

DALIT PANTHER MOVEMENT

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DALIT : A MEMBER OF THE LOWEST CLASS IN THE TRADITIONAL HINDU SOCIAL HIERARCHY HAVING IN TRADITIONAL HINDU BELIEF THE QUALITY OF DEFILING BY CONTACT A MEMBER OF A HIGHER CASTE.

- **NOTE** : THE DALIT WERE ALSO FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS UNTOUCHABLES , A TERM THAT IS NOW UNDERSTOOD AS OFFENSIVE.
- **DALIT PANTHERS** : THE DALIT PANTHERS IS A SOCIAL ORGANISATION THAT SEEKS TO COMBAT TO CASTE DISCRIMINATION . IT WAS LED BY A GROUP OF MAHAR WRITERS AND POET.

FOUNDER :

- RAJA DHALE
- NAMDEO DHASAL
- J. V. POWER
- VINOD KAMBLEE
- AND MANY DALIT BUDDHIST ACTIVISTS

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SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DALIT PANTHERS:

- ▶ DALIT PANTHER HAD A MASSIVE INFLUENCE ON BOTH THE NATIONAL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LANDSCAPE.
- ▶ FEW PEOPLE REALISE THAT DALIT PANTHER INFLUENCED THE FOUNDER OF THE BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY , KANSIRAM, WHO ELEVATED THE DALIT POLITICS GAME TO ANOTHER LEVEL IN NORTH INDIA .
- ▶ DALIT PANTHERS FOUGHT THE MAINSTREAM POWER POLITICS OF THAT DAY .
- ▶ THEY SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE OPPRESSIVE CASTE SYSTEM .
- ▶ THEY SERVED AS A DETERRENT TO POWER POLITICS .
- ▶ THEY POPULARISED THE NAME “DALIT” IN PLACE OF PHARSE LIKE “HARIJANS” AND “UNTOUCHABLES”.

CONCLUSION:

PANTHER IS AN INSPIRING MOVEMENT OF TODAY'S MAHARASHTRIAN YOUTH , PARTICULARLY DALIT YOUTH , PANTHER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY IS BEING PLANNED AND ORGANISED BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

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