

- Its victims are like those of the bomb: **innocent human beings, invariably poor and marginalised.**
- **Zoonotic pandemics are modern powerhouses'** most diabolic, if unintended, creation, after our fabrications of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and the propensity of nation states to practise custodial torture.

## Caste system and its Evils

### •Stratification based on occupation, income, and status

i.Occupation (olden days)

ii.Income and status

iii.Predicament of weaker section

### •Deprivation, Helplessness and Violence

Various enquirers and studies have revealed that grievances and violence is due to

1. Poverty
2. Unemployment
3. Poor health care and education
4. Social discrimination

•**Social violence ~ Attack upon individual or their property mainly because of their membership of a particular social groups.**



**We are thinking of heroes today. Here the story of a little heroine:**

- The **indefatigable documenter of rural livelihoods in India**, P. Sainath, and his colleagues Pushpa Usendi-Rokade, Purusottam Thakur and Kamlesh Painkra tell us: Jamlo Madkam was a 12-year-old from the tribal Muria community of Chhattisgarh who went with others of her village to Telangana to work on chilli farms.
- When the lockdown was announced she was told her work had stopped and she might as well leave. So, with others the little one walked.
- Over three days and 140 kilometres she walked and when she was just 60 kilometres from her village and could walk no more, collapsed and died.
- The virus did not kill her. She was thrown out of no train. But she was thrown out of opportunity, pushed out of life. No government, no politician, no employer but the whole lot of India's consumerist population, we, did that.

**A long walk home:**

1. Gandhi was thrown out of a train on the night of June 7 in 1893, in **Pietermaritzburg**. That train journey changed the course of colonial history.
2. Trains have captured India's headlines today only very differently. Not by someone being thrown out of one of them but by millions bundling themselves into them.
3. They are **all migrant workers**, exactly as Gandhi himself was in South Africa, except that he was a lawyer with a solid income and in a different country.