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The trend of attacks, both real and rhetorical, on racial and religious minorities and vandalizing of religious places in different parts of our country is unfortunate, indeed. Keeping in view the multi-religious communities living in the length and breadth of India, the framers of the Constitution, made the provision of equality and dignity for all the most sacred, irrespective of one's religion, race, caste. But, the realities on the ground show that secularism is being honored in its violation. Our proud claim of India being a land of saints and seers, who preached lofty ideals for the good of all, makes the same appear hollow and fictitious.

The display of intolerance by the fringe elements in our social fabric will generate feelings of alienation among the minorities and its continuance will sound peril not only for the safety and integrity of the country but also earn gross disrepute worldwide.

Moreover, it must be remembered by all that, in this day and age, any community in a majority in one country or state is also a minority in another country or state. Well-being of all can only be ensured through reciprocal respect.

We, at the Institute of Sikh Studies, express solidarity with the victims of discrimination and oppression, and seek prompt redress of their deep anguish from the Government at the Centre as well as the States.

(Birendra Kaur)
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