

JFA condemns scribes' murders in central India



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Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) expressed shock [over](#) the murder of two scribes in separate incidents in central [India](#) and urged the authorities to punish the culprits under the law. The forum also appealed to the media fraternity of the country to get united in the process of delivering justice to the victim families with distinctive punishment to each & every single perpetrator.

According to the local media, a journalist of Bihar (Rajdeo [Ranjan](#)) was shot dead by unidentified [gunmen](#) on Friday. Engaged with Hindi newspaper Hindustan, [Ranjan](#), 45, died on the way to hospital after he was targeted by the miscreants near to Siwan railway station in Siwan district.

Earlier another journalist was gunned down by unidentified people on Thursday night at Dewaria locality in Chatra district of Jharkhand. Akhilesh Pratap Singh, 35, who was working for a local news channel faced the [bullets](#) of goons in front of the village [Panchayat](#) office. He also died on way to the hospital.

“We demand stringent actions [against](#) the culprits who dared to target media persons. Bihar [chief](#) minister Nitish Kumar and Jharkhand [chief](#) minister Raghubar [Das](#) must wake up to nab the killers at the earliest,” said a statement issued by [JFA](#) president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria.

[India as](#) a whole lost three scribes to assailants till date this year [as](#) the first incident reported from Uttar Pradesh. Tarun Mishra, 32, who used to work for a Hindi daily (Jan Sandesh Times), was shot dead on 13 February at Gosaiganj locality in Sultanpur district.

The robust media fraternity of the populous country lost five journalists namely Jagendra Singh (UP), Sandeep Kothari (Madhya Pradesh), Raghavendra Dube (Maharashtra), Hemant Yadav (UP) and Mithilesh Pandey (Bihar) to attackers last year.

The [JFA](#) reiterated its old demand for a special protection law for the working journalists across the country and called upon the Union government in [New Delhi](#) to formulate a national action plan [as soon as](#) possible to safeguard the brave-hearts who pursue critical journalism.

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