

300 DAYS

Documenting Hate and Communal Violence under the Modi Regime

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Executive Summary:

The rape of a 70 year old Nun in West Bengal in an attack ona convent and school in February 2015 sent shockwayes throughout India, and the world. "Protect not just Cows, but human beings also," said Cardinal Baselios Cleemis, President of the Catholic Bishops Conference. At least 43deaths in over 600 cases of violence, 149 targeting Christians and the rest Muslims, have taken place in 2014 in India till March this year, marking 300 days of the National Development Alliance government of Mr. Narendra Modi. The number of dead is other than the 108 killed in Assam in attacks by armed tribal political groups on Muslims. Desecration and destruction of churches, assault on pastors, illegal police detention of church workers, and denial of Constitutional rights of Freedom of Faith aggravate the coercion and terror unleashed in campaigns of Ghar Wapsiand cries of Love Jihad. Since May 2014, there has been a marked shift in public discourse. There has been a relentless foregrounding of communal identities, a ceaseless attempt to create a divide between 'us' and 'them'. The BJP leaders guaranteed to abuse, ridicule and threaten minorities. Hate statements by Union and state ministers, threats by Members of Parliament, state politicians, and cadres in saffron caps or Khaki shorts resonate through the landscape. But most cases go unreported, unrecorded by police.

The Prime Minister refuses to reprimand his Cabinet colleagues, restrain the members of his party members or silencethe Sangh Parivar which claims to have propelled him to power in New Delhi. Mr. Modi calls for a ten-year moratorium on communal and caste violence. His government soon declares Christmas to be a "Good Governance Day" in honour of the BJP leader and former Prime Minister, Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee. There are fears at a severe whittling down of the 15 Point Programme for Minorities, a lifeline for many severely economic backward communities, and specially their youth seeking higher education and professional training. Anyway, Mr. Modi's "assurance" to religious minorities is challenged and countered by Mr. Mohan Bhagwat, the head of the powerful Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh, who asserts, repeatedly, that every Indian is a Hindu, and minorities will have to learn their place in

the country. Speaking at the 50th Anniversary of foundation of its religious wing, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Mr. Mohan Bhagwat, the RSS Sarsanghchalak bluntly stated that "Hindutva is the identity of India and it has the capacity to swallow other identities. We just need to restore those capacities." In Cuttack, he asserted that India is a Hindu state and "citizens of Hindustan should be known as Hindus". Sadhvi Prachi, a central minister, Members of Parliament Sakshi Maharaj and Adityanath are among those urging measures to check Muslims, including encouraging Hindu women to have from four to ten children each. In Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and other states, the terror, physical violence and social ostracizing of Dalit and Tribal Christians, in particular, continues.

The 300 days have also seen an assault on democratic structures, the education and knowledge system, Human Rightsorganizations and Rights Defenders and coercive action using the Intelligence Bureau and the systems if the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act and the Passport laws to crack down on NGOs working in areas of empowerment of the marginalized sections of society, including Dalits, Tribals, Fishermen and women, and issues of environment, climate, forests, land and water rights. This report is focused on issues of communally targeted violence and the politics of hate and divisiveness that emanates from a thesis of religious nationalism.

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Mr. Sakshi Maharaj, a god-man, and an influential member of the Parliament on behalf of the Bharatiya Janata party which now governs India has demanded the death sentence for persons who convert [Hindu] persons to other religions. As Indian TV and Print media <u>quoted</u> him, the saffron-clad ascetic politician told a religious gathering in the state of Uttar Pradesh that each Hindu woman <u>should mother four children</u> in order to protect the predominance of Hindus, India's largest religious group. "Wait for some time," local media quoted him as saying. "A law will be passed in Parliament in which anyone indulging in cow slaughter and conversion will be punished with the death sentence." Maharaj <u>said</u> that Indians of Muslim, Christian and other religious faiths who convert to Hinduism, euphemistically Ghar Wapsi or Home-Coming, will not be subjected to the same punishment, as they were all once Hindus.

This is part of a vicious hate campaign which is endorsed by the leadership of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh to which the top echelons of the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Ministers of the National Democratic Alliance Government are faithful members. The hate fuels the physical violence, many incidents of police complicity, and State impunity in the persecution of the Christian community in many states of India. The Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, is yet to comment on, much less castigate, the RSS and its affiliate organizations by name, choosing repeatedly to equate "majority and minority" groups in the one statement he made at a function of the Syro Malabar

Human Rights and Civil Society groups have documented at least 43 deaths in over 600 cases of violence, 149 targeting Christians and the rest Muslims, have taken place in 2014 in India till March this year, marking 300 days of the National Development Alliance government of Mr. Narendra Modi. The Christian Persecution data lists 168 cases. An analysis of the Christian data alone shows Chhattisgarh topping the list with 28 incidents of crime, followed closely by neighbouring Madhya Pradesh with 26, Uttar Pradesh with 18 and Telengana, a newly carved out of Andhra Pradesh, with 15 incidents. Of the deaths in communally targeted violence, two were killed in Orissa and Telengana, 8 in Gujarat, 12 in Maharashtra, 6 in Karnataka and 25 in Uttar Pradesh. Apart from these, 108 people were killed in Assam in attacks by Bodo militant groups. Much of the violence has taken place after the new government of the National Democratic alliance headed by the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, came into power on 26 May, 2014. The violence peaked between August and October with 56 cases, before zooming up to 25 cases during the Christmas season, including the burning of the Catholic church of St Sebastian in Dilshad garden in the national capital of New Delhi. The violence has continued well into the New Year 2015, with more Catholic churches in the city targetted as incidents continue in other states. Much of the violence, 54 percent, is of threats, intimidation, coercion, often with the police looking on. Physical violence constituted a quarter of all cases, (24 per cent), and violence against Christian women, a trend that is increasingly being seen since the carnage in Kandhamal, Odisha, in 2007 and 2008, was 11 per cent. Breaking of statues and the Cross and other acts of desecration were recorded in about 8 per cent of the cases, but many more were also consequent to other forms of violence against institutions. A disturbing trend was rising communal violence in West Bengal where the BJP and the RSS have redoubled their efforts to fill what they see is a political vacancy following the decline of the Communist Party of India Marxist and the Congress party in recent times.

The rape of the aged Catholic Nun in a Convent and School in Ranaghat in West Bengal, is the most horrendous crime reported in the first quarter of 2015. According to the complaint lodged by the school, seven to eight armed people overpowered the security guard and stormed its compound around 2.30am. Stayed for two hours, raping the Nun, desecrating the Chapel, and then, as one Sister told the police, treated themselves to "imported chocolates, cake and pastries" meant for the students. A police report submitted to the state government said the criminals were "not locals" and this is a pre-planned on the school and sisters.

According to an investigation by the *Indian Express*, police records show that more than 600 "communal incidents" or small religious conflicts took place in Uttar Pradesh (UP) after the Lok Sabha elections, between 16 May and 25 July 2014. The largest number of riots, 259, took place in western UP. In the Terai region, 29

clashes took place; in the Awadh region, 53; in Bundelkhand, six; and in eastern UP, 16 (Express Investigation Part I 2014). A further analysis of the statistics shows that the regions where most of the communal riots took place are the constituencies where assembly by-polls will be held very soon. For example, in western UP, polls are due in five seats; in the Terai region, in two seats; in the Awadh region, in one seat; in Bundelkhand, in two seats; and in eastern UP, in two seats. The roles of political classes and parties are clearly evident in these riots. [FULL REPORT IN ANNEXURE]

It was within a fortnight of the swearing in of the new government that the nation received a jolt in the lynching of a young Information Technology professional in the metropolitan city of Pune, in Maharashtra. As the Times of India reported on 5th June under the headline "In Pune, 'Hindu zealots' kill man over 'offensive' Facebook post, 13 arrested" Mohsin Mohammed Sadique Shaikh was killed randomly after rumours spread over an objectionable post on Facebook. The 28-year-old man was beaten to death on Monday night by people with suspected links with a Hindu fundamentalist outfit. Shaikh was bludgeoned to death after being beaten with hockey sticks near his residence here on Monday night. Shaikh had been living in Pune since 2006 and was working as a manager in the IT department of a textile firm since the last four years. A police inspector told the Times of India the 13 men arrested were members of the Hindu Rashtra Sena. Shaikh's cousin Salman said that the victim and his roommate were returning home on their motorcycle after picking up their dinner. "A gang of youths blocked his way near the lane just behind his house and started hitting him with sticks. While the roommate managed to escape, they bludgeoned my cousin with stones and fled. He was lying covered in blood for about 15 minutes. His brother rushed there and took him to a nearby hospital where he died during treatment," he said. A little before the murder, the same youths had beaten up two other men at the same spot.

Police inaction and its failure to arrest the guilty in most cases, its propensity to try to minimise the crime, and in rural areas specially, its open partisanship has almost become the norm. Police ineptitude in forensic investigations has been seen even in New Delhi where four of the five cases in the months of December 2014 and January 2015 have seen no progress in the investigations. In the one case where there were arrested, the Church and the community have cast doubts on the police version of the motives of the suspects whose images were recorded in the Close Circuit TV cameras installed in the church.

The President of India, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, noted the rise of communalism and the targetting if religious minorities in his address to the Nation on 25th January 2015, the eve of Republic Day. President Mukherjee said "In an international environment where so many countries are sinking into the morass of theocratic violence ... We have always reposed our trust in faith-equality where every faith is equal before the law and every culture blends into another to create a positive dynamic. The violence of the tongue cuts and wounds people's hearts.

The Indian Constitution is the holy book of democracy. It is a lodestar for the socio-economic transformation of an India whose civilization has celebrated pluralism, advocated tolerance and promoted goodwill between diverse communities. These values, however, need to be preserved with utmost care and vigilance."

Mr. Mukherjee touched a point that has worried many among even those who voted for Mr. Modi hoping he would bring about a change from the corruption and economic coma in which the country had found itself in the last few years. This was the increasing cacophony of many in the BJP, including some Ministers and Members of Parliament, who were supporting a demand that India mark itself out as a Hindu Rashtra or Nation, and stop appeasing Muslims, and Christians, both seen as enemies of the nation and the majority community. And some among them were quite stridently asking that the Constitution be scrapped and replaced by a more "nationalistic" one rooted not in western concepts but in India's Hindu tradition.

Cardinal Mar Baselios Cleemis, signed the Statement issued at the end of a major consultation held on 17 March 2015 of the National United Christian Forum representing the Catholic, Protestant and Evangelical groups of the Church in India, which said "The cultural DNA of India of pluralism and diversity is being threatened. We are anxious about the implications of the fundamentalist political thesis that India is "one nation, one people and one culture". A nation of cultural homogeneity is impossibility and any effort to impose it is fraught with grave ramifications for country. The Church in India asserts its stake in the country's development. As citizens and followers of Christ, we have contributed to and continue to work for social development in all spheres of national life. We are committed to protecting the dignity of the human being in this great nation. We participate in this endeavor with other religious and social communities, civil society and all people of good will. We are deeply concerned about the physical violence – arson, murder and rape of our religious personnel both men and women - as with the structural violence which is manifest in urban and rural India, in social and administrative excesses, and aberrant judicial pronouncements. We welcome the occasional statements of those in authority of adhering to the Constitution of India and, in particular to its assurances of the Freedom of Faith. However, these statements fail to have any impact on the leadership of socio-political organizations that are polarizing the nation with the language and acts of intolerance, hate and violence. Political groups demonize various religious traditions and terrorize vulnerable groups. These groups seek to sabotage the Constitution which alone brings us together in a We are particularly alarmed at the assault on the education national identity. system and the human resource development systems which are a critical building block of modern India. We also share a reflection that citizenship is not just coexistence but living together as a way of life. For us the kingdom of God is where every human person has an equal share. Mother Teresa understood this and set a high example."

It is not just fringe elements or political mavericks who suggest solutions that would be deemed anti-democratic even in military dictatorships – including disenfranchisement

of religious groups, or asking Hindu women to produce ten or even more children to maintain a demographic superiority. There is a raging controversy now on a series of media advertisements by the national government that has illustrations of the illustrated Preamble of the Constitution without two crucial words "Secular" and "Socialist". These words were not there in the document that was signed on 26th January 1950, but were introduced in an amendment passed by parliament in the 1970s. Many of the social legislation that was passed in the closing decades of the last century, including employment for rural poor, and scholarships for Muslim youth in particular, were born of those two words. The noted lawyer and currently Union Minister for Information technology, Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, are among those who seem to endorse the debate on this issue. In a way, this is in line with the argument that had been advanced when Mr. Vajpayee was the Prime Minister at the head of the first National Democratic Alliance of the BIP, that the Constitution needed a comprehensive review. The talk in the highest quarter that the Constitution is better off without socialism and secularism has understandably sent shock waves among the rural poor. Tribals, Dalits, as well as Muslims and Christians. There is therefore a growing demand that the Modi government heeds the President Mukherjee's caution and stop political discourse becoming a competition in hysteria that is abhorrent to traditional ethos and Constitutional values.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Modi, and the Home Minister, Mr. Rajnath Singh, have been dismissive of the Christian complaint of targetted violence and persecution, both by political non-State actors close to the ruling political dispensation of the Bharatiya Janata party. Mr. Modi and Mr. Singh were given memoranda when the violence was peaking in September 2014, but chose to disregard it. When a Christian delegation called on him on the eve of Christmas to greet him, he made it abundantly clear to them that he saw the "persecution" complaint as a media hype. He point blank refused to speak on "every incident. "Members of Opposition parties took the matter up in December 2014 in the Rajva Sabha after the burning if the St. Sebastian Church on 1 December, 2014. But though the proceedings of the House were disrupted for several days, the government chose not to assure the religious minorities of their security. The Prime Minister, and the president sand senior leadership of the BIP, also decided not to rebuke the those among their ranks targetting Christians and Muslims in their hate speeches. On the other hand, more than one Minister in Mr. Modi's government extended support to the rhetoric of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh the umbrella organization which has groups involved in mobilizing and radicalizing national sectors from Education to Tribals. Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, a former president of the Bharatiya Ianata party and now a senior minister, supported the demand for a national law on Freedom of Religion, a euphemism for legal restrictions on conversions to what are called non-Indic religions, Christianity, and Islam. Several others functionaries have join this cry.

The year 2014 was a watershed in the history of India and in relations between religious communities in the ancient land. Mr. Narendra Modi, led by (the) Bharatiya Janata Party to a resounding victory in the general elections of 2014, riding a wave

generated by his promise of "development" and assisted by a remarkable mass mobilization in one of the most politically surcharged general elections since the Republic came into existence in 1950. When the results were announced on 16th May 2014, the BJP had won 280 of the 542 seats, with no party getting even the statutory 10 per cent of the seats to claim the position of Leader of the Opposition.

The days, weeks and months since the historic victory, and his assuming office on 26th May 2014 as the 14th Prime Minister of India, have seen the rising pitch of a crescendo of hate speech against Muslims and Christians. Their identity derided, their patriotism scoffed at, their citizenship questioned, their faith mocked. The environment has degenerated into one of coercion, divisiveness, and suspicion. This has percolated to the small towns and villages or (of) rural India, severing bonds forged in a dialogue of life over the centuries, shattering the harmony build (built) around the messages of peace and brotherhood given us by the Sufis and the men and women who led the Freedom Struggle under Mahatma Gandhi. The hate speeches have resonated in debates in the Chamber of the Lok Sabha – an exceptionally and aggressively provocative and virulent one by the BJP leader and lead speaker, Yogi Adityanath, in the debate on communal violence - and in meetings, rallies and statements to the Media by leaders of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh and its associate organisations, collectively called the Sangh Parivar. Their focal points have been to rouse their cadres and others by sowing seeds of fear, listing "Love Jihad", inter-community marriage, and conversions as conspiracies by religious minorities, specially Muslims and Christians, against the existence of the Hindu faith and Mother India. Adityanath, now head of a religious cult in Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, got away with demonising the Muslim community and others. The hate campaignhas mutated to a (being) more coercive and threatening, (percolating down) that has percolated to the Universities and colleges on the one hand and the villages and small towns over much of the country. One group even set up a "Hindu Helpline" to assist anyone from the majority community who is being harassed by Muslims, announcing its cadres will come to the help of any Hindu parent who suspects his or her daughter is seeing a Muslim youth.

Mr. Modi has not gone much beyond an initial call for a "ten-year moratorium" on communal violence. This was in his 15th August Independence Day address, his first, in which he said: "Communalism and casteism are an obstacle in the country's progress. We see violence on the basis of religion and caste. How long? Who is benefiting? We have fought enough, killed enough I appeal that for the sake of country's progress, there should be a 10-year moratorium on violence, at least for once, so that we are free from these ills."In February, 2015, he told a Catholic meeting: "My Government will ensure that there is complete freedom of faith. Everyone has the undeniable right to retain or adopt the religion of his or her choice without coercion or undue influence. My Government will not allow any religious group to incite hatred against others overtly or covertly."

Inevitably, this failed to stop great violence. In just the first few weeks of the new government, by its own admission, 113 <u>communal incidents</u> took place in various parts of the country during in just the two moths May-June 2014 in which 15 people were killed and 318 others were injured, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Kiren Rijiju

told the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of Parliament. Many of the incidents of violence were directed against individuals and places of worship of the Muslim community, especially in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. The state apparatus and specially the police often became a party arresting not the aggressors but the victims to satisfy the demands of the mob, as happening in Greater Noida, part of the National Capital region. There have attempts at religious profiling of Christian academic institutions (institutions), and their students in the national capital.

Civil society and public intellectuals have noted this. "The highest in the government and the Sangh Parivar are in unison in sending across the message that Islam is un-Indian and Muslims by and large anti-national. We must take these signs seriously because the implications of linking up religion and nationalism are bound to be disastrous." Prof. Kancha Iliaih wrote. [http://www.sacw.net/article9562.html]

The internationally respected Economic and Political Weekly recently noted "If communal polarisation of the electorate to build a Hindutva vote bank was a constant presence in the general election campaign, it has only seen a sharpening in the, supposedly important, "first 100 days" of the BJP-led government in office. An important way in which this has been done is the strategy of the Sangh Parivar to calibrate communal violence and hate campaigns in a way so as to keep it "under the radar". One of the ways of accomplishing this is to shift the locus of violence and mobilizations from the urban centres to small towns and rural areas; another course is to keep the "dead-count" low and use variants of everyday, "routine" violence to spread tensions and create panic. Yet another scheme is to convert India-Pakistan relations into a subset of the Hindu-Muslim relations within India (and here the conveniently timed ratcheting up of tensions and cross-border firing is proving very useful). The most prominent method deployed in recent weeks has been the issue of "Love Jihad".

Eminent jurist Mr. Fali Nariman, a former Member of the Rajya Sabha and a Member of the National Integration Council traditionally chaired by the Prime Minister of India, expressed concern at the government's "silence" on the hate speeches witnessed in parts of India and rued that Hinduism was "changing its benign face". Traditionally Hinduism has been the most tolerant of all Indian faiths. But - recurrent instances of religious tension fanned by fanaticism and hate-speech has shown that the Hindu tradition of tolerance is showing signs of strain. And let me say this frankly – my apprehension is that Hinduism is somehow changing its benign face because, and only because it is believed and proudly proclaimed by a few (and not contradicted by those at the top): that it is because of their faith and belief that HINDUS have been now put in the driving seat of governance. Nariman praised Jawaharlal Nehru, saying he "never looked upon the diverse and varied peoples of India from the standpoint of Hinduism". While dealing with minority rights, Indian courts had once conceptualised their role as that of an Opposition political party — until the BIP in the early 1990s characterised Congress policy as "appeasement of the minorities". The label stuck; "minority" became an unpopular word. We have been hearing on television and reading in newspapers almost daily a tirade by one or more individuals or groups against one or another section of citizens (from) a religious minority. The criticism has been that the majority government at the Centre has done

nothing to stop this tirade. I agree," he said delivering the annual lecture organised by the National Commission for Minorities at the Constitution Club. It was titled "Minorities at crossroads: comments on judicial pronouncements". Mr. Nariman urged the commission to move court by invoking the Indian Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code against those making hate speeches and publicise the action to win the confidence of the minorities.

