

EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FOR PREVENTING BLACK MAGIC, SORCERY AND INHUMAN EVIL PRACTICES IN KERALA

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Provisional Classification of Harmful Practices

Category A — Severe Harmful Practices

Category B — Moderate Harmful Practices

Category C — Regulatory and Financial Harmful Practices

CATEGORY A — SEVERE HARMFUL INHUMAN EVIL PRACTICES

(Grave bodily harm, sexual offences, life-threatening acts performed under the guise of black magic or sorcery)

1. Human sacrifice or any act of causing death under the pretext of supernatural or occult practice.
2. Any act causing grievous hurt, serious injury, or life-threatening harm.
3. Serious physical assault, torture, or mutilation justified as a ritual requirement.
4. Sexual assault, rape, or sexual exploitation under the pretext of spiritual healing or ritual practice.
5. Coercing or inducing any person to engage in sexual acts as a form of offering or spiritual advancement.
6. Trafficking of persons for exploitation disguised as religious or occult activity.
7. Burial alive, strangulation, suffocation, or any act endangering human life.
8. Infliction of burns or severe bodily harm as part of an exorcism or ritual.
9. Administration of substances causing grievous harm or facilitating exploitation.
10. Denial of essential medical treatment resulting in grievous harm or death.

CATEGORY B — MODERATE HARMFUL PRACTICES

(Physical harm, coercion, degrading practices under the guise of Black magic or sorcery)

11. Physical assault or beating claimed to expel spirits.
12. Forced exorcism involving restraint or degrading treatment.
13. Administration of harmful substances without informed consent.
14. Use of human remains for occult purposes.
15. Use of intoxicants to impair and control a person.
16. Branding, piercing, or body harm without consent.
17. Witch-branding causing social or physical harm.
18. Abuse or humiliation of women based on superstition.
19. Forced abandonment of dependents based on superstitious beliefs.
20. Rituals intended to harm pregnancy or reproductive health.
21. Public rituals involving grievous injury or degradation.
22. Operating institutions involving unlawful confinement or coercion.

CATEGORY C — REGULATORY AND FINANCIAL HARMFUL PRACTICES

(Fraud, deception, economic exploitation, digital manipulation under the guise of Black magic or sorcery)

23. Extortion by threat of supernatural harm.
24. Fraudulent diagnosis of illness as black magic.
25. False prediction of calamities through black magic or *sorcery* for financial gain.
26. Exploiting grief through false claims of communication with the deceased.
27. Fraudulent claims of curing diseases through supernatural means for unlawful gain.
28. Coercing surrender of money or property in the name of *Black magic or sorcery*
29. Fraudulent claims relating to hidden treasure or supernatural gain.
30. Running fraudulent schemes or organisations based on occult claims.
31. Selling fake "blessed" or "supernatural" objects for unlawful gain.
32. Creating or distributing fake miracle content, including manipulated digital media.
33. Operating digital platforms offering prohibited services.
34. Promotion of any harmful practice through false Advertisement.

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