



Human rights prize of the city of Weimar for the year 2010 goes to Lenin Raghuvanshi

Dr. Lenin Raghuvanshi has been working for the rights and interests of the Dalits for the past 15 years, primarily in the North Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. As the founder of the “People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights” (PVCHR), he has striven to maintain and enforce the fundamental rights of vulnerable groups such as children, women, Dalits and indigenous minorities. He has also been involved in the documentation of information on many kinds of human rights violations such as starvation, police torture, child labor, etc.

He has been a partner of People's Watch in the EU - FNSt funded “National Project on Preventing Torture in India” during 2006 - 2008 and is currently People's Watch's partner in the UNDP funded “Promoting Access to Justice through the Legal Services Authority” Program.

Because of his commitment to human rights his family, associates and he continue to face hostility (including death threats) from adversaries.

The award will be made on December 10, proclaimed by the United Nations as the International Human Rights Day.