



Awareness Campaign to Save Temples

Hindu Temples, Institutions & Hinduism itself are illegally targeted by Governments in India. Using Hindu Temple Endowment Act, Looting, Selling, Encroachments are occurring all over India. Particularly alarming is the situation in Andhra Pradesh (AP).

Under AP CM Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy (YSR)

about 34,000 Temples are under Govt. control. Only 18% of revenue generated is said to be given back for temples purposes, while remaining 82% used for other purposes by Govt. at their discretion. Looting, Massive sale of temple lands, Demolition, Encroachments, aggressive religious conversions in temples vicinity occurring all over AP. Govt. which is supposed to be a protector has become a destroyer that threatens the very existence of Hindu Institutions. The World famous **Tirupathi** temple is specially targeted.



Please Join Protest during YSR visit at TANA/ATA reception

Sun. May 6, 2007 at 4:30 PM

Donald Stephens Convention Center

5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont, IL, 847-692-2220

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- **Tirupathi:** Govt. attempted to take over 5 out of 7 Tirumala Hills for Church and Tourism Purposes. YSR, a Christian CM, is alleged to use TTD money for Hockey tournament in his parents name. Govt. eyed only Hindu (TTD) funds for Jala Yagnam to tune of 500 crores. (The Hindu: 7/17/06, Deccan Chronicle:3/8/07, justandhra.com,3/22/06).
- **Demolition:** Recently 15 temples were demolished for Golf Course. YSR son blew up a temple in Anantpur that affirms his family's intolerance towards Hinduism. (Hindu 8/27/2004 Deccan Chronicle:3/8/07, Andhra Jyoti 9/5/07).
- **Illegal occupation and Land scams:** Valuable temple properties, estimated at hundreds of crores, is under encroachment. More than 50 per cent of the 'land-grabbers' seem to have strong political connections, while others include those 'patronized' by the Endowments Department. YSR brother Vivekananda Reddy built personal property on Gurkul Trust Lands worth many crores (The Hindu, 3/9/07).
- **Mass Land Sales:** Tens of thousands of acres of endowment lands, meant for sustenance in perpetuity are being sold without approval of the Hindu community and without any justification. Eg., 3000 acres temple land in East Godavari was sold. Sold 9201 acres of rural temple land and decided to sell 7000 acres of urban lands worth 20,000 crores (Deccan Chronicle, 4/31/06, Eenadu, 3/30/06, Deccan Chronicle 4/8/06).
- **Take Over:** On 3/12/2007 State Govt. announced plans to takeover cash rich 181 mutts and all religious trusts in the state with many crores of assets, the [first step in looting them](#) (Deccan Chronicle, 3/12/07).
- AP Govt. allocates 1.1 crores for Mosques, 6.5 crores for Churches. Pays Haj trips (12,000 Rs per pilgrim) with pending proposal to Bethlehem. Compare this with 50% bus fare surcharge on Maha Sivarathri day taxing poor Hindus similar to [Aurangzeb's Jizya tax](#) (Deccan Chronicle: 8/23/06, 12/18/06, Eenadu, 2/16/07). **Hindu Festivals Holi, Krishna Janmashtami and Sri Rama Navami (in AP) are no more Govt. Holidays.** (Jyoti, 4/5/07)

More Data on Assault on Hindu Institutions

The actions of evangelical Christian CM YSR Govt. suggests a well designed plan to decimate Hinduism in AP through destruction of Hindu Institutions and abetting massive illegal conversions. The entire state infrastructure is made available for these activities.

Areas surrounding every major Hindu Temple has become center of intense conversion activity.

Endowment Dept. permits enormous Christian prayer meeting on temple lands with advertisements in temples. Most important Hindu holidays such as Rama Navami are selected to be removed from Govt. holiday list. All activities are designed to encourage Hindus to convert and make difficult to practice Hinduism.

The Major chunk of temple money is transferred for various political schemes while more than 40,000 Priests are given salary below Rs.500 /- Month and over 3,000 Priest are paid only Rs. 400 /- for the whole year.

While Muslim and Christian institution funds are left untouched, Govt. relentlessly targets Hindu (e.g., TTD) money for various non-hindu projects.

Examples of atrocities on Specific Hindu Temples.

TIRUPATHI

The state Govt. in association with Missionaries has particularly targeted the World famous Tirupathi temple. The subversive activities of Missionaries were zeroed at Tirumala temple itself. Attempted to tie up SVIMS Sri Venkateswara Institute for Medical Sciences with Christian Cherian Heart Foundation using 100 crores of TTD money. Padmavathi University Vice Chancellor Veena Noble Das appointed by Govt. is engaging in conversion activities on campus and is reported to be responsible for suicide of a student who was forced to convert (Andhra Jyothi, 3/30/3007). In July 2006, TV Journalist Om Prakash who attempted to record the Christian Evangelical activity was beaten up and his equipment was confiscated.

SIMACHALAM

Simachalam is the Ancient Temple of Narasimha Swamy. Very Recently the Temple has come under siege by Missionaries, who have been conducting aggressive conversions. In a span of 20 Months, four churches and 3 convent schools have come up in the vicinity at the foothills. Just one village Arilova has 35 churches. Out of 11,000 acres owned originally by temple, endowment department has record of only 8000 acres and it is believed that more than 3000 acres of land was encroached.

BHADRACHALAM

BHADRACHALAM is a famous temple dedicated to Lord Sri Ramachandra and situated on the banks of the sacred river Godavari. Govt. is currently planning to buy 900 acres of temple land at rate determined by Govt. for donation to victims of Polavaram project (Eenadu, 4/3/2007). On Hanuman Jayanthi day missionaries placed posters in the temple encouraging conversion (Eenadu, 5/24/06).

Hinduism never discriminated any religion. It considers every religion as true, every prayer as true. Hindus are said to help build churches when first Syrian Christians came to India. They gave home to many persecuted people of the world such as Zoroastrians and Sufi Muslims. India is the only country in the world where Jews were never persecuted. Now, Hindus own existence is being threatened in their own homeland. Gandhiji who fought all his life for social justice & religious tolerance was being true to Hindu Gita. He called religious conversions engaged by missionaries the deadliest poison that ever sapped the fountain of truth. Selfish politicians like YSR are bent on destroying 10,000 year old Hindu Dharma.

PLEASE DON'T STANDBY & WATCH. TAKE ACTION & FIGHT FOR DHARMA.

Demand that Govt. must allow Hindu Advisory Councils - nominated or elected by Hindu religious Leaders & Community to oversee the Endowment department and the TTD Board, and to provide guidance to Govt. as a first step, till denationalization is realized.