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**DISHA ARREST**

## Students rally, MLA tweets in support

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A group of students on Sunday evening protested peacefully against the seemingly arbitrary detention and arrest of 21-year-old climate activist Disha Ravi from Soladevanahalli in Bengaluru by the Delhi Police cyber cell, for allegedly being a key co-conspirator in inciting the Republic Day violence in New Delhi during the farmers' protest.

The students went to Jayanagar police station and presented saplings to the police, demanding the release of Disha, who was taken to Delhi and produced before court, which remanded her in five-day police custody.

Meanwhile, Jayanagar MLA Sowmya Reddy (Congress) tweeted, exhorting students to speak up: "Students and activists peacefully protested today at the police station. Students, it's time to speak up at least now! Terrorists are free & activists are in jail? This is the promised #Achhedin, dear youth!"

### Noted senior advocate Rebecca Mammen John tweeted:

"Deeply disappointed by the conduct of the Duty Magistrate, Patlala House court, who remanded a young woman to five days police custody... If the accused was not being represented by

counsel at the time of

the hearing, the

magistrate should

have waited till her

counsel arrived or in

the alternate,

provided her with

legal aid. Were the case

diaries and arrest memo examined?

Did the magistrate ask the special cell

why she was being produced directly

from Bangalore without a transit

remand from Bangalore courts? All

in all, shocking abdication of

judicial duties."