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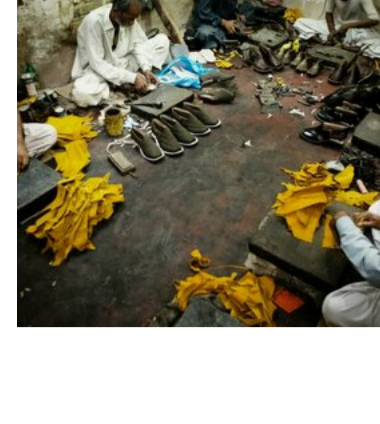
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OECD Forum: the first session on caste-based discrimination

A side-session on caste-based discrimination in clothing and leather production was held at the 'OECD Forum on Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sector' from the 22nd till the 24th of February.

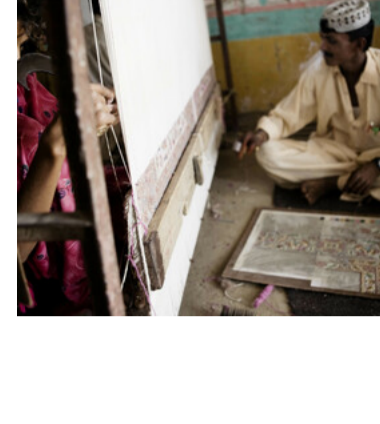


The event was organised by IDSN, Arisa, Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI), and Rights Education and Development Centre (READ). It is the first time caste-based discrimination was on the official agenda of the OECD Forum. The session attracted about 80 participants, including businesses, governments, civil society organisations, and multi-stakeholder initiatives [...]

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Caste is one of the greatest sources of prejudice and human rights abuse in the world today

In this blog piece for the Ethical Trading Initiative, IDSN's Executive Director, Meena Varma, explains why global businesses sourcing in South Asia need to act on caste [...]



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European Dalit Solidarity networks meet in Copenhagen to chart out future strategies for collaboration

IDSN was delighted to welcome representatives from Dalit Solidarity Networks in Germany, UK, Finland and Norway to Copenhagen for a two-day meeting from 8-9 February. IDSN International Associate, Arisa, from The Netherlands, also took part in the meeting. Special guest, Priyadharsini Palani, from The Blue Club, made an inspiring presentation on the organisation's work on amplifying the voices of Dalit women. This meeting opened up new synergies and avenues for enhanced collaboration [...]



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IDSN UN submissions on caste and contemporary forms of slavery

IDSN has submitted input on caste to the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery in the informal economy, highlighting the fact that the vast majority of bonded labourers are from scheduled castes and minority groups. IDSN also submitted answers to a survey by the Rapporteur designed to gather information about persons belonging to ethnic, religious and linguistic minority communities.

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IDSN UN input on child, early and enforced marriages in Pakistan

