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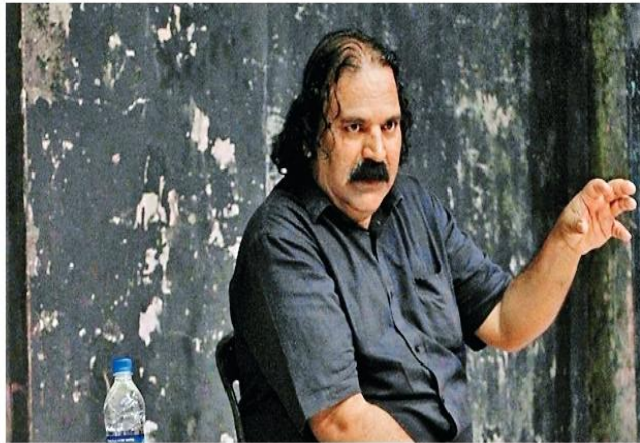
Dalit activist Sambhaji Bhagat to perform at IITGn

He will recite poetry on issues such as student protests & gender inequality

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Ahmedabad: IIT Gandhinagar will host a poetic evening titled ‘Songs of Protest’ on Tuesday. At the event, renowned dalit activist and balladeer Sambhaji Bhagat will recite his poems, wherein the theme is ‘to celebrate student protests against the establishment all over the country’.

Bhagat will cover topics such as democracy, caste discrimination, gender inequality among others, in his performances. “There will be political satires, where the grassroot reality will be explained through a musical performance. The performances will essentially question the fabric of society where prevalence of discrimination in terms of gender,



File photo of Sambhaji Bhagat at an event

caste and religion still exists,” said one of the organisers.

Apart from poetic performances, a few interactive sessions will also be conducted after the performance. Over 100 people from nearby rural areas are expected to attend the programme.

“We thought it would be good for them (people from

rural areas) to relate to these topics especially when coming from someone so established. The students will also be able to interact with villagers and understand their lives and struggles first hand,” said Prateek Khobragade, second-year MA student and one of the main organisers of the event.

Shubham Patil, general sec-

Who is Sambhaji Bhagat?

Sambhaji Bhagat is a renowned Dalit activist and music composer known for placing the spotlight on various issues through his art. One of his well-known works was a music composition for award-winning film ‘Court’, India’s official entry to the Oscars in 2015.

retary, student council, IIT Gandhinagar said, “Through Songs of Protest, IITGn has an opportunity to host a very significant artist of the contemporary times, who has performed across India with this transformative spirit of art. This will be an immersive experience into the world of music as a tool for provoking thought and action, and will also open up a space for artists in campus to explore the potentialities of art.”