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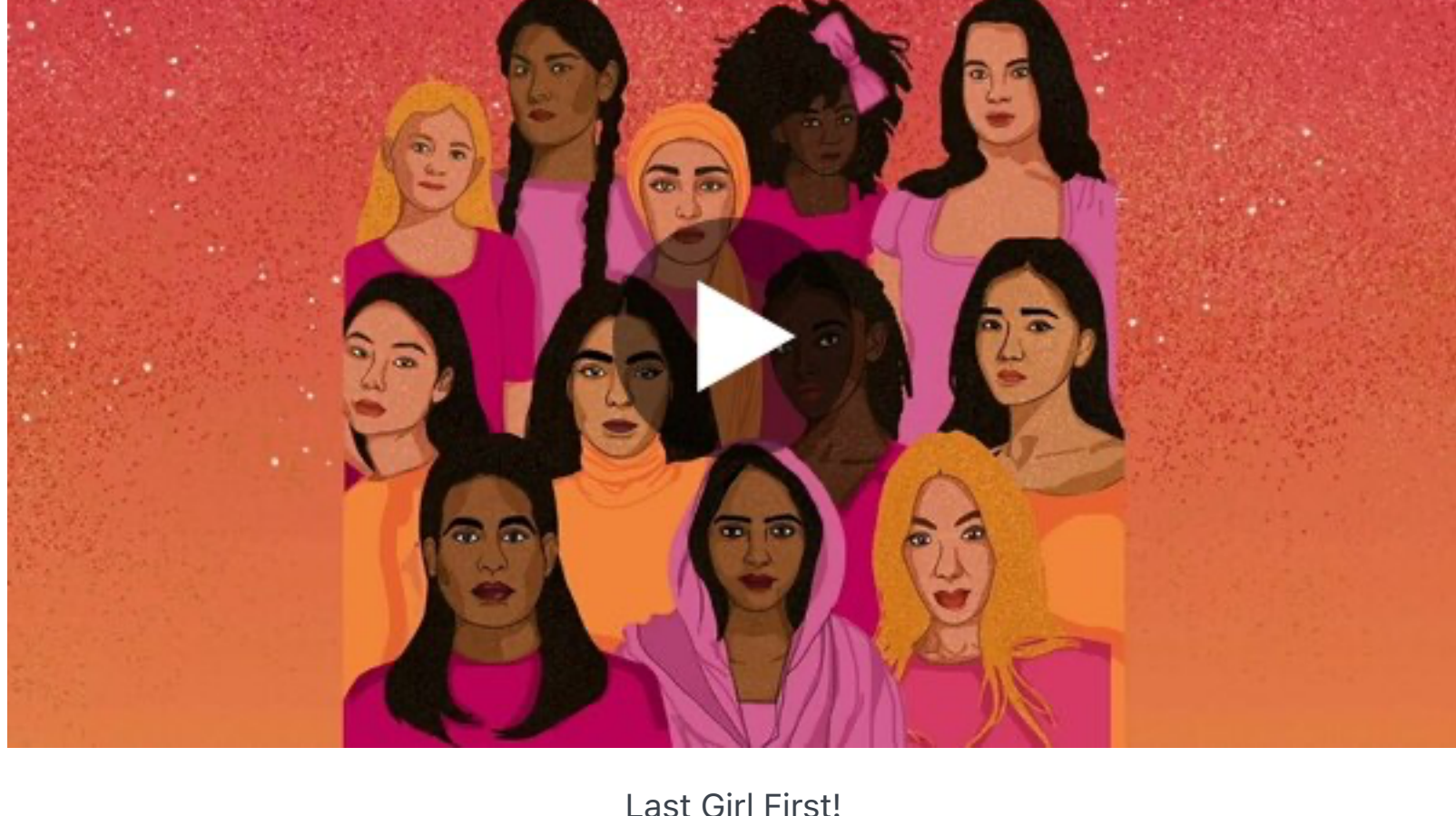


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Last Girl First!

