

SouthAsiaCollective.ie Oct 23 Dublin, Ireland Protests | Press Packet

Press Blurb: On Friday, Oct 23, 2026, the Indian diaspora in Ireland protested third week in a row - this time, outside the Indian Embassy in Dublin, in conjunction with protests in Brussels, Barcelona, Toronto and Vancouver as part of an “Embassy Chalo” (Let’s go to the embassy) campaign. While harder to get people to join us on a workday, we felt it was important to take our agitation to the doorstep of the state institution to make the silence of the state representative heard loud and clear in the backdrop of our slogans and statements of solidarity.

Over the course of the hour, speakers took the mic to read their [collective statement](#), unite with slogans of resistance, and unfurl the Tiranga in solidarity with Indian protesters who were or are under detention. They opened the floor to poetry, songs, speeches, stand-up comedy, and calls of “Aazadi” — from vote theft to dictatorship. There was repeated resonance that living in an open democracy affords them both the safety and the moral responsibility to dissent without fear of institutional retaliation. When the Indian state attempts to wall off Jantar Mantar and silence dissent at home, the diaspora ensures that resistance cannot be contained.

The group had originally responded to the nation-wide call for protests at Jantar Mantar on Oct 10, with a solidarity gathering at the GPO where about 20 people showed up. In the week that followed, their online reach through Whatsapp & Instagram accelerated, necessitating a much more intentional approach to structure and organise the community, amplify the voice of India, and create cross-border solidarity with diaspora across the globe. Consequently, the South Asia Collective Ireland was born as a community of progressive diaspora members and allies based in Ireland, standing unequivocally against fascism, casteism, and human rights violations. On Oct 17, they joined forces with the Indian diaspora from Australia in the East to Canada & the US in the west for a Global Day of Solidarity & Action. In Europe alone, they collaborated with several cities in the UK, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Spain, and Czech, under the overarching banner of “Jantar Mantar is Everywhere.”

Visuals: [photos](#), [videos](#), [interviews](#), [Instagram reel](#)

Docs: [Oct 23 Protest Summary](#), [Statement of Solidarity](#)

Individual Statements:

Name	Role	Statement	Interview Video	Protest Photo
Shreya	Organiser	We’ve organised three protests in a row in the last three weeks in Dublin. This time, we decided to knock at the doorstep of the Indian Govt’s extension in Ireland and staged our protest outside the Indian embassy - to make	Clip 1 , Clip 2 , Clip 3	Link

		<p>their silence louder in the backdrop of our chants.</p> <p>I discovered & joined the July educational reform protest through social media, before becoming one of the admins on Whatsapp, and co-organising the Oct 17 protest. With our accelerated growth post Oct 10, I've tried to bring my program management experience into shaping the org structure with distinct pillars and workstreams so we can build a long-term self-sustaining system because this fight is not ending anytime soon.</p> <p>For over a decade, I've fought Hindutva identity politics within my own circles & family. I realise that I don't face the threats to life and freedom that minorities, oppressed castes & vulnerable communities in India do - and so, I take it as my responsibility to amplify their voice. I thank the youth movement in India for uniting the several siloed pressure groups, which has helped influence diaspora members across the globe.</p>		
Suriya	Organiser	<p>We often get questions from both critics and supporters asking, "What is the point of protesting outside India?" To be honest, there have been times when I have wondered that myself.</p> <p>A lot of us who have taken to the streets in Dublin and cities around the world are Indian citizens and voters. Our right to dissent does not magically disappear just because we live in a different country. Broader societal issues like casteism and Hindutva that we see back home are also visible within Indian diaspora communities. We have found that this movement is an effective way to channel our energy and fight these issues. Whatever Modi does on a global scale affects us, even though we do not live in India. By protesting outside the embassy, we show solidarity and support for the people back home. It is the least we can do.</p> <p>We are privileged to be able to voice our dissent outside the embassy, which represents the Indian government. I only wish our friends and family back home could enjoy this fundamental right without facing any repercussions.</p>		Link
Rajesh	Protester	The election commission and the Prime Minister is	Clip 1 , Clip 2	Link

		compromised - and the country is asking for a very basic democratic right to vote. The most motivating reason for me to come out today was today's headline from India today about the Election Commission of UP being held accountable. So we need to bank on this to ask questions to the government and clean the system. India is the mother of democracy but this government has murdered it since 2014.		
Dhruv	Protester	This protest doesn't impact me personally, but it doesn't matter. I've been living in Ireland for a long time and I've made a good life for myself, but that doesn't mean that I don't have compassion for many others who are impacted directly. Hopefully, others will see, and change their mind and raise their voice for change. I'm a pessimist about the outcomes but I don't think we should stop asking for what we want.	Clip 1 , Clip 2	Link