

Dharna Against Forced Displacement in Singur

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The people's resistance to forced acquisition of their lands by the Tatas at Singur has acquired a new urgency with the Tatas performing a 'Bhoomi Puja' even as Section 144 of the Cr.P.C. has been imposed in the area to undermine collective protest there. That section 144 needed to be imposed itself is indicative of the wide opposition to the project. The people's resistance in Singur, along with the 'war-like' situation prevailing in Nandigram, and the bitter opposition to SEZs elsewhere in the country has brought to the forefront, yet again, how 'development' is being rammed down the throats of people it is supposed to benefit.

We are organizing a dharna in front of the office of the Resident Commissioner, West Bengal government, on Monday, 29 January 2007, at 3 pm to:

PROTEST against the forced acquisition of land and suppression of the democratic and constitutional rights of the people of Singur, the complete lack of transparency and lack of consent in the process of land acquisition, the imposition of Section 144, the violence perpetrated on resisters in Singur, the rape and murder of Tapasi Mullick, and the huge tax handouts to Tatas and industry in general; and

DEMAND an immediate stoppage of any further construction of the Tata Motor Plant till lands coercively acquired are returned to the people and issues raised by the protesting people in Singur are resolved.

This call for a dharna is being given by a number of organizations, women's and democratic rights groups, student bodies, unions, and individuals.

Please circulate this email widely, mobilize, contact the Press, bring your songs and music,

and let us together raise our voice against this development process that is actively undermining the livelihoods and lives of sharecroppers, adivasis, agrarian working women, the urban poor, and dalits not only in Singur and Nandigram but in many parts of the country.

Date: 29 January 2007, Monday

Time: 3 pm onwards

Venue: Office of the West Bengal Resident

Commissioner, West Bengal Emporium (near Shivaji Stadium bus depot), Baba Khark Singh Marg, Connaught Place
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New Delhi

Kashipur Solidarity Group, Delhi Solidarity Group, AIFTU, Saheli, Lok Raj Sangathan and others

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