His words did move the National Commission for Minorities. The NCM, in a resolution posted on its website, said: "The Commission would appreciate a public statement from the Government to reassure all minorities that their constitutional rights of safety, security and equality before the law cannot be compromised at any cost. The Government needs to send a clear signal that it is committed to the protection and security of all citizens and that no attempt at creating an atmosphere of fear and mistrust will be tolerated." Without naming hate speeches of some politicians of the ruling BJP such as Yogi Adityanath and Dr. Praveen Togadia against Muslims for so-called 'Love Jihad' campaign, the resolution said "The NCM also condemns the communally charged statements attributed to prominent people in public life which are creating this atmosphere of mistrust and heightened tension. These happenings are violating the principles of the Indian Constitution and also the call given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister that there should be a moratorium on communal riot."

Later, the National Human Rights Commission sent notices to the government of India on complaints filed by the Christian community. The government's response to the notices is not known.

Noted editor Mr. Bharat Bhushan wrote on the Ghar Wapsi and Love Jihad incidents: "What we are witnessing is not just Hindu rituals in the public sphere but their use to create a predominantly Hindutva public sphere that marginalizes others. Rituals are mere instruments." (http://www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/bharat-bhushan-pm-as-pilgrim-or-indianness-redefined-114081401189_1.html [http://www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/bharat-bhushan-pm-as-pilgrim-or-indianness-redefined-114081401189_1.html])

The eminent activist, Mr. Harsh Mander wrote in the Hindustan Times, "In the three months since Narendra Modi's spectacular triumph, many corners of the country have begun to smoulder in slow fires of orchestrated hate and distrust against India's Muslims.... The culpability for each of these clashes lies with the communal organisations bent on fomenting animosities. But it is shared equally by the shamefully weak-kneed (or actively prejudiced) responses of the state and district administrations in these states....

An editorial in the Indian Express asks, "So who is in charge in the BJP? And why is no action being taken against those like Adityanath and Thakur who are openly stoking communal tensions on the ground, especially in poll-bound states, in flagrant defiance of the forward-looking and development-oriented image courted by the Modi-led BJP at the Centre? Or is the party playing true to its own worst stereotype — of always speaking in two voices, carefully choreographing the interplay between them and their alternation?"

The BJP is unabashed about its links with the Sangh Parivar. Mr. Modi is himself a former RSS leader, as are several of his Cabinet colleagues. Some ranking RSS officials have in recent weeks been inducted as general secretaries of the BJP, leaving absolutely no one in any doubt of the seamless fusion of the political party and the Sangh which styles itself as a social and cultural organisations. Mr. Seshadri Chari, former editor of RSS mouthpiece Organiser and member of the BJP national executive, who enjoys a deserved reputation as a sober and reflective commentator, is quoted in the Outlook Magazine saying says that Hindus have always been a majority in India but the manifestation of majoritarianism has been reflected in the cultural and social field. "Now it is reflected in the politics of the country. A large number of foot-soldiers in the RSS-BJP do believe that the political Hindu has arrived."

REPORTS FROM THE STATES:

UTTAR PRADESH

Advocate Irfan Engineer of the Centre for Study of Secularism and Society, who analysed national data, said Uttar Pradesh had the most incidents of communal violence with 129 incidents in which 25 persons died and 364 persons were injured. Though these were less incidents compared to 2013, UP continues to be communal conundrum. Most ordinary event could lead to tension between members of two communities. For example, death of a 20 year old Brahmin woman in on 17th August who was in regular touch with Nadeem and who allegedly beat her up led to tensed moments for the Faizabad police as it could trigger off communal violence. (Express News Service, 2014) Communal riots in UP were not only between Hindus and Muslims, but also between Muslims and Sikhs. The riots were over petty issues like loudspeakers at religious places or use of fire crackers during processions. Most of these riots were in West UP where elections to by polls were to be held in November. There were in six out of twelve constituencies where by polls were to be held.

On Monday 24th February, members of two communities clashed in Muhammedpur area of Azamgarh over construction of a platform around a banyan tree where idols were worshipped. One person, Vijay Pratap Yadav was killed and another received gunshot injuries. Shops were rampaged and vehicles were set on fire. Violence began at 7 pm and continued for two hours before police could bring it under control. Four FIRs were registered – three cross FIRs by the two groups and one by the Station Officer. (The Indian Express, 2014).

On 10th May, there were clashes between Hindus and Muslims over possession of a well adjacent to a mosque in Teer Gran area of Meerut town. Two motorcycles were torched. The clashes were just two days before the by polls were to take place.

Muslims were trying to install a water cooler and a gate which was objected to by the Hindus. There was a dispute since 1952 and the Nagar Nigam had taken the well in its possession. The riots went on for about two hours and 12 persons were injured, four in firing. One person who had sustained bullet injury died. (Rai, 2014) The riots spread to Bazaza Bazar, Lala Bazar and Budhana Bazar. Vijay Anand was first to reach the spot and object to the gate being constructed. Photographs of the youth who was critically injured was uploaded on WhatsApp by local BJP leaders. (Sharma, 2014).

On 4th June members of two communities clashed over work on a sewer line at Chausana village in Shamli district. Muslim pradhan of the village had proposed the line which was to displace a Hindu place of worship. This led to rioting between the two communities in which 20 people were injured. Many of them suffered serious head injuries. (Bhardwaj, 2014) canes, brickbats and swords were used. Members of both communities lodged complaint of attempt to murder against each other.

On 4th July, there were clashes in Kanth area of Moradabad wherein more than 50 persons, including the DM, were injured. The clashes occurred when BJP workers organized a mahapanchayat defying police orders against removal of loudspeakers from a temple by police. Jatavs (SC), traditional base of BSP, are a minority in Kanth village. They installed loudspeaker on their temple in the month of Ramzan which was removed by the police. The Jatavs and the Muslims of the village had reached an agreement on use of loudspeaker. Yet it was politically expedient to violate the agreement and incite violence. BIP MPs Satyapal Saini, Yashwant Singh, Sarvesh Kumar, Rajendra Agarwal and Nepal Singh orgainsed the mahapanchayat demanding that the loudspeaker be reinstalled. BJP has never led movements for rights of dalits to enter temples but they were keen to aggravate conflict with Muslims by installing loudspeakers over their temple. The BJP was trying to weaken the BSP by appearing to be on their side in the conflict and mobilizing the dalits for Hindutva agenda. The motivation for the clash seems to be the by polls for Thakurdwara constituency after the BIP MLA Kunwar Sarvesh Singh was elected as MP. Mr. Singh of BJP was behind SP's Hasan in Thakurdwara segment by 475 votes.

On 26th July there were communal clashes in Saharanpur between the Muslims and the Sikhs. Three people were killed and 27[1] people were injured in the incident. There was a conflict over a disputed plot of 3,400 square feet with Masjid on it which was part of 3,500 square yard plot that was sold to Sikhs for construction of a Gurudwara near the railway station. A section of Muslims claim that the 3,400 square feet of plot with Masjid on it was not a part of the deal, Sikhs claim otherwise. Curfew was imposed across 6 police stations. A section of Muslims claimed that the land belonged to the Waqf Board whereas a section of Sikhs claimed that they had bought the land about 15 years ago (Kumar & Mathur, 2014). During the riots some men came to the Muslim locality along with police and fired rubber bullets, smashed window panes of the mosques, torched cars, and damaged shops. More than two dozen vehicles were torched and 70 shops were set on fire. B S Chawla told Indian express that the police were nowhere from 7 am to 9 am when the men broke into

their shops and looted them. (Bhardwaj, 2 killed in Saharanpur clash, 2014). BJP's Raghav Lakhan Pal had contested Lok Sabha elections and won. His Assembly constituency fell vacant and by polls had to be held. The UP Govt.'s 5 member panel led by state minister Shivpal Yadav too blamed Raghav Lakhan Pal for inciting communal violence. 38 people were arrested and nine FIRs were filed. During the riots, a Hindu couple sheltered three Muslim women for three days during curfew, and an old Muslim offered to mortgage his home to help a Sikh whose shop had been reduced to rubble (Ghosh, 2014) and Muslims were rebuilding the shops of Sikhs burnt down during riots (Ali, 2014). The role of police also came in for criticism from the locals. Mohammed Abid Hasan and Tauheed Khan alleged that police were looting shops and burning houses.

On 18th August there was communal flare up in Loni, Gaziabad with pelting stones and torching vehicles. One thirty year old Muslim youth – Jameel – was gunned down by two assailants. There were allegations of a rape of a 19 year old Hindu woman by a 60 year old man on Sunday, 17th August at about 4 pm. FIR was registered and the culprit was arrested at 10.30 pm on the same day. A false rumour was spread that the woman died which led to the communal violence (Gupta, 2014).

On 21st August, a minor quarrel between two 15 year old school children belonging to two different communities – Hindu and Muslim – spiralled into a communal riot in Bahadurgarh Village in Hapur Dist. stones were pelted and vehicles were torched. Half a dozen shops belonging to both communities were burnt and a mosque damaged in stone pelting. Police arrested 10 persons.

On 24th August, one person – Ejaz was died from burns when his shop was gutted and 12 persons, including a woman who sustained 70% burns when her house was burnt, and 6 police personnel were injured, in a riot between two communities in Kanpur. Shops and houses were set ablaze in Ghatampur area. Two days back, two boys were allegedly caught stealing from a house in Bheetar village and beaten. The rumours that the two boys died led to communal violence.

On 29th August, four students belonging to a community were beaten up in a colony in Muzaffarnagar while returning from tuition classes claiming that they were involved eve-teasing. The boys were rescued by police and admitted into a hospital. Paramilitary force had to be deployed to ensure that the violence did not spread.

MADHYA PRADESH:

Madhya Pradesh experienced 42 incidents of communal violence in 2014. Half-adozen incidents of clashes and communal flare-ups have been reported in the month of July & August.

On July 30, one person was killed in Khandwa in communal violence. Tension forced the administration to fire in air and clamp curfew. After the curfew was lifted there was fresh tension and enforcement of Section 144. Earlier too there was an incident

of murder. In Susner town in Agar district, communal clash erupted after a minor row when a person asked member of another community to remove his vehicle. and Raisen also witnessed communal flare-up.

In Raisen, many people were injured and property damaged in July during a communal clash. In Ujjain there was communal tension over objectionable Facebook posts, leading to mobs taking to streets. There was protest when case was not registered. The next day, there was tension after flesh was found near a place of worship. In Shahdol, an objectionable photograph on another social networking site led to tension in different places in the district. People took to the streets after the post was shared. The accused was subsequently arrested (Alavi & Sarkar, 2014).

CHHATTISGARH

Christians in Chhattisgarh especially in the Bastar area have been facing massive politically inspired opposition, which has manifested itself in the form of physical violence and social discrimination. The apathy, impunity and partisanship of the administration at various levels has compounded the human tragedy, and the gravity of the violation of Constitutional guarantees of Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Association and Movement, and most important, the Freedom of Relgion and Belief.

The current wave of incidents against Christians first came into light in May 2014 when Christian families were denied ration and ration cards after they refused to bow down to the demands set by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). The VHP had asked each Christian family to contribute 200 rupees per member towards Hindu festivities initiated by the VHP in Sirisguda village. The Christians who had always contributed money during village festivals by their free will could not comply as the money demanded was too much, and the Christians are poor. This resulted in their being denied food for more than 2 months. The village leadership kept silent.

When Christians reported this matter to the district authorities, activists of the VHP and the Bajrang Dal, which is also very active in the region, beat them up. The Gram Sabha, the village council, of Sirisguda passed a resolution outlawing non-Hindu faiths from the village. A section of the Panchayat Raj Act (129 G) was used to adopt a resolution proscribing all religious activity in the village areas which did not adhere to the Hindu faith. Even the Collector of the District, Mr. Ankit Anand, who is the highest civil servant and administration of the region, admitted was against the law.

Since then, according to media reports, more than 60 villages have passed similar resolutions in the area. There have been frequent reports between July 2014 and now of Christians being beaten up in Bastar District in various places including Sirisguda, Belar, Gadiya, Parapur etc.

In Madota village, Police Station Bhanpuri, District Bastar, Chhattisgarh (about 40 kilometres from Jagdalpur) and its surrounding areas Christian families have had many visits from Hindu groups forcing them to convert to Hinduism or face the consequences. The village has already witnessed an order prohibiting the visit of any Christian pastor or leader who is not a local of Madota village. No such rule exists for leaders of the VHP who frequent the village.

On 14th September, Christians gathered peacefully at the Carmel Pentecostal Church near Madota village were attacked by members of Bajrang Dal and VHP. As the Chhattisgarh Lok Swantrya Sangathan, the state unit of People's Union for Civil Liberties, a prominent national Human Rights group noted, "When the Christian community was conducting worship in their Church, 30-35 karyakartas [cadres] of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad entered the church, gave slogans of "Isaiyon ko maro, Ramrajya leke aao", [Eliminate the Christians, Bring in the Kingdom of Lord Rama] and began beating up the persons present, including women and children. They threatened the members of Christian community present there that if they did not come back into their old religion i.e. the Hindu fold, they would not be allowed to drink water from the communal water sources, they would not be allowed to reap their harvests and would be dispossessed of their lands, and might even lose their lives. The Christian community tried to register a complaint at the local police station at Bhanpuri, however the Town Inspector (TI – Station house Officer), he refused to register an FIR [First Information Report]."

"On 16 September 2014, 40-50 members of the Christian community went to the District Head Quarters at Jagdalpur and informed the Superintendent of Police regarding the above incident. The SP Jagdalpur directed the Inspector of Police Station to go to the village and affect a compromise between the two communities. On 19 September 2014, the Inspector of the Bhanpuri police station summoned both parties to the dispute to come to the Police Station. The leaders of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad - Yogendra Kaushik and Surendra Yadav – both residents of Jagdalpur, also went to the Police Station. They threateningly told the Police Officer that he should not get involved in this issue and that only their writ would run in Madhota village. They told the Christians that they must get re-converted to the Hindu fold otherwise they would face consequences. Slogans of "Bajrang Bali" were shouted in the Thana itself. The TI then advised the Christian pastors who had accompanied the villagers not to enter the village, and not to conduct any collective prayer meetings. The villagers and the Pastors had no choice but to obey."

On 9th October the local BJP MLA Dinesh Kashyap led an event at Kunkuda village, in which he claimed to re-convert to Hinduism, 33 Christians from 10 families. The VHP Jagdalpur unit organized the program and Dinesh Kashyap not only presided over the event but also washed the feet of the people being reconverted. Christians in the area have reported that the re-conversion ceremony was a farce and that already Hindu members were paraded as Christians who are embracing Hinduism.

The event raises important questions as to the role of Mr. Kashyap who is the brother of Kedar Kashyap, the BJP Member of Parliament from the area and the law. As a local MLA does Mr. Kashyap represent the interests of Hindus alone? Was the procedure for conversion, which requires information and permission from the district administration, followed and were affidavits submitted? If not then Mr. Kashyap and the members of the VHP have a lot to answer for.

On 19th October another Church was targeted at Madota village. The PUCL report said: Once again while the Christians were conducting their prayers in the Church, the karyakartas [cadres] of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad surrounded the Church and 5-6 of them entered the Church premises. The people can recognize Daulat, Sadhu, Bhadu, Nauratan and Raju by name and face from amongst these. These people had come with a photo of Bajrang Bali and began to abuse and beat the Christians. They initially wanted to put up the photo of Bajrang Bali in the church, but later they hung it on the borewell and declared that no Christians would be allowed to drink water from the borewell. The people again went to the PS Bhanpuri, where the TI refused to register their complaint. The next day, i.e. on 20th October 2014, they went to meet the SP, district Bastar. The SP not being available, they met the Additional Superintendent of Police Mr. Vijay Pandey, who assured them that he would personally look into the matter. He said that he would come to the village on 25th October 2014 and bring the City Magistrate along with him so that the matter could be resolved.

On 25th October 2014, the Village Kotwar [official] announced by beating of drum that the district authorities would be visiting the village. The Christian community comprising 25-30 families gathered near their Church from 10 am, but none of the officers came to the village. At around 2.30 pm (afternoon), a crowd of about 250-300 people armed with lathis [canes, or staves] came in a procession to the village. and started beating up the Christians including women and children. Some were pursued right up to their houses and beaten there. Many ran away into the adjoining forest. Six Christians were severely injured including a woman whose hand had been fractured. Mr. Bhupendra Khora was informed by the villagers of this and he immediately contacted the SP, Bastar. Though the SP was not present, Mr. Khora appraised his Reader of the tense situation, and he sent the police force to the village. When the police arrived, the VHP people were still beating the Christians and they ran away after seeing the police. When the ambulance service (called 108 in Chhattisgarh) was called, the Village Kotwar, who is himself a member of the Bajrang Dal and 2-3 others also got into the ambulance along with the injured Christians claiming that they had been hurt by the Christians, though they had no visible injuries. These persons were also admitted into the hospital. Persons named Bhagirathi, Sadhu, Bhadu, Raju and others of the VHP were detained in bailable offences. The Christian pastors were also detained under Section 151 Criminal Procedure Code.

On 27th October 2014, about 2,000-2,500 persons surrounded the Bhanpuri police station to demand the release of the VHP members. They were however produced

before the judicial magistrate and remanded to judicial custody. The Pastors were produced in the SDM's court, but since he was on leave and did not accept the bail bonds, they were also sent to jail.

Under the pressure of the VHP cadres, the injured Christians were discharged from the hospital, whereas the VHP persons with hardly any injuries continue to be admitted there.

The PUCL noted that "the Christian community in Village Madhota is in terror. They are not being allowed to access the communal sources of water nor to harvest their crops. No Christian is being allowed to leave the village since the two roads leading from the village, one towards Bhanpuri and the other towards Jagdalpur are being guarded by the VHP persons. Many Christians are outside the village and unable to enter the village for fear. The Pastors are facing death threats if they enter the village."

The PUCL said the main source of the impunity of the VHP members is because they are being fully supported by Mr. Kedar Kashyap, Minister in the Chhattisgarh government who is carrying out a campaign of "Ghar Vapasi" in which Christians are being re-converted to Hinduism often forcibly. The District President of the VHP – Surendra Yadav – and the Janpad Panchayat Member of neighboring Village Usuri who is a BJP as well as VHP leader of the area and his close aide Mohan Mourya are inciting and mobilizing the villagers of Madhota and surrounding villages to attack the Christian community.

GUJARAT:

According to CSSS, Gujarat witnessed 59 communal incidents in which 8 people died and 372 were injured. After the victory of Narendra Modi from Vadodara in General elections in May, provocative statements were being made without the state taking any action on them. Vadodara was to undergo another election as Narendra Modi resigned from that constituency and retained Varanasi. The communal pot had to be kept boiling to win parliamentary by elections with large margin. In September, VHP leaders were stating that Muslim were not welcome in Garba religious events attributing motives of love jihad which meant enticing Hindu girls. Bharuch Dist. president of VHP Viral Desai announced that garba dance would be performed at holy place of Muslims (Gaikwad, 2014). "Between May and July, at least 10 incidents of communal riots in three months from took place in Vadodara. Incidents of vehicle collisions, arguments at food stalls (lari) etc, became reasons for clashes between mobs of Hindu and Muslim communities. However, these skirmishes remained localised, and lasted for a few hours at the most, and did not escalate in magnitude to warrant police action. But they did fuel a momentum that aggravated communal tensions in the sensitive areas up to the by-election that took place on 13 September 2014." (People's Union for Civil Liberties, 2014)

Repeated and unsubstantiated allegations of cow slaughter by Muslims by VHP and Bajrang Dal leaders created ill-will against the community members. VHP led protests in Dariapur, another communally sensitive area in Ahmedabad city. The residents of riot affected alleged nexus between the VHP leaders and the police which triggered violence. Policemen would often tip off the VHP affiliated "gau rakhshaks" leading to arbitrary and illegal actions on false allegations. VHP and the policemen raided Muslim dominated Dabhel village in Navsari Dist. and detained residents on charge of selling beef. The police fired injuring two residents which resulted in stone pelting in which three policemen were injured. Ahmedabad city alone had 62 such "gau rakshak" teams, each consisting of about 4-5 members and the teams are deployed at entry points to the city and work in close coordination with police. (Express News Service, 2014).

Ahmedabad: On 25th May angry crowds set fire to several shops and vehicles and pelted stones at each other during the clashes in Ahmedabad. Police fired tear gas to break up clashes between Hindu and Muslim mobs (AFP, 2014). Four people were injured in the communal violence. The incident was triggered off when two cars owned by members of different religions crashed during marriage procession. Mobs set properties on fire damaging three shops, one mini bus and few two wheelers.

