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An organized advocacy and strong pressure are essential against caste-based discrimination and injustice, experts said at a function organized to mark the 57th international day against racial discrimination.

Various speakers at the function organized by Jagaran Media Center to mark the international day raised such a voice.

Experts on various fields have said all the sections of the society must unite and collectively advocate against the caste-based discriminations rampant in our society and create pressure for the action against the culprits and ensure justice to the victims to minimize such incidents.

During the function journalist, Laxman Darnal presenting a yearly analysis of his study of periodicals said women were affected mostly compared to males and the most incidents of caste-based discriminations were reported at the Madhesh Province.

He said most of the cases of caste-based discrimination remain unreported, even if they are revealed they don’t reach up to the legal process and on most of the perpetrators of the case were left without punishment.

Addressing the function chairperson of the Nepal Disabled Women Association (NDWA) Tika Dahal said even within the disabled people Dalit women are those who suffer the most.

She said there is a need to create extreme pressure on the concerned authorities in a unified manner to end caste-based discrimination.

Dalit rights activist and central committee member of Baigyanik Samajbadi Communist Party Dhan Kumari Sunar said the rights of Dalits could not be established just because the political parties were not serious.

She complained that the representations of the Dalit community were very low everywhere.

Another speaker Dipak Soni of Nepal Dalit Association said everyone must work in coordination with the feeling of responsibility to ensure that all the issues of the Dalits are implemented properly.

Similarly, a member of the Bagmati Provincial Assembly Maina Achhami said there is a need to organize awareness programs on legal issues at various rural areas of the country as caste-based discrimination is still rampant throughout the nation.

Speaking at the same function a member of the Constituent Assembly Prabha Bajracharya said Dalit-focused programs should be launched at the places where the incidents of caste-based discrimination are recorded more.

Other members of the Constituent Assembly Pramila Rana and Sindhu Jalesa also said the united effort was necessary from all the sections of the society to end the caste-based discrimination in the society.

Chairperson of Jagaran Media Center and member of Constituent Assembly Kamala Bishwokarma said not only the Dalit community but all those who have been suffering from it should unite to fight against caste-based discrimination.

 “Since the organization is power and an organized voice would help us get justice, I would urge all those suffering groups to work hand in hand to fight against the injustice,” Bishwokarma said.