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# Furore at Hindutva presence at Government seminar on Minorities

## Sinister design, say scholars, minority groups

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The presence of certain vocal supporters of Vishwa Hindu Parishad and its sister groups caused a furore at the National Workshop organized by the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities and the **Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai**, on Conferment of Scheduled Caste Status on Converts to Islam and Christianity. This seems a sinister design by some one to d issues, said former JNU professor Imtiaz Ahmed. Other scholars and also took umbrage at the presence of the Hindutva brigade some c members continuously heckled speakers representing minority groups.

Christian Bishops, Priests and social activists issued a joint statemer seminar questioning its methodology and expressing their distress apparent effort to coerce the minorities and divide communities.

The statement said: "We are surprised at the adversarial structure Workshop based on participation of elements that are extraneous to t and have no locus standi

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“We are surprised at the confrontation sought to be generated in the V between communities, between elements of a community, and by political elements who seem to have been specially invited for this p The signatories included Bishop Deva Sahayam, Church of Sout Chennai, Rev Father Lourdusamy, former Exec Secretary for Dalit Catholic Bishops Conference of India (Vellore), Rev Fr Philomen Raj, E CBCI, Dr John Dayal, Member, National Integration Council, [President, All India Catholic Union and Secretary General All India Council], New Delhi, Advocate Edward Arokiadoss, National Secretary, Catholic Union [Madurai], Fr J X Bosco, Former Provincial, Society c Hyderabad, and Dr M Ezaz Ali, [AIUMM]

A representative of the Tata Institute, who wished to remain anonymous the Institute was under tremendous pressure to invite the Hindutva gro

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