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Introduction

This report is an attempt to document intense and multi-pronged attack unleashed on the democratic rights of citizens and secular values enshrined in the constitution of India. Since the present regime came to power we have witnessed that the citizens rights and secular ethos, secured during the past sixty years, have been trampled upon with impunity.

Riding on the high-tide of promised development, created by PR agencies and corporate controlled media, the present regime 'conquered' the hearts and the minds of India with the promised 'Achche Din' (Better Days).

The experiments perfected in the laboratory of Hindutva are being very successfully exported from Gujarat to various states of India. Many of us, who have closely watched the developments and modus operandi of communal forces in Gujarat and elsewhere, have been deeply disturbed but not surprised at the developments of the past year.

It has been the dream of the Sangh Parivar to convert this diverse, plural, composite India into a Hindu Rashtra. For the first time in 90 years they have come so close to fulfilling their dream. The Sangh both within and outside the formal apparatus is working round the clock to achieve their objective.

The purpose of documenting this multi faceted attack on our diversity and pluralism is to make the damage visible.

We could document only a fraction of what has happened during the past year due to paucity of resources, both human and financial. This report however clearly breaks the myth that there have been no riots under the present regime. The strategy has changed, Sangh has realized that large-scale violence attracts international media attention, and therefore now, meticulously planned high-intensity localized violence coupled with high-pitched hate campaigns is used across India to polarize the people and further marginalise the minorities.

In order to weaken the India democracy, the administrative, legal, scientific and educational, structures created during the past sixty year have either been demolished or tempered. The onslaught has left these institutions permanently damaged and show the direction in which the present regime is likely to push the country.

The report has been made possible due to the cooperation and remarkable efforts of many individuals and fraternal organizations working in various states.

Although not documented in this report but the past year has also seen strong resistance to the nefarious designs of the Sangh, across India. We hope that this report will help in further strengthening the people's resistance against these divisive forces.

-Shabnam Hashmi

Executive Summary

On 26th May 2014, Mr. Narendra Damodardas Modi, the Chief Minister of Gujarat, was sworn in as the Prime Minister of India at the head of the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic alliance. Riding the crest of a popular wave of revulsion against the rampant corruption in national life recent years, Mr. Modi promised “development” to the young aspirational generation of voters. But most of all, he marshaled a strong army of activists of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the many organisations of the Sangh Parivar to unleash an election campaign that polarized the electorate through selective targeting of Muslims and Christians.

A year later, the government admits the development process has not yet commenced despite huge concessions to the corporate sector. The new jobs are yet to materialize. The photo opportunities are of projects started by the previous government, now nearing completion. But several major projects designed to provide a social safety net to the rural poor and other poor have, on the other hand, been toned down, their names changed in symbolic contempt for previous Prime Ministers. Suicides by debt-burdened farmers continue apace. And there is nothing to show for the promise of ending corruption and bringing back the “black money” stowed away in Swiss and other foreign banks.

Something critical to the nation has changed, for the worse. It is India's social landscape. There has been no massacre of the nature of the Muzaffarnagar rape and killings of Muslims in the run-up to the 2014 general elections. The period May 2014-May 2015 has seen a seamlessness between the government of Mr. Modi at the Centre, the state governments ruled by the BJP, and the cadres of the Sangh Parivar. The results are visible from what is called the saffronisation of governance at the Centre to the implementation of the Sangh's agenda of coercion and isolation of religious minority groups, to infiltration of administrative structures, police and education. The incitement to violence and coercion is one facet of it. The other is enforcing the Sangh dictat through orders such as the compulsory Surya Namaskar at mass Yoga camps, the restructuring of national academic institutions and the ban, for instance, on eggs in the children's nutrition programme by Madhya Pradesh are indicative.

The hate of the election campaign has also mutated to a more coercive and threatening, phenomenon that has percolated to the Universities and colleges on the one hand and the villages and small towns over much of the country. One group even set up a “Hindu Helpline” to assist anyone from the majority community who is being harassed by Muslims, announcing its cadres will come to the help of any Hindu parent who suspects his or her daughter is seeing a Muslim youth.

