



## National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights

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National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights has organized a conference on March 18, 2009 at ISI (Indian Social Institute) in which all the Dalit organizations and Dalit activists has participated and released the **Dalit Manifesto** for upcoming Lok sabha election.

Programme started at 2 P.M. and the Guests were **D. Raja**, Member of Parliament, **Annie Raja**, **Sita Ram Yechury**, Member of Parliament, **R.K. Nayak** MP Congress and **Udit Raj**.

**Sita Ram Yechury** said, "Right to Life, guaranteed by Article 21 of the constitution to every person, has not been made a reality for the Dalits, even in the most elementary sense of the term, solemnly undertakes and promises to take the following measures in order to make this right a reality for them".

The Charter of Demands calls for justice, security, and empowerment of the Dalits. To empower the Dalits eliminate the inhuman practice of manual scavenging on an urgent footing through effective rehabilitation, alternate and substantial employment measures and development programmes and prosecutes violators of the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993, especially the gross violators Railways, Defense and Urban Local bodies.

Implement effectively in letter and spirit the SC and ST (POA) Act 1989 and Rules 1995, especially with regard to SC women and accordingly prosecute the dominant caste leaders and their minions who stoke the fire of caste clashes and police officials acting in connivance with them.

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