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*Sub: Statement against horrible rape and murder of on-duty lady doctor in R G Kar Medical College.
Rise against the brutal assault on the protesters.*

You are likely aware of the tragic incident involving the brutal rape and murder of a junior lady doctor on duty at RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata. This horrific event, coupled with the highly questionable response of the administration, has led to an unprecedented surge of spontaneous mass protests across India.

The "Occupy Night" campaign, initiated by women in West Bengal on 14th August, is a powerful expression of collective grief and anger that has rightly ignited a nationwide movement demanding justice and safety for women. We salute the unity of the people in condemning this barbaric act.

On the same night, after the midnight hour celebrating the country's Independence, organised gangs attacked the peaceful protestors at the R G Kar hospital. They vandalised the hospital infrastructure in an attempt to destroy crucial evidence. Allegedly, the police stood as mute spectators as these events unfolded. In protest, people again took to the streets the following day.

As part of the scientific community, we stand united with the medical fraternity and institutions nationwide in demanding justice and enhanced social safety. We must hold the administration accountable, demanding a swift and impartial investigation and ensuring that the perpetrators face exemplary punishment.

On behalf of the Breakthrough Science Society, we urge our members, supporters, and people from all walks of life to continue participating in the ongoing movement against rape, murder, patriarchy, and atrocities against women during this crucial time. Only our collective resolve can force governments to ensure a healthy democratic society where the safety of all citizens, especially women, is guaranteed.

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