Former administrator, Member of the National Advisory Council of the Government of India and renowned activist Harsh Mander says “There is indeed no ambiguity in Modi's politics, no recourse to poetry and equivocality, unlike the last prime minister to be elected from the BJP, Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Vajpayee himself was not above articulating anti-Muslim or anti-Christian rhetoric from time to time. Yet many still regarded him to be a leader of relative moderation. However, his communal pointers would always be cloaked in a garb of moderation. Never in free India has the public discourse been so poisoned

by MPs and ministers of the elected ruling alliance. BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj labels madrassas as 'hubs of terror' fostering 'love jihad' and 'education of terrorism'. He exhorts Hindu women to bear four children, declaring that in the Modi yug(era), the alleged Muslim practice of having four wives and 40 kids – a fiction of majoritarian paranoia - should be forcefully halted. He further describes Nathuram Godse, Gandhi's assassin, as a 'patriot' and 'martyr'. Another BJP MP Yogi Adityanath declares that an India without Ram cannot be imagined, and that those who allegedly torment Hindus with riots will have to pay dearly. Moreover 'for every Hindu converted, 100 Muslim girls will be converted as retaliation.' Minister Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti describes those who do not worship Ram as 'haramzade' or bastards. A Shiv Sena MP force-feeds a Muslim canteen functionary during his roza fast. Another, Sanjay Raut, calls for the disenfranchisement of Muslims.”

Such hate, inevitably, lead to violence.

Desecration and destruction of churches, assault on pastors, illegal police detention of church workers, and denial of Constitutional rights of Freedom of Faith aggravate the coercion and terror unleashed in campaigns of Ghar Wapsi and cries of Love Jihad. In Chhattisgarh, villages are passing orders banning the entry of priests of faiths other than Hinduism.

At least 43 deaths in over 600 cases of violence, 194 targeting Christians and the rest Muslims, have taken place in Between 26th May 2014 and 13th May 2015, marking almost one year of the National Development Alliance government of Mr. Narendra Modi. The number of dead is other than the 108 killed in Assam in attacks on Muslims by armed tribal political groups. The number of incidents of communally targeted violence could be very much higher, but official records are not available. The police does not register many other crimes. Victims too are often coerced into reaching a compromise with their In the very first few weeks of the new government, by its own admission, 113 communal incidents took place in various parts of the country during in just the two moths May-June 2014 in which 15 people were killed and 318 others were injured, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Kiren Rijiju told the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of Parliament. Many of the incidents of violence were directed against individuals and places of worship of the Muslim community. Uttar Pradesh, which saw large scale violence in its western district of Muzzafarabad in the run up to the general elections, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Assam have been among the states where Muslims have been targeted. The government, which routinely and selectively leaks information to the media to target civil society, does not monthly reports on communal and targeted violence.

There is an apparent absence of organised protest. Advocacy groups and NGOs have been crushed and silenced using the notorious Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, which starves voluntary groups of their funds, and the Intelligence Bureau and police that threatens their leadership and activists. Protests have been brutally crushed. Individual activists have been identified, targeted and sought to be neutralized. Those that the State machinery does not touch are left to the mercy of local “nationalist” thugs who have political patronage and the promise of immunity from the local police. Civil society organisations like INSAF, People's Watch, Sabrang Trust, Citizens for Justice and Peace, Greenpeace India among others

were systematically targeted, maligned and subject to no end of harassment in this past year. Activists working in areas of religious freedom and communal harmony have been selectively targeted. There have been several others who have been subject to subtle and indirect intimidations which include pressure on the top management, innuendoes, threats, innumerable governmental enquiries, rumours etc; such tactics often put those who want to take a stand on the back-foot and several tactfully move into the background; fade into oblivion.

As sinister is the government's strong push to change the course of education and pedagogy. Delhi university professors Karen Gabriel and PK Vijayan, the has effort is to convert the people, specially the young, to the "faith' propagated by the Sangh Parivar to consolidate the core constituency. An important aspect of this process is that, with full majority, the Modi government is now increasingly able to bring changes at the policy and decision-making levels. Coercion alone is unlikely to work. Rather, an incremental balance of coercion and cooption is what is required – and the evidence of the first year of the Modi regime suggests that such an investment-banking approach is exactly what is being undertaken.

