

PREFACE

This thesis entitled *Ambedkar's Critique on Hinduism* has been written as the fulfillment of the Ph .D degree of the University of North Bengal. There are various reasons due to which I have chosen this topic for my research work. First of all Ambedkar is a distinguished Philosopher and a renounced social reformer. Really I am highly impressed by his unparallel scholarship, braveness, truthfulness, foresight and intelligence. I think the whole society should be grateful to Dr. Ambedkar for the service he has rendered for the betterment and wellbeing of the whole society in general and the down trodden people in particular. I do believe that had there been no Ambedkar in our society the whole picture of our society would have been of different type. There would have been untouchability and other related problems in our society in the earlier form even today. Somebody may think that though once upon a time the discussion on the Philosophy of Ambedkar was relevant but it is absolutely irrelevant and unimportant to discuss his Philosophy today. His Philosophy was relevant in the period when there were untouchability, social oppression, exploitation etc. But today our society is completely free from all these problems. What is the use and justification for the discussion of the Philosophy of Ambedkar today? I cannot agree with them at all. First of all the *jāti vyavasthā* may be in a moderate form is still there in our society which

Ambedkar considers to be a great curse of our society. Secondly, untouchability, social oppression, exploitation etc. are also there in our society. It should be noted that the form of untouchability and other social evils have been changed to a great extent. Even today an individual belonging to the lower caste has to face humiliation of different types in the other places in general and in his work place in particular. I think people belonging to lower caste will agree with me on this issue. Besides this different incidents like honor killing, torture on *dalits* reflected upon daily news paper positively substantiates what I claim to be true. Thus it can be shown that even today our society could not be free from the shackles of the *varṇa -vyavasthā*, *jātī-vyavasthā*, untouchability etc. Therefore the discussion of the Philosophy of Ambedkar is relevant an important even today. Keeping this in view I have taken this topic as my research work. In my work I have elaborated and critically examined the Ambedkar's Critique on Hinduism. Side by side I have pointed out the arguments and the views of the anti Ambedkarian Thinkers on the issue in question. After carrying out a hairsplitting analytic discussion to the best of my capacity on the subject concerned I have tried my best to counter the position and arguments of the opponent of Ambedkar and ultimately substantiate the view of Ambedkar. I don't know how much successful I have been in my effort. I have decided in future I shall publish my research work in the form of a book with certain modification and addition so that people can go through my views

regarding the justification of the views of Ambedkar and that I do believe will lead to change the mental set up of the people at least to some extent.