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Protecting the interest of the Christian church in the Union of India is our primary mission.

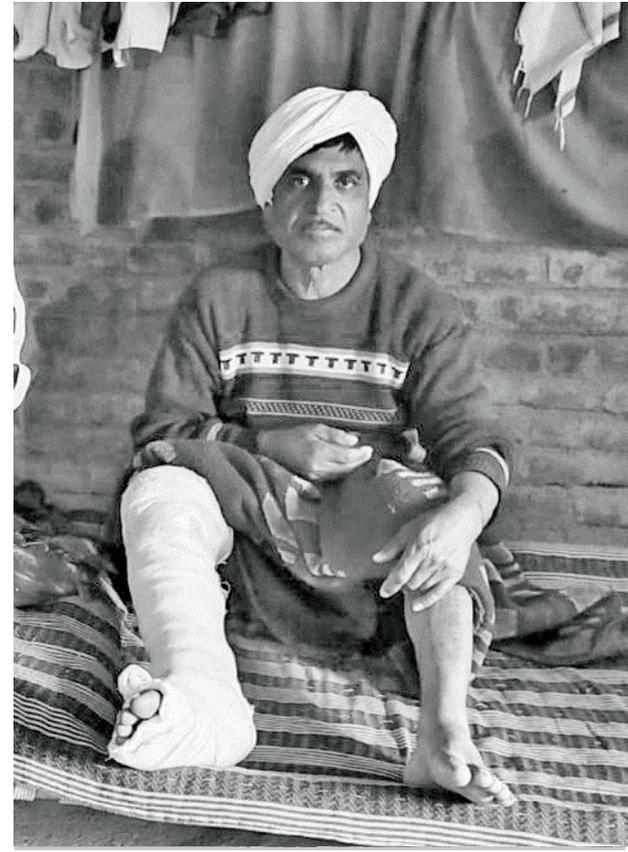


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PREFACE

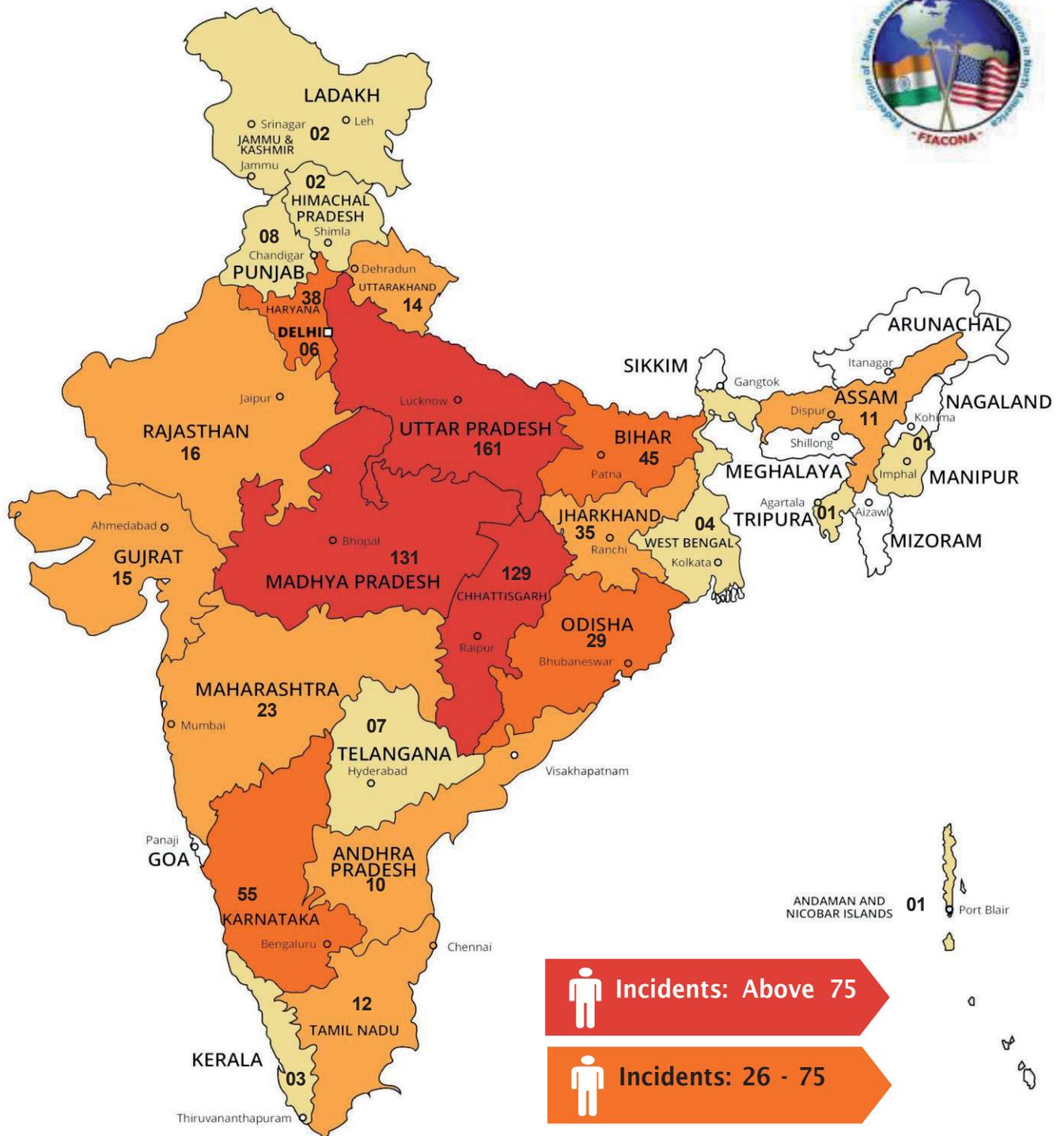
Freedom, whether it is religious freedom, freedom from discrimination, freedom of speech, or political freedom, is a fundamental and inalienable right for each and every human being across the world. To deny one's freedom is to deny their God-given right. No human being or government may rescind or infringe upon an individual's various inviolable freedoms. A nation that honors the freedoms of its citizens – the basic freedoms to assemble, worship and speech – will thrive in modernity. In a democracy, while the majority rules, the nation will prosper only if it considers and provides equal opportunity for all, rather than imposing the will of the majority upon the minority.

The Republic of India the largest democracy in the world. She is historically considered a country where various religious, ethnic, and linguistic groups could live together, harmoniously. The founding fathers of Modern India, freed from colonialism, envisioned a secular India, where freedom of religion and human rights were guaranteed for all. However, that intention was ignored and subsequently replaced with an ideology of hatred and violence by the current leaders of India. No one will stand to benefit from such a society in which civilians' freedoms are trampled on with impunity. The status of life in India will inevitably deteriorate and stands to lose its stature among the family of nations.

Vitriolic lies are being spread from various leaders, and followers act on them by harassing, suppressing, and even killing faith minorities that look, talk, or simply believe differently than them. Nobody can or should expect that everyone else believe the way they do; live and let others live should be the guiding philosophy. Hundreds of innocent civilians are murdered and tormented daily all across India. Political leaders in India must wake up and put an end to these heinous crimes before the situation becomes impossibly intractable.

Koshy George
President

OVERVIEW: INCIDENTS IN INDIA



Total 2021 Incidents Reported: 761
Unreported: Hundreds

- Incidents: Above 75
- Incidents: 26 - 75
- Incidents: 10 - 25
- Incidents: Below 10
- Incidents: No



INTRODUCTION

The Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations (FIACONA) represents over one million people of Indian origin across the United States.

One of the major objectives of FIACONA is to closely monitor religious persecution in the forms of physical violence, destruction of property, harassment, and murder of Christians by radical Hindu nationalists in India. It also tracks legislative assaults, besides socio-economic and political restrictions imposed against Christians.

It is important to note that Christianity was first introduced to various kingdoms across the territories of the Indian subcontinent in 52 AD by Apostle Thomas, also known as Didymus. Except for a handful of European Christians who settled in India after the 15th Century, all Christians in India are of ethnic Indian origin from different kingdoms of the subcontinent.



RECORDED VIOLENCE IN 2021

During the 2021 calendar year, 761 incidents of violence against Christians were documented and analyzed by FIACONA. These attacks ranged from neighborhood skirmishes to lynching and armed assaults on account of the victims' Christian identity¹. We categorize this as 'Religion Based Hate Crime' (RBHC).

As per the media reports and civil society, many violent attacks on Christians go undocumented and unrecorded. There are many reasons why this happens. Victims are often afraid to report it to police because there is a great degree of distrust of the police's and the political governing system's ability and willingness to deliver justice. The current hostile environment across India amplifies that skepticism among the Christians.

This level of cynicism is particularly pronounced in rural areas where hundreds of thousands of poor, deprived, and marginalized Christians reside. In a number of cases, it has been documented that even after reporting, the police have refused to record attacks².

¹ "Haridwar hate speeches, attacks on churches, murders in the name of religion, are all advanced symptoms of a society and polity in free fall – leader of the opposition in the Upper House of Indian Parliament.

² [Bearing the cross: Recent attacks against Christians worrisome | Latest News India – Hindustan Times](#)

Under the current circumstances, 72% of Christians FIACONA interviewed (in states ruled by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)) believe that the police will not protect their lives, liberty, property, or way of life.

A few violent attacks and lynchings are covered by print and television media. For instance, the attacks in Silchar, Assam, Pataudi in Haryana, and Pandavpura in Karnataka were reported by print and electronic media. Such cases are also recorded by police.

A major concern in recent months is a general call for the genocide of religious minorities issued in a Hindu religious conclave called 'Dharma Sansad' in the city of Haridwar, Uttarkhand, on December 17-19 2021. On February 25, 2022 in the state of Karnataka, a different Hindu nationalist group made another call for genocide.

FIACONA has confirmed the lynching of four Christians; this includes an incident in which a Hindu nationalist mob kicked a nine-months pregnant woman, resulting in the death to the unborn baby.

More killings were reported widely in the media during previous years as well, such as one on February 11, 2019, when a Christian native missionary named Anantram Gand was beheaded, and in June 2020 when a 14-year-old Christian adolescent boy was stoned to death by politically affiliated Hindu nationalist mobs.

Archbishop Peter Machado of the Catholic Church in the southern Indian state of Karnataka has stated that, with no mechanism to protect Christians from assault by the Hindu nationalist groups, many churches have stopped holding prayer meetings and essential religious discourses. He further explained that the fear is so intense that all Christian signs are removed from buildings and homes to avoid further retribution and violent attacks by Hindu nationalist mobs.

Therefore, the actual number of incidents involving physical assaults on Christian men, women, and children, looting, and destruction of private and church properties across the Union of India, is estimated to have reached several thousands during the 2021 calendar year alone. It has also been reported and found to be true that such assaults, attacks, and looting happen often with the explicit complicity of the police, city/village administration, and even politicians in power in respective states.

³ [Teenage Bajrang Dal Worker in Karnataka Calls for Genocide of 'Those Who Want Hijab'](#) (thewire.in)

⁴ [India: Christian convert killed and left on the road, beheaded - World Watch Monitor](#)

Article 25 (1) of the Indian Constitution states, "Subject to public order, morality and health and to the other provisions of this Part, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise and propagate religion."

GOVERNMENT COMPLACENCY OR SUBSERVIENCE TO A PARTY?

Modern Republic of India is a Union of 32 states and territories. The current Union (National) government in New Delhi evades castigation for the endless atrocities committed against Christians by pointing its finger and claiming that matters of law-and-order fall within the responsibility and domain of the states.

The current Union government also baselessly asserts that there exist no coordinated violent campaigns against Christians and other religious minorities in the country by any particular group or organization. In other words, the government has repeatedly denied the existence of 'Religion Based Hate Crime' (RBHC) despite the indisputable evidence otherwise.

The Union government also argues that the number of such incidents, if any, is miniscule in a country of 1.3 billion people. It argues that most of these attacks are common criminal incidents. It maintains that the number of criminal incidents in the Western countries with much smaller populations are much higher, and that occurrence in India should not be exaggerated. The Hindu nationalist political leaders conveniently argue that 'sporadic' attacks on Christians are nothing but anomalies in which a few local people become angered regarding rumors of possible faith conversions by missionaries.

The current government also disregards Western concerns, often successfully, by claiming that there is an independent and vibrant judiciary sufficiently capable of addressing such violence.

REBUTTAL

FIACONA disagrees and refutes the claims made by India's Union government:

1. Though law and order is primarily the responsibility of the state, the Union government is constitutionally obligated to protect the lives and properties of the people of India (Preamble and Article 25 of the Indian Constitution⁶). The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which currently leads the Union government, is therefore squarely delinquent by failing to abide by and implement the constitutional guarantees and protections offered to religious minorities, including Christians.

2. The resounding silence of Party leaders, including that of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is seen as a tacit endorsement of the nationalist agenda. The government of India occasionally issues polished statements to superficially respond to the concerns of foreign governments. However, without undertaking administrative actions to complement written promises of improvement, these statements only pay shallow lip service to very grave humanitarian issues.

3. Citizens of India, especially those belonging to religious minority communities, perceive that the state governments under BJP authority are implementing the majoritarian Hindu nationalist ideology, namely 'Hindutva'. FIACONA has observed that the government of India is subservient to the century-old Hindu nationalist parent organization, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), and its multiple affiliates (more on this below) specializing in radical and violent means to exclude and demean Christians.

4. The attacks against Christians are neither common criminal incidents nor sporadic as the government of India has been claiming. They are highly coordinated political hate campaigns by the RSS and its radical offshoots⁷.

⁶ [Constitution of India | Legislative Department | Ministry of Law and Justice | GoI](#)

⁷ RSS was formed in the 1920s inspired by the pure ethnic state ideas and practical solutions proposed by Heinrich Himmler and Reinhard Heydrich. The founders of the RSS have expressed their great admiration through their writings of these two German leaders in mid-1930s. Offshoots under the RSS include organizations such as the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Bajrang Dal, Ram Sena, Dharm Jagaran Samiti, Durga Vahini, Ekal Vidyalaya, Hindu Aikya Vedi, Hindu Jagarana Vedike, Hindu Jagran Manch Hindu Janajagruti Samiti, Hindu Munnani, Hindu Rashtra Sena, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, Seva Bharati ...etc. Many of these organizations also have their counterparts in the US functioning as 501-c3 and 501-c4 organizations.

To suggest that the unignorable rise in incidents of religion-based hate violence is just a manifestation of common criminal activity is appalling. The government of India should be ashamed to even imply that the increasingly violent and frequent hate crimes unleashed against Christians and other religious minorities in India by RSS-affiliated entities are petty crimes without discriminatory motives or intent. Any suggestion in any part of the media contrary to the government-sponsored narration attracts the full wrath of the officials. (See appendix for more)

5. Many Indian states have ratified and enacted the so-called anti-conversion laws. The BJP-ruled state of Haryana became the latest state to enact such a law. Haryana's legal provision prohibits inter-faith marriages and imposes 10-year prison terms for religious conversions. Anti-conversion laws are used as a tool to falsely accuse and arrest religious minorities, including Christians, on baseless charges. Many observers, intellectuals, and legal practitioners consider these laws to be against the spirit of the Constitution of India.

6. It is true that India inherited a strong and independent judiciary from the British Raj. This pillar of Indian democracy is now under extreme political stress to interpret (misinterpret) the law and adjudicate in favor of government establishments. Lower-level local courts, by and large, are still the final resort for many Religion Based Hate Crime victims and survivors. Once a fabricated police case is filed against a Christian family, it drains them emotionally and financially. Its lingering effects are felt for at least one or two decades to come. The burden of proving one's innocence against the political and police nexus is daunting.

In recent years, India's higher courts have increasingly passed judgments favoring views of the political establishments rather than based on legal and constitutional provisions and the details of the cases. These unsound recent decisions have caused many to wonder if the integrity of the high courts is compromised.

Holding periodic elections alone does not make a country a democracy. A country can be regarded as a democracy only if democratic values, equal rights, free expression of ideas, thoughts, and beliefs are respected and protected by governing institutions.

“It is starkly evident that media is owned by those people who have direct access or are in close proximity to power. Their media channels are likely to rather focus on influencing and creating opinions than on the unbiased dissemination of information”.

- MEDIA OWNERSHIP MONITOR⁸ (Watchdog group)

ROLE OF THE MEDIA

Even in states where the BJP is not in power, it is becoming common to see abusive hate speech on television debates and programs. Calls for genocide of faith minorities are aired prominently on national and most Indian vernacular media.

Most major media houses both in print and television are either controlled or owned by tycoons who are in league with the Hindu nationalist ecosystem; it is evident in Hindi and other vernacular media. It has been confirmed that even social media platforms that operate in India, such as Facebook and Twitter, are manipulated by radical Hindu sympathizers.

Economic considerations also drive such unholy associations between the media and political parties. The government airs its radical propaganda in print and electronic media many of which receive funding from state budgets.

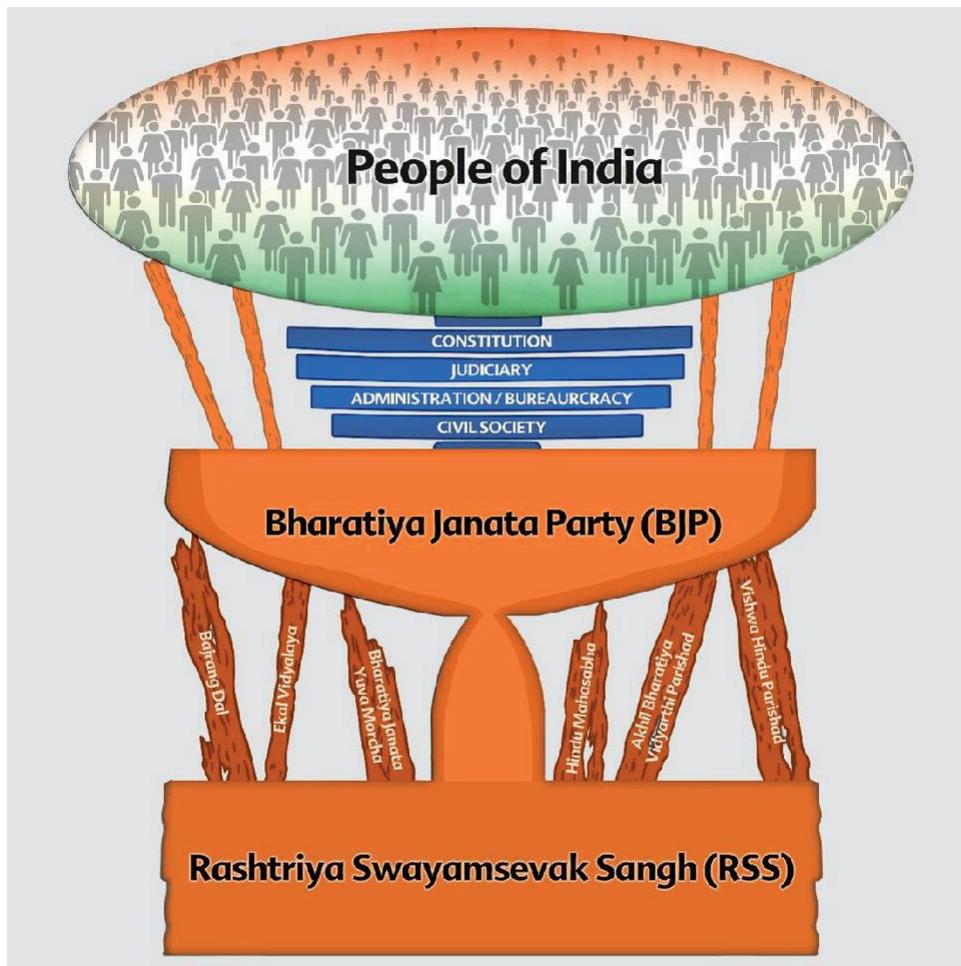
24/7 electronic media blitzes, printed messages lasting days and months on end, and a vast majority of the social media in India are all under the influence of the radical Hindutva ideology. Hence, perception among the majority Hindu population is easily manipulated. Hindutva domination over media also explains why there is a near total absence of general media news items reporting on hate crimes committed against Christians. In spite of these obstacles, however, FIACONA has identified 761 incidents of violence against Christians.

A few electronic and social media platforms that show enough courage to maintain the integrity of journalism have been penalized and, in some instances, economically liquidated. More specifically, the current government has blocked and suspended the social media accounts of numerous independent journalists and social post reports that oppose the Hindu radical agenda; some reporters are even arrested and face sedition charges⁹.

THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is an entity created by the RSS for the sole purpose of engaging in electoral politics on their behalf in India. Overseas Friends of BJP USA is a registered outfit in the United States as a foreign agent under Foreign Agent Registration Act (FARA). It is also a subsidiary of the RSS and was created, like a few other US-based organizations, to provide a much-needed support mechanism for their activities in India.

Affiliation and membership in these auxiliary organizations, collectively referred to as the Sangh Parivar, is interchangeable. Often, members partake in multiple campaigns of these separate yet interrelated entities. Moreover, leaders of the VHP, Bajrang Dal, and other Sangh Parivar organizations are elected to both state and national level offices as BJP candidates in India. Hence, the leaders and members of the BJP party are directly involved in the violent campaigns directed towards Christian and other religious minority groups. It



must be noted that, by extension, several American Christian organizations and their outreach efforts are directly impacted by the actions of many of these outfits who are directly affiliated to the BJP party and the governments headed by them. Some of the violent attacks highlighted in this report were carried out directly by some of these offshoot organizations affiliated with the BJP and RSS.

Moreover, political corruption has reached high enough levels such that currently, it is commonplace for some of the top officials from the Judiciary (such as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India), defense services (such as the Chief of Army Staff), and senior career bureaucrats to be offered political positions in the BJP government with the expectation that they will openly serve the party's position while in office. The current BJP government innovated a lateral employment entry program by which proponents of radical Hindutva ideology are placed in coveted decision-making positions. Defying the rules of the Indian Administrative Services and the Election Commission, the Prime Minister is effectively bypassing the Constitutionally-delegated obligations of the state governments.

With such a complex and solid external support mechanism and the muscle power of hundreds of offshoot organizations run or otherwise managed by the RSS, the political arm of the Hindu nationalists – namely, the BJP – is capable of implementing its radical agenda without major interference by any office in the country. All of the RSS-affiliated entities, including the BJP, work towards their long-term goal of creating a dominant Hindu nation-state 'to the exclusion of the other'.

The legitimacy of the police and other law enforcement agencies is compromised to the extent that they arrest and prosecute Christian victims rather than the perpetrators of violence. Authorities often refuse to register First Information Reports (FIR) against Hindu nationalists. In some instances, police misrepresent Religion Based Hate Crimes by providing fabricated narratives that the violence was caused by issues related to property disputes, employment, or caste.



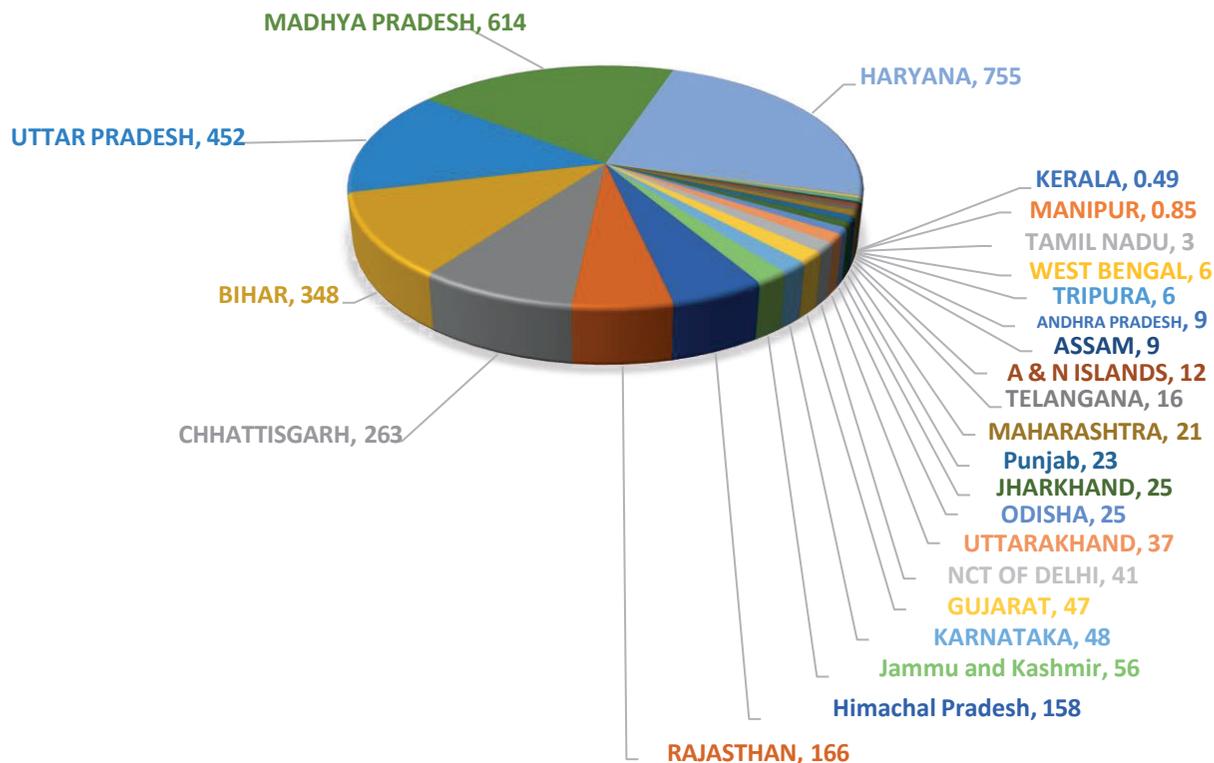
ANALYSIS

2021 has been the most deadly and hostile year on the record for Indian Christians since the Union of India was established in 1947. Hindu nationalist paramilitary forces have increasingly intensified their assault on the Christian community with impunity. Legal and other interventions are becoming less accessible across the Union of India ever since the BJP assumed office in New Delhi.

Data analysis reveals that the number of attacks reported “Per Million Christians” is astronomically higher in those states which have relatively small Christian populations and which enforce Anti-Conversion Laws (ACL). For example, per-million attacks are highest in the state of Haryana (755), followed by Madhya Pradesh (614), Uttar Pradesh (452), Uttarakhand (371), Bihar (348), Chhattisgarh (243), etc.

Out of the 28 Indian states and 8 Union territories (which are directly ruled by the Union government), the data disclose that Christians were targeted by attacks in 25 states and two Union territories. Goa and Diu/Daman are excluded from this study as they reported one incident each and due to their miniscule Christian population.

NUMBER OF ATTACKS PER MILLION CHRISTIANS IN EACH STATE



On an average 27 violent attacks were reported for every million Christians across India in 2021, with alarming frequency in the states that impose some forms of Anti Conversion Laws (ACL). In fact, most individual data reveal that a vast majority of such attacks took place on baseless assumptions that Christian prayer meetings or birthday parties are clandestine meetings to convert Hindus to Christianity.

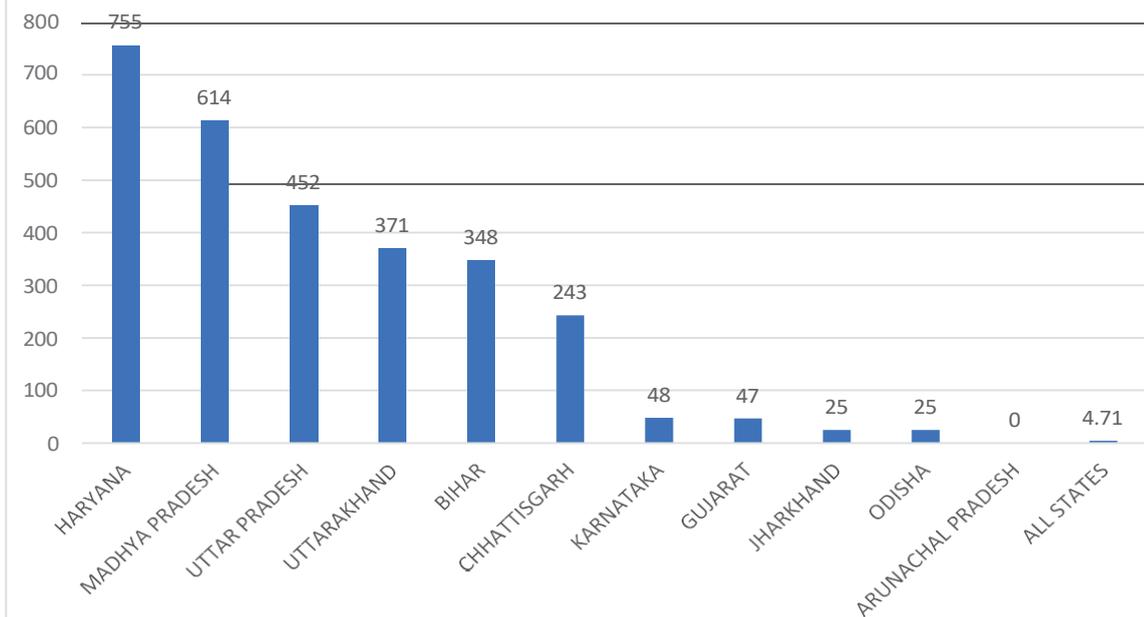
Northeastern states – where Christians make up 70% or more of the population – are reporting no attacks; meanwhile the state of Kerala, where the Christian church has existed and operated continuously from the first century, is reporting far fewer incidents than the national average.

Out of 25 states, Haryana recorded the highest number of attacks per million Christians. It is followed by the states Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Chhattisgarh. Each of these states has enacted Anti- Conversion Laws (ACL) with varying degrees of penalties and prison terms for perceived religious conversions.

Population of Christians as per 2011 Government Census in the States which Enacted Anti-Conversion Laws (ACL)

SL	Name of State	Population of State	Population of Christians	# of Attacks
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1383727	418732	0
4	Bihar	104099452	129247	45
5	Chhattisgarh	25545198	490542	129
7	Gujarat	60439692	316178	15
8	Haryana	25351462	50353	38
11	Jharkhand	32988134	1418608	35
12	Karnataka	61095297	1142647	55
14	Madhya Pradesh	72626809	213282	131
16	Odisha	41974218	1161708	29
17	Uttar Pradesh	199812341	356448	161
18	Uttarakhand	10086292	37781	14
		# of ATTACKS PER MILLION – 113.68	5735526	652

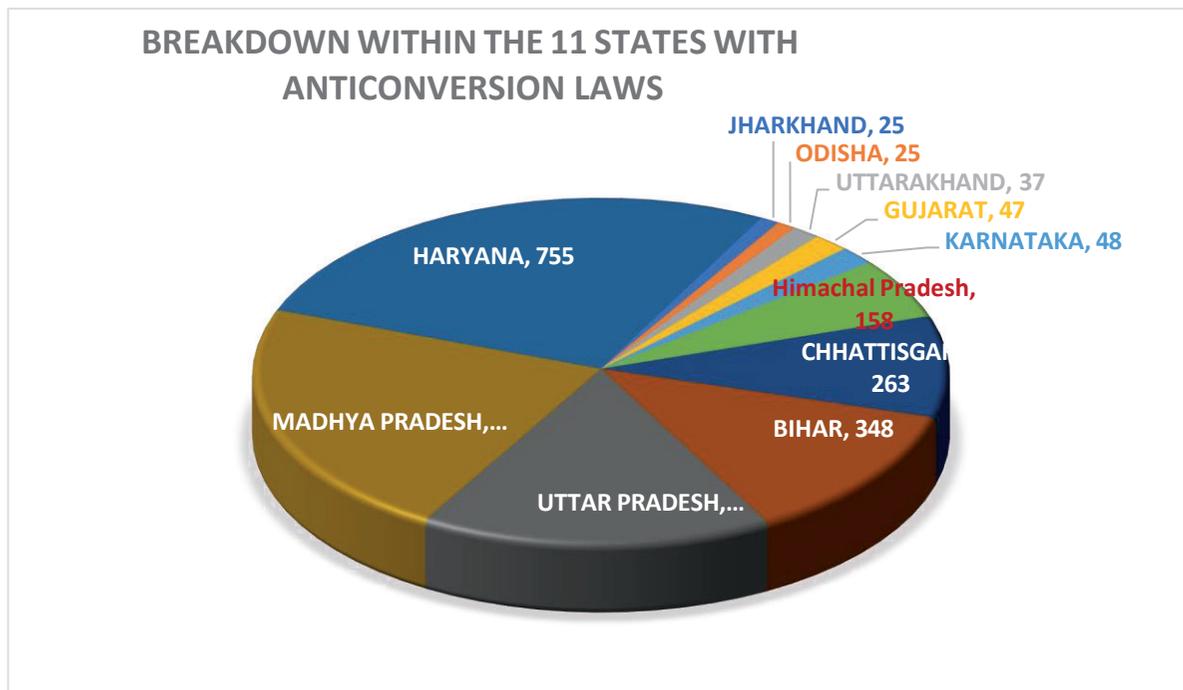
Attacks Per Million on Christians in 11 ACL States Vs Other States



The sole exception is the state of Arunachal Pradesh, where no attacks were reported despite the enforcement of an Anti-Conversion Law.

The most notable finding is that the number of attacks is fewer than 5 Per Million Christians in all other remaining states combined. These are the states in which 81% of Indian Christians reside and no Anti- conversion Laws are enforced.

This suggests that the Christian populations living in remote areas are more vulnerable to attacks by Hindu nationalists than those living in states with substantial Christian populations.



CASE STUDIES

Missionaries of Charity

The BJP government's bold initiative on Christmas Eve against the Missionaries of Charity – an organization founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta – to deprive its ability to accept donations from overseas donors, exposed the Modi government's deep-seated animosity towards Christian institutions. This action was intended not only to cripple the organization, but also for sending a loud and clear message to other Christian charities in India that they could be eliminated at anytime.

The government provided no justification for its hostile decision apart from a claim that it was in response to “adverse input” received. This action by the BJP government demonstrated that it can act with impunity at their will with no legal pretext.

After a few days, however, the Modi administration was forced to reverse its decision in the wake of worldwide condemnation.

The reprehensible silence of the Trump Administration and Congress in 2016 when the Modi government arbitrarily shut down the US-based Compassion International emboldened the BJP to continue its aggression against many other American and European charities. It has also led the Hindu nationalist government in Delhi to assume that America will not take decisive action to protect Christian charities operating in India. The impact of the decision of the Trump Administration continues to threaten the work and ministry of all Christian charities in India to this day.

Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ

86-year-old Jesuit priest Fr. Stan Swamy, a lifelong advocate for the rights of the indigenous people in India’s tribal belt, was arrested in October 2020 on fabricated charges by the Indian intelligence agencies along with other proponents of tribal rights.

