

Intersectional feminism: A long road ahead

Intersectional feminism is a concept that deals with the intersecting social identities and the related systems of oppression and discrimination.

Caste, class, ability, sexuality and gender intersect and influence each other in various shapes and forms. The fight for equal rights becomes twice as hard for women belonging to the minority and lower caste. They face prejudices based on their caste, religion and sexuality along with that of being a woman. If anything, these intersections tend to multiply the oppression faced by women.

The rich socio-cultural fabric of India, makes it even more difficult for women to understand feminism. This is where intersectionality comes into play. For the longest time, majority of the feminist movements have been led by women who come from a place of privilege. It is important for us to understand that feminism stands for equality for all, not equality for the privileged.

Feminism is supposed to be a movement for equal rights, and it's high time we get past our prejudices of caste, class, sexuality and ability, and lead the movement together!
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