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# Poverty has led to social inequality: Meet

**Bangalore, Jan 27:** "Asia and Africa continued to be poor despite making giant strides in Science and Technology, and poverty has led to social inequality." This was stressed at a three-day international symposium on 'Science in Society: A New Social Contract' inaugurated at the National Institute of Advanced Studies here on Wednesday.

The symposium, sponsored by UNESCO, will come out with a 'Bangalore Communique', which will be discussed

at the World Science Conference to be held in Budapest later this year.

Human Resource Minister Murli Manohar Joshi was to inaugurate the symposium, but could not attend since he was deputed to Orissa to investigate attacks on Christians.

In his speech read out in absentia, he said "cultural inequalities and inequities have been created among nations as a result of an exploitative culture. We need a technology with a human face. ENS