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WAQF ACT AND OTHER PRIORITIES

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NAVRATRI GIVES
STRENGTH TO
INDIAN WOMEN

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THEIR HOBBIES
FROM NOBEL WINNER TO
ACTOR AND MUSICIAN

UNTOUCHABLES

294 Dalits have died in sewers since 2020. Dalit children have to wear caste bands in school, they are shamed at places of worship, and love is often off limits



Cleaning a sewer
in Delhi

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In spite of it being banned by the Constitution, **untouchability continues across India—in villages and cities.** Discrimination is there in educational institutions, places of worship, courtrooms, police stations, factories, government offices and even corporate boardrooms and political party offices.

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- ◆ With shrinking government jobs, dalit youth are trying to be job creators rather than job seekers
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Growing up, I watched my mother observe Navratri fasts with quiet devotion. Her daily rhythm remained unchanged—meetings, parliamentary debates, public responsibilities. Only later would I realise she had not eaten all day. For her, spirituality was not an escape from duty—it was a deep alignment with it.

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