# Pro-Dalit Politics towards Inclusive Democracy in Nepal

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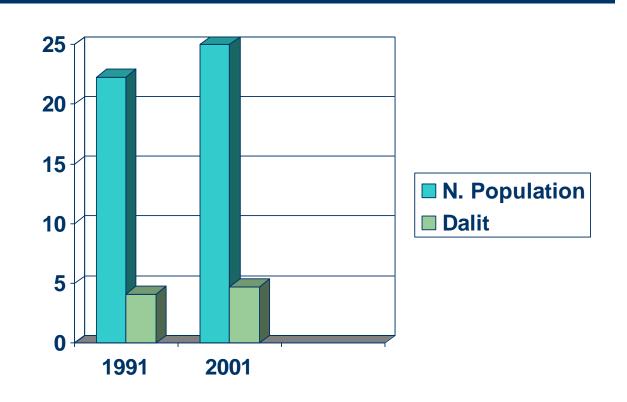


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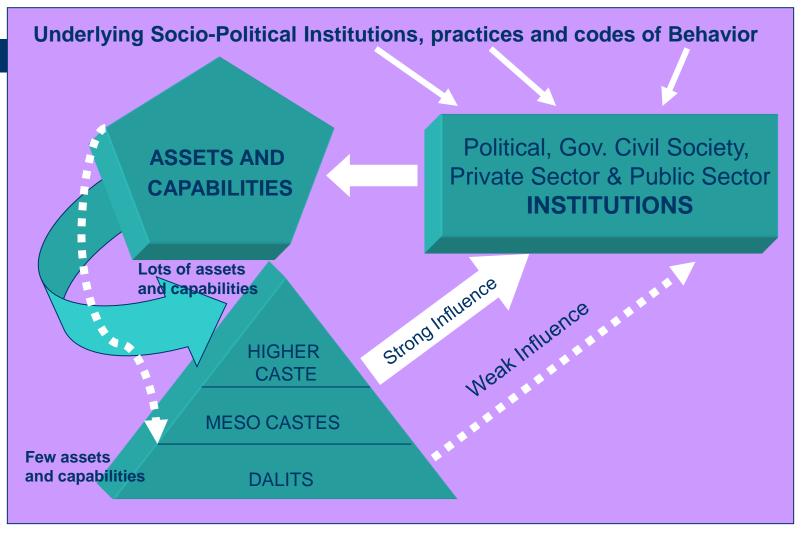
# **Dalit population**



#### **General Status**

Indicators	Dalit	National ratio	Remark
Life expectancy ratio*	48%	59.7%	
Adult literacy ratio*	32%	53.7%	
Citizenship due	53%	10M	Out of 10 m. approximately
Per capita income (US\$)	\$ 40.00	\$ 210.00	
Landless Dalit	80%	28%	Out of national ratio

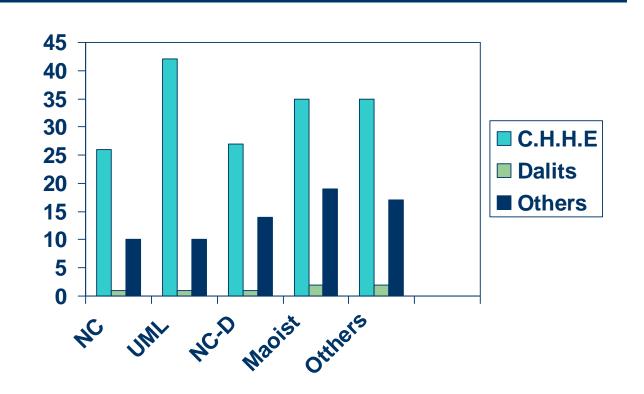
# Nepal today: Socio-Political status



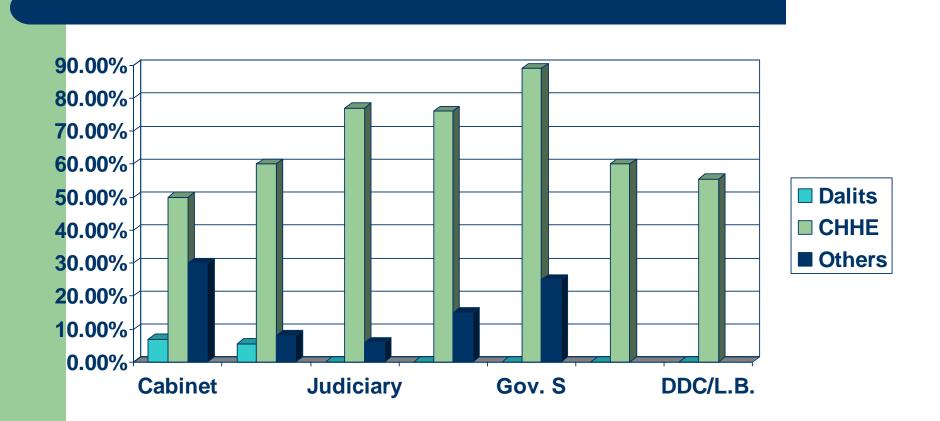
### **Areas of Social-Political Exclusion**

- A Dalit has been facing 205 kinds of discrimination in their daily life.
- Triple discrimination- Dalit women
- New practices of untouchability or castebased discriminations.
- Socio-cultural Inequality
- Civil and political exclusion
- Labour, skills, market and economic exploitation.

