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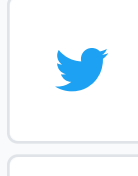
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European Parliament calls for the EU to intensify efforts at the UN to eliminate caste discrimination

The International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN) welcomes the adoption of the European Parliament's annual report on human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter. The European Parliament's report



The European Parliament's report "Notes with great concern the scale and consequences of caste hierarchies, caste-based discrimination and the perpetuation of caste-based human rights violations..."

The report also calls for "the EU and its Member States to intensify efforts and support initiatives at the UN and in the relevant third countries to eliminate caste discrimination." [...]

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India Should Stop Using Abusive Foreign Funding Law - Joint Statement

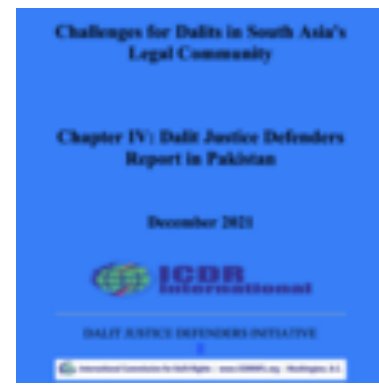
The Indian government should immediately stop harassing the Centre for Promotion of Social Concerns and its program unit People's Watch, said ten human rights groups, including IDSN, in this statement. The government should stop using the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act and other abusive laws to silence civil society in India. [...]



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New report and symposium charts pathways towards access to justice for Dalit defenders in Pakistan

The symposium "Challenges to effective legal remedies for Dalit and Minorities' defenders in Pakistan and proposed solution to those challenges" was organised in Pakistan to discuss and launch the [Pakistan report](#) of the [Dalit Justice Defenders Reports](#) – an initiative by the International Commission on Dalit Rights (ICDR). Participants and speakers discussed issues of Pakistani Dalit rights defenders and lawyers and recommended pathways to improve access to justice for Dalits in Pakistan. [...]



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New report launched on online caste-hate speech and the role of social media platforms

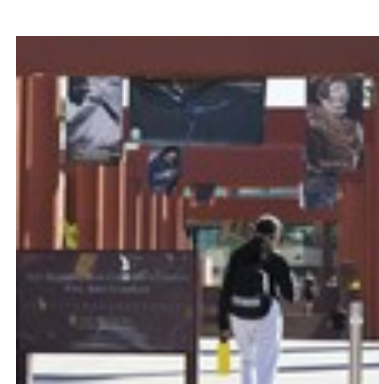
The Centre for Internet and Society (CIS) has just published a research report on the contours of online caste-hate speech and how social media platforms moderate such expression. The report is a welcome resource and source of documentation on a very important topic and echoes IDSN's grave concern for escalating caste-hate speech in digital spaces. [...]



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All California State Universities add caste to anti-discrimination policy

California State University has become the first university system in the US to add caste to its anti-discrimination policy. On the system's 23 campuses across California, caste-oppressed students will now be able to report anti-Dalit bias, which students say they regularly experience at school. [...]



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My Vision for Nepal | Make Nepal free of all forms of discrimination

Executive Director of Samata Foundation, Pradip Pariyar, shares his vision to make Nepal free of all forms of discrimination in three steps:



- 1) By restructuring state mechanisms to reflect the country's diversity.
- 2) By holding the state to account on its constitutional obligations.
- 3) By widening activism both in and outside the borders.

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Recognition of "Caste" in US Covid Global Response and Recovery Framework

Organisations working to end caste discrimination welcome the specific reference to caste groups in the US Covid Global Response and Recovery Framework released by The White House. [...]



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Caste in Nepal raised in UK House of Lords debate

The issue of caste discrimination and human rights of Dalits in Nepal was raised by several Lords in the House of Lords debate on 13th December 2021. The Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, answered questions in the debate.



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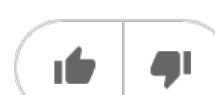
Joint statement on the death of Jeyasre Kathiravel pushes for a binding agreement to prevent gender based violence

This statement by GLJ-ILRF, Asia Floor Wage Alliance and the Tamil Nadu and Textile and Common Labour Union (TTCU) marks the one year death anniversary of Dalit garment worker Jeyasre Kathiravel, by continuing to push to end gender, caste and migrant status-based violence. The statement pushes for a groundbreaking agreement to prevent gender based violence in the garment industry. [...]



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