

**15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019****PUCL Statement**

The PUCL strongly condemns the attack on Indian Army personnel in Pulwama, Kashmir, which led to the killing of about 40 CRPF personnel. The killings happened in the most brutal and dehumanised way, with a RDX filled SUV ramming into the Bus which was part of a convoy carrying the army personnel on the Jammu Srinagar highway. The resulting blast led to the mutilation, maiming and splintering of bodies, causing further disrespect to the dead. We express our condolences to the families of the army personnel who have lost their family members.

At this moment of grief and mourning, PUCL calls upon the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh, the Army Chief, and all other leaders of political parties, as also the, media and others to respond to the situation with sensitivity and calmness and not to, in any way, aggravate the situation by giving calls to revenge, reprisals and retribution.

Even as we cope with what is said to be one of the most deadly attacks on security personnel in Kashmir in the last few decades, PUCL would like to point out that decades of violence in the valley, and especially the spiraling violence in the last three years have not led to any solution; we therefore urge all parties concerned to immediately cease violence as a means of finding a solution and instead initiate and engage in open and meaningful dialogue involving all the different stake holders in order to end State and non-state violence and move forward towards a democratic resolution of the Kashmir conflict.



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