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Problems facing Dalits discussed at 'sansad'

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PATNA: It was Parliament of a different kind. It did not have the elected representatives of the people nor was there any Bill for legislation. But it certainly provided the Dalit students drawn from different districts of the state a platform to share their problems and devise ways for improvement.

Patna University (PU) Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy organized the first ever Dalit Chhatra Sansad at geology auditorium here on Saturday in which the participants frankly discussed the problems facing them.

Inaugurating the students' Parliament, PU vice-chancellor Shyam Lal highlighted the problems faced by Dalit students in pursuing their doctoral work and appealed to the intellectuals to save these scholars from exploitation.

Bihar legislative assembly Speaker Uday Narain Chaudhary exhorted the students to shun their inhibition and fight against social injustice.

Prominent among those who addressed this Parliament included N K Arya, Vinay Kanth, Daisy Narain, Pramod Kumar, Kamlesh Kumari and Nagendra Nath, all teachers.

At the outset, Ziya-ul Hasan welcomed the guests. Centre director Rama Shankar Arya conducted the session. Pushkar Deo proposed the vote of thanks.