Fr. Swamy died in police custody in July 2021 while fighting for bail. Until the Fr. Swamy’s tragic death, the BJP government vehemently refused to grant the priest’s request for bail, even on medical grounds. Fr. Stan Swamy was suffering from an advanced stage of Parkinson’s disease.

It was reported that the Modi government wanted to make an example of Fr. Stan Swamy so that other Christian charities would not dare speak out in support of the rights of the indigenous tribal people of India and against government attempts to displace them or revoke their land rights in the name of industrialization.



ANTI-CONVERSION LAWS AND HARASSMENT OF CHRISTIANS

Christianity played a role in people's faith in different kingdoms of the Indian subcontinent almost 1900 years before a country now called India was established. The Christian faith was introduced to various kingdoms of the Indian subcontinent by Apostle Thomas in the first century, predating the modern form of Hinduism by more than 1500 years. (Modern Hinduism and the idea of a Hindu was born more recently during British rule in the Indian subcontinent, though different forms of Vedic faiths have been in practice across the Indian subcontinent earlier).

However, Hindu nationalists argue that the Christian faith in India was introduced by European Missionaries after 1600 AD; hence, they try to brand it as a form of modern religious colonialism.

The Hindu nationalists also believe that, if unchecked, modern India will become a Christian country. Therefore, some state governments have enacted legislations, known as Anti-Conversion Laws (ACL), to prevent people from willfully converting and joining the church.

Some of these laws are more stringent than their counterparts in other states. Conversion of an individual from one religion to another has been made a criminal offense in some of these states.

While religious conversion itself is not prohibited, new legislations focus more on certain aspects, leaving ample excuses for the police to misinterpret the law and claim that simply providing education to a child in a Christian school or keeping a bible at a Christian hospital are forms of forcefully attempting to convert a Hindu person.

The states that have passed such laws include Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh.

It is clearly noted that the number of attacks on Christians and Christian prayer meetings increased substantially in the above states after such Anti-Conversion Laws (ACL) were enacted.

Of all the cases in which Christians are arrested on accusations of engaging in forced conversion, police are unable to prove even a single case in a court of law. This implies that such anti-conversion cases are filed against Christians for harassment purposes only. They also forces Christian families into financial hardship fighting against the charges.

The Genocide Watch, an organization dedicated to preventing the recurrence of Holocaust-style extermination of people, warns that India is the second most likely place for a next genocide to take place. The organization argues that, since the BJP ascended to power, Indian society has reached stage 8 out of the 10 pre-genocide stages. Considering that Indian Christians make up the third largest religious community in India, the damage caused by such a genocide cannot be underestimated.

WHY IT MATTERS TO UNITED STATES & RECOMMENDATIONS

Taking into consideration the data presented in this report, it is impossible to ignore the trend that the Union government is increasingly promoting and imposing a pan-Indian Hindu nationalist identity on a very indigenously diverse population. FIACONA is certain that BJP-led state governance is just one component of the design to homogenize the culture by eradicating Abrahamic religious segments of the Indian population.

India, a country of 1.3 billion people, has an expanding middle class and a large pool of skilled workforce for service and manufacturing sectors. It is therefore crucial for the United States to understand the fallout from growing domestic unrest created as a result of imposing the Hindu nationalist ideology.

India is an essential player in the economic and security coalition in the Indo-Pacific, in addition to being a global source for skilled workers. Therefore, its internal and domestic stability and economic, social, and security concerns are undeniably of global importance. India is setting herself upon the same path that Pakistan and Sri Lanka have already taken. It is unrealistic to expect a trajectory in India that is any different from that of Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Hence, it will eventually pose a serious challenge to America's economic and security interests in South Asia and across the Indian Ocean corridor.

While the American political establishments and the international outreach policy will benefit from engaging Indian Americans for positive and mutually beneficial impacts, we should also be cautious of individuals and interest groups in the United States that support extreme Hindu nationalist policies of the current government in India and their efforts to infiltrate the US establishments on both government and policy sectors.

FIACONA recommends that India-based non-state actors and key officials that promote violence and exclusion of religious minorities from Indian society be identified and sanctioned by the United States and European governments. If the United States can sanction UK-based Jewish charities focused on helping certain policies in another friendly state, Israel, FIACONA are sure, US based Hindu nationalist entities and people who promote extremism in India could also be sanctioned by Treasury and State Departments.

Therefore, America has a stake in the the internal developments in the Union of India and hence has role to play in the reduction and elimination of hate crimes and promotion of equal opportunity there It is important for America's own long-term self-interest.

INCIDENTS STATE-WISE

The following is a concise listing of all the 761 instances of atrocities committed by the Hindu Nationalist groups on Christians of India during 2021. The atrocities are committed in spite of long periods of COVID related lockdowns and limitations on physical movements.

SL	Name of State	#	SL	Name of State	#
1	Andhra Pradesh	10	20	Odisha	29
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	21	Punjab	08
3	Assam	11	22	Rajasthan	16
4	Bihar	45	23	Sikkim	-
5	Chhattisgarh	129	24	Tamil Nadu	11
6	Goa	-	25	Telangana	07
7	Gujarat	15	26	Tripura	01
8	Haryana	38	27	Uttar Pradesh	161
9	Himachal Pradesh	02	28	Uttarakhand	14
10	Jammu and Kashmir	02	29	West Bengal	04
11	Jharkhand	35		Name of Union Territory	
12	Karnataka	55	01	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	01
13	Kerala	03	02	Chandigarh	-
14	Madhya Pradesh	131	03	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-
15	Maharashtra	23	04	Daman and Diu	01
16	Manipur	01	05	Delhi - New Delhi	06
17	Meghalaya	-	06	Lakshadweep	-
18	Mizoram	-	07	Puducherry	-
19	Nagaland	-		TOTAL: 761	

REPORTED INCIDENTS

DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
1/1/2021	A christian widow, Ms. Chandrama was harassed by Hindu nationalists in her village at Bastar Block, in the north central State of Chhattisgarh. They also confiscated a piece of land she owned which helped sustain her and her two young children.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
1/1/2021	Members of the Christian community in Alirajpur, in the central Indian State of Madhya Pradesh were threatened with dire consequences if they did not quit their Christian faith. Rev Parmar, the pastor of the church in the village was given a final warning by the leaders of the Hindu nationalist groups of Prime Minister Modi's party.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
1/1/2021	Eight churches in the tribal colony of New Checkon, in the northeastern state of Manipur, received notice of eviction and demolition from the government. Most of these churches were constructed between 1974 and 2009, prior to the Supreme Court of India issuing guidelines, dated Oct 29, 2009, for the future construction of Temples, Churches and Mosques on public land by grandfathering the one's built before that date. It is another example of state bending or ignoring the rules to hurt the christians.	https://www.ucanews.com/news/christian-groups-fight-church-evictions-in-india/90919	Manipur
1/1/2021	Members of the Hindu right-wing party vandalised the Smyrna Church, located in Nambiyur, Erode District in the southern state of Tamil Nadu reported on Jan 1.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WugclYwZVTw	Tamil Nadu
1/1/2021	Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party objected to the construction of a church in the East Indian state of West Bengal and forced Pastor Biswambar to stop the work. There are about 30 Christian families in his area and this is not the first time the Christian community has faced such opposition. Women and children of this congregation were dragged on the street and beaten by the Hindu nationalist leaders previously in June of 2020.	EFI-RLC report	West Bengal

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1/1/2021	An eight month pregnant tribal christian woman Leela Bai, in the Devra village of Thirin, in the Central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh lost her unborn baby after four members of the Hindu nationalist paramilitary organization, The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, commonly known as RSS, attacked her for becoming Christian. When her husband Mr. Rakesh Alawe went to the police, they refused to file a case against the attackers for over 2 weeks. When the senior police official Rakesh Yadhav got intervined, a case was finally registered, but local police put pressure on the family to withdraw the case.	https://morningstarnews.org/2021/02 /pregnant-christian-woman-loses-baby-after-hindu-extremist-attack/	Madhya Pradesh
1/2/2021	Prayer meeting at Bethel Mission, Dhar District, in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh was disrupted by members of the Hindu nationalist vigilante groups belonging to Mr. Modi's party. The victims and the Pastor of the congregation was ordered to report to the local police station for questioning.	https://www.boomlive.in/news/madhya-pradesh-school-attack-vhp-bajrang-dal-targeting-christians-16017	Madhya Pradesh
1/3/2021	In Abbigeri village, Koppal district, State of Karnataka, Pastor Devendhrappa Jamalappa Lamani was severely assaulted by a mob of about 20 tribal animists because of his Christian faith. Koppal Rural police registered a First Information Report (FIR) against six of the 20 assailants. An FIR was also registered against Pastor Lamani and three people who tried to rescue him - his wife and another Christian couple, Mallikarjuna Mukkumbi and Sanna Savithrevva.	https://morningstarnews.org/2021/02 /charges-fabricated-against-pastor-others-after-assault-sources-say/	Karnataka
1/3/2021	Police barged into a private Christian prayer meeting led by Pastor Ashok Kumar in Bhandohi district of the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh and started filming it without even asking for permission. They then questioned the pastor asking if he had permission to conduct such prayer meetings. Before leaving they told him that he might be summoned to the local police station for further questioning.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh

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1/3/2021	Heavenly Gospel Mission Church in Shahjahanpur District, headed by Pastor H. S. David, was attacked by Hindu extremists of Prime Minister Modi's BJP party during the Sunday worship service. The mob consisting of 10-15 Hindu extremists hit all who had gathered for worship in the church, the 7 men, 10 women and 10 children mercilessly with wooden batons and rods. Moreover, Police officer J Pratap Singh arrived and started hitting the victims and lodged a complaint against them on Section 3/5(1) of Uttar Pradesh's newly enacted "anti-conversion" law with "unlawful conversion from one religion to another. The false complaint to the police was made by a man named Ramlakhan Verma whom Pastor David says did not even know.	https://www.christianitydaily.com/articles/10701/20210202/hindu-mob-police-harass-attack-and-file-false-charges-against-christians-in-india.htm	Uttar Pradesh
1/3/2021	Police from Shahjahanpur arrested Pastor Ajay Pal during a private prayer meeting claiming that he was converting local people to Christian faith	https://clarionindia.net/bajrang-dal-workers-assault-christian-pastor-hand-him-over-to-up-police/	Uttar Pradesh
1/4/2021	A small group of youngsters aligned with Hindu nationalist party of Prime Minister Modi in Sagripal village, Bastar district in the north central Indian state of Chhattisgarh were putting pressure on the family of Maniram Nag to leave his Christian faith or leave their village. When he refused to do either, they tore down his ancestral home.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
1/4/2021	Fifteen Christian families were summoned to a meeting with the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in Bannimardatti village, Hassan District, in the southern Indian State of Karnataka. At the meeting, the DSP asked the Christians to show proof of their Christian religious identity and even accused them of collecting government affirmative action benefits as both Christians and Hindus. He further banned the Christians from gathering for worship in the Bannimardatti village. The official justified this order by claiming none of them in Bannimardatti village were Christians at birth and that they were either falsely claiming to be Christians or they fraudulently accepted Christianity.	https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2021/january/christian-families-banned-from-worship-in-one-indian-state-as-persecution-worsens	Karnataka

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1/4/2021	Religious radicals barged in during a Christian program at Devgan DasKol's house in Chituhula police station area, Budhar, Shahdol district, State of Madhya Pradesh. The radicals created a ruckus alleging that Das was engaged in a religious conversion racket. They called local police, who escorted Das to the police station. Due to lack of evidence police instead booked him for violation of the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Act, 2020.	RLC report, EFI	Madhya Pradesh
1/4/2021	Horebu Pentecostal Church at Nalgonda, in the state of Telangana, was desecrated by a suspected group of Hindu nationalists. The church was partially damaged. Pastor Samuel, the head of the District Pastor Association told that members of the church found the church had been vandalized in the morning of January 5. According to witnesses, broken glass and other debris scattered around the church premises. Pastor Sunil Kumar, the pastor of Horebu Pentecostal Church, was informed of the desecration and immediately reported the incident to local police. The church has been operating Peddamunigala village for the last 11 years.	https://www.christiantoday.co.in/news/church-desecrated-in-telangana-members-fear-tougher-time-ahead.html	Telangana
1/5/2021	Six Christian families were forcefully converted to Hinduism in the district of Baloda Bazar in the State of Chattisgarh.	victim testimony	Chhattisgarh
1/5/2021	Members of the Christian community in a village in Chindwara District of Madhya Pradesh State were forced to attend a meeting organized by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party where they spoke ill about Christian faith and were forced to forsake Christ, but the believers refused.	victim testimony	Madhya Pradesh
1/5/2021	Professor Yadidya from from the city of Lucknow, in the state of UP was threatened and abused over phone by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party and asked him not to share the Gospel anymore.	victim testimony	Uttar Pradesh
1/5/2021	The state authorities are encroaching the land that belongs to St.Martin's Church (built in 1935) in the state of Uttar Pradesh in the guise of expanding the utility services without any permission or approval.	victim testimony	Uttar Pradesh

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1/5/2021	The local community is boycotting 3 Christian families for their faith in Baloda Bazar District, State of Chattisgarh.	victim testimony	Chhattisgarh
1/5/2021	Under a new “anti-conversion” law that went into effect in Uttar Pradesh state, India on Nov. 28, police arrested 50-year-old Mi Kyung Lee of Seoul, South Korea and the three others on Dec. 19 in Greater Noida, Gautam Buddh Nagar District, said the aid organizer, Raj Kumar Masih.	https://www.online-ministries.org/first-christian-arrested-under-new-anti-conversion-law-in-u-p-india/	Uttar Pradesh
1/7/2021	A Christian couple Mr. Masa Kunjami and Mrs. Sunny Kunjami in Kora village, of Sukma district, in the state of Chhattisgarh were severely beaten by Hindu nationalists. The incident occurred around 6 am when three persons – Sodi Joga, Sodia Deva and Sodi Ganga, along with a few others – barged into the couple’s home and attacked them. The Hindus dragged Sunny Kanjami by her hair to the street. Her husband Masa Kunjami too was dragged out to the street and was repeatedly hit with rods and whips.	victim testimony	Chhattisgarh
1/7/2021	Pastor. Krishna & Pastor. Umesh from Chikamanglore, in the state of Karnataka, were beaten very badly by Hindu nationalists of Prime Minister Modi’s party.	victim testimony and EFI-RLC testimony	Karnataka
1/7/2021	Police stopped a Christian wedding ceremony at a private residence in Amgawan village, Jaithari police station, Annupur district of the state of Madhya Pradesh. They cited complaints from Mr. Modi’s Hindu nationalist BJP party that the Christians were forcing Hindus to convert there. Police arrested the groom Ram Ratan, and two others. They were later let go after they filed their told the Sub Divisional Magistrate that it was a wedding ceremony. But the police later charged the owner of the house where the wedding was held.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
1/7/2021	Two Christian families in in Abhujamadh village, Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh were threatened by village elders sympathetic to Hindu nationalism to either give up their beliefs or leave the village.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh

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1/7/2021	Pastor Paswan was warned by the Hindu nationalists that he is banned from entering the Abhujamadh village, in the state of Chhattisgarh to minister to local Christian families.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
1/8/2021	Ms. Chandravati Devi of Paschim Champaran in the state of Bihar was abused and threatened by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. She was told to either renounce her faith in Christ or leave the village.	victim testimony	Bihar
1/8/2021	It is reported that a group of Christian families were beaten severely by Hindu nationalists in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
1/8/2021	Hindu nationalists launched a major rally against the Christian institutions in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh with slogans like "Christianity should be wiped out of India". Local sources reported that the district administration seemed supportive of the hate campaign.	EFI - RLC report	Chhattisgarh
1/8/2021	Reports of Tribal Christians being harassed by Hindu nationalists are received from Barwani District of the state of Madhya Pradesh	https://www.nation.alheraldindia.com/india/mp-rss-men-attack-tribal-village-in-suspicion-of-religious-conversion-pregnant-woman-loses-child	Madhya Pradesh
1/9/2021	Pastor Philemon Philip [Alive Church] Mohali, Punjab suffering from Covid was harassed by a group of Hindu nationalists in front of his house by holding a Hindu religious ceremony (pooja). They claimed that Covid infection was brought to their town by Christians and that by performing pooja in the Pastor's front yard, they claimed to arrest the spread of the "spirit of covid" among them	Victim testimony	Punjab
1/9/2021	Pastor Monu Dhama and Christians are being harassed to stop prayer meetings in Khekra District of Uttar Pradesh.	Victim testimony	Uttar Pradesh
1/10/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists barged into a prayer meeting held by Pastor Nilkamal and a few families in Peparjhadi village near Durg in the state of Chhattisgarh. The Hindus attacked the Christians with sticks and rods, they they dragged them to a local Hindu temple where they forced the Christians to chant Jai Shri Ram.	Victim's testimony	Chhattisgarh

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1/10/2021	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has directed Madhya Pradesh Police to register a case (First Information Report or FIR) against Mr. Shibu Thomas of Persecution Relief under sections 499 & 500 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) claiming that his reports about attack on Christians is damaging the image of Modi government abroad.	https://www.news-bharati.com/Encyc/2021/2/22/Persecution-Relief.html	Madhya Pradesh
1/10/2021	A local Hindu nationalist leader Badha Soren led a campaign against Pastor mangal Marandi and his church in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha state. Pastor Mangal Marandi reported that his church members are being harrassed constantly by the Hindu nationalist groups and they tried to stop a private prayer meeting in the house of Rabindra Hansda, a local Christian family. They warned the pastor of serious consequences if he continued to hold prayer meetings even in private homes.	EFI-RLC report	Odisha
1/10/2021	Twenty-two Christian families from Lasadiya in Udaipur district, Rajasthan report that they have been constantly harassed and intimidated by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party.	Victim testimony	Rajasthan
1/10/2021	Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party claimed that a social worker Dr. Raju Abraham, was a 'spy master of religious conversion of Joshua Project in India' in the Northern part of U.P. for decades.	Victim testimony	Uttar Pradesh
1/11/2021	Pastor Gorakh Sable sells sarees at a weekly market in Akola of Ahmednagar district in the state of Maharashtra to earn his livelihood. Hindu nationalists accused him of sharing the gospel with his customers and threw him out of the market.	EFI-RLC report	Maharashtra
1/12/2021	Pastor Praveen Chakravarthy was arrested after an old video from 2013 surfaced online, where he admitted that he had kicked images of Hindu gods. Police claim the Pastor's statement in the video violated Section 153-A of the Penal Code. Section 153-A criminalizes vilifications or attacks on the religion, race, place of birth, residence, and language of any particular group.	Union of Catholic Asian News	Andhra Pradesh

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1/12/2021	Pastor Santosh Kumar from Siwan district in Bihar state reported that one of their church members Savita is being harassed by her husband because of her faith in Jesus. She has been thrown out of her house.	Victim testimony	Bihar
1/12/2021	Somati Dhruve's family from Chundai village of Chhindwara district in the state of Madhya Pradesh, is harassed and their normal life disrupted because they wanted to be Christians. His 3 children, Prema (16), Vishal (14) & Reena (12) were constantly threatened with expulsion from government child care centre. Their ration cards were confiscated while water supply to his house was cut off by local administration. Hindu nationalists have also told the family that none of them could walk on the streets. So the family has gone into hiding fearing for their lives.	Victim testimony	Madhya Pradesh
1/12/2021	Sister Sukhpati Sheelu and her three children Vijay, Anjali and Vikas from Umardoh of Chhindwara district in the state of Madhya Pradesh are being harassed on a daily basis. Her husband was not allowed to live in the village because of his Christian faith. So, the whole family had to leave the village.	Victim testimony	Madhya Pradesh
1/12/2021	A prayer service organized by Pastor. Devgan Das was interrupted by police in the Shahdol district of the state of Madhya Pradesh. The pastor was arrested for holding the prayer meeting and later released.	victim testimony	Madhya Pradesh
1/12/2021	Prembati Belvanshi and his family in the state of Madhya Pradesh, have been holding Christian prayer meetings at his home. His son (Anand) and daughter (Jyothi) say they are afraid of their lives now because Mr. Modi's party members have come to their home and threatened them. So, the children have been hiding on and off from their home at times nowhere else to go.	Victim testimony	Madhya Pradesh

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1/12/2021	Ms. Saroj Nagvanshi and her two young pre-school aged children Elija and Angelina from Umardha district of Meghnath Dhaba in Madhya Pradesh report that they had to escape from their homes from time to time in the past few months ever since around 200 to 300 Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party came to their home and threatens them for following Christian faith. Often, nowhere else to go, they would hide in the woods for days with no food or place to sleep.	Victim Testimony	Madhya Pradesh
1/12/2021	Seema Belvanshi and her husband along with their 2 year old daughter have been hiding from Umardoh village, district Chhindwara. They are facing serious threat to their lives from Hindu nationalists.	Victim Testimony	Madhya Pradesh
1/13/2021	Pastor Namdeo Neti and Ashok Yadav in Kurai Nagar, Seoni district, Madhya Pradesh were booked under the Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Ordinance, 2020 for holding prayer meeting. They were accused of trying to convert people by Hindu nationalists who complained to police.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
1/14/2021	Twelve Christians were arrested around 10.30 am during a baptism ceremony in a place called Temachi in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The Hindu nationalists of Prime Minister Modi's party attacked the Christians with rods and whips before they complained to the police. The arrested included an evangelist Xaviour Antony, his wife Sheeba, and their son Boaz and daughter Feba from Bharuch, Gujarat who were visiting the church. They were booked under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and were granted bail the next day	https://www.persecution.org/2021/02/12/new-wave-persecution-sweeps-across-indias-madhya-pradesh-state/	Madhya Pradesh
1/14/2021	12 Christians, 8 from Bharuch and 4 from Themachi are in Police Custody at Alirajpur (MP) Police Station.	https://www.persecution.org/2021/02/12/new-wave-persecution-sweeps-across-indias-madhya-pradesh-state/	Madhya Pradesh

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1/14/2021	Pastor Vijiel Aghamkar was falsely accused of carrying out religious conversion work by the local villagers. Pastor Vijiel is doing ministry work in Hantoda village and also participates in social work along with other Christian groups in and around the village.	EFI-RLC report	Mahrashtra
1/15/2021	A police case was filed against Suresh and Pastor Lithus (names changed) on false allegations under the anti-conversion law of the state, in Belsonda, Mahasamud, Chhattisgarh.	https://www.persecution.org/2021/02/24/young-indian-christian-falsely-accused-laws-violating-anti-conversion-law/	Odisha
1/15/2021	Berackka church in the district of kanya Kumari, Tamil nadu was stopped by Hindu nationalists on made up accusations about the ownership of the church property, though the church has a clear title to it.	Victim testimony	Tamil Nadu
1/16/2021	The Hindu nationalist leaders have accused Mr. Prakash Agarwal of Narmada Nagar, Bilaspur District in the state of Chhattisgarh of spreading his religious faith to others.	victim testimony	Chhattisgarh
1/16/2021	Pastor Uttam was severely beaten by Hindu nationalists in the Ratnagiri District of Maharashtra, on false allegations of conversion. Later the police arrested the Pastor instead of those who attacked him.	Victim testimony	Maharashtra
1/17/2021	In Ambua village, Alirajpur district, Madhya Pradesh, police personnel barged into a prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Mukesh Davar and took him to the Ambua police station. Reportedly some religious extremists had filed a complaint that the pastor was involved in illegal religious conversion activities. After many Christian advocacy organizations called up the station and requested a fair investigation, the pastor was let go without any charges.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
1/17/2021	A saffron flag, symbol of Hindu nationalism, was planted on a church in southern India that has been shut down for the past 10 months. The incident took place in Chittimitti Chintala village, located in the Cudapa District of Andhra Pradesh. Ten months back, Pastor Prasad and his family were driven out of Chittimitti Chintala by local village leaders. Pastor Prasad sought assistance from local police to help him return to his home in Chittimitti Chintala. To date, police have done nothing to help the displaced pastor or his family.	https://www.persecution.org/2021/01/28/nationalist-symbol-planted-shuttered-church-southern-india/	Andhra Pradesh

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1/17/2021	In Gopalganj district, Bihar, religious extremists along with police personnel disrupted a prayer meeting led by Pastor Kamlesh Kumar. They verbally abused the Christians gathered at the meeting and warned them to stop holding prayer events. The pastor has been leading Christian prayers at a rented hall in that place for the past eight years, and around 80 to 100 Christians gather every Sunday.	EFI - RLC report	Bihar
1/17/2021	Around fifty villagers in Potanga village, near Barkagaon of Hazaribagh district assaulted a Christian woman Anita Hansda and her mother for their Christian faith. With the support of a Christian advocacy group Anita filed a police complaint at the Barkagaon police station. So, the police told the attackers and warned them of legal consequences but the Hindu nationalists also filed a counter-complaint against the Christians accusing them of evangelising the local people.	EFI-RLC report	Jharkhand
1/17/2021	A local Hindu nationalist leader Badha Soren and his group attacked Christian families who tried to gather for Sunday prayers. So, Pastor Marandi approached Badasahi police station in Odisha to file a complaint, but the police refused to file a case against the Hindu leaders.	EFI-RLC report	Odisha
1/18/2021	A Christian couple, Bal Singh and his wife Gudiya in Bagbahar village, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh were punished by Hindu nationalists in the village. They were also thrown out of their home by their Hindu family.	Victim testimony	Chhattisgarh
1/18/2021	Supporters of Hindu nationalism in Juna Bilwa village of Barwani district, in the state of Madhya Pradesh held a public meeting and falsely accused Pastor Kiran Badole of trying to convert the locals to Christian faith. The meeting was attended by local reporters.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
1/18/2021	Hindu Nationalists of Mr. Modi's BJP party threatened a Christian woman from attending prayers at a church pastored by Surina Masih in the city of Ludhiana, Punjab. They have been protesting against the prayer meeting conducted by Surina and often stop church members from attending the prayers.	EFI - RLC report	Punjab

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1/20/2021	Members of Hindu nationalist party targeted the members of Christian Dalit community in Tezpur city, Assam. These Christians are employed in janitorial sector. But the Hindu party leaders said they are being hired by the city wrongly because Christians are not eligible to take those jobs. So, they threatened the Dalits to convert to Hinduism or lose their jobs.	EFI - RLC report	Assam
1/20/2021	A mob of 50 Hindu nationalists in Dindori district, Madhya Pradesh, physically assaulted Pastor Ramfal Yadav and other Christians while they were constructing a church building. They stopped the Christians working at the site from taking water from the nearby public well, threatened them, and physically attacked them in an effort to stop the construction of the church. Many women and children sustained injuries in the attack.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
1/20/2021	A mob of Hindu nationalists assisted by police personnel in Madhopura village, Jhabua district, Madhya Pradesh barged in to Balu Minama's house and disrupted a private Christian house prayer meeting. They threatened Pastor Hatesingh Gundiya, Pastor Gulab Singh, and Kamlesh Bamaniya to stop coming to the village and holding prayer services. Police also confiscated Pastor Hatesingh's AADHAAR Card (Unique Citizenship Identification).	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
1/20/2021	Mr. Joy from the state of Madhya Pradesh was charged with conversion and beaten up with rods and chains.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
1/20/2021	Around 30 people in in BTR Nagar Colony, Mahabubabad city, Telangana state, allegedly belonging to an outfit called Bajrang Dal (Hindu Nationalists), demolished the boundary wall of a church. Pastor Afzal has been regularly conducting prayer services at the church. A complaint was lodged against the vandals at the Mahabubabad Town police station.	https://www.ucanews.com/news/hindu-fanatics-raze-protestant-church-in-southern-india/91142	Telangana

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1/20/2021	Hindu Nationalists in Garwar block, Ballia district, Uttar Pradesh confronted Pastor Jag Jeevan Ram and other Christians, warning them to desist from gathering for prayers at the Budhua village. They threatened Christians that they would demolish their church on the ensuing Sunday. Shocked by the incident, the pastor approached the local police station for protection and help.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
1/22/2021	Three Korwa tribal families in Khala village, Garhwa district, in the state of Jharkhand were allegedly fined, caned, and made to do sit-ups after a randomly assembled informal village court declared them social outcasts for converting to Christianity recently. Jaiwardhan Kumar, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Banshidhar Nagar, confirmed that he had received information about the alleged backlash against conversions in the area. The Korwas are officially categorized as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group. The three Korwa families allegedly interested in converting to Christianity were fined Rs 25,051 (a very large amount for tribal families) each, besides being subjected to caning and forced to do 110 sit-ups.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ranchi/tribal-families-fined-flogged-in-garhwa-conversion-backlash/articleshow/80639318.cms	Jharkhand
1/22/2021	An First Information Report was registered by police against Pastor Sanjay Diwe, his wife Asmita Diwe, Gaurav, and Bhushan in Bangaon village, Yavatmal district, Maharashtra. The four had been invited to the home of a Christian family for a prayer meeting. During the prayer, an observer recorded a video of the program and lodged a police complaint alleging that the Christians were promoting enmity between religious communities.	victim testimony	Maharashtra
1/22/2021	A Christian woman, Chitra Banjari in Shivaji Nagar, Nagpur, Maharashtra was terminated from her job on account of her Christian faith and for talking about her religious beliefs in the workplace. Chitra had shared about Jesus Christ with one of her colleagues and this led the colleague to take part in Sunday prayers at Chitra's church. Subsequently, when the colleague elaborated her experiences with other colleagues at her workplace, Chitra Banjari was summoned by the management and dismissed from her job.	EFI-RLC report	Maharashtra

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1/22/2021	Pastors Daniel Masih and Ramavtar Patil in Gajraula city, Amroha district, Uttar Pradesh working with a Christian radio broadcasting channel (Vishwa Vani), were summoned by the JP Nagar police station and interrogated regarding their Christian ministry in the area	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
1/23/2021	Mr. Chavan of Ner in the state of Maharashtra, is anticipating a police warrant based on some fabricated charges against him after he invited some of his Christian friends Sanjay, Asmita, Rameshwer, Gaurav and Bhushan from Amravati, 60 kilometers away, to his home for prayer and dinner.	victim testimony	Maharashtra
1/23/2021	Vishwa Hindu Parishad forcefully converts 502 Christians to Hinduism by threat of social boycott and death in the state of Bihar	VHP Organizes Gharwapsi Of 502 christians In Bihar - Kreately	Bihar
1/24/2021	Pastor Vikram Philip was conducting a prayer meeting for four Christian families in Peeparchhedi village of Pulgaon are in Durg district of Chhattisgarh. So, the Hindu nationalists provoked the neighbors to surround the police station demanding them to arrest those four Christian families	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
1/24/2021	Pastor Lakshman Oraon and other Christians in Jungur village of Latehar district, Jharkhand State were summoned by the village elders to a meeting where they were told to give donations for the ritual worship of tribal deities. When the pastor refused, they tied his hands behind his back, knocked him to the floor, and struck him with whips and rods. When the pastor argued that as Christians, they were free of such obligations, the villagers reminded him that his ancestors were tribal priests, that he was a useless ingrate who adopted a foreign faith, and that he must be taught a lesson. Further, they threatened to expel all the Christians from the village.	EFC-RLC report	Jharkhand
1/25/2021	Police arrested Pastor Surgeev and few other Christians on false charges in the Maharajanj district of Uttar Pradesh and later released them.	victim testimony	Uttar Pradesh

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1/26/2021	Kamlesh Malviya, a leader of a Hindu nationalist group in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh made an announcement that no one can share Christian faith with anyone else. According to the Union of Catholic Asian News (UCAN), Hindu nationalists have stepped up a Christian hate campaign against Christians in the state of Madhya Pradesh. They are calling on local residents of the district to socially disassociate themselves from Christians and demand that the Christians convert to Hinduism to avoid punishment.	https://www.ucanews.com/news/fierce-anti-christian-campaign-targets-indias-indigenous-people/91189	Madhya Pradesh
1/26/2021	More than 100 radical Hindu nationalists broke into a Christian media center in Indore, a city located in India's Madhya Pradesh state, and terrorized Christians gathered for a prayer meeting. The police registered a case against 11 people from Satyaprakashan Centre and arrested 6 Christians under the Freedom of Religion Act 2020 section 3 and 4.	https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/22/world/asia/india-christians-attacked.html	Madhya Pradesh
1/27/2021	A church construction in Raigarh district, Madhya Pradesh had to be stopped after a police case was filed against the construction by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party	witness report	Madhya Pradesh
1/27/2021	A church was attacked and Pastor Sudarshan and five other Christians were falsely accused of fraudulently converting Hindus and were forcefully taken to the police station by Mr. Modi's party people in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. Though police released the Pastor and other Christians after holding them there until midnight, they continue to be threatened by Hindu nationalists. The church has not convened for a month. Fearing for their lives, eleven families have left the church since the attack.	witness report	Madhya Pradesh
1/27/2021	Hindu religious extremists in Lalbarra area of Balaghat district in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh disrupted a Christian prayer meeting and called the local police saying that the prayer meeting was not to be allowed in their town. Police arrested Chattarsingh Katre, Mahendra Nagdeve and Udalnath and charged them with unlawfully holding Christian prayers and enticing others to convert.	https://sarifm.org/christians-falsely-charged-in-central-india-sources-say/	Madhya Pradesh

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1/28/2021	Pastor Raju Soni reports that he and his family was threatened by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party in Jashpur District, in the state of Chhattisgarh saying that he should not hold any prayer meetings	Victim reporting	Chhattisgarh
1/28/2021	A group of Hindu nationalist mob armed with batons and whips attacked Pastor Sarvajit Masih and other members of a local congregation physically who were spending time at a public spot in Baloda Bazar District of Chhattisgarh after a baptism service.	Victims Reporting	Chhattisgarh
1/28/2021	Mahendra Nagadeve and a few others were arrested by police based on a complaint by local Hindu nationalists on false charges of attempted conversion for holding Christian prayer gatherings in Balaghat, of the state of Madhya Pradesh	https://www.newsclick.in/MP-police-books-3-hindus-allegedly-alluring-villagers-embrace-christianity	Madhya Pradesh
1/28/2021	Police arrested Pastor Pankaj Malik in Guba Garden, Kalyanpur town, Kanpur district, Uttar Pradesh claiming he attempted to convert people because he held a Christian prayer meeting. He was kept in police custody the entire night. The next day multiple advocacy groups contacted the police demanding a fair investigation. Subsequently the pastor was let go without any charges.	https://newsexpress.in/churches-under-attack-uttar-pradesh-reports-most-cases-of-anti-christian-violence-across-india/	Uttar Pradesh
1/28/2021	Pastor Anjeet Kumar from Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh is being threatened by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party demanding that he should stop holding Christian prayer meetings in their town	https://newsexpress.in/churches-under-attack-uttar-pradesh-reports-most-cases-of-anti-christian-violence-across-india/	Uttar Pradesh
1/31/2021	A church was attacked by religious Hindu nationalists in Harohalli village, in the southern Indian state of Karnataka. Pastor Subhash Hanok and 27 Christian believers were injured and hospitalised. Subsequently Hanok approached Harohalli police station and registered a police complaint.	https://www.christiantoday.co.in/news/christians-congregation-attacked-forced-to-evict-church.html	Karnataka
1/31/2021	A mob of Hindu nationalists in Mehrapipriya village, Seoni district, in the state of Madhya Pradesh accosted and abused Ms. Chitra Rekha, because she is a christian. When Rekha approached local police for help, instead of confronting the assailants, they reprimanded her saying Christians are always telling others about Jesus. The next day, Ms. Rekha was threatened again by the village chief of expulsion from her village when she denied giving monetary donations to the village council for a puja.	EFI – RLC report	Madhya Pradesh

