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NHRC urges to end all Forms of Discrimination

LALITPUR: Chairperson Justice Anup Raj Sharma has said that the discriminatory practice on the basis of caste and profession has discarded people's right to live with dignity and such practice should be eliminated as soon as possible.

Sharma made this statement responding to a delegation from the Nepal Khadgi Service Society.

The Nepal Khadgi Service Society, an umbrella organization of the Khadgi community presented the memorandum before the newly appointed NHRC officials about the discriminations allegedly faced by them.

At the backdrop of the caste based discrimination endured by the Khadgi community, Chairperson Sharma said that a person should be allowed to change their surname and for this there needs to be a legal provision.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Prakash Osti, lamenting over the plight the community of Nepal Khadgi Service Society, said that the identity crisis leading to the problem of caste discrimination is well understood.

A person should have the right to live with dignity without being discriminated. If an attempt is made to discriminate an individual on the basis of caste or profession, it is a downright violation of human rights, he added.

Commissioner Mohna Ansari said "The government should create an environment where no one is discriminated against for his/her profession or caste. A special program should be launched to curb such social problems as soon as possible."

Also speaking on the occasion, Manoj Newa Khadgi, chair of the Nepal Khadgi Service Society said that with the widespread discriminatory behavior endured by the community, they have been facing adverse psychological impact. He also slammed the vernacular dictionary for defining the word that insults the community and asked to amend it as soon as possible.

They objected to the interpretation of Persian word 'Kasai' the slaughterer meaning Khadgi. They unanimously wanted such despising definition from dictionary to be rewritten with necessary corrections. They also demanded changing their surname in their citizenships as per their choice which has not yet been addressed until today.

They also appealed to the NHRC Officials to issue the directives to the concerned government bodies to evolve the necessary solution of the problem faced by the Khadgi community.

Meanwhile, the NHRC Commissioner Sudip Pathak and Govinda Sharma Paudyal have launched the monitoring on the Kaski based prison and detention centers.

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