

Humanrights monitoring by WOREC during the people's democratic movement

The country has witnessed one of the roughest and stormiest phases in its history. King Gyanendra assumed direct power on 1st February 2005 establishing an autocratic regime. The State of Emergency (SoE), declared at the time of his take over was ostensibly revoked on 29th April 2005. The continuing infringement of the fundamental constitutional rights of the citizens of Nepal has led to the degradation of democratic rights within the country. The policy of constitutional monarchy and multiparty democracy in Nepal was crushed.

The human rights record of Nepal has become increasingly dismal. Nepal now ranks as one of the worst human rights situations in the world. Further, the situation of human rights is worse because so far the priority has been on more important issues of state security.

The janaandolan, which has grown into nationwide dimension geographically and demographically within a few days, has headed towards replacing reformist demands by revolutionary ones. The nineteen days of protest programs against the tyrannical regime was getting solidified day by day with the massive participation of citizens of Nepal from all levels. The capital witnessed what arguably is the demonstration by largest number of peoples. Thousand of protestors were injured when security personnel opened fire, rained batons on them and fired tear gas shells countrywide. The peaceful people's movement has won half of its battle by reviving the parliament. This yet is to be transformed into a more revolutionary demand of a democratic republic.

The team of WOREC was efficiently engaged in humanrights monitoring on the spot, the then protest areas where the massive human rights violation over held. In presence of human rights monitoring organizations, WOREC being a part of it, abuses and inhumane treatment, by the security personnel was unmasked by which protesters felt secured to raise voice for the change. The nineteen days of people's movement resulted King's declaration of resuming people's sovereignty.

Women's movement still need to be continued for the participatory approach in the forthcoming constituent assembly.