Vadodra was rocked by communal violence from 25th to 30th September. A Hindu owner of private tuition class uploaded on social morphed image desecrating Muslim holy shrine on 25th September. His Muslim students filed a complaint before the Commissioner of Police. While returning, there was a minor accident which escalated into a clash between some lawyers and the Muslim youth. Violence spread to Fatehpura and Hathikana where the tuition class was located. The building of the tuition class in Panjrigar Mohalla was ransacked and there was stone pelting by both communities in Fatehpura, Kumbarwas, Koyali falia, and Ranavas. Vehicles were torched and shops were looted (People's Union for Civil Liberties, 2014).

On 26th September violence escalated and there were incidents of stabbing of a Muslim took place hardly 100 m away from the Mandvi gate where there was heavy police deployment. 11 were injured, 11 rounds of bullets and 50 tear gas shells were fired by the police to quell mobs (People's Union for Civil Liberties, 2014).

Yakutpura: Police without any cause entered the area and in Minar Masjid falia, Patel falia 1 and Patel falia 2 in Yakutpura and smashed every vehicle parked in the area. About 70 vehicles were damaged and window panes and doors of many houses broken. They beat some women with lathis and were very abusive. They pulled *dupattas* and almost choked one woman. Even children were not spared. They beat up a 15 year old boy and even animals in their frenzy. Police burst 20 to 25 tear gas shell and carried out 5 to 6 rounds of firing (People's Union for Civil Liberties, 2014), (Gaikwad, 2014).Police indulged in brutal actions to suppress the community that dared to file complaint against desecration of its sacred symbols. 40 to 50 young men were picked up from their homes without any evidence. Commissioner of Police accepted that the crime branch police was at fault in

attacking the citizens and would take appropriate action (People's Union for Civil Liberties, 2014).

At 2:15 am on 28th Sept, 30-35 police entered Taiwada near Sat Daragah **Area** in civil dress with their faces covered, armed with pipes and broke the doors and picking up 5-6 boys after beating them with pipes and rods. The residents complaint that the police broke windshields of 3 to 4 rickshaws levelled false accusation of blasting of petrol bomb to arrest the boys (People's Union for Civil Liberties, 2014).

Somnath On 25th November 2014 violence broke out near Shiv Police Chowki at about 8.30 am. There was a dispute about a Rs.10 currency note belonging to a Muslim which was claimed by a Koli. There was heated argument. In the scuffle, the Muslim passenger was hit by a tiffin box. This injured the Muslim youth and his head and started bleeding. Elders of both the community intervened and separated those fighting. However, after about half an hour, the Kolis from Shanti Nagar reassembled and started pelting stones on Muslim neighbourhood across the highway. The bikes on the road were also burnt. In the attack by Koli youth, one fruit stall, and two refrigerators of cold drink shop owned by Suleman Kapadia were damaged. They looted the chocolates, biscuits and other eatables in the shop. Suleman Kapadia suffered a loss of about Rs. 4-5 lakhs and has no insurance. One motorbike (pulled out from house by breaking doors) and two fruit stalls and a fruit shop were damaged in the attack led by the Koli youth. Muslim youth too gathered and retaliated by pelting stones from the roof top. They burnt 8 motorbikes, damaged two fruit stalls and one fruit shop and 10 to 15 Kolis suffered minor injuries while 8-10 Muslims also were injured.

Maharashtra

In Maharashtra there were 82 incidents of communal violence in 2014 in which 12 persons were killed and 165 were injured, CSSS reported. Maharashtra was next only to UP in communal incidents in 2014. Till October, Indian National Congress was in power and after Assembly elections, BJP formed the Govt. The incidents were relatively minor but spread out. The theatre of communal violence in Maharashtra seems to be mainly in Western Maharashtra. The year 2014 was election year in which elections for the 16th Lok Sabha as well as Maharashtra Assembly were held. There was intense political conflict for votes of Maratha caste which is nearly 50% of the population of Maharashtra (Countries and Their Cultures, n.d.) between the NDA and UPA and within UPA between Congress and NCP. UPA's social base was Marathas, Muslims and Mahars, whereas NDA succeeded in mobilizing OBCs, a section of Mahars, and was aggressively wooing Marathas. Communal ideology was essential tool in weaning Marathas away from Congress and Congress remained ineffective in countering the communal ideology as it feared it would be perceived as pro-Muslims in the process and lose the support of Hindu community. Therefore it did not take appropriate and effective legal action against Hindu nationalist organizations which encouraged them to spit venom against Muslims and indulge in low intensity violence. Shivaji, the much loved Maratha King has been largely communalised, and is exploited as a symbol by the Hindu nationalists to instigate violence against Muslims. Catholic Secular Forum found Maharashtra only next to Karnataka in attacks on Christians in 2013 (Times News Network, 2014). Social media, offensive posters and banners are used calculated to provoke violence against minorities.

On May 31 cadres of Hindu Rashtra Sena (HRS) led by one Dhananjay Desai targeted government properties such as buses, later started pelting stones, looting and burning shops and religious places of the minority community in and around Pune city. In Handewadi area of Pune, two madarasas and two mosques were attacked. They alleged that a post derogatory to Bal Thackeray and Shivaji was posted. More than 250 government buses were damaged. The post as well as the riots seemed to have been planned according to a fact finding report of National Confederation of Human Rights Organisations (NCHRO).[2] According to the police, the plot to attack was hatched by HRS on 1st June (Shaikh, 2014). Another mosque under construction by one Salim Memon was badly damaged. Majid e Chudeja was partly burnt and the Imam was sustained head injury. The attackers, all youths were on two wheelers shouting "Jai Bhavani" and "Jai Maharashtra" and were armed with deadly weapons such as cricket bats, iron bars and swords. Between 9 and 10 pm three such attacks took place at intervals of half an hour. About 50 to 70 armed goons participated in the attack.

Another 35 armed goons of the Hindutva outfit came on motor cycles and attacked Rose bakery, Bangalore bakery and Maharashtra bakery in Loni. All the bakeries were owned by Muslims. Rs.35,000 cash was also looted from Rose bakery. Stones were pelted on Alamgir Mosque. At the same time in Landewadi Bhonsdi the Madina Masjid was burnt using petrol and a nearby Muslim kabarsthan (graveyard) were attacked. The imam of the Masjid one injured his leg when he tried to jump out of the Masjid. Four two wheelers parked near the Masjid were also burnt. The graves and a small worshiping shed in the grave yard were ransacked. In Noor Mohalla in Bhonsdi about 40 houses were damaged by stone pelting. About 25 bikes were attacked and broken to pieces.

As police were lax in dealing with the rioters, there was a massive attack on June 2. In Kale Padel, Syed Nagar, Hadapsar main market a number of bakeries, shops and hotels were ransacked and burnt. Not only the showrooms, but also the baking machines, fridges, tempos, four wheelers and bicycles were broken to pieces and burnt. Residences of Dalit Buddhists were also attacked near Hotel Sahara. One Neela Badukombe and another Maruthi Shinde Baba, all dalits said that they are living there for nearly 50 years and this is the first time they were attacked. In Kasbapet Four Hindu nationalist cadres were injured when they clashed with Muslim youth who tried to prevent them from attacking a mosque. In this connection six Muslim youths are arrested. In the Hadapsar main market area the Nalband masjid was stoned. One fruit shop owned by Abdul Kabeer and a banana godown owned by Abdul Rafi Bagwan were burnt. In Uruli Devaichi the Jama masjid was attacked. A fridge and a water tank and some other things were broken. All these attacks took place between 9 and 11 pm. At about 9 pm Mohsin Shaikh (28), a

pious young Muslim techie from Solapur was beaten to death as he was wearing a skull cap. Mohsin's friend managed to escape with injuries. But Mohsin, the only bread winner of his middle class family succumbed to death after he was brought to a hospital. Two other Muslim youths Izaz Yusuf Bagwan and Ameer Shaik who witnessed the attack on Mohsin were also targeted but they managed to escape with injuries. A compensation amount of Rs 5,00,000 is given to Mohsin's family by the state govt. About 20 FIR s are filed in Hadapsar, Bhonsdi, Munuva, Loni and Vagoli police stations. The investigating officer said that 23 persons were arrested for June 2 incidents. About 200 persons were arrested in all. The NCHRO found that in total 40 houses and 20 mosques were attacked, five out of the twenty mosques were burnt. 35 two wheelers and five tempos were destroyed. 29 bicycles were burnt. 10 hawking carts were broken to pieces. Seven people were injured and one person killed. The total loss suffered by Muslims as estimated by NCHRO was about Rs. 4.5 crores.

Telangana

On 14th May, the Sikh community attacked Muslim houses with canes and swords in response burning of religious flag of Sikh community in Sikh Chhawni area of Kishanbagh in Hyderabad by some unknown miscreant. This was the second time when the Sikh community attacked Muslims for the same reason – burning of their flag. Three Muslims were killed – one due to stabbing and two when the BSF fired from point blank range in an overreaction. There were no warning shots and no teargas shells. Kishanbagh is inhabited by Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs and they reside peacefully.

Karnataka

In Karnataka there were 68 communal incidents in which 6 people died and 151 were injured. 12 persons were injured in communal riots in Bijapur (Karnataka), following BJP's victory procession led by ex-Union Minister Basavannagouda Patil Yatnal on the day of Narendra Modi's swearing in ceremony, i.e. 26th May. Many shops and roadside vendors were also attacked some following argument over smearing of vermillion on unwilling persons. Property worth Rs.1 lakh was destroyed and 15 persons were injured (Kohram.in, 2014).

Assam

The Sonbijit Faction of NDFB proved to be the most fatal armed militia which led to more than 108 deaths, most of them in indiscriminate firing on Bengali speaking Muslims and adivasis. The Union Govt. as well as the State Govt. has done pretty little to disarm and neutralize the militia.

On 2nd May, about 48 people were killed and 10 persons missing and nearly 70 out of the 72 houses in Narayanguri, Baksa were burnt down. Those who took to River Beki to save themselves were either hit by bullets or had their children drifted with

the currents of the river (Rahman, 2014). Survivors of the tragedy asserted that former cadres of Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) and surrendered militants were involved in the carnage. They had been appointed as Forest Guards in BTAD. The fact that guns provided to forest officials have been used in the massacre also directs suspicion towards Khampa Borgoyary, Deputy Chief of BTC and executive member of the Forest Department of BTAD. The massacre was a planned reprisal to teach non-Bodo inhabitants a lesson for voting against the atrocious ruling administration. The immediate provocation for the 2nd May killings came from the statement made by Bodo People's Front (BPF) legislator and former Agricultural Minister of Assam, Pramila Rani Brahma, accusing Muslims of not voting for the BPF candidate in the 16th Lok Sabha elections. Police brutalities on the Muslims on 25th April following poll violence on the previous day at the Harbhanga polling station provided an encouraging environment. When the results were declared, Naba, alias Hira Saraniya of *Sanmilita Janagosthiya Aikkyaman*cha (SJA) won the elections with non-Bodo votes defeating Pramila Rani Brahma by a huge margin.

On 23rd December, 78 people were killed when the cadres belonging to the Songbijit faction of NDFB fired indiscriminately, including 46 in Sonitpur, 29 in Kokrajhar (including 4 Bodos in retaliatory violence by adivasis) and three in Chirang district. Most of the victims are women and children. Those killed in the indiscriminate firing were adivasis, mostly belonging to Christian community. They were targeted as a retribution for state action against the militia.

In Manikpur and Dimapur villages in Gossaigaon area of Kokrajhar district, several houses of Bodos were set ablaze by adivasis early in the morning despite an indefinite curfew clamped in the entire district in retaliatory violence. Three adivasis were killed in police firing on protesters to take the total number of dead in Sonitpur district to 46.

HARYANA

In Hisar, a church being constructed on a plot of land owned by the Beleivers Church at Kaimri in Haryana's Hisar district was destroyed and a saffron flag hoisted on its gate on 16 March 2015. Services in the church had been repeatedly disrupted earlie also. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad is aggressively supporting the attack on the church. Aggressively defending the demolition of a church in Haryana's Hisar, VHP on Monday asked whether Christians would allow construction of a Hanuman temple in the Vatican City. VHP joint general secretary Surendra Jain called the 1857 war of independence a communal war fought for religion and said similar wars would be waged if Christians did not stop conversions. He also claimed that the allegations of communal overtones in the gang rape of a nun in Nadia in West Bengal were a conspiracy of the church and that sexual exploitation of nuns was a Christian culture, and not of Hindus. He said the Pope is so worried about rape of nuns that he is promoting gay sex to stop it

NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI

Senior Christian activists, Priests and Nuns were manhandled and then detailed for the day in Parliament Street police station in New Delhi on 5 February while they were assembling at the Sacred Heart Cathedral to rptest against the anti Christian violence in the country, and specially in Delhi. In their memorandum to the Home Minister, Mr. Rajnath Singh, the community leaders listed five cases in two months of December 2014 and January 2015. In a memorandum to the Home Minister, community representatives listed the five recent attacks in churches:

- 1.St Sebastian Church, Dilshad Garden [1 December 2014]: The entire inferior burnt. Police action was promised. No information on the progress made by Delhi police.
- 2. Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Jasola [3 December 2014] Window smashed by rock during Holy Mass services, glass pieces on altar: Police silent
- 3. Church of Resurrection, Rohini, [3 January 2015] Crib with statues burnt to ashes. Effort to pass it off as short circuit
- 4.Our Lady of Grace, Vikaspuri, [14 January, 2015] Grotto attacked. CCTV captures images of vandals. Police arrest three men, claim they did it as a drunken prank.
- 5. St. Alphonsa's Church, Vasant Kunj [2 February 2015 Church broken into, Sacred Host [holy communion] desecrated. Despite detailed complaint, police trying to minimize crime as "theft" and "breaking into residential house"

THE HATE CAMPAIGN:

RSS chief Mr. Mohan Bhagwat has repeatedly asserted that everyone in India is Hindu, including Muslims and Christians, because this is the land of the Hindu people and civilization. This refrain was picked up by the Deputy Chief Minister of Goa, and by big and small leaders across the country, going viral on social media and the national TV News channels in their English and Hindi debates. The Sangh ideologue MG Vaidya said on 19th May, three days after the election results, that they can now tackle issues such as the building of the Ram temple on the site of the Babri mosque they demolished in 1992 Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Mr. Ashok Singhal, said "if [Muslims] keep opposing Hindus, how long can they survive?". Another leader said "Modi will restore Hindutva rule, like Prithviraj Chauhan (25th May 2014). The focus shifted to Love Jihad, more children to be produced by Hindu women to offset the increase in the Muslim population, and by February, to ban on cow slaughter and beef.. [See Annexure for details and Links.]

Mr. Bhagwat, arguably the second most politically powerful and culturally influential person in has been unremitting in his pronouncements. Indian Express reporter Shyamlal Yadavon 17 March 2015 reported under the headline **Ghar wapsi 'thrust' area: RSS chief says help those who want to 'come back' to Hinduism:** Among three programmes that the RSS has listed as its thrust areas is dharma jagran, another name for ghar wapsi. The other two are kutumb prabodhan (family values) and samajik samrasta (social harmony), sources said citing an address by sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat.

They said Bhagwat also told Akhil Bhartiya Pratinidhi Sabha (ABPS) delegates in Nagpur on Sunday that its swayamsewaks must also avoid looking for popularity. Addressing the concluding session of the ABPS on Sunday, Bhagwat reportedly said dharma jagran has been among the Sangh's thrust areas and will go on. According to the sources, he said the British had started conversion of Hindus since the 14th century and now that "people want to come back to Hinduism", swayamsewaks have to help that happen. He reportedly cautioned swayamsewaks, however, to do their work while keeping out of the limelight.

GHAR WAPSI:

The political and coercive conversion to Hinduism:

Christians constitute 2.3 per cent of the national population, according to the 2011 census. They have been a focal target of the Sangh Parivar for a long time. In August 2014. 72 Valmikis (a section of the Dalit community) who had in the past converted to Christianity underwent a so-called "re-conversion" to Hinduism in Aligarh in the state of Uttar Pradesh, under the auspices of the 'Dharma Jagran Vivad" (Religious Awakening Forum). This was a "Ghar Vapasi" (literally, a "return home") ceremony through which the Sangh Parivar intervenes to claim non-Hindu members of the Dalit and Adivasi communities as Hindus. The Constitution of India guarantees freedom of religion, allowing for the free exercise of individual choice over matters of faith. However, "Freedom of Religion" laws enacted in several states presume that individuals are incapable of making their own informed decisions regarding matters of faith, and can only be manipulated or coerced into conversion. The language of the Gujarat anticonversion law enacted in 2003 is telling in this respect. Conversion is viewed as an attempt "to make one person to renounce one religion and adopt another religion." These laws empower district administrations to oversee and regulate religious conversions, in order to prevent what are referred to as conversions by "fraud" or "force." Effectively, these laws target Christian and Muslim communities and provide opportunities for both local officials and Hindu supremacist organizations to harass and intimidate them. The anti-conversion laws, passed by a number of states, do not apply to such 'Ghar Vapasi' ceremonies. The Sangh Parivar has a singular focus on curbing any conversions out of Hinduism, particularly by Dalits and Adivasis. In April 2013 BJP leader Venkiah Naidu, now a Cabinet minister, had publicly announced his party's intention to "bring an anti- conversion law to ban religious conversions in the country if it is voted to power in 2014 General Elections." Highlighting the primary motivation underlying his party's anxiety over conversions, he went on to add: "... The country will be safe and sound only when Hindus are in a majority."

Inspired by the party's rise to power, several Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders have launched so-called "re-conversion" drives targeting Christian communities. RSS Hindu activist, Rajeshwar Singh recently declared while converting a Christian family to Hinduism in Hasayan (140 km south of Delhi in the state of Uttar Pradesh), "We will cleanse our Hindu society. We will not let the conspiracy of church or mosque succeed in Bharat (India)." Rumors continue to circulate suggesting Christians were forcibly converted and the church has also been refashioned into a Shiva temple. These

conversion efforts are directed primarily at Adivasis and Dalits, informed by a caste politics that drives Hindutva anxieties over conversion. The basic claim that all Christians, like Muslims, are converts, empowers Hindutva groups to deny the religious legitimacy of Adivasi and Dalit Christians. Moreover the claim that conversion to Hinduism is merely "re-conversion" rests on the fallacious notion that all Adivasis are "Hindu" by default, denying the legitimacy of their own distinct and autonomous religious traditions. In BJP-ruled states like Chhattisgarh, draconian laws specifically target Christians, as in the recent case of the Bilaspur High Court banning "all non-Hindu religious propaganda, prayers and speeches in the villages" in Bastar district. The message is clearly that the only religious identity permissible is Hinduism. The administration has remained silent on the growing atmosphere of repression threatening Christians in India.

Social Exclusion:

52 families were denied ration for two months in the Sirisguda Village which was an order enforced by the panchayat head. They approached the food inspector of the district and asked for an enquiry to be conducted. On Monday, June 16, 2014, when the two representatives were sent to appease the village leaders and the complainants, both of them were chased away from the village. Then some assailants filed a false complaint at the Badanji Police Station, Lakandi Taluk - District Bastar about the Christians beating the Hindus in the village. This was simultaneously followed up by a mob of 200 perpetrators who attacked 52 Christian families. Most families were stoned and chased away with sticks, while 8 men and 2 women were seriously injured and hospitalized. This incident preceded the banning of non-Hindu missionaries in Bastar, as mentioned above (Sec. II, Increasing Intolerance against Christians).

Social exclusions are the one of the primary tactics to victimize minorities denying basic human rights that are common to every citizen. These exclusion orders, often make Christians vulnerable to excessive violence and denial of social privileges like access to water, electricity and work. On July 28, 2014 a mob of over 300 persons from the Yadav community led by Swami Krishnadavananda threatened the Pastor and 30 families who were believers in the Church at Gallaragati, Holalkara in the Chitradurga District to convert back to Hinduism. They along with the local Panchayat issued a one week deadline to decide on the same, which otherwise, would lead to the families being ostracized from the local village. Such exclusions force families into submission or are attacked for making a choice of being as a Christian.

