

Activist calls for special law to prevent honour killings in the State

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Human rights activist and Executive Director of People's Watch, Henri Tiphagne, has urged the State government to immediately convene the Legislative Assembly and enact a special law to prevent honour killings in Tamil Nadu.

Addressing the media in the district on Wednesday (July 30, 2025), Mr. Tiphagne referred to the recent murder of Kavin Selvaganesh (27) in Tirunelveli, calling it an instance of honour killing. He alleged that police personnel were among the accused and hence their arrest was being delayed by the police department itself. "Anyone involved must be arrested immediately, and the case should be expedited to ensure swift punishment," he said.

He pointed out that several political parties, women's organisations, and Dalit groups have been protesting against honour killings, and reiterated the need for a special law to effectively curb such crimes. "Existing laws, including those meant to prevent atrocities, are inadequate. Only a special law can offer a lasting solution," he emphasised.

Mr. Tiphagne also strongly condemned the recent murder of a High Court lawyer in Dharapuram, Tiruppur district. "The victim, who was a person with disability, was brutally murdered, and two other lawyers were also assaulted. This heinous crime appears to have been committed with the cooperation of the police," he alleged.

He demanded a special investigation under the supervision of the Inspector General of Police, Western Zone, and said that a Deputy Superintendent of Police from Tiruppur should head the probe. "The State government must take the incident seriously, provide adequate protection to witnesses, and take immediate action," he said. "The Chief Minister, who has consistently voiced support for the rights of persons with disabilities, must intervene to ensure justice is delivered in this case," he added.