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## **STATEMENT ON NEWSCLICK RAIDS**

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia (FCC) is deeply concerned by the recent series of raids on journalists that took place this morning. Journalism is an essential pillar of any democratic society, and the freedom of the press is a cornerstone of a functioning democracy.

However, the FCC understands that journalists also have a responsibility to understand and observe the rule of law that can coexist with the freedom of Press, both drawing their strength from the Constitution of India.