Assaults on Church Leaders and Believers:

Assaults on Church leaders and believers have augmented bizarrely. Profiling of Christians in villages and attacking them has been the most effective way of spreading terror among the minorities. A Christian along with his wife, mother-in-law and mother were beaten by Hindu fanatics at Parapur Village in Bastar, Chhattisgarh on July 26, 2014. The incident occurred when five Hindu fanatics took Shri Raguram (name changed) outside his house and started verbally abusing him. They alleged that that he had left their Gods and became a Christian to which he replied saying that he had become a Christian because he wanted to and no one had forced him to do so. On

hearing this, they started slapping and kicking him. Then when they began to strangle him with the intention of killing, his mother and mother-in-law interfered and stopped the men from trying to kill him. They then slapped and beat the elderly women and his wife. He was bleeding profusely and was later admitted to the Jagdalpur hospital. When Shri Raguram's wife went to the Lohandiguda Police Station to file a complaint, the police refrained from doing so, citing it as a family feud.

In another incident, a mob of about 10 people came and attacked a Pastor and believers in Perur, near Coimbatore while praying for a 8 year old who had a fractured her hand, on Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 7:00pm. Six men among the mob stormed into the house and beat up the pastor and the family, including women and children with vessels. According to the local police, the pastor was allegedly beaten up with sticks and dragged outside the house. He was then stripped and publicly humiliated by the gang. The FIR was filed in Perur Police station and the two men were arrested and remanded to judicial custody by the magistrate of Coimbatore Court. Two preachers from the Jehovah Witness were arrested on allegations of conversion on August 17, 2014 at Sukhiya, Indore, which was also the day of the Hindu festival Janmashtami. They were taken to the Harsh Nagar Police Station where a (an) FIR was filed and they were charged under the MP Freedom of Religion Act, 1968 under Sec. 3 and 4. A mob of over 400 people had gathered outside the police station chanting slogans against the pastor. They were bailed out by Christian workers next day morning. Most of these incidents are not reported to the police due to fear and intimidation from the local thugs that operate for the RSS, VHP and the Bajrang Dal. Such attacks are unconstitutional and against the fundamental right to freedom on religion.

Police partiality and Inaction:

However, the violence in itself fails to reveal the full picture. The impunity enjoyed by the violent mobs is a bigger cause for concern. Many victims of violence complain about the lack of police action, including hostility towards Christians. Police resist filing criminal complaints and have on several instances allegedly threatened to falsely incriminate the victims in some cases.

On September 6, 2014, twelve pastors were beaten at a Police station in Greater Noida on the pretext of a mob of about 150 Hindu fundamentalists that had gathered outside and demanded such action. The police obliged and thrashed the pastors. No reports were filed. It was baffling to know that the police had thrashed the pastors. Such police atrocities have led to increase of impunity among perpetrators.

On June 30, 2014, the police manhandled a Pastor, filed a case against him and summoned him to appear before the court in Gandhi Nagar, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India. It was reported that the local Hindu extremists had opposed the ministry of the Pastor and threatened to harm him several times in the past for conducting prayer meetings. However, the pastor continued to conduct worship services and later started to build a prayer hall on his land. Subsequently, the extremists filed a police complaint against the pastor of illegal construction. Earlier, on 19 April, 2014, the police had questioned the same Pastor at his home, slapped him and told him to stop the construction work and had charged him Under Sections 107 and 116 of the Indian Penal

ECONOMIC ISOLATION

Muslim businesses face heat in Gujarat: Muslims are not allowed to do meat and egg business in Palitana which is situated at about 100 kms from Bhavnagar.10 Gujarati Muslim traders have alleged to having been forced to close down their businesses over the past one month. The latest complaint was filed on 4 September 24, 2014 by hotelier Mustafa Patel who claims to have shut down his Jyoti Hotel on Viramgam highway, a 90 minute drive from Ahmedabad, after receiving threats. His petition says that despite court orders, Police has refused to provide him protection.

The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has sought a report from the Gujarat government after receiving complaints related to preventing people from operating their businesses. Earlier the Commission had received complaints from nine traders of Chhota Udepur, alleging that their businesses have been ruined. The complaint said that the sarpanch of village Baroj, Jayanti Rathwa engineered a riot in the area to take away the luxury transport business from his competitor Irfan Abdul Ghani. The region witnessed communal clashes following a minor altercation between Adivasis and Muslims.

"Many Minority industries were attacked and set on fire. Police DIG and SP went there, FIRs were lodged but till today no one has been arrested," said the complaint. Muslims and Advisasi have lived together in the area for centuries. Muslims smell a conspiracy to create bad blood between the two communities with a view to force Muslims out of business in the region. Those who have been already forced to close down their businesses are Kasim Ahmad (scrap dealer), Ahmad Arif (minerals), Farooq Bhai (power production unit), Yakub Mohammad (mineral production), Saifudin Ali (power production), Ahmad Khoka (power), Shabir Bhai (mineral production), Majid Khan (power) and Harun Abdul Malajher (mines).

Palitana IS a sacred place for the Jain community. There is a famous temple here. Jains come from all over the country and even from aboard to visit it. In the temple vicinity, meat and eggs were not allowed but now even in the rest of the town Muslims are not allowed to do the business of meat. Recently in Ahmedabad city, all slaughter houses and meat shops were forced to close on account of a Jain festival for about a week.

Muslim populated areas deprived of 'Jan Dhan' scheme:

Under 'Prime Minister's Jan Dhan Scheme' whereas bank accounts of common people are being opened on a large scale in all banks of Delhi even in case of people who have zero balance, people living in Muslim populated areas are being deprived of this facility because on account of Banks anti-Muslim bias they are not opening / have not opened their branches because these (Muslim populated) areas have been black-listed by almost all banks in consequence of which lakhs of residents of these areas, majority of whom are Muslims, are facing great difficulties in opening their bank accounts. When the manager of a bank was asked about this he said on

condition of anonymity that Banks Advisory Committee takes decisions about opening the bank's branches in different localities on the basis of resolutions passed, surveys of localities etc but when a locality is blacklisted, how can branches be opened there? He did not specify the reason of blacklisting a locality or region. After the prime minister's 15th August speech and 'Jan Dhan' scheme, bank accounts of even people who have neither any bank account nor any bank balance are being opened in all banks of the country on a large scale. Some commercial banks had already started opening bank accounts of people. If some one's bank account is already opened but he has no debit card, there is no need for him to open a fresh account. They can get a debit card on the basis of the account already opened.

Whereas great rush of account openers is being seen in banks in all areas, in Muslim populated areas like Mustafabad, Nehru Vihar, Khajoori Khas, Ghonda, Brahampuri, Old and New Seelampur, Jaffarabad, Welcome Colony, Kabir Nagar, Nangloee, Prem Nagar, Mubarakpur, Nizamuddin, Seemapuri, Sunder Nagri, Jamia Nagar, Batla House, Jogabaee, Shaheen Bagh, Abul Fazal Enclave, Okhla Vihar Muslims of these areas are facing great difficulties in opening accounts in the absence of branches of any bank. Banks on the whole are so biased against Muslims that almost all these Muslim populated areas are blacklisted. There are very little ATM facilities also in these areas. People in these areas are not given any loans nor housing loans from whatever bank branches are opened here. [The Milli Gazette – 16-30 September 2014]

SOME CASE STUDIES

LOVE JIHAD AND SHUDDHIKARAN IN WEST BENGAL

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'Love jihad' gets a Bengal reply: Bahu lao, Beti bachao, 'purify' Muslim brides

Written by Madhuparna Das | Kolkata | March 13, 2015

The din over the 'ghar wapsi' reconversion campaign in the north and west may have dropped many decibels after Prime Minister Narendra Modi underlined "the undeniable right" of an individual's choice of religion. But in the east, the RSS and its affiliates are experimenting with another conversion programme — where, instead of hounding a Hindu-Muslim couple, they are actively facilitating their union. The only condition: the bride, in this case, is a <u>Muslim who becomes a Hindu</u> after a "suddhikaran" (purification) programme.

In West Bengal, especially in districts where the BJP has made significant electoral gains — at the expense of a crumbling Left and Congress — the Hindutva brotherhood, from Vishwa Hindu Parishad to Hindu Samhati, Hindu Jagran Manch to

Bharat Sevashram Sangha, have stepped up a campaign they call "Bahu lao, Beti bachao" (bring a daughter-in-law, save a daughter), saying this is their answer to "love jihad."

In sharp contrast to their hounding of Hindu woman-Muslim man couples, these groups actively "shelter, arrange" the marriage of Hindu man-Muslim woman couples.

Over two months, The Indian Express travelled through South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Murshidabad, Howrah and Birbhum — the rise of the BJP in these areas has coincided with the spread of this campaign — and met several couples who openly credit the Hindu groups for their marriage.

VHP leader Badal Das, who is in charge of his organisation's role in the campaign, estimates that at least 500 Muslim and Christian women have "become Hindus through marriage" in the last one year.

All women have adopted Hindu names and their families have been "advised" to join the BJP for their "own safety".

Hindu Samhati chief Tapan Ghosh said they were "fighting the menace called love jihad... Muslim boys trap Hindu girls into marriage... our effort is to rescue the victims of love jihad and bring Muslim girls to Hindu homes".

Achintya Biswas, Jadavpur University professor who heads the VHP golden jubilee celebrations committee, said: "If a Hindu boy can reconvert a Muslim girl to Hinduism, it is considered a pious act. We want to break this trend of a Hindu girl getting married to a Muslim boy."

One such woman who had to undergo "suddhikaran" to become a Hindu is 21-year-old Rebeka Khatun, now Meenakshi Naskar. She lives in Lakshminarayanpur, South 24 Parganas.

She does not respond immediately if you call out Renu, her nickname, or Meenakshi. She was given these names by her husband's parents and the Hindu Samhati which arranged her marriage to Madhumangal Naskar last year. They married "after one year of courtship".

Madhumangal's father, Haradhan Chandra Naskar, did not object. He and his family joined the BJP. Her father, Mosaraf Sheikh, was also told to join the party for the "safety and security" of the couple.

"I was told to convert to Hinduism if I wanted to marry him. I eloped since my community would have never allowed a Muslim girl to marry a Hindu boy. Madhumangal approached the Hindu Samhati. They assured us they would settle everything if I converted to Hinduism. I agreed," she said.

BJP'S GROWTH STORY From one Lok Sabha poll to the next, vote shares in the districts where these Hindu boy-Muslim girl marriages took place SOUTH NORTH 24-PARGANAS 24-PARGANAS (4 LS SEATS) (5 LS SEATS) 20.97% 10.73% 5.07% 3.63% 2014 2009 2014 2009 MURSHIDABAD **HOW RAH** (2 LS SEATS) (3 LS SEATS) 16.67% 7.84% 3.12% 4.00% 2009 2014 2014 2009

"We were kept in a shelter in Kolkata by the Hindu Samhati. After a few months, I came here. I declared myself a Hindu and submitted an affidavit. His parents organised a 'havan' for my 'suddhikaran' (purification). I married him as per Hindu rituals," she said.

Father-in-law Haradhan, the village healer, said: "I asked her father to remain on good terms with the BJP. I was a member of SUCI but I am now in the BJP. Her father comes to meet her at night since others in the village might not approve."

Father Mosaraf Sheikh said: "Initially, we resisted. But my daughter eloped and embraced Hinduism. She is happy now."

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From Vishwa Hindu Parishad to Hindu Samhati, Bharat Sevashram Sangha to Hindu Jagran Manch, a common thread binds them all — a campaign to counter 'love jihad' across West Bengal. Calling it the "bahu lao, beti bachao" campaign, these organisations have been urging Hindu young men to bring home Muslim or Christian brides while "protecting Hindu girls from falling in love or getting married to Muslim, Christian boys".

And they speak in chorus: "It is a fight against the menace of love jihad. By going in for such a marriage, a Hindu boy is doing a serviceto society."

Vishwa Hindu Parishad

Badal Das is in charge of the VHP contribution to the "bahu lao, beti bachao" campaign which he says is part of their paribartan programme. He said at least 500 Muslim and Christian women converted to Hinduism "legally and religiously" after marrying Hindu men in the last one year, and the programme was "most successful" in Bengal.

Sachindra Sinha, in charge of the VHP state unit, said: "We have also intensified social activities to push for an anti-conversion law."

Jugal Kishoreji, VHP general secretary in charge of Dharm Prasar, said: "If a Hindu boy marries a Muslim girl, we make her undergo suddhikaran (purification). Their children will be Hindus. So it is a serviceto society."

Achintya Biswas, professor at Jadavpur University and president of the VHP goldenjubilee committee, said: "Since there is a friendly government at the Centre, we are working comfortably. Our leaders have directed us to remove caste lines in Hindu society, be involved in marital ties. If a Hindu boy can reconvert a Muslim girl to Hinduism, it is considered a pious act. We want to break this trend of a Hindu girl getting married to a Muslim boy."

Hindu Samhati founder Tapan Ghosh was an RSS leader once. He floated his outfit when he thought the RSS was being "soft". Ghosh said the Hindu Samhati was "fighting the menace called love jihad".

"Society is in peril. We are fighting against atrocities on Hindu families. Hindu girls are being made victims of love jihad. Muslim boys trap Hindu girls into marriage. Love jihad has become a tool to traffic Bengali Hindu girls to West Asia. Our effort is to rescue the victims of love jihad and bring Muslim girls to Hindu homes," he said.

The Hindu Samhati has the same approach as the VHP — conversion through

marriage. Women who undergo suddhikaran never file an FIR, so there is no case of forcible conversion, he said. "We do not force people to convert. We help those who wish to get converted. This is a great service to the country and Hindu society," he said.

The Bharat Sevashram Sangha too has been facilitating the marriage of Muslim girls to Hindu boys. It has set up more than 300 Hindu Milan Mandirs across the state for such marriages and suddhikaran. South 24-Parganas has 45 such mandirs.

Swami Guruparananda, chief organiser of the central Hindu Milan Mandir, said: "Spreading awareness among Hindu and Muslim girls is very important. If married to Muslim youths, girls have to give birth to several babies. The reason is not sexual, but political. Muslims want to increase their population. But if a Muslim girl converts to Hinduism, she lives a normal life in a liberal society."

He prefers to use the term reconversion. "We only perform rituals for the suddhi of those who are becoming Hindus." He said he performed suddhi rituals on 108 Muslim girls in two years. "This was only after the girls submitted affidavits, declaring change of religion and names. Other Hindu groups facilitate the legal process while we perform Vedic rituals."

India: This valentine's day, a Hindutva Helpline for those in Love Couples declaring love on Facebook will be married off

Worry not if your parents oppose your marriage plans. This Valentine's Day, all you need is a bit of PDA on Facebook or Twitter, Scroll's Mayank Jain reported on 8th February 2015.

http://scroll.in/article/704157/Hindutva-Helpline:-Couples-declaring-love-on-Facebook-will-be-married-off

A few days ago, Hindutva groups warned that couples found celebrating their love in public on Valentine's Day would be forced to get married. But now, they've gone further. Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha president Chandra Prakash Kaushik saidthat even people displaying hearts on their Facebook profiles need to be wary."We will trace the whereabouts and contact the people and offer them to either get married or stop displaying love publicly as it is contaminating our culture," he told *Scroll*.

The Mahasabha said that is opposed to Valentine's Day because it doesn't want youngsters to "ruin their lives". In the national capital, the Mahasabha's headquarters is preparing for the big day by deploying teams of youngsters and priests to keep a check on wandering couples with roses or gifts in their hand. "We don't want to disrupt the day but we want to eliminate this western concept of public display of love," said Mahasabha president Chandra Prakash Kaushik. According to Kaushik, youngsters don't have an adequate understanding of love and the organization will seek to educate them about the responsibilities that

come with loving someone. "If a person says he loves the girl, then we want to make sure they get married," he said. "If you can't marry someone then it's not love and you are trying to get something out of it which is against our Indian culture."

Workers have already started patrolling parks, malls and other places in the city where they could find couples to "counsel", he said. The Mahasabha, he said, will try to get inter-faith couples married on the day itself by performing a cleansing ceremony for conversion into Hinduism. "Many Hindu youth are being forced to change their religion just because they are in love and we want to tell them that Indians belong to only one religion. There was nothing before Hinduism in our country."

The Mahasabha has already readied itself to perform wedding ceremonies with proper Hindu rituals even if the parents don't agree to an inter-caste marriage. "We will play guardians of the couple if they decide to get married through us," said Kaushik. "Anyone above 18 years of age in this country has the right to be in love and marriage is the only way to make it legitimate." Three priests and six teams are already on the job in the national capital and parts of Uttar Pradesh to look over the ceremonies and the organization has said that more manpower can be deployed if needed.

This isn't the first time the Hindu Mahasabha has created a controversy. It was in news recently for converting poor Muslims to Hinduism through its gharwapsi programme and for trying to install a statute of Gandhi's killer Nathuram Godse statue in Meerut.

For those who were wondering, the organization has no plans to get same sex couples married as it believes homosexuality to be an illness that needs treatment. "We are not going to become a party to this illness by getting them married," said Kaushik. "We will give them a chance to go seek counselling and medication, this is a disease that needs to be treated."

Hate and Targeted Violence Against Christians May 16, 2014 - March 16, 2015

				Over 50 dalit people have complained to
1	Dalits allege harassment over participation in church festival in Tamil Nadu, India	May 13, 2014	Tiruchirappalli Tamil Nadu, India	Tiruchirappalli district Collector about police harassment following a dispute over their participation in the annual car festival of a church in the Periyavarseeli village. The villagers came from the neighboring Pokkattakudi Seshasamudram near Lalgudi town on May 13 after police allegedly beat them up over the weekend.
2	Two churches damaged by unidentified miscreants at Karnataka, India	May 18, 2014	Kundapura, Udupi, Karnataka, India	On 18th May in Kundapur, Karnataka the properties of two churches was damaged by unidentified miscreants. An ornamental pot at the entrance of the Holy Rosary church was broken and a signpost leading to St. Antony Church in Koteshwar also was uprooted.
3	Christian killed in Odisha, India	May 25, 2014	Rayagada, Odisha, India	On 25 May in Dherubada, Rayagada, Hindu extremists brutally murdered Nimmaka Laxmaya (50) as he was returning home after attending a prayer meeting and the baptism of his youngest child.
4	Christians Attacked in Bihar, India	May 25, 2014	Kishanganj, Bihar, India	25th of May, a mob attacked and physically assaulted a Christian family and blocked the road. Subsequently again the mob returned and beat up the family asking them to leave Christianity. Even the little children and young girls were beaten-up. a FIR was registered against both the Christians and members of the mob for disturbing the peace of the region. The local church has been shut down till date.
5	Church and 30 Christian homes destroyed in Odisha, India	June 11, 2014	Bhubaneshwar , Odisha, India	On 11 June in Bhubaneshwar, the authorities demolished a church and 30 houses of Christians in the slums of Behera without giving them any compensation. The Christians after the demolition have nowhere to live, no food to eat and water to drink after their houses were destroyed.
6	Pastor, Believers Beaten up in Madhya Pradesh, India	June 14, 2014	Katni, Madhya Pradesh, India	On 14 June in Gayatri Nagar, Katni, Hindu extremists manhandled Christians and tore up Bibles. About 15 extremists from the Bajrang Dal attacked the Pastor Robin Masihand few believers from Brethren church when they were coming out from one believer's house after a prayer. The extremists surrounded them, started to verbally abuse them for their faith in Christ and pushed them around. Thereafter, the extremists snatched their bags, took out the Bibles and tore it up threatening them not to pray again in the area in the future. The Christians, however, did not file a police complaint against the attackers.

7	10 injured in backlash against Christians demanding rations in Chhattisgarh, India	June 16, 2014	Sirisguda, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	When 52 families who were denied ration for two months in the Sirisguda Village which was a order enforced by the panchayat head, they approached the food inspector of the district and asked for an enquiry to be conducted. On Monday, 16 June 2014, when the two representatives were sent to appease the village leaders and the complainants, both of them were chased away from the village. Then some assailants filed a false complaint at the Badanji Police Station, Lakandi Taluk - District Bastar about the Christians beating the Hindus in the village. This was simultaneously followed up by a mob of 200 perpetrators who attacked 52 Christian families at 14:30 hours. Most families were stoned and chased away with sticks, while 8 men and 2 women were seriously injured and hospitalized. The men Shri Sukh Ram Kashyap (35), Shri Bodka Kunjam (24), Ps. Sivo Ram Mandavi (36), Shri Sannu Mandavi (30), Shri Mahadev Kashyap (22), Shri Sampath Mandavi (18), Ps. Ramdhar Mandavi (34) were mostly hit brutally with sticks and sustained injuries in their hand, back and head. Shri Aitu Mandavi (50) was seriously injured in the head and stomach. The women Shrimati Aiti (40) and Shrimati Kari (45) pulled to the ground while the perpraters stood on them and hit their genital organs.
8	Church Demolished in Chhattisgarh, India	June 24, 2014	Durg, Chhattisgarh, India	On 24 June in Bhilai, Durg, suspected Hindu extremists demolished an independent church of a Pastor Santosh Roa. According to local sources, the thatched building of the church was completely destroyed. Some villagers claimed that the building was destroyed by a cyclone. The area Christians, however, maintained that it was the hands of the extremists as only the church was damaged in the area by the so called 'cyclone'. Moreover, the local Hindu extremists have threatened to harm the Pastor if he continues to conduct a worship meeting in the area several times in the past.

