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Context: International CERD Day (March 21)

Access of Victims of Racial Discrimination and Exploitation to Justice Urged

At a time when the country is heading towards building society free from discrimination, it is regretful to see the environment of imposing intimidation and threat to the inter caste marriage between Dalits and non-Dalits and punishing on the ground of untouchability, an act against human dignity.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights-1948, Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination-1965, Interim Constitution of Nepal-2007, Racial Discrimination and Untouchability (Crime and Punishment) Act including many international conventions and national laws have affirmed that racial discrimination is a punishable crime. Yet, the ill-culture of racial discrimination and untouchability is widespread. The more social awareness is needed, the more the state mechanism needs to be effective to facilitate the access of the victims of racial discrimination and exploitation to justice. Similarly, enhancement of social harmony and collaboration among the members of the society is also the need of the hour.

Not to mention, it is crucial to have mainstreamed the social inclusion based on human rights and to internalize the racial discrimination free process.

National Human Rights Commission, therefore, urges that it is important to make the law enforcing authorities more active than ever to take action against the accused, to control the future recurrences of inhumane-treatment of racial discrimination and to give an end to it.

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