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This Is A Fight To Save India: The Oppn Parties Will Fight Unitedly To End BJP's Dictatorship, Says Hon'ble Chairperson Mamata Banerjee

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- **At the united opposition meeting today in Patna, representatives from 17 political parties met**, which included various Chief Ministers and former Chief Ministers. **It was a fruitful meeting, attended by senior leaders like Sharad Pawar ji and Lalu Prasad Yadav ji.** It was especially nice to see Lalu ji in the political sphere today after a long time
- **We also had representation from other political parties — Rahul Gandhi ji and Mallikarjun Kharge ji from Congress, Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, Hemant Soren from Jharkhand, Dipankar Bhattacharya, Omar Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti, D Raja, Sitaram Yechury, Uddhav Thackeray, and many other leaders**
- I believe any movement that starts from Patna, emerges as a ***Jan Andolan***. Patna has a rich history of past movements, and our meeting today signals the start of an important *andolan*
- In the past, we have had multiple meetings in Delhi, but there were no fruitful results. Hence, I had asked Nitish Kumar ji to hold the meeting here in Patna this time
- **Three things have been resolved at our meeting today. Firstly, we are all united, secondly, we will fight the elections unitedly, and finally, our fight shouldn't be branded as the Opposition's fight, but rather a fight against BJP's dictatorship**
- We, too, are patriotic Indians, and our heart burns when we see Manipur burning. **Our fight is against BJP's atrocities, against their political vendetta**
- Today, **BJP is running alternative government from Raj Bhavans.** They organise State's Foundation Day, without the consent and consultation of the State government. **If we oppose them, ED and CBI are let lose against us**
- **They have a stranglehold over the media** and a battery of lawyers waiting outside courts busy filing cases against Opposition leaders, and letting investigating agencies behind them
- **The government doesn't seem to be concerned about unemployment; they are not bothered about the common people, or the destruction of our economy. Dalit atrocities and violence against women are at an all-time high**
- The central government has halted funds for the states, they aren't releasing money for 100 Days' Work Scheme, for Awas Yojana and Grameen Sadak Yojana
- **This is a fight to save India. Let our blood flow, if the need arises, but we will protect our people. If BJP comes to power once again, we will no longer have elections in the future**
- We are all together, and we will fight unitedly and our next meeting will be in Shimla