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
1/31/2021	Dilkhush Mahaveer, a Christian in Dheephri village, of Kota district, in the northwestern state of Rajasthan, was summoned to the Khatauli police station. Sources reported that Mahaveer had been constructing a prayer hall at his property after gaining permission from the village authorities. However, Hindu nationalists who objected to the construction of the church had complained to the police.	EFI-RLC Report	Rajasthan
1/31/2021	In Khala village, Dhurki block, Garhwa district, Jharkhand, a Christian family of Asha Korwa, was attacked on account of their Christian faith. The mob brought with them the village president, the media and police officers. In addition to her husband, her two children, ages 3 and 6, were also physically abused. As the media clicked their cameras and videotaped the attack, the police watched as mere spectators. Asha's husband was subsequently summoned to the Garhwa police station under Section 107 of the Criminal Procedure Code. He was told that he had been found responsible for breaching peace and public tranquillity.	EFI - RLC report	Jharkhand
1/31/2021	Mob of ten Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party attacked a private prayer meeting held inside the home of a Christian family in Sarakonda village, in the state of Telangana. The mob rushed towards Pastor Zachariah as soon as they barged in and started to beat him with rods and sticks. They punched him and threw him on the ground. They also took away the Pastor's Bible before breaking the musical instruments like a keyboard, a speaker system, and a microphones.	EFI - RLC report	Telangana
2/2/2021	A textile worker Ramkumar Suryawanshi, a member of the Christ Church located in Hinganghat, Jam village in the state of Maharashtra, was holding a private family prayer meeting with a visiting pastor at his company provided staff residence when the manager of his company barged in and demanded that the meeting be stopped immediately. He accused Suryawanshi of converting people. He told him to vacate the staff residence and resign from his job at the company.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
2/4/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party set bibles on fire in Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh.	witness report	Andhra Pradesh
2/4/2021	A leader of Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, Sunil Deodhar, accused the Chief Minister Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy of wanting everyone to become a Christian in the state of Andhra Pradesh. He promised, if voted to office he would implement an anti conversion law in the state. Deodhar demanded that video footage of those who visit churches regularly should be released and churches should also make public their attendance register.	EFI – RLC report	Andhra Pradesh
2/4/2021	The Hindu nationalists had called on the residents of Dhurki block in Sagma village to meet at Karpoori Chaupal in the state of Jharkhand to plan and set a date for a huge protest against Christians in their state.	witness report	Jharkhand
2/4/2021	A Christian man called Abdul Raheem from Betul district of the state of Madhya Pradesh, was arrested by Nishatpura police. Police say that they received a complaint from a certain Mr. Ansul Kamra, a local member of the Hindu nationalist movement saying that Mr. Raheem was talking about Jesus.	https://jubileecam.paign.org/evangelical-fellowship-of-india-reports-11-instances-of-violence-or-persecution-against-christians-in-first-half-of-february/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=evangelical-fellowship-of-india-reports-11-instances-of-violence-or-persecution-against-christians-in-first-half-of-february	Madhya Pradesh
2/5/2021	Pastor Rahul Sarthi in Korba district, Chhattisgarh is under tremendous pressure from Hindu nationalists to stop pastoring in the region. He is being threatened by local Hindu leaders.	victim testimony	Chhattisgarh
2/5/2021	Pastor Ramesh Kumar and several of his church members in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh are facing serious threat to their lives. The Hindu nationalists have filed a number of false charges against him and the members of the congregation in an effort to stop them from holding prayer meetings. He has been asked to pay a hefty penalty by the District Magistrate the last time such charges were filed against him.	victim testimony	Uttar Pradesh

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
2/4/2021	4 February in Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh, Bharatiya Janata Party's national secretary and Andhra Pradesh co-in-charge, Sunil Deodhar, accused Chief Minister Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy of wanting everyone to become a Christian, and assured that an anti-conversion law would be brought in if Jana Sena-BJP government comes to power in the state. Speaking to a mainstream media, the BJP leader who has been camping in Andhra Pradesh for the past few months for the Tirupati Lok Sabha bypolls, also remarked that those Hindus who have converted to Christianity cannot continue to take the benefits of reservation. Deodhar further remarked, "the church has got political interest and demanded that video footage of those who visit churches regularly should be released. The Church should also make public its attendance register."	EFI-RLC Report	Andhra Pradesh
2/6/2021	Hindu nationalist party members in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh, have again set Bibles on fire for the second time in two days.	witness report	Andhra Pradesh
2/6/2021	Two native missionaries of the India Evangelical Mission in Lakhnadon town, Seoni district, Madhya Pradesh were falsely accused of offering money to people for converting to christian faith during a wedding of a christian family they were attending. Local Hindu nationalists who recognized the native missionaries, had called the police.	https://jubileecam.paign.org/evangelical-fellowship-of-india-reports-11-instances-of-violence-or-persecution-against-christians-in-first-half-of-february/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=evangelical-fellowship-of-india-reports-11-instances-of-violence-or-persecution-against-christians-in-first-half-of-february	Madhya Pradesh
2/6/2021	Babu, a Christian daily wage worker from a village in Maharashtra was riding his bicycle to work, while some Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party attacked him from behind and hit him on the lower back with an iron rod. He was severely injured and had to undergo an emergency operation and is said to be out of danger.	witness report	Maharashtra

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2/7/2021	A mob of Hindu nationalists in Alirajpur district, Madhya Pradesh forcefully barged into a church and physically assaulted the men and women there. They filed a complaint at the Udaygarh police station alleging that people were being lured into Christianity in that church. Police detained all 25 Christians, including women and children who were attending the church, interrogated them, and eventually charged Pastor Dilip Vasuniya under the recently passed Freedom of Religion Ordinance, 2020. The pastor was sent to jail.	https://www.persecution.org/2021/02/22/two-christian-worship-services-central-india-attacked-mob/	Madhya Pradesh
2/7/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists barged into a church in the Bhandakapar village of Madhya Pradesh and physically attacked over 50 Christians attending the worship and damaged the church property by breaking down doors, furnitures and vehicles that belonged to them. But when a member of the congregation called the police they came and arrested 30 Christians instead.	https://www.persecution.org/2021/02/22/two-christian-worship-services-central-india-attacked-mob/	Madhya Pradesh
2/8/2021	Ms. KanniBarse, a childcare worker who recently converted to Christianity in Palamadugu village, Sukma, Chhattisgarh, applied to the district child development officer for a transfer to another childcare centre. She is being threatened by local Hindu nationalists after becoming a Christian. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she invited a local pastor to bless the crop she had planted to feed her family. Barse's tribal animist relatives barred her from harvesting her crop and threatened to kill her if she returned to her village after learning of the pastor's blessing. When Barse sought help from the police station in Polampalli, an inspector told her that adopting a foreign faith was a grave mistake and that he "should arrest her for it".	Victim Reports	Chhattisgarh
2/8/2021	Pastor Murli Nair was summoned at the Yerwada police station based on a complaint filed by one Mr Shinde, a Hindu neighbor. Mr. Shinde who did not like the sound of the singing and prayer at the pastor's residence filed a police complaint against the Pastor falsely accusing him and his family of attacking him physically.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
2/9/2021	Suspected Hindu militants stormed a compound of Presbyterian Mission School in Gharmura, Hailakandi district of Assam state and attacked the headmaster of the school Mr. H. Vanlaldika, and his family injuring them seriously. Two of the injured girls are admitted to a hospital in Aizawl in serious condition. The attackers also torched the houses, vandalized furniture, and vehicles.	https://www.news18.com/news/india/at-least-20-including-school-principal-hurt-in-clashes-at-assam-mizoram-border-area-3420209.html	Assam
2/9/2021	Twenty six-year-old Mantu Devi, her husband Sunil Oraon and their children in Chapi village, Palamu, in the state of Jharkhand, were expelled from their village for becoming Christians,	https://www.nyskc.org/post/christian-mother-of-three-beaten-driven-from-home-in-eastern-india	Jharkhand
2/9/2021	Hindu nationalists belonging to Bajrang Dal, a sister organization of Mr. Modi's BJP falsely accused Pastor Ashok and Pastor Anand of committing blasphemy against Hinduism in Jodechikkenahalli village, located in Karnataka. Anand was arrested and sent to jail.	https://sarifm.org/two-christians-in-southern-india-falsely-accused-of-blasphemy/	Karnataka
2/10/2021	A local leader of the Hindu nationalist BJP party who was previously elected to the state legislature Nagar Singh Chauhan, leveled serious several false charges against Christians and vowed to continue his hostile campaigns against Christians in his state at a press conference he held at Alirajpur district, Madhya Pradesh	https://www.persecution.org/2006/03/01/indian-high-court-urged-to-grant-bail-to-christians-accused-of-murder-in-jhabua/	Madhya Pradesh
2/10/2021	People in Malkangiri village of Odisha ostracized 35 year old Ganga Padiama who is suffering from a hip injury and her family, when they came to know that a Christian missionary visited her and prayed for her. They declared that his family no longer will be allowed to remain there.	witness report	Odisha

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2/10/2021	in Palamu district, Jharkhand, anti-social elements in an inebriated condition barged into a Christian wedding ceremony and created a ruckus. Gulabchandra Bhuiyaa's daughter, Sarojini Kumari, was engaged to be married, when the thugs created an uproar demanding that the hosts play film songs instead of Christians songs. When the hosts politely turned down their demands, they manhandled some of the guests and Bhuiyaa's relatives. At around 9 pm, Bhuiyaa and some of his well-wishers went to Chhatarpur police station and submitted a written complaint. When they returned to the wedding venue, to their utter shock, they saw the goons beating up the brother of the groom, hurling obscene language against Christians and Christianity. Despite the police complaint no action was initiated.	EFI -RLC report	Jharkhand
2/11/2021	According to local sources, a mob of 30 Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party, encouraged by a man named Shankar, struck the building site and assaulted the Christians in Garwah, in the state of Jharkhand falsely accusing them of constructing an unauthorized church and converting people to Christianity. Three Christians were hospitalized with severe injuries and the police recorded case against 12 Christian victims instead of the attackers.	EFI -RLC report	Jharkhand
2/11/2021	Three Christians along with Pastor Joel were arrested in Seoni, in the state of Madhya Pradesh for converting from Hinduism.	https://inshorts.com/en/news/4-booked-under-anticonversion-law-in-mps-seoni-1612856636686	Madhya Pradesh
2/11/2021	Members of Hindu nationalist party threaten Pastor Shankar with false charges of offering money to convert in Alirajpur District, Madhya Pradesh.	witness report	Madhya Pradesh
2/12/2021	in Bishrampur block, Palamu district, Jharkhand, Pastor Daniyal Kar was threatened and forced to stop conducting prayer meetings in the area. According to local sources, the pastor was being harassed by a Sub Inspector who has been acting at the behest of Pankaj Lal, the leader of a religious radical group. The pastor was hindered from conducting prayer meetings for two consecutive Sundays. Eventually, he approached the Superintendent of Police with a complaint on 23 March.	EFI - RLC report	Jharkhand

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2/12/2021	Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party brutally attacked Mr. Praveen (name changed) and his family and vandalized his home in the state of Jharkhand. During the attack, Praveen's elderly father and mother were gravely injured with a cracked skull while the father also suffered a fractured hand.	victim testimony	Jharkhand
2/12/2021	Hindu nationalists attacked Mr. Daberao and his family in the village of Akola, in the central Indian state of Maharashtra for following Christian faith instead of the faith of the local community.	https://www.licas.news/2021/02/16/christian-family-attacked-by-mob-in-indias-west/	Maharashtra
2/13/2021	A Christian man was handing out christian literature to people near the Daniyawan High School in Daniyawan of Patna district in the state of Bihar while a group of Hindu nationalists led by, Mr. Radhe Shyam, Mr. P.R. Suman and Mr. Kunwar Vijay Paswan assaulted the man before handing him over to the police. Then the police, SHO Munna Kumar, made the Christian man to sign a bond saying that he will not talk to anyone about Christ in future.	EFI - RLC report	Bihar
2/13/2021	Pintu Rajaram Garel, a Christian, lost his two-year old son due to an accident in the Harsul village of Nashik district, Maharashtra. The villagers under the influence of the Hindu nationalists refused to let the man bury his child in the village cemetery. Eventually, another christian man offered his land to bury the child.	victim testimony	Maharashtra
2/13/2021	Three Christians visiting a Christian family in Besa village of Nagpur district, Maharashtra were confronted by local Hindu neighbors accusing them of having converted that local family. The neighbors barged into the home of the Christian man and began filming the visitors and called the police to arrest them, though luckily all three of them managed to leave the village before the police arrived.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra
2/14/2021	A Dalit Christian youth by the name Manjit Masrakhiya, and around 30 Christians in a Dalit neighborhood in the city of Tezpur in Assam state were asked to attend a meeting organized by the Hindu nationalists and the Dalit youth group called Harijan Yuvak Sangha where they were told that they should stop following Christian faith and stop holding Christian prayers in their homes. But when the Christians refused they were threatened of social boycott and serious consequences.	EFI-RLC Report	Assam

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
2/14/2021	The Hindu nationalist government of Mr. Modi in Delhi has issued an official order to all schools in Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Diu, including private Christian schools that they should celebrate a Hindu festival called Vasant Panchami where students and teachers worship the Hindu goddess Saraswati.	http://www.fides.org/en/news/69612-ASIA_INDIA_Protests_by_Christians_after_the_introduction_of_compulsory_Hindu_rites_and_prayers_in_public_and_private_schools	Diu/Daman
2/14/2021	A Christian girl Ratna Mandi and her family were attending a church at Koraput in the state of Odisha while a group of Hindu neighbors barged into the church looking for the girl and her family. They said Ratna is a Hindu girl and so, she should not be attending church. They said if she continued to attend the church, she will be banished from the village and never allowed to come back	EFI-RLC Report	Odisha
2/14/2021	Members of the Hindu nationalists in Ellampillai town of Salem district, in the state of Tamil Nadu barged into the Lutheran Evangelical Fellowship Church and disrupted the Sunday prayers alleging that the pastor and the church members were encouraging conversion of other Hindus. According to sources they have also filed a complaint at the local police station.	EFI-RLC Report	Tamil Nadu
2/16/2021	With the incitement of the Hindu nationalists, local villagers in Mangadh village, Dindori district, of Madhya Pradesh passed a resolution forbidding Christians from walking on the village streets and denied access to drinking water. They constructed thick barbed wires around the village's public tube well in order to prohibit the Christian families from collecting water. They also warned that if anyone did not oblige, they would be canned. Pastor Arjun Yadav, a local pastor confirmed the ban on the Christians and said because the Christians were not allowed access to water, they started fetching water from a distant open well owned by one Dhan Singh Marawi, but it came to light that the Hindu nationalists went to that open well and urinated in it.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
2/16/2021	Members of the right-wing All India student organisation (ABVP) vandalized Sadar Methodist Church in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. Pastor Prasad and other Christian leaders of the church made an attempt to report the incident to local police. However, police personnel tried to block the submission of the complaint and told the Christian victims that nothing had happened. Only after pictures of the vandalism were produced did the police agree to examine the matter.	https://en.s4c.news/2021/03/02/radical-hindu-nationalists-vandalised-a-church-in-northern-india/	Uttar Pradesh
2/17/2021	Pastor Prasad and other Christian leaders of the church in Bareilly in the state of Uttar Pradesh tried to file a police complaint about their church having been vandalized. But the police refused to file a report immediately arguing that no such vandalization took place. Only after pictures of the vandalism were produced did the police agree to examine the matter.	https://en.s4c.news/2021/03/02/radical-hindu-nationalists-vandalised-a-church-in-northern-india/	Uttar Pradesh
2/18/2021	Five Christians – Durgawati, Vidyawati, Gulshan Kumar, Durgawati and Sandhya in Kota, located in Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh were threatened by the villagers supporting the Hindu nationalism during a village council meeting to reject their Christian beliefs. When the Christians disagreed, they were physically attacked and beaten. Then, all five of them, left the village and hiding in the nearby Navadih village in the house of another Christian family. Pastor Chensay Lakda filed a complaint at the Kenda police station asking for protection to the victims.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
2/19/2021	A police case was filed against Sister Bhagya, the principal of Sacred Heart Convent High School under the Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Ordinance 2020 on a complaint by a female teacher who accused her asking if she wanted to convert. Khajuraho police registered the case after Ruby Singh, who worked as a librarian at the school, alleged that the school Principal had lured her with more salary and a regularized job if she became Christian. Singh alleged that when she refused, the school Principal fired her. The school administration denied the charges saying that Ruby Singh was a contract worker and because the school did not renew her contract she was upset and making all kinds of false accusations against the school management. The school had asked for police protection from Ruby Singh two days earlier on 17 February as she was threatening the school management.	https://www.ucanews.com/news/indian-nun-seeks-bail-over-conversion-charges/91611	Madhya Pradesh

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
2/20/2021	A Christian man Ramkumar of Grace Church in Ballauda District of Chhattisgarh, report that the local hospital refused to admit his pregnant wife Usha Varma for delivering the baby. His wife is due to deliver the baby on 4th of March	witness report	Chhattisgarh
2/20/2021	A Christian man mr. Sudam Das is reporting that he and his family are facing serious physical threat and threat to their lives from Hindu nationalist organizations. His family lives in Ganjam district of Odisha.	witness report	Odisha
2/21/2021	The Pastor at Gilgal Prarthana Bhavanam (Gilgal Prayer House), IPC, Nilamel Center, Mullaaramcodu, Kerala, was threatened during the worship service by members of Mr. Modi's Hindu nationalist party not to hold any more prayer meetings.	witness report	Kerala
2/21/2021	A police complaint was filed against Pastor Prakash Wadekar in Basmath city, Hingoli district of Maharashtra saying he is practicing witchcraft because he did not agree to rent the church for a Hindu wedding ceremony four days earlier.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra
2/21/2021	A team of local police and Hindu nationalists barged into a Sunday prayer meeting in Ambedkar Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh and demanded that the service be stopped. They yelled and verbally abused the pastor and warned him that if conducted the services again, he would be arrested and sent to the prison under the freedom of religion law.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
2/22/2021	Pastor Sathyaraju of the Mizpah House of Worship, at Ejjipura in Bangalore, reports that after months of harassment by police, and fake charges against them, they are due to appear in a court today for hearing	EFI-RLC Report	Karnataka
2/23/2021	Villagers of Mangadh and Amadongri villages in Dindori district, Madhya Pradesh, are reportedly pressured by Hindu nationalists to file a police complaint against some Christians alleging that they were being asked to convert. The complaint was submitted at office of the Superintendent of Police, Dindori.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
2/24/2021	Mr Pratap Simha, a BJP Member of Parliament (MP) from Mysuru, Karnataka, asked the police to monitor that no tribals converting to Christian faith are provided government benefits meant for them. He made the statement at a Karnataka state Development Program meeting with the officials. The MP said, those “wearing the cross” should not be given any benefits.	Adivasis converting to Christianity cannot claim benefits: Pratap Simha – The Hindu	Karnataka
2/25/2021	Pastor Shaju Varghese, a pastor of the Church of God, in the outskirts of Bangalore, reports that he and his family are threatened by Hindu nationalists to stop holding sunday services. Pastor has been warned that if found interacting with other people of the community, they will oust the pastor and his family.	Victim reporting	Karnataka
2/25/2021	Members of the Hindu nationalist BJP party have sent a letter falsely accusing Christians of converting Hindus has been sent to the Police Superintendent, Garhwal, Uttarakhand state, though conversion from one religion to another is not prohibited.	witness report	Uttarakhand
2/26/2021	A mob of Hindu nationalists barged into a prayer meeting in Takkariya village near Godhara in Gujarat and started threatening Pastor Christopher and his wife forcing them to renounce their faith in Jesus. Over six families in this area face regular persecution due to their faith.	witness report	Gujarat
2/26/2021	Pastor Vinod from the northern Indian state of Punjab is being threatened by religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi’s party as he posts testimony of Christians in his Facebook page. They are accusing him of carrying out conversion by giving financial aid.	victim testimony	Punjab
2/27/2021	A Christian, Prakash Narayan, and his family in Kallur village, Belgaum district in the Karnataka state were arrested by Bailhongal police under the false charges of forceful religious conversion. Their friend had to give an undertaking that Narayan and his family did not try to convert his family.	victim testimony	Karnataka

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
2/27/2021	A mob of 15 members of Mr. Modi's party stormed a Methodist Church where 25 Christians had gathered for Lent prayers in Itaga, Gulbarga district, Karnataka. The mob accused the Christians of causing a public disturbance by gathering for worship and demanded the church to be shut down permanently	EFI-RLC Report	Karnataka
2/27/2021	Esther (name changed) who serves as a Christian minister in Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh was called to Police station this morning where she was forced to renounce her faith in Christ. But she refused.	victim testimony	Madhya Pradesh
2/27/2021	Seven Christian pastors in Gajraula city, Amroha district, Uttar Pradesh affiliated with a Christian radio broadcasting channel (Vishwa Vani), were summoned for questioning by Sanjay Kumar, the Local Intelligence Bureau official. The officer aggressively questioned the pastors about their source of funding, their Christian services, and the activities for which their organization was utilizing the funds.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
2/28/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists broke into a house-church in Dharmapuri, Jagtial area of Telangana state amid shouting Hindutva war-cry of "Jai Shri Ram" demanding that the peaceful worshippers shut down their prayer meetings. The Pastor of the church K. Samuel was verbally abused, intimidated and threatened with lynching. They put pressure on the police and the landlord using a state ordinance that prohibits the propagation of non Hindu faiths in places designated temple towns, to close the church.	EFI-RLC Report	Telangana
3/1/2021	A mob barged into a birthday celebration in Bilakundi village of Belgaum district of Karnataka and physically attacked Pastor Sadanshiv Mang. The Hindu nationalist mob had been irked by the Christian prayers conducted by the pastor in the village.	EFI-RLC Report	Karnataka

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
3/1/2021	In Shivpuri, Ambala, Haryana, religious extremists associated with the local temple administration attempted to permanently shut down Christians Prayer meetings by threatening Pastor Anoop Kumar. A Christian advocacy group subsequently helped guide the pastor in this matter. As a result, a compromise was effected through mutual understanding between both parties.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
3/1/2021	Andhra Pradesh BJP leaders on targeted chief minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's government alleging encroachment of a famous Hindu religious site at Edlapadu in Guntur district. The administration has, however, rejected the charge, pointing that the Christian religious site was not at the same place as a temple but more than a kilometre away.	https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/bjp-claims-encroachment-of-hindu-site-in-andhra-govt-advice-against-rumours-101614753318359.html	Andhra Pradesh
3/2/2021	Tribal animist Lakhshu Nag had been ill for more than a year, and a few days before his death, he approached Pastor Kashyap for prayer. Nag died in a hospital two days later, and when Christians brought his body back to the village on March 2, Pastor Kashyap said, the villagers refused to allow him to be buried because he had gone to him for prayer.	https://www.christianheadlines.com/blog/christians-forced-to-re-convert-to-tribal-religion-in-central-india.html	Chhattisgarh
3/3/2021	Members of Hindu nationalist party of Mr. Modi abused and attacked Pastor Puttaswamy in Salagame village, Hassan district of Karnataka about him conducting prayer meetings. Local sources reported that the pastor approached Hassan rural police station, but neither any help was provided nor was a case filed against the Hindu nationalists.	EFI-RLC Report	Karnataka
3/3/2021	The local government in the city of Kota, Rajasthan is not happy about the location of the Christian cemetery and is now employing new ways to somehow encroach it. If the cemetery land is lost, the Christian community locally will not have any place to bury their dead. The local authorities see it as an insensitive plan to Christians.	witness report	Rajasthan

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3/3/2021	Police personnel in Shivli town, Kanpur Dehat district, Uttar Pradesh arrested Pastor Kishan Lal from his home while he was holding a Bible Study. He was brought to the local police station for interrogation. After Christian advocacy groups contacted the higher level police official Pramod Shukla, the pastor was released.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
3/4/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists surrounded them and accused them of preaching when Pastor Daniel and his family were visiting a slum area as a part of his outreach program in Port Blair, the main city in the Andaman Nicobar Island territories.	witness report	Andaman
3/4/2021	Sources at the Sironcha Mission of Methodist Church of India in Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra reported about the Hindu nationalists are illegally constructing a Hindu religious shrine on their church property. When the caretaker of the property objected to the construction they claimed that it was a public land.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra
3/6/2021	Pastor Manoj from Wayanad Kerala was falsely charged under POSCO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act) and arrested as a result of a hate campaign by Hindu nationalists to malign the Pastor. The court has scheduled his case for hearing on 6/3/21 at 10AM.	victim testimony	Kerala
3/6/2021	Eight Christian families in Raigad district of Odisha are given an ultimatum to join a 'Hare Krishna Hare Rama' prayer chanting program that is traditionally held in the village.	Victim testimony	Odisha
3/7/2021	Two pastors Hari Prakash and Deepak in Haridwar district, Uttarakhand were taken into custody by police personnel of the Jagjeetpur police. The pastors were conducting a church service when police barged in and arrested them on allegations of involving in religious conversion activities. Rohit Singh, a local Christian lawyer, visited the police station and tried to get the pastors released. The pastors were later released without any complaint after police received multiple calls for a fair investigation from advocacy volunteers.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttarakhand

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3/8/2021	A mob Hindu nationalists physically assaulted and severely injured Pastor Samson Baghel, and a group of 30-35 Christians in Surguda village in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh, while they were holding a prayer meeting. The assault caused serious injuries to many. The mob burnt copies of the Bible and damaged a vehicle. The victims managed to file a police case against the Hindu mob.	Source: https://www.christianheadlines.com/blog/christians-seriously-injured-in-mob-assault-on-house-church.html	Chhattisgarh
3/8/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists in a village in the Lohardaga district of the state of Jharkhand threatened a Christian man Kuldeep Oraon for accepting Christian faith. They say that they will not let him work in the field as long as he remains a Christian. Oraon earns his living as a day laborer in the farming lands. They even told him that his sisters, who are still Hindus, can not get married off to someone, if he remained as a Christian	Victim testimony	Jharkhand
3/10/2021	A tribal village gathering at Chhingur in Bastar district threatened to beat 10 Christian families to death if they did not attend a re-conversion ceremony on 10th March. They had earlier stopped them from fetching water from the village community well, from receiving free groceries from the government program or even working in their own fields. Six families fled the previous night and haven't returned, but four families who tried to hide in the village were caught and severely beaten till they converted to Hinduism and their traditional faith systems.	Source: https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/cwn/2021/april/rising-intolerance-christians-in-central-india-beaten-threatened-with-death-or-forced-re-conversion	Chhattisgarh
3/10/2021	Members of Hindu nationalist party in Anuppur district, Madhya Pradesh vandalized a property belonging to Prahlad Singh, a Christian. Prahlad has been holding on to Christian beliefs for the past two years and this has not gone well with his brother, Sangram Singh, who has opposed his participation in Christian prayers and Bible study. On the day of the incident the vandals, led by Sangram, damaged Prahlad's house while he was not at home.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
3/10/2021	In a suspected anti-Christian action by the state government of Tripura, the State Election Commission announced the Tripura Tribal Area Autonomous Council polling on Easter Sunday. Almost all Christian organizations have requested the authorities to reschedule the polling date to another day.	EFI Report	Tripura

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3/10/2021	Ten families from indigenous people group fled their village in Bastar district of India's Chhattisgarh state when threatened by Mr. Modi's party. The Christians were forced to convert tribal people in central India threatened to kill 10 Christian families if they refused to participate in a forced "conversion" ceremony to their ancestral religion, all but 10 Christians fled the village. The mob tracked down the 10 Christians who remained, members of four families, and beat them on two occasions, forcing them to recant and worship their deities in the ceremony on March 10, sources said.	https://www.christianheadlines.com/blog/christians-forced-to-re-convert-to-tribal-religion-in-central-india.html	Chhattisgarh
3/11/2021	The Union General Secretary of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Milind Parande, while interacting with media, claimed that Christian missionaries in Dhar and Jhabua districts were converting the tribal populace with allurements and lies. He said that a list of 56 priests active in the area has been drawn by his organization and would be handed over to the Collectors of the respective districts for appropriate action. Parande made the statements at the World Dialogue Center. He also congratulated the state government for implementing the Freedom of Religion Act 2021 in Madhya Pradesh.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
3/13/2021	in Chapi village, Palamu, Jharkhand, Mantu Devi, a Christ-follower, was physically assaulted with false accusations because they found out she chose to become a Christian. Mantu has been getting threatening messages and being harassed for months now because of her faith.	EFI - RLC report	Jharkhand
3/14/2021	On 14 March in Bailhongal, Belgaum, Karnataka, Pastor Prabhakar Sathnapalli was threatened by a group of Hindu nationalists of the BJP party for conducting a prayer meeting. He was interrogated to find out who gave him permission to hold prayer meetings and why he even conducted prayer meetings. Then they ordered him to stop the prayer and told him that Christianity is a foreign religion and so, he was not to follow it. When the Pastor disagreed, members of the BJP party manhandled the pastor and when the police finally came, they arrested the pastor and other Christians.	EFI-RLC report	Karnataka

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3/14/2021	Ravi Kumar, a pastor of the Rehoboth Christian Assembly in Jyoti Nagar of Agra district in the state of Uttar Pradesh was physically assaulted by Hindu nationalists of the BJP party and was arrested by the police.	EFI Report	Uttar Pradesh
3/15/2021	Ten families from indigenous people group fled their village in Bastar district of India's Chhattisgarh state when they were threatened to be killed by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. The Christians were forced to convert to their indigenous religion. Later, the mob tracked down the 10 Christians who remained, members of four families, and beat them on two occasions, forcing them to rant and worship their deities in the ceremony on March 10, sources said.	RLC report 2021	Chhattisgarh
3/15/2021	Supporters of Hindu nationalist BJP party in Madarbhari village, Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh accompanied by police personnel barged into the house of Pastor Anjeet Kumar shouting the Hindutva war cry of Jai Shri Ram and arrested the pastor and his five of his guests visiting his family.	RLC report 2021	Uttar Pradesh
3/16/2021	Kanni Barse and her family in Palamadugu village of Sukma District, Chhattisgarh were denied harvesting her own field by the villagers because she had invited a Christian pastor to pray for the harvest. Her attempt to obtain help from the Polampalli police failed as they threatened her saying that cases will be filed against all those tribal people who became Christians. She was expelled from her village in December and had to discontinue her job at the rural childcare center.	https://www.worthynews.com/56859-india-persecution-tribal-animist-relatives-persecute-christian-mother-of-four	Chhattisgarh
3/18/2021	Hindu extremists affiliated to the BJP party in Kanka Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka attacked and abused Pastor Peter Benjamin who was holding prayer events during the season of Lent.	https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/row-between-bengaluru-church-followers-and-local-residents-cops-file-firs-145630	Karnataka
3/19/2021	Miscreants in Faridabad, Haryana vandalized the walls and gates of a church under construction and stole the building materials. Subsequently church officials filed a police complaint.	EFI-RIC	Haryana

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3/19/2021	Members of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) the student wing of the RSS forced two nuns and two of their friends from a train while traveling on Haridwar-Puri train. They were forced to get off the train at Jhansi in the state of Uttar Pradesh by the ABVP members who claimed that the nuns were taking other two girls with them to convert them. The Hindu militants handed the nuns and the two girls to the Police.	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/nuns-accused-of-conversion-forced-to-get-off-train-in-jhansi/article61922849.ece	Uttar Pradesh
3/20/2021	A Christian couple, Ramkumar and Usha Varma of Grace Church, Bhatapara District, Baloda Bazaar, Chhattisgarh, were harrassed by members of the Hindu nationalist party in their community for a few months ever since they decided become Christians and on Feb 20, they were expelled from their community and home for continuing in the Christian faith.	Witness report	Chhattisgarh
3/21/2021	Jagdish Oraon, a Christian in Kerki Khurd village, Chhatarpur block, Palamu district, Jharkhand was socially boycotted and denied any employment in the village. Nine members of Oraon's family hold to Christian beliefs and Pastor Sarabjit Bharti conducts regular prayers. No police complaint has been filed yet.	EFI-RLC	Jharkhand
3/21/2021	A news article reported that over 181 people from 33 families of a tribal community whose ancestors had embraced Christianity many years ago were converted to their tribal belief system called Sarna religion in different villages of Garhwa district in India's Jharkhand state. Hindu nationalists had organized a program, that involved discussions on how to deal with Christian missionaries luring poor tribals with initial helps and failed false promises.	https://www.opinda.com/2021/03/181-christian-converts-in-garhwa-district-jharkhand-perform-gharwapsito-tribal-sarna-religion-details/	Jharkhand
3/21/2021	Members of the Hindu nationalist party forced their way into the church during a worship service and attacked a 76-year-old pastor, Peter Nyana Ratnappa in Mandya District, Madhya Pradesh.	New India Church of God	Madhya Pradesh
3/22/2021	On 22 March in New Delhi, in the Supreme Court of India, a leader of the Hindu nationalist group filed a petition alleging that the court should direct the Union and State governments to control religious conversions among other things. The petition was dismissed as withdrawn.	EFI-RLC report	New Delhi

