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How Headlines Misread Incholi's Kali Idol Dispute

Original analysis by **Swati Goel Sharma**

The author argues that a dispute within one Jaatav clan over shared temple space prompted the threat to convert to Islam. Interviews with both sides established that residents wanted to keep the space available for community events and that the family turned down two alternative sites for the Kali idol.



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THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Sharma found that both sides of the dispute belonged to the same Jaatav clan, including the group accused of stopping the installation of the Kali idol.
- On the planned installation day, Rajkumar found the bricks thrown onto the road. He was told the idol would occupy space used for weddings and other gatherings.
- Mukesh Giri, a Brahmin priest, offered another Shiva temple for the idol. The family declined because that temple already housed an idol of Kali.
- Rajkumar asked the additional district magistrate to intervene and threatened that several families would convert to Islam if the idol was kept out of their chosen temple.

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