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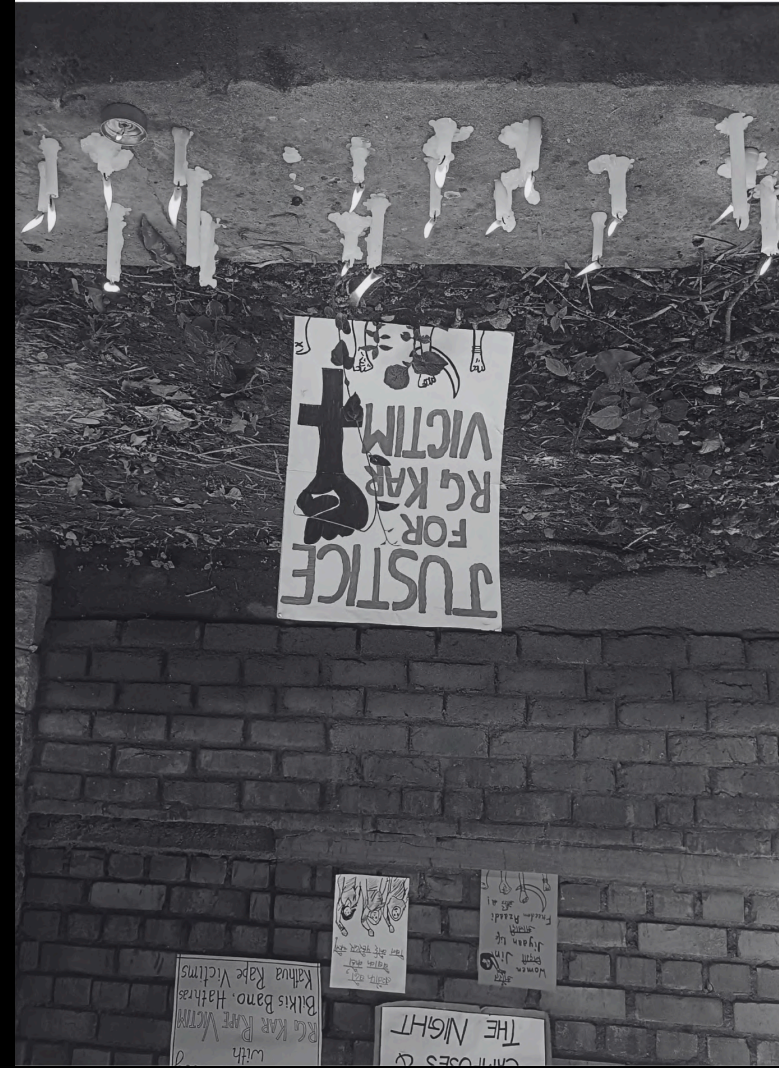
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-WSC SOLIDARITY MEETING, by Mahiya Pande



WSC Peace Vigil

On Wednesday, 21st August, the Women's Studies Centre of the college organised a candlelight vigil and solidarity meeting demanding swift justice for Dr. Mounita of the R. G. Kar Rape Case. Students of a considerable number gathered in the sunny parking lot, despite the humid heat of August. There were a few posters on the bare brick wall, and the floor below had numerous candles sweating away as the ceremony proceeded. Among the students were members of the WSC, holding signs such as 'Empowered Women Empower Women', among the others. The meeting started with a silent observation and lighting of the candles. It was followed by speeches by individuals from the college itself. Ananya Ratun, The General Secretary of WSC, JMC, opened the floor by addressing the gathering in firm statements. "It is our duty to shatter and dismantle the patriarchal elements that our society is based on", she said, concluding her speech with a resolute cry of Inqilab Zindabad. Her speech was followed by speeches from teachers and students. Dr. Maya John of the History Department, asked, "Why is it that young people need to keep coming out like this?", she said, "the students were registering your protest on this culture of impunity as there are larger battles to fight". Finally, the Convener of WSC, JMC, Dr. Sandhya D. Nambiar, gave a quiet, and short, yet impactful address, where she reminded the students that they should be interested in looking at a larger violence which lends its force to the violence we are facing today. "It shouldn't take us graphic violence, to notice violence", she said. The gathering was invited to give speeches of their own, where students came up and shared their own views, after which the session concluded and the gathering was dispersed. The atmosphere was that of solemnity, undercut by the silent rage and frustration of young people slighted at every opportunity the administration has to make things right, to serve justice, to protect, or just enforce basic human rights for that matter. Several left college that day to join a protest organised by Maitreyi College (yet another women's minority college, it is important to mention). Ananya Ratun, Gen Sec, gave us a quote where she listed out a series of instances of violence against women the main cause is that our society is very patriarchal, brahmanical patriarchal, and we have to smash the patriarchal society, we have to smash the Manuvada and dismantle patriarchal structures and notions. She said she was glad to see students join the vigil and that people are genuinely coming up in solidarity of the victim. A few students present told us their own thoughts. "It's great that this vent happened at our college, but I believe having it at a larger University level, would create a larger impact." one said. "I hope it's happening at other colleges which are not women's colleges or medical colleges. I don't think doctors and women are the only victims here", said another. A week later, and there has still been no verdict. This registered as a net another call for human rights by young people, in a hopelessly dystopian world.

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when does it stop?