9	Pastor severely beaten up mob at Madhya Pradesh, India	June 30, 2014	Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, India	A Pastor was severely beaten by a mob of about 150 assailants during an afternoon prayer meeting at Killoda Village at Madhya Pradesh, India on Monday, the 30th of June, 2014. The pastor was later arrested along with a member of his church and charged under the MP Freedom of Religion Act Sec.3, 4 and 5. The incident took place when Ps. Chiman Singh (25) was at Shri Pappu Vishwa Karma's home to conduct a prayer meeting at around 2:00 pm. The local RSS leader Shri Jai Ram Gujjar along with the mob came to Shri Pappu's house and caught the pastor and started beating him up profusely. He was verbally abused for being an adivasi and for using people from higher castes to convert the village into Christianity. They also got hold of Pappu and beat him up after which he escaped and ran to the nearby village. Seeing how the mob was beating up the pastor, Shri Pappu's family
				managed to take the pastor inside their house and locked the doors to protect him from the raging mob that was waiting to get hold of the pastor again. Meanwhile, the police was called and Pastor Chiman Singh was arrested. Shri Pappu was also arrested the next day. One of the Free Methodist Churches at Belar, 30 Km.
10	Villagers avert attack on Church at Chhattisgarh, India	July 3, 2014	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	east of Jagdalpur, Chhatisgarh was under by a frenzied mob of the Vajrang Dal that stormed towards the church premises on June 3, 2014 with the intention of demolishing the building. But the villagers took their ground and frustrated the evil plan. The Christians mostly belong to Madia tribe. As the tension loomed large, Church leaders have approached the police for help. This is the second incident in the area in the last fortnight. Christian Leaders Association in Jagdalpur has taken initiative to appraise the Government of the atrocities.
11	50 villages ban non-Hindu missionaries in Chhattisgarh, India	July 5, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	An aggressive campaign by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad had led to a ban on the entry of and propaganda by non-Hindu missionaries, especially Christians, in more than 50 villages of Chhattisgarh Bastar region in the last six months. According to Suresh Yadav, Bastar district president of the VHP, over 50 gram panchayats in Bastar have passed orders banning all non-Hindu religious propaganda, prayers and speeches in the villages. The Sirisguda gram panchayat in the Tokapal block of Bastar passed the order at a special Gram Sabha organised on May 10.The order says, 'To stop the forced conversion by some outsider religious campaigners and to prevent them from using derogatory language against Hindu deities and customs, the Sirisguda Gram Sabha bans religious activities such as prayers, meetings and propaganda of all non-Hindu religions.'

12	Church attacked over alleged conversion at Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, India	July 6, 2014	Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, India	An aggressive mob of about 70 Shiv Sena activists attacked a Church on July 6, 2014 in Jaunpur during their Sunday morning worship at 10:30 am, which was attended by 250 people, including women and children. Even when the Police arrived, the ruthless attack on the members of the Church did not stop until the senior police officials arrived and intervened with additional police personnel at the scene. 11 Christians including Pastor Lalchandra Rajbhar were arrested the same day over allegations of conversion while 5 attackers from the mob were arrested on a non-bailable warrant the next day. The 11 Christians were bailed out on July 8, 2014.
13	Sunday Worship Disrupted in Uttar Pradesh, India	July 13, 2014	Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India	Hindu extremists from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh on July 13 disrupted a Sunday worship meeting, verbally abused the Christians and beat them up in Patholi, Agra. The extremists wearing khaki pants barged into the worship meeting conducted in a house church, accused the believers of being traitors and betraying their fathers' religion; and beat them up. However, the Christians replied that they are free to worship anyone they like and that no one should simply barged into a worship meeting and get violent. The extremists further threatened the Christians of dire consequences if they continued to worship Jesus and gather on Sundays. Tension prevails in the area as the extremists are roaming around to disrupt any kinds of Christian meetings, reported our correspondent. The believers, however, did not file a police complaint for fear of the extremists' retaliation.
14	Crucifix desecrated in Maharashtra, India	July 14, 2014	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	On 14 July in Vile Parle West, Mumbai, anti- Christian elements desecrated a crucifix and hacked off the hand of the statue. Christian groups jointly staged a protest against the incident.
15	Church Locked Up, Christians attacked in Bihar, India	July 16, 2014	Balwanazir, Kaliyanganj, Bihar, India	Hindu extremists who had locked up a church on June 5 after they beat up a Christian family in Balwanazir, Kaliyanganj, Bihar returned to threaten the family on 16 July even after Police took action last month against the extremists. The extremists had repeatedly beat up Sadanandan Singh and his family for their faith in Christ in May and June and finally locked up the church of the Indian Evangelical Team. Kumar and his family were dragged on the road and the entire family including two minor girls were beaten up mercilessly in the last incident. Singh and his family were socially boycotted ever since they decided to follow Christ in 2010.

16	Church vandalised in Uttar Pradesh, India	July 17, 2014	Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, India	A church was vandalized allegedly by Bajrang Dal activists at village Sehkari Nagar here, police said. Two persons including Hemant Singh, area cocoordinator of Bajrang Dal, have been arrested following a complaint by the church priest R C Paul about the incident which occurred on Monday afternoon, according to Senior Superintendent of Police Akhilesh Kumar. Scores of Bajrang Dal activists staged a protest outside the residence of the SSP here late last night demanding release of those arrested in the case. Kumar said an FIR was lodged on the complaint of the priest of the church. "Hemant Singh and one other person were arrested. Eight unknown persons too have been named in the FIR," he said. The church at Sehkari Nagar village has been in existence since 1991. Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh is about 90 km from Delhi. Meanwhile, Hemant Singh alleged that that church was luring poor Hindus to convert to Christianity.
17	Christian School falsely blamed for rising floods in Madhya Pradesh, India	July 23, 2014	Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, India	On July 23 in Vatsala Vihar, Khandwa, Hindu villagers shouting "Jai Shree Ram' (Praise Lord Ram) demolished Holy Spirit School which was constructed with due permission from the Municipality after the housing board falsely and unreasonable accused the school of causing flood.
18	Land grabbing complaint against Christian in Bastar, Chhattisgarh	July 25, 2014	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	The leaders of the Sirisguda village in the state of Chhattisgarh have alleged a Christian believer for grabbing land forcefully to build a Church. Shri Pagnu Pita was taken to the Collector's office on the July 24th and asked to sign on papers on which he did not know what was written. The next day he came to know that he had signed on papers that lodged a complaint against his own nephew Shri Ramchand for forcefully grabbing his land to build a prayer house. Shri Pagnu Pita said that he was fully supportive of his nephew for building the prayer house and did not oppose his decision. However, he said that the leaders of the village had duped him to sign the papers. He has filed a complaint about the same at the Badanji Police Station.

19	Christian along with his mother, mother-in-law and wife beaten at Chhattisgarh, India	July 26, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	A Christian along with his wife, mother in law and mother were beaten by Hindu fanatics at Parapur Village in Bastar, Chhattisgarh. The incident occurred when five Hindu fanatics called Shri Sakuram outside his house and started verbally abusing him. They alleged that that he had left their Gods and became a Christian to which he replied saying that he had become a Christian because he wanted to and no one had forced him to do so. On hearing this, they started slapping and kicking him. Then when they began to strangle him with the intention of killing, his mother and mother-in-law interfered and stopped the men from trying to kill him. They then slapped and beat the elderly women and his wife. He was bleeding profusely and was later admitted to the Jagdalpur hospital. When Shri Sakuram's wife went to the Lohandiguda Police Station to file a complaint, the police refrained from doing so, citing it as a family feud.
20	Pastor threatened to stop Church Services in Madhya Pradesh, India	July 27, 2014	Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India	In Nagda, Ujjain on July 27, Hindu extremists accompanied by some policemen barged into an independent church's Sunday worship meeting conducted by Pastor Rakesh Goyal, and asked the pastor whether he was forcefully converting anyone into Christianity and told him he must stop conducting worship meetings.
21	Pastor and Believers threatened by the Yadav Community in Karnataka, India	July 28, 2014	Chitradurga, Karnataka, India	On 28th July, 2014 (Monday), a mob of over 300 persons from the Yadav community led by Swami Krishnadavananda threatened the Pastor and 30 families who were believers in the Church at Gallaragati, Holalkara in the Chitradurga Distrcit to convert back to Hindusim. They along with the local Panchayat have issued a one week deadline to decide on the same, which otherwise, would lead to the families being ostracized from the local village.
22	A Christian widow beaten up for taking water from public well in Jharkhand, India	August 2, 2014	Deoghar, Jharkhand, India	On August 2, 2014, a Christian widow was beaten by local villagers for taking water from the public well in Jasadih Village, Deoghar. Shrimati Piyari Devi who had recently started coming to Church led by Ps. Mahendra das, was ostracized by the villagers for becoming a Christian along with other believers. The villagers had issued a warning to all Christians in the village to refrain from using the water from the common tube well. Upon hearing about the incident, the village chief defended the Christians and said, "All have the right to take water from public well and no one should be stopped". The incident was averted and no report has been filed.

23	Pastor and Believers beaten up in Tamil Nadu, Two Held For Assault on Kovai Pastor, India	August 3, 2014	Tamil Nadu, India	Two activists of a Hindu outfit were arrested for allegedly assaulting a pastor, accusing him of converting people by offering money, at Perur here on Tuesday. Police arrested Bharathi and Thangavel, the alleged mastermind of the attack, and remanded them. Simon Stanley (39), a resident of Perur, was heading a congregation of a Pentecostal church in Perur. During a recent service, the parents of an eight-year-old girl, who had broken her arm in a fall, had requested him to visit their house to pray for her quick recovery. On Monday, Stanley and ten church members went to the girl's house at Perur Chettipalayam. They were praying when a sixmember gang barged into the house and accused Stanley of offering money to the families in the locality for religious conversion. After a heated argument, the gang began assaulting him and other members of the congregation. Stanley was allegedly beaten up with sticks and dragged outside the house. He was then stripped and publicly humiliated by the gang, police said.
24	Christian School Buses vandalized in Haryana, India	August 6, 2014	Rohtak, Haryana, India	On Wednesday, 6th August, 2014 some unidentified allegedly vandalized Christian school buses parked in front of a church in Rohtak.
25	Christian girl beaten up in Uttar Pradesh, India	August 7, 2014	Haridwar, Uttarakhand, India	On August 7 in Jalanpur, Haridwar, Hindu extremists allegedly from Rashtriya Swamyamseval Sangh beat up the minor daughter of a Pastor from an Independent church while she was coming back from her school and later pelted stones at the Pastor's house . The Christians fled in fear. The Christians filed a police complaint. However, no action was taken against the attackers.
26	Two women alleged of forced conversion in Chhattisgarh, india	August 8, 2014	Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, India	On August 8, 2014, two women were alleged to have forcefully converted people at Sakti, Raigarh and were arrested under the Section 4 of The Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act. The women, who work as a nurse at the local PHC and a reader at the Tehsil's office were caught by Hindu fundamentalists during a women's prayer meeting at the Nurse's home. 12 persons have recorded statements against the women and have charged them of forced conversion. The reports alleged that the nurse and the readers promised healing and prayed for sick patients while asking them to accept Jesus.
27	Stones pelted at the Church during service in Tamil Nadu, India	August 10, 2014	Karur, Tamil Nadu, India	On August 10, 2014, about 9 Hindu extremists pelted stones at the Church during their Sunday service that was being conducted by Christian missionaries Bro. Elisha Thangaraj, Bro. Tamil Arasan and Bro. Jeba Singh at Chinnatharapuram, Karur District, Tamil Nadu. After the Sunday service at 5:30 pm, they came and threatened the missionaries to stop their ministry in the area.

28	Christians blamed for breaking idols at Chhattisgarh, India	August 10, 2014	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Hindu extremists have alleged that local Christians broke some of their idols at Arikpal Village, about 40 kms from Jagdalpur Village. A mob of 20-30 people have threatened the local Christians who have now approached the District Collector for protection for fear of violence that might break out against them. The situation is very tense at press time.
29	Four Women arrested after falsely being accused of conversion in Karnataka, India	August 12, 2014	Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka, India	On 12 August in Pulittadi, South Kanara, police arrested four Christian women after the local villagers accused them of forceful conversion.
30	Christians beaten up and forcefully taken to the temple in Telangana, India	August 16, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	Christians were beaten up by Hindutva radicals in Mahabubnagar district of Telangana state on 16th August 2014, accusing Christians of involving in forcible conversions. Mr. Ashok Kumar and his friend from Church of Christ, went to Peddamandadi village to conduct prayers from a nearby town called Wanaparthi which 10 kms away from Peddamandadi. The Hindutva radicals went into the house, beat up the two visiting Christians, dragged them out of the house and started stamping them with foot to cause injury. The attackers further put a thilak on a fore head and took them to the temple in the village by force. They were tortured for over 5 hours and Police did not take any action. The police then took the Christians and detained them in the Police Station till the next day. No Report has been filed till press time.
31	Pastors alleged to have termed Hindu Gods as evil spirits in Chhattisgarh, India	August 17, 2014	Jashpur, Chhattisgarh, India	Pastor Virendra (28) was forcefully pulled out by Hindu extremists during Sunday's service at Koranga village, Jashpur District on August 18, 2014 and taken to the police station where the police arrested him and booked him under Section 295(A). The extremists had lodged complaints against the Pastor in three different police stations. They alleged that he had referred to Hindu Gods as evil spirits, asked believers to wear necklaces with crosses and converted people. About 20 local villagers testified at the Kunkuri Police Station that the allegations were false. Virendra is still in jail and has not got bail till press time.

32	Pastor beaten up at Hindu ashram in West Bengal, India	August 17, 2014	Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal, India	On 17th August 2014, Pastor Bhabo Shankar Acharya was beaten by Hindu Extremists in East Medanipur, West Bengal for not reconverting to Hinduism and repeating the Hindu chants. The incident occurred while he was returning from the Church service that he had conducted that morning. The Pastor went to Goumutha Church in East Medinipur for Sunday worship Service. After the Church service at about 4.30 pm, he went to the Chandipur Bus stop to board into a bus to return back home and while waiting for the bus, he decided to have tea. At that time, two Hindu extremists came to him printed handbills by local Hindu extremists and ask the Pastor to read it aloud. They then probed him about his whereabouts and forcefully took to them to their Ashram at Kotal Village. They then repeatedly beat him and ask him to chant Hindu mantras while they put a Tilak on his forehead. They then took him to four other of their centers and tortured him for the rest of the evening. They took away his ATM card and mobile and all his documents. The Pastor was then given three options in order to be released. First, he has to recant his faith and re-convert into his old faith, Hinduism. Secondly, he had to worship the Gods in the temple and thirdly, provide details of those who support him financially. They also threatened him that they would kill is if these conditions were not fulfilled. They also compelled him to sign some papers where they wrote that he would not convert any one. When the Pastor did not fulfill these conditions, they threatened him of dire consequences and released at 11.30 pm. No report was filed till press time.
33	Preachers arrested for allegations of conversion in Madhya Pradesh, India	August 17, 2014	Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India	Two preachers from the Jehovah Witness were arrested on allegations of conversion on August 17, 2014 at Sukhiya, Indore. Preachers Alex Paul and Roshan were caught while preaching on Monday, which was also the day of the Hindu festival Janmashtami. They were taken to the Harsh Nagar Police Station where a FIR was filed and they were charged under the MP Freedom of Religion Act, 1968 under Sec. 3 and 4. A mob of over 400 people had gathered outside the police station chanting slogans against the pastor. They were was bailed out by Christian workers next day morning.
34	Missionaries blamed for Jail conversions in Madhya Pradesh, India	August 20, 2014	Satna, Madhya Pradesh, India	Missionaries in Satna are being blamed for forcible conversions in the State's Jail. Reports allege that Christian missionaries seek permission from Jail authorities citing medical examination and meet prisoners and convert prisoners to Christianity promising them good health and release from the Jail.

35	Church forced to shut down in Chhattisgarh, India	August 24, 2014	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	A Church at Tolwar which is about 18 kms from Geedam, Dantewada Dstrict was forcefully shut down by a mob on August 24, 2014. The mob of about 200 Hindu fundamenatalists interupted the worship service of the Carmel Pentecostal Church and ordered it to be shut down. Sister Deepa who was the local Church leader along with Pastor Sushil Kurme and the believers were threatened to never come back to the viialge and conduct prayers meetings at the Church. The village head (sarpanch) was also present with the
36	Missionary arrested and jailed in Madhya Pradesh, India	August 24, 2014	Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, India	mob. No reports were filed till press time. On 22nd August 2014, i.e. Friday, Bro. Vipin Vishram Singh Dhurvey is arrested at Mahadwani Police Station by police station in-charge. While he was going for Friday meeting to a believers 's home, on the way police station in-charge met him and asked him, "where are you going?" and the missionary replied him back that he is going for Friday meeting. Listening this, police station in-charge took him to police station and kept him under his custody. In addition, he filed the case penal code of 295 and 298 against him, which stands and applies for criticism and hurting of other religion. On 24th August (Sunday) he was taken to Dindory Jail and today he will appear before the judge. Rev. Fr. Sunderson Singh Seger (Zonal in-charge) is going to meet the advocate and see the case. Bro. Vipin is 28 years old bachelor. He is recently transferred from Seoni field to Mehadwani to assist Pr. Heeralal Padwar. Pr. Heeralal is having a church at Kathoutiya which in Mandla District.
37	Church turned into 'temple' in Uttar Pradesh, India	August 26, 2014	Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, India	A church with a cross in it that belonged to the 7th Day Adventists overnight turned into a temple adorned with a portrait of Shiva after what some Hindu groups in Aligarh termed the successful ghar wapasi; (reconversion) of 72 Valmikis who had become Christians in 1995. There was an elaborate shuddhi karan (purification) ceremony on Tuesday inside the church in Asroi, 30km from Aligarh. Children from the village soon took over the premises and were seen playing in it by afternoon on Wednesday. A cross was allegedly remove from the church and placed outside the gate and a portrait of Shiva installed.
38	Pastor and Evangelist assaulted in Uttar Pradesh, India	August 28, 2014	Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India	On 28 August in Unnao, Pastor Vimal Kumar and one evangelist from Christ Church were slapped and verbally abused by the Hindu extremists Bajrang Dal when they were coming back home after a prayer meeting.

39	Christians Repeatedly Attacked in Bihar, India	August 30, 2014	Balwanazir, Kaliyanganj, Bihar, India	On August 30 in , about five Hindu extremists forcefully entered into the house of a Christian, questioned them on who has visited them, called them pagans and started to beat them up. Later that day, about 100 extremists with sticks stood in each corner of the village to make sure that no Christian go out from the village to file a police complaint and threatened to cut into pieces anyone who dare venture out to report the attack against the couple.
40	Villagers allege forced conversions in Uttar Pradesh, India	August 30, 2014	Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, India	At least 13 Christians were brought in for questioning to the Surajpur Police station in Greater Noida on Saturday over allegations that they were forcefully converting Hindus to Christianity. Soon after their detention, the police station was surrounded by protesters from various Hindu groups. Local reports suggest that the Christians were physically assaulted by the mob. Investigation by the police revealed that the allegations were baseless and that people were praying with the Christian pastors on their own volition. Christian community leaders in Greater Noida said allegations of forced conversion had been trumped up and were aimed at creating mistrust in the district.
41	Houseowner beaten up for defending Pastor in Bihar, India	August 31, 2014	Patna, Bihar, 800001, India	Pastor Chhoto Kumar and his house owner were beaten by Hindu fundamentalists at Bhusala Danapur, Patna on August 31, 2014. Pastor Chooto along with Pastor Ashok Marandi and Pastor Amit Soren were showing the film on Jesus in front of their house while two Hindu fundamentalists Shri Sanjay Roi and Shri Bumphod Roi came to the spot and stopped the film show. They shouted at the pastors and verbally threatened them saying "We are Hindus and we are living in Hindustan. Why are you converting us?" They then forced the pastors to worship Hindu Gods. When Pastor Chhoto's house owner saw this, he came to defend the Pastor. The men then started beating both the house owner and the Pastor. The fundamentalists left the scene when the villagers intervened and stopped the beating. No reports have been filed till press time.
42	Parents mass in front of Christian School for display of Cross in School Uniform Logo in Karnataka, India	September 2, 2014	Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka, India	On September 2, in Indabettu, Beltangadi Taluka, Dakshina Kannada District, some parents along with Hindu extremists massed up in front of the Syro- Malabar Catholic School, Miriambika English School and demanded that the school withdraw the new uniforms that contained the school logo of a small cross.
43	Mob falsely accuses Pastors of conversion in Chhattisgarh, India	September 6, 2014	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 6 September in Kherra, Bilaspur, a mob of 80 Hindu extremists chanting Hindu gods' name barged into the prayer hall of the Indian Pentecostal Church and falsely accused Pastor Dinesh Prasad, Pastor Manak Singh for conversion. Pastors identified only Prajith and Raju of forceful conversion and destroyed the prayer hall.