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3/23/2021	Some Christians – Munna Bharti, Vinod Kumar and few others were arrested and detained at the Matehu police post Ghazipur district, Uttar Pradesh on allegations of illegal religious conversion. The charges were brought against them by a group of Hindu nationalists of the BJP party.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
3/26/2021	Sita (name changed) from Karwar in Karnataka State is summoned by the police for an inquiry into the complaints they received against her saying that she and her friends are converting the Hindus.	Victim testimony	Karnataka
3/30/2021	Ravindra Yadav, a Christian man in Dindori district in the state of Madhya Pradesh was attacked severely by the the head of the village affiliated to the ruling Hindu party. Fearing for life, Mr. Yadav went into hiding but the village chief filed a false police case against him saying that he raped a girl from the village. Hearing these charges, a few local civil rights activists met the chief and advised him not to make such false allegations and met with the local police official.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
4/1/2021	Hindu nationalists threw out a total of 15 Christian families from Koraput village, Patalpuram district in the state of Odisha for being Christians	victim testimony	Odisha
4/4/2021	Religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi’s party barged into a Sunday prayer service in Davangere district, Karnataka and abused the Christians present there. Pastor Lakshman Nayak was leading the prayer when the Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi’s party confronted and abused him accusing him of converting people to Christianity by forcing and luring them. Subsequently the mob filed a complaint at the nearby police station. The police officers in turn reprimanded the pastor and told him to stop the prayers in the rented hall.	EFI-RLC report	Karnataka
4/4/2021	Local police in Pipartara gram panchayat, Shahdol district, Madhya Pradesh accompanied with 4 to 5 other individuals, disrupted a Christian prayer meeting, and interrogated the nine Christians who had gathered for the prayer. Subsequently they arrested Samaru Deen Baiga and took him to the Budhar police station since he was not a resident of the village. Baiga was kept overnight at the station due to the unavailability of the police station incharge at the station. He was released at 11 am the next day without any charges against him.	Witness report	Madhya Pradesh

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4/4/2021	A Christian Rajendra Dwivedi was arrested following a case filed against him in Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh, after he compared the salvation of Jesus to the revelations in the Vedas and Upanishads, both sacred texts for a particular community on his blog. He was arrested and charged with hurting religious sentiments on Easter Sunday. Local Christian leaders claim this is just the most recent case of religiously motivated arrests and harassment in the state.	https://www.asianews.it/news-en/Protestant-pastor-arrested-at-Easter-under-Madhya-Pradeshs-anti-conversion-law--52806.html	Madhya Pradesh
4/4/2021	A religious radical mob barged into a Christian's home in Rangwasa village, Indore, Madhya Pradesh where Pastor Manu Damor, 35, was leading five families in Christian prayers. The pastor called the police for protection when the irate mob began beating down the door and tore through the roof of the house. Betma police detained the pastor and his family at the police station assuring them that they would be allowed to go home after their first night of detention. However, they were later charged under sections 3 and 5 of Madhya Pradesh Anti-Conversion Law upon pressure from anti-Christian elements. Damore's wife was released from Indore district jail on 12 April. Meanwhile Pastor Damor remained in Depalpur jail.	https://www.perspection.org/2021/04/19/easter-attack-india-pastor-wife-jailed-false-forced-conversion-charges/	Madhya Pradesh
4/5/2021	Pastor Jose and his wife were arrested by police in Supaul village of Bihar based on a complaint made by some Hindu party members that they couple were converting people to Christianity.	Morning star news/ https://www.boomlive.in/news/wefear-for-our-lives-belgaum-christians-as-anti-conversion-bill-passed-16152	Karnataka
4/7/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists in Singanpur, Chhattisgarh forcefully tried to gain control of Vijay Sori's agricultural field by telling him that he is expelled from the village for becoming a Christian. Local sources informed that Vijay Sori intends to report the matter to the head of the Village Council.	Witness report	Chhattisgarh
4/8/2021	A Christian priest has been beaten by a group of Hindu extremists in Tichkiya, in the central state of Madhya Pradesh. AsiaNews learned from the Global Council of Indian Christians (Gcic), that the Pentacostal pastor, named Bharat, and belonging to the Bhilala tribe, had gathered in prayer with three other believers in a house when Hindu radicals broke in.	https://www.asianews.it/news-en/Madhya-Pradesh:-Christian-pastor-beaten-by-Hindu-extremists-53787.html	Madhya Pradesh

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4/10/2021	Santosh Chauhan, a Christian evangelist in Rewa district, Madhya Pradesh was taken into police custody based on a complaint filed against him by a group of Hindu nationalist party members. He was arrested on charges of converting people by alluring them.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
4/11/2021	Two members of the Hindu nationalist party in Tarawadi village, Karnal district, Haryana barged into a Christian prayer meeting, created a ruckus, and falsely accused Pastor Vikram Paul of engaging in religious conversions. The incident occurred while the pastor was conducting the regular Sunday prayer service at his rented home when two men from his neighbourhood barged into the house and verbally abused him. Later, his landlord demanded that Paul stop all prayer meetings.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
4/11/2021	Members of religious extremist groups in Allinagaram, near Theni, in the state of Tamil Nadu barged into a Sunday prayer service held by Pastor Haggin. The pastor has been ministering at the Word Church for past 15 years. Earlier a police complaint had been filed by the pastor against the Hindu nationalists for constantly disturbing church. This had led to a written undertaking by them that they would desist from troubling the Christians. On the day of the incident, they sat down in front of the church building and raised provocative slogans.	EFI-RLC Report	Tamil Nadu
4/12/2021	The Nari Bandi Niketan prison administration had allowed a Noida based NGO, Asha Sadan, to impart moral and religious teachings of the Bible to children of women prisoners. But a recent report by a Commission that studied early childhood and education programmes for children of women prisoners, cites several Bibles being found in prison creche facilities as one of the 'Problems identified'. The report asks the authorities to stop the role of such NGOs.	News 18 TV	Uttar Pradesh
4/13/2021	In Jamshedpur, Kashidhi, a group Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party entered the house of a Christian man Lalit Mohan Das and attacked about 30-40 women and children who had gathered there along with Pastor Mundu Nayak for a house prayer. Police arrested Pastor Mandu accusing him of converting people by offering money.	Witness report	Jharkhand

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4/14/2021	Pastor Noah Lingshamppa was holding a prayer meeting at Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, in Gulbarga when around 50 members of the BJP party attacked pastor Noah and seriously injured him. The host family requested the pastor not to file a police complaint as this could cause further trouble for them.	EFI-RLC Report	Karnataka
4/16/2021	Mr. Uttam, a Christian from Dhab village of Koderma district in the state of Jharkhand was physically assaulted by members of Hindu nationalist party of Mr. Modi. Uttam and his wife Pinky Sharma said they were threatened a couple of days before the attack. When they brought their complaint to Sub-Inspector Dileep Kumar at the Dhab police station, they were met with a cold response.	EFI-RLC Report	Jharkhand
4/16/2021	In Dhab village, Koderma district, of the state of Jharkhand, Uttam Sharma, a Christian, was physically assaulted by some supporters of Hindu nationalism. The attackers were irate about the Christian prayer meetings that Uttam and his wife, Pinky Sharma, often conduct at their home. The couple had also been threatened a couple of days before the attack. When they brought their complaint to officer Dileep Kumar at the Dhab police station, they were met with a cold response.	EFI-RLC Report	Jharkhand
4/17/2021	Two Christian men –Puran and Nani – and a Christian woman, Boti, were physically attacked by members of the Hindu nationalist party after they came to know that the three had become Christians in Marenga village, Bastar, Chattisgarh. When the local police intervened, they told the Christians that they can not arrest the attackers because they had not killed the Christians.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
4/17/2021	Family of Sukendar and Asha Karwa along with their two children aged 3 and 6 yrs, in eastern Indian state of Jharkhand were threatened by the police with arrest for creating unrest in the community because some in their community is complaining that the family had left their traditional faith to follow the Christian faith.	Morning Star News	Jharkhand

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4/17/2021	Pastor Madhu Nayak, was arrested during a prayer meeting after he was falsely accused of offering money for religious conversion at Lalit Mohan Das' residence in Kashidhi, Jamshedpur.	sharp bharat	Jharkhand
4/17/2021	Nuns, Sister Herman Joseph and Sister Loraine Thayil, and Sabeeha Ansari have been falsely accused in a medico-legal case and arrested by police in Madhya Pradesh after a woman died during childbirth. The license to the hospital run by the Catholic church was also canceled by the government due to pressure from the pressure from Hindu nationalists protesting the death. Though, the state high court cancelled an anticipatory bail allowing the police to arrest the nuns, the Supreme Court of India in Delhi instructed the police to release the nuns and restore the hospital license	INDIA Nuns charged over childbirth deaths in Madhya Pradesh free on bail (asianews.it)	Madhya Pradesh
4/19/2021	In Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh, Simon Johnson alias Sadanand Kumar, a blind, 19-year-old man, accepted Christianity out of his own free will and experienced some healing. After that, he travelled to Chennai for short-term Bible training. Since he changed his name and religion, he has constantly been harassed by his family. He had to spend many nights without food.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
4/20/2021	22 families from Pastor Virender Yadav's house church, were forced to say they converted to Hinduism. But 6 families who refused were excommunicated and forbidden to take water from the only Tubewell available in the village near Kawardha city in Kabirdham district	Witness report	Chhattisgarh
4/21/2021	A petitioner in Karnataka who claims to be a yoga teacher, sought action from Karnataka High Court against the construction of two crosses on a hillock in Chitradurga region, stating that the gathering before the cross every Sunday causes pollution.	https://www.livela.w.in/news-updates/karnataka-hc-refuses-to-entertain-pil-against-alleged-illegal-construction-of-crosses-172912	Karnataka
4/21/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists in Badaguda village, Koraput district of the state of Odisha opposed the construction of a church building in a private land owned by a Christian man. The mob called local police and alleged that the land did not belong to Devo Bhai, a church member. The church's pastor, Jitendra Khosla, and Devo were eventually able to prove ownership with their registered documents.	EFI-RLC report	Odisha

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4/22/2021	A pastor and his wife were severely injured after they were physically attacked during a prayer meeting in their home in Riga block of Sitamarhi in India's Bihar state. According to Pastor Ram Niwas, five men from the Hindu nationalist group called Bajrang Dal, of whom four are brothers from the same family, broke into their property with a hammer while they were praying and started physically attacking them with sticks and rods. Pastor Niwas's shoulder was fractured in the attack, while his wife Pinky sustained severe head injuries. Narender was also severely injured and was taken to the Muzaffarpur hospital for treatment. The attack was recorded on CCTV installed at the pastor's house, but the recording and video camera was confiscated by the attackers and handed to a local Bharatiya Janata Party leader Arun Singh.	https://www.csw.org.uk/2021/04/23/press/5232/article.htm	Bihar
4/22/2021	Fifteen Christian families in Koraput village in Karnataka were ousted from their homes by fellow villagers supporting Hindu nationalism, because of their faith in Jesus.	EFI-RLC report	Karnataka
4/25/2021	A Christian family – Manoj Ram, his wife Neetu Kumari, and their kids in Kharasan village, Sitamarhi district, Bihar – were brutally assaulted. The assault was so violent that Neetu Kumari was bitten by one of the men. Manoj informed our sources that there has been constant opposition from Hindu nationalists to them being Christians.	EFI_RLC	Bihar
4/26/2021	Police at Sitamarhi district of Bihar refused to file a complaint against the Hindu nationalists who attacked a christian family for their faith. Two days later, with the help of a Christian advocacy group, a written complaint was sent to the Superintendent of Police and to Riga police station.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
4/26/2021	Suspected Hindu nationalists in Seoni district in the state of Madhya Pradesh put a garland of shoes on the Cross located inside the property owned by the Church of North India at Kachhari chowk. The matter was reported to the police. No arrests were made.	EFI_RLC report	Madhya Pradesh

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4/27/2021	A group of religious extremists in Gopinathpur village, Puri district, Odisha threatened to convert seven Christian families to Hinduism. The Christians have been socially ostracized from the village; even the relatives and extended families of Christians are not allowed to enter the village and visit these seven families.	EFI-RLC Report	Odisha
5/6/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists would not let a Christian man Ram Lal from even repairing his house because he declared himself to be a Christian in Ghugri village, Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh. The opposition led by - Rajesh Parthey, Ram Prasad Parthey, and Anup Parthey - warned him that he and his family would be thrown out of the village if they continued to follow the Christian faith though Ram Lal and his family are residents of the village for two generations.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
5/6/2021	Pastor Tarun Khetrapal from a village in Murshidabad district of Indian state of West Bengal was arrested on false charges and sent to judicial custody.	Victim testimony	West Bengal
5/10/2021	Some Christian families are barricaded inside their homes for a few days now at a tribal community in Midnapore, West Bengal because they were told that they can not use the roads or streets in the village. The village leaders told them that because they are Christians they will not be allowed to use the common roads used by Hindus.	EFI-RLC report	West Bengal
5/12/2021	An elderly Christian couple Jaga Madkami, aged 61 and his wife Debe aged 55, in Malkangiri, Odisha report that they are socially boycotted by the Hindu villagers on account of their Christian faith.	EFI-RLC report	Odisha
5/12/2021	Magal Raba from a village in Malkangiri district of Odisha state was physically attacked by villagers because of his faith in Jesus. She sustained serious injuries.	Witness report	Odisha
5/12/2021	Sis. Praba (name changed) was arrested during a prayer meeting in Azamgarh district of UP state based on a complaint from Hindu nationalists and she was later released.	Witness report	Uttar Pradesh

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5/16/2021	Varsha and her husband in Delhi were abused and threatened by Hindus known to them for accepting the Christian faith. The couple were warned that they and their Christian friends will be attacked if they don't stop going to church. The couple were falsely accused of converting for financial gain.	EFI-RLC report	Delhi
5/17/2021	A newly constructed church in Bodguda village of Koraput in Odisha state was torn down by a group of Hindu nationalists	EFI-RLC report	Odisha
5/18/2021	On May 18, a mob of 15 radical Hindu nationalists carrying swords, sickles, and a gun attacked the family of Pastor Ramesh Bumbariya at his home in the Bansawra District. The mob reportedly attacked the family after they refused to renounce their Christian faith. During the assault, they pointed the gun at Pastor Bumbariya and pulled the trigger but the gun failed to fire. Later they pointed the gun at Pastor Bumbariya's 52 year old father, and shot him. Then they knocked Pastor Bumbariya unconscious.	https://www.persecution.org/2021/05/20/52-year-old-christian-shot-killed-radical-hindu-nationalists-india/	Rajasthan
5/20/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists enraged by the presence of Christian faith in Loisingha village, Balangir district in the state of Odisha broke into Pastor Alok Rajhans' house and beat him so violently resulting in his death. The lynching took place under the Laramba police station. The pastor was affiliated with ALTC ministry.	EFI-RLC report	Odisha
5/22/2021	A young Christian doctor in Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Sandhya Tiwari, was suspended by the government from service for telling people to pray to Jesus. She made the comments to some people who were panicking during the worst period of COVID-19 pandemic. She is facing criminal charges for telling families to pray. Activists from India's chief Hindu nationalist umbrella organization, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, objected to it.	Christian doctor facing criminal charges after telling people to pray to Jesus (christiantoday.co m)	Madhya Pradesh

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5/23/2021	The Hindu nationalist party supporters attacked the homes of 6 Christian families in Sikarpai village of Rayagada district of Odisha. The attackers destroyed the roofs of the homes, looted their belongings and beat them, driving them in to the jungle. More than 50 Christians from three villages have now taken refuge in the jungles of Rayagada. They are without proper shelter, food, water, and electricity. Despite registering several complaints with Singhpur police, the Christians continue to face opposition, and officers have done little to protect them.	source: https://adfiindia.org/stories/christians-forced-to-flee-from-their-village-in-rayagada-odisha//	Odisha
5/24/2021	Shriram Gautam, a Christian in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, was falsely charged with outraging the modesty of a woman and other baseless accusations after he rushed out of his house to rescue his daughter from religious fanatics. The fanatics had attacked his 23-year-old daughter Anamika with lathis (bamboo clubs with iron wire wound around them) and steel rods, threatening to publicly humiliate and beat them to death. The fanatics believe her family adopted Christianity, so other people	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
5/24/2021	Vishan Pardhi, a Christian near Katol of Nagpur district in the state of Maharashtra was holding a prayer meeting in his house. But one of the Hindu neighbors who did not like the Christian prayers in his neighborhood made a police complaint against Mr. Pardhi. However, after investigation, the police told the Hindu neighbor that he does not have a basis for objecting to what Pradhan does privately in his house.	EFI-RLC report	Maharashtra
5/25/2021	Balkrishna, the top aide of yoga guru Baba Ramdev, took to social media accusing Indian Medical Association President Dr. Johnrose Jayalal of “a conspiracy to convert the entire country to Christianity and turn them against yoga and Ayurveda.” the potential to trigger a hate-campaign against the Christian community in India.	https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/may/26/ramdevs-aide-acharya-balkrishna-accuses-ima-president-of-conspiring-to-convert-india-to-christianity-2307526.html	Uttarakhand

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5/29/2021	Pastor Anthony Londe's house was visited by the villagers who accused him of religious conversions and threatened him to leave the village. Also, in the first week of April, the pastor was harassed and threatened by the villagers. Eventually, the pastor had to leave the village and move to the Aurangabad district.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra
6/1/2021	Fr. Teles Fernandez of the Catholic Education Board said, that a new law about educational institutions in the state of Gujarat passed by the Hindu nationalist government now will practically take away the rights of the private educational institutions guaranteed by the Constitution of India.	https://www.vibesofindia.com/minority-schools-may-fall-apart-lose-character-if-gujarat-government-takes-over-administration/	Gujarat
6/2/2021	A family dispute in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh over the burial rites of a deceased relative escalated to a criminal investigation under the state's anti-conversion law. Dharmendra Pratap Singh, who converted to Christianity, attempted to bury his deceased mother in a cemetery, when his niece, Shweta Suman, stopped Singh from burying his mother and instead cremated the remains. Subsequently she lodged a complaint with police claiming her uncle attempted to forcefully convert his mother to Christianity. Suman equated the attempt of burying her relative's remains with an attempt to forcefully convert the bodily remains to Christianity.	https://www.asianews.it/news-en/A-family-dispute-sparks-conversion-controversy-in-Madhya-Pradesh-53370.html	Madhya Pradesh
6/7/2021	Hindu mobs in Chhattisgarh disrupted a prayer service and threatened Christian pastors for alleged religious conversion. Pastor Firoz Bagh was conducting a prayer service at his house in Raipur, the state capital, when a Hindu mob surrounded the house and started shouting anti-Christian slogans, The Union of Catholic Asian News agency reported. Police took the pastor into custody but released him after a few hours after the intervention of church leaders.	Source: https://www.asianews.it/news-en/Sunday-service-interrupted-by-Hindu-extremists-in-Chhattisgarh-53579.html	Chhattisgarh
6/8/2021	Five Christian families fled from Kotlanga village in Rayagada district of Odisha after the Hindu nationalist party supporters threatened them. The threat was so fierce that they had to flee to the jungle to avoid the planned attack on the night of 7 June.	source: https://adfindia.org/stories/christians-forced-to-flee-from-their-village-in-rayagada-odisha/	Odisha

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6/9/2021	The district authorities of Bastar in the state of Chhattisgarh have denied land allotment they are entitled to, because they are Christians. A Hindu militant organisation in Dongam village, of Chhattisgarh state has spearheaded the campaign to force the district authorities to decide against people who are suspected of being Christians.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
6/11/2021	On 11 June in the Gaya district of Bihar, Pastor RamsevakDas' church was attacked by local upper caste religious extremists, and he was dragged from his house and physically attacked in the village council. The pastor's wife and church members were verbally abused, and he was threatened that he would be expelled and thrown out of the village. For reasons of security, the pastor moved his family out of the village the very next day to a place 8 km away from his village.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
6/13/2021	Pastor Sanjay Kumar Bharti in Haridwar, Uttarakhand was taken to the Shyampur police station and was tortured during interrogation by police. The pastor was initially accused of breaking lockdown norms and brought to the police station. However, at the police station, he was accused with illegal religious conversion activities. Here was severely assaulted by the police. Local sources reported that police threatened him to vacate his rented house and leave the village.	https://morningstarnews.org/2021/07/pastor-in-india-driven-from-home-after-police-torture-threats/	Uttarakhand
6/13/2021	A pastor and his pregnant wife from Uriampet in Salem District of Tamil Nadu were brutally attacked and their church building vandalized by members of the hindu nationalist party.	https://www.persecution.org/2021/06/17/pastor-pregnant-wife-attacked-beaten-radicals-southern-india/	Tamil Nadu
6/17/2021	A church building under construction in Sabuti village of Narmada district in the state of Gujarat was torn down by the local village administration run by the Hindu nationalist party despite the builder has all relevant building permits. The Janjaati Suraksha Manch had submitted an application to the district administrator saying that the village is a tribal one, that there were no Christians there before. They said, that Christians had come from outside and built the church in the village, and that if the church was built, it would be harmful for their society. Thereafter, the church was razed down to the ground despite the church officials having a written permission given in 2008 by the head of the Village Council for land allocation and church construction.	EFI-RLC report	Gujarat

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6/19/2021	People in Mutanpal village, Bastar district of Chhattisgarh, opposed the burial of a child whose family profess to be Christians. Mahadev, a Christian, was in the process of the burial of his child who had passed away, when some villagers confronted him and opposed the burial on account of Mahadev's religious beliefs.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
6/19/2021	Four Christians Jayanto Munda, Kadam Munda, Anima Munda and Dhakhina Munda - were physically assaulted by members of a local Hindu extremist group, Charabari Adhibasi Jubo Songho in the state of West Bengal. The Hindu nationalists, Sanjay Munda and Joy Munda - barged into the houses and dragged the Christians out and beat them for not renouncing the Christian faith. They were told to either renounce their beliefs or leave the village in three days. Then Sukumar Munda, Arun Munda and Debkumar Munda - broke into Pastor Biswambar Munda's house and assaulted him saying if Christians in the village did not move out June 22nd, they would bomb their houses.	Source: Evangelical Fellowship of India 2021 report	West Bengal
6/20/2021	Three women in Ghawaddi village, Ludhiana, Punjab who had recently accepted the Christian faith were assaulted by three men belonging to the same village.	source: https://www.hindu stantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/three-ludhiana-women-assaulted-for-converting-religion-three-booked-101624822448906.html	Punjab
6/20/2021	Ajay Kumar Rajbhar, a field staff of APC Church in Rohania, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh and other church leaders were arrested by police on false charges under the freedom of religion law. After interventions from Christian advocacy groups both were let go without any charges against them.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh

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6/23/2021	In village Nagina in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, Usha and Omvati were taken into police custody. Usha was leading a prayer meeting in Satveer and Ompal's house when a mob of religious extremists barged in and disrupted the meeting. The extremists took photos and videos and made a false complaint to the police alleging that the evangelist Usha was involved in fraudulent conversion activity. In response to the complaint, the police detained the women and took them to the Seohara Police Station, Bijnaur. A case was filed under section 151 of the Indian Penal Code.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
6/23/2021	A Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP)' Joint Secretary Mr. Surendra Jain tweeted on Wednesday saying he supports converting all Christians and Muslims in India to Hinduism. He said, "The whole world knows that most of the ancestors of India's Christians and Muslims are Hindus. A few Muslim rulers and Christian missionaries forcibly converted Hindu people. But now all of them should convert back."	https://www.persecution.org/2021/06/24/hindu-nationalist-leader-india-tweets-support-mass-re-conversions-hinduism/	Haryana
6/24/2021	Local sources reported in Jahanaganj block, Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh that a false complaint of religious conversion was brought against Pastor Bhanu Pratap in Jahanaganj police station.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
6/25/2021	Local police in Gonda, Uttar Pradesh arrested some Christians, including a woman, and questioned them. Some local villagers had falsely accused that the Christians were luring and trying to convert some families in the village.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
6/25/2021	Pastor Punvaasi in Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh was taken to a local police station on a complaint that he was involved in religious conversion. The pastor was later let go after interrogation.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh

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6/26/2021	Several local dailies from Valsad district, Gujarat reported that a memorandum had been sent to the Chief Minister of Gujarat to insinuate hostility against Christians in the district. The memorandum was targeted against the Christians indigenous people groups (Adivasi) highlighting the points: 1. to ascertain whether there were Adivasi Christians wherever a church exists in the region, 2.if Adivasi Christians were found, then all their benefits as a Scheduled Tribe should be terminated, and 3. to investigate if the church buildings were built as per existing laws.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/pro-be-into-baptism-of-tribal-family-after-vhp-alleges-conversion-7403425/	Gujarat
6/26/2021	Two Christian individuals in Rampur district, Uttar Pradesh, Shubdes and Raman – were arrested by local police on false charges against them by local Hindu nationalists	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
6/26/2021	Pastor Ami Wasah, in Haldwani, Nainital was falsely accused of engaging in religious conversion activity by a woman who was influenced by right-wing religious extremists.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttarakhand
6/27/2021	Pastor Ram Ujagir and a fellow Christian, Fursat in Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh were arrested by police while they were having a prayer meeting in the village. They were charged under 151 of Indian Penal Code and were sent to judicial custody for ten days.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
6/28/2021	Pastor Shivkumar Verma and another individual in Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh were arrested by police on false charges. Local sources reported that since there was no evidence corroborating the accusations police personnel demanded bribe in order to release the two Christians.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh

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6/29/2022	In Kumbhiya Masi village, Khutar Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Harishchandra and Christians were again harassed for practicing, professing and propagating their faith by the village's right-wing elements. This has been an ongoing issue for some time now that the neighbors of the pastor's newly constructed church building have been opposing the presence of Christians. It was reported that during the construction of the church building, the Pastor left some extra land, which the neighbors have now taken over, and the villagers have dug up the ground, created a drainage system, and claim the land as their own. Upon questioning, the villagers allegedly claimed that they would not return the land back as it is now theirs and accused Christians of religious conversion. Furthermore, the Christians were threatened and abused and warned not to conduct any church gatherings.	EFI_RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
6/29/2022	In Chandrapur village, Auraiya district, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Komal Das and his family's access to the road and the drainage was blocked by their neighbours. Pastor Komal Das has been serving for 20 years in the village, and as per him, he and his family are being targeted for their faith by their neighbours. The neighbours are indirectly targeting the Christians and harassing them because of their faith.	EFC-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
6/29/2021	Pastor Deshraj and his family in Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh were attacked by a group of Hindu nationalists accusing them of planning to convert local people.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
6/29/2021	Pastor Hemanto was beaten up by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party and taken to the police station in Jeypore Odisha	EFI-RLC Report	Odisha

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6/30/2021	A suspected criminal in Sangoi village in Karnal District, Haryana was released on bail killed pastor Vinod Kumar for sharing the “love and forgiveness of Christ” with him. Sonu Kashyap attacked pastor Kumar with a wooden roof truss at about 8 p.m. The pastor had received a call from Kashyap’s brother to visit a sick villager and was attacked as he was about to leave the ill person’s home. Sonu Kashyap was waiting in ambush as the pastor was about to start his motorbike and attacked him unaware from behind.	https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/cwn/2021/july/pastor-beaten-to-death-grieving-widow-vows-to-continue-his-work	Punjab
7/1/2021	A church under construction was vandalized by authorities in Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh.	Witness report	Andhra Pradesh
7/1/2021	A group of 16 Christians including Evg. Shaji Varghese, Evg. Subhash Jamra and several children were arrested and taken to the police station from a prayer meeting at the home of Evg. Subhash Jamra in Khandwa, MP.	Witness report	Madhya Pradesh
7/2/2021	Pastor Shiv Kumar from Pratapgarh, UP, was arrested while he was dedicating the newly built house of a believer. After he was in the police station for more than 3 days, on the 5th of July, he was taken into custody.	Victim reporting	Uttar Pradesh
7/3/2021	In Shirmoni village, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, two Pastors namely Dr Vinod Kumar Yadav, Ramesh Chandra Saroj and Kamlesh Prajapati were detained by the local Police while they were conducting a prayer meeting with some local Christians.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
7/3/2021	in Fatepura Block, Dahod, Gujarat, according to local sources, Hindu nationalists targeted a pastor blaming him and his prayers for the death of a local person who had passed away after suffering a heart attack. Pastor Daud has been ministering in the area for some time and has a structure on his land where he holds prayer meetings. He has reported opposition and threats in the past too.	EFI-RLC Report	Gujarat

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7/4/2021	In Lohapatti village, Milak PS, Rampur district, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Manoj was invited for prayer to one of his church member's houses, he was conducting a prayer along with 80 to 90 Christians. Rambachan, one of the villagers, informed religious extremists that Pastor Manoj is converting people to Christianity. Subsequently, a mob of around 40 religious extremists came and attacked the pastor. Pastor sustained severe injuries. As a result, the police were informed of the incident, and the pastor was taken to the police station and detained.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
7/4/2021	A group of Christians were threatened and warned by Hindu nationalists in Sanan Village of Jalgaon district. Approximately a week later, around 25 people showed up at the home of local pastor Prakash Pawra with the intent of physically assaulting him for holding prayer meetings in the area. However, one local Christian who learnt about their arrival informed the pastor in advance over the phone so that the pastor could leave home for a secure place. But the pastor's wife and children stayed back at home, since the attackers could not find the pastor at home, they threatened the pastor's wife saying we are leaving, for now, if we find him, we will thrash him.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra
7/4/2021	Pastor Firoz Bagh was conducting a prayer service at his house in Raipur, the state capital, when a Hindu mob surrounded the house and started shouting anti-Christian slogans. Police took the pastor into custody but released him after a few hours after the intervention of church leaders.	Hindu mobs attack minorities in Chhattisgarh – Kashmir Media Service (kmsnews.org)	Chhattisgarh
7/5/2021	Hindu nationalists tore down a church in Telanga village, Kondagaon, of the state of Chhattisgarh. Some administrative officials were also present at the site when the church was being demolished, but they reportedly didn't do anything to prevent it.	INDIA Tribal Christian church demolished in Chhattisgarh (VIDEO) (asianews.it)	Chhattisgarh

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7/5/2021	A village council at Nimriwla village of Bhiwani, in the state of Haryana was held against pastors Surender Bholra and Mukesh and warned them to stop conducting Christian prayer activities in that village.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
7/6/2021	Pastor Kamta Prasad and his family were harassed and have been chased away from their village in Madhya Pradesh, because of their faith in Jesus Christ	Witness report	Madhya Pradesh
7/7/2021	Pastor Ramesh Manikpur of Sarora Gogaon was resting at his house in the evening when a Hindu nationalist group wrote a slogan hailing Hindu gods on his compound wall and assaulted his son. They were around 100 people and passing through our lane in a religious procession, said Pastor Manikpur	https://www.kmsnews.org/kms/2021/07/10/hindu-mobs-attack-minorities-in-chhattisgarh.html	Chhattisgarh
7/7/2021	Pastor Ramesh's church was attacked by a group of Hindu nationalists in Raipur city of Chhattisgarh state. They took out a big rally and wrote objectionable slogans on the walls of the church as a protest against the ministry work carried out by the pastor.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
7/7/2021	In the middle of the night a group of Hindu nationalists attacked Pastor Biswambar's home by throwing stones at it while shouting and screaming anti-Christian slogans	Evangelical Fellowship of India 2021 Report	West Bengal
7/8/2021	Pastor Kuldeep was also summoned to the police to appear at the police station in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Hindu nationalists filed false charges against the pastor.	victim testimony	Uttar Pradesh
7/9/2021	In Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh, a Christian family of Mrs Kumari Bai Tandon was attacked during a Christian prayer meeting. As per family and other Christians who were assembled at home, the attackers were religious radicals and wanted to disrupt the prayer meeting. They physically assaulted the Christians and damaged some of the vehicles belonging to the Christian guests of Mrs Tandon.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
7/9/2021	A false complaint was submitted against Pastor Shashikant Malage stating that he is carrying out religious conversions. They also falsely accused him of building a house under a government program using forged documents.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra

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7/10/2021	Pastor Balwant and sister Aparana Masih had gone for prayer in the evening at a fellow Christian Gorelal residence in village Sukhpuri, Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh. Towards the end of the prayer, a group of 15 to 20 religious extremists came outside the home of Gorelal and started shouting, "Step outside" in order to disrupt the prayer meeting. Following prayer, Christians noticed that some people from the village were standing in a herd. First, the extremist talked to Gorelal and his family, then they called the pastor and sister outside and said, you cannot enter our village.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
7/10/2021	A young Christian man was stopped from playing cricket on the grounds of a Hindu temple in Sulli, in Dakshina Karnataka district. He was asked to leave the grounds because he was a Christian. Though a video of the interaction was shared widely on social media, there has been no police complaint over the issue.	Karnataka temple official asks Christian man playing cricket at premises to leave The News Minute	Karnataka
7/10/2021	Pastor Mudam Samuel alongwith his wife were assaulted by religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party when he visited one of his Christian friend's house in Isaipet, a vilage in Kamareddy district of Telangana. Pastor Mudam received head injury and had 14 stitches.	Indian pastor and pregnant wife attacked by militant Hindus (worldwatchmonit or.org)	Telangana
7/12/2021	On 12 July in Sukma, Chhattisgarh, Police Superintendent directed all police stations in the district to keep a watch on the religious activities of missionaries and pastors. SP wrote that in the interior areas of the district, local tribals are being induced to convert by luring them and luring them to benefit from the Christian community.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
7/12/2021	A Syro-Malabar Church was demolished by civic authorities on the grounds that it was constructed on encroached gram sabha land. Officials of the Little Flower Church say that demolition was illegal and that the manner in which it took place left them with no time to respond through legal measures.	Watch Church Demolished In Delhi's Chattarpur, Authorities Claim Encroachment (thewire.in)	New Delhi

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7/12/2021	A pastor Roop Lal's wife and other Christians from Punjab came under attack from religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party in the Arniwala area of Punjab. His wife suffered a fracture in her leg and many Christians were seriously injured.	Pastor's Wife, 19-Year-Old Injured in Attack on Christians - Morningstar News	Punjab
7/13/2021	In Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, Christians were falsely accused by Hindu nationalists that they are covertly converting Hindus. Using this as a pretext, the group has launched a religious conversion campaign to convert Christians to Hinduism.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
7/13/2021	In order to monitor conversions to Christianity, the Superintendent of Police of Chhattisgarh's Sukma district has directed his subordinates and officers in charge of all police stations to "maintain a consistent watch over the activities of Christian missionaries and converted tribes residing in the district."	Source: https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/jul/13/sukma-sp-orders-surveillance-of-christian-missionaries-activities-in-tribal-areas-2329667.html	Chhattisgarh
7/13/2021	The Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party submitted an application to the local administration official to stop the construction of church (Motta Natwa). This church is pastored by Mr. Mehul Katarina.	EFI-RLC report	Gujarat
7/13/2021	Fourteen tribal Christians of Marikutu village in Mandro Tehsil of Sahibganj district, Jharkhand, were forcefully converted to hinduism through Ghar-wapsi ritual.	witness report	Jharkhand
7/14/2021	In Bhiwani, Haryana, Pastor Satyaveer Singh and his congregation were praying in the house of a fellow Christian. Suddenly, a group of Hindu nationalists forced their way into the prayer meeting and threatened the pastor and other Christians saying that they would be expelled if they continued to practice Christianity.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
7/15/2021	Two young Christian boys, Sandeep aged 17 and his 13 year old brother were severely assaulted by supporters of Hindu nationalism in a village in Chhattisgarh on account of their faith.	witness report	Chhattisgarh
7/15/2021	A tribal Christian man Moora Kudiya was killed in Bijapur District, Karnataka, because of his faith in Jesus. He has 5 young children and his wife.	witness report	Karnataka

