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BINAYAK SEN FILM FESTIVAL

September 13th Saturday,

University of Houston UC Caspian (Rm 87, Underground), 4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, Texas 77004



10:30 AM - a talk by

Dr. Ravi Kuchimanchi & Aravinda Pillalamarri



Aravinda & Ravi will share experiences of working in rural India with the people central to the process of social change for sustainable development, about their work in villages of Andhra Pradesh & Orissa on right to food, right to work, and alternate energy. Includes a 15 minute video "Food Habits" and demonstration of "haybox cooker"

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch (lunch would be provided for attendees)



1:00 – 4:00 PM – Films screening, part of **free Binayak Sen campaign**

Dr. Binayak Sen, social activist and the recipient of the 2008 Jonathan Mann Award for Global Health and Human Rights the world's largest membership alliance of public health organizations and professionals has been unjustly imprisoned by the Chattisgarh (India) government. Twenty-two Nobel laureates appealed for a release from his unlawful detention. The appeal has gone unheeded. This film festival focuses on several social causes that Dr. Sen dedicated his life fighting for.

4:00 – 5:00 PM – Panel discussion session

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Film screening:

Four documentary films about the *other side* of India

Anjaam (The Consequence) By Ajay T. G. (20 min.)

A film on the life, work and arrest of Dr. Binayak Sen. The journey of Dr. Sen as an activist from his college days, to his involvement in the miners' struggles in the Dalli Rajhara mines, formation of Shaheed hospital and the final evolution to a human rights activist, all the while interlinking right to food, right to education, and right to health as basic human rights



Development Flows from the Barrel of the Gun By Biju Toppo and Meghnath (58 min.)

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The Bitter Drink By P. Baburaj & C. Saratchandran (26 min.)

This film captures the spirit of the struggle by a handful of people in Pachimada, Kerala, ultimately growing into a peoples mass movement against one of the biggest corporate giant of modern world. The movement led to a historic judgement by the Kerala High Court that "ground water is a public property and no one has the right to over exploit it."



Tales from the Margins By Kavita Joshi (23 min.)

This film examines the violent political situation in Manipur, India. Pushed to the wall, the women have turned their bodies as their last weapon, specially the naked protests by women against the brutal murder and rape of Manorama Thangjam who was kidnapped by the 17th battalion of Assam Rifles, and was later found dumped on a roadside, or that of the case of a 14 year old student who has never returned to his family after being taken by the army, and that of Sharmila Irom who has been fasting for eight years, demanding the repeal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act of 1958.