44	Police questions pastor over prayer meetings in Uttar Pradesh, India	September 11, 2014	Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh, India	On September 11, 2014, six police officers came to question Pastor Bablu Kumar who was conducting a prayer meeting at one of his believers house at Rajepur Village, Faizabad District in Uttar Pradesh. The 35 believers who had come for the prayer responded to the queries raised by the police and no reports were filed.
45	Five Christians arrested on false allegations in Madhya Pradesh, India	September 12, 2014	Khargone, Madhya Pradesh, India	5 Pastors were arrested in Barawah Village, Khargone District in MP on September 12, 2014 for praying for a family in the village. A mob of about 100 Hindu fundamentalists who had gathered there after the incident forced the family to file false allegations against the pastors saying that they had asked them to throw away their idols. The pastors have not been bailed out till press time.
46	Christian Threatened to convert to Hinduism in Chhattisgarh, India	September 13, 2014	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	Hindu Fundamentalists threatened Christians attending the Indian Pentecostal Church at Kattekalyan to convert back to Hinduism on September 13, 2014. The believers have been receiving threats very often for the past one month. When the fundamentalists had come to speak to Christians on Saturday, they verbally abused the villagers and threatened them for not converting back to Hinduism. The verbal attack was interrupted when the Police saw the altercation and calmed down the mob of about 20 persons. Two years back, Ps. Gigi Paul was beaten by the fundamentalists for conducting the services at the village. No report was filed till press time.
47	Students of Theology held captive in Jharkhand, India	September 13, 2014	Ranchi, Jharkhand, India	On 13th of September, 2014, five students of theology were held captive by villagers at Bindhani Village, Itki, Ranchi. They were caught with Christian literature and New Testament Bibles by villagers who had also gathered from the neighbouring villages. Some of the villagers kicked and punched them and also brutally attacked them with cricket stumps and bats. They threatened them to stop preaching Christianity and asked them to never come back to the village. When the Police was informed about the same, they rescued the students and sent them safely back to the seminary. No report was filed till press time.
48	Christian Woman beaten for conducting prayer at her home in Jharkhand, India	September 14, 2014	Ranchi, Jharkhand, India	A mob of over 150 Hindu fundamentalists attacked and beat up about 50 Christians at a prayer gathering on September 14, 2014 at Bindhani Village, Ranchi. They chased Shrimati Katrina Khujur who was living at the house where the prayer meeting was being held and beat her brutally. She had run into the nearby lake to escape from the mob, but the mob followed her into the lake and beat her. They took her identity cards and her only savings from her home. Her face was severely injured. Though she lodged a complaint with the police, she was pressurized by the villagers to take her complaint back and huge mobs protested arrests outside the local police station.

49	Christians under Continous Threats in Chhattisgarh, India	September 15, 2014	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	About 30 Christians of the Madota Village, Bastar District are being harassed for over a week by Hindu fundamentalists. On September 15, 2014, Pastor Sinju Das was beaten up the fundamentalists and was threatened to never conduct prayer meetings at the Christian Prayer Hall in the village. The believers have been facing continuous threats to their life from the village members as well and are being forced to reconvert to Hinduism. No reports were filed till press time.
50	Pastor and Church Members beaten in Karnataka, India	September 21, 2014	Karwar, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka, India	On September 21, 2014, Pastor Immanuel (45) along with other Church members were beaten by Hindu fundamentalists in Manjunath Nagar, Yellaur, Karwar District. The Church which was established in 1999 was attacked during the Sunday worship service by 13 fundamentalists. They also beat the Church's house owner Narayan Manakwad, his wife and his children. Later, a false allegations of forced conversion was filed against the Pastor at the Yellarpur Police Station.
51	Pastor and his family assaulted in Tamil Nadu, India	September 21, 2014	Tirunelveli Kattabo, Tamil Nadu, India	A false case was registered against a pastor after he and his family members were assaulted by RSS activists on September 21, 2014. They trespassed into his house and also damaged the cars parked in the compund of his house. The Rajakkamangalam Police later arrested the pastor and another Christian.
52	Christians ostracized for refusal to renounce Christ in Chhattisgarh, India	September 25, 2014	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	On 25 September in Bhisakata,Kanker, the Hindu extremists ostracized seven Christian families from Full Gospel Ministry after they refused to renounced Christ.
53	Church set on fire in Karnataka, India	September 25, 2014	Chitradurga, Karnataka, India	A Church was burnt down at Hiriyur, about 50 kms away from Chitradurga District on September 25, 2014 at 10:00pm. The Prayer Hall was set on fire because of which Bibles, and other materials were gutted down. Report was filed the next day.
54	Church set on fire in Madhya Pradesh, India	September 27, 2014	Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, India	A Church was set on fire by unidentified people in Mandla district, 466km east from Bhopal on Saturday. The incident occurred at Ghutas in the rural part of the district. Local residents said that Billiards Church, which is situated amidst a field in a rural area, was burnt. The church was badly damaged in the incident. By the time local residents could reach the spot, furniture and goods were charred.
55	Christians Threatened during Sunday Worship in Kerala, India	September 28, 2014	Kasaragod, Kerala, India	Anti- Christian elements forcefully entered the Sunday prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Johnson James at the community hall, threatened to harm the believers and locked the main door on September 28 in Trikaripur, Kasargod.

56	Church and Cemetery damaged at Chhattisgarh, India	October 1, 2014	Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh, India	A Church and the cemetery next to it was attacked by Hindutva fundamentalists on October 1, 2014 at Mahasamund. The fundamentalists broke the cross which was made on the boundary wall pillar. They also broke the gate lock and stoned the tin roofed cemetery shed. Then on October 4, 2014, they went to the Church again, broke the cross, damaged the lights outside and wrote †Jai Shree Ram†(Victory to Lord Rama) on the wall. The Pastor has been receiving regular threats from the group. On the following Sundays, October 5, 12 and 19, 2014 Hindutva fundamentalists have been coming during Church Services and threatening Christians who are part of the congregation. The Christians have sought for Police protection on the coming Sundays.
57	Christians beaten up in Karnataka, India	October 2, 2014	Kushtagi, Koppal, Karnataka, India	About 10 FMPB members were praying in a believer's house when about 50 extremists massed up saying that they do not allow Christians to pray in the area and summoned the pastor to come out from the meeting. Pastor R. Sathyappa, local worker Nandu Rathod and other believers came out from the house after the prayer when the extremists asked them, "Who is the pastor?" As soon as he introduced himself, they started beating him up, broke his spectacles and accused him of forcefully converting people. The extremists also beat up the Christians who were trying to defend the pastor while some smashed their vehicle and broke up the window glasses and flattened the tyres. One Christian local worker Nandu Rathod was also severely injured. Later, the Christians somehow escaped from the scene with the help of some villagers. A compromise took place between the Christians and the attackers on the next day. No police complaint was filed.
58	Christians Beaten up, Worship Meeting Disrupted in Kerala, India	October 5, 2014	Kerala, India	On Oct 5 in Valanchery, Malappuran, Hindu extremists barged into the Sunday worship meeting of Indian Pentecostal Church and beat up the pastor and believers. About 20 extremists forcefully entered the worship hall of IPC, accused the Pastor Francis and the church members of forceful conversion and beat them up. The extremists slapped, pushed, kicked and beat up the pastor and tore up his clothes and threatened to blast the church with a bomb on the next Sunday. The Christians filed a police complaint. However no arrest has been made at press time.
59	Church torched in Telangana, India	October 7, 2014	Hyderabad, Telangana	On 7 October Nirikshana Mandiram (Temple of Hope) Church was set on fire by unknown assailants in early hours in Hyderabad, Telangana state. At about 3.30 am, on the 7th a family living next to the Nirikshana Mandiram Church (temporary shed made of bamboo mats) noticed huge smoke and a fire. By the time the family realized of what was going on, half of the Church was burnt.

60	Burglary at Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace, Gujarat, India	October 7, 2014	Ahmedabad, Ahmadabad, Gujarat, India	On the night of October 7th / 8th, 2014, there was a break and burglary at The PRASHANT, Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace in Ahmedabad. Prashant Centre for Human Rights Justice and Peace has been taking an unequivocal stand on human rights and justice very specially on critical issues affecting the minorities, the poor and the marginalized of Gujarat, as reported by Fr. Cedric Prakash. On 8 Oct in Wanaparthy, Mahabubhanagar, Hindu
61	Prayer meetings stopped in Telangana, India	October 8, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	extremists disrupted the prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Maairiappa, told him to stop conducting meetings in future and filed a police complaint against him of forceful conversion.
62	Christian meet organizers get notice on terror link in Madhya Pradesh, India	October 8, 2014	Alirajpur, Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, India	After refusing permission for an annual Christian gathering in Jobat, Alirajpur, the Madhya Pradesh Police have served a notice on the organizer asking whether his organization was involved in terror, criminal or anti-social activities among other things. Jhabua-based Moksha Foundation had organized a gathering in Jobat from October 6-9, but the Alirajpur administration refused permission because a marriage between a Christian man and a Hindu woman had caused communal tension. On Tuesday, foundation president Kapil Sharma was asked by the police to fill up personal information like name, address, passport number and political association among 20 points listed in a one-page document. The second document sought information about the organization: like the source of funding; whether involved in terror or criminal activities; details of members, including foreigners; and a clear note on the actual inclination of the organization (religious, political, social or communal).
63	Prayer Meeting for Hudhud Cyclone Attacked in Odisha	October 11, 2014	Junagarh, Kalahandi, Odisha, India	A prayer meeting organized by India Christians Revival Mission (ICRM) praying for safety from the Hudhud cyclone was attacked by Hindu fundamentalists on October 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The prayer meetings were scheduled for three days, that is, 10-12 October 2014. After the meetings were conducted smoothly for one and half days, some Hindu Activists came to the venue of the meeting which was Junagarh townhall asking about the program. They then returned at 7:00 pm with a mob and stopped the meeting.
64	Christian beaten up and his house burnt in Odisha, India	October 15, 2014	Malkangiri, Odisha, India	15 Ocober in Gumkaguda, Malkangiri, Hindu extremists burned down the house of one Christian family, Irma Markami at midnight and beat them up because of their faith in Christ.
65	Pastor threatened to stop work regarding his Church in Karnataka, India	October 18, 2014	Ankola, Karnataka, India	On October 18 in Ankola, Uttara Kannada, police officials verbally instructed Pastor Ravi from the Jeevana Jyothi Prathana Mandira that he should stop his Christian activity of visiting homes, preaching, to remove the board of the Church and continue it privately and also prohibited him from conducting

				any kinds of public meetings.
66	Christian assaulted by Hindu party workers in Madhya Pradesh, India	October 18, 2014	Betul, Madhya Pradesh, India	On October 18, 2014, Bajrang Dal activists assaulted a Christian and snatched away his mobile phone and Bicycle at Bhimpur, Bhezahi Taluk, Betul District. Later they took him to Bhimpur Police and he has been under illegal custody at Bhimpur Police Station.
67	House Church Attacked in Kerala, India	October 19, 2014	Kasaragod, Kerala, India	On October 19 In Trikaripur, Kasaragod, anti- Christian people forcefully entered into the House Church meeting conducted by Pastor Johnson James ,destroyed furniture ,manhandled, pushed and slapped the Christians.
68	Women and Children among attacked in Chhattisgarh, India	October 19, 2014	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh,	Hindutva fundamentalists attacked men, women and children at the Church Service in Madota, Jagdalpur on Sunday, October 19, 2014. The incident occurred when a mob of over 30 people gathered outside the Church and shouted slogans to stop the service. 5 people among the mob then entered the Church and started beating the 30 Christians who had gathered for worship. They then went to the hand pump outside the Church, put a picture of the Hindu God Hanuman and banned Christians from taking water from the hand pump. A complaint has been filed by Christians but no action has been taken till press time.
69	Church Attacked during Sunday Worship in Chhattisgarh, India	October 19, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	A mob of 25 Hindutva fundamentalists attacked a Church Service at Farasgaon and started beating up the Christians present at the Sunday Worship on October 19, 2014. A compliant was lodged but no action was taken till press time.
70	Christian attacked by brothers in Chhattisgarh, India	October 20, 2014	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	A Christian was attacked and brutally beaten by three of his brothers at Tokapal Block, Jagdalpur on Monday, October 20, 2014. The incident took place when Mukesh (name changed), aged 52 was beaten up by three of his brothers for being a Christian. The brothers were coached into attacking their own brother by Hindutva fundamentalists. He was severely injured and was taken to the hospital where he remained unconscious for over 24 hours. He gained his consciousness on October 21, 2014 at around 8:30pm but was not able to talk. No report has been filed till press time.
71	Youth Conference cancelled in Rajasthan, India	October 22, 2014	Udaipur, Rajasthan, India	A three day youth conference has been cancelled after Hindutva fundamentalists put pressure on the local police. The youth conference being organized from October 20-23, 2014 at Government Grounds, Jhirmiti, Udaipur for which the permission was sought. When the conference used PA systems for the meetings, the Hindutva fundamentalists objected its use and asked the organizers to seek permission for the same. The SDM denied permission for the use of the PA system after which the organizers deceided to continue the meetings without the aid of the PA system. This was again objected by the fundamentalists which led to the cancellation of the event.

72	Christians attacked by Hindutva activists in Chhattisgarh, India	October 25, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	After the controversial gram sabha resolutions banning non-Hindu religious activity in villages in tribal Bastar, there was fresh tension in Madota village after local Christians were assaulted allegedly by right-wing activists, leaving 12 people injured late on Saturday. Eleven of the injured are still undergoing treatment at a hospital in Jagdalpur. According to local reports, an announcement was made through drum beats that residents of Kotwar village should assemble at 9am on Saturday to meet the sub-divisional magistrate, deputy superintendent of police and town inspector to discuss ways to douse tension between the two communities. They waited till evening, but nobody turned up. By evening, right-wing activists came in a truck and attacked Christians, accusing them of promoting religious conversion.
73	Christians Beaten Nearly Unconscious in Odisha, India	October 25, 2014	Malkangiri, Odisha, India	Hindu extremists in Odisha state on Oct. 25 summoned a Christian family to a public meeting for a compromise on religious conflict but instead beat them nearly unconscious. A Christian and four members of his family received hospital treatment for eight days after the attack, which came 10 days after nearly all the villagers from Gumkaguda, Malkangiri beat them for refusing to renounce Christ. The Hindu extremists who summoned the Christian family to the compromise meeting told them they were not to talk and to promise to do whatever they were asked to do. Soon after the meeting started at noon, with Christian leaders and village officials present, the Hindu extremists attacked the Christian, his wife and three sons.
74	Two Christians arrested in Madhya Pradesh, India	October 27, 2014	Barwani, Madhya Pradesh, India	Ashok Pratap and Kallu Rai Singh were arrested on October 27, 2014 on false allegations of forced conversions in Sangli, Barwani Distrist. The Christians had attended a fasting prayer on Sunday, October 26, 2014 after which local Hindutva activists filed a complaint against them. The police from Thikri Police Station arrested the Christians the next day and transferred them to Central Jail. They were granted bail after three days.
75	Hindutva fundamentalists attack Christians in Karnataka, India	October 27, 2014	Shimoga, Karnataka, India	Christians were attacked by a group of Hindutva fundamentalists at Ittigehalli Camp in Shimoga District on Monday, 27th October at 7.30 p.m. when they were participating in their daily evening prayers. The culprits broke open the door and forced themselves into the house and also destroyed household articles and Christian literature including the bibles in addition to physical attacking them.

76	Christians beaten after Diwali in Maharashtra, India	October 28, 2014	Nashik, Maharashtra, India	Four Christians from two families – 70-year-old Govind Janu Galat, Gulab Govind Galat, Dilip Laxu Galat and Sakaram Govind Galat were beaten up after the Diwali Celebrations in Kamsheth Village of Peth Taluka, Nashik on October 28, 2014. All villagers were earlier asked to contribute Rs. 300/- per family as Diwali Celebration contribution out of which it was agreed that four Christian families would pay Rs. 150 and it was later collected as well. On Thursday the 28th October 2014 evening after the Diwali Celebration the four Christian men were called and the Rs.150/- contributed was returned and then collected back. The villagers gathered and starting beating the Christians. While 3 of them escaped, one of them was beaten badly and even stoned. They then attacked the homes of two Christians and stoned the house destroying most of its tiled roofs. Their families escaped and hid in the nearby forests fearing their safety. Police personnel from the Harsul Police Station protected and attempted to bring the Christians back in to the village at night, but the police were also attacked this time as the mob took the advantage of the darkness at night. The police now has registered a case against the Christians themselves for assault of police.
77	Church demolished in Telangana, India	October 30, 2014	Hyderabad, Telangana, India	On 30 October, police arrested Pastor S. David from Elim Fire Ministries on charges of illegal construction of a church, sent him to jail and demolished the church on the next day.
78	Christians attending Sunday Worship attacked in Madhya Pradesh, India	November 2, 2014	Barwani, Madhya Pradesh, India	About 30 Christians, including women and children were beaten up mercilessly during Sunday Worship on November 2, 2014 by a mob of 20 Hindutva activists in the Sangli, Barwani District. They were beaten with iron rods and sticks and no one was spared. The Hindutva activists beat all the members including children and women. Most of the Christians sustained injuries. Two men and two women are still admitted in the hospital with severe injuries. This was the same Church from where two Christians were arrested on the previous Monday, October 27, 2014. Reports have been filed but no action has been taken till press time.
79	Radical Hindus attack Christians in Madhya Pradesh, India	November 4, 2014	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, 462001, India	On Tuesday, 4th of November, a pastor along with 6 others from Mumbai were arrested in Bhopal on false allegations of conversion. The Bajrang Dal activists attacked the 7 Christians, removed their clothes and beat them up mercilessly on their backs and punched their stomachs with their fists. They also used belts to whack them with. The police from Bilkhiriya Police Station then arrested the Christians. They have been in custody till press time.

80	Cross thrown inside the house to allege conversion in Madhya Pradesh, India	November 7, 2014	Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India	A Christian was detained and later arrested on allegations of forced conversions in Indore on November 7, 2014. According to local sources, Hindutva activists came to the house where the Christian C.M. Mathew had gathered with his friends and relatives at his home. They first threw 30 cross necklaces inside the house and then stormed inside alleging forced conversions. They then filed a police complaint saying that he was trying to convert people by force and asking them to put crosses on themselves. The Christian was detained for over four hours at the Chandan Nagar Police Station post the incident and was released later.
81	Two girls beaten for attending Church in Telangana, India	November 15, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	Two girls were beaten up by Hindutva fundamentalists for attending the prayer meeting at Mennonite Brethren Church in Narayanpet on 15th November 2014. The mob went into the house of Saritha and Laxmi, aged 17 and started beating them. They started throwing the house hold things out of the house, and tore the Bibles found in the house. They then warned the families of both Saritha and Laxmi not to go to Church. No Report was filed till press time.
82	Pastor threatened in Telangana, India	November 16, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	On 16 November in Tadiparthy, Mahabubnagar, Hindu extremists stopped pastor Isaac from the Mennonite Brethen Church and told him not to stop conducting Christian meetings in the area.
83	Christians Attacked by Mob of Over 100 Hindutva Radicals in Tamil Nadu, India	November 16, 2014	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, 642001, India	A Christian community in Udumalpet, located in India's Tamil Nadu state, was attacked by a mob of over 100 Hindu radicals during a prayer service on November 16. According to reports, the mob beat the Christians attending the prayer service at Konkal Marthoma Church, burned more than 20 vehicles owned by Christians, desecrated Bibles, burned the church's alter and destroyed musical instruments. Attackers even followed some of the Christians to the hospital threatening to attack them a second time. Please pray for the Christian community of India who are coming under increasing attack.
84	Christians attacked during their Sunday Worship in Chhattisgarh, India	November 16, 2014	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, India	On 16 Nov in Ram Nagar, Rajnandgoan, Chhattisgarh, at about 11 a.m. Hindu extremists from the VHP and the Bajrang Dal barged into the Sunday worship meeting of Masihi Aradhana Church conducted and asked for the pastor Sunil Gottlieb. The church members hid the pastor and then asked the intruders what they want. The extremists then started beating the church members and injured one church member who sustained serious head injuries and received treatment in the hospital. The church members went to the police station ad reported the matter. The police registered an FIR against the attackers. Police protection is provided to the Christians, however, no arrests has been made at press time.

