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To,
The Hon'ble Chairperson,
National Human Rights Commission, Government of India
Manav Adhikar Bhawan, C-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi – 110023

Subject: Complaint and Suggestions regarding the brutal murder of journalist Mr. Jagannohan Reddy, increasing incidents contrary to the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), and the need for immediate intervention and strict policy measures to address human rights violations in India.

Respected Sir/Madam,

I respectfully submit that the recent brutal murder of journalist Mr. Jagannohan Reddy, associated with *Andhra Jyothi*, in the V. Kota area of Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh, is an extremely serious and alarming incident. This is not only a heinous criminal act but also a direct attack on the fourth pillar of democracy—free and fair journalism—and a clear violation of human rights.

According to available information, the deceased journalist was fearlessly working on social issues and illegal activities as part of his professional responsibilities. Such incidents create an atmosphere of fear and insecurity in society and hinder the freedom of expression.

It is noteworthy that such acts are contrary to the fundamental principles of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)**—including the right to life, the right to equality, and the freedom of expression.

Furthermore, the increasing number of human rights violations in India—especially discrimination based on caste, religion, gender, language, and other social factors—is becoming a matter of serious concern. Such incidents not only disturb social harmony but also weaken constitutional values and the democratic framework. Therefore, strong, effective, and time-bound intervention is urgently required.

According to international sources such as the *Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)*, incidents of killings of journalists, threats, attacks, and harassment against journalists have continued to emerge in India in recent years. This clearly indicates the need to further strengthen institutional mechanisms for the protection of journalists.

In view of the above circumstances, the World Human Rights Research Council (WHRRC), Andhra Pradesh Unit, respectfully submits the following suggestions for your consideration:

1. The Commission may seek a detailed report from the State Government and ensure a fair, independent, and time-bound investigation into the said murder case, and if





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- required, recommend an inquiry by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) or an independent agency.
2. Necessary directions may be issued to the State Government to ensure the prompt identification of the accused and to secure strict punishment through a fast-track court.
 3. The State Government may be advised to provide immediate and adequate financial assistance, rehabilitation, and security to the family of the deceased journalist.
 4. Appropriate recommendations may be made to the concerned governments for the formulation and implementation of an effective Journalist Protection Law at the national and state levels.
 5. The Commission may suggest concrete policy measures to develop a strong monitoring mechanism and a prompt action system to prevent increasing discrimination and human rights violations based on caste, religion, gender, language, etc.
 6. Necessary suggestions may be given to strengthen a special judicial mechanism (fast-track system) for the speedy disposal of serious human rights violation cases and to ensure accountability of the concerned authorities.
 7. Directions may be issued to strengthen safety protocols, emergency support systems, and helplines for journalists and human rights defenders.

Sir/Madam, it is expected that this matter will be considered seriously in the broader context of human rights and democratic values, and prompt and strict action will be taken to ensure justice for the victim's family and to safeguard human rights and freedom of expression in the country.

Copy to:

1. National Secretary, World Human Rights Research Council, New Delhi

Enclosure:

1. Copy of the related news published in *The Times of India*

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

P. Ramesh Babu

State President

World Human Rights Research Council, Andhra Pradesh



Journalist out on morning walk stabbed to death in Chittoor dist

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Tirupati: A journalist who was out on his morning walk was stabbed to death by a group of assailants at V Kota in Chittoor district, which is also chief minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's home district, on Tuesday. The deceased, Jaganmohan Reddy, worked with a prominent Telugu vernacular daily.

As per the preliminary investigation carried out by the police, a group of assailants came on bikes and attacked him indiscriminately at around 6 am while he was out on his daily morning walk. As he ran for safety, they chased him and stabbed him to death before escaping from the spot. Tension gripped V Kota, a sleepy town on the Andhra Pradesh-Karnataka-Tamil Nadu

border following the murder. Local police led by Palamaner DSP Degala Prabhakar rushed to the crime scene along with forensic and clues teams.

As the news of the brutal murder spread, representatives of journalists unions and local civil society members staged protests and demanded the immediate arrest of those behind the murder. Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Palamaner legislator N Amarnadh Reddy condemned the murder and appealed to the police for swift investigation and arrest of the accused in the case.

Chittoor SP Tushar Dudi also reached V Kota and inspected the crime scene. Following his directions, six police teams were formed to investigate the murder and trace the accused, who are believed to be around 10 in number. The SP assured swift action and asserted that all possible motives, including personal enmity, will be investigated thoroughly. V Kota police have registered a case and shifted the body to the govt hospital at Palamaner for postmortem.

Local journalists said a rowdy sheeter, identified as Thameem, could be involved in the murder and appealed to the police to probe his possible involvement. Sources said Jaganmohan was actively filing news reports on various smuggling activities, including sandalwood smuggling in which Thameem is known to be involved, which could have been a reason behind his murder.

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Dated: 29/04/2026

Dear P RAMESH BABU, WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH COUNCIL,

The Commission has recieved your complaint and it has assigned diary number as **9473/IN/2026** with the following details:-

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Victim Details

Victim Name:	MR. JAGANMOHAN REDDY	Gender:	Male
Religion:	Unknown	Cast:	Unknown
Address:	V. KOTA AREA OF CHITTOOR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH517001		
District:	CHITTOOR	State:	ANDHRA PRADESH

Incident Details

Incident Place:	V. KOTA AREA OF CHITTOOR	Incident Date:	28/04/2026
Incident Category:	BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS		
Incident District:	CHITTOOR	Incident State:	ANDHRA PRADESH
Is it filed before any Court / State HRC	No		
Incident Details:	File Attached		