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## Relevance of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule's Educational Philosophy in Present Time

Abstract

Education plays a vital role in shaping an equitable and progressive society. Mahatma Jyotirao Phule emphasized inclusive, practical, and equality-based education in the 19th century. His ideas were revolutionary and aimed at eliminating social inequalities. This research paper examines the relevance of his educational philosophy in the present education system, highlighting its importance in addressing modern challenges such as inequality, gender discrimination, and access to education.

### 1. Introduction

In today's rapidly changing world, education systems are evolving to meet global standards. However, issues like unequal access, gender disparity, and social discrimination still persist. Mahatma Jyotirao Phule viewed education as a powerful tool for social transformation. His philosophy continues to inspire modern educational reforms.

### 2. Inclusive Education in Modern Society

One of Phule's core ideas was "education for all." In the present time, inclusive education ensures that students from all backgrounds—regardless of caste, class, gender, or disability—have equal access to learning opportunities. Government initiatives and global policies re-

flect this principle, making his vision highly relevant today.

### 3. Importance of Women's Education

Savitribai Phule, along with Phule, pioneered women's education in India. Today, women's education is directly linked to national development, economic growth, and social empowerment. Despite progress, gender inequality still exists, making their efforts and ideas highly significant.

### 4. Education for Social Equality

Social inequality remains a major issue in many parts of the world. Phule believed that education could break the barriers of caste and discrimination. In modern times, education promotes social justice, equal rights, and democratic values, aligning with his vision.

### 5. Skill-Based and Practical Education

Phule emphasized practical and life-oriented education rather than rote learning. Today's education systems are shifting towards skill development, vocational training, and employability, which reflects his forward-thinking approach.

### 6. Digital Education and Challenges

With the rise of digital learning, education has become more accessible. However, the digital divide continues to exclude marginalized communities. Phule's principle of equal access to education highlights the need to bridge this gap in the digital era.

### 7. Research Methodology

This study is based on analytical and descriptive research methods. It includes the review of historical texts, modern educational policies, and scholarly articles to understand the relevance of Phule's ideas in contemporary education.

### 8. Conclusion

Mahatma Jyotirao Phule educational philosophy remains highly relevant in the present time. His vision of inclusive, equal, and practical education continues to guide modern education systems. Implementing his ideas can help build a more just and educated society.

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