

Rape, death and protests: What lies ahead?

FISME Factor joins millions of fellow Indians in mourning the tragic death of the young brave-heart-the recent rape victim. The incident has shaken the soul of nation and sparked a wave of protests led by youth cutting across geographies, regions, gender, religion and other political and social affiliations.

Is it just a flash mob or indication of larger churn that India is entering? Yogendra Yadav- noted Psephologist, writes: “Urban street protests, first against corruption and now against the violence that targets women, are the beginning of a new kind of politics that has come up to fill a gap in our democratic functioning, that articulates pent-up grievances that have no redress in our system”. Ashis Nandy- one of India’s finest political psychologist and sociologist, warns: “ an anomic, anarchic, free-floating violence.. is looking for targets”.

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