

People's Union For Civil Liberties – Bangalore

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~~~~~ **Release of the Preliminary Report on the Savanur Protests by Justice Rajinder Sachar**

On the 20th of July 2010 Bhangi families engaged in manual scavenging poured human excrement on themselves as a mark of protest. They were protesting against the disconnection of their water supply and their impending eviction from their homes in Savanur town. The incident was a reminder of the ugly reality of manual scavenging in Karnataka and the persistent discrimination they face under the caste system.

The report deals with the circumstances that led to the protests and clearly points to the violation of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) act of 1989 by government officials.

The report gives specific recommendations to the State Government, Agencies of the State Government, the SC/ST commission and the civil society.

When

10:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Thursday 9th September 2010

Where

Xavier Hall, St Joseph's College,
36 Lalbagh Road, Shantinagar, Bangalore 27

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**Manjunath Babu Bhangi and Lakshamma Bhangi**  
leaders of the Bhangi community will share their experiences

**Rajinder Sachar** will release the Preliminary Report  
This will be followed by an audio-visual presentation

Justice Sachar is a former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court. He was also a member of United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. He headed the Sachar Committee which reported on the social, economic and educational Status of Muslims in India. He is an active member of PUCL.