

## **ALL INDIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS' ASSOCIATION**

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Respected Sir,

On behalf of the "All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA)", we extend our heartfelt condolences and solidarity in response to the horrific crime at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. The brutal rape and murder of a young postgraduate doctor in chest medicine has shocked and saddened us deeply. Such cruelty is a grave affront to the safety, dignity, and respect that every medical professional deserves.

We stand with the Indian Medical Association in condemning this atrocity and fully support the nationwide 24-hour withdrawal of services by doctors on August 17, 2024. This protest is not only a necessary action but also a powerful statement against the continued violence and insecurity faced by healthcare professionals across the country.

Please know that the AIOTA supports this just cause and the fight for justice, not only for the young doctor whose life was tragically taken but also for the safety and rights of all healthcare providers.

We hope that this protest will draw attention to the urgent need for stronger protective measures and a swift, transparent investigation into this heinous crime. We trust that the nation will rally behind this cause and that such violence will be met with the strongest legal and social condemnation.

Thank you for leading this vital protest and for standing up for the safety and rights of the medical community.

With deepest respect and solidarity,

Best Regards,

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