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KVPS Urges State Action On Escalating Attacks Against Dalits

Calls For Urgent Measures

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USPA NEWS - KVPS calls for urgent measures to combat rising caste-based violence and demands government accountability.

Rising caste attacks and lack of accountability

At a media conference held at the Kula Vyatirekha Porata Samithi (KVPS) state office in Vijayawada today, State General Secretary Andra Malyadri, State Assistant Secretary G Kranti Kumar, and leader Chintala Srinivas highlighted an alarming increase in caste-based discrimination and attacks on Dalits across Andhra Pradesh. Malyadri asserted that preventive measures were noticeably absent, with cases reportedly closed in compromise rather than prosecution to protect the accused. "The state authorities are failing to protect Dalits from rampant caste-based violence," he said.

Reported incidents of caste-based attacks

Several incidents of caste violence were presented by KVPS as evidence of systemic discrimination and lack of accountability:

Kakinada Rural: A Dalit doctor was publicly insulted and attacked; police intervened but failed to register a formal case.

Baireddypalem, Chittoor District: Long-standing cultivators faced violence when requesting eviction of illegal occupants from ancestral land. Police mediated without filing cases.

Kurnool District: In Kallugunta village, a Dalit youth and his family faced ostracism, assault, and public humiliation for marrying outside caste boundaries, but no charges were filed.

East Godavari District: Villagers in Sitanagaram faced attacks after challenging illegal sand mining activities, with no protective action taken by local authorities.

Demands for systemic changes and accountability

KVPS leaders called for the implementation of Justice Punnaiah Commission recommendations and comprehensive oversight on caste-related issues across the state. Key demands include:

Establishment of a SC/ST Rape Prevention Vigilance Monitoring Committee with regular meetings chaired by the Chief Minister, relevant ministers, district collectors, and local tahsildars.

Renewal of study circles with free training programs, particularly in light of the new Mega DSC notification.

An extension of free training programs for all registered candidates and immediate release of Group 1 and Group 2 job notifications.

Adherence to the recent Supreme Court ruling on caste-based discrimination within prisons, emphasizing the need to eliminate caste-based task assignments.

Increase in sub-plan fund allocations to support infrastructure developments for marginalized communities.

Immediate enforcement of reservations in promotions, ensuring compliance with constitutional provisions.

Condemnation of state inaction

In closing remarks, Malyadri criticized the government's inaction, questioning the role of State Home Minister Anita and challenging prior commitments by the Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to end caste-based violence. "Dalit lives and rights must be safeguarded, and the systemic silence on caste crimes must end," he concluded. KVPS reiterated the importance of enforcing existing anti-discrimination policies to address and mitigate ongoing caste atrocities across the state.

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