



Delegates at the meeting

while discharging its duties. The journalists' organisations like the NUJ (I) have enormous responsibility to preserve the credibility.

National president of NUJ (I) Prajnananda Choudhury said with increasing impact of the media, the responsibility of journalist organisations and also the journalists has increased. He said the NUJ (I) leaders and members have played an important role in protecting credibility of the media. Apart from fighting for the cause of mediapersons, the NUJ (I) has been in favour of healthy journalism.

NUJ (I) secretary general Shri Ras Bihari expressed concern over the growing attacks on mediapersons in different parts of the country. He said the NUJ (I) launched a countrywide agitation against the violent attacks on journalists in Mumbai and Chhattisgarh. He said the Executive Meeting would discuss in detail the enactment of a Journalist Protection Act. He pointed out that the demand has already been



Prajnananda Choudhury

placed before the government though a memorandum presented to President of India Smt Pratibha Patil on June 25. He said the NUJ (I) enjoys good reputation among the media organisations because of its democratic traditions. There are regular elections after every two years in the organisation. He said it is because of the democratic values

that the tradition of joint leadership prevails in the organisation. He said all the decisions are taken jointly and after due consultation with the concerned people.

Welcoming the delegates, president of JUMP Shri Suresh Sharma, said the state unit has been playing a key role in uniting the journalists in the state. He said the NUJ (I) has taken many good and admirable initiatives for the welfare of journalists. He said with the growth of newspapers the number of degree holders in journalism too increased, but the lack of practical experience causes many problems to them when they actually start working in the field. The NUJ (I) has a good number of experienced journalists who are easily available for the newcomers, he said. Vice president of the NUJ (I) Shri Rambhuvan Singh Kushwah also thanked all the delegates.

Prior to it, Prof. Thapak, NUJ (I) president Shri Prajnananda Choudhury, secretary general Shri Ras Bihari, vice president Shri