# Dalit Participation in the political process through Political parties



# **Existing National Index of Governance**,1990-2007

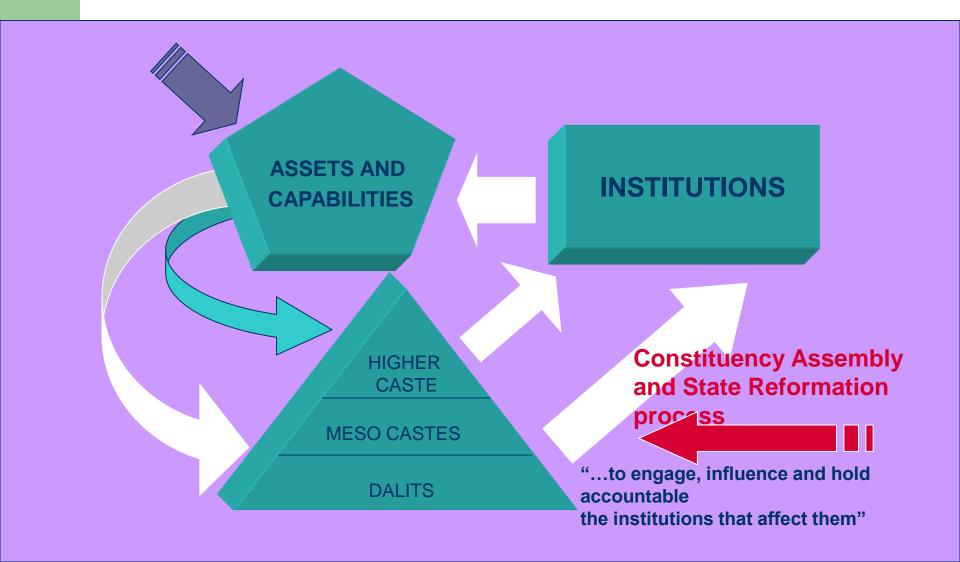


# **Dalit Agendas for Inclusive Democracy**

- Proportionate Participation in Central to Federal state's mechanisms.
- At least 25% Special Electoral Constituencies for Dalits.
- Mandatory Proportionate membership in the Political parties at all levels.
- Special Census for Dalits before Constituency Assembly.
- Ensure Reservation/Affirmative policies for Dalit in Education,
   Employment, Military, Civil, technical, medical and development programs.
- Powerful Independent Constitutional Dalit National Commission to monitor, measures and direct government agencies to make untouchability free country and society.
- Republican Federal system.
- Declare untouchability as human crime and set up state mechanism to implement it.
- Secularism,

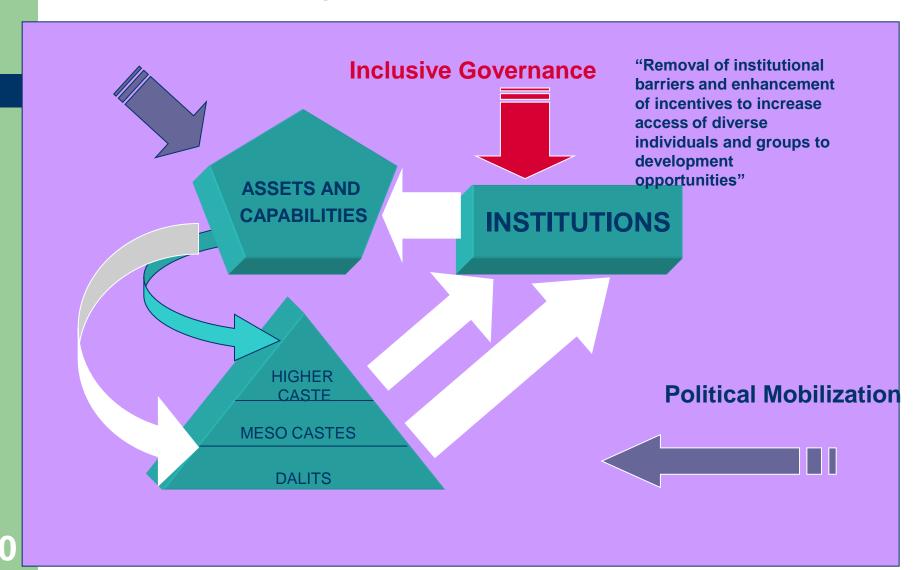
### New Nepal: Republican Federal Governance

## Ensure Equal Access before CA



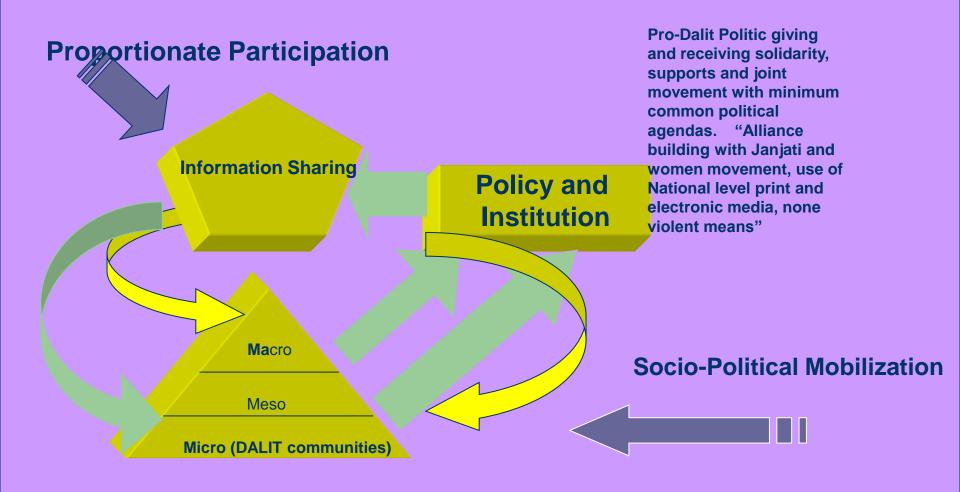
# Inclusive Democracy...

Equally sharing responsibility and resources



### **Pro-Dalit Politics towards Inclusive**

# **Democracy**



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