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When It Comes to Scheduled Tribes' welfare, Kerala's Record Is Dismal

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A mob clicked selfies as the Kurmba youth, Madhu, was being tortured. (Swarajya/krish via Twitter)

The lynching of a tribal, Madhu, in Kerala's Attapadi block of Palakkad district has brought the spotlight

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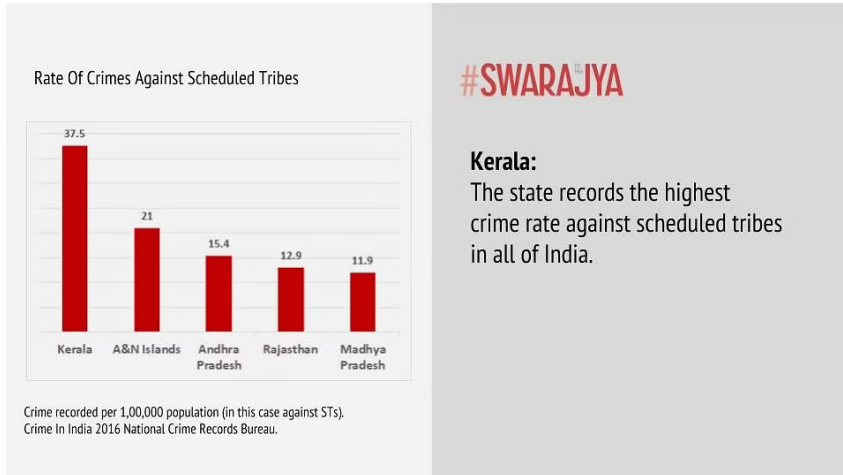
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Crimes against scheduled tribes per one lakh tribal population are higher in Kerala compared to the all-India figures. NCRB reported that per one lakh scheduled tribe population in Kerala, crimes are committed against 37.5 persons. Across the country, the figures is 6.3 per one lakh.



*Kerala's figure for crimes against Scheduled Tribes is almost six times the all India figure. *

Malayalam daily Malayala Manorama reported that funds allocated for welfare of Scheduled Tribes have been under-utilised. The Centre has allocated Rs 714 crore for the 2017-18 fiscal and only Rs 85 crore has been spent.

According to the Kerala Institute for Research Training and Development Studies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Kurumbas are among the five primitive Tribal groups in Kerala that make up five per cent of the State population. Kurmbas habitat the Attapady block of Palakkad district, where the population of tribals is over 40,000.

