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on

The State of Manual Scavenging in India

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Abstract

The talk will focus on the inhuman and caste-ordained practices of manual scavenging, which involves manual handling of human waste. Due to the pressures from various Dalit civil society organisations, the state has been forced to introduce the Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013. While the said act was meant to end the practices of manual scavenging and rehabilitate those engaged in these occupations, the death of manual scavengers, especially the ones who clean the sewers and septic tanks, continues to be the norm. This talk will examine the challenges around the interpretations of legislation and the budgetary provisions, which play a significant role in the implementation of any proposed policy.

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