

12th October 2026

**Statement of Condemnation and Solidarity by Harvard University Alumni,
Students, Faculty & Staff — October 10 Protests**

We, as alumni, students, faculty, and staff of Harvard University, are deeply concerned by the unprecedented siege of Delhi by police and paramilitary forces and arbitrary, illegal, and unconstitutional police actions against peaceful protestors across the country on 10th October 2026. We strongly condemn police brutality, unlawful detention, and violations of constitutional rights of all peaceful protestors.

We stand in solidarity with our fellow alumni, Mr. Shadan Farasat (Harvard Law School, 2009) and Ms. Mehr Pasricha (Harvard Kennedy School, 2025), and all peaceful protestors. Mr. Shadan Farasat, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court, was detained and manhandled by the police while rushing to prevent the illegal detention of a peaceful protestor. If lawyers are prevented from providing legal aid, then the entire system of law and order breaks down. Ms. Mehr Pasricha was not at any protest site but was peacefully eating breakfast in the Laxmi Nagar Market when she was illegally detained and held for 13 hours. She was not given any paperwork or grounds for detention throughout the entire period of her detention.

We stand with all peaceful protestors exercising their constitutional rights and commend those who have supported and assisted people affected by the unlawful detentions and accompanying violence. We call upon the government and all law enforcement authorities to immediately cease and desist from all violations of constitutional rights, respect rights to peaceful protest and access to legal assistance, and ensure that those responsible for abuses are held accountable in accordance with the rule of law.

Signed,

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2. Aashi Agarwal , HKS 2025
3. Aathira Pillai , GSD 2023
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5. Achuth Krishnan Sreedevi, HGSE 2020
6. Adv. Avani Bansal, HLS 2016
7. Amit Singh Chadha, HLS 1986
8. Anandita Ayesha Rangarajan, GSD 2026
9. Anirban Gongopadhyay, HKS 2009
10. Ankita Gupta, HLS 2027
11. Ankita Jain, GSD 2019
12. Ankur Goel, SEAS 2019
13. Anusha Jasubhai, GSD 2030

14. Anushka S, HKS 2019
15. Arshi Aadil, HKS 2025
16. Arundhati Prasad, GSD 2026
17. Ashweetha S, HKS 2025
18. Asmita Patnaik, GSD 2025
19. Astha, HKS 2025
20. Avleen Kaur, HKS 2026
21. Ayush Shukla, HKS 2025
22. Bahuli Sharma, HLS 2020
23. Balakrishnan Madhavan Kutty, HKS 2014
24. Bhavya Jain, GSD 2025
25. Devashree Shah, GSD 2023
26. Dhriti Sonawala, HKS 2026
27. Diya Kapur, HLS 2004
28. Dr Namita Wahi, HLS LLM (2005), SJD (2014)
29. Dr Rohantha Athukorala, HKS 2011
30. Garima Agarwal, HKS 2027
31. Gauri Nagpal, GSD 2023
32. Ghanshyam Tiwari , HKS 2011
33. Himanshu Agarwal, HLS 2023
34. Irum J. Malik , HKS 2025
35. Ishu Gupta, HKS 2024
36. Jagrati Rathi, HKS 2026
37. Jeenal Sawla, GSD 2015
38. Karan Bindra, HES 2021
39. Kartikeya Bhatotia, HKS 2024
40. Kevin James, HLS 2024
41. Kiran Kumbhar, GSAS 2022
42. KV Smitha, HSPH 2025
43. Mitul Iyengar, GSD 2026
44. Mustafa Rasheed, HGSE 2024
45. Najwa Maqbool, HGSE 2022
46. Namrata Saraogi, HKS 2018
47. Nandita Bhan, HSPH 2013
48. Nazia Yusuf Izuddin , HLS 2006
49. Nikhila Gudipati, GSD 2028
50. Nikita Gupta , HGSE 2018
51. Palak Chandak, HGSE 2025
52. Pallvi Hooda, HLS 2024
53. Parth Maniktala, HLS 2023
54. Parthsarathi Jha, HLS 2014
55. Prama Bhandari , Radcliffe 1960
56. Pranav Jain, HBS 2025
57. Pranav Thole, GSD 2023

58. Prateek Chadha, HLS 2012
59. Prateek Pillai, HKS 2026
60. Pratyush Rawal, HKS 2024
61. Preet Singh Khalsa, HBS 2028
62. Preksha, HGSE 2020
63. Priyanka Kar, GSD 2024
64. Prutha Parmar, HKS 2025
65. Raadhika Gupta, HLS 2012
66. Raeesa Bukhary , HGSE 2024
67. Rahul Singh, HBS 2015
68. Ramya Pinnamaneni, HSPH 2018
69. Rishita Sen, GSD 2025
70. Ritul Madhukar, HKS 2026
71. Rohin Bhatt, HMS 2022
72. Ruth Mathen, HKS 2026
73. Sameer Saran, HLS 2005
74. Sanjana D M, HGSE 2025
75. Sanjana Shiroor , GSD 2024
76. Sanno Srivastava, HKS 2025
77. Sapna Saleem, HGSE 2022
78. Shivang Seth, HBS 2028
79. Shreya Jain, HLS 2017
80. Shreyas Verma, HGSE 2022
81. Sneha Shenoï , HLS 2011
82. Snehil Tripathi, GSD 2027
83. Snigdha Shevade, HBS 2019
84. Sonali Vaid, HSPH 2010
85. Srushti Jayaramu, HGSE 2025
86. Sujit Vasanthan, HKS 2028
87. Supriya Ambwani, GSD 2023
88. Tanushri Dalmiya, GSD 2023
89. Tanvi Tuhina , HLS 2023
90. Tanya Aggarwal , HLS 2012
91. Umesh Adhikary, HBS 2023
92. Vaibhav Lodha, HKS 2013
93. Vaishnavi K, GSD 2025
94. Varun Agarwal, HKS 2027
95. Vasudha Sharma, HLS 2017
96. Venkatesh Reddy, HGSE 2020
97. Vinayak Chawla, HLS 2016
98. Vinod Yadav, HKS 2011
99. Vishesh Sharma, HLS 2025
100. Vrinda Sood, HKS 2026