

Protest against unconstitutional attack on Newsclick portal

We, the undersigned strongly protest the torture and attack on online news portal Newsclick and its founder and editor-in-chief, Praveer Purkayastha.

Artistes of Indian people's Theater Association, West Bengal are protesting against this unconstitutional abomination of those who take away the freedom of expression of journalists. The administration should immediately stop all kinds of unconstitutional activities against Newsclick.

Newsclick is the fearless news portal of the struggle of oppressed society - exploited workers and farmers. The news portal tries to highlight the role of the movement of people of all races fighting for social justice. We think this is an attack on freedom of expression enshrined in the Constitution.

It is an attack on the conscientious role of independent journalism in a democracy. It is an attack on the right to information of the people of this country. That's why as a responsible cultural artist of the society, our protest is also the right of free expression of the constitution.

In the age of corporate-owned media, the space for independent journalism free from corporate influence has shrunk. It is even sadder that the allegations leveled against Newsclick are being investigated in the courts, while a sordid media trial is being conducted. We, the undersigned, strongly protest the targeting of Newsclick and express our solidarity with the struggle to protect our constitutional right to free speech.

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1	Hiranmoy Ghoshal	President	56	Shankar Acharya	Film Director
2	Dibyendu Chattopadhyay	General Secretary	57	Kanai Samant	Actor
3	Suvaprasad nandi Mazumder	Singer	58	Nupur Nag	Singer
4	Kankan Bhattacharya	Singer, Composer	59	Ashok Mukherjee	Folk Singer
5	Suvendu Maity	Singer	60	Ratan Bhattacharya	Reciter
6	Ashim Bandyapadhyay	Singer	61	Dharmadas Ghatak	Actor
7	Piyush Sarkar	Play Writer & Director	62	Shivani Mukherjee	Reciter
8	Manish Ghosh	Film Director	63	Abhijit Mitra	Music Director
9	Gopal Adhikari	Singer	64	Shubojit Banerjee	Actor
10	Jayanta Chakraborty	Drama Writer	65	Ashisatru Chakraborty	Singer
11	Madhuja Ghoshal	Actress	66	Sujatha Bhattacharya	Actress
12	Soma Chand	Singer	67	Rita Chowdhury	Singer
13	Amal Nayak	Singer	68	Amiya Chakraborty	Actor
14	Abhijit Ghosh	Singer Akashbani	69	Poojan Sengupta	Singer
15	Ashis Deb	Dancer	70	Braj Chakraborty	Actor
16	Ashis Chatterjee	Actor	71	Shivtosh Bose	Actor
17	Indrajit Narayan	Painter	72	Gautam Saha	Actor
18	Manish Ghosh	Painter	73	Tapas Dutta	Actor
19	Shyamal Bhattacharya	Editor Gananatya Patrika	74	Shishir Haldar	Folk Artist
20	Samudra Guha	Drama Director	75	Biswajit Das	Actor
21	Shruti Narayan	Singer	76	Sheetal Bauri	Actor
22	Shreeparna Mitra	Singer	77	Tripti Nyoggi	Singer
23	Manudhriti Kritonia	Singer	78	Krishna Bhattacharya	Singer
24	Madhabi Paul	Actress	79	Siddhinath Chatterjee	Actor
25	Pradip Chakraborty	Film Director	80	Anjan Bera	Professor Writer
26	Kakali Deb	Dancer	81	Bapi Dasgupta	Actor
27	Bishwanath Sinha	Actor	82	Sivankar Chakraborty	Play Writer
28	Shibnath Sengupta	Drama Director	83	Ramakrishna Sarkar	Actor
29	Ambarish Roy	Actor	84	Sumant Santra	Actor
30	Subhashis Bose	Drama Professor RU	85	Abhijit Chand	Professor Writer
31	Arindam Chakraborty	Actor	86	Anindya Nandan	Actor
32	Anindya Sarkar	Singer	87	Tapan Hazra	Actor
33	Babu Kar	Director Drama	88	Nirupam Dutta	Actor
34	Shubhajit Dhar	Drama Director-Actor	89	Paritosh Bhattacharya	Actor
35	Shankar Mukherjee Musician	Lok Sangeet Shilpi	90	Amal Guha	Actor
36	Mandira Bhattacharya	Singer	91	Rathin Chakraborty	Musician
37	Sangita Roy Chowdhury	Singer	92	Chaitali Debnath	Singer
38	Rekha Hembram	Lok Shilpi	93	Bhishma Halder	Actor
39	Kunal De	Singer	94	Subir Pal	Actor
40	Santosh Karmakar	Folk Artist researchist	95	Abhay Dasgupta	Musician
41	Rohini Nandan Kadma	Folk Artist	96	Khagendranath Mitra	Actor
42	Mom Chakraborty	Reciter	97	Atanu Mandal	Actor
43	Moushumi Jowardar	Actress, Reciter	98	Devidas Tarafdar	Musician
44	Sudeep Mukherjee	Singer	99	Prasoon Dasgupta	Director
45	Pinaki Majumdar	Actor	100	Kavita Mandal	Singer
46	Shubhankar Chakraborty	EX VC RU	101	Boila Mardi	Folk Artist
47	Bimal Das	Play Writer	102	Radha Gobind Modak	Actor
48	Shyamal Sengupta	Play Writer	103	Apu Majumdar	Actor
49 50	Apoorva Banerjee	Actor	104	Nepal Khan	Folk Artist
50	Dilip Biswas	Singer	105	Sujit Goswami	Actor
51 52	Bhola Mukhopadhyay	Film Actor	106	Kakali Sen	Actor
52 53	Amit Adhikari	Actor	107	Haran Mazumder	Drama Director
53 54	Mita Ghosh Bithika Chakraborty	Singer Singer	108	Supriyo Sarbadhikari	Drama Director
55	Dulal Bera	Composer			
55	Dulai Dora	Composer			

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