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7/16/2021	In Gonda, Uttar Pradesh, a Christian school teacher named Sushil Paul was questioned by local police as there was a false allegation against him being involved in religious conversion activities.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
7/16/2021	Shirin Basumata Naari Sansthan a Christian organization, located in Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, is facing fake charges of religious conversion by Hindu nationalists. The founder, Shirin Basumata stated that all the charges are unfounded and that she has approached the High Court for a hearing in this case.	https://www.amarujala.com/gorakhpur/shirin-basumatanari-sansthan-surrounded-by-many-allegations-including-conversion-at-kushinagar	Uttar Pradesh
7/17/2021	In Bhelatand, Gaya, Bihar, Hindu extremist groups forcefully converted Christians to Hinduism. According to several reports, the campaign to convert Christians to Hinduism will last at least two months.	EFI-RLC	Bihar
7/17/2021	Evangelists Sunil Markam, Raju Kodape and three others from Seoni District of Madhya Pradesh, were arrested and booked under various fake charges.	Victims Reporting	Madhya Pradesh
7/18/2021	A Christian prayer meeting was being held at Heeralal Baiga's house in Jamui, Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh,. Around four right-wing group members showed up in the middle of prayers, asked what they were doing, and took photos and videos of the proceedings. Thirty minutes later, another group of around twelve members of the right-wing group showed up and began arguing with Heeralal and other Christians about the prayer meeting. Among the Christian literature taken away were copies of the Bible, Christian songbooks, and copies of the New Testament by the right-wingers. After the police came, they had taken three Christians including Heeralal to the police station. The right-wingers pressed the police to register a case of religious conversion against the three accused.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
7/18/2021	In Indri, Karnal, Haryana, Pastor Suresh Kanta's under-construction church was vandalized and among the debris, a stone was found with "not the church but a grave will be built here." written on it.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana

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7/19/2021	In Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Sadhu Gautam and six other Christians were physically assaulted for their Christian faith by the religious extremists. Afterwards, the pastor and others were handed over to local police and sent to jail with the allegation that the pastor is involved in religious conversion	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
7/18/2021	Hindu nationalists of different Hindu organizations attacked a Church in Dev Baloda village under Charoda block in Durg district. They told the police that the Christians were holding a prayer meeting at the church. So, the police asked them to alert them when prayer meetings are organized next time in the Church.	Converting the chronology of religious conversion in Chhattisgarh – News Riveting	Chhattisgarh
7/18/2021	Five Christian families were forced to undergo a Hindu religious purification ceremony under threat to their life and property, by the Hindu nationalist leaders in Devbaloda, in the state of Chhattisgarh.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gZl5mCNv88	Chhattisgarh
7/18/2021	Pastor Rakesh Kumar (name changed), has been targeted for his faith by religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. The Pastor's house which is still under construction was also damaged by the Hindu extremists in North India.	witness report	
7/19/2021	Alleging conversions, a group of Hindu nationalists disrupted a prayer meeting held by Anand Parvat, in Delhi.	EFI-RLC Report	New Delhi
7/20/2021	Pastor Suresh (name changed) and other members of a local Christian congregation from a village in in the western Indian state of Maharashtra were attacked. They have become the target of Hindu extremist groups because of their faith.	witness report	Maharashtra
7/22/2021	In Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Phool Singh was accused of converting people to Christianity when he visited a neighbouring village in Lalpur. The pastor was subsequently taken to the local police station.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
7/21/2021	In Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh, rightwing group members targeted the leaders and staffs of a Christian NGO with false allegations of religious conversion activity. Some of the staff were taken into police custody at the behest of right-wing group members.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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7/22/2021	Pastor Sunil (name changed) was arrested under the Anti-Conversion Law in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh on false charges.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
7/23/2021	Pastor Verghese in Noida, Uttar Pradesh was conducting a prayer meeting along with the church members when some right-wing group members disrupted the meeting and physically assaulted the pastor.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
7/23/2021	Pastor Paul (name changed) from Lakla village, in the state of Assam, faces threat to his life from hindu extremists for giving shelter to a Christian man who is being threatened by the Hindu nationalists.	Victim response	Assam
7/23/2021	Police and religious Hindu extremists of Mr. Modi's party have alleged forceful conversion of five Hindu families and forced them to convert under physical threat to their lives in Bhilai, State of Chattisgarh.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_gZl5mCNv88	Chhattisgarh
7/23/2021	Pastor Sanjay Kumar Bharati was tortured and threatened by the police in Shyampur, Haridwar district of Uttar Pradesh, on false allegations of forceful conversion.	witness report	Uttar Pradesh
7/24/2021	Around 6 people were brought to the Kolhui police station in Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh for questioning on suspicion of religious conversion.	witness report	Uttar Pradesh
7/25/2021	Tanya's (name changed) family in Samastipur district of Bihar state is harassed by Hindu extremists. They are planning to force the entire family to undergo a ritual to convert to Hinduism.	victim testimony	Bihar
7/25/2021	On 25 Jul in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, a group of Hindu nationalists harassed the local Christians namely Purnima Sahu, Bina Sinha, and a few others, on account of their faith and forcefully took away Christian literature from them. They also burnt some copies of the Bible and verbally abused them.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
7/25/2021	Pastor Rajesh (name changed) from Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh was physically attacked by Hindu extremists. He sustained serious head injury and unable to walk.	witness report	Madhya Pradesh

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7/25/2021	Kamlesh (name changed) from Nagpur district, Maharashtra was charged falsely under Indian Penal Code 354 for conducting Christian prayer meetings. The police are threatening to arrest him.	witness report	Maharashtra
7/26/2021	People affiliated to the Hindu extremist groups in Akbarpur, Nawada in the state of Bihar, have objected to the construction of a House of Prayer by GEMS ministries.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
7/26/2021	Government authorities have sealed a church in Thiruvapur district of Tamilnadu based on a complaint from Hindu nationalists and suspended their license to operate. The church requires the permission of the District administrator to re-open.	witness report	Tamil Nadu
7/27/2021	On 27 July in Fatehpur, Gaya, Bihar, two supporters of the Hindu nationalism intimidated and threatened the Christian preacher Dhiraj that they would kill him if he did not vacate and leave. they also warned that they would tear down the church.	EFI-RLC Report	Bihar
7/27/2021	Pastor Obed Das of Durg in the state of Chhattisgarh was accused of converting local Hindus to Christian faith and told the police at the Mohannagar police station to arrest him. Pastor Obed Das clearly stated that all the allegations levelled against him are false and baseless. Rev. Pradeep Kumar Das, President of Pastors Fellowship, also said that all the allegations of conversion are false and Christian society is peace-seeker and prayerful.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
7/28/2021	In Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh, at the community burial ground, Pastor Sabajeet and others attempted a Christian funeral for his deceased grandmother. However, the village council and religious extremists in the village opposed the burial. They demanded Christians pay a large sum to bury her body in the village's graveyard since they had accepted Christianity. The village's president enacted this rule exclusively for Christians. A mob of about 30 religious extremists also tried to stop the burial.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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7/28/2021	Hindu extremists of Mr. Modi's party forced their way into the houses of several Christian families in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh. Then they asked the Christians that they must leave their faiths. But when they refused Mr. Modi's supporters forced the Christian families to drink water mixed with cow dung and then took all their Christian literatures including their Bibles and burnt them.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ni5jgk6hp5c	Chhattisgarh
7/28/2021	A written complaint has been given by a Hindu extremist against Pastor Obed Das from Durg, Chhattisgarh falsely accusing him of converting local people offering them money.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/oct/04/india-christians-living-in-fear-claims-forced-conversions	Chhattisgarh
7/28/2021	21 families converted to Hinduism in Ghar Wapsi programme arranged by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad in Gujarat. As per a Desh Gujarat report, these families accepted Hinduism in a program led by Bapa Sitaram Ashram in Vapi. Kanubhai Desai, a BJP Member of State Legislature from Vapi commenting on the occasion said, "Many issues concerning the Hindu society and Valsad district were discussed in the program of Hindu Jagran Manch organized by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad."	https://www.opindia.com/2021/07/gujarat-ghar-wapsi-hinduism-revert-christianity-conversion/	Gujarat
7/28/2021	Pastor Shalem Maniraj and his wife traveled to Doddahassala village in Karnataka to pray for a sick Christian man. When the couple arrived, the man's house was surrounded by a mob of 20 radical Hindu extremists. They abused the couple with foul language and accused them of converting people to the Christian faith. Sensing danger, Pastor Maniraj and his wife immediately wanted to leave the village but the mob caught up with them and attacked them. They assaulted Pastor Maniraj with iron chains and wooden clubs until he fell unconscious. The mob also beat Pastor's wife as she attempted to defend her husband. As the attack continued, a man unknown to them came to their rescue and took them to the nearby hospital for emergency treatment.	EFI-RLC report	Karnataka

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7/29/2021	A complaint has been filed against Pastor Daniel Banerjee in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, at the local police station alleging that he is involved in forceful religious conversion. According to the pastor, the allegations are unfounded and untrue. The police came to his home to find the pastor, but he was visiting Bijnor. He was asked to come to the police station when he returns to the city.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
7/29/2021	In Dibrugarh, Assam, missionary Ranjan Chutia and other Christians were falsely accused of forcing locals to convert to Christian faith. A report was filed by Hindu extremists. So, the police filed a First Information Report and initiated an inquiry against the missionary.	Assam: Christian missionary arrested for misusing creations of Sankardev (opindia.com)	Assam
7/29/2021	Hindu nationalist outfits at Batadrava Sattra, the birthplace of Srimanta Sankardev, have warned Christian organizations against using Sankardev, a popular social reformer who fought against the caste based discrimination. They have asked the state government to arrest the Christian leaders in the area.	https://www.opindia.com/2021/07/assam-christian-missionary-arrested-for-misusing-creations-of-sankardev/	Assam
7/29/2021	A group of 30 Hindu extremists in Fatehpur, Gaya district of Bihar came to the house of Pastor Dhiraj. As Pastor was away, they asked his whereabouts with his wife Ravita before leaving. Then against around 7 PM they came back with weapons. But Ravita did not open the door. However, they climbed the over the walls and entered the house shouting and yelling in abusive language. Hearing the noise, the neighbors came to the Pastor's house and chased the Hindu extremists away.	EFI-RLC	Bihar
7/30/2021	Pastor Mithun Kharadi, from Banswara district, Rajasthan, was attacked by Hindu extremists of Mr. Modi's party and damaged his vehicle. The pastor sustained injuries.	witness report	Rajasthan
7/31/2021	In Parmandapur, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Vijay Kumar's church was interrupted by the local police during a fasting prayer. According to reports, neighbours opposing prayer meetings and Christian fellowship made a false complaint to the police, alleging that the Christian gatherings cause garbage to spread in the area and make noise pollution. The pastor was therefore instructed not to conduct any further prayer meetings by the police.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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7/31/2021	Santhosh (name changed) and three others from Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh were arrested and later released. They have been booked under CrPC Section 154. (Source: witness information)	witness report	Madhya Pradesh
8/1/2021	Dhiraj and his family from Gaya district, Bihar are under intense pressure from the Hindu nationalists to stop holding Christian prayer meetings.	Victim reporting	Bihar
8/1/2021	While holding Sunday school, the police entered the church and took Pastor Charan to the police station in Haryana. He is questioned and then later released at night. He was called again the next morning but later released. His laptop and other belongings were taken by police	witness report	Haryana
8/1/2021	Pastor Santosh Kanoj and 3 others were arrested during a prayer meeting in a village at Dewas District of Madhya Pradesh	witness report	Madhya Pradesh
8/1/2021		EFI=RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
8/2/2021	A Christian family invited Pastor Datta Birajdar home for a prayer meeting in Omerga, Osmanbad, Maharashtra. Instead of praying at home, the Christian family organized a prayer meeting in the front courtyard of their house. Some unknown onlookers recorded the video of the prayer and handed it over to the police, accusing them of practicing Christian faith which they claimed could cause public disharmony. Therefore, on 4 August, the police arrested two local Christians, Tulshiram Ibhute and Babu Mulay, living near the family premises and took them to the Omergapolice station. They were interrogated about the prayer meeting and were physically assaulted by police personnel for following Christianity.	Victims Reporting	Maharashtra
8/3/2021	The Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Heeru Jagat and two other Christians after filing false charges against them in Supela, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh.	EFI-RLC	Chhattisgarh
8/3/2021	Pastor Santosh Shivanshi and three others have been denied bail from the lower court in Seoni, Madhya Pradesh. They were arrested by police on fake charges. (Source: witness information)	witness report	Madhya Pradesh

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8/3/2021	Pastor Lalit Nayak from a village in Kendrapara district, Odisha was attacked by a group of Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party during a prayer meeting at his residence. (Source: witness information)	witness report	Odisha
8/3/2021	Pastor Neel Durai, Pastor Vijay Kumar Patel and his wife, Kiran Devi, are in jail after being physically assaulted by Hindu nationalist neighbors of 62-year-old Lalji Vishwakarma in the Phoolpur area of Uttar Pradesh state. They were arrested under were arrested under IPC sec 153A,295A, Anti conversion 3 & 5(1)	https://www.christiantoday.co.in/news/pastors-beaten-jailed-after-comforting-grieving-widower-report.html	Uttar Pradesh
8/4/2021	Some religious extremists from Pastor Shyamanand Bind's village in n Nijhamabad, Gambhirpur, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh came to his house and started abusing and threatening him and his family. They threatened them to convert to Hinduism and go to the temple and offer water to their Hindu deities. After the Pastor and others refused to comply, the religious extremists along with some villagers gave a complaint to the local police.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
8/4/2021	Pastor Shailesh Singh, from Bhanupratappur, in Kanker, Chhattisgarh have received the notice from the local police station to submit the details of the church and church members on suspicion of alleged religious conversion.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
8/5/2021	Hindu extremists threatened Christian families from Farid Nagar, a locality in Bhilai Tehsil in Durg district of Chhattisgarh State, saying that they must convert to Hinduism or they will be forced to undergo Ghar Wapsi.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
8/5/2021	Pastor Hinekar (name changed) from Nagpur, Maharashtra was falsely accused by his neighbours, and was arrested under IPC 1860 section 354 and released on bail.	witness report	Maharashtra
8/5/2021	Pastor Balchand and Pastor Indrasen Singh in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh,were harassed and threatened by some religious extremists as they were travelling to conduct a prayer meeting in a village. The religious extremists gathered around them and threatened and harassed the Christians because of their faith.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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8/5/2021	Lal Bahadur and 2 other Christians were arrested during a house prayer meeting and taken to the police station in Prayagraj district of Uttar Pradesh.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
8/6/2021	The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, a youth wing of a political party, submitted a memorandum dated 6 August to the Governor of Chhattisgarh State through the Sub-divisional officer in Sukma district. In the memorandum, it demanded restrictions on Christian institutions in the district because they claimed that Christian organizations are destroying the customary tradition of tribal society in the district.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
8/6/2021	A Christian woman Kabita was asked by her own family members who are also members of the Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party in the Kendrapara district of Odisha to renounce her faith in Christ. (Source: witness information)	Witness info	Odisha
8/7/2021	The Saturday night prayer service at a church Pastored by Rev Simon (name changed) in Faridnagar, Durg, Chattisgarh, was disrupted. Members of the Hindu nationalist party armed with whips and batons forced their way into the church shouting anti-Christian slogans.	Info: Witnesses	Chhattisgarh
8/7/2021	Four Christian women have been arrested and taken to the police station from a village in Dewas District of Madhya Pradesh for holding a private prayer meeting. (Source: witness info)	Witness info	Madhya Pradesh
8/7/2021	Christian men Lal Bahadur and 2 others were arrested during a house prayer meeting. They were taken to the police station in Prayagraj district of Uttar Pradesh. (Source:witness info)	Witness info	Uttar Pradesh
8/8/2021	People opposed to Christians in Chhapora village, Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh refused to allow the burial of a Christian man according to Christian rites. Later the administration officials intervened to arrange the burial.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
8/8/2021	The Hindu nationalists issued a public warning in Daundi Lohara, Balod district of the state of Chhattisgarh that they will stop Christian prayer meetings held by Pastor Bhupendra Sahu. So, the pastor and local Christian leaders wask the police to provide protection during the prayer.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh

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8/9/2021	On 9 August in Warsliganj, Nawada, Bihar, an under-construction prayer hall of the GEMS House of Prayer was torn down and vandalized by suspected supporters of the Hindu nationalist movement. The attackers have also damaged the motor pump installed at the prayer hall. GEMS ministry's zonal leader, Dayanand Singh, and other missionaries planned a meeting with the district authorities	EFI-RLC Report	Bihar
8/10/2021	Hindu nationalist party members staged a march and blocked the roads demanding that Supela police register a case against Christians in Bhilai on unfounded claims of forced conversions of Hindus to Christian faith.	witness report	Chhattisgarh
8/11/2021	16-year-old Nitish Kumar, a helper to his pastor, suffered serious burns when acid was thrown at him by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. He was selling vegetables as a street vendor to support his family at Kamtanager village, in Gaya district of Bihar State when he was attacked by the Hindu nationalists.	https://www.telegaphindia.com/india/dalit-christian-boy-who-had-faced-an-acid-attack-in-gaya-died/cid/1832504	Bihar
8/11/2021	Rightwing activists in Unnao, Uttar Pradesh submitted memorandum to the superintendent of police alleging that Shivraj is involved in conversion work through allurement and force.	EFI-RLC Reports	Uttar Pradesh
8/12/2021	A marriage function was disrupted in Chattisgarh when religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party demanded the filing of a police report against a Christian youth allegedly, for printing the surname of his community in his marriage invitation card along with Christian symbols. These extremists continued raising slogans against conversion and gheroed the police station for several hours.	witness report	Chhattisgarh
8/12/2021	Right-wing groups created ruckus in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh with false allegations of religious conversion against Christian preachers. They blocked the National Highway 53, also surrounding the Supela police station. They demanded that a First Information Report (FIR) be filed against the pastor Heeru Jagata and two Christians in the police station on false accusation of performing a religious conversion on 3 August.	https://hindupost.in/dharma-religion/bhilai-protest-against-evangelism/	Chhattisgarh

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8/12/2021	12 Christians were converted to Hinduism in Gadwal District in Telangana by a Hindu nationalist outfit called Global Hindu Heritage Foundation – a US tax exempt organization	Welcome to SaveTemples.org! Mission to Protect and Preserve Hinduism and Hindu Temples Worldwide. A project of Global Hindu Heritage Foundation [GHHF] USA	Telangana
8/13/2021	Two Christians, Santosh Kol and Prabhu Baiga, in Umariya, Madhya Pradesh, were falsely accused of religious conversion work and taken to the police station by religious extremists.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
8/14/2021	Some Christian men and women in the village Sikhwani in Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh had gathered to pray for two days when they were interrupted by the village council head during the prayer and told that they should abandon their faith. Later, the village council head informed the police about the prayer. Police arrived, inquired about the incident, and took two Christian men, Lal Bahadur and Inder Jeet, to the Risia police station and registered a first information report against them (FIR). Police also named three other Christians in the FIR, Manoj Kumar, Prahlad Chauhan, and Ranjeet Kumar respectively.	EFI-RLC Reports	Uttar Pradesh
8/14/2021	A widowed Christian woman Anita (name changed), reports that she was thrown out of her house due to her Christian faith in a city in Madhya Pradesh state. She was told by her immediate family that she can not practice Christian faith in their home.	Victim reporting	Madhya Pradesh
8/14/2021	The social and political environment is so toxic and hostile that a Christian woman Rakhi (name changed), from Champawat district, Uttarakhand was physically attacked by her own relatives and they have given her an ultimatum to leave the house immediately or give her Christian faith.	Witness Report	Uttarakhand
8/14/2021	In Surat, Gujarat, a group of Hindu nationalists barged into a prayer meeting and disrupted them. They also demanded the Christians to show their identification cards.	EFI-RLC report	Gujarat
8/15/2021	A Christian woman Rakhi (name changed), from Champawat district, Uttarakhand was physically attacked by her own relatives and they have given her an ultimatum to leave the house immediately or give her Christian faith.	EFI-RLC report	Uttarakhand

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8/16/2021	Pastor Raghav Karenwa was conducting a prayer meeting in Devkhari, Bhawarnath, Kandharapur, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, along with his family when some people from his village came and began threatening them and calling them to the village head's house. The Christians obliged and went to the village council's head house, but the head also started threatening them and accusing them of conversion.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
8/16/2021	Families of Lal Singh, Aghanu Baiga and Sugariya were forced to leave their village in Sukhjar village of Kawardha Dist, Chattisgarh, on account of their faith in Jesus Christ.	Victims reporting	Chhattisgarh
8/16/2021	Ten Christians were attacked and sustained severe injuries in the Barwani district of Madhya Pradesh. Two of them fell unconscious.	Witness report	Madhya Pradesh
8/18/2021	A house worship meeting was disrupted in Pandesara, Surat, Gujarat by a group of religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party.	(source: witness information)	Gujarat
8/18/2021	Gariloung village in the state of Jharkhand held its village council meeting and ordered that Pastor (name withheld) to renounce his faith. One of the village council member was the Pastor's own uncle Diwani Kumar. The village council decided that if the Pastor refused to give up his faith he should be excommunicated and thrown out of the village.	EFI-RLC report	Jharkhand
8/18/2021	Pastor Kanhaiya Prajapati was abused and threatened by villagers in Kushinagar when he visited his sister's house. Kanahiya, pastors a church in Gopalapur, Jaunpur, UP. He was accused of converting people to Christianity in Kushinagar. Afterwards, Pastor Kanhaiya was arrested by Turkpatti Police. He was released two days later. Police had nothing to charge him with.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
8/19/2021	A meeting was held by the village council heads of 40 villages in Ludhutola KuiKukdur village, Kabirdham. Regional heads of two major political parties along with the village council were also present at this meeting. It was decided that eight local pastors, practicing and professing Christianity across several villages, whose names were discussed in the meeting, would be asked to take part. Pastors would be required to announce their decision about whether they want to follow Christianity or return to their former faith.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh

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8/20/2021	Members of the Hindu nationalist party are protesting against conversion in Chhattisgarh, have threatened to beat up Christians if they did not preach the Gospel.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
8/20/2021	Hindu nationalist party members took a rally against Christian evangelism in Raipur, Madhya Pradesh on August 20th. The rally has had a chilling effect on local Christians. Just being Christian in the state is seen as unacceptable in the current political climate.	https://maktoobmedia.com/2021/07/09/hindu-mobs-surround-homes-of-christian-pastors-beat-their-kin-in-chhattisgarh/	Madhya Pradesh
8/20/2021	Hindu extremists have been conducting a survey of the number of churches and Pastors in Belrayam, Lakhimpur district of Uttar Pradesh. Christian Pastors like Malathi Sahni, her family and those from her church are concerned about their safety.	Witness report	Uttar Pradesh
8/20/2021	Pastor Shyamnand was arrested and taken to the police station in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh on fake charges	Witness Report	Uttar Pradesh
8/21/2021	In Hisar, Haryana, Pastor Satpal Thoma along with four other Christians was arrested by Agroha police. Some locals falsely claimed all five of them were converting local people. However, later they were later charged with creating public disorder as they could not find evidence of conversion.	EFI-RLC report	Haryana
8/21/2021	Members of the local Christian community, Mr. Shivaji, his wife Riya, and sister Ludiya from Chhattisgarh, have reported that Hindu extremist leaders have threatened them with dire consequences if they continued to practice Christian faith. Mr. Shivaji wants to file a police case against them, but the police have not responded positively.	Victim statement	Chhattisgarh
8/22/2021	Members of the local church were forced to renounce their faith during the village council meeting in Mona village, Vaishali. Christians were warned saying that those who do not comply may face a social boycott.	EFI-RLC report	Maharashtra
8/22/2021	Pastor Robert James from Gurdaspur, Punjab was threatened by members of Hindu nationalist party not to enter their village.	Witness	Punjab
8/22/2021	Cyberabad Cyber crime department has arrested a Pastor (name withheld) from Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. He is charged with making comments against Hinduism on social media.	Victim statement	Telangana

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8/23/2021	Ms. Sita [name changed] from a village in Saran District in the state of Bihar was manhandled by some Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party for organizing a private Christian prayer meeting. They threatened her saying they will kill her if attended the prayer meetings.	Victim statement	Bihar
8/23/2021	Pastors Johnson and Josemon were attacked by a mob while they were returning from a flood relief work in Rajasthan. The mob pelted stones on their vehicles and punched Josemon on his face. These two pastors managed to escape.	Victim statement	Rajasthan
8/23/2021	Amarjeet, a Christian, and his mother were threatened by the police in Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh on account of him being a follower of Christ. It was informed that the police raided their house on 23 August, they removed the Christian calendars and took the Bibles. They accused the family of being involved in forceful conversions.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
8/24/2021	A young girl, Kumari Meena Bada, 18, died due to drowning in Markanar village, Bande, Kanker, Chhattisgarh. The post-mortem was conducted at Bande Hospital, but when preparations were made to take her to the village for the last rites, the village heads refused to bury her in the village, because the girl's family members followed Christian faith. As the dispute escalated, on August 25, Naib, the administrative officer of Bande reached the village, but some people of the village remained adamant about not allowing the girl to be cremated in the village.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
8/24/2021	A christian family was excommunicated in a Chattisgarh village as they decided to become Christians.	https://youtu.be/Si0wO9CKdel	Chhattisgarh
8/24/2021	Radical Hindu extremists of Mr, Modi's nationalist party forced a group of Christians to undergo a Hindu conversion ritual called 'Ghar Wapsi' in a village at Kawardha district of Chhattisgarh state.	witnesses	Chhattisgarh
8/24/2021	A Christian man called Madhu was severely attacked by Hindu extremists in a village in Dewas district in the state of Madhya Pradesh. Mr. Madhu was taken to a private hospital as he sustained head injuries with a broken arm.	Witnesses	Madhya Pradesh

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8/24/2021	The District Magistrate and Deputy District Magistrate in Safipur, Unnao have been served with a memorandum, with a false allegation, regarding the conversions conducted by pastors by a right-wing group. In the memorandum, they accused pastors and evangelists of insulting the religious feelings of other faith groups and alluring locals to accept Christianity.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
8/24/2021	Eleven Christians were sustained severe injuries after they were physically attacked at Adnathi, a village in Madhya Pradesh. A village chief led a mob of 250 against Christians who refused to give up their faith in Christ. During a prayer meeting, Hindu nationalists broke into a house-church accusing the Pentecostal pastor of engaging in prayer meetings to convert Hindus.	https://www.asianews.it/news-en/Eleven-Christians-attacked-in-Madhya-Pradesh-for-their-faith-(VIDEO)-53896.html	Madhya Pradesh
8/24/2021	Sushmita Oni (name changed), a Christian woman from the Santali tribe in the state of Odisha is facing severe challenges from her husband and family members for having decided to follow Christian faith. She even stands to lose custody of her young child in the process.	Witnesses	Odisha
8/25/2021	Eleven families from a Church in Pondum village, Dantewada district, Chhattisgarh are being forced to convert in a Hindu religious ceremony. They were threatened that there will be bloodshed if they did not convert to Hinduism	witnesses	Chhattisgarh
8/26/2021	Mr. Modi's party workers levelled false charges against Ms. Arti Devi and other Christians of trying to convert local villagers in the district of Hazaribag in the state of Jharkhand State.	Victim statement	Jharkhand
8/27/2021	Rajesh Kumar Gupta and his wife were falsely accused of forcing extended family members to convert to Christian faith in Jhanjharpur Nagar, Madhubani, Bihar. A local Hindu party organization called for a meeting to be held quickly. But the police investigation showed that the eldest brother of the family Rajesh Kumar Gupta and his wife Sunita Devi voluntarily adopted Christian faith in the year 2013. Their mother has also been following Christianity since 2016. Police found all the allegations by family members were false and baseless.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar

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8/27/2021	Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party went to a Christian institution in a village in Purnia District in the state of Bihar and threatened to close it immediately.	https://youtu.be/v0Tvzxx1ql0	Bihar
8/27/2021	members of the Hindu nationalist party of Mr. Modi have asked the government to close down five Christian churches in the outskirts of Jhabua district in the state of Madhya Pradesh. They have threatened to demolish the churches themselves if the government did not take action.	Local media reports	Madhya Pradesh
8/27/2021	Members of the Hindu nationalist party have submitted a memorandum to the district officials in charge of the administration in the district of Betul district of Madhya Pradesh state, and falsely alleged that the local Christians of evangelising and forcing locals to convert.	Witnesses Reporting	Madhya Pradesh
8/27/2021	Pastor Edwin along with his church members, from Jasodanagar, Ahmedabad, was travelling to Mount Abu hill station for a picnic. As they were boarding the bus, Hindu nationalists spotted them and falsely accused them of religious conversion. Eventually, they were able to leave and begin their journey to the hill station. However, one person from the crowd chased them on a bike. He noted their bus' details, visited the bus traveller agent's office and took the phone numbers of one of the Christians who rented the bus. They then came to one of the Christians' homes and asked who all was in leadership in their church	EFI-RLC report	Gujarat
8/28/2021	The local police in Ambedkarnagar, Uttar Pradesh asked Pastor Vishwanath Gaur to stop holding Sunday prayer meetings. It was reported that a false report was given to the police that the pastor is involved in religious conversion work. A copy of the Church's trust deed was taken by police, and they objected to the purpose of propagating the Christian faith. Right-wing groups, the media and the police are hunting down even small fellowships, according to information received. A state of fear is prevalent among rural Christians.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh

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8/28/2021	Sunday worship service was disrupted in Polmi village, Kawardha district, Chhattisgarh. The pastor and others, including women and children were severely manhandled by members of the Hindu nationalist groups. The church was also vandalised.	https://www.ucanews.com/news/attacks-on-christians-go-unpunished-in-indian-state/93924	Chhattisgarh
8/29/2021	Pastor Praveen who is associated with AG Church in Noida, Uttar Pradesh was attacked by several of his neighbours. This was after he had finished his evening church service. The neighbours alleged that the pastor was involved in religious conversion. The perpetrators also physically assaulted some of the Christians who have sustained internal injuries. The police were informed of the incident, they came and suggested a compromise or asked the pastor to vacate the rented house.	Efi-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
8/29/2021	Pastor Onkveer John was conducting Sunday prayer services, in village Malakpur, Block Laksar, Haridwar Uttarakhand. All of a sudden some religious extremists barged in and accused him of religious conversion activities. They took away all the copies of the Bible, Christian songbooks, and many other assets. Extremists then falsely reported religious conversions to the police, accusing the pastor. Police arrived and took Pastor Onkveer John to the Laksar station.	Efi-RLC report	Uttarakhand
8/29/2021	Following mental, financial, and social harassment by domineering Hindu extremists over alleged religious conversions, Christians in Khadkagaon village, Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh handed over a memorandum to the district administrative officer regarding continual harassment.	Efi-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
8/29/2021	Mr. Modi's Hindu Nationalist party organized a social gathering to convert Christians to Hinduism by threat and force. The caste society called Chhattisgarh Mahar Society officials say, preaching the Gospel to the mahar people amounts to targeting and luring gullible uneducated tribal and Dalit families to Christianity in Kahagaon village. Balod, Chhattisgarh,	Efi-RLC report	Chhattisgarh

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8/29/2021	Pastor Paraste and his family were thrashed by a mob of more than 100 religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party in Kabhirdham district of Chhattisgarh	https://www.licas.news/2021/08/31/hindu-mob-attacks-christian-pastor-family-in-india/	Chhattisgarh
8/29/2021	Pastor Manoj Kumar in Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh was detained by the local police on the accusation of forceful religious conversion. The police barged into the ongoing church service and brought him to the local police station.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
8/30/2021	In Jamdih village, Gumla, Jharkhand, a false complaint of religious conversion and sexual abuse of a minor was made against 15 Christians including a local pastor Sheetal Ram. The complaint was made at the Kurkura police station and the following sections were invoked: sections 323, 341, 295, 504, 448, 506, and 509 of IPC and Section 4 (forced conversion) of the Religious Freedom Act and Section 8 (Sexual Harassment of Minors) of POCSO Act.	EFI-RLC report	Jharkhand
8/31/2021	in Kartalpur, Azamgarh, Pastor Ramchandra (who is originally from Varanasi) was arrested in Azamgarh Kotwali, while he was having a house Christian fellowship. The local religious extremists came to the meeting and said that they wanted to know more about Jesus. After 15 minutes they left and came back with 5 constables and took Pastor into custody.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
8/31/2021	Pastor Ramchandra (60 years) was arrested by police on false charges of forcing people to convert. He was sent to judicial custody and lodged at Azamgarh jail, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The health of the pastor is reported to be worsening.	witnesses	Uttar Pradesh
8/31/2021	In Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Sudheer of IBT Church was harassed by some religious extremists who had come to his house in the night and threatened and harassed him. The pastor was warned not to conduct church services, or else they would attack the church. The same group filed a false complaint against Pastor Neil Durai earlier in August.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh

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9/1/2021	In Pataimuraini, Sultanpur Uttar Pradesh, some right-wing group's activists came to Pastor Sabajeet and sought money for Temple but he politely denied giving. For a response like that from the pastor, they planned to falsely implicate him with the accusation that he is trying to convert them forcibly to accept the Christian faith. After some time, the Police came and took Pastor Savajeet, Chhotelal, Gopinath into custody at Chanda police station, Sultanpur. Earlier, in July, Christians were harassed while they were trying to bury Pastor Sabajeet's grandmother.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
9/1/2021	Rudauli, Faizabad, Ayodhya district, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Ghanshyam was detained by the police when he was praying with a small group in the church. When Mukesh, Suraj and Ramsingh went to the Police Station on 2nd September morning to meet Pastor, they were also detained by police.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
9/1/2021	Two pastors (name withheld for security reasons) were attacked in the Dalamauha, village in Kawardha, of the state of Chhattisgarh.	witnesses	Chhattisgarh
9/1/2021	Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party gathered in large numbers in front of IMS school in Hazaribagh district, Jharkhand and held a violent protest demanding the authorities to close the Christian school, alleging conversion. The institution has been around for 25 years, with more than 1000 students.	Witnesses	Jharkhand
9/1/2021	Members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) one of the organizations listed as militant groups by the Central Intelligence Agency threatened to demolish churches in Jhabua district. Groups of men began storming churches and prayer halls in the area dubbing them as "illegal structures" and falsely accusing the priests and local Christians of "forcefully conducting religious conversions."	witnesses	Madhya Pradesh
9/1/2021	The district court in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh dismissed the bail petition of Pastor Ramchand who was arrested on Aug 31 by police on fabricated charges of forcing people to convert.	witnesses	Uttar Pradesh

