

**Report on “Awareness programme cum seminar on Civil Rights Act 1955 and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989” organized by Equal Opportunity Cell Ambedkar College in collaboration with the Directorates of Tribal Welfare Dept. Govt. of Tripura.**

In pursuance to the Memo No.F-1(274)TW/Spl.Cell/2020-21/13994-14025 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare Department , Govt. of Tripura

The Equal Opportunity Cell of Ambedkar college has organized the awareness programme cum seminar on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the Auditorium Hall of the college. The Programme was inaugurated by Sri Bhangavan Ch. Das, Hon’ble Minister for SC Welfare, ARDD and Labour Dept. Govt. of Tripura and it was well attended by students and faculties numbering about 220 belonging mostly from the Scheduled caste and the Schedules tribe categories. The resource persons invited for sensitizing the students were Mr.Md. Kamal.M.Massadar, Legal Aide Advicer, Kailasahar Bar Association, Mr. Kamal Debbarma, Sub-Divisional Officer of Police, Kumarghat, Mr Sanjoy Das, Assistant Professor, Ambedkar College and Mrs Jacinta Z.Darlong Assistant Professor, Ambedkar College. The resource persons have elaborately discussed and enlightened the students of the various Acts and clauses of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989 and on Civil Rights Act,1955. The students were sensitized about the Act that prevents atrocities committed against persons who belonged to the Scheduled caste and the Schedules tribe categories. They were also informed that according to the Acts, there is no provision for anticipatory bail for the accused. Moreover, it gives the investigating Officer the right to arrest the accused without getting prior approval from senior police officials. The students were also informed about the protection of Civil Rights Act,1955. The Act makes the practice of untouchability a punishable offense. The Act also prescribes penalties for the enforcement of any disability that arises out of untouchability. Hon’ble Minister in his speech encouraged the students to be more aware and inquisitive about the provisions of the law and about their rights envisaged in the constitutions and in various laws of the country. Hon’ble Principal, Ambedkar College, Dr.Subrata Sharma in his Presidential address extended his gratitude to the Inaugurator and the resource persons for enriching the students with their valuable deliberations and advised the students to be aware of their rights which will help them confront the challenges in their lives. The awareness programme cum seminar concluded by singing the National Anthem.





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