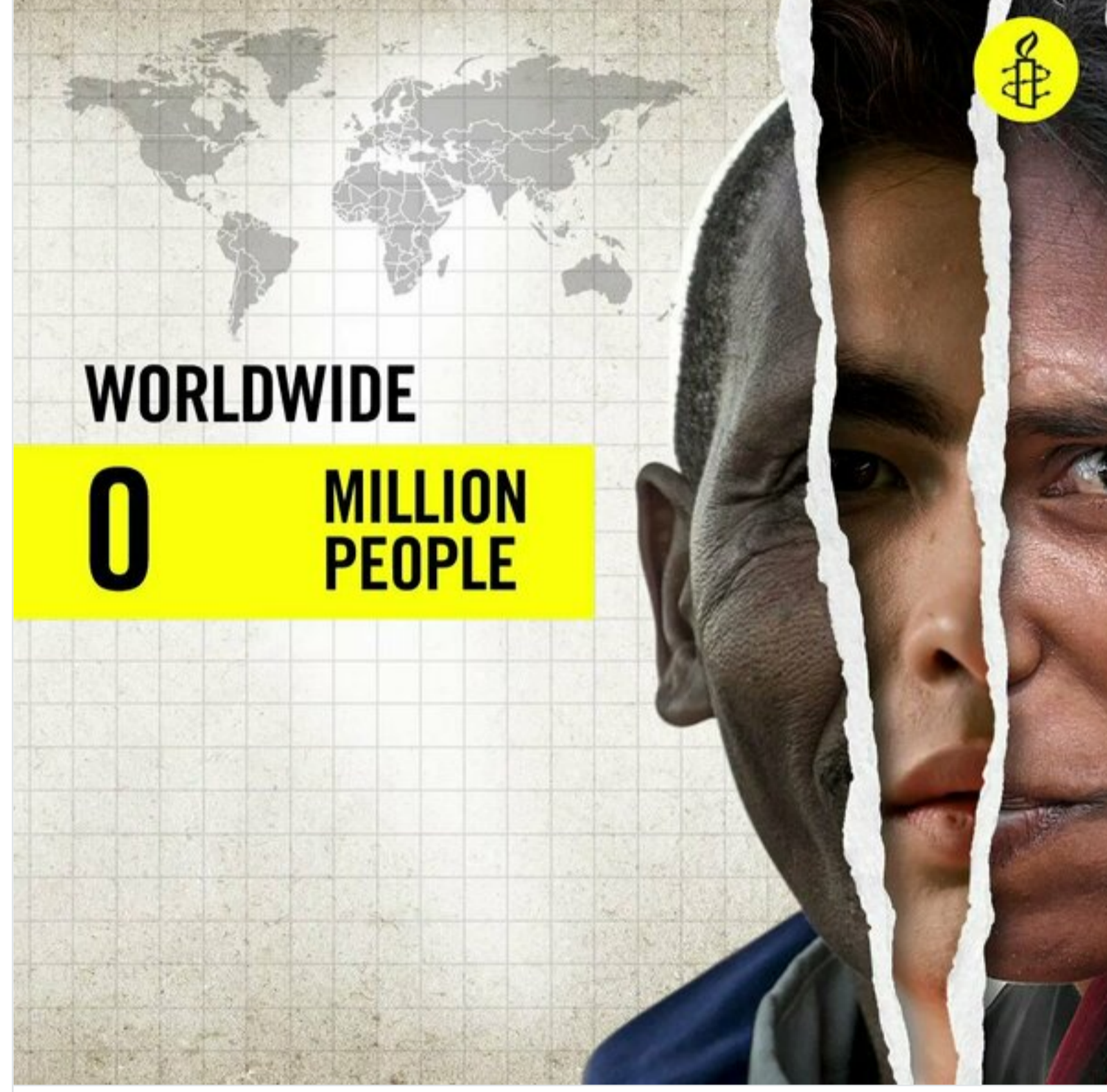
IDSN has submitted input to the OHCHR's Call for submission for two reports on the issue of child, early and forced marriage. Those most affected are Scheduled Caste Hindu girls, especially Dalits, who are kidnapped or lured into conversion, sexually exploited and then abandoned.

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New free online course on "Decoding Descent-based Discrimination" launched by Amnesty International

The online course is designed for students, activists and professionals looking for an introduction to Descent-based Discrimination and wanting to support affected communities in claiming their rights and dignity.

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Today, on International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, learn more about the struggles of descent-based communities. #FightRacism Enroll in Amnesty International's online course- 'Decoding Descent-based Discrimination.' https://t.co/6MR1cNatbu https://t.co/7uLhRz2AnM

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This report by Minority Rights Group focuses on the prevalence of hate speech in six countries in South Asia—Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka—specifically against minorities, including Dalits [...]



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Ruth Manorama: "Without equal treatment, it is impossible to reach social justice"

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Updates on activism against gender-based violence in Nepal

Read the latest news from the Feminist Dalit Organisation (FEDO) in this edition of their newsletter, including updates on action to end caste and gender-based violence in Nepal.



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A survey found that several manual scavengers across states are working in bonded labour-like conditions.



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Vincent Raj Arokiasamy receives Raoul Wallenberg Prize (Council of Europe)

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