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RCT partner Lenin Raghuvanshi receives German award for his aid to "untouchables"

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Lenin Raghuvanshi, an Indian human-rights activist and partner of RCT, was in Germany on Friday to receive an award in the city of Weimar for his long fight on behalf of the dalits, or untouchables.

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Weimar's city council picked him in June as winner of the eastern city's annual human rights prize, worth 2,500 euros (3,300 dollars) and invited him to Germany to receive it in person on 10th of December International Human Rights Day.

In his speech thanking for the award, Raghuvanshi, the 40-year-old doctor, among other things said:

- It is a great and landmark honour for me, my colleagues at the People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), partner organizations especially CRY, RCT, SDTT, Indo-German Society of Remscheid to receive the the Human Rights Award of the City of Weimar fighting for the dignity of the poor and "untouchables" of India.

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The citation said Raghuvanshi, a 40-year-old doctor, documented dalits, or members of India's lowest caste, who died of hunger or had been victims of police torture.

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Indian activist to be awarded Weimar's 2010 Human Rights Award

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Dr Lenin Raghuvanshi, a well-known human rights activist from India, will be presented with the '2010 Human Rights Award of the city of Weimar' in Germany on Friday on the occasion of International Human Rights Day.

According to a German Embassy press release, the Weimar Human Rights Award is presented to individuals, groups and organisations who, through their work, promote and support humane dealings and tolerance among and between peoples.

Every citizen, as well as groups and organisations have the right to nominate an individual, a group or organisation for the award until April 30 of each year.

Dr Raghuvanshi will be awarded the prize at the Hochschule für Musik Franz Liszt Weimar (Franz Liszt academy of Music).

Weimar city's municipal council has acknowledged Dr Raghuvanshi, founder of People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), in his efforts for observation and assertion of fundamental rights of disadvantaged sections of society, such as women, children, dalits and indigenous minorities.

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Lenin Raghuvanshi with his family (© -)

On 10th December – International Human Rights Day – Dr. Lenin Raghuvanshi from India will be presented with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty of the city of Weimar in Germany.

The city municipal council's explanatory statement applauds Dr. Raghuvanshi, founder of People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), in his efforts for observation and assertion of fundamental rights of disadvantaged sections of society, such as women, children, Dalits and indigenous minorities. The Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty nominated Dr. Raghuvanshi for the award.

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