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9/2/2021	Pastor Ajay in Motipur, Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh, was asked to report at the local police station of Motipur. When he reached the station, the police said that they had received a complaint against him that he was involved in religious conversion activity. Moreover, the police said that a team from Lucknow would pick him up and take him to Lucknow for questioning. Due to the intervention of the Christian advocacy group, the pastor was not charged, and let go.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
9/3/2021	Pastor Sankar Verma was arrested on fabricated charges of forceful religious conversion in Mainpuri district of the state of Uttar Pradesh.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
9/4/2021	Rev David, was arrested by police and sent to judicial custody for 14 days in Erode district, in the state of Tamil Nadu based on fabricated complaints made by Hindu nationalist groups against him saying he hurt the sentiments of Hindus during a Hindu festival.	https://www.newindianexpress.com/s tates/tamil-nadu/2021/sep/02/pastor-held-for-hurting-religious-sentiments-in-coimbatore-2353393.html	Tamil Nadu
9/5/2021	Pastor Ghanshyam in Maniganj Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, was conducting a Sunday praying meeting. Some policemen from a local police station approached him and threatened him not to pray with other Christians without permission. Pastor Ghanshyam and three Christians, two men and one woman, were then taken to the local police station	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
9/5/2021	A Christian priest Harish Sahu and two others were physically assaulted by a mob inside a police station in Chhattisgarh Raipur city on Sunday, NDTV reported. The assault was captured on camera. The incident took place at the Purani Basti police station. Chhattisgarh Christian Forum General Secretary Ankush Bariyekar and a man named Prakash Masih was also beaten up, reported the Hindustan Times. Videos of the incident showed the priest being beaten with shoes. https://scroll.in/latest/1004660/chhattisgarh-right-wing-mob-beats-up-christian-priest-inside-police-station-in-raipur	https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/christian-pastor-assaulted-inside-chhattisgarh-police-station-over-alleged-forcible-religious-conversion-2530834	Chhattisgarh

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9/5/2021	On Friday a group of Hindu extremists from the Hindu Jagaran Vedike (HJV) stormed the Pragathi Centre, a private Christian prayer house, in Udupi district (Karnataka) during a prayer meeting. The Hindu militia group accused Benedict, one of the organisers of the prayer meeting, of forcibly trying to convert people. They ransacked the facility and threatened those present. Eventually, police moved in and drove away the HJV militants.	INDIA Anti-Christian violence is rampant in Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh (asianews.it)	Karnataka
9/5/2021	Police entered a church during sunday worship held in a house of a Christian family and arrested Pastor Amar Singh and Vinod in Amarpatan District in the state of Madhya Pradesh.	Pastor attacked and arrested in Madhya Pradesh ChristianToday India	Madhya Pradesh
9/5/2021	Sunday worship service was disrupted by religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party in Pastor Samson Masih's congregation in Kidwai Nagar, Kanpur District, Uttar Pradesh	Witnesses	Uttar Pradesh
9/6/2021	In Valsad, Gujarat, the Wesleyan Methodist Church's Rev. Daniel was summoned to the local police station. It was alleged that some people who had been opposing Christian presence had submitted a complaint to the Chief Minister's office. Therefore, the local police were investigating. According to officials at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, this was a serious attempt to harass Wesleyan church pastors and somehow to shut down the church. Police sought information about the church's list of existing members and various other documents including a record of baptisms.	EFI-RLC report	Gujarat
9/6/2021	A Christian Prayer meeting was disrupted by Hindu nationalists claiming the prayer was held to convert people.	A prayer meeting was disrupted by the villagers and three were arrested in Milkipur, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh on allegations of conversion. https://public.app/video/sp_pfe1k9fh_ymse8	Uttar Pradesh
9/7/2021	An independent pastor Asim Sona was summoned to Sankra police station in Jagdishpur, Mahasamund, in the state of Chhattisgarh because someone had made a complaint against him. The police called both him and his wife into the station to question them. The pastor was let go after interrogation but he was told that he may be contacted again.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh

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9/7/2021	A christian worker Jiyalal Nishad was arrested in Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh on false charges of forcing people to convert to Christian faith.	Witnesses	Uttar Pradesh
9/7/2021	The Hindu nationalist government in the state of Madhya Pradesh has refused to renew the license of seven missionary schools run by the Catholic Diocese of Jhabua, citing “unavailability of subject-wise teachers and land records.”	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
9/7/2021	Pastor Ajay Kumar Gautam in Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh, was asked to report at Kotwali {Main City Police Station} Bhadohi and meet the Station House Officer. He was told that he has been under observation by local police for a few days because he conducts Christian prayer meetings, which villagers are complaining about. The new village chief also opposes church activities.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
9/7/2021	A mob of Hindu extremists broke up a prayer meeting and dragged the head of the local Evangelical church, Pastor Raju Majhi to the police station in Jianpur. The police arrested the pastor under the state’s anti-conversion law, based on the complaints from the Hindu extremists. The next day Rev Rajesh Kumar, a friend of Pastor Raju Majhi went to see him at the police station. The police arrested Rev Rajesh also.	INDIA Anti-Christian violence is rampant in Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh (asianews.it)	Uttar Pradesh
9/7/2021	Pastor Raju Manjhi was conducting a prayer in Misripur village, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, meeting in a fellow Christian’s home. A complaint was filed against the pastor for conducting the prayer and the Pastor was taken to Jiyanpur police station by police. The pastor was charged booked as per the Uttar Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
9/8/2021	was conducting a prayer meeting in village Khushurupur, Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh, Ms Sanju Devi. While the prayer was carrying on, a group of local media people showed up in front of their prayer hall and started accusing them of conversion activities. Local media threatened them that a right-wing outfit would come to deal with them anytime. Ms Sanju Devi contacted the police control room, and two patrolling policemen came. They interacted with the local media and Sanju. The media accused Sanju and Christians. In response, Ms Sanju refuted all the allegations.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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9/8/2021	Pastors Ramudesh Sahni and Omprakash in Hanuman Garh, Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh were participating in a prayer meeting when Local right-wing leaders came and accused him of forcible conversion. Both of them were been taken into police custody at Hanumangarh police station.	EFI_RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
9/8/2021	Women from Sahu community in Urla town in Raipur District in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh report that they were verbally abused and threatened by the supporters of the Hindu nationalist party for their faith in Christ.	Reported by the Victim	Chhattisgarh
9/8/2021	Pastor Sahni and Omprakash were arrested. They were charged with attempted conversion for holding a Christian prayer meeting in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh.	Christians Under Attack In India Countercurrents	Uttar Pradesh
9/8/2021	Pastor Prasad from Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand, reports that he was questioned by the police about how he gets people to join the faith while conducting a private prayer meeting at a home of a church member.	Reported by the Victim	Uttarakhand
9/8/2021	Mr. Modi's party members barged into the Assemblies of God Church in Chengannur, Kerala and placed a flag of Hindu nationalist party's flag. The local Pastor of the church has been facing continued harassment from the Hindu nationalists for a few years on and off.	Witness report	Kerala
9/8/2021	The media reported that the village council from Ambadigaon, Bichua block, Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh had called for a village meeting a few days ago. The village council had ruled that families converting to Christianity would be socially boycotted. No one will participate in their programs or have anything to do with them.	Vernacular media	Madhya Pradesh
9/10/2021	Pastor Richard in Jearuaa village, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh and other fellow Christians were taken to a local police station. The pastor was informed that someone has complained against them saying in the guise of Christian prayer, they are involved in forceful religious conversion and speak ill of other communities	EFI_RLC report	Uttar Pradesh

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9/10/2021	In a large scale protest organised in the northern state of Chhattisgarh, Hindu nationalist groups of Prime Minister Modi's party threatened the local administration that they will go on indefinite strike campaign if the official did not stop Christian churches functioning in the state. They said, if the state does not act immediately, they will organize additional protest rallies in every district and village across the state. They claimed that functioning of churches in the state is aiding conversion of people to Christianity.	Witnesses	Chhattisgarh
9/10/2021	Religious Hindu nationalists disrupted a Christian prayer service in Nakre, Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka. They severely manhandled the worshippers and demanded that the police take action against the Christians for holding Christian prayers.	Victims reporting	Karnataka
9/10/2021	A group allegedly belonging to the Hindu Jagarana Vedike barged into a Christian prayer meeting at Kukkundoor in Karkala region of Karnataka and shouted slogans denouncing Christians. The police rushed to the spot and dispersed the crowds.	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/86129999.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=c_ppst	Karnataka
9/10/2021	Ms. Sumiti is a mother of two and a widow. Because she is Christian, her house was set on fire by suspected members of the Hindu nationalists in the eastern state of Odisha.	Victim reporting	Odisha
9/11/2021	Five people were arrested during a private Christian prayer meeting in Bikapur, Faizabad district, in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh and sent to jail on allegations of forceful conversions.	https://circle.page/post/8741193?utm_source=an&person=4843269	Uttar Pradesh
9/11/2021	Local police arrested Pastor Ashish John from Mahoba, in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, under anti-conversion laws	Victim	Uttar Pradesh
9/11/2021	Pastor Ajay Kumar was taken to the police station in Baruasarsand, in the state of Uttar Pradesh and falsely charged with offering money to people to convert. He was released after finding out that it was not true.	Victim reporting	Uttar Pradesh

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9/12/2021	Pastor Dinesh was detained in Loni, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, by the police of Banthla police post. The pastor had gone to register a complaint against some religious extremists who threatened and harassed him saying if he continued church services, there would be dire consequences.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
9/13/2021	Pastor Inderjeet Dusadh in Gola Koliram road, Rani Bazaar, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh was conducting a prayer meeting at his home. Then suddenly some policemen arrived and they stopped the service. The pastor was asked if he conducts prayer meetings with permission. If the pastor does not have permission, he cannot invite people to pray at his home.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
9/13/2021	Pastor Samuel and 3 others were kidnapped during a meeting in Nokha, Bikaner, Rajasthan by Hindu nationalists belonging to Prime Minister Modi's party.	Reported by relatives of the victim	Rajasthan
9/14/2021	Chhote Lal was conducting a prayer meeting at his house. Then suddenly two policemen came and stopped the service. They have warned them not to conduct the prayer meeting, or else we will arrest you and send you to prison.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
9/14/2021	Pastor Vinod Kumar Sattimadhe from Maholi, Sitapur District, Uttar Pradesh was detained by the Sitapur Police when he was visiting a Christian family. A complaint was filed by some religious extremists alleging that he is involved in religious conversion. The police then registered a first information report against the victim u/s 153A of the Indian Penal Code and 3/5 of Uttar Pradesh FoRA.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
9/15/2021	A pastor's wife (name withheld) in the state of Assam was severely burnt when people sympathetic to the cause of Hindu nationalism poured hot soup on her intentionally.	Victim's family	Assam
9/15/2021	Brother Ashish belonging to the Church of South India was forcefully taken by some Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party, and later he was arrested and sent to jail in Mahoba District, Uttar Pradesh.	Victim's family	Uttar Pradesh

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9/16/2021	In Jehanbad, Bihar, local evangelists Dinesh Manjhi and his wife Usha Devi were attacked while they were holding a prayer event at home. Hindu extremists barged into their home and physically assaulted them. It is reported that in the past they have also been threatened for practicing their faith. The injured couple were taken to a local government hospital for treatment. The next morning, they went to the local police station and submitted their application. But refused to file a complaint against the Hindu extremist attackers.	EFI_RLC report	Bihar
9/17/2021	Mr. Ravi Kumar Gupta, a native of Belhi village in Supaul district had recently started to follow the Christian faith. He was nabbed by members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). They claimed that Mr. Gupta was the reason why 30 Hindu families became Christians in his village. The VHP men handed him over to the police.	Christian preacher Ravi Gupta arrested for religious conversions in Bihar, 4th such case in a week!: IndiaSpeaks (reddit.com)	Bihar
9/17/2021	In Triveniganj, Supaul, Bihar, Ravi Kumar, a part-time Christian evangelist visited a house in the neighbourhood for a birthday party. Local supporters of Hindu extremist party physically assaulted him. Then, they handed the man to Triveniganj Police.	EFI_RLC report	Bihar
9/17/2021	The Auxiliary Bishop Paul Muniya of the Protestant Shalom Church in Jhabua led a delegation to the tehsildar. There, he submitted a memorandum addressed to the President of India. In the Memorandum Christians raised concerns over right-wingers having set a deadline to demolish churches on 26 September, claiming they are illegal church structures and carry out religious conversion activities in the district.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
9/17/2021	A Christian woman, Ms. Kiran was confronted and verbally abused for sharing the gospel. She was accused of forcefully converting Hindus, in Sampla area of Rohtak, in the upper northern state of Haryana.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B UxvRcvTVII	Haryana

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9/18/2021	In Mangapat Sirasai, West Singhbhum of Jharkhand state, villagers and village council heads invited Christians to participate in the village council meeting. The Christians were RautuBankira, Rajendra Bankira, and HiralalBankira who had accepted the Christian faith out of their free will recently. In the meeting, police officers of Mazgaon and Kumardungi police station along with the office bearers of Tribal officials called Adivasi Ho Samaj Yuva Mahasabha were also present. Christians were told to convert to the faith of other villagers but they politely declined. So, a social boycott was imposed against these three Christian families.	EFI_RLC report	Jharkhand
9/18/2021	A massive anti-Christian rally was organized by Hindu nationalists of Prime Minister Modi's party leaders against Christians in the state of Chhattisgarh.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9zL9lft35c	Chhattisgarh
9/19/2021	Four Christians, Ramesh, Sunil, Bhagirath, and Totaram, were accused of forcible religious conversion in Bhikagaon, Khargone, Madhya Pradesh. Christians have built a prayer hall so that they can gather and pray together. Villagers, who oppose them, filed a motivated police complaint alleging that religious conversions were being carried out by the Christians.	EFI_RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
9/19/2021	Pastor Rambhagwan Vishwakarma in village Sakhauli, Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh, was conducting a prayer meeting when religious extremists filed a false complaint of religious conversion against him. Hence, the pastor was called to the local police station where he interacted with the police personnel and cooperated by answering questions. In the end, the allegation of conversion was found to be baseless.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
9/19/2021	Some anti-social elements in the village Chintman, Tehsil Milak, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh trespassed the house of Ramesh Max, a Christian. Ramesh conducts prayer meetings on his property and offers elementary school tuition to the children in his neighbourhood. The trespassers shouted at the time of the intrusion that they would not allow prayer meetings to take place.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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9/19/2021	On September 19 - having been prevented from drawing water from the main well - the women of the group had gone to fill their containers in the paddy field. Suddenly and without any provocation from them, a group of hostile men and women stormed the houses, beat the Christians and threw away the water they had collected, making it impossible for these families to even cook or wash themselves. Two families fled to the forest, while the other two left the village, finding refuge in the house of some relatives in a nearby village. They are Dalit families belonging to the Jesus Calls Prayer Tower, an Indian Pentecostal group. When they returned to their homes two days later, they found them destroyed and were threatened, saying that because they had become Christians they were no longer allowed to live in the village.	https://www.asianews.it/news-en/Orissa,-4-families-kicked-out-of-the-village-for-being-Christians-54133.html	Odisha
9/19/2021	Sunday worship service in a church in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh was disrupted by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. The Hindu nationalists barged in during the worship and shouted slogans against Christians. Pastor Ved Prakash Yadav and 6 others, including women, were arrested by police instead of the ones who disturbed the worship, due to pressure from the ruling Hindu nationalist party officials.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
9/20/2021	Pastor Shyamsundar from Etawah, Uttar Pradesh was arrested under Sec 3/5 of Anti-Conversion law, and sent to jail. He was severely assaulted.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
9/21/2021	Christians from Fatehpur, Gaya district, in the state of Bihar were assaulted by a large group of Hindu nationalists on allegations that they accepted Christian faith.	Victim reporting	Bihar
9/21/2021	Pastor Rajesh (name changed) from Sagar, in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh is harassed by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. They have threatened to burn the church with an ultimatum asking him to leave the town by October 5th, 2021. The police also support the Hindu nationalists falsely accusing him of forcefully converting the villagers in return for money.	Victim reporting	Madhya Pradesh

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9/23/2021	Pastor Ajit Nath was arrested by the police on false charges of forcing people to follow Christian faith in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party made the complaint to the police saying that the pastor was evangelizing the people in neighborhood.	ADF-India	Uttar Pradesh
9/24/2021	A 14-year-old Dalit Christian boy who had faced an acid attack in Gaya on Aug 11, died at a Patna hospital on Sept 24, with neither Gaya nor Patna police filing cases despite the family alleging longstanding threats posed by Hindu nationalist vigilante groups loyal to Prime Minister Modi and his party.	Dalit Christian boy who had faced an acid attack in Gaya died - Telegraph India	Bihar
9/24/2021	Five members of three Christian families were forced to convert to Hinduism through ghar wapsi ceremony in Raipur district, Chhattisgarh. Hindu nationalists who organised the ceremony said they will target about 1000 Christian families to be converted to Hinduism.	Witnesses	Chhattisgarh
9/24/2021	Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party have accused Pastor Shankar (name changed) and his congregation at Shankar Nagar, Durg, in the state of Chhattisgarh of forceful conversions.	Witness report	Chhattisgarh
9/24/2021	Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party barged into a prayer meeting and stopped it in Bhiwani district, Haryana. They also videotaped part of the prayer meeting before shouting slogans to stop it. Pastor Praveen and Pastor Afreen were assaulted during the attack. Then they collected all the Bibles from the attendees and tore them.	Witness report	Haryana
9/24/2021	Four Christian families in Ladamila village of the Kandhamal district in the state of Odisha were assaulted and driven out of their homes because they converted to Christian faith. Later their houses were set on fire by the members of Hindu nationalist party of Mr. Modi.	INDIA Orissa, 4 families kicked out of the village for being Christians (asianews.it)	Odisha
9/24/2021	Local authorities have issued a notice to Pastor Rajinder for constructing a church building on his private land alleging falsely that he is forcefully converting Hindus to Christianity in Nazeemabad, in the state of Uttarakhand.	Witness report	Uttarakhand

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9/24/2021	In Garounda, Karnal, Haryana, nearly 10 people on 4 bikes between 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm attacked Pastor Vikas Singh and his family with various iron weapons while they were returning from a prayer meeting. They were saved by some people from another village. Due to the timely intervention of villagers, they were spared from having any major injuries but they do have some small marks on his wife's body. The pastor apprehends the attack took place due to his religious activity as a Christian. A complaint has been filed at midnight at the Garounda Police Station, but the Pastor's family is in pain and in fear.	EFI_RLC report	Haryana
9/26/2021	On 26 September in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh, pastor Dinesh Soni was with fellow Christians when some people approached them and began to question them. They then called the officials of the Hindu nationalist party and local police from Sector 1. A woman named Jyoti Sharma, who is an office-bearer of the nationalist party, physically assaulted the pastor by hitting him on the face.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
9/26/2021	A house church service was stopped in Yadgir district of Karnataka by the Hindu nationalists. They filed a false complaint against Pastor James, wife Sister Leela, son Shanthraj and Sister Mallamma, in whose house the meeting was conducted. The police arrested them and sent them to Gulbarga jail for on judicial custody until a bail application could be moved.	https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/karnataka/2021/sep/29/four-held-for-religious-conversion-bid-in-karnatakas-yadgir-2365112.html	Karnataka
9/26/2021	Sister Reena from Sudama Chauraha, Dewaria, Uttar Pradesh was arrested by police for holding a prayer meeting in her school premises and later released after she was forcefully asked to state that she will not conduct Christian prayer meetings again.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
9/26/2021	in the Sui village, Bawanikhera, Bhiwani, Haryana, Pastor Raj kumar, his family, and some of his guests, were praying at his home when members of the Hindu nationalist party barged into his home yelling and screaming. They disputed the prayer meeting. They verbally abused and threatened the pastor, and other Christians. They also used profanity against Christianity, verbally abused Christian women, and warned them of a social boycott.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana

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9/27/2021	in Village Navhi, District Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh, sympathizers of the Hindu nationalist party caught Pastor Ramashray on the main highway and falsely accused him of forceful conversion. Police came to the spot and arrested him. Later, a few Hindu nationalists falsely accused the pastor of vandalizing the local Hindu temple as they found nothing else to charge him with.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
9/27/2021	A police case was filed against Suresh and Pastor Lithus (names changed) on false allegations under the anti-conversion law of the state, in Belsonda, Mahasamud, Chhattisgarh.	witness report	Chhattisgarh
9/27/2021	Evangelist Charlie John, Babu K Verghese's sister's son, from Agra Brethren Assembly and Vishal were arrested in Rampur Police Station in Himachal Pradesh for holding prayer meetings.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x dcDkerCN2s	Himachal Pradesh
9/27/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists assaulted the members of a church in Nagawara, Karnataka and burnt the Bibles.	Victims reporting	Karnataka
9/27/2021	Another incident of a church being targeted by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party and allegations of forceful conversions have been reported, in Chandauli district of Uttar Pradesh.	witness report	Uttar Pradesh
9/27/2021	Evangelist Dashrath Ahirwar in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh was attacked and accused of religious conversion in his own house by religious extremists. Subsequently, even local Another incident of a church being targeted by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party and allegations of forceful conversions have been reported, in Chandauli district of Uttar Pradesh.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
9/28/2021	A Christian man named Shyam Sundar Mandal from Madhepura district in the state of Bihar was arrested and charged falsely of forcing people to convert to Christian faith.	Christian preacher Ravi Gupta arrested for religious conversions in Bihar, 4th such case in a week!: IndiaSpeaks (reddit.com)	Bihar
9/28/2021	Pastor John Fernandes was threatened in Fatehpur, Yamunanagar, Haryana by Hindu nationalists at a home of a church member while he was conducting a house prayer. He was also accused of converting people to Christian faith.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana

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9/28/2021	A police investigation is underway due to pressure from Hindu nationalist groups in Pipra Khurd village in Saraigarh block where 20 to 25 families were reportedly converted to Christianity.	https://hindupost.in/dharma-religion/christian-preacher-ravi-gupta-arrested-for-religious-conversions-in-bihar-4th-such-case-in-a-week/	Bihar
9/29/2021	Rev. Charlie John in Lalas village, Himachal Pradesh and two other Christians, Vishal and Keval Ram, were taken to Rampur Police station by a mob of Hindu nationalists amidst hostile and threatening sloganeering. They were arrested under the anti-conversion law. As per Rev Charlie John and two others, they were distributing copies of the Bible to those who took them freely	EFI-RLC Report	Himachal Pradesh
9/30/2021	Pastor Raj Mashi from Semari village, Buxar district, Bihar was assaulted by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. They threatened to close down his church.	(Source: https://morningstarnews.org/2021/11/pastor-who-lost-wife-to-covid-19-forced-to-stop-worship/)	Bihar
9/30/2021	The Jhabua district administration in the state of Madhya Pradesh issued an order in September asking priests to submit details of churches and certificates of those who have accepted Christianity – to “ensure legal conversions.”	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
10/1/2021	In ColonelganjGonda, Uttar Pradesh, a fellow Christian invited Pastor Jacob Kasturi to pray in his home. During the prayer, a group of 30 or more locals entered the home and started beating the pastor. Pastor Jacob was accompanied by his son. The attackers attempted to set the pastor's vehicle on fire, but other locals, realizing the violence was escalating, informed the police, and the pastor was taken into custody. The pastor was released the same day late in the evening after presenting church registration documents. During this entire process, the pastor was mentally harassed, and the attackers warned him not to enter the town. Pastor is associated with India Missionary Society.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
10/1/2021	Police officers from the Bikapur Police Station in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, disrupted a peaceful Christian prayer service. They took around 30 people, including the Church pastor Motial Paswan, and children who were gathered for prayer into police custody at the station.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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10/1/2021	A massive protest rally was organised in Chhattisgarh Surguja district against Christians by Hindu nationalist party members like Swami Parmatmanand. The rally called for targeted killings of minorities involved in these alleged forced conversions. Swami Parmatmanand said in the rally, “I am a saint. I don’t care, I will tell you clearly. Ramvihar ji has said the same thing but he is a little unclear. Keep a lathi at home... In our villages, people keep hand-axes. Why do they keep axes? Why do you keep a farsa? Behead them – those who come for conversion. Now you’ll say that I am spreading hate although I’m a saint. But it’s important to ignite the fire sometimes. I am telling you; anyone who comes into your house, street, neighbourhood, village, don’t forgive them,” he said.”	https://thewire.in/communalism/chhattisgarh-hindutva-leader-christian-bjp-leaders-hate-watch	Chhattisgarh
10/2/2021	Pastor Nandan Bisht in Nanital, Uttarakhand, was taken to the Ramnagar police station, when he was conducting a prayer meeting. Some religious extremists came to him while he was conducting his routine weekly prayers and they accused him of carrying out the religious conversion. At the police station, he was again falsely accused of religious conversion. Police booked him and his wife under the Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttarakhand
10/2/2021	Pastor Ravindra Kumar and 14 believers were arrested by police under various sections of the anti-conversion law, in Ayodhya district of Uttar Pradesh state.	(Source: https://www.aajtak.in/india/uttar-pradesh/story/ayodhya-police-and-administrative-officers-raided-on-the-information-of-conversion-inquiry-ntc-1335060-2021-10-01)	Uttar Pradesh
10/3/2021	Evangelist Dinesh Chouhan conducted a Sunday worship service in Otta village, Khargone, Madhya Pradesh. Twelve members of a right-wing group came to the prayer venue and started to argue with Christians. The right-wingers took Dinesh to a local police station and threatened all Christians to stop attending prayer meetings. The police interrogated the evangelist at the station, but let him go. The police told him that they would call him and that he should come for an investigation.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh

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10/3/2021	Pastor Santosh Rao's church service was interrupted in Charoda village of Durg district in Chhattisgarh. Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party wanted to register a case against the Pastor but no case was registered till the end of the day	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Chhattisgarh
10/3/2021	Pastor Pawan Patel's church service in Kusumi village of Mahasamund district, Chhattisgarh was interrupted but the police officers stopped short of arresting the Christians.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Chhattisgarh
10/3/2021	Pastor Ramu Yadav's church service in Mowa in Raipur district, Chhattisgarh was disrupted by the Hindu nationalists but no case was registered.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
10/3/2021	Christians attending a prayer meeting in Karnal, Haryana were attacked by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party and their home where they were praying was vandalised. Many were injured	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Haryana
10/3/2021	Sunday worship was disrupted in Hoshangabad district in Madhya Pradesh	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
10/3/2021	Pastor Santosh, from New Delhi reports that he was harassed by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. they accused him of trying to convert forceful conversion. Please pray for him.	EFI-RLC Report	New Delhi
10/3/2021	Pastor Suraj Pal from Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh was arrested by the police station on made up charges of forceful conversion.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
10/3/2021	Prem Singh was conducting a prayer service in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh when suddenly police barged in and disrupted their prayer service and warned the pastor not to continue with their service and also arrested the pastor.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
10/3/2021	Pastor Dinesh after concluding a Sunday prayer was on his way home in the village of ChakGordhan, Bijanaur, Uttar Pradesh. He was stopped by two policemen and questioned where he was coming from. The pastor responded saying he was coming from the church service. Then seeing the Bible etc. with the pastor, the policeman said that he would have to report at the local police station the next day.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
10/3/2021	Pastor Durgesh Bharti from Nasirabad village, Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh was threatened and abused by a Hindu religious extremists group while conducting a prayer service in his house. The perpetrators called the police and filed a false complaint of religious conversion against the victim. The police arrested the Pastor at Paniyara thane.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
10/3/2021	Pastor Nandu Nathaniel from Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh was conducting a prayer meeting along with 20 to 25 members of the church when police barged in and disrupted the service and arrested the pastor along with 15 other Christians from the church at Kotwalithana. Police filed a case against them accusing them of having converted to Christianity.	https://believersportal.com/pastor-nandhanathaniel-and-wife-in-northern-india-jailed-on-false-forced-conversion-claims/	Uttar Pradesh
10/3/2021	A church service was disrupted in Belawa, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh and the pastor was arrested by police on charges of forceful conversion. He was later released as the church members objected. He was warned to not hold any more prayer meetings.	victim report	Uttar Pradesh
10/3/2021	Pastor Ravindra Kumar and 14 Christians were arrested in Ayodhya district of Uttar Pradesh state and the police have charged them under various sections of the law.	victim report	Uttar Pradesh
10/3/2021	A group of Mr. Modi's party members stormed a prayer meeting hosted by Pastor Shrinivas Prasad in Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh and attacked the christians who had gathered there.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
10/3/2021	Pastor Vipin Kumar whose church in Jwalapur, Haridwar district, Uttarakhand was attacked by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party and Sunday service disrupted.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttarakhand
10/3/2021	An unruly mob of Hindu nationalists went on a rampage and vandalised a Roorkee-based church attacking and seriously injuring five persons during a Sunday prayer meeting.	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/86736610.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst	Uttarakhand

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10/3/2021	in Karnal, Haryana, a Christian woman, Kanika, and about 25 to 30 other Christians were attacked by members of the Hindu nationalist party during a Sunday prayer service. The home where Christians were praying was also vandalized.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
10/4/2021	Several pastors are reporting today that they are getting threatening calls from Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party in Bihar	witness report	Bihar
10/4/2021	The Hindu nationalists have filed a false case against Pastor K A John from Chikkaballapur district in Karnataka for holding sunday worship services.	witness report	Karnataka
10/4/2021	Rev Adaikalaraj, a pastor from Assemblies of God church in Trichy City of Tamil Nadu was attacked by the Hindu nationalists. He was severely injured in the attack.	witness report	Tamil Nadu
10/4/2021	Pastor Nandan from Nanital district in Uttarakhand state was arrested by police for holding a prayer meeting.	witness report	Uttar Pradesh
10/4/2021	A Christian man Bablu and a few other Christians were arrested by police in Pawai, Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh based on a complaint by a group of Hindu nationalists in the district.	https://countercurrents.org/2021/10/christians-under-attack-in-india/	Uttar Pradesh
10/5/2021	in Sarai village, Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh, local Christians were threatened and were interrogated by saying as to whom do they worship and why by right-wing group members. After Christians informed them that they worship Jesus they made scornful remarks as well as demonstrated their protest by raising slogans of Jai Sriram.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
10/5/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists surrounded the house of a Christian man Raju Dhanwar in Mahil village, Khunti in the state of Jharkhand and demonstrated to intimidate and harass him. A rights group contacted the Muruhu police. The officer responded saying that the matter was sensitive, but the police were trying to resolve it.	EFI-RLC Report	Jharkhand

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10/5/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists targeted Pastor Santhosh Rao for the second time in the week in Charoda village of Durg district in the state of Chhattisgarh. It is reported that a large mob of Hindu nationalists barged into the church building and performed Hindu rituals in the church building proclaiming they are purifying the locations and making it a Hindu temple.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
10/7/2021	On 7 October in Sulangi village, Kanker, Chhattisgarh, Around 15 Christians were threatened with a social boycott if they continued to practice their Christian faith. Ramdhar Salam, the pastor of a local church, said that Mukesh Usendi, a government school teacher, along with other villagers have warned Christians that their homes will be vandalized. In addition, they will be denied access to drinking water, and their ration cards will be taken away.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
10/8/2021	In Sitamarhi, Bihar, Pastor Karthik Prasad Verma was paid a visit by a man who identified himself as an officer from the local intelligence agency. The officer informed that there is a complaint filed against the pastor alleging that he engages in religious conversion work through allurements. The complaint also alleges that the pastor eats beef.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
10/10/2021	A GEMS church service in Dobhi, Gaya district, Bihar was disrupted by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party who also threatened to kill the serving Christian evangelist Sudama.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
10/10/2021	Another GEMS Church service at Garhani, Bhojpur, Bihar was disrupted by a group of Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. Evangelist Jyoti Prakash and the church members were abused and warned by the Hindu nationalists.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
10/10/2021	On 10 October in Kotrahi village, Balrampur, Chhattisgarh, a Sunday prayer meeting lead by Pastor Vishal Vishwakarma was disrupted by local police. The Police said they were acting based on the complaints from the Hindu nationalist party leaders. The police also told them they can not hold Christian prayer meetings anymore.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh

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10/10/2021	in Datia district, of Madhya Pradesh, police arrested 10 Christians eight after activists from Hindutva outfits spotted them allegedly distributing Christian religious material outside a missionary school.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
10/10/2021	A group of 10 people, including five women, were handed over to police by Hindu groups after they were allegedly seen distributing Christian literature on a Sunday near Holy Cross School in Datia District of Madhya Pradesh. Though distributing Christian literature is not illegal, a case was registered against the Christians under section 505(2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred, or ill-will between classes) of the Indian Penal Code, said Ravindra Sharma the police officer in charge of Kotwali police station.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
10/10/2021	In Campierganj, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, three pastors, Vishal, Govinda, and Karan, were taken into police custody at Campierganj police station. Allegations of religious conversion activity were made against all three pastors. Christian advocacy groups intervened, and the pastors were released without being charged.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
10/10/2021	Pastor Srinivas and his wife were severely beaten by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party during Sunday worship in Siswa Bazaar, Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh and the police arrested the Christian victims instead of the attackers.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
10/10/2021	Pastor Abraham serving with UP Mission and 7 Christians were arrested in Mau Kotwali in the state of Uttar Pradesh against a complaint raised by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EeCVFb8zZM	Uttar Pradesh
10/11/2021	More than 50 Christians are arrested for allegedly converting to christian faith in the northeastern state of Assam	https://dainikasam.assamtribune.com/national/50-detained-on-allegations-of-religious-conversion-1238159 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAw-VfLaOuA	Assam

