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Description: Discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, sex, religion, etc are against the values of humanity. The same is also expressly mentioned in the Indian Constitution. However, some forms of unlawful and inhuman discrimination is still observed in our country. The attached resource is such a news report published recently. The whole report helps understand a learner various facets of the subject, and also how the concerned individual, the government and the media reacts to it. This shows, inter alia, the right approach to deal with such bad practices.

Denied water access, Dalit man digs own well in Maha village



Nagpur: Anguished over being denied access to water by upper caste people, a Dalit labourer from a village in Washim district of Maharashtra's drought-hit Vidarbha toiled for hours to dig his own well.

The wife of Bapurao Tajne, a resident of Kolambethwar village in Malegaon taluka, was not allowed to fetch water from a well by villagers.

In a bid to take his revenge on a social malice which still discriminates large sections of people, Tajne took it upon himself to dig a well in his village, and is quenching the thirst of the entire Dalit population of the area now.

He finished the digging in a mere 40 days and was pleasantly surprised to find water.

Beaming with confidence, a seemingly content Tajne told PTI over phone that he felt fortunate to have discovered abundantly available ground water after his hard work.

"I was ridiculed by my family among others, but I was determined," Tajne said.

The news of the incident soon reached the authorities, following which Washim district administration officiated tehsildar Kranti Dombé to visit the village.

Hailing Tajne's act, the district administration felicitated him for being "the face of

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determination and strong willpower", the tehsildar said.

When asked if any Government aid would be provided to Tajne, Dombé said there was no such proposal as of now.

However, she said the government has taken note of the Dalit man's extraordinary achievement.

On whether action has

been initiated against the villagers who did not let the labourer's wife draw water, in view of the incident attracting punitive provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Dombé said the well in question was not identified yet nor were the villagers who stopped the woman.

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Description: The Constitution of India profess the principle of Equality of citizens before the law. However, to help the weaker sections and those who have long been the victims of discrimination, neglect and humiliation, it also provided for extra support. This is also called 'positive discrimination' in political and academic parlance. On this principle, for such sections

various percentage of reservation in admissions in educational institutions, government jobs and promotions, etc. have been a feature of India political system. This has been helpful to achieve the object to a great extent. However, after six decades of independence the policy frequently becomes a point of debate and contention.

The attached resource is relevant information to better understand the issue of discrimination. It also offers an opportunity to learn more on the issue and how our society and polity are tackling it. This is about a recent development in addressing the issue of discrimination. Some sections feel deprived in view of the reservation policy in the country for the last six decades. They claim that the original vision of the Constitution has been compromised, and now reservation has become a tool of vote-bank politics. That the principle of equality is sabotaged in the name of permanent reservation, which was originally meant for ten years only.

The resource helps understand the ongoing dynamics of the issue. It provides a thought-provoking material to learn more and be updated on the issue.

Guj announces 10% quota for poor among gen category

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Amid the Patidar agitation for reservation, the Gujarat Government on Friday announced 10 per cent reservation to the economically backward class (EBC) among the general category with an annual family income of up to ₹6 lakh per annum.

Patidar leaders, however, rejected it terming it a lollipop. They said it would not stand the scrutiny of court. The Congress, for its part, demanded 20 per cent reservation for the EBC. The decision, which came in the backdrop of reverses suffered by the BJP in the civic polls and in view of the Assembly elections due next year, however, breaches the reservation limit of 50 per cent set by the Supreme Court. The State Government already