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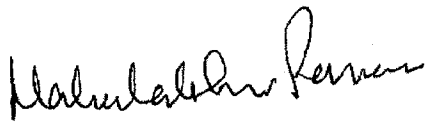

PRESS-RELEASE


SCWLA Demands Immediate and Sweeping Reforms in response to the Heinous Murder of Female Advocate in Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh: Urgent Call for Justice and Systemic Overhaul to Protect the Women Lawyers of this Country

The Supreme Court Women Lawyers Association (SCWLA) expresses intense indignation and condemnation in response to the appalling incident involving a female advocate, whose body was found floating in a canal in Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh after being brutally murdered where her face was mutilated in an attempt to conceal her identity.

This abhorrent act of violence represents a grievous affront to our shared sense of justice and underscores the perilous reality faced by women in all professions, especially those in

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<p>Mahalakshmi Pavani Senior Advocate</p>	<p>crucial evidence for investigating crimes more effectively and apprehending perpetrators, but also offer significant benefits for ensuring women's safety. CCTV cameras can act as a deterrent against potential misconduct, provide real-time monitoring to swiftly address any incidents, and enhance overall security by documenting activities and establishing a visible presence of surveillance.</p>
<p>Vice President Bhakti Pasrija Sethi Advocate Priyanka Mathur Advocate</p>	
<p>General Secretary Prernaa Singh Advocate</p>	<p>The moment for decisive action is now. We call for the adoption of a <u>'Zero-Tolerance Attitude'</u> towards the perpetrators of such egregious crimes against women, guaranteeing that justice is equitably accessible to all women across our nation. The safety of women in our workplaces and beyond is a critical national issue, and we demand immediate, impactful reforms to address this grave injustice.</p>
<p>Assistant Secretary Mansa Singh Advocate</p>	
<p>Treasurer Sudha Pal Advocate</p>	<p>Time has come for the women lawyers of the country to come together and fight for their own safety rights as Enough is Enough Now!!</p>
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