SUMMARY

GREAT MEN OF INDIA

Baba Amte - The man who cared Muralidhar Devidas, popularly known as Baba Amte, was a lawyer, poet and social activist. He was born into a Brahmin family of wealthy landowners. He was the recipient of several awards. He gave up his succesful legal practice to serve the needy. He established Anandwan to rehabilitate the poor, downtrodden and the lepers, the lonely, the last, the least and the lost. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar - the chairman of the Constituent Assembly is also popularly known as Baba Saheb Ambedkar or Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He was born into a family of untouchables. He was ill treated in his office inspite of his excellent academic record. He inspired the Dalit Buddhist Movement and campaigned against social discrimination towards Dalits. He drafted the Indian Constitution of Independent India.

WORKSHEET

- Q1. What kind of life did Baba Amte lead before he received his true calling?
- Q2. What was the turning points in Ambedkar's life?
- Q3. Reference to the context:
 - A. Anandwan has grown remarkably and today there are more than 5000 inmates.
 - i) What is Anandawan? Where is it located?
 - ii) What is the purpose of this community?
 - iii) Give the meanings of the following words:
 - a. downtrodden b. dignity
 - B. They wanted to strike back with violence but were calmed down by Dr. Ambedkar.
 - i) Who are they?
 - ii) What happened in Mahad?
 - iii) Why did Dr. Ambedkar's efforts end in despair?

Note: Practice the exercises given at the end of the chapter