

Savukku Shankar Allegedly Tortured in Coimbatore Prison, JAACT Calls for Justice

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Coimbatore: Savukku Shankar, who was blindfolded at Coimbatore Central Prison, reportedly endured custodial torture involving plastic pipes that resulted in a fractured left arm. This alleged act of brutality, purportedly committed in the presence of Jail Superintendent Senthil Kumar, has drawn sharp condemnation from the Joint Action Against Custodial Torture (JAACT).



The organization, which aims to address and combat custodial violence, issued a formal statement denouncing the torture as a severe violation of both national and international human rights laws.

In their statement, JAACT also highlighted the wrongful arrest and subsequent treatment of Redpix journalist Felix Gerald in Delhi. He was allegedly arrested without a proper warrant or clear legal justification and later transferred to Tamil Nadu under questionable circumstances. Such actions, JAACT pointed out, contravene legal standards and the due process of law.

Despite acknowledging previous controversial remarks by Shankar regarding women in the police force and media, JAACT firmly rejected any justification for torturing individuals in custody. They stressed that torture undermines justice and the basic human rights that should be accorded to all individuals, regardless of their alleged crimes or social commentary.

Furthermore, the press release mentioned the intervention by the Madras High Court in Shankar's case, calling for immediate actions and thorough investigations into reports of custodial torture. JAACT called for the urgent reevaluation of Shankar's incarceration conditions and his possible transfer to another facility to ensure his safety and well-being.

As part of a broader appeal, JAACT criticized the prevailing attitudes among some police officers, media members, and judiciary figures who believe that torture is an acceptable investigative tool. They called for a shift in public perception, emphasizing that such practices are archaic and in direct violation of principles of fairness, justice, and human dignity.

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