

Hyderabad based journalist Nikhila Henry's book on Youth Unrest to be featured at ICG Kitaab-Books in discussion series

The International Centre Goa (ICG) is organising a discussion on the book entitled "The Ferment: Youth Unrest in India" by Hyderabad-based journalist Nikhila Henry. This programme will be held at 11.00 am – 12.30 pm on Saturday 13 July 2019 at The International Centre Goa, Dona Paula. The programme will be part of ICG's Kitaab – Books in discussion series. The session will be chaired by Dr Pushkar, Director. Entry to the programme is free and open to general public. Those interested in attending may email their registrations to pro@incentgoa.com

Nikhila Henry is a journalist working for *Huffington Post India* covering news from South Indian states. She had earlier worked for *The Hindu* reporting on education, student politics, civic administration and social welfare. An alumnus of the International Visitor Leadership Programme on Investigative Journalism of the United States' State Department, Nikhila worked as a Principal Correspondent for *The Times of India* in Hyderabad for eight years, covering education, youth agitations, gender struggles and politics. She also compiled and edited Rohith Vemula's online diary, *Caste is Not a Rumour*. *The Ferment* is her first book.

What is it about the present moment in the life of our nation that has stirred so many thousands of young citizens into political action? And what is it about the nature of their protests that is threatening enough for the establishment to brand it 'anti-national'? The wave of youth protests, agitations, and marches that gripped India in the last few years were not, Nikhila Henry argues, sporadic, isolated, or piecemeal. Rather, they were an organized effort against a fractured, unforgiving, and deeply discriminatory society. The participants, despite differences, often found convergence and empathy for each other, and fought larger battles: battles of the Dalit, of the Adivasi, of the Kashmiri, of the Women, of the Muslim. In so doing, it was not simply entrenched discrimination they highlighted. In so doing, they questioned fundamental ideas of public morality and the very essence that makes us a united nation.

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