

Repression Will Not Hault Our Work— Nazariya Magazine's statement on the brutal detention and custodial torture of 11 activists by Delhi police special cell

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“We should rid our ranks of all impotent thinking. All views that overestimate the strength of the enemy and underestimate the strength of the people are wrong. If everyone makes strenuous efforts, we, together with all the democratic forces of the world, can surely defeat the imperialist plan of enslavement, prevent the outbreak of a third world war, overthrow all reactionary regimes and win lasting peace for mankind.”

— Mao Zedong, *The Present Situation and Our Tasks*

Recently, 11 students and young activists, most of them in their early 20s, were illegally abducted, detained and tortured while in custody by the special cell of the Delhi police of the reactionary Brahmanical Hindutva Fascist Indian state. Four of them, Ehtmam (anti-displacement activist), Baadal (anti-displacement activist), Gaurav (member of Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch) and Rudra (Editor of Nazariya Magazine) were formerly abducted in July 2025 by the same special cell of the Delhi police. The comrades were subjected to inhumane torture, sexual abuse and dehumanisation. All the while these foot soldiers of the Brahmanical Hindutva Fascist Indian state made it strikingly clear that their goal was to criminalise their activism.

The comrades picked up were Shiv Kumar (member of Mazdoor Adhikar Sangathan), Manjeet (President of Mazdoor Adhikar Sangathan), Ilakkiya (member of Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch), Dristy (member of Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch), Kiran (political activist and currently an editor of Nazariya Magazine), Akshay (member of Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch), Aman (friend of Manjeet who was picked up from near his home because he had come to Delhi to help Manjeet's mother file a Habeas Corpus petition for Manjeet), Gaurav, Ehtmam, Lakshita and Rudra.

The officers kept cooking up bogus theories that Rudra knows the whereabouts of former editor of Nazariya Magazine, Vallika Varshri, and that he supposedly "manages the magazine under her guidance and communicates regularly with her on Reddit." They kept beating him and subjecting him to psychological harassment, saying that he will soon be electrocuted and "when you'll be electrocuted, you will confess something, even if it's false, but you'll confess". Officials repeatedly claimed that our independent, openly run Marxist-Leninist-Maoist magazine is a front for CPI (Maoist), threatening Rudra and questioning how we can uphold such an ideology. They also interrogated him for coordinating legal aid for activists arrested during the November 2025 India Gate air pollution protest and for publishing articles on Hidma. This exposes how the state disregards its own constitutional and legal norms while demanding the oppressed and exploited masses to uphold them. This shows how little the rule of law matters to the state except as a means for reproducing the decadent, moribund class rule of the foreign imperialists and Indian comprador bureaucratic capitalists and big feudal landlords.

The timing of reopening the missing persons' case for Vallika Varshri was perfectly planned by the Indian state. Alarmed at the fact that FACAM had given an international call to observe anti-imperialist week from 23rd to 31st March and was going to organise a people's convention against imperialist loot in New Delhi on 31st March on the date of the supposed deadline for ending the maoist movement, the Indian state used the pretext of this case to abduct the activists and threaten them to leave their politics and to stop organising for the anti-imperialist week. We hold that the case is a bogus one and was only filed to crack down on the Revolutionary and people's democratic movements in Delhi. This is proved by the fact that the Special Cell, a supposed counter-terror department, is investigating a missing persons' case! All of this was in fact done at the directions of Vallika's mother, IAS officer Archana Varma.

Comrade Rudra especially was constantly questioned for working in Nazariya Magazine and asked to leave it. He was threatened to halt the work for Nazariya Magazine until at least 31st March. This shows how the Indian State is scared of our magazine as it provides scientific clarity and a sharp Marxist-Leninist-Maoist political line on the burning questions currently facing the movement. Indeed, Nazariya continues to be a thorn in the eyes of the Indian ruling classes and their imperialist masters much like the Iskra was to the Tsars and big capitalists and landlords of

Russia. In times of deep ideological-political-organizational crisis and setback of the New Democratic Revolutionary movement, Nazariya serves as an important means to deepen our ideological clarity and reaffirm our commitment to struggle in the path of the New Democratic Revolution until final victory. The Indian state only further deepens our conviction every time it attempts to crack down on our movement and our organization. Thus, we repeat what we said in our October 2025 statement — we shall continue to publish our magazine no matter what, and we will never cower down in front of state repression.