

Celebration of International Human Rights Day, 2024 by Tripura Human Rights Commission

On December 10, 2024, the Tripura Human Rights Commission organized a programme to commemorate International Human Rights Day. The event was held at Rabindra Bhawan, and students from the political science departments of various colleges across the state, including me, my classmate, and our teacher Madam Sarmishta Rakshit, were invited to participate. The event began at 2 PM, with Tripura's Chief Minister, Manik Saha, as the chief guest.



The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the diya, symbolizing the beginning of an enlightening discussion. This was followed by a cultural performance that included a traditional song rendered in both Bangla and Kokborok, representing the cultural diversity and inclusivity of the state. The atmosphere was vibrant, with a strong sense of unity and purpose among all participants.

The seminar featured a series of insightful speeches delivered by esteemed guests and dignitaries. The discussions revolved around various aspects of human rights, including the historical significance of International Human Rights Day. The speakers elaborated on its origins, tracing back to the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. They emphasized how this landmark document laid the foundation for recognizing and safeguarding the dignity, freedom, and equality of every individual.

The speakers also shed light on the past struggles and movements that paved the way for the acknowledgment of fundamental human rights. They addressed contemporary issues, highlighting ongoing human rights challenges globally and locally. Topics such as discrimination, inequality, and the violation of basic freedoms were discussed in detail, along with potential solutions to address these issues effectively.

One of the key points of discussion was the role of Human Rights Commissions, including their formation, structure, and functioning. The speakers elaborated on the role of such commissions in addressing grievances, conducting investigations, and promoting awareness about human rights. They also stressed the importance of collaboration between governments, civil society, and individuals to ensure the effective implementation of human rights principles.

The seminar emphasized the relevance of human rights in today's world, particularly in the context of globalization, technological advancements, and growing socio-political challenges. The need to safeguard freedom of expression, the right to education, equality before the law, and other fundamental rights was reiterated. Furthermore, the speakers highlighted the responsibility of individuals and organizations to work collectively toward a more just and equitable society.

Overall, the seminar was a rich learning experience, providing valuable insights into the significance and scope of human rights. It not only deepened our understanding of the subject but also inspired us to reflect on our role in promoting and protecting these rights in our communities. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and left us with a renewed commitment to uphold the principles of human dignity, justice, and equality.

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