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ALL INDIA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

PRESS STATEMENT

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Subject: Response to Sri Samik Bhattacharya's Viral Video and Serious Allegations Concerning Christian Institutions and Community.

A viral video has recently come to our attention. While we cannot verify its authenticity at this moment, the remarks recorded in it feature four grave allegations: claims of widespread religious conversions, an accusation that a school principal is involved in conversion activities, an allegation regarding a person wearing a saffron saree coming to a school, and a sweeping insinuation that even though the British have left, Christian missionary school administrators continue to carry a "British mentality."

At a time when religious vigilantes and hooligans are taking the law into their own hands across various districts—vandalizing and launching brutal attacks on peaceful prayer meetings under the false pretext of forced conversions, and desperately trying to build a fabricated narrative—the Christian community is both shocked and deeply angered to hear such an incredible, hate-mongering, and aggressive speech from a usually balanced and sagacious leader like Samik babu.

If these allegations are true, they are highly condemnable, and we stand firmly against such actions. However, making vague, sweeping statements without naming specific individuals—thereby misleading the public and instigating hatred against the state's Christian community and its more than 800

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educational institutions—does not befit a leader of Samik-babu's stature, whom we hold in high regard.

For over two centuries, the Christian community has run hundreds of educational institutions across the country and the state. Many renowned personalities—including several prominent leaders from Samik-babu's own political party—received their education in these institutions and have contributed immensely to the nation and society. We challenge Samik-babu to invite testimonials from them or present public evidence supporting the claim that "Christian schools and colleges carry out religious conversions."

Had missionaries relied on British government patronage for propagation and education, the Christian population percentage in the country would not have remained at 2.3% in the 1951 Census, nor would it have remained 2.3% in the 1911 Census.

We earnestly request Samik-babu to:

Publicly disclose the names of the schools, colleges, and individuals he has accused. Initiate a thorough investigation. If proven true, take strict legal action.

We are tired of appealing to the Hon'ble Chief Minister; therefore, we urge you, at the very least, to arrange for an impartial and transparent inquiry into these alleged conversion incidents. Identify those who are using greed or

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deception to convert people, take legal action against them, and also help us so that we can disassociate ourselves from them.

There are thousands of Churches (Catholic and non-Catholic) across this state, alongside thousands of house churches outside these mainstream denominations. If one or two elements have engaged in unlawful acts, placing the burden of their guilt on the entire community and generalizing the issue amounts to a national wrong. Such behavior is completely unexpected from Samik-babu.

Using the arrogance of massive political power to portray a peace-loving and service-oriented religious minority as "national enemies" is completely undesirable and unacceptable. Notably, his own party has Christian leadership and workers at various levels. The Christian community is inherently non-political; the community exerts no guardianship or control over individual choices regarding political affiliations.

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