

Press Release

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National Commission for Minorities received a petition from Shri Justin Jacob, Thrissur, Kerala regarding an incident that occurred on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, at Palayoor St. Thomas Church, Thrissur. The children, who had gathered to sing Christmas carols in the church yard, were stopped by officers from Chavakkad Police Station. The police not only prevented the carol singing but also threatened to dispose of Christmas decorations, including the tree, lights, and crib, despite the event taking place within the church compound and at an appropriate time (8:00 PM). This action has caused significant distress to the Christian community.

Taking cognizance of the petition, as the incident has hurt the sentiments of the Christian community, National Commission for Minorities has called for a report from the Chief Secretary, State Government of Kerala on the incident within a fortnight.
