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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Press Council of India takes Suo motu Cognizance on the alleged attack on Journalist Arnab Goswami –Calls for a Report from the Government of Maharashtra**

The Press Council of India is distressed to know about the alleged attack on Mr Arnab Goswami purportedly for his views as journalist. Every citizen in the Country including a journalist has the right to express their opinion which may not be palatable to many but this does not give any body the authority to strangle such voice.

Violence is not the answer even against bad journalism.

The Council condemns this attack and expects from the State Government to apprehend the perpetrators of crime and they be brought to justice immediately.

While taking suo motu cognizance in the matter, Hon'ble Chairman has directed the Government of Maharashtra, through the Chief Secretary and Commissioner of Police, Mumbai to submit a report on the facts of the case at the earliest.

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