Caste is unfamiliar to many Americans, but colleges, graduate student workers, and others are addressing caste and perceived caste discrimination in their midst.

This week, the ASUC Senate (legislative branch of UC Berkeley) approved a bill urging campus administration to pass measures protecting caste-oppressed students. UC Berkeley is just the latest in a string of California institutions to add caste bias protections for their students. In September, UC Davis became the first University of California institution to add caste bias protections. Harvard added caste bias protections for graduate student workers earlier this year, and others are following suit.

Do more to ensure meaningful political representation of Dalit women in India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Stay tuned and learn more about these communities and the hurdles they have continued to face over generations towards realizing their human rights.

Caste-based slavery is an issue affecting people in many parts of the world. Sanitation workers in Mumbai were declared 'volunteers' under a dubious employment conditions nexus.

The UN Working Group on contemporary forms of violence and discrimination in global garment supply chains has published a Brief and recommendations in relation to the UN Human Rights Council Special Rapporteur on Business and Human Rights.

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Following his visit to Sri Lanka last week, the UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Violence and Discrimination in South Asia submitted a report on the caste discrimination in Sri Lanka affecting Dalit communities.

IDSN Executive Director Meena Varma, took part in a panel discussion on caste and gender, at which she gave her thoughts on the winning film Writing with Fire. The film has been named the Official Selection for the 2022 Oscar’s.

Several panellists from the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights spoke on accountability to respect human rights, and corporate-led campaigns against caste-based violence and discrimination in global garment supply chains.

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Dalit rights defenders speak out on the thematic headlines of this year's EU-NGO Human Rights Awards.

IDSN's General Secretary, Mr. Bezwada Wilson, is among the five panelists at the event, who have dedicated their lives to fighting against theCASTE system and atrocities against the Dalits in India. Mr. Wilson has been working tirelessly for the past 40 years for the rights of the most downtrodden sections of the society.

The links between caste and hazardous forms of sanitation work nexus.

According to the National Sample Survey Report, 84.3% of the sanitation workers in the country are Dalits, which is a result of a centuries-old system of 'caste-based' slavery. A taboo about caste in India has long made it impossible for students from marginalised communities to afford a stable internet connection.

A digital gap is widening between students from marginalized communities and others, and caste discrimination and digital inequality have been significantly linked.

Another study has established a direct link between caste and educational attainment. In a 2014 survey of more than 70,000 people, many more outside their jati or sub-caste.

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