



# WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN.

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## Coalition Updates.

- A day- long meeting of the Odisha Social Forum was held on 8th of September, 2023

in Bhubaneswar with the objective to create a platform to foster solidarity, mutual learning,



and the development of shared agendas among civil society organizations, trade unions and social movements. Around 80 representatives from diverse civil society groups in the state, participated in this preliminary meeting and have planned to have a 2-day Odisha Social Forum Convention in the month of November.

- Add your voice to demand that the Azerbaijan government release Gubad Ibadoghlu, a prominent economist and a member of PWYP Azerbaijan coalition, who was violently



detained 50 days ago on fabricated charges. PWYP has [issued a statement](#) to demand his immediate release and call on companies and international institutions with links to Azerbaijan to use their leverage to ensure Gubad is treated humanely and released immediately. We call for solidarity by [signing](#) this statement by the 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

- Early Warning System (EWS) Update: Find the latest project in the EWS Tracker, for India, proposed in September: <https://ewldata.rightsindevelopment.org/projects/2023-genuspowerinf-genus-power-infrastructures-limited/>  
Through this investment, a \$49.5 million loan is being provided by the US Development Finance Corporation to [Genus Power Infrastructures Limited](#) to support the modernisation of India's power grid through manufacturing and deployment of smart meters. If you are interested in the EWS database, please sign up [here](#).
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