Last Girl First! Prostitution at the intersection of sex, race, caste & class-based oppressions



IDSN's Executive Director contributed to CAP International's report on how women in prostitution are at the intersection of several patterns of domination including caste, patriarchy, racism, colonialism, imperialism, capitalism, class domination & war and militarization.

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IDSN UN input on caste and racism for the Durban Declaration

IDSN has submitted a report on caste to the global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

Caste-based discrimination was not explicitly addressed at previous conferences in 2001 and 2009, effectively silencing the much-needed debate on caste discrimination.

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Ensuring a gender-responsive and effective Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence legislation



IDSN and over 220 civil society groups call for the proposed corporate sustainability due diligence law to be strengthened. The recently released directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence is a step forward. But flaws in the text could put people, planet and climate at risk. We call on the European Parliament and EU ministers to improve the proposal where it is lacking.

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News from our members

Digital activism for equality: Opposing casteism in today's India



A hybrid webinar focusing on casteism and activism within the digital sphere in India was hosted by the Norwegian Dalit Solidarity Network and the Network for Asian Studies on 26th April.

Priyadharsini Palani, from [The Blue Club](#), made an inspiring presentation while the webinar addressed pertinent questions such as: How is casteism within the media manifested, and what impact does this have on freedom of expression? What roles do minorities, in particular Dalits, play, in digital and social media?

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Find information on the activities of IDSN's long-term member in Nepal.

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Highlighted the key issues of Scheduled caste (Dalits) minorities in the Seminar organized by the Ministry of Minority Affairs Dept Sindh, Pakistan. List of recommendations was shared to address by the concerned ministry.

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Other news

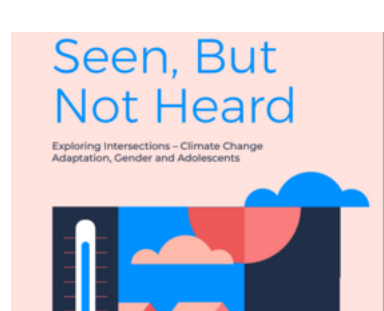
Mauritania: UN expert encouraged by progress but says more work needed to fully eradicate slavery

A UN human rights expert welcomed progress in strengthening Mauritania's legal framework and building the political will to combat slavery, but cautioned that much work still lay ahead.

See full report here: <https://t.co/YyBl25Hf3V>

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Seen, But Not Heard: Exploring Intersections – Climate Change Adaptation, Gender and Adolescents



Often, in the case of disasters, changes don't play out equally across demographics. This report is an attempt by Dasra and the India Climate Collaborative to draw attention to the unique space that girls and women occupy in the climate crisis today.

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Unbearable harassment: The fashion industry and widespread abuse of female garment workers in Indian factories (Business & Human Rights Resource Centre)



Garment worker abuse in India's factories has intensified due to fashion brands' response to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new report from the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, [Asia Floor Wage Alliance](#) and [Society for Labour & Development](#). They collected testimonies from 90 women in 31 factories across three major garment-producing hubs in India.

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European Leaders Should Raise Human Rights Concerns with Modi (Human Rights Watch)



Speaking in New Delhi on April 25, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen referred to India as a "vibrant democracy," sharing common values and interests with the European Union. But these clichés, repeated by rote by European leaders seeking closer trade and political ties with India, do not reflect the reality of growing abuses and discriminatory policies under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule.

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H&M pledges to end shopfloor sexual violence in India after worker killed (The Guardian)

H&M has signed a legally binding agreement to end sexual violence and harassment against women workers at one of its largest Indian suppliers, following the murder of Jeyasre Kathiravel, a young Dalit woman, by her supervisor last year.

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Dalit women were elected in numbers. But have they been empowered? (Kathmandu Post)



Despite holding posts, experience as decision makers was not encouraging as discrimination continued.

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Why some Indians die younger than others (BBC News)



The disadvantaged die younger than their high-caste counterparts, and inequality doesn't explain this fully.

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