

CBSE Notes Class 7 Social Science Civics

Chapter 9 - Struggles for Equality

History is full of examples of people who have come together to fight against inequality and for issues of justice. In CBSE Notes Class 7 Social Science Civics Chapter 9 - Struggles for Equality, you will learn some of the ways in which people have struggled against inequality.

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The Indian Constitution recognises all Indians as equal before the law and states that no person can be discriminated against because of their religion, sex, caste or whether they are rich or poor.

Factors why people are treated unequally in India

Some of these factors are:

1. Poverty and the lack of resources.
2. Discrimination on the basis of a person's religion, caste and sex.

Struggles for equality

In India, there are several struggles in which people have come together to fight for a variety of issues. Some of the famous struggles are women's movement to raise issues of equality, Tawa Matsya Sangh in Madhya Pradesh etc. Beedi workers, fisherfolk, agricultural labourers, slum dwellers and each group is struggling for justice, in its own way.

Tawa Matsya Sangh

Tawa Matsya Sangh (TMS) is a federation of Fisherworker's cooperatives, an organisation fighting for the rights of the displaced forest dwellers of the Satpura forest in Madhya Pradesh. TMS organised rallies and a chakka jam (road blockade), demanding their right to continue fishing for their livelihood. In response to their protests, in 1996, the Madhya Pradesh government decided to give to the people displaced by the Tawa dam the fishing rights for the reservoir.

The Indian Constitution as a living document

The Indian Constitution recognises the equality of all persons. Movements and struggles for equality in India continuously refer to the Indian Constitution to make their point about equality and justice for all. By constantly referring to the Constitution, people use it as a '**living document**' i.e., something that has real meaning in our lives.