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# **CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SC/ST STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

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- Before I joined Nalanda as a mentor, I was just another professional designer. Nalanda gave a new perspective to my work and life. No matter how good you were at whatever you did, if you don't give back to your people then you are incomplete. I am thankful to Nalanda team for putting their trust in me. **Siddhesh Gautam** Illustrator and Designer
- Nalanda Academy is a place lively with teaching, nurturing students, especially hailing from rural and marginalized communities, to enter premier educational institutions in India and abroad. It prepares students not merely for competition but also for contribution to the community and society at large. It's been a privilege and honor to play a small part in this meaningful endeavor. **Preethi LNPhD** (Law) Scholar, Lancaster University, United Kingdom