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West Bengal Christians Ask President Murmu for Probe

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Baseless accusations of conversions"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Christian groups in West Bengal, India, have written to President Droupadi Murmu urging an independent judicial inquiry into what they call "baseless accusations of conversions" against missionary institutions. The memorandum, sent on 25 November 2026 and reported by UCA News on 26 November, also seeks protection for Christian schools, educators and minority citizens - and asks for a delegation of church leaders to meet the President. The appeal is endorsed by Archbishop Elias Frank of Calcutta, the Catholic Association of Bengal, the Bengal Baptist Union, the Methodist Church of India and several other denominations.

Herod Mullick has been saying the same thing for weeks, and now he has put it in writing to the highest office in the country. Mullick, the founder-secretary of the ecumenical Bangiya Christiya Pariseba - the Bengal Christian Council - told UCA News on 26 November why a probe is necessary.

"To establish the facts, safeguard the reputation of Christian institutions and prevent further deterioration in relations among religious communities."

The memorandum comes from the Bangiya Christiya Pariseba and the West Bengal Association of Christian Schools. Together, the two organisations represent around 1.3 Million Catholic, Protestant and Evangelical Christians and more than 800 Christian-run educational institutions in the state.

Their complaint is simple: allegations of forced conversions have been circulated without credible evidence, damaging the reputation of Christian institutions "that have served communities for generations." They want a judge to look at the claims, and to say, on the record, whether any of them are true.

West Bengal Conversion Accusations: Christians Seek Judicial Probe

The backdrop is a political fight that has been building for months. State BJP president Samik Bhattacharya recently alleged that forced conversions were taking place in missionary schools, and warned that such "anti-India activities" would not be allowed.

Christian leaders reject the charge outright. They say they have documented at least 60 incidents targeting Christians since 4 May, when the BJP won state elections - including disrupted Sunday services and demands for worshippers' ID documents.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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