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JFA condemns brutal murder of Tripura journalist



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Journalists (/taxonomy/term/2506)' Forum Assam (JFA (/taxonomy/term/2488)) strongly condemns the brutal murder of a young scribe in Tripura (/taxonomy/term/1738) on Wednesday (20 September 2017) and urges Manik Sarkar led Left (/taxonomy/term/1960) government at Agartala to book the culprits under the law.

The initial reports narrate that Shantanu Bhowmik, 29, who was associated with a local news channel faced attacks when he was covering a clash between the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura ([/taxonomy/term/1738](#)) (IPFT) and Communist Party of India ([/taxonomy/term/2367](#)) (Marxist)'s tribal wing Tripura ([/taxonomy/term/1738](#)) Rajaer Upajati Ganamukti Parishad (TRUGP) at Mandai, few kilometer away from Agartala on Wednesday afternoon.

Seriously injured Shantanu was taken to a government hospital, but the attending doctors declared him brought dead. He becomes the seventh Indian victim-journalist this year after the murder of Bengaluru based editor-journalist Gauri Lankesh, 55, on 5 September last.

“Shantanu’s murder reminds the working journalists of northeast India ([/taxonomy/term/2367](#)) about the insecurity they have to face every day on duty hours.

Shockingly the last incident of journo-killing also took place in Tripura ([/taxonomy/term/1738](#)), when three media persons namely Sujit Bhattacharya, Ranjit Chowdhury and Balaram Ghosh were stabbed to death at Agartala in 2013,” said a JFA ([/taxonomy/term/2488](#)) statement.



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