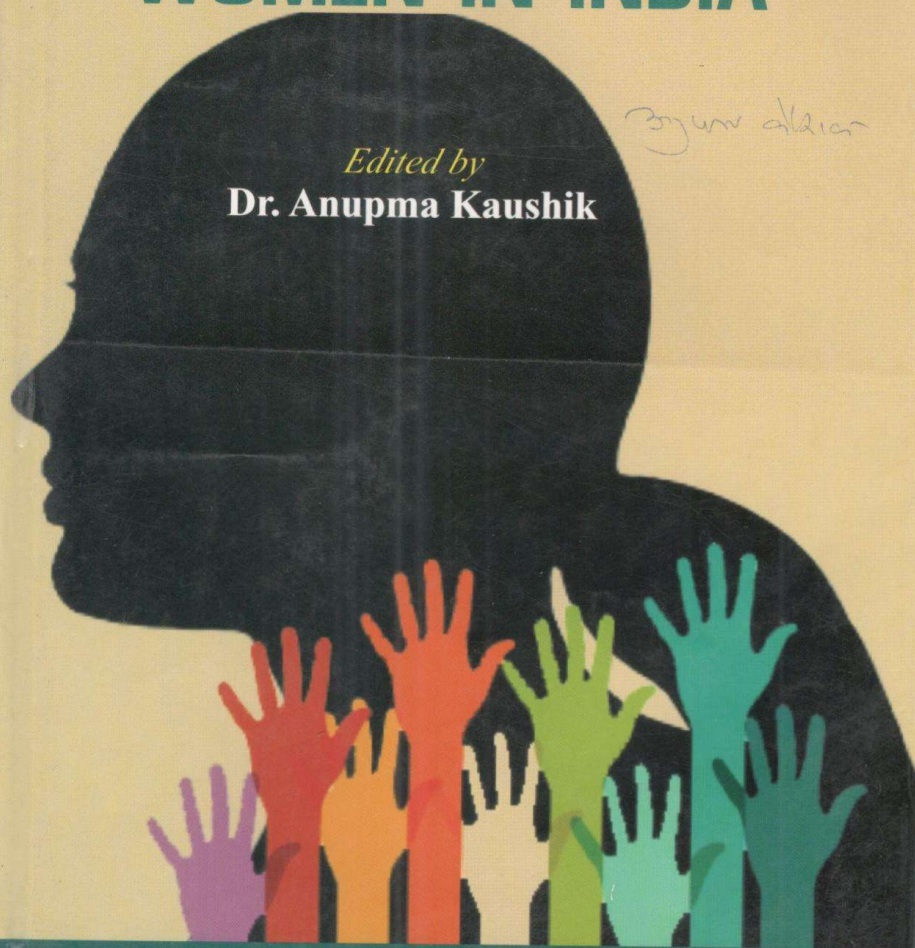


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The constitution of India aims to establish a modern, developed, egalitarian, democratic, secular, welfare country where every citizen enjoys a good life with ample opportunities for personal growth and well-being. Hence the constitution guarantees various fundamental rights to its citizens in a democratic polity based on rule of law. However, due to feudal and patriarchal set up, widespread corruption and weak implementation of laws and schemes much of these rights remain on paper only, especially for poor and illiterate people without 'right' connections. Women constitute one such group. The Constitution of India grants equal rights to women and various laws have been enacted to protect and empower women. While some women have definitely benefited from these provisions and have occupied highest positions in political system but for majority of poor and illiterate women life still remains a continuous struggle in a very traditional, patriarchal and feudal society. Present work is an attempt at presenting before the world the socio-political condition of women in India in the context of their human rights through a number of case studies. It covers issues which concern all women like violence in public space and domestic violence. It also includes problems faced by Muslim women, girl child labourers and Dalit women. It also includes schemes impacting upon girl children such as mid day meal scheme and contribution of single mothers in Hindu mythology.



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