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85	Sunday Worship Disrupted in Telangana, India	November 23, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	Hindu extremists shouting Hindu slogans disrupted the Sunday worship meeting of Gethsemane Prardhana Mandiram conducted by Pastor R. Joshua.
86	Pastor barred to enter village in Telangana, India	November 23, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	On 23 November in Appampally, Mahabubnagar, Hindu extremists shouting slogans barged into the birthday celebration of a Christian and threatened to kill the pastor and warned him not to enter the village again. The believers were able to hide the pastor.
87	Eight Injured and Pastor Arrested after attack in Karnataka, India	November 23, 2014	Bangarapete, Kolar, Karnataka, India	A group of Hindu radicals have attacked a Calvary Apostolic church in Bangarapete, Karnataka, India on November 23, 2014 leaving eight injured. It was reported that the attack took place during a prayer service at the Calvary Apostolic Church where Hindu radicals interrupted the service and attacked worshipers. Among the eight that were injured, two were reported with broken legs from the incident.
88	Christian forum complains of VHP "pressure" in Chhattisgarh, India	November 24, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Under intense pressure from the VHP, the Catholic missionaries of Bastar have agreed that principals in their schools, normally referred to as Father, would now be addressed as Pracharya, or Up-pracharya, or Sir. The missionaries have also agreed to put up photographs of Maa Saraswati and great personalities who have worked for national interest in their educational institutions. A statement saying the missionaries agreed to the above was issued following a meeting between the VHP and the missionaries in Jagdalpur in Bastar on Sunday. It was signed jointly by Bastar district VHP president Suresh Yadav and the spokesperson of the Bastar Catholic Community, Abraham Kannampala.
89	Pastor warned to remove church building within a month in Assam, India	November 26, 2014	Sibsagar, Assam, India	On 26th Nov 2014, the leaders of the Moran Amguri, Sivasagar District sent a message to a pastor serving with the Believers Church that within one month of time he has to shift from the building where the Church gathers today. Though this land is donated by one of the Christians, the land document is with his father who is influenced by Hindutva. No action has been till press time.
90	Christians threatened at Madhya Pradesh, India	November 30, 2014	Anuppur, Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh, India	On 30 November in Basinha, Annupur, Hindu extremists barged into the church meeting of Masih Kalishya and threatened Pastor Gopal Dhurve and church members with harm if they continue to worship meetings in the area.
91	Church Burnt down by Unidentified assailants in Delhi, India	December 1, 2014	New Delhi, India	A substantial part of a catholic church here in northeast Delhi's Tahirpur area was gutted when a fire broke out at its premises here this morning with the Christian community suspecting foul play in the incident. Police have registered a case under section 436 IPC (Mischief) on the complaint of the church authorities.

92	Miscreants break into Catholic Convent in Delhi, India	December 2, 2014	New Delhi, India	On 2 December, four unidentified men broke into the Catholic convent in Rohini area of Delhi. The CCTV captured images of youths with iron rods and torches walking about the compound.
93	Church Construction halted in Arunachal Pradesh, India	December 2, 2014	Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, India	On 2 December in Tawang District, govt officials stopped the construction of Baptist Church and thereafter not did not produce any reason for disallowing the Christians to build the church.
94	Stone thrown at church during evening mass in New Delhi, India	December 6, 2014	Jasola, New Delhi, India	Stones were thrown at a Syro-Malabar Catholic Church at Jasola in Okhla when Saturday mass was being celebrated around 6.45 p.m. Though no-one was injured, windowpanes on the first floor of the church were shattered. Panicked participants of the mass rushed out in alarm.
95	Sunday Worship disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	December 7, 2014	Bemetara, Chhattisgarh, India	On December 7 in Navagarh, Distt. Bemetara, Chhattisgarh, the Sunday worship service was disrupted in the house of Vimla Manikpuri . There were about 70 believers in the meeting. A group of hindutva fundamentalists forcibly entered the house at about 11 AM and disrupted the worship. They started falsely accusing the Christians. Police soon reached on the spot and took Vimla and other believers to the police station. Police released all the believers after recording their statements. The Congregation is associated with the Spiritual Christian Fellowship Church, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
96	Church attacked by mob in Punjab, India	December 11, 2014	Ludhiana, Punjab	Members of the Shiv Sena attacked the Kalvari Church, Ludhiana prompting the police to deploy heavy security to protect the Church building. Shiv Sena members later surrounded the local police station alleging forced conversion.
97	Pastor falsely accused of conversions in Madhya Pradesh	December 12, 2014	Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh	A false case against Ps. Jose Matthews was registered on December 12, 2014 on the complaints of Hindutva organizations, which alleged that he was conducting a function at Lions Hall, Ratlam to convert tribals to Christianity. Police after their investigations reported that all allegations were false and was later released on bail. The Hindutva activists stormed a Christian meeting organized by the Indian Pentecostal Church of God along with the media and the police forcing the organizers to cancel the meeting. The organizers and the speakers of the meeting were taken to the police station but were later released as well.
98	Pastor, Church Members Singing Christmas Carols Violently Attacked in Andhra Pradesh, India	December 13, 2014	Hyderabad, Telangana	A group of around 30 Hindu radicals reportedly attacked a Christian pastor Bhim Nayak and 15 of his church members singing Christmas carols in the Indian city of Hyderabad over the weekend, accusing the Christians of trying to convert people. The attack left Pastor Bhim Nayak of Banjara Baptist Church and four other Christians severely injured.

99	Christians falsely accused in Uttar Pradesh, India	December 16, 2014	Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, India	Pastor Amit Kumar S/o Shiv Charan Nabipur Village, Parshurampur PO, Piparaich Thana, Gorakhpur along with 15 others were detained by police and their belongings confiscated while they were celebrating Christmas. Ps. Amit was arrested while others were let go of after being kept in custody for more than 20 hours. They were falsely accused by Hindu groups of indulging in forced conversion. The 15 persons who were let go off were Priya, Ruby, Sharadha, Nirmala, Umesh Kumar, Amit, Raja, Shivchand, Rangi lal, Amerjit, Sharju, Babloo, Angadh, Prakesh, and Govind.
100	Pastor falsely accused to stir communal tensions in Uttar Pradesh, India	December 16, 2014	Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh	Pastor Mahendra Kumar from Behraich, Uttar Pradesh was arrested and kept in custody for two days before being released without any charges. He was arrested following complaints of local Hindu groups. The Hindu groups are also targeting a Christian social service organization working in the area, according to local reports.
101	Christians forced to reonvert fearing Social Boycott in Bihar, India	December 18, 2014	Bhagalpur, Bihar, India	On 18 Dec in Bhagalpur, three Christians who had recently accepted Christ were forced to reconvert to Hinduism. According to media reports, the three converts returned to the Hindu fold after they were threatened with a social boycott.
102	Christians beaten up in Uttar Pradesh, India	December 19, 2014	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Hindu extremists disrupted a Christian prayer meeting and beat up Christians in Varanasi on December 19, 2014. Pastor Shobhnath and local Christians were participating in prayer and fasting in a village in Chiraigaon Block, Varanasi, when 10-12 people came in a Bolero (SUV), entered the house forcefully, and started beating the Christians. They took away Bible and other literature and also destroyed household furniture. According to local sources the attackers are office bearers of RSS and BJP. The matter was reported to the local police.
103	Pastor booked and later arrested in Madhya Pradesh, India	December 19, 2014	Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh	On 19 December in Ratlam, police booked and arrested Pastor Jose Mathews after the Bajrang Dal stormed a Christian convention alleging forceful conversions on 12 December and forced the organizers to cancel the meeting. Pastor Mathew was later released on bail.
104	Two Pastors arrested among seven Christians on false allegations in Uttar Pradesh, India	December 20, 2014	Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh	Seven people including two pastors were arrested on Christmas day from Urai, Raibareily and Kushinagar areas of Uttar Pradesh. The Christians were arrested on after BJP members complained of forcible conversions. However according to media reports no such conversions could be verified.

105	Christian couple arrested in Madhya Pradesh, India	December 24, 2014	Khargone, Madhya Pradesh	A Christian couple was taken into custody under the state's anti-conversion law from Nayanagar village, about 28 kms from district headquarters Khargone. D. Wilson and his wife Rashmita Wilson planned a Christmas programme on 23rd evening, but couldn't carry out the programme because the police did not grant permission. However, they visited a village, namely, Nayanagar on 24th December on the invitation of local Christians. After reaching the village, they found out that around 70 believers had gathered in a house for a fellowship meeting. Unexpectedly, four persons Hindutva fundamentalists arrived with the police and took them to Gogawa police station, which is 9 kms away from Nayanagar. By then, a big mob had mobilized themselves in front of the police station demanding the arrest of the missionaries. They also prepared two false witnesses who confessed that each of them were promised Rs.5000/- by the couple to convert into Christianity. The Superintendent of Police also interrogated the missionary couple. An FIR was filed under Sections 295 and 506 of the IPC and Section 3 of M.P Freedom of Religion Act.
106	Christmas function put to an end in Uttar Pradesh, India	December 25, 2014	Barloi, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh	Police stopped a Christmas function in Barloi village of Uttar Pradesh following objections by Hindu groups. Local BJP leader Dr. Alka Roy was also accompanying the police as they forced the Christians to stop the Christmas function.
107	Christmas put to stop after false complaints in Uttar Pradesh	December 25, 2014	Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh	The Christmas celebrations organized at the home of Shankar Lal Verma in Kharagjeet Nagar, Mainpuri were halted by Police after false complaints of conversions. After Hindu groups complained, the police reached the spot, stopped the celebrations, dispersed the gathered people and arrested Shankar Lal. He was later released as the charges against him were not proved true.
108	Pastor forcefully detained in Madhya Pradesh, India	December 25, 2014	Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh	OnDecember 24, 2014, Pr. Akash Sisodia was forcefully taken from his house to the Police by Hindutva Activists on false allegations of conversions. Ps. Akash was conducting a meeting in his house at Pratapnagar, Pavasa. Around 150 Hindutva activists surrounded his house and took Pr. Akash to Chimanganj Mandi police station in Ujjain. They also and locked his house leaving his wife and children outside. They then took pictures of Christian literature which was already with them and filed false details of photo along with a note that the pastor was caught while converting people in his house, which was absolutely false. No Reports were filed till press time.

109	Christians beaten up in Chhattisgarh, India	December 26, 2014	Kotenar, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Eight Christian families were beaten in Kavanar Village near Kodenar on December 26. 2014. Local Hindutva activists who were against Christians being in the village attacked the families and threatened them to renounce their faith. The families then went met the Sarpanch (Village Head) to settle the matter who later also threatened the Christians saying that he would not allow them to stay in the village. No complaint was filed till press time.
110	Christian arrested and later released after false accusation in Uttar Pradesh, India	December 27, 2014	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Police arrested Pastor Ashok Prajapati from Varanasi following allegations of forcible conversions. According to reports, Hindu groups as well as the police threatened him and asked him to stop holding prayer meetings in the area. He was released in the evening the same day.
111	Pastor Threatened in Uttar Pradesh, India	December 27, 2014	Amethi, Uttar Pradesh	BJP leaders and Bajrang Dal people threatened Pastor Ramchand from Amethi, Uttar Pradesh of dire consequences if he carries on with worship services in the area. The pastor left the village keeping in mind his own security and has approached the local police for protection.
112	Christian University attacked in Uttar Pradesh, India	December 27, 2014	Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	More than 25 members of the Youth wing of the BJP and other Hindu groups stormed into the Sam Higginbottom University alleging conversions. The attackers tore banners with Bible verses written on them, shouted anti-Christian slogans, burnt the effigy of the vice chancellor of the University, Dr. R B Lall, and entered into a fight with the security personnel. Two of them were caught and handed over to the police.
113	Ten Christians arrested in Madhya Pradesh, India	December 28, 2014	Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, India	Ten Christians along with 3 children aged 4 months, 4 years and 7 years were taken into judicial custody on December 28, 2014 at Sukta Dam Colony, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh. The Christians had gone to celebrate at the village in response to the invite of local Christian Shyamlal who wanted them to celebrate Christmas with them. Soon they were ambushed by Hindutva Activists and took refuge in a nearby hut. A mob gathered outside the hut towards which stones were pelted at, with the intention of injuring the Christians. Soon the Police arrived and charged the Christians under Section 295A for insulting religious sentiments and sent them to Judicial custody. They were granted bail on December 31, 2014.

114	Inter-faith Christmas celebration halted in Indore, Madhya Pradesh	December 28, 2014	Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India	Hindu extremist groups forcibly took two Catholic missionaries to police station after disrupting an inter-faith meeting organized at the Geeta Bhavan, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The activists of Bajrang Dal and Dharma Jagran Manch accused Father Prasad and Brother Sleeva of trying to convert Hindus to Christianity. They demanded that the police arrest the missionaries, after registering a First Information Report against them. The missionaries were however, let off as charges against them proved to be frivolous. The next day the Hindu groups proceeded to purify Geeta Bhavan by pouring milk and cow urine on the place where the missionaries had been participating in the interfaith meeting.
115	Christian Couple arrested in Uttar Pradesh, India	December 28, 2014	Salempur, Deoria district, Uttar Pradesh, India	Members of Hindu Yuva Vahini and the police disrupted a Christian worship service at Salempur, Deoria district, Uttar Pradesh. Jaswant Masih and his wife Suman, who have been conducting prayer services for many years in their own home, were arrested and taken to the police station following complains by the Hindu groups that the couple were involved in forcible conversions. Later, Police, denied any incident of conversion.
116	Christian beaten up in Telangana, India	December 31, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	On 31 December in Appampally, Mahabubnagar, Hindu extremists beat up one Christian as he was coming back from a watch night service. The Christian was rescued by some people in the neighbourhood.
117	Crib at Church found burnt in Delhi, India	January 2, 2015	Rohini, New Delhi	A Christmas crib on side the Church compound of Church of the Resurrection, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi was found burnt and damaged. Though the police suspected it to be a case of short circuiting, the second camera of the CCTV showed inflammable substance being thrown into crib from above around 2:30 am. The Parishioners also suspect the use of inflammable material to set fire as it was raining in the area during the night and morning.
118	Church Service stopped and Christians beaten in Chhattisgarh, India	January 4, 2015	Kotenar, Bastar, Chhattisgarh	After 8 Christian families were beaten up on December 26, 2014, the worship service in Kawanar Village near Kotenar was attacked by a mob of 24 Hindutva activists on January 4, 2015. The Sunday service was being led by a local Christian as Pastors from outside the village were not allowed in the village. Mr. Dheema Mandali , who was leading the service along with other members were beaten and threatened for conducting the service. A report was filed by the Christians till press time.

119	Christians threatened for getting baptized in Bihar, India	January 5, 2015	Darbhanga, Bihar, India	On January 5 in Lait Narayan Mitra, Darbhanga, Bihar, mobs consisting of Hindutva fundamentalists went to homes of 8 Christians who recently were baptized at the Agape Church and threatened them. Agape Church has been serving in the area for the past 6 years but local fundamentalists have been spreading false accusations about the Church in the area as well. A notice was filed at the local Police Station informing about miscreants who have been spreading rumors.
120	Church Attacked and Vandalized in Bihar, India	January 11, 2015	Jehanabad, Bihar	A Church was attacked by a mob of over 60 people during the Worship Service on Sunday, January 11, 2015 in Madhav Nagar, Jehanabad, Bihar. Pastor Kamlesh (36) was organizing the Sunday Service at the Prarthna Center where about 150 Christians had gathered. During the service, the mob entered the Church shouting slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram'. They started beating the Pastor along with elder of the Church Mr. Vijay Kumar (55). The other Christians were chased away while 3 persons got injured including Ps. Sohan Kumar. They tore bibles, broke the chairs, fans and PA system installed in the Church. They then forcefully took Pastor Kamlesh 's mobile, keys and Rs.7000 in cash. An FIR was lodged against the attackers after the SP's request since the local Police were not willing to file a complaint intially.
121	Pastor and Christians attacked in Jharkhand, India	January 11, 2015	Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India	On January 11 in Jhankhan, Dhanbad, Bihar, a mob attacked an Independent House Church being conducted in Ps. Subhish Kumar's home during their Worship Service and beat the Christians. The case was filed against 5 Christians on false accusations of conversion. The Church was being conducted for the past 2 years.
122	Church vandalized in Delhi, India	January 14, 2015	Vikaspuri, New Delhi	On January 14 in Vikaspuri, New Delhi, unindentified miscreants broke the Grotto and pulled down the statue of Mother Mary at the Lady of Graces Church in Vikaspuri, New Delhi at 4:30am. The incident was captured on a CCTV camera installed inside the church.

123	Church set on fire in Telangana, India	January 16, 2015	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	On January 16 in Tadur village located in the Mahabubnagar, Telangana, a Church was set on fire by assailants. The Parimala Beautiful Church was mainly a temporary structure constructed of thatches, bamboo and tarps. After the members of the church met for prayers on the day from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the church was torched by unknown assailants. At about 8:30 p.m., a local bus driver was passing by the church and noticed smoke and flames were clearly visible coming from the building. Immediately, the bus driver informed the police and the locals about the fire at the church. Church members, police and a fire engine rushed to the church, but by then more than half of the building had been reduced to ashes. Almost everything inside the church was destroyed by the fire including carpets, instruments, and church literature like songbooks and Bibles. A First Information Report (FIR) was booked by the police and an investigation is now underway.
124	Christians threatened to stop Church in Maharashtra, India	January 18, 2015	Pune, Maharashtra, India	On January 18, 2015 at Chinchwad, Pune Hindutva fundamentalists came and threatened a community of Christians who were praying together on a Sunday morning in a rented premise. Sis. Meeka Londhe from the Christ for All Church and others were threatened saying that they would not be allowed to pray and gather as a Church from the following Sunday. A report was filed at the Chinchwad Police station and the police have assured protection to the Christians.
125	Church suddenly denied premises for Sunday Worship in Uttar Pradesh, India	January 18, 2015	Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India	On January 18, in Abhay Khand 1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, the Amarpali School authorities, under the influence of local Hindutva groups refused the Church led by Evangelist Raju Danaiel to gather for Sunday worship services. The Church was being conducted in the premise since 2010.
126	Prayer meeting attacked in Kerala, India	January 19, 2015	Trivandrum, Kerala, India	On January 19 in Mannanthala, Trivandrum, Kerala, a prayer meeting of the Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church was attacked by 6 persons who beat up the pastor and 3 other Christians in the prayer meeting. An FIR has been lodged at the Trivandrum Medical College.
127	Bibles thrown in public to incite violence in Tamil Nadu, India	January 21, 2015	Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, India	On January 21 in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, Bibles were thrown over the road in front of the Office of the District Collector by the Munnani members. This was an act to incite violence against Christians. A petition is being prepared to be filed by press time.
128	Construction of Christian School and Hospital stopped in Maharashtra, India	January 21, 2015	Navapur, Nandurbar, Maharashtra, India	On January 21 in Navapur, Dulia Sakri, it was reported that the construction of a school and a hospital by Alpha Ministries was stopped by local villagers under the influence of local Hindutva fundamentalists. An FIR and Police Complaint was filed after which the Sakri Court delivered an unfavorable judgment. The case is at the Aurangabad High Court by press time.

