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SIDE EVENT TO THE 13TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

State of Human Rights in India

Panel Discussion and Release of New Report

Monday, 21 May 2012 | 12h00 to 13h00
Room XXV (25), Palais des Nations, Geneva



This panel will present some of the major human rights challenges faced by people and communities in India. Panelists will cover critical human rights themes, outline obstacles to the implementation of existing laws and policies and propose constructive recommendations to improve the adverse situation on the ground.

During the event, a new comprehensive report on the state of human rights in India, specifically prepared as a reference document for India's second UPR, will be launched. All the panelists are human rights scholars/activists from India.

CHAIR Mr. Miloon Kothari | Convenor, Working Group on Human Rights in India and the UN (WGHR)
Former Special Rapporteur on adequate housing, UN Human Rights Council

PANELISTS

Torture, Enforced Disappearances and the Armed Forces Special Powers Act | Religious Minorities

Ms. Vrinda Grover | Lawyer

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Mr. Miloon Kothari | Convenor, WGHR

Privatisation of Land, Human Rights Violations and Human Rights Defenders

Mr. Prafulla Samantra | President, *Lokashakti Abhijan* (People's Empowerment Movement)

Women, Children and LGBTIs

Ms. Madhu Mehra | Director, Partners for Law in Development

Caste-based Discrimination

Ms. Asha Kowtal, General Secretary, All India *Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch* (Dalit Women's Rights Forum)

Refreshments will be provided. For further information, please contact:

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