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Webinar on: Understanding substantive equality under the Indian Constitution



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Prof. Prasanta Kumar Das
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WEBINAR

"UNDERSTANDING SUBSTANTIVE EQUALITY UNDER INDIAN CONSTITUTION"

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m.-5:02 p.m.	Welcome Address	Dr. Priya Ranjan Kumar, HoD
5:02 p.m.-5:07 p.m.	Address by the Chief Guest	Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University
5:07 p.m.-5:10 p.m.	Introductory Note	Ms. Angel H. Syiem, Asst. Prof., Department of Law
5:10 p.m.-5:20 p.m.	Address by Prof. Kamal Jeet Singh (Guest of Honor)	Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Madhusudan Law University
5:20 p.m.-5:25 p.m.	Address by Prof. P.K. Das (Guest of Honor)	Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
5:25 p.m.-6:05 p.m.	Talk on "Understanding Substantive Equality under Indian Constitution"	Dr. Kalpana Kannabiran
6:05 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Discussion	-
6:15 p.m.-6:20 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Ms. Madhumita Acharjee, Asst. Prof., Department of Law



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CONCEPT NOTE

At the very heart of human rights, lies the principle of equality and non-discrimination. This year's Human Rights Day theme relates to this principle. *"Equality- reducing inequalities, advancing human rights."*

Every year, Human Rights Day is observed on 10 December. It was on this day that the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). It is indeed a milestone document, which proclaims under Article 1, "the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status."

The theme declared by the United Nations this year is very timely, considering the fact that the pandemic has brought the world to a major crossroads: either we take the route of collective action and concretely address the pervasive inequalities that have risen across the globe, or we continue on the route filled with deep-rooted injustices and pervasive inequalities. Deep-rooted forms of discrimination that have affected the most vulnerable people in societies, including women and girls, indigenous peoples, LGBTI people, migrants and people with disabilities, among others, needs to be addressed.

Also important to note, that Equality, inclusion and non-discrimination, in other words - a human rights-based approach to development - is the best way to reduce inequalities and

resume the path to realise the goals set out under the 2030 Agenda and the UN approach in the document Shared Framework on Leaving No One Behind: Equality and Non-Discrimination at the Heart of Sustainable Development. .

Turning towards the supreme law of our country, the Constitution of India. Equality as a stand-alone principle has little impact on combating substantive disadvantage if not applied from a human rights-based approach. Hence, Understanding Substantive Equality under Indian Constitution is crucial. We have as a resource person Dr. Dr. Kalpana Kannabiran, a retired Professor and Regional Director, Council for Social Development, Southern Regional Centre and Recipient of Amartya Sen Award for Distinguished Social Scientists for the Discipline of Law, 2012. Her lecture, along with the addresses by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University, Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain and the Guests of Honour Prof. Kamal Jeet Singh Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Madhusudan Law University and Prof. Prasanta Kumar Das, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, TU will throw light on the theme with a pledge to take the path that brings us towards a future with equality at its core.
