"Declaration of Untouchability free nation and its Implementation"

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- Civil society organization can provide special and concrete feedback. He is ready to receive it.

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- Government will be play active role to eliminate caste discrimination

- He has a mission to end the caste based discrimination and established justice and equitable society.

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Dalit NGO Federation(DNF) and its member organizations organized different programs on the occasion of the day **Untouchability** Free Nation. Nepal was declared as **Untouchability** free nation in 21st Jaistha 2063 (4th June 2006) by the interim parliament which was re-established from the people's movement in 2006 where Dalit people significantly contributed.

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Following the 3rd anniversary of the day on 21st Jaistha 2066 a delegation visited to Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal and handover a memorandum. The memorandum included demands of Dalits - like Proportionate representation, in policy making, reservation in implementation, bringing specific policies programs for Dalits, ensure the justice for Dalit, immediately bring the special law for the elimination of caste discrimination, Implementation of the proper law, rule, national and international convention and the declaration of nation for Dalit upliftment; start to implement of special program from this fiscal year 2066/67 to Dalit; form special program for Dalit women to eliminate the triple discrimination; eliminate witchcraft accusation , CHHAUPADI, Dowry system, special focus to Madhesi Dalit community to develop their social, economic, political condition, special program for Dalit bonded labour etc. are the major demands.

 Dalit NGO Federation (DNF), Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization (NNDSWO), Feminist Dalit Organizaton (FEDO), Dalit Welfare Organization (DWO), Dalit Human Rights organizations, Madhesi Dalit Development Federation(MDDF), Jagaran Medai Center (JMC), Lawyer Campaign against untouchability(LANCAU Nepal), Dalit Study and Development Center(DSDC), Gandharba Art and Culture Centre, Legal Rights Protection Society, Rural Development Center, National Dalit Women Organization-Nepal, Nepal Bishwakarma Society, are main organizations from Dalit civil society organizations attended the delegation.

Likewise, representative from political sister organizations-Mr. Kharka B. Basyal, Nepal Dalit Sangh-Mr. Jitu Goutam-Mukti Samaj-Nepal, Mr. Gobind Nepali-CA member, Mr. Shambhu Hajara Paswan- CA member, Ms. Bimala Nepali-CA member, Mr. Min Bishwakarma- Nepal Dalit Sangh, Mr. Iswari Risal-Mukti Samaj Nepal, Ms. Teku Nepali-Mukti Samaj Nepal, Mr. Padam Singh Bishwokrma (former president National Dalit commission) are also presented in the team. Mr. Bhakta Bishwakarma (NNDSWO) handed over the memorandum to honorable Prime Minister.

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Like wise a peaceful rally was organized by Dalit Civil society's organizations, political leaders, human Rights leaders, Dalit activist jointly. The rally started from KHULLA Manch and passes through the main places and gathers into a mass meeting.

Further, followed by an interaction program was organized by Dalit NGO Federation (DNF) on the occasion of Untouchability free nation. As a chief guest Honorable Ms Purna Kumari Subedi- Vice President of the Constituent Assembly spoke for the liberation of Dalits. She agreed that state declared several provisions but is not implemented properly, Mr Bhisma Raj Ahandembe leader of Nepali Congress expressed that Dalit and Janajati are not getting achievement in the republic state.

Urba Datta Panta leader of CPN UML also expressed his parties view for Dalit , and Ms Chhitra Massey-representation of Office of High Commission of Human Rights (OHCHR) also addressed and agreed that untouchability atrocities cases has been happening in different part of country.

Mr. Lal Bahadur Bishwokarma-president Mukti Samaj Nepal, Dr. Netra Timsina, President of NGO Federation, Ms Samjhana Thapalia vice president of Federation of community forest User group-Nepal (FECOFUN), Mr. Ganesh Bishwakarma president of Human Rights Alliance, Shanjay Bantawa-National Federation for Disabilities – Nepal(NFDN), Mr. Hari Shreepaili-Dalit CA member, spoke in the program.

The program was chared by Mr. Bom Bahadur Bishwokarma (DNF General Secretary), and moderated by Mr. Tirtha Bishwokarma (DNF Executive Director)