

# **AIDSO on Police atrocity on FTII students**

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*Comrade Ashok Mishra, the General Secretary of AIDSO, made the following press statements on different issues of education and student movement.*

## **Condemning the atrocity of police on the students of FTII in the campus:**

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“The All India Committee of All India Democratic Students’ Organisation (AIDSO) strongly condemns the police atrocity on the students of FTII who were protesting against the entry of Mr. Gajendra Chowhan and his four other colleagues (whose only eligibility is that they are hard-core RSS activists) to its campus. Right from the day one the students are opposing the appointment of Mr. Chowhan (known for playing in a few low-standard Hindi films, beside acting in Mahabharata TV serial) since he has no eligibility to become the Chairman of a prestigious film institute like FTII. Many renowned film personalities also protested and opposed the appointment of Mr. Chowhan, for he had no other credential other than serving the ruling BJP. In spite of prolonged protests and agitations, the BJP-led Central Government remained adamant on its stand and didn’t withdraw its unjust decision. Now to enforce its will, the government has resorted to brutal canning on students who were peacefully agitating at their institute campus. This horrifying incident is a testimony to Modi Government’s scant respect to the voice of opposition and democratic movement. It once again reiterates the fact that to implement its agenda, the central government will resorts to any means, even brutal repression. It also proves that to implement its policies, the Central Government will not hesitate to appoint its stooges and trample upon all democratic norms. AIDSO opines that the most undemocratic appointment of Mr. Gajendra Chowhan will neither help the institute nor the art of film-making in our country. So, AIDSO express its solidarity with the fighting students of FTII and demand immediate resignation of Mr. Gajendra Chowhan and four other members of the FTII Governing Body.”

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