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AOCN India Condemns R K Kar Medical College Incident

Women are the cornerstone of any society, and any form of violence or atrocity committed against them is utterly unacceptable and must be strongly condemned. The recent horrific events at R G Kar Medical College, where a young doctor was brutally raped and killed at her workplace—a place where she had devoted herself to saving lives—are a stark reminder of the dangers women face even in environments that should have maximum level of security. If a doctor is not protected within the walls of a hospital, it raises serious concerns about the state of our culture, values, morality, and, most crucially, our collective commitment to ensuring safety for all. The subsequent events that unfolded in the early morning hours of Independence Day, where a large number of hooligans launched a violent attack on peacefully protesting residents and paramedics, raise serious questions about the safety of the medical community. This brazen act of violence not only underscores the vulnerabilities faced by those dedicated to serving others but also highlights a disturbing disregard for the principles of justice and safety that should be upheld in any society.

It is with profound sadness and anger that we address the recent incidents of rape that have occurred in our community. These heinous acts are a violation of human dignity and have no place in our society. We stand united in condemning these crimes in the strongest possible terms. The Association of Child Neurology (AOCN) India is deeply saddened and outraged by the tragic incident that took place at R G Kar Medical College on 9th August 2024. The AOCN India stands in unwavering solidarity with the medical community at R G Kar and across India, condemning this heinous act in the strongest possible terms.

As a society, we must take a firm stand against rape and all forms of sexual violence. It is our collective responsibility to create a safe environment for everyone, where respect, dignity, and safety are upheld for all members of our community. We cannot—and will not—tolerate such acts of violence. The AOCN extends its full support to all initiatives by the Indian Medical Association that express our collective anguish and anger against such atrocities. It is imperative that the culprits be brought to justice and punished accordingly. The AOCN calls on the Government of India to urgently develop and implement stringent guidelines to ensure the safety of all doctors, particularly women, and to enact a national law specifically addressing this critical issue.

We call on all members of our community to join us in speaking out against rape and to work together to support the victims. We must also hold accountable those who commit these crimes and demand that our local authorities take all necessary steps to prevent such atrocities from happening again.

This is a time for us to come together, to support one another, and to ensure that our community is a place where everyone feels safe and valued. Together, we can make a difference.

In solidarity and action,
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