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The International Commission for Dalit Rights in collaboration with Dalit and Amebedakarite Organizations from USA, Canada, UK, Europe, India, Nepal, Pakistan and other South Asian Countries organized Global March in DC to increase awareness of the issues faced by millions of caste-affected individuals worldwide. The rally began at 2:00pm ET and concluded at 5:00pm at the Capitol Hill Upper Senate Park. The organizers announced post-march activities such as Global Conference on Drafting Dalit Rights, Drafting Binding Resolution and Congressional Hearing, Online Campaigns for continues alert and educate US and international policy-makers.



Over 260 million Dalits around the world are socially, politically, and economically oppressed. Every day Dalits are forced into slave and bonded labor, denied access to communal water sources, and refused service at public establishments solely on the basis of their caste or descent.

ICDR Founder and President Dil Bishwakarma (who goes by DB Sagar) said “This march is about restoring the basic human rights that are denied to people every day at the hands of the caste system. The United Nations has done extensive work that documents the perils of caste discrimination and The United States can take the global lead in eradicating this gross injustice. ICDR is grateful for the support it has received from organizations across the US and internationally, and we think this will be a historic milestone in the fight for equality.”

In-front of the White House, Mr. DB Sagar made a special remark and urged the President Obama to speak up and stand for the elimination of Caste-based Discrimination and sexual violence. He urged Mr. President to endorse Draft UN Principles and Guidelines for the Effective Elimination of Discrimination based on Work and Descent established by the UN Human Rights Council (A/HRC/11/CRP.3); and also called the US Congress to pass a binding resolution against caste-based discrimination that mandates action by US government agencies in caste-affected countries.





The International Commission for Dalits Rights (ICDR) is a non-profit international advocacy organization. The ICDR seeks to bring recognition to the discrimination and relevant disparities experienced globally by individuals under caste or work and descent-based systems.

The organization is dedicated to developing and implementing services and policies that promote equality and social justice via research, education, and advocacy in collaboration at all level.

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Dalit NGO Federation, Nepal

All India Dalit Women Association, Delhi

Dalit Welfare Organization, Kathmandu

Caste Watch, the UK

Dalit NGO Forum, Bangladesh

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