
Report: National webinar on the "Relevance of Caste Today in India" organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

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This is to inform you all that the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Integral University hosted a national webinar on the "Relevance of Caste Today in India" on May 17th, 2024. The event was convened by Prof. Zeba Aqil and aimed to explore the contemporary significance and impact of caste in Indian society.

The keynote speakers included Prof. S.K. Chaudhary from the University of Lucknow and Prof. Bikram K. Mishra from Cuttack, Orissa. Prof. Chaudhary delved into the historical roots of the caste system, shedding light on its persistent influence and the ongoing challenges in eradicating caste-based inequalities. He emphasized that despite various efforts, caste continues to play a significant role in the socio-economic fabric of India.

Prof. Mishra focused on the intersectionality of caste with gender, economic status, and regional disparities. He highlighted how these overlapping identities compound the complexities of caste dynamics, making it a multifaceted issue that varies across different contexts and regions. His discussion underscored the necessity of understanding caste not in isolation but as intertwined with other social hierarchies.

Following the keynote addresses, a panel discussion took place featuring the keynote speakers along with co-convenors Dr. Archana Pande, Dr. Vandana Mishra, Dr. Jawed Akhtar, and Dr. Faizan Haque. The panelists explored various themes, including the role of education in dismantling caste barriers, the impact of technology on caste relations, and the implications of caste-based reservations. They collectively highlighted the importance of creating awareness and fostering inclusive policies to address caste disparities.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, allowing participants to engage with the speakers and delve deeper into the issues discussed. The interaction emphasized the need for continuous dialogue and action towards a more equitable society.

Overall, the event was a success, providing a platform for critical discussions on the relevance of caste in contemporary India and encouraging participants to reflect on and contribute to the pursuit of social justice.



Regards

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