

Press Release

The following statement was released to the press by the Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions today, i.e. on 8th May, 2023

Trade unions extend support to Wrestlers' Agitation Demand arrest of Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh

The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions expresses its whole hearted support to the justified demand of young women Wrestlers for stringent action against Mr Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, BJP MP and the Chairperson of the Wrestlers Federation Of India, who, as per the two FIRs registered against him, harassed them sexually. The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions demands that he be arrested immediately so that the enquiry proceeds without he being able to influence it under undue pressure from him.

These young Wrestlers, who brought laurels to the Nation by winning medals with their hard work, were treated shabbily by creating all inconveniences to them at Dharna Sthal-Jantar Mantar. Worst of it happened when on 3rd May night they were attacked by police just because they were trying to protect themselves from rains and shifting their mats and arranging to get some cots.

The police manhandled a woman journalist Sakshi Joshi, whose clothes were torn in the process. She, on getting the information of police action, had reached the spot for reporting facts from the site.

The voice raised by the Wrestlers is the voice for justice to all our female folk who face harassment and are not only not heard, but are further made to face the torture and wrath of the society when the perpetrator is in a position of power.

We all stand with these young fighters and urge upon our trade unions at all levels to extend support, organise solidarity actions, send their support messages to the protesters.

The voice of sanity would prevail, the victory of these fighters would be victory of common citizens.

The trade unions reiterate their demand that the Govt. immediately arrest Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and the actions on the FIRs be proceeded with as one of the FIR invokes even the POCSO Act.



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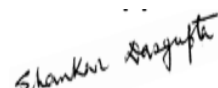
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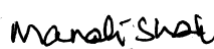
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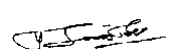
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