

U.N. Set To Treat Caste As Human Rights Violation

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NEW DELHI, INDIA, September 28, 2009: The ongoing session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva looks set to recognize caste-based discrimination as a human rights violation. This, despite India's opposition and following Nepal's breaking ranks on the culturally sensitive issue.

Nepal has emerged as the first country from South Asia — the region where untouchability has been traditionally practiced — to declare support for the draft principles and guidelines published by UNHRC four months ago for “effective elimination of discrimination based on work and descent” — the UN terminology for caste inequities.

Sweden, in its capacity as the president of the European Union, said, “caste-based discrimination and other forms of discrimination based on work and descent is an important priority for EU.” If this issue continues to gather momentum, UNHRC may in a future session adopt the draft principles and guidelines and, to impart greater legal force, send them for adoption to the UN General Assembly.

The draft principles specifically cited caste as one of the grounds on which more than 200 million people in the world suffer discrimination.

Prominent Hindu leaders to gather for Hinduism Summit in New Jersey, USA

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NEW JERSEY, USA, October 4, 2009: The first-ever Hinduism Summit (Hindu Dharma Sabha) in the NJ-NY-PA tristate area will be held by the Forum for Hindu Awakening and the Hindu Janajagruti Samiti (HJS), with support from Hindu and spiritual organizations. The Hinduism Summit will be held on October 24 at the Marathi Vishwa Community Center.

The Hinduism Summit aims to bring together Hindu leaders across the NJ-NY-PA tristate area to foster education about Hinduism. This Hindu Dharma Sabha follows the success of a recent similar Dharma Sabha in Virginia held by the Forum for Hindu Awakening, and over 100 such Dharma Sabhas held all over India by the Hindu Janajagruti Samiti.

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