**“Enthusiasm of state for elimination of caste –based discrimination and future avenues”**

Kathmandu, 20 March.

On Monday, an interaction program on "State's readiness and future course of action for ending racial discrimination" was held in Kathmandu on the occasion of "**58th International Day for the Elimination of Racial & Caste based Discrimination** organized by Jagran Media Center**’’**.

Mohanlal Acharya, a senior advocate, presented a working paper on "the legal provisions against caste-based discrimination and untouchability: achievements, challenges and opportunities". While presenting the paper, Advocate Acharya emphasized that all roles of state must be effective in ending the centuries-old caste-based discrimination and untouchability in Nepali society.

 Chief guest of event as well as chairperson of the National Dalit Commission, Devraj Bishwokarma, said that laws have been set for the rights of Dalit but they have not been implemented as expected. He said, "Dalit rights not being received as expected is the weakness of the Dalit movement and that movement should be reviewed to get the rights of the Dalit community.

Sanju Singh, the treasurer of DNF, stated that the government should demonstrate its readiness to implement the laws passed to end untouchability and should celebrate this "**International day for the elimination of Racial and caste based discrimination "**itself by giving first priority.

Dr. Yam Kisan, an inclusion expert and commentator of the event mentioned that the Dalit commission office should be implemented in every provinces with facilitate resources as written in constitution but implementing the law intended to end untouchability is difficult. Further he claimed that Dalit are unable to obtain justice as intended because established Dalit desk in police office are unable to discharge the service due to low incapability on understanding the issue along with carelessness to the domination of Dalit community.

Chairperson of Jagran Media Center and member of the Constituent Assembly, Kamala Biswakarma, said that it is a crime to settle incidents of caste- based discrimination through settlement. Bishwakarma also include that the role of both Dalits and non-Dalit will be effective in eliminating all kinds of caste discrimination.

Manohar Biswokarma, central president of Oppressed Caste Mukti samaj, said that there is a lot of movement for rights, it is a challenge for the state to institutionalize it and constitution has accepted the provision of proportional inclusion in each spheres of state but people have initiated to interpret on their own way rather spirit of constitution.

Deepak Soni, Secretary of Nepal Dalit Association, condemned for stating the Dalit Commission as other commissions beyond constitutional commission.

According to Deepak Thapa of the National Human Rights Commission, we need to improve our thinking and behavior in order to end caste based discrimination and untouchability.

Late speakers stressed the importance of eliminating all forms of caste based discrimination.

The event was chaired by Kamala Bishwakarma and facilitated Sushil Darnal and began with a welcome speech by organization's executive director, Bhim Bishwokarma of Jagaran media center.