

**The Idea of Social Justice:
A Sociological Analysis of the University Students' Reflections
on the Reservation Policy in India**

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ABSTRACT The reservation policy has been one of the contentious issues in India. This issue is being discussed and debated among politicians, media, students, and various other social players. Universities also offer a social space wherein students' opinion on this issue is shaped by different forms of affiliations and associations inside the campus. At this juncture, this study attempts to analyse the opinion of university students on different forms of reservation in India. It was carried out at the University of Hyderabad (UoH), Hyderabad. For this study, both qualitative and quantitative techniques were employed. These 450 students were selected in proportion to the number of students in each reservation category based on the stratified sampling technique. This quantitative data was supplemented by the qualitative data collected from 20 selected students through an open-ended questionnaire. The data analysis shows that the universities students' opinion on reservation policy mostly corresponds to their social categories like caste, class, gender and religion.