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Review of Periyar's Contribution towards Social Justice and Rationality in Indian Landscape

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Abstract

Periyar is still relevant and contextual in the contemporary modern society for his lifelong struggles against casteism, social injustice, irrational thinking, superstition, blind adherence to religion, custom and tradition, exploitation of weaker and vulnerable sections of the society, etc. He was the champion of social justice and campaigner of marginalized society. He is recognized as the father of Dravidian Movement who struggled throughout his life for the rights and reverence of the oppressed and depressed class peoples. He was a strong opponent of Brahmanism as in his view, it was against the social justice, equity and equality in the society, and rational thinking that would paralyze the process of establishment of progressive society ahead. Rationalism and non-violence were the core elements of Periyar's philosophies and principles. The prominent mission of his life was to establish a progressive society through eradication of all the religions and annihilation of caste system. Periyarism is nothing but adherence to Periyar's ideology. He is an iconic figure of social justice and rationality across the globe.