existed in our society, till date social media platforms would not have been the arena of abusive texts on the ground of caste, religion, political and ideological believes. Till date "Bhakts / Sanghis / Commies / Seku / Maku / Neku / Tukde Tukde Gang / Libtards / Presstitutes / Gosantans / blah blah..." are tagged millions of times every day in social media platforms. In this way, we are defending the essence of our constitution - The Article 15??

Responsibility to preserve "Our National Heritage - Our Constitution" must come from within the Every Youth of India and if it can't happen, our Nationalism, our Patriotism is just fake.

Jai Indian Constitution, Jai Hind...

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