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The development of the individuals is possible only with the union of liberty, equality and fraternity- H.Laski.

In order to understand these, I must quote Dr B.R. Ambedkar in his words- 'what sustains equality and liberty is fellow being'.

- ➔ The emergence of the Dalit Students' Union (DSU) contradicts and conflicts with contemporary Dalit politics. It is an attempt to extend the scope of the marginalised political sphere. It was a response to societal transformation outside the university campus. To put it simply, in Lasswell's words- 'we are looking for shaping and sharing the power'.
- ➔ The ideological stand of DSU is for *Social Justice*, which is not rhetorical but to attain justice among the student community in the university.
- ➔ Even though the end of the DSU is shaping the power, which is far enough to reach but another stand is of sharing the power- for which we lost the recognition itself and gave a path to raise the question to ourselves and other student communities- 'why don't we?'
- ➔ The ideological success of DSU may be considered an iota of an ocean. However, the prideful success of the organisation through its activities where they could reach out to the disadvantaged, particularly from the rural areas, having women representation and fighting for recognition and redistribution among the students is praiseworthy.
- ➔ As we heard about the importance and relevance of students' organisations, DSU has been democratically functioning and engaging with other co-student organisations for various issues on the university campus, even though we have ideological differences.
- ➔ DSU itself is an organisation which came out with the sub-caste consciousness apart from Dalit/Bahujan organisations. As we fight for social justice, it needs to be done in every aspect. Not a single caste/ community is less privileged, and everyone wants to be in the

limelight and wants to be recognised, which needs to be considered as their right. However, with a diversified ideology, they can still get on to the platform of equality where everyone gets an opportunity to shape and share the power.

- ➔ The struggle has been continuing. The benefits are evident in socio, cultural, political and educational arenas. There is an ocean to cross, but our Vascodigamas are travelling, and there is only one caption left for us 'Move Ahead'.

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