

Department of Social Work

**Seminar on “Human Rights and Civilian Agitations in the Context of
Indian Democracy”**

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Date of Event: 30th August 2024

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The Department of Social Work at NIMIT will be organizing a seminar on “Human Rights and Civilian Agitations in the Context of Indian Democracy” on 30th August 2024. The resource person for the session is Mr. Aakar Patel, An eminent Indian Journalist, Activist, and Author. The seminar will offer a valuable platform for all students to explore the relevance of Human Rights and Civic Engagement in Contemporary India.

Faculty members and students are requested to attend and actively participate in the seminar. Your presence and involvement will enrich the session and contribute to its success.



Fr. Dr. Paulachan K.J.

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REPORT

The Department of Social Work, in association with the Naipunnnya Centre for Research, organized a seminar titled "Human Rights and Civilian Agitations in the Context of Indian Democracy" on 30th August 2024 at the Seminar Hall, Main Block. The seminar aimed to deepen students' understanding of the importance of human rights and the role of civilian movements in safeguarding democratic values in India.

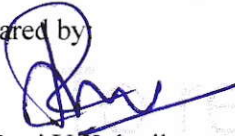
The session commenced with a prayer by Ms. Anu Biju (First Year MSW Student), followed by a welcome address delivered by Ms. Reni V. Kalayil (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work). The Presidential Address was given by Rev. Fr. Dr. Paulachan K.J, Executive Director and Principal of NIMIT. The Resource Person, Mr. Aakar Patel, a renowned Indian journalist, activist, and author, was introduced by Rev. Fr. Arun George.

Mr. Aakar Patel led an enlightening session highlighting the relevance of human rights in modern Indian society, challenges faced by activists, and the impact of civilian agitations in protecting democratic institutions. His speech was thought-provoking, focusing on freedom of expression, constitutional rights, and civil society participation.

The interactive session moderated by Rev. Fr. Dr. Antony Jose Kallookkaran, Director of Naipunnnya Centre for Research, gave students a platform to ask questions and reflect on current human rights issues. A memento was presented to the resource person by Rev. Fr. Tony Manickathan, Assistant Executive Director of NIMIT, and the session concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Ancy Joy (First Year MSW Student), followed by the National Anthem.

The program successfully achieved its objectives, offering a rich academic and reflective experience for all participants.

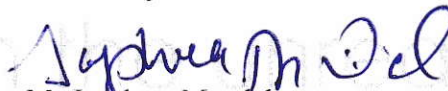
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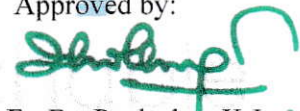
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RESOURCE PERSON:

AAKAR PATEL

TOPIC:

**“ HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVILIAN
AGITATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF
INDIAN DEMOCRACY ”**

30 AUGUST
FRIDAY
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TIME : 11:00 - 12:30
VENUE : MAIN BLOCK
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Venue: Main Block Seminar Hall

Date: 30th August 2024

Time: 11.00 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Prayer	: Ms. Anu Biju (First year MSW student)
Welcome Speech	: Ms. Reni.V. Kalayil (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work)
Presidential Address	: Rev. Fr. Dr. Paulachan K.J (Executive Director and Principal of NIMIT)
Introduction of Resource Person	: Rev. Fr. Arun George (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work)
Session of Resource Person	: Mr. Aakar Patel (Indian Journalist, Activist and Author)
Interactive Session	: Moderator Rev. Fr. Dr. Antony Jose Kallookkaran (Director, Naipunnya Centre for Research)
Presentation of Memento to the Resource Person	: Rev. Fr. Tony Manickathan (Assistant Executive Director, NIMIT)
Vote of Thanks	: Ms. Ancy Joy (First Year MSW Student)
National Anthem	



RESOURCE PERSON'S PROFILE



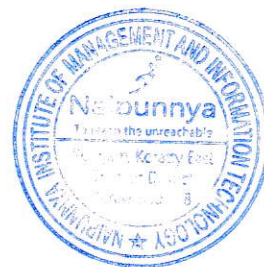
Name: Mr. Aakar Patel

Designation: Indian Journalist, Human Rights Activist, and Author
Former Executive Director of Amnesty International India

Profile

Mr. Aakar Patel is a prominent Indian journalist, columnist, and human rights advocate known for his strong voice on issues related to democracy, civil liberties, and constitutional rights in India. He had served as the Executive Director of Amnesty International India, where he actively worked on campaigns defending freedom of speech and protecting human rights defenders. As a columnist, his works have appeared in major publications like Mint, The Hindu, Deccan Chronicle, and Hindustan Times. He is also the author of books such as "Price of the Modi Years" and "Our Hindu Rashtra", which critically examine political and social changes in contemporary India. Mr. Patel is a frequent speaker at academic forums and public platforms where he engages audiences in discussions about human rights, justice, and democratic accountability.

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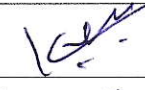
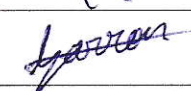
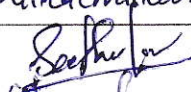
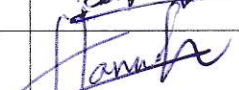
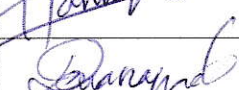
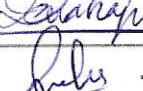
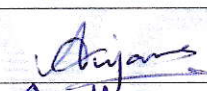
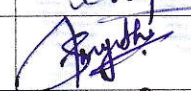
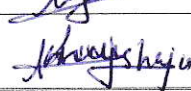
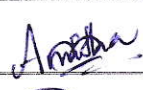
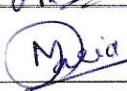
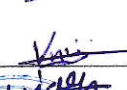
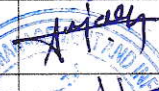
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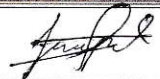
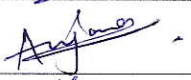
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