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**EVALUATION ON DALIT WOMEN IN PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS
THROUGH POLITICAL EXPOSURE AND EMPOWERMENT WITH
SPECIAL FOCUS TO PURULIA DISTRICT, WEST BENGAL**

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ABSTRACT

Dalit women's participation in decision-making as members of local government institutions is still not very successful. They find it challenging to stand up and participate in politics as the people's representatives in the local government process as a result. Not even women enjoy the same independence or autonomy within their families. The current concern is how Dalit women, who have one-third of the seats reserved for them in this local government, would engage in the public spaces made available to them by Panchayat Raj institutions. Women risk losing their individuality and becoming socially backward if they do not speak out for and communicate their difficulties in society. In this article; evaluation on dalit women in panchayati raj institutions through political exposure and empowerment with special focus to Purulia district, West Bengal has been discussed.

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