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10/11/2021	Pastor Sukh Sagar from Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh was assaulted and taken to the police station by Hindu nationalists.	witness report	Chhattisgarh
10/11/2021	In village Madari, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajkumar was stopped by members of the right-wing while he was conducting a prayer meeting. The prayer meeting was disrupted and religious extremists took to pastor to Sangrampur police station.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
10/11/2021	In Phukaha village, Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Ashray son of Badriram was conducting a prayer meeting. Local villagers falsely accused them of carrying out the religious conversion and informed Police about it. The Police came and took photos and videos of the prayer hall and fellow Christians	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
10/11/2021	Pastor Prakash, wife Jyothi and 2 other Christians were arrested in Udupi, Karnataka for holding prayer meetings in their home.	witness report	Karnataka
10/11/2021	A Hindu nationalist BJP party member of the state legislator in the state of Karnataka Kickstarts a Campaign Against Religious Conversion By Initiating reportedly his Own Mother's re-conversion to Hinduism from Christianity	https://swarajyama.com/news-brief/karnataka-mla-kickstarts-campaign-against-religious-conversion-by-initiating-his-own-mothers-ghar-wapsi	Karnataka
10/12/2021	In another instance in Mau, on October 12, a Hindutva mob thrashed two nuns, accusing them of being engaged in conversion activities, and dragged them to the police station. Sister Gracy Monteiro, a school principal belonging to the Mirpur Catholic Mission and her colleague, Sister Roshni Minj, was waiting in a car when the mob attacked them and their driver.	https://frontline.thehindu.com/the-nation/communalism/churches-under-attack-uttar-pradesh-reports-most-cases-of-anti-christian-violence-across-india/article37474505.ece	Uttar Pradesh
10/13/2021	A church pastor was threatened by local village body not to hold prayer meeting in Rajim Tehsil of Raipur district, Chhattisgarh.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
10/13/2021	Pastor and the believers of a church in Sendhwa area of Barwani district in the state of Madhya Pradesh were threatened by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party saying that they will shut down their church.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh

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10/13/2021	Pastor Anil Bhamniya was threatened and harrassed by a group of Hindu nationalists and local residents during a prayer meeting in a village in Indore district, Madhya Pradesh	Victims reporting	Madhya Pradesh
10/14/2021	Hindu nationalist party members filed a police complaint against a Brethren Church in the town of Ooty, Tamil Nadu for writing Bible verses on their compound wall.	Victims reporting	Tamil Nadu
10/15/2021	On 15th October in Kailashnagar, West Champaran, Bihar, a Gharwapsi (reconversion to former faith) ceremony was forcefully conducted on a Christian, named Gulabi Devi. When she refused to participate, the Hindu nationalists held both her hands and legs and forcefully shovelled the prasad (food element offered to a community deity) into her mouth. Gulabi Devi cried and kept on saying she will rather die, but will not deny Jesus Christ.	Witness report	Bihar
10/15/2021	Pastor Anirudh Mendekar from Titurdih Durg, Chhattisgarh was attacked by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party and his house vandalized.		Chhattisgarh
10/15/2021	Sister Arul Santosh (36 years) was arrested and put in Puzhal Jail in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. and sent to police custody on false charges of trying to convert people to Christian faith	witness report	Tamil Nadu
10/15/2021	In Mau village, Chakra (Jamdra), Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Virendra was conducting a fasting prayer. Some people had informed the local police about the prayer meeting. Then the police took the pastor to Haldharpur for further questioning. Due to the intervention of Christian advocacy groups, pastor Virendra was released the same day without any complaint against him.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
10/17/2021	A Member of Legislative Assembly Rameshwar Sharma in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh made a statement that demeaned the Christian faith and hurt the sentiments of the Christian community. Mr Sharma was addressing the Dussehra festival committee where he made a controversial statement. His comment was delivered with a mudslinging tone, warning his listeners to stay away from "Fathers" because they cause obstacles in visiting Hindu temples and ruin them	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh

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10/17/2021	A group of more than 50 Christians who had gathered at a church member's house for a prayer meeting were attacked in Raipur, in India's Chhattisgarh state.	https://www.csw.org.uk/2021/10/22/press/5459/article.htm	Chhattisgarh
10/17/2021	https://dainikasam.assamtribune.com/national/50-detained-on-allegations-of-religious-conversion-1238159	https://morningstarnews.org/2021/11/hindu-nationalist-mob-holds-christians-against-their-will/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAw-VfLaOuA	Chhattisgarh
10/17/2021	Pastor Manjunath, was assaulted by a group of Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party. He was dragged to the police station in Shanivarasanthe, Coorg, Karnataka and the police obliged the nationalists and arrested him on false charges.		Karnataka
10/17/2021	The Hindu nationalists filed a police complaint against Pastor Somu Avaradhi, from Hubli, Karnataka, on false charges. They also staged a protest on this issue on October 17th.	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-59724425	Karnataka
10/17/2021	The Hindu nationalists forced their way into a church in Hubli, Karnataka during Sunday worship and performed a Hindu religious ceremony while the Sunday worship was underway.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjLnzeWfFgw	Karnataka
10/17/2021	In yet another incident in Hubli, Karnataka, a church was attacked by fanatics during Sunday worship. As such incidents have increased over the past few weeks,	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jH4t5jw1VG4	Karnataka
10/18/2021	On 18 October in Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, a false complaint of religious conversion was submitted at Nagari police station Pastor Dinesh Sahu. Hundreds of extremist elements had surrounded the police station and tried to exert pressure on police to take action against the pastor. Incharge of the Nagari station had brought Pastor Dinesh Sahu for questioning.	Victims reporting	Chhattisgarh
10/18/2021	In Pipra Basant, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, the right-wing group's members had accused Pastor Harishchandra of carrying out religious conversion work and had exerted pressure on local police to send the pastor to prison.	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
10/18/2021	The Joint Secretary of Vishwa Hindu Parishad said that an anti-conversion laws should be brought in Punjab to stop Christians from converting the local Hindus and Sikhs.	VHP calls for end to mass-conversion in Punjab, urges state govt to bring anti-forced conversion law (opindia.com)	Punjab

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10/19/2021	Govind Prasad Badoni, an activist of a right-wing group, while addressing the media, falsely accused Christian missionaries by saying that they are converting the poor with the lure of money in and around the region in Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. Hence, a movement will be launched against it by the right-wing organisations. In response to the above comment, the Police superintendent said that misleading information is floating around regarding conversions and people should be alert.	EFI-RLC report	Uttarakhand
10/19/2021	In Kailashnagar in West Champaran, Bihar, right wing Hindu nationalists instigated the villagers against Christians. They targeted Kodhai and Mahendar who lead the Christian prayers through house fellowships. The Christians have reportedly been facing a lot of struggle and mental torture for the last few months prior to this incident. Several times they had been called before the village council and were humiliated and threatened.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
10/19/2021	The homes of a few Christians were attacked in Udainagar, Madhya Pradesh and a mission office was also vandalised. Police arrested 4 Christians instead of the attackers.	EFI-RLC report	Madhya Pradesh
10/19/2021	Pastor Goutam Kunde in Umrikhurd (Pandhurna) village, Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh, had visited a Christian family for a prayer meeting where he was surrounded by about 30 religious extremists who came to oppose the prayer meeting. Extremists were raising anti-Christian slogans and making noise to disrupt ongoing prayer.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
10/19/2021	Pastor Vijay Shankar and five others who were arrested by police in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh for practicing Christian faith. They were later released on bail.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
10/20/2021	Pastor Deepak from Berwa, Varanasi who was conducting a prayer meeting at a believer's home in Ajitpur village, Uttar Pradesh was severely attacked by a group of Hindu nationalists.	Victims reporting	Uttar Pradesh

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10/21/2021	Christians Ramesh Masih and Sakhi Masih and Nathu Masih in Bhainsa Naka village, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, were falsely accused of criminal intimation and forceful religious conversion.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
10/23/2021	The local authorities denied permission to build a prayer house on a land owned by a church in Mannarai area of Tirupur district, Tamil Nadu after the Hindu nationalists issued objection. They also stopped the construction of compound wall on their property.	Victims reporting	Tamil Nadu
10/24/2021	Shital Talandi and other Christians namely Jogi, Nemi, Vanita, Sonu were badly beaten up and were forced to renounced Christians by religious extremists in in Kodsepalli village, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra
10/24/2021	A sunday worship service was attacked by the Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party in Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh. The attackers also vandalized and destroyed the furnitures and Bibles.	Victims reporting	Chhattisgarh
10/24/2021	Two Christian families have been threatened by a mob of about 50 Hindu nationalists to convert back in a village in Chhattisgarh.	Victims reporting	Chhattisgarh
10/24/2021	over 30 members of Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal workers wrote a letter to Christ Jyoti School management demanding the installation of an idol of a Hindu deity Saraswati on the school premises. They left the school with a warning to come back in 15 days in case the school failed to comply with their demands.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
10/24/2021	Hindu nationalist party members barged into a church during the sunday worship service and attacked them with rods and whips in Ranbirpur, Mau in the state of Uttar Pradesh. They severely injured several Christians, including women during the attack. The victims, Pastor Ramayan and 7 others were arrested by the police	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H HoV8I-Lm2E	Uttar Pradesh
10/24/2021	In Dhanor village, Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Ravi and Ashish were having house prayer when all of a sudden police came and took them in custody at Antu police station.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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10/24/2021	Pastor Pintu and three others have been arrested and sent to jail in Deoria district, Uttar Pradesh. They have been charged under IPC Sec 151 which is unlawful gathering. The police has in effect filed a case saying that gathering for worship in a church is unlawful.	Witness Reporting	Uttar Pradesh
10/24/2021	In Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Ram Achal bind was taken into custody by the police at Phulpur station for conducting a Sunday prayer meeting. As per the Station House Officer, a complaint was submitted by a right-wing group who alleged that the pastor was carrying out religious conversion work.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
10/24/2021	Pastor Santkumar Yadav in Bairasiya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh was threatened by radical elements on account of conducting a Christian prayer meeting at his residence. They told him not to conduct prayer meetings at his home and warned him to vacate the same within seven days. The pastor was harassed and threatened a few days ago as well.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
10/25/2021	A Catholic School in Satna district, Madhya Pradesh has been asked to install an idol of Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, within 15 days or face consequences from a Hindu nationalist outfit.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
10/25/2021	Members of the Hindu nationalist party broke into the home of a Christian man Prem Lal in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh and severely manhandled him and threatened to kill him if he did not stop holding Christian prayer meetings in his house.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
10/25/2021	Pastor Shital Talande and members of the Christian congregation were manhandled for their faith by Hindu nationalist volunteers in a village in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra.	victims reporting	Maharashtra
10/27/2021	In the tribal-dominated Mandla district, in the state of Madhya Pradesh, some men allegedly belonging to the Hindu nationalist student wing called ABVP barged into the Bharat Jyoti Uchchar Middle School, a missionary institution, on October 27, accusing the school management of converting children to Christian faith.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh

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10/27/2021	In Nayanpur region of Mandla district, the men belonging to the Hindu nationalist group called Vishwa Hindu Parishad demanded a Hindu deities idol of Saraswati be installed on the school premises. The school management reported it to the district Administrative officer and the District Superintendent of Police.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
10/27/2021	Few Hindu extremist group members aligned with the Hindu nationalist government of Mr. Modi are rallying against Christian families in the city of Nagpur, Maharashtra, accusing them of having converted and trying to convert others. They are demanding police action to stop a 3-day Christian meeting in that area organized by the local christian community.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra
10/27/2021	Twelve Christian families have been excommunicated from Bolangir in the state of Odisha, for their faith. Their homes have been vandalised and they are staying in temporary shelters.	victims reporting	Odisha
10/28/2021	Hindu extremists forced their way into a church where a 21 day fasting and praying was organized and fired a gun twice, in the state of Bihar. They threatened to teardown the church building in seven days and build a temple on that site.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
10/28/2021	On 28 October in Gumdpal village, Darbha, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, Laxman Markam, a Christian, died and was buried in the village burial ground. However, some villagers forced the family of Laxman and other Christians to dig up the body on 29 October. Police were called by Christians for assistance. Officers approached both sides and convinced them to bury the bodies at the same place.	Witness Reporting	Chhattisgarh
10/28/2021	Pastor Chandrapal from Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, was summoned by the police based on a complaint made by the local Hindu extremist outfits against him saying that he was holding prayer meetings to convert people.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOMNEKbBGgo	Uttar Pradesh

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10/29/2021	Tribal animists influenced by Hindu extremists in central India last month forced Christians to exhume the body of a 25-year-old Christian man buried on a private land that belonged to the relative of the deceased in the village. Laxman Markam had been dead for two days when about 50 residents of different villages armed with axes and wooden clubs forced his Christian widow and brothers to exhume his body in Gumadpal village, in Chhattisgarh state's Bastar District.	https://morningstarnews.org/2021/11/animist-villagers-in-india-force-christians-to-exhume-body/	Chhattisgarh
10/30/2021	Prayers were still underway led by Pastor Biju Thomas, when the members of several organizations, inclined to right-wing ideology, tried to disrupt the ongoing prayer meeting. However, an adequate police force had reached the area, allowing worship to continue in Satna, Madhya Pradesh,	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
10/30/2021	Pastor Dharamsay Ekka of Naya Jeevan Kalisiya (Friends Missionary Prayer Band), Jashpur, Chhattisgarh was arrested by police and taken to Pathalgaon police station on charges of conversion. Police have filed a case against him.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=By9t5H9y1xw	Chhattisgarh
10/30/2021	The police in Mirzapur in the state of Uttar Pradesh met the pastor of a church under construction and asked several questions about what is the purpose of the building, who will be using it, how did they convert to Christianity, who are those converts, how did he get the money to build the church..etc	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
10/31/2021	In Aurangabad, Bihar, a group of Hindu religious extremists disrupted the Sunday church service. Missionary Pankaj and believers were threatened not to conduct prayers. As a result of this opposition, the owner of the building has told the pastor that he could not use the space for Christian prayer meetings.	EFI-RLC reports	Bihar
10/31/2021	On 31 October in Deobaloda, Durg District, Chhattisgarh, Jyoti Sharma, affiliated with a right-wing group, with other Hindu nationalist groups converted five families to Hinduism, who had chosen to follow Christianity.	Witness Reporting	Chhattisgarh

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11/1/2021	On 1 November in Jaitaloor village, Bijapur, Chhattisgarh, many families that had adopted the Christian faith were forcefully converted to Hinduism. These families were pressured into being evicted from their land and property if they continued to follow Christianity. A similar incident took place in Gram Panchayat Cheramangi in Vardad in Bijapur on 2 November.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
11/1/2021	A large group of Hindu nationalists disrupted prayer meeting at a GEMS church in Balumath, Jharkhand. They asked the congregation to stop going to church and threatened to forcefully convert the Christians to Hinduism by performing what they call Ghar wapsi.	victims reporting	Jharkhand
11/1/2021	A complaint has been registered by Hindu nationalists against 5 pastors under Anti Conversion Law, Sec 3&5, on forceful conversions in Satna, Madhya Pradesh.	victims reporting	Madhya Pradesh
11/1/2021	Hindu nationalist groups, VHP and Bajrang Dal men barged into the Church of God located in Siddharth Nagar in Satna of Jabhua district during Sunday prayers alleging religious conversion". When the police refused to register case against the Christians, the right-wing men blocked the National Highway passing through Satna prompting the police to lathicharge them in which half a dozen Bajrang Dal men were injured. Hours later, police turned aorund allegedly under pressure from higher ups in the BJP government and registered two police cases under sections 3 and 5 of MP Freedom of Religion Act against Father Biju Thomas, Santosh Thomas and three other Christians, and even took action against four policemen for attacking Bajrang Dal men.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
11/1/2021	Pastor Dinesh Kumar from Bikapur district, Uttar Pradesh was physically attacked by a group of Hindu party members and threatened with more harassment if found to be holding prayer meetings or worship services.	Witness Reporting	Uttar Pradesh
11/1/2021	The Hindu nationalists filed a police case against a few Christians in Lalganj in the state of Uttar Pradesh, on alleged controversial speeches and forceful conversion.	Witness Reporting	Uttar Pradesh

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11/2/2021	The mob dragged Pastor Sasharath Maanikpuri and Pastor Kesar Manikpuri from the house where the prayer meeting was taking place. They were verbally abused, and ruthlessly assaulted by a mob of Hindu nationlaist party members of the Prime Minister Modi before buring the Bibles in the Biler village, Dhamteri district of Chhattisgarh. As per the local sources report the attack started around 4 in the evening led by Rajnikanth Devaghan and Nilambari Sahu.	https://citizentogether.org/2021/11/05/two-pastor-of-chhattisgarh-beaten-mercilessly-by-hindutva-mob-for-practicing-christianity/comment-page-1/	Chhattisgarh
11/2/2021	Pastor Santhosh Gunveer from Warthi village, Bhandara district, Maharashtra was severely assaulted by few members of the Hindu party from his colony. Previously the group had also manhandled the pastor's son.	victims reporting	Maharashtra
11/3/2021	Two Christian men, Dasarath Manikpuri and Keshar Manikpuri were assaulted by few members of the local Hindu party on Tuesday during prayer meeting at Belar village, Dhamtari district of Chhattisgarh. They were accused of facilitating conversion of local Hindus to Christian faith.	https://citizentogether.org/2021/11/05/two-pastor-of-chhattisgarh-beaten-mercilessly-by-hindutva-mob-for-practicing-christianity/comment-page-1/	Chhattisgarh
11/4/2021	In Madarbhari, Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, an attack was carried out by religious extremists against the Christian family of Anjit Kumar as they were having dinner after concluding their evening prayer. Suddenly about 25 to 30 religious extremists entered their house. People who attacked Anjeet's family with sticks said they would have to reject their faith in Jesus Christ if they were to continue living in the village.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
11/5/2021	On 5 November in Keolla village, Supaul, Bihar, Pastor George Papachan and his wife Rishu hailing from Kerala were arrested at Bhimpur. They were falsely accused of religious conversion by religious extremists. The allegation levelled was the pastor and his wife were distributing Bibles to the people and alluring people to become Christians	EFI-RLC Report	Bihar

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11/5/2021	Christians in Jaitaloor, a village in Bijapur district in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh, were forced to “return” to Hinduism. To achieve this goal, Hindu extremists shaved their heads and put coconuts in their hands as part of a Hindu religious ritual. Such acts were accompanied by the threat of seizing land, homes and properties owned by Christians and having them denied access to publicly owned forest land if they did not comply.	INDIA Christians publicly shaved to ‘return’ to Hinduism in Chhattisgarh (asianews.it)	Chhattisgarh
11/5/2021	The Christians from a tribal Korga community living in Sullia area of Karnataka are denied the benefits of government assistance available to such tribal families. The district officials also refused to officially recognise them as Christians.	https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=890143	Karnataka
11/5/2021	At around 11 pm last night, a mob of Hindu nationalists broke into the house of Pastor Anjeet attacking him and his parents physically in Ambedkar, area of the state of Uttar Pradesh	EFI-RLC report	Uttar Pradesh
11/6/2021	Pastor Jose and his wife were arrested by police in Supaul village of Bihar based on a complaint made by some Hindu party members that they couple were converting people to Christianity.	Witness Reporting	Bihar
11/6/2021	Nine Christians in Dantewada district, Chhattisgarh, were physically attacked in their house by the sympathizers of the Hindu nationalism in their village for their faith in Christ. All nine of them are admitted to a hospital. Four of them are seriously wounded.	Witness Reporting	Chhattisgarh
11/6/2021	In Dhab, Koderma, Jharkhand, Christians namely Shankar Bhula, Dukhhan Bhula and others were conducting and participating in fasting and prayers. Police from Dhab station came to them, told them they had received a complaint they were involved in religious conversion activity as well as not following covid appropriate behaviours.	EFI-RLC Report	Jharkhand
11/6/2021	It has been reported that several Christian families were physically attacked by Hindu nationalists overnight in Dantewada, Chhattisgarh.	Witness reporting	Chhattisgarh

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11/6/2021	Pastor Suresh (name changed) from Bangalore, Karnataka, was attacked by Hindu party members for organizing a children's ministry in Bangalore.	victim reporting	Karnataka
11/6/2021	Five Christians were arrested during a house prayer meeting and taken to the police station in Belgaum, Karnataka. The police have also confiscated their Bibles and song books from them.	victims reporting	Karnataka
11/6/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists attacked Sister Varsha and her family along with Pastor Sumesh Singh and his family in Shahgarh Sagar, Madhya Pradesh for not celebrating Diwali – a Hindu festival	victims reporting	Madhya Pradesh
11/6/2021	Police have filed a case against Pastor Biju Thomas in Satna, Madhya Pradesh for holding prayer meetings. He is accused of facilitating conversions to Christianity.	victims reporting	Madhya Pradesh
11/7/2021	In Shahpur village, Saharsa, Bihar, a mob led by religious extremists barged inside a home church, disrupted prayers, snatched Pastor Krishnanand Yadav's phone and threatened them. Witnesses say that the attackers were carrying guns with them. They even blocked the road to keep the Christians from escaping from there.	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
11/7/2021	In Warsliganj, Nawada in the state of Bihar, a group of Hindu nationalists attacked a Christian preacher Dinesh and three other Christians at a church construction site in the middle of the night. The Dinesh and other Christians were staying on site to guard the construction material. Dinesh was severely injured during the attack. This is the second time such attacks have been carried out against Christians at this construction site since August.	victims reporting	Bihar
11/7/2021	On 7 November in village Udaipur Dhaba, Ambikapur, Surguja, Chhattisgarh, Pastor Salvation Minj, Christian Anil Kispotta, and one other Christian, were falsely booked under the Chhattisgarh Religious Freedom Act. Christians had organized a Christian prayer meeting where people were invited to come out of their free will. Meanwhile, a Hindu nationalist group filed a false complaint against the above three individuals, claiming a religious conversion work was being conducted by the Manipur outpost police.	victims reporting	Chhattisgarh

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11/7/2021	On 7 November in Charoda, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh, while Rukmani Sonwani was conducting a prayer meeting, religious radicals came and disrupted the prayer as well as ransacked the church. Everyone was chased away, and the attackers attempted to demolish the prayer hall. Local pastors submitted a police complaint at Bhilai 3 GRPpolice station.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
11/7/2021	Members of the Sri Ram Sene barged into a Christian prayer hall in Maratha Colony in Karnataka's Belgavi and locked in the devotees. The members of the Hindutva group alleged that Pastor Lema Cheria was converting poor Hindus to Christianity by organizing prayer services.	https://maktoobmedia.com/2021/11/13/in-karnataka-and-rajasthan-hindutva-mobs-storm-prayer-services-of-christians/	Karnataka
11/8/2021	Six Christian families in Metapal village, Dantewada district of Chattisgarh State of India were attacked by Hindu nationalist party members. Many of those family members were seriously injured and admitted to a hospital.	victim reporting	Chhattisgarh
11/8/2021	A Prayer meeting was disrupted by the BJYM a youth extremist union of Mr. Modi's party in surguja, Ambikapur district. Two pastors Anil and Salwanz were arrested and accused of forceful religious convention	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPRZLEuTptY	Chhattisgarh
11/8/2021	Members of the Hindu nationalist groups attacked Pastor Sumer Singh and family, including his young daughters in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh.	victim reporting	Madhya Pradesh
11/8/2021	In Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan, the Hindutva mob interrupted a Sunday prayer service alleging religious conversion. The mob of 100 Hindu nationalists including mostly local residents interrupted the prayer service and claimed those Christians were converted to Christian faith by the Pastor. Police reached the spot and after investigation found none of the charges were true.	https://maktoobmedia.com/2021/11/13/in-karnataka-and-rajasthan-hindutva-mobs-storm-prayer-services-of-christians/	Rajasthan
11/8/2021	Pastor Bhullar and family members were physically attacked by a group of radical members of the Hindu nationalist party in Ambedkar Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh.	Witness reporting	Uttar Pradesh

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11/9/2021	Maheshwar Rao from Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh was seriously injured when some members of the Hindu nationalist movement attacked him.	Victim reporting	Andhra Pradesh
11/9/2021	Brother Soma Purty and his family from the state of Jharkhand have reported that they were threatened by the Hindu nationalist leaders locally for holding Christian prayers in their home.	Victim reporting	Jharkhand
11/9/2021	A group of Hindu nationalists supporting Prime Minister Modi and his party locked the members of a church in Belagavi, Karnataka from outside along with the Pastor of the church.	Victim reporting	Karnataka
11/9/2021	Pastor Mahesh Tavar was physically attacked by members of the Hindu nationalism for holding prayer meetings in a neighborhood in Indoor, Madhya Pradesh. But police filed charges against the Christian victims instead of those who attacked the church.	Victim reporting	Madhya Pradesh
11/9/2021	A catholic women's hostel was raided by officials at Intkhedi village, Raisen district, Madhya Pradesh. They also found a copy of the Bible in the possession of Christian students and alleged the hostel was promoting religious conversion.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
11/10/2021	In Banda, Shahjanpur, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Jagdamba Prasad was on his way to a nearby village for prayer services when religious extremists beat him up. The extremists called the police and the pastor was taken to the police station. An acquaintance of the pastor spoke with the Superintendent of Police and the pastor was released from the police station in the evening.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
11/10/2021	Pastor John Mathew was arrested in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh following some Hindu nationalist groups alleging that he was forcing people to convert.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
11/11/2021	On 11 November in Parapur village, Lohandiguda, Bastar, twelve villagers who had converted to Christianity were forcedly re-converted to their previous faith. Some of them were physically assaulted too. Names of the victims are as follows: Chaitu Podium, MongdiMadkami, SantuMadkami, Manu Madkami, Jairam Sodhi, HidmaPodiam, SukmatiGametion, SomariPodiam, Hidme Sodhi, Bijo Sodhi, and BoodriSodhi.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh

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11/11/2021	In Irgaon, Lohardaga, Jharkhand, Lilmuni Devi was threatened by the villagers with a social boycott at a village council meeting. The incident happened shortly after Lilmuni accepted Christianity	EFI-RLC Report	Jharkhand
11/11/2021	The Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) of Thandla responsible for local administration ordered the other the police and senior officials in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, to shut down Christian prayer gatherings. The order came following a memorandum submitted by the district head of a Hindu nationalist group.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
11/11/2021	Five Christian families from Kandhamal, Odisha, are reporting that their families are targeted by Hindu nationalists and their supporters because of their christian faith	(Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cnc3xKLxQc)	Odisha
11/13/2021	A complaint was registered by members of Hindu nationalist groups against Pastor John in Bangalore, Karnataka alleging that he is converting people to Christian faith.	victims reporting	Karnataka
11/13/2021	Pastor James was arrested and was questioned by police in Kolar, Karnataka about his role in the community. The government of Karnataka has asked the police to strictly monitor the churches and christians in the state.	Witness reporting	Karnataka
11/13/2021	Pastor Rajesh was arrested by police and taken to the police station in Shimoga, Karnataka. No details were provided by the police.	Witness reporting	Karnataka
11/13/2021	The chief elected official of the state of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai of the Hindu nationalist party the BJP said, he will soon pass a law banning Hindus from converting to Christian faith in his state. He said he wants to block those still converting to Christian faith from receiving government assistance	(Source: The Indian Express)	Karnataka
11/13/2021	Pastor Bharat Kavi from Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh was arrested and taken to the police station after the villagers mischievously blamed some people of his congregation responsible for a missing child.	Witness reporting	Uttar Pradesh

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11/14/2021	In Cholapur, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, SabhajitKanojia was taken to a police station from a Sunday church service. Sabhajit was questioned by police about why he conducts Christian prayer meetings and when he started them. Subsequently, it was revealed that the right-wing members had informed local police that religious conversion was going on. Upon questioning the pastor, police found the allegations to be baseless and released him without charging him.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
11/14/2021	On 14 November in Hardi village, Bemetara, Chhattisgarh, two Christian families were harassed by the villagers and three policemen from the nearby Kandarka police post. The villagers slapped a Christian girl from one of the families in front of the police and the village council head. They then abused Christian families in the name using epithets and threatened to expel them from the village.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
11/14/2021	On 14 November in Beladula Jangir, Chhattisgarh, two pastors, Rajesh Yadav and Narendra Banjare and some Christians were taken into police custody on a false accusation of religious conversion. There was a ruckus created by the members of the right[1]wing groups for police to take action. In response to the information about the matter, a team from the Chakradharnagar police station arrived on the scene and brought the pastors to the police station for questioning. The pastors were then booked and arrested.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
11/15/2021	A menacing rally was held against Christians in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh, from November 15th to 28th, by the Hindu nationalist groups threatening the safety of Christians.	Witness reporting	Chhattisgarh
11/15/2021	Pastor Ramesh Yadav, Pastor Banjare and Sis. Rajani Dewangan were arrested during worship in a house church in Chakradhar Nagar, Raigarh District, Chhattisgarh. They were sent to judicial custody.	victims reporting	Chhattisgarh

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11/15/2021	A Christian family, including the pregnant woman, were seriously injured after they were brutally attacked by members of the Hindu nationalist movement at Bastar district in the state of Chhattisgarh.		Chhattisgarh
11/15/2021	A group of Christians from Sant Kabir Nagar district in the state of Uttar Pradesh were arrested during a bible study and taken to the police station in the suspicion of attempting to convert the locals.		Uttar Pradesh
11/16/2021	Unknown persons damaged the crucifix, tables, chairs, and glasses at a chapel under the Belgaum diocese in Dodamarg, Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. Father Santosh Lopes, the parish priest, and local Christians filed a complaint with the local police.	EFI-RLC Report	Maharashtra
11/16/2021	Pastor Sinelal of Muzaffarpur in the state of Bihar was arrested at Karja without any reason. But after his lawyers pressed the police to say why he was arrested, the police relented and released the pastor. It was understood that a Hindu nationalist group had complained to the police about the Pastor holding Christian prayer meetings	EFI-RLC	Bihar
11/16/2021	A Christian man and his pregnant wife belonging to the tribal community were severely beaten in Dimripal, Bastar district of Chhattisgarh state, for following the Christian faith.	EFI-RLC	Chhattisgarh
11/19/2021	A Christian man Gajju Kawasi in the state of Chhattisgarh sustained physical injuries after he was manhandled by a group of Hindu nationalists for his faith in Christ.	Victim reporting	Chhattisgarh
11/19/2021	Pastor Daneshwar Lohra and three others were arrested in Ramgarh district, Jharkhand for holding a Christian prayer meeting.	Victim reporting	Jharkhand
11/19/2021	It has come to our notice that a Christian man called Madkan Deva from Malkangiri, in the state of Odisha was attacked physically by a group of people sympathetic to the Hindu nationalism.	Victim reporting	Odisha
11/20/2021	A Christian man Naresh is still reported to be in the hospital after sustaining serious 3rd degree burns after he was set on fire by Hindu nationalists for his faith in the city of Patna, Bihar.	witness report	Bihar

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11/20/2021	1,200 families revert to Hinduism under Ghar Wapsi Abhiyan, BJP leader welcomes them. A two-day program was organized under Ghar Wapsi Abhiyaan (Operation Ghar Wapsi) in Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh, on November 19 and November 20 under the leadership of Prabal Pratap Singh Judev, State Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party. Prabal Pratap, son of late Dilip Singh Judev, is the prince of the Jashpur Royal Family. He claims to have converted over 14,000 Christian families to Hinduism.	https://www.opindia.com/2021/11/chhattisgarh-ghar-wapasi-christianity-hinduism-revert-convert/	Chhattisgarh
11/21/2021	Two women in Silchar, Cachar, in the state of Assam were arrested by police for sharing about their Christian faith. The two were detained at Tarapur police station after a mob surrounded them for playing Christian Bible messages over speakers and handing out Christian literature.	https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/assam-complaint-against-alleged-attempt-to-convert-hindus-to-christianity-101637563485088.html	Assam
11/21/2021	Pastor Lalchand Gautam was assaulted by few Hindu nationalists while he was conducting a prayer meeting in Bansaon, Gorakhpur district, Uttar Pradesh on Sunday. He and his wife were accused of religious conversion and he was charged with IPC3/5(1).	(Source: https://morningstarnews.org/2021/12/pastor-wife-arrested-on-baseless-charges-in-northern-india/)	Uttar Pradesh
11/22/2021	The Free Press Journal reports that close to 1200 Christians were forced to convert to Hinduism by Hindu nationalist groups in the state of Chhattisgarh alone in the past few months	(https://www.freepressjournal.in/india/chhattisgarh-1200-people-reconvert-to-hinduism-under-ghar-wapsi-abhiyan)	Chhattisgarh
11/22/2021	A group of Christians were taken to a neighboring village in Koraput district of Odisha because they were physically attacked and expelled from their homes by a group of Hindu nationalists.	witness reporting	Odisha
11/23/2022	In Lakhisarai, Bihar, Jyoti Chauhan's church was attacked, ransacked, and church members were beaten up by the villagers and members of the right-wing group. As a result, Jyoti went to the police station to file a complaint with some female Christians.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
11/24/2021	Pastor Vijay and a female, Manju in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh, were arrested for performing a water baptism ceremony on those who wanted to adopt Christianity. Both were arrested and taken to the Oon police station and were booked under the Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh

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11/23/2021	A major religious conversion drive called “ghar-wapsi” is announced by the Hindu nationalist groups in the southern state of Karnataka, to forcefully convert Christians to Hinduism	Witness Reporting	Karnataka
11/25/2021	In the Jabua district of Madhya Pradesh alone, more than 50 house churches did not have a Sunday service last Sunday due to the warning issued by the Universal Hindu Council (VHP) and other Hindu nationalist groups against holding any such gathering by Christians in the Jhabua district without special permission from a local magistrate.	New notice in India has over 50 house churches shut down – CHVNRadio: Southern Manitoba’s hub for local and Christian news, and adult contemporary Christian programming.	Madhya Pradesh
11/25/2021	Christians in Basgaon village in the Kondagaon district of the state of Chhattisgarh were told that they were not allowed to interact with other people in the village. They were denied access to drinking water. They were also threatened of their property being snatched from them and were also told that Christians wouldn’t be allowed to bury their dead on the village land.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
11/25/2021	Hindu extremists storm Christian gathering in Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh. On Monday afternoon, militants inspired by Hindutva, held a rally with hundreds of activists “denouncing” alleged conversion activities among tribal people in some of the district’s rural areas.	https://www.asianews.it/news-en/Hindu-extremists-storm-Christian-gathering-in-Jhabua-54585.html	Madhya Pradesh
11/26/2021	The Commissioner of Bastar District in the state of Chhattisgarh has issued a directive to all administrative personnel including the police to take strict action against Christian churches avangelizing the tribal people. He also instructed the officials to maintain strict confidentiality on information sharing so that the public will not come to know the actions taken to stop people converting to Christianity.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
11/27/2021	Pastor Prakash from Jind district, Haryana and another pastor were called by the village elders sympathetic to the cause of Hindu nationalism and asked to stop holding church service immediately or face the consequences	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
11/27/2021	Pastor Ankur Narula’s church was attacked by religious extremists in Dwarka, New Delhi during the Sunday worship. The church was held legally	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9Ay57KQk8M	

