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16 days activism against gender based violence

An interaction program on **“Violence against Dalit women and its effect”** was organized to mark the 16 Days of Activism against the Gender Violence campaign on 7th December 2011 in Kathmandu.



Senior Advocate Meera Dhunga speaking about the Domestic violence act.

Constitution Assembly members, Dalit activists, civil society members, representatives of the organization, students discussed about the problems that Dalit women have to deal it. Either it is home or outside Dalit women are the most vulnerable and have been victimized through various kind of violence.

Ms Meera Dhungana a senior lawyer shared the about different provision, act, laws related to the rights of women. She mainly described the provision of “Domestic violence and Punishment Act 2065” and shared its weakness as well as implementation scenario at the present contest. She further shared that the law are weak and inadequate so pressure should be given to government for its effective implementation.

Reema Nepali CA members of CPN-UML expressed that the implementation of law is most important to minimize violence against Dalit women for which the Dalit community need to have unity and same voice.

FEDO general Secretary Kala Swarnakar shared the objectives of the interaction program where as Durga Sob the President of FEDO facilitated the program overall program and shared the history behind the celebration of this international campaign against violence.

63rd International Human Rights Day

Human Rights National Magna Meet was organized on the occasion of 63rd International Human Rights Day. A series of program was organized in Kathmandu and throughout the country. On 9th December inauguration of the event was done officially in Staff College Kathmandu where National Human rights commission, civil society members, Human rights activists, international human rights agencies, organization representatives and journalists participated. Similarly on 10th December huge joint rally was organized from Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu. FEDO also showing its solidarity participated in the rally.



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International Consultation on Caste-Based Discrimination

A joint “*Declaration and Global Call for Action to Eliminate Caste Based Discrimination*” was launched on 1st December as an outcome of “**International consultation on Good Practices and Strategies to Eliminate Caste based Discrimination**” in Kathmandu from 29 November to 1st December.

Narayan Kaji Shrestha the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs shows the commitment of Government towards the recommendation and global call for action. Similarly high level official from international agencies also shows their commitment and solidarity.

In the consultation more than hundred Dalit activists and leaders from the caste affected countries like Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Japan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Senegal and Yemen, solidarity networks, members of International Organizations, and researchers participated. Participants share the good practices, strategies and experience to eliminate caste based discrimination as well as various workshops, presentation, open discussion was done. It was a huge opportunity for Nepal to host such a high level conference while discrimination based on caste is excessive. Lots of Dalit activists participated and shared their good practices and strategy that they have been undertaking to eliminate caste discrimination.

The consultation was jointly organized by International Dalit Solidarity networks (IDSN), Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO), Dalit NGO Federation (DNF) and Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization (NNDSWO). *(You can see the details about the conference in IDSN website: www.idsn.org)*



Head of OHCHR Nepal Jyoti Shanghera, FEDO president Durga Sob, joining other guests speaker during consultation.

Changed life of disable Dalit women

Bishnu C.K 29 years of age is a Dalit woman of Fulbari V.D.C ward 5, Kailali district. She is a president of Laliguras Dalit women group formed under the IDWD project of FEDO. She is also a disable women but she is very much dedicated towards the rights of Dalit women. After the series of trainings, discussions, interactions she got encouraged and motivated for the social change. She has been able to strengthen the Dalit women group and raise the issues of caste and gender based violence, women’s rights through the support of Peace Ambassador.

Bishnu has now started small shop from the support of Dalit women’s saving group. She is now economically capable. She has also become the member of Pressure group and been actively involved in inclusion of Dalit women in each and every government mechanism. Through the pressure of Dalit women she is now the president of disable organization, member of Community forest user’s group and actively involved in politics.

They have been able to build the water tap in Dalit community through pressure and lobbying from the budget of V.D.C for Dalit community where she had a leadership role. She has been very active in other social activities and has come up as an leader among Dalit women in their village.



Bishnu C.K

Monitoring in Makawanpur and Parsa

Kamala Biswokarma, Treasurer of FEDO and Under Secretary General of IMADR, Megumi Komori visited Parsa and Makawanpur district on 26-28 November 2011. They observe the “**Dalit women Access to Health and Sanitation**” project areas and meet the Dalit women who have benefitted from the project.

They meet Dalit women and discussed about the health and sanitation. “Dalit women were aware about various diseases, precaution, and its symptoms and have knowledge of personal hygiene and sanitation” Komori shared from her observation. Similarly discussion on domestic violence against Dalit women and other social issues and provision of government to Dalit women were shared by Kamala Bishwakarma.



Kamala Biswokarma, Treasurer of FEDO and Under Secretary General of IMADR, Megumi Komori meeting Makawanpur district board members and staffs.