UGC SPONSORED STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON

“DALITS AND HUMAN RIGHTS”

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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Human rights, generally speaking, are regarded as those fundamental and inalienable rights that are essential for life as human beings. To quote A.J. Mihic, “There can be no human community without rights. Having rights is part of what it is to be member of any community. The first documentary use of the expression of human rights took place Universal Declaration of Human Rights and two other international covenants—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) of 1966 which came into force in 1976 with the consent and approval of the United Nations. The concept of human rights is closely related with the protection of individuals from the exercise of state, government or authority in certain areas of their lives; it is also directed towards the creation of societal conditions by the state in which individuals are to develop their fullest potential, development of human nature, human dignity and existence of healthy society. Under the caption of economic, social and cultural rights, all Governments are expected to improve living conditions (basic amenities) and protect the cultural rights of not only the majority of people but also those of the vulnerable minorities. Dalits which literally means ‘Oppressed’ or ‘Broken’ has acquired a new cultural context to imply those who have been broken down by those above them in a deliberate and active manner. Act of terror continue to be part of violence perpetrated on the Dalits. The Dalit community is found to be facing constant humiliation, in deep turmoil, and growing erosion of their identity and sense of being part of civil society, the nation and the state. In theory untouchability might have been abolished but in practice, Dalits continue to be subjected to discrimination, harassment, and humiliation. They are denied the basic human rights of self-respect, equality and freedom despite constitutional guarantee. If those people attempt to challenge the traditional oppressive practices, they are subjected to further insult, humiliation and deprivation. Thus millions of Dalits are faced with helpless situation in which they are not allowed even to enjoy the rights guaranteed under law. Consciously the problem of realization of the social, cultural, civil and economic rights by the Dalits remains unrealized. In general, the denial of basic human rights to the Dalits pose a threat and challenge to the Indian society to create a humane world.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are cordially invited to the UGC-sponsored State level Seminar on ‘DALITS AND HUMAN RIGHTS’, organised by the Department of Political Science, Basanti Devi College to be held on 19th January, 2016 at 10 AM at Basanti Devi College, Kolkata.

Please find enclosed the Seminar programme

We look forward to your participation.

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