



# Democratic Youth Federation of India

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### Press Release

Democratic Youth Federation of India along with other twenty four organizations staged a massive protest demonstration in front of the Delhi Police Head quarter today condemning the heinous gang rape of a young woman in a moving bus in Delhi on Sunday night and demanding speedy action from the police authorities.

The brutal rape and torture occurred Sunday night when the woman and her friend after watching a movie boarded a private bus at Munirka in south Delhi to go to Dwarka in west Delhi. The woman was beaten up and raped by at least six men inside the bus.

This brutal incident which has taken the country by storm once again highlights the sad fact that Delhi has become the rape capital of India. The main demands of the protest march were: 1) Setting up fast track courts in rape and other cases of violence against women. 2) Punishment of police officials guilty of delaying filing FIRs in cases of sexual crimes. 3) Speedy passage of the Bill pending with the government for the Prevention of Sexual Assault in the Workplace. 4) For rehabilitation measures for the rape victims. 5) Effective measures by the central government and state government to curtail increase in crimes against women etc.

DYFI is of the opinion that judicial reforms alone will not be enough to curb sexual crimes against women. Violence against women is more deep-rooted in the social norms and cultural values of societies. In feudal social values, women have a subservient role to men. It has to be understood that social and cultural values that are the superstructure of any outmoded economic system do survive for a few generations, even though the relations of production change with economic and technological advancement. So, there is an urgent need to combat these retrograde and anti-women values that are still dominant in the society.

The DYFI calls upon all the youth and other sections of the society to raise their voice against all sorts of, sexual and other, violence against women and it also urges upon the Central and State Governments to take adequate effective measures ensuring the safety of women and to undertake measures to make police personnel as well as general public more gender sensitive.

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