



Ambedkar-Periyar Study Circle

(An independent student body recognized by IITM)



The intelligence agencies under the Modi government have been targetting Ramesh, one of the founding members of Ambedkar Periyar Study Circle, IIT Madras. Dr. Ramesh is currently working as a teaching staff (on contract basis) at Anna University. Intelligence officers have threatened the administration of Anna University demanding for details about Ramesh. These activities are all a part of the plan by the central government, to bring the name of APSC, IIT Madras into the false UAPA case it has filed against Prof. Anand Teltumbde regarding the Bhima Koregaon incident. We all know how after Modi government came to power, IIT Madras administration derecognised APSC and how they had to withdraw after a huge outcry of opposition across the country. In the case against Teltumbde, the Maharashtra government has accused Teltumbde of having funded and helped in founding APSC in IIT Madras. This is an outright lie. We suspect that the Modi government is building a narrative to further attack the study circles named after Ambedkar and Periyar across the country. Recently, a woman student activist belonging to the Ambedkar Periyar Study Circle in Madras University was threatened in the name of investigation. The intelligence officers visited her native village and threatened her while she was staying in the village. This is a clear attempt to remove the progressive forces from campuses across the country and to convert these campuses into RSS training centres. The Modi government, which deceives the dalits in the name of glorifying Ambedkar on one hand, attacks those who want to realise the dream Ambedkar had. We ask everyone of this country to condemn these illegal actions by the Modi government. This is not the time to remain silent or indifferent. The fascists are at our doorsteps. We ask everyone who believe in democracy to raise their dissenting voices in the loudest possible manner.

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