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11/28/2022	In Baragaon village, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Pastor Savendra Kumar was threatened and warned by two local policemen alleging that he carries out religious conversions, and hence there will be a detailed investigation into him. As per the pastor, some locals have filed a false police complaint against the pastor for his ministry work.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
11/28/2021	Members of the Bajrang Dal and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) allegedly vandalised a newly set up church in the national capital's Dwarka area. The miscreants damaged the property of the warehouse-turned-church and its signboard.	https://theprint.in/theprint-essential/church-vandalised-school-stormed-xmas-disrupted-these-are-8-attacks-on-christians-since-oct/790764/	Delhi
11/28/2021	Pastor Suresh Malto was physically attacked and injured by members of the Hindu nationalist party on his way to Sunday service in West Singhum in the state of Jharkhand.		Jharkhand
11/28/2021	Hindu nationalists attacked a church in Hassan district, Karnataka, during Sunday worship.	(Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZswRb7ODPPw)	Karnataka
11/28/2021	Bajrang Dal activists threaten to attack again if administration allows prayers next week. A group of Bajrang Dal activists allegedly disrupted a prayer meeting at Jesus Prayer Hall in Belur town on Sunday, on the ground that "forced religious conversions" were happening at the place. The incident came to light on Monday when the video clips of the incident went viral on social media platforms. Similar incidents have been reported in Belagavi over the last fortnight.	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/christian-prayer-hall-attacked-in-belur/article37759698.ece	Karnataka
11/28/2021	The Indore division of the school education department under the Hindu nationalist government rejected the applications of seven Christian schools to renew their license to operating the schools on November 28 either citing unavailability of subject-wise teachers in the said schools or pointing to issues with schools' land records.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
11/28/2021	A Christian man Lalu Toliya Wakhala's home in Jhirawaliya village in Jhabua District of Madhya Pradesh was set on fire by Hindu nationalists. Lalu and his family converted to Christianity 15 years ago and since then he and his family have faced harassments from Hindu nationalists in the region demanding they give up Christianity.	https://hindutvawatch.org/we-became-homeless-christian-families-home-in-mp-burned-to-ash-by-hindutva-mob/	Madhya Pradesh

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11/28/2021	A church was demolished and the pastor along with believers were manhandled by a group of Hindu nationalist volunteers, in Koraput, Odisha. The pastor was admitted in hospital with serious injuries.		Odisha
11/28/2021	In Panchkula, Haryana, some Hindu nationalists came around Pastor Qayum Sheikh's house and raised anti-Christian slogans saying they will not allow anybody to convert to Christianity even if the conversion happens out of a free will of a believer	EFI-RLC report	Haryana
11/29/2021	In Brah Khurd village, Jind, Haryana, JatKhap panchayat approached the Prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Vivek Singh and disrupted the same. They accused the pastor of carrying out religious conversions.	EFI-RLC report	Haryana
11/29/2021	In Julana, Jind, Haryana, Pastor Sonu was detained at a local police station for the allegation of converting poor people by a rightwing group. The police registered a complaint against the pastor.	EFI-RLC report	Haryana
12/3/2021	Global Hindu Heritage Foundation (GHHF) converts 22 Christians to Hinduism in Guntur city of Andhra Pradesh	https://www.savetemples.org/post/gh-hf-ghar-waapasi-welcomed-22-christians-back-to-hinduism-in-swarnabharati-colony-in-guntur-city/1101	Andhra Pradesh
12/5/2021	In Kasraini, Darbhanga, Bihar, Christians were gathered for the Christmas service at the church. Over 80 Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's political party disrupted the gathering, manhandled Christians, questioned the people, and forced Christians not to celebrate Christmas instead to celebrate Tulsi puja (worship of a plant that belongs to the mint variety).	EFI-RLC report	Bihar
12/5/2021	In Kalpi, Ambala Cantt, Haryana, Pastor Rajvir had rented a hall to hold a Christian prayer meeting. He had also taken permission from the district administration officials for the meeting, but before the start of the program, the officials had revoked the permission due to pressure from Hindu nationalists. But the pastor went ahead with the event as several people had come from other towns. So, a mob of around 150 Hindu nationalists stormed the meeting hall threatening and abusing the Christian attendees.	EFI-RLC report	Haryana

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12/5/2021	A police report was registered against six tribal Christians for allegedly converting tribal people. Ranapur police arrested all six accused under sections 3 (prohibition of unlawful conversion from one religion to another) and 5 (punishment for contravention of provisions of Section 3) of the Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act 2021.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
12/6/2021	A group of Hindu nationalist sympathizers held a community meeting in village Malgaon, Bastar district of Chhattisgarh to plan for stopping the Christians among the from practicing their faith. Currently, there are about forty Christian families are living in the village.	EFI-RLC report	Chhattisgarh
12/6/2021	A mob of more than 500 people on December 6 attacked a Catholic school in Sagar town of the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, accusing it of indulging in religious conversion. A press note from Father Sabu Puthenpurackal, Public relations officer of Sagar diocese, says the diocesan monthly e-newsletter, Sagar Voice< on November 5 carried a group photo of the Holy Communion children along with the bishop and the parish priest "Sagar Voice" on November 5. "This photo was misinterpreted as conversion of Hindu children in the Youtube channel Aayudh and instigated the fundamental group to act against Christians," Father Puthenpurackal said	https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-12/india-catholic-school-attacked-hindu-mob.html	Madhya Pradesh
12/6/2021	The congregation of Kirubasan Christ Church at Kovil Pathu of Nagapattinam district in Tamil Nadu was violently interrupted by 40 + strong men belonging to Hindu nationalist groups who threatened, abused, desecrated the place and tried to harm the Pastor. No action has been taken by the police so far.	https://hamslivene ws.com/2021/12/10/extreme-right-wing-hindus-attack-churches-in-tamil-nadu-and-haryana/	Tamil Nadu
12/6/2021	A Sunday worship was interrupted by the local police and religious Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh, claiming that those attending the church were converted by force.	Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_33BmJIPpZY	Uttar Pradesh
12/6/2021	A video of fake claims of religious conversion racket by St. Joseph School, Ganj Basoda, Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh is circulated online.	https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-12/india-catholic-school-attacked-hindu-mob.html	Madhya Pradesh

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12/6/2021	St. Joseph School run by Christian Catholic missionaries in Ganj Basoda Vidisha is attacked by VHP and Bajrang Dal members. The hindu activists barged into the school premises, attacked and vandalised during the Class 10 board examinations. They pelted stones at the school building and chanted 'Jai Shree Ram'.	Source: https://thewire.in/c-ommunalism/in-mp-hindutva-groups-pliant-cops-and-a-sympathetic-govt-have-driven-christians-to-a-corner	Madhya Pradesh
12/8/2021	In Ranchi, Jharkhand, the Adivasi Sarna Vikas Committee while celebrating the 40th death anniversary of one of their leaders accused is a conspiracy being hatched up to convert the tribals to Christianity.	EFI-RLC Report	Jharkhand
12/8/2021	Pastor Annu Jacob and few others from Ramnagar, Udhampur District, Jammu were arrested by police and later released after a human rights organization intervened in the matter	Witness Reports	Jammu
12/8/2021	Few Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party barged into the church shouting slogans and questioned Pastor Saji Nickolas of AG Church in Saharanpur district, Uttar Pradesh about the church funding and activities.	Victims Reporting	Uttar Pradesh
12/8/2021	The reconstruction work of a century-old Catholic church built by Jhabua King Udai Singh was halted by the Hindu nationalist government of BJP in the state.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh
12/8/2021	A court in the Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh denied bail to 6 tribal christians arrested by police on fake charges of trying to convert others to Christian faith	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
12/9/2021	In Rohtak, Haryana, members of the Hindu nationalist organisations tried to force their way into a church but were stopped by the police. The Hindu nationalists falsely claimed that the church was engaged in religious conversion. The police reached the spot and the mob was contained after much commotion. Pastor Prasanth Moses told police that people come to the church out of devotion, just like any other place of worship. And, the church never forces anyone to participate in prayer	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana

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12/9/2021	Pastor Surendra Chalki from Jagdalpur, Bastar district, of Chhattisgarh was arrested after a case was registered for a facebook post.	Victim Reporting	Chhattisgarh
12/10/2021	An under construction house in a village in Surguja district, Chhattisgarh was attacked by Hindu nationalists of Mr. Modi's party alleging that they are not building a house but a church	Victim Reporting	Chhattisgarh
12/10/2021	Members of Hindu nationalist groups in Rohtak of Haryana state reportedly tried to force their way into a church on Thursday and had to be stopped by the police. According to NDTV, while the Hindu mob alleged that the church was carrying out religious conversions, no such complaint has been received by the police. "People come here out of devotion, just like any other place of worship... We never force anyone to come here," the church's associate pastor said. Even before the mob gathered, he said, the police had visited the church and let them know that there might be a demonstration. Haryana is currently planning an anti-conversion law, similar to the contentious such laws passed in other Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled states like Uttar Pradesh. It has been alleged that such laws are being used to target minority communities.	Hindu Right Mob Tries to Enter Haryana Church, Police Intervenes (thewire.in)	Haryana
12/11/2021	Alleging forced religious conversion, the Hindu nationalist groups in Karnataka have reportedly attacked four members of the Christian community and set their religious books on fire. The incident at Srinivasapura in Kolar district on Saturday.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/bangalore/karnataka-right-wing-groups-attack-christians-set-religious-books-on-fire-7669416/	Karnataka
12/11/2021	Fr Francis informed the police that a man wielding a sword jumped from the compound wall and entered the first floor of the residence behind the church at about 3.15 pm. He was hiding in a room and attempted to assault the priest. Luckily, the priest managed to escape.	Read more at: https://www.deccanherald.com/state/karnataka-districts/parish-priest-attacked-during-daylight-1059864.html	Karnataka
12/12/2021	Nitesh Sahni, a 17-year-old boy in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh participated in a Christian prayer meeting at his aunt's home in Dhanipur village. A team of police came there and arrested Nitesh and took him to Bansgaon police station. Nitesh was charged under Anti conversion law. As per police, they had some complaints from someone stating that Nitesh was converting Hindus.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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12/12/2021	in Vadodara, Gujarat, a first information report was filed at Makarpura police station against The Missionaries of Charity, an organisation founded by Mother Teresa. The organisation was booked under the Gujarat Freedom of Religion Act, for allegedly “hurting Hindu religious sentiments” and “luring young girls towards Christianity” in a shelter home it runs in Vadodara city. According to a spokesperson for the Missionaries of Charity, the organization does not ask anyone to convert.	EFI-RLC Report	Gujarat
12/12/2021	Anar Singh Jamre (35) and his wife Laxmi Jamre (32), residents of Nawalpura village of Barwani district of Madhya Pradesh were arrested on Friday under the provisions of Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, Rajpur police station in-charge Rajesh Yadav said. The action was taken based on a complaint filed by Prakash Chouhan, a member of the Hindu nationalist group from Madil village. He alleged that those who are joining the church were offered money – a common baseless mischievous accusation against every christian there.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
12/12/2021	Members of Hindu Right-wing groups allegedly set fire to Christian religious books in Karnataka’s Kolar district over the accusation that some members of the community were distributing books in the Hindu neighborhood to propagate Christianity.	https://theprint.in/theprint-essential/church-vandalised-school-stormed-xmas-disrupted-these-are-8-attacks-on-christians-since-oct/790764/	Karnataka
12/13/2021	Six Christian families were attacked while worshipping in a wood-and-hay structure in eastern India by 20 – 25 men led by an influential man of wealth wielding an axe according to Pastor Pradhan.	Hindu Nationalists Incite Animists, Those Who Believe Nature Has Spirit, to Attack Christians in India Christian News Network	Odisha
12/13/2021	A native missionary, Boas Guria held a Christian prayer meeting in GarhToli, Gumla district of Jharkhand state. 16 members of a right-wing group entered the House Church during the middle of the prayer and created a ruckus forcing the missionary to stop the prayer event. Then the mob accused the congregation of conversion. They threatened the Christians not to hold prayers in the church again	EFI-RLC Report	Jharkhand

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12/13/2021	In Panipat, Haryana, around 60 Hindu nationalists attacked Pastor Gulshan's church. He is a pastor of the local Assemblies of God Church. The Attackers threatened to kill the Pastor and damaged church properties. A written complaint regarding this incident was given to the police by Pastor. Station House Officer Vijay of the local police station visited the site but no action was taken against the accused persons.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
12/14/2021	Sangram Uikey's 70-year-old mother Chayatibai Uikey died in Govardhan village of Chhattisgarh's Kanker district. In the absence of a community burial ground, the villagers usually bury the deceased in their own land. However, when Sangram's family tried to bury her, the villagers objected and asked them to find a burial place outside the village. Mukesh Uikey, grandson of the deceased, said his family has been facing a social boycott for the last four years for accepting Christianity.	Source: https://www.news9live.com/india/chhattisgarh-man-facing-boycott-for-accepting-christianity-forced-to-bury-mothers-body-outside-village-142247	Chhattisgarh
12/15/2021	On 15 December in Goverdhan village, Kanker, Chhattisgarh, the last rites of a Christian woman, named Chaiti Bai, were denied by villagers and the village council on account of her Christian faith. The affected family contacted district administration for help. A team consisting of Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO), Sub Divisional Magistrate and the local administration officer from the district administration had come, but the SDPO also sided with the villagers and accused Christians of engaging in converting local people.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
12/15/2021	In Yamunanagar (Haryana), Pastor Salatin Masih was attacked by some religious extremists on account of his Christian faith. The pastor was praying in the church at the time when the incident took place. Pastor Salatin was then taken to Gandhinagar police station after the incident was reported to the police.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
12/15/2021	Mohan Bhagwat, the head of the Hindu nationalist movement called the RSS converting Christians to Hinduism	https://www.deccanherald.com/video/national/mohan-bhagwat-administers-oath-for-ghar-wapsi-of-hindus-who-converted-1061123.html	Uttar Pradesh

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12/16/2021	The Gujarat police have filed a case against the Missionaries of Charity, an organisation founded by Mother Teresa, under the Gujarat Freedom of Religion Act, 2003, for allegedly “hurting Hindu religious sentiments” and “luring young girls towards Christian faith” at a shelter home it runs in Vadodara city. The organisation has rejected the charge. A police report was filed at Makarpura police station after a highly partisan Hindu nationalist officers, the District Social Defence Officer Mayank Trivedi and the Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee of the district, visited the site.	Indian Express	Gujarat
12/16/2021	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday, December 15, asked Hindus to pledge to ensure the “ghar wapsi” or ‘return home’ of those who had converted into other religions. Mohan Bhagwat’s plea comes amidst rising violence by Hindutva groups citing “forced conversion” by Muslims and Christians, with little evidence.	https://thewire.in/communalism/rss-chief-asks-hindus-to-pledge-to-ensure-ghar-wapsi-of-those-who-have-converted	Madhya Pradesh
12/17/2021	Indresh Kumar, a senior leader of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) told a group of tribal Christians at an event in Nagaland house that they should stop converting Indians to Christianity and all those who converted must return to the Hinduism – a longstanding campaign viciously carried out in various forms across the country from the grassroots level to the top government officials against Christians in India.	India: Hindu Leader Tells Christians To Stop Conversions – Eurasia Review	New Delhi
12/18/2021	About 300 Hindu nationalists took out a rally blocking the traffic and roads demanding the arrest of the local Christians accusing them of having converted to Christian faith.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
12/19/2021	A right-wing organization’s (VHP) Union General Secretary in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh accused the Christian community of being involved in anti-national activity by engaging in religious conversions. The comment came at a press conference organized by VHP. The VHP leaders accused the Christians of engaging in conversion.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh

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12/19/2021	In the village Barah Kalan, Jind, Haryana, Sister Reena and her husband Naresh Kumar were asked to appear in front of the the village council because they were accused of practising and professing the Christian faith. But the couple refused out of safety concerns. Soon after, around 8 people from their village came to their home and threatened them for holding the regular Christian prayer meetings in the village.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
12/19/2021	In Dhiwar village, part of the Barh area of Bihar Patna district Pastor Deepak Chaudhary and some of his church members were assaulted by Hindu nationalists for following Christian faith during a prayer meeting and slapped them until they shouted the Hindutva war cry of Jai Shri Ram.	https://scroll.in/article/1014007/three-christmas-season-attacks-in-india-where-the-police-failed-to-act-against-hindutva-mobs	Bihar
12/19/2021	On 19 Dec in Mattadi village, Katekalyan, Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, village council organized a meeting where Christians from the village were summoned and threatened to renounce their faith. Every alternate day, these village council meetings are organized where those who have adopted the Christian faith are intimidated, harassed, and threatened with social boycotts. Here are some of the victims who are Christians: 1. Laxman Mandavi 2. Somadu Waco 3. BudhramMandavi 4. SannuMarkami 5. Sanju Mandavi 6. Manohar Mandavi 7. Sukko Waco 8. Ayatu Waco 9. Hope Waco 10. Budhri Waco 11. AayeteMandavi 12. ButkiMandavi 13. Lakme Mandavi 14.HidmeMerkami.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
12/19/2021	Pastor Arun Kumar of AG Church and his son in Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh, were assaulted by religious extremists and were taken to Chune police station. Pastor and his were accused of religious conversion by religious extremists, but as police investigated the matter it was found out that the allegation was baseless.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh

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12/20/2021	On 20 December in Jashpur, Chhattisgarh, Father Arun Kujur, Pastor Basant Lakra, Pastor Salmon Tigga, and Pastor Dino Kujur were falsely accused of carrying out a religious conversion and hurting religious sentiments by the Hindu SangathanJanjaati Suraksha, a right-wing inclined organisation. As a result, a first information report was registered against the father and three pastors at the Bagicha police station.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
12/20/2021	Police from Bhira UP arrested Pastor Arun Yeshudasan and his son Blesson from the church accusing them of forcing people to convert. Village elders in Bilawar Kalan, a cluster of small houses and squiggly roads in Madhya Pradesh, recently instituted the equivalent of about 10,000 Indian rupee fine for any family that allows Christians in their home. At the same time, they are trying to force the few Christian families to convert to Hinduism, warning that otherwise no one will marry their children, attend their funerals or sell them anything at the market.	NY Times	Madhya Pradesh
12/22/2021	On 22 December, villagers from 10 villages gathered in Abujhmad village, Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh, to protest and strategize about how to put a halt to Christian ministry activities in the villages. In the meeting, the representatives of Sarva Adivasi Samaj attributed the rise in mutual disputes and quarrel in the area to Christianity.	EFI-RLC Report	Chhattisgarh
12/22/2021	Ramesh Vasunia, a pastor from Padalva village in Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua district, along with his wife and four other members of the Christian community have been in jail since December 5, charged with attempting forced religious conversions. The arrests were ostensibly based on a complaint against the pastor by Moga Vasunia, a 70 year old priest of the local Shiva Hindu temple. According to the police report, he went to the church on December 5th and claims that the holy water that the pastor sprayed fell on him and that it was an attempted conversion. But lately, Mr. Vasunia denies making such complaints to the police nor having visited the church	SCROLL. IN	Madhya Pradesh

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12/23/2021	Pastor Amaresh was taken to Khaga Police Station on account of him practising and professing his Christian faith in Khaga Tahasil, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh. The pastor was accused of carrying out the religious conversion and was therefore interrogated. A Christian advocacy group contacted Station House Officer Vijay Rai and requested an unbiased probe into the matter. After questioning, the pastor was released without being charged	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
12/23/2021	Assistant pastor of Pastor Devraju D in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh was threatened by a police station officer who said pastors need to stop all kinds of Christian activities. SHO also said you can't hold a Christmas celebration.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
12/23/2021	Pastor Alok Kumar was celebrating the Christmas program at his own house with 100 to 150 Christians in Village Ekdil, Etawah district of the state of Uttar Pradesh. Suddenly, a group of Hindu nationalists came with three policemen and started abusing and threatening Christians. However, the pastor managed to leave the place. Later, he was informed, over the phone, that a police report called First Information Report (FIR) was filed against him, and he was asked to surrender to the police.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
12/23/2021	in Hisar, Haryana, Pastor Rajesh was celebrating the Christmas festival along with fellow Christians. Some Hindu religious extremists came to the venue and disrupted the Christmas program, and Pastor Rajesh was arrested by police. The pastor was released immediately after a Christian advocacy group called the police and cited Article 25 of the Constitution, which protects citizens' religious freedom.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
12/23/2021	The conversion-by-Santa theme was voiced by a wing of the Bajrang Dal in Haryana, led by one Harish Ramkali who posted photographs on his Facebook account on December 23, saying that any school who would make a child dress as Santa Claus without the permission of their family would have a case filed against them and be closed. He followed this up with a post on Christmas Eve saying that the Bajrang Dal had begun visiting and 'noting' down the names of schools, attaching an image of conversations with people who are presumably school authorities, and children wearing Santa hats.	source: https://thewire.in/communalism/seven-incidents-across-india-where-the-hindutva-brigade-disrupted-christmas-celebrations	Haryana

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12/24/2021	The Minister for Home Affairs, in the BJP ruled state of Karnataka, Mr. Araga Jnanendra put the weight of the government behind Hindu vigilante groups by blaming Christians being partly responsible for the escalating violence against churches as a means of justifying their attacks.	NDTV	Karnataka
12/24/2021	On 24 December in Bhojpur, Bihar, Christmas service preparations were going on at the GEMS House of Prayer. In the night, some unidentified Hindu nationalists had climbed the church compound walls and had broken the cross and vadelised the property.	EFI-RLC Report	Bihar
12/24/2021	About 10 members of the Hindu nationalist Vishwa Hindu Parishad, or World hindu Council in Haryana Ganaur village disrupted Christmas Eve celebrations at the Ambedkar Hall in the village. "About 300 of my men followed me to this hall," said Narendra Kumar, who heads the Ganaur division of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad.	https://scroll.in/article/1014007/three-christmas-season-attacks-in-india-where-the-police-failed-to-act-against-hindutva-mobs	Haryana
12/24/2021	An effigy of Pope Francis was burnt in in Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh Koteswar crematorium of Lanji by former Member Legislative Assembly Kishore Samrite	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
12/24/2021	On Christmas eve in Madhya Pradesh Jhabua district, eight Christians set out on their bikes to do their yearly round of carol singing. As the bikes passed through Parnaali, a wooded area, they were waylaid by a group of Hindu nationalists. "Out of nowhere, these men started pelting stones at us," said Pastor Naikhya Garhwal, who was one of the carol singers. "We were hit on our arms and backs with stones. When we fell off our bikes, more [attackers] came out (of the woods) and attacked us with an axe. One of us, Ramesh, was hit directly on his head and his scalp was torn apart. My son, Sem, was hit so hard there was a big bump on his head. He developed serious internal injuries." Nearly a week after the incident, both were still in hospital.	https://scroll.in/article/1014007/three-christmas-season-attacks-in-india-where-the-police-failed-to-act-against-hindutva-mobs	Madhya Pradesh
12/24/2021	The renovation work of a 100 year old catholic church was stopped by members of right-wing Hindu nationalist groups such as Adivasi Samaj Sudharak Sangh, associated with the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, threatening to destroy it on December 24, Christmas Eve.	In MP, Hindutva Groups, Pliant Cops and a Sympathetic Govt Have Driven Christians to a Corner (thewire.in)	Madhya Pradesh

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12/24/2021	Effigy of Santa Claus was burned in the city of Agra on Friday by members of the Hindu nationalist group called Bajrang Dal in front of the Christian schools. They claimed that Santa Clause was a part of “Christian strategy” to convert people.	Jesus statue smashed in spate of attacks on India’s Christian community India The Guardian	Uttar Pradesh
12/24/2021	A Christmas event that is held every year at Matridham Ashram in Chandmari district of Varanasi Uttar Pradesh was targeted by a Hindu vigilante group who stood outside shouting slogans such as “stop conversions” and “missionary murdabad”, meaning “death to missionaries”.	https://cjp.org.in/2021-a-harvest-of-hate/	Uttar Pradesh
12/25/2021	A Christian prayer meeting which was organized on the occasion of Christmas was suddenly barged in by right-wing members and was disrupted. Right-wingers also physically assaulted Pastor Suresh Kumar who was leading the prayer meeting that day and on account of him practising, professing and propagating his Christian faith.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
12/25/2021	In the Assam city of Silchar, a group of boys claiming to be members of the Bajrang Dal, a right-wing group with close ties to the ruling Hindu nationalist party, the BJP, interrupted Christmas celebrations. Besides the Christians they also “manhandled” a “few non-Christians who were celebrating Christmas with them at the town’s Presbyterian Church near the Cachar district police headquarters	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/assam-police-detain-juveniles-asking-hindus-leave-christmas-event-in-silchar-1893717-2021-12-29	Assam
12/25/2021	Hindutva activists allegedly barged into a school in Pataudi town of Haryana’s Gurugram district on Friday and disrupted prayers on Christmas eve. In one of the videos, a man is seen telling a group of children: “We do not disrespect Jesus...But I want to tell these children, the next generation, that do not get lured by any religion, or else India’s culture would be destroyed. You need to take resolution to protect it...Take that resolution and chant ‘Jai Shri Ram’ the war cry of Hindu nationalists. The man who was seen on stage was identified as Ram Pradeep Pandey, a resident of Pataudi who is originally from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. Pandey told Scroll. in that he along with 15 to 20 others reached the school after someone called him, alleging that religious conversions were happening there.	https://scroll.in/latest/1013646/gurugram-hindutva-activists-disrupt-christmas-prayers-in-church-shout-jai-shri-ram	Haryana

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12/25/2021	A Firends Missionary Prayer Band Missionary ChunglienSingsit of Kathua in the state of Jammu Kashmir was returning from a Christmas program. He was stopped and threatened by the Hindu nationalists who knew his movements. The Hindu nationalists then yelled at him for carying New Testaments with him. Then they forced him to recite a Hindu war cry Jai Shri Ram.	EFI-RLC Report	Jammu and Kashmir
12/25/2021	A Christmas celebration was disrupted by Hindu nationalist at Vankal Village, Navsari District, of the state of Gujarat. The Hindu nationalist party members went to the spot where the program was held. Activists barged in and disrupted the program, accusing a local pastor and organizers of religious conversion through allurement. The program was co-organized by Jaswant Patel, a Christian, who is from Vankal village and has moved to Paris and accepted the Christian faith.	EFI-RLC Report	Gujarat
12/25/2021	Christmas prayer In Gurgaon, outskirts of New Delhi was disrupted by members of the Hindu nationalist party and its paramilitary organization the RSS, and choir members on the stage were attacked.	Right-Wing Activists Allegedly Disrupt Christmas Prayers In Gurugram (outlookindia.com)	Haryana
12/25/2021	Pastor Lalit Kumar's church in Indri, Karnal, was vandalized at midnight, between 1 am to 2 am. The pastor has been doing ministry work in the area independently for the past three years. Before Pastor Lalit, the same church was being led by Pastor PK James from 2013 to 2018. This is a makeshift arrangement of the church to conduct prayer meetings without any fence or wall around the structure. Due to the demolition of the church, the pastor had to organize the Christmas celebration in the adjacent land in an open space.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
12/25/2021	in Shahabad, Kurukshetra, Haryana, a Christmas program was organized under the leadership of Pastor Gurudev. At the same time, a group of Hindu nationalists attacked the church and disrupted the program. The police were called and a written application was given to the police by Christians.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana

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12/25/2021	in village Siwanka, Gohana, Sonipat, Haryana, about 100 Hindu nationalists disrupted a Christmas being celebrated by Christians. The attackers vandalized and physically assaulted some Christians, injuring 73-year-old church pastor Ram Kishan's son Vinod Kishan. His medical was done by a local hospital. After much effort, the police registered a first information report for Christians. However, it was later revealed that there was also a first information Police report registered against Christians.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
12/25/2021	in Barwala, Panchkulla, Haryana, Pastor Qayum Sheikh along with his church members was worshipping and celebrating Christmas day. Around 12 to 15 right-wing group members came and disrupted the Celebration and assaulted Christians.	EFI-RLC Report	Haryana
12/25/2021	Bajrang Dal disrupted a Christian event at a private place in Kurukshetra, Haryana. Members of the Christian community were celebrating Christmas when a group of Bajrang Dal men came and disrupted the event and played 'Hanuman Chalisa', a form of Hindu chanting on the music system which the organisers had arranged for the event.	Source: http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/ht ps://timesofindia.i ndiatimes.com/city /chandigarh/hanu man-chalisa-played-at-xmas-event-in-kshetra/dynalist/88 497566.cms?utm_s ource=contentofint erest&utm_mediu m=text&utm_camp aign=cppst	Haryana
12/26/2021	A life-size statue of Jesus Christ at the entrance to their historic Holy Redeemer's church in Ambala cantonment are in India's northern state of Haryana was found desecrated and the lighting inside the premises were found damaged. The parish priest, Patras Mundu, told The Hindu newspaper that the suspected Hindu nationalists first damaged the lighting and the decoration inside the premises and then threw bricks at the glass cage that housed the statue of Jesus, the priest said. The statue was vandalized between 12:30 a.m. and 1:40 a.m.	https://www.thegu ardian.com/world/ 2021/dec/27/ jesus-statue-smashed-in- spate-of-attacks-on-indias-christian-community	Haryana
12/26/2021	In Bangalore, the hub of tech industry, a Statue of St. Anthony was broken by unidentified vandals inside the archdiocese church premises.	https://news24onli ne.com/news/tren ding/karnataka-statue-of-st-anthony-damaged-st-josephs-church-vandalised-in-chikkaballapur-416dd868/	Karnataka

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12/26/2021	Hindu nationalists, barged into a prayer event hosted by Sister Jyoti Chauhan, in Diwar village near Patna in the state of Bihar and shouted, "Jai Shri Ram, the war cry of Hindutva paramilitary forces. According to reports, police officials also had accompanied the Hindu nationalists.	https://scroll.in/article/1014007/three-christmas-season-attacks-in-india-where-the-police-failed-to-act-against-hindutva-mobs	Bihar
12/26/2021	members of a Hindutva group disrupted Christmas celebrations in a school in Pandavapura town of Karnataka's Mandya district. In a video, the men could be seen shouting at teachers of the Nirmala English High School and College, asking them to stop the Christmas festivities.	https://scroll.in/latest/1013644/hindutva-group-allegedly-disrupts-christmas-celebrations-in-a-school-in-karnataka#:~:text=Members%20of%20the%20group%20accused,to%20celebrate%20Hindu%20festivals%20instead.&text=Members%20of%20a%20Hindutva%20group%20disrupted%20Christmas%20celebrations%20in%20a,News%20Minute%20reported%20on%20Saturday.	Karnataka
12/27/2021	Pastor Gorakh Nath had visited fellow Christians and was conducting routine prayer and worship. During the prayer meeting, the local police arrived and took the pastor into custody at the Sikariganj police station, where they questioned him as to why he was conducting the prayers.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
12/27/2021	A Christmas program was being organized in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh, the place of Pastor Pradeep Kumar. The neighbour called the police and reported that religious conversion was taking place. The police came and took Pastor Pradeep Kumar, Rajamani, and Chandan Kumar to the Kon police station.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
12/26/2021	Police arrested Father Jam Singh Dindore, pastor AnsinghNinama and a person named ManguMehtabBhuriya n Bicholi village in Jhabua district, Madhya Pradesh. They were accused of converting tribals to Christianity. A first information report was registered based on a complaint at the Kalyanpura police station. The truth, however, according to Christians, is that whoever comes to the weekly prayer meeting, they do so out of their own free will. In the prayer meeting, the father or pastor just reads from the Bible and preaches from it.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh

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12/26/2021	Pastor Harish Kumar was conducting a prayer meeting along with his church members. Some religious extremists backed by a political party showed up at the spot where a prayer meeting was going on and disrupted it. They warned pastors and Christians not to conduct prayer meetings in the future.	EFI-RLC Report	Uttar Pradesh
12/26/2021	In a case of alleged religious conversion, Madhya Pradesh Police on Sunday, 26 December, arrested three people including a catholic priest and a pastor in Jhabua district, while another Javed Khan was booked in Ashok Nagar district under MP's Freedom of Religion Act 2021.	https://www.thequint.com/news/india/four-arrested-in-two-separate-incidents-of-alleged-religious-conversion-in-madhya-pradesh	Madhya Pradesh
12/27/2021	In Darua village, Palamu, Jharkhand, a Christmas prayer and new year celebration were held in the front yard of the home of a Christian named Teju. The prayer was led by pastor Shivkumar Ram and to participate in it many local Christians had come together. During the prayer meeting, local Hindu nationalists barged into the meeting and attacked Christians including the pastor. The pastor sustained injuries to the head and other parts of the body. Teju's home was also vandalised and vehicles belonging to Christians were damaged.	EFI-RLC Report	Jharkhand
12/27/2021	A Christmas program was organized by Pastor Manne Lal in the Lakhwaria village, Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh. About the program, the pastor informed the concerned government departments a week ago. When the program started, only an hour later the local police came and stopped the Christmas program, telling the pastor and Christians that they could not host the event.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
12/27/2021	Nine people and their families belonging to the Christian community converted to Hinduism in the presence of Hindu groups like Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad in Karnataka Badravathi on Monday, 27 December.	https://www.thequint.com/news/india/hindu-groups-hold-ghar-wapsi-event-in-karnataka-convert-9-people-to-hinduism	Karnataka
12/29/2021	A day after Christmas, 251 Christian families were converted to Hinduism by Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and other right-wing leaders at Shiv Rudra Hanuman temple in Navagam area of Saputara, a tribal area in Dang district of Gujarat.	https://www.etvbharat.com/english/national/state/gujarat/ghar-wapsi-for-251-christians-in-this-remote-gujarat-village/na20211229070654191	Gujarat

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DATE	INCIDENT	SOURCE	STATE
12/30/2021	A video of women fending off Hindutva supremacists in Karnataka Tumakuru district showed the women questioning the men who barged into their home and tried to stop the Christmas celebrations on Tuesday in Bilidevalaya village near Kunigal around 7.30 pm. The men reportedly asked the women why they were celebrating Christmas and the reason for not wearing "sindoor" or vermilion as married Hindu women do. The group also asked why some of the family's members had converted to Christianity, reported NDTV. But one of the women asked the men to provide proof that any conversions had taken place. "Where has this [conversion] happened," she asked. The woman also told the Hindutva group that it was solely their decision if they wanted to celebrate Christmas	Karnataka: Women fend off men who barged into a home to disrupt Christmas celebrations (scroll.in)	Karnataka
12/31/2021	A prayer meeting was organized in Indore, Madhya Pradesh to celebrate the new year, in which some 25 to 30 Hindu nationalists attacked the ceremony at around 9:00 pm. They had iron rods, swords and sticks. Church Pastor Manish had sustained serious injuries and was admitted to the hospital. Seeing the seriousness of the matter, Pastor's wife gave an application to the local police but unfortunately, the local police started threatening the Pastor and his wife while accusing them of carrying out the religious conversion.	EFI-RLC Report	Madhya Pradesh
Date		Source	State
December	HUNDREDS OF INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATIONS WERE REPORTED FROM EVERY STATE ALL ACROSS INDIA IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS. ONLY A FEW SUCH INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED BY NEWS MEDIA. A VAST MAJORITY OF THESE INCIDENTS WERE NEVER REPORTED OUTSIDE.		

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