129	Permission to conduct Sunday Worship service revoked in Telangana, India	January 21, 2015	Malkajgiri, Rangareddy, Telangana, India	On January 21 in Malkajgiri near Secunderabad, the permission to conduct the Sunday Services of the Church led by Ps. Sudhakar Reddy was denied by the local authorities after being influenced by Hindutva fundamentalists. A writ Petition was filed on January 22 by Adv. P. Joshua Sureshkumar (09246372436) against the Principal Secretary and Commissioner, DCP, ACP and the SHO. The Church has been seeking and receiving permissions for all such meetings in various venues for the past one year.
130	Top State Official stopped from preaching Faith in Tamil Nadu, India	January 23, 2015	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	On January 23 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, The Tamil Nadu government directed one of its IAS officers not to go ahead with "preaching and propagating" his faith as it is against service rules and could create communal disharmony. In a letter, TN chief secretary K Gnanadesikan told the commissioner for disciplinary proceedings, Umashankar: "It has been brought to the notice of government that you are going to take part in preaching and propagating activities in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanyakumari districts from January 24 to January 26 which are likely to cause communal disharmony and disturbance to public order. You are directed not to indulge in such activities which are unbecoming of a member of the service, failing which, necessary and appropriate action would be taken under relevant provisions of All India Services (conduct) Rules, 1968 read with the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969." The chief secretary also referred to Umashankar's previous visit to Kanyakumari district on January 16 in which "he indulged in activities which created disturbance to public order resulting in registration of two cases in Pudukadai police station in the district". Umashankar said "guided by God," he has cancelled seven prayer meetings scheduled in the next few days, but said he will move the high court against the government's direction.
131	Church Priest arrested on false allegations in Rajasthan, India	January 23, 2015	Jaipur, Rajasthan, India	On January 23 in Jaipur, Rajasthan, it was reported that Rev. Sumit Chauhan of the Jodhpur Methodist Church was arrested on false allegations of rape. Though the Father is based in Jodhpur, he is presently in the Jaipur Central Jail. No allegations have been proved to be true till press time.
132	Church Premises writen off as Government property in Himachal Pradesh, India	January 23, 2015	Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	On January 23 in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, Fr. P. M. Pardeshi reported that the CPWD wrote off the Shimla CNI Church as government property. The Church that was handed over in 1948 was not in possession till 1993 after which regular prayers have been conducted at the Church till date. The Father had also filed a petition in 2010 under the provisions of the Revision Petition of 2005 with regard to the use of places of worship.

133	Christian attacked for putting up picture of Jesus in Maharashtra, India	January 25, 2015	Nala Sopara, Palghar, Maharashtra, India	On January 25, in Nala Sopara near Mumbai in Palghar District, Maharashtra, Bro. Pramod Sahu was threatened and attacked for displaying a picture of Jesus in his garage. He is a mechanic who runs his garage shop for welding, and spray painting. A group of men objected him for putting up the picture in the garage and threatened to kill him if he put up the picture again or reported the attack to the authorities. No action was taken till press time.
134	Pastor and his wife brutally beaten in Uttar Pradesh, India	January 25, 2015	Bhadohi, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, India	On January 25 in Gyanpur, Bhadohi, a mob beat up Ps. Jomon Scaria and his wife Jaya at his house. They kicked his wife on the stomach. Tensions had prevailed in the area for the past three days, and the Pastor had called off the Sunday worship service after taking advice from the local police. In spite of taking precautions, the mob came to the Pastor's house and brutally beat him and his wife.
135	Prayer meeting stopped for over a month in Uttar Pradesh, India	January 31, 2015	Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh, India	On January 31, 2015 in Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh, a Pastor has been stopped from conducting Christian prayer meetings in his house for over a month. Sankar Verma has been conducting a Christian prayer meeting in his house in Palendar ki Bagiya, Tharagjeet Nagar every Sunday for the past 5 years without any disturbance. On December 25, 2015, the police allegedly stopped Christmas celebrations and forced him to leave a letter in writing saying that he would not conduct any prayer meetings in his house without permission.
136	Pastor threatened in Karnataka, India	January 31, 2015	Hoskote, Bangalore, Karnataka, India	In January 31, 2015 in Hoslkote, Bangalore, Karnataka, Pastor M. P. Samuel was threatened and asked to stop prayer meetings by the local police. He said that he was not able to feel safe since the police themselves were harassing him.
137	Church threatened to stop services at Uttar Pradesh, India	February 2, 2015	Bhadohi, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, India	On February 2 at Khetalpur, Bhadohi, a group of Hindu fundamentalists came and threatened staff of the Khetalpur Vishwavani Church to stop all prayers and church services immediately. They said that they would beat up Rev. Bacchelal if he conducted the Church the following Sunday. The Church has been in the area for the past 17 years. The incident was reported at the Aurahi Police Station and the police provided the Church with protection on the following Sunday.
138	Church Vandalized in Delhi, India	February 2, 2015	Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, India	On February 2, 2015 in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, a church was vandalised. According to the members of St. Alphonsa's Church, unidentified people jumped in from the main gate wall and broke opened the main gate of the church at around 3 am. They ransacked the sacristy cupboards, opened the tabernacle and took the ciborium and emptied it by putting the hosts on the table, the church members said.

139	Christian School attacked in Jharkhand by locals after false accusations in Jharkhand, India	February 2, 2015	Sahibganj, Jharkhand, India	On February 2, 2015 in Barharwa, Sahibganj, Jharkhand, an agitated crowd of over 1000 people burst into a Christian school premises all on a sudden shouting 'Jai Shri Ram, Beef Eaters go back, we will break your Christian statues' etc. Thereafter, the crowd ran amok stoning, brick-batting, damaging and destroying school and church property. The Holy Family English Medium School level, is run by the Sisters of the Holy Family Congregation. The immediate provocation to the sudden outburst was a false complaint of a girl child's mother being molested by a teacher. A 4-standard girl alleged that Vincent Kujur who had physically abused her. The statement of the child has not been taken however, the child's guardians have issued a statement against the teacher. When the school had reopened after the school, the children had made New year cards for the teacher Vincent. He in appreciation of the gesture pat the child's back in encouragement. This gesture has been alleged as abuse.
140	Pastor threatened to stop conducting prayers in Uttar Pradesh, India	February 7, 2015	Bhadohi, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, India	On February 7, 2015 in Jagapur, Bhadohi, a pastor was threatened to stop the Church that he was leading. The Hindu fundamentalists threatened Pastor Ashok Kumar from the Yeshu Darbar and asked him to stop prayers in the area. No report was filed till press time.
141	Christians attacked in Odisha, India	February 7, 2015	Malkangiri, Odisha, India	On February 7 in Sigal Village, Malkangiri, about 40 Christians of the Khoya Tribe were attacked and beaten by Hindutva fundamentalists and were being forced to take a dip in the river as part of a Hindu ritual. The fundamentalists also filed a false complaint against the Christians alleging physical violence. The Hindutva fundamentalists have been threatening the Christians for the past three days.
142	Church asked to close down in Telangana, India	February 7, 2015	Hyderabad, Telangana, India	On February 7, 2015 in Barangpet Village, Hyderabad, 7 Hindu fundamentalists came and threatened Pastor Padma and her husband Bro. G. Baburaoforcing them to Shalom Church of the Victory Ministries. They shouted saying that the Church land does not belong to them. Ps. Padma had bought the land and have been working in the village since 2002. The fundamentalists had earlier come on January 26, 2015 after which the pastor had gone to report the incident at Meerpet Police Station. They went back yesterday too, but Police refused to file the report on both occasions.

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143	Four Christian women beaten and a woman stripped in Jharkhand, India	February 8, 2015	Chatra, Jharkhand, India	On February 8 at Navardi, Chatra, Jharkhand, Hindu fundamentalists attacked a prayer meeting, dragged four women out to the road, and stripped the clothes off of one lady. The fundamentalists barged into one Christian 's house at about 4 p.m after the ladies finished their prayer meeting, pulled them out to the road, beat them and later took off the saree of a lady who hosted the prayer meeting and tore her blouse as they continue to shout all kinds of vulgar words at them. The fundamentalists also threatened to impose a fine on the Christians if they do not stop worshiping Christ. Police registered an FIR against the attackers and promised to give protection to the Christians.
144	Construction of Church opposed in Assam, India	February 9, 2015	Jorhat, Assam, India	On February 9, 2015 in Gohainjan, Jorhat, a mob opposed the construction of a temporary church building in Bhagyolakhi village. A mob of over 100 Hindutva fundamentalists threatened Mr. Kunti Urang, who had donated land for the Believers Church, saying that he would have to leave the village if the Church was built. Fr. Jethu Uriah was warned of dire consequences if he started building the Church. No report was filed till press time.
145	Two Christian women falsely acused in Tamil Nadu, India	February 10, 2015	Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India	On February 10, 2015 in Gudiyattam, Vellore, two persons were arrested for false allegations of promoting Christianity in the Gudiyattam Government Hospital. The police arrested Radha Krishnan (65) and H Anitha (39), who are cousins and residents of Melalathur. According to police officials, Anitha's husband Henry Pula was a pastor in a church in Melalathur. He died 40 days ago due to a chronic disease. So, Anitha gave loaves of bread and Bibles to 60 patients in the government hospital as a form of ritual in Gudiyattam on Tuesday. A case was registered under section 447 (Punishment for criminal trespass) and 153 (A) (Promoting enmity between groups on grounds of religion and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony) in Gudiyattam town police station.
146	Attempt of damaging Crossin Haryana, India	February 11, 2015	Hisar, Haryana, India	On February 11, 2015 in Hisar, Haryana, Hindutva fundamentalists attempted to destroy a cross in opposition to the Church that was being constructed in the area. The Believers Church building that was under construction was nearing completion when the incident occurred. When the cross was being put on the church building, about 20 Hindutva fundamentalists came and opposed saying that the Church could not be built there. The Police were informed after which the issue was resolved.
147	Convent School Vandalised and Robbed in New Delhi, India	February 12, 2015	Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, India	On February 12, 2015 at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, a convent school was vandalized and robbed. School officials say the window of the principal's room was broken by the unknown attackers and Rs.8,000 was reported to be missing.

148	Christian meeting disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	February 12, 2015	Geedam, Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	On February 12 in Geedam, the gospel meeting of Evangelist Ravi Abraham for which permissions were already sought, was disrupted and forced to close down. The meeting was arranged by Gospel for Chirst Mission from 10-12 February, 2015. The mob attacked the meeting on the third day of the meeting.
149	Church set on fire in Chhattisgarh, India	February 13, 2015	Janjgir, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 13th February 2015 in Akaltara, Janjgir, Bilaspur, a Church was set on fire by unidentified assailants late evening. Rev. Fr. Yeswer Lehre had conducted fasting prayer meeting in the Belivers Church from 11am to 3pm. After the prayer meeting over, Fr. Yeswer locked the church door and went back to his home. Around 6:30pm, he received a call that some unidentified men broke open the doors of the Church dragged books, petromax and other articles just outside the Church door and set fire on them. By the time they had rushed and put off the fire,half of the main Church door was also damaged. An FIR was filed but no action was taken till press time.
150	Statue desecrated in Goa, India	February 22, 2015	Navelim, Margao, Goa	On February 22, 2015 in Navelim, Margao, Goa, unidentified miscreants vandalised the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes by breaking the glass casket which was installed on a pedestal near the Holy Cross.
151	Pastor beaten in Tamil Nadu, India	February 22, 2015	Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India	On February 22, 2015 in Palnamkuppam, Tirupattur, Vellore, Ps. Paulraj of the Revival Prayer House was beaten by a mob for conducting a Church service in the area. The local panchayat has agreed to verify the incident, however, no report was filed till press time.
152	Church repairs stopped in Tamil Nadu, India	February 22, 2015	Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India	On February 22, 2015 in Swaminathapuram, Kanyakumari, fundamentalists objected to the repairs that were being made to the Church. The incident occurred when the New Life Assembly of God Church had begun to repair their Church's roof and a mob came to stop the work. They objected to the Church's presence in the area. A report was filed in the local police station till press time.
153	Two Chritians arrested in Chhattisgarh, India	February 24, 2015	Pithora, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh, India	On February 24 in Pithora, two Christians were arrested after false allegation of conversion was filed agaisnt them. Rev. Nilesan Tandi of the Church of North India and Ps. Asrikh Das of the Believers Church were arrested and were kept under custody. No action was taken till press time.
154	Church vandalized in Karnataka, India	February 24, 2015	Mangalore, Karnataka, India	On February 24, 2015, in Mangalore, the St. Joseph's Church was vandalized at night. Its window panes and door were damaged, though the statues within remained untouched. A report was filed.

155	Christian beaten by Police in Rajasthan, India	February 25, 2015	Jaipur, Rajasthan, India	On February 25, 2105 in Jaipur, the Mansarovar Police station indulged blatantly in the custodial violence of the 20 members from the Hebron Church of Hyderabad who had come to Jaipur. At the behest of the hindutva fundamentalists who hurled abuses and barged into the house in Shanti Nagar, Gurjar ki Thadi, where they were staying, the police carried out this action. They pushed these 20 Christians in 2 jeeps and kicked them and pushed them on reaching the police station. They were made to spread their palms and were hit with a patta, photographs give the evidence of serious injuries on the palms and wrists. At least 6 people were seriously injured including one whose wrist watch was damaged.
156	Church attacked during prayer in Telangana, India	February 28, 2015	Rangareddy, Telangana, India	On February 28 at Chellapally, Mandal, Rangareddy, Telangana, a mob of 30 fundamentalists came and attacked the Chellapally Baptist Church and beat up 3 persons. The Church was hosting the month-end prayer in the evening when some neighbors objected the use of speakers in the Church compound. Even after decreasing the sound, the mob came and attacked the Christians who were gathered for prayer. No persons were injured and no damage to property was reported. No report was filed till press time.
157	Christian prayer stopped by protesters in Madhya Pradesh, India	March 1, 2015	Jobat, Alirajpur, Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, India	On March 1, 2015 in jobat, Alirajpur, Hindutva fundamentalists raised slogans outside a prayer hall falsely accusing Christians of conversions. Around 300 Christians were present in the Church of North India's prayer hall on Jhabua Road when the fundamenetalists arrived at 10 am, nearly an hour after the Sunday prayer began. They raised anti-Christian slogans and also hurled insults during their protest till the police arrived. No report was filed.
158	Pastor denied permission to conduct Church services in Tamil Nadu, India	March 2, 2015	Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu, India	On March 2, 2015 in Nagapalli Anai (Dam) area, Pennagaram Taluk, it was reported that Ps. Manivaran of the Holy Bible Revival Church was denied permission to conduct Church service in the area. The local tehsildar issued a statement to him denying entry into the area without citing any explanation. Earlier, the Church was stopped in January 2015 as local groups opposed his entering in to the village.

159	Burial Service disrupted in Haryana, India	March 6, 2015	Faridabad, Haryana, India	On March 6, 2015 in Paali near Faridabad, a Christian burial ceremony was disrupted, stopped by local villagers and later the Christians were chased away from the cemetery. Ps. Mahipal Singh along with 70-80 Christians had gathered at Paali Christian Cemetery for a burial service. When they had begun digging the pit for the coffin to be lowered down, fundamentalists in about 12 bikes came to the spot and stopped the digging of the pit. They said that this land's soil cannot be used to bury a Christian. The mob then grew to about 700 people with local villagers joining in, who then started damaging vehicles, the ambulance that was carrying the body and chased away all the Christians. The Police then came to the spot and escorted the Pastor and 3 other who had stayed back with the body to another Christian Cemetery at Faridabad Sector 19 where the ceremony was completed. Two Christians are still reported to be at the hospital. The land that was being disputed to be used for burial was allotted recently by the Haryana Government to be used as a Christian Cemetery and about 6 burials had already taken place on the land.
160	Pastor falsely acused of conversion in Madhya Pradesh, India	March 7, 2015	Barwani, Madhya Pradesh	On March 7, 2015 in Barwani, Pas. Lalsingh was arrested near Julwania Police Station at 3:30pm on false allegations of conversion during a prayer meeting. The local villagers had opposed the prayer and had informed the Police. The Police then transferred him to Rajpur Police Station fearing that the mob would attack them. On the other hand, the Hindutva fundamentalists surrounded the Julwania Police Station to stop the Police to go to Rajpur to complete the formalities. All allegations were proved to be false and they were released the next day.
161	Christians threatened and asked to leave the Church in Haryana, India	March 9, 2015	Faridabad, Haryana, India	On March 9, 2015 in Sector 35, Faridabad, the Bethania Church was disrupted and later threatened by Hindu Fundamentalists during their morning worship service. They beat the Christians while threatening them but no one was reported to be injured. All Christians were asked to leave the premises. The Christians then went to a neighboring branch Church and continued their worship. The Church has been in the area for 24 years. No report was filed till press time.
162	Christian man opposed in his own village in Haryana, India	March 9, 2015	Rohtak, Haryana, India	On March 9, 2015 in Farmana Badshahpur Village, Rohtak, local villagers objected to Mr. Mukesh being a part of Uddar ka Jeevan church in Kalanaur. Fundamentalists gathered outside the Primary Health Center where he was employed and protested him being a Christian. They created a ruckus in protest threatening him not to share about his faith and go to church. Later, they opposed him working at the Heath Center and got him fired by his contractors. No report was filed filed till press time.

163	Pastor and Christians beaten by mob in West Bengal, India	March 10, 2015	Rayapara, Dankuni, Hooghly, West Bengal, India	On March 10, 2015 at Rayapara, Dankuni, Hooghly, a pastor and 4 other Christians were attacked and beaten by a mob. The incident occurred when Pastor John was conducting prayer along with his mother in law and four other women were attacked by Hindutva fundamentalists during a prayer in the village. The prayer was organized in one of the Christian family's house who attended the Agape In Action Church for prayer between 6 to 7 pm . A mob of about 200 people came and took the pastor along with other Christians to a nearby temple and forced them to perform Hindu rituals. When they refused to comply with their demands, they starting beating them. The ladies were beaten up by the ladies of the community who had also gathered.No report has been filed till press time.
164	Under- construction church vandalised and cross replaced with Hanuman idol in Haryana, India	March 14, 2015	Hisar, Haryana, India	On March 14, 2015 at Hisar, Haryana, an underconstruction church in Kaimri village was found to be vandalised by a group and the cross replaced with an idol of Hanuman. Father Subhash Chand of Believers Church lodged a complaint against 14 people, following which a case was registered by police under sections 147 (Punishment for rioting), 153A (promoting enmity between groups), 295 (destroying, damaging a place of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class of persons), 380 (theft in a building), 506 (criminal intimidation) of IPC. Police said that on March 6, a group of youths entered the plot where the church was being built, and forcibly installed a Hanuman idol there. Earlier, on Febraury 11, 2015, fundamentalists had attempted to destroy the cross installed on the Church Building that was under construction.
165	Christians asked to leave village in West Bengal, India	March 15, 2015	Rayapara, Dankuni, Hooghly, West Bengal, India	On March 15, 2015 at Rayapara, Dankuni, Hooghly, 11 families were forcibly asked to leave the village by Hindutva fundamentalists. Out of 11 families, 10 families are still there in the village as they own a house in the village whereas one family was had a rented accommodation moved out of the village and are staying with the pastor of Agape In Action Church. Earlier, on March 10, 2015, a mob had attacked the Christians in the village during a prayer. No report has been filed till press time.
166	Nun raped in West Bengal, India	March 15, 2015	Ranaghat, Nadia, West Bengal, India	On March 15, 2015 in Ranaghat, a 71-year-old nun of a convent school was gang-raped early on Saturday. She was injured so badly that she had to undergo a surgery. The elderly nun was assaulted when a band of robbers raided the Convent of Jesus and Mary, reportedly stole more than Rs. 8 lakhs and vandalized its chapel.

167	Construction of Church opposed in Andhra Pradesh, India	March 16, 2015	Vishakapatna m, Andhra Pradesh, India	On March 16, 2015 in Vishakapatnam, fundamentalists opposed to the construction of the Church building in the area. The independent church led by Bro. Ashok Kumar has been there for 20 years in small hut with 50 members which was now being constructed into a proper building. No report was filed till press time.
168	Christians falsely accused in Madhya Pradesh, India	March 16, 2015	Multai, Betul, Madhya Pradesh, India	On March 16, 2015 in Multai, a pastor and three local Christians were arrested for praying in the village. Hindutva fundamentalists falsely accused the Christians for conversion after which the Police made the arrests. The Christians have not been released on bail out till press time.

Hate Speech and Campaigns in Media since May 16, 2014

The following is a collection of previously published news and articles from the print and the electronic media, whose reference is marked in the last column. As on 31 January, 2015, all internet links have been found to be available and working.

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