The scientific temperament, which helped, create the IITs and the IIMs and propelled an Indian science probe to the planet Mars is now threatened. During the past one-year we have witnessed an unprecedented attack on scientific temper, rational thinking and scientific establishment of the country. The assault has been four pronged: Spreading and providing credibility to myths, superstitions, irrational beliefs among the masses; Occupying spaces such as science congress, workshops and conferences and use the official; and unofficial platforms for anti-science activities; Crippling the scientific institutes by political interference, delay in appointing heads of institutions, insulting the most respected scientists / academicians of the country and spreading panic to demoralize scientific community of the country; Arbitrary budget cuts and reduced allocation to various science departments and projects of national importance.

Though intensity of propagation of irrational, superstitious, illogical and anti-science ideas by various leaders of Sangh Parivar increased many fold as the new government assumed power, the first major onslaught was unleashed during the 102nd Science Congress. Mr. Modi himself set the agenda even before the science congress, by declaring that "Hindu god Ganesh was actually a creation of ancient plastic surgery". Taking cue from their leader, party cheerleaders like Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank told Parliament that astrology was more powerful than modern science. Other members of the ruling establishment have claimed that Hindu sages were well versed in everything from stem cell therapy to nuclear tests."

Freedom of expression is inevitably a casualty. An atmosphere of fear had been created systematically by the RSS, its affiliates and other groups over the last decade in which criminal cases had been filed by these bodies against writers and publishers, who have to face physical threats and intimidation. The pressure by the Sangh organizations has been such that publishers have started exercising self-censorship. They are getting books examined by legal experts and shelving those that might face protest

from such groups or criminal cases in the courts. Such cases go unreported as both the publisher and the writer refrain from discussing these decisions in public.

Cardinal Mar Baselios Cleemis, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India and the National United Christian Forum, summed up the situation when in a statement this year he said: “The cultural DNA of India of pluralism and diversity is being threatened. We are anxious about the implications of the fundamentalist political thesis that India is “one nation, one people and one culture”. A nation of cultural homogeneity is an impossibility and any effort to impose it is fraught with grave ramifications for the country. We welcome the occasional statements of those in authority of adhering to the Constitution of India and, in particular to its assurances of the Freedom of Faith. However, these statements fail to have any impact on the leadership of socio-political organisations that are polarising the nation with the language and acts of intolerance, hate and violence.”

-John Dayal

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India's Majoritarian Summer

-Harsh Mander

Of all the major political parties seeking votes in the 2014 elections, the BJP, through its prime ministerial candidate, offered the Indian electorate perhaps the most cohesive, if troubling, vision for the country. Modi offered a combination of three fundamentalisms. First, a market orthodoxy which guarantees unprecedented levels of subsidies to big business in the form of long tax holidays, soft loans, cheap land and electricity, at the expense of public expenditure on education, health, social protection and public infrastructure. Next was communal fundamentalism, constituting barely disguised hostility towards religious minorities, especially Muslims, which was the main rallying agenda on the ground in electorally crucial states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. And the third was a militarist fundamentalism, envisioning an aggressive foreign policy, including war with Pakistan. Modi's offer to the voters was a kind of 'buy one, get two free' political bargain, but one in which you cannot embrace one of the fundamentalisms without also accepting the others.

There is no necessary convergence between Right-wing economic policies, Right-wing chauvinism and Right-wing militarism. Right-wing economic policies can coexist with liberal and secular policies relating to minorities and restrained defence plans. But where these do converge—as they do in Indian politics today—I believe they constitute a grave threat to secular democracy. The result of the elections of 2014 would not have caused such extensive dismay among many people if it was a victory only of an economic Right formation. It was the convergence of the economic Right with majoritarian and militarist triumphalism, spurred by enormous corporate financing, which caused such disquiet.

Although Modi greatly toned down his trademark divisive rhetoric and communal hectoring in his campaign, he still refused to apologize for the carnage of 2002 which occurred under his watch. Given Modi's own discourse—until he was chosen as the BJP's prime ministerial candidate eight months before the elections—of barely suppressed triumphalism surrounding the carnage of 2002, his transition to secular statesmanship required the erasure of his culpability. This erasure had been successfully accomplished earlier for the hawkish BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani and the more moderate-faced Atal Behari Vajpayee. A similar exercise was undertaken in India's most expensive political campaign ever—in which the BJP reportedly spent close to what Obama spent in his election campaign, although the US has a per capita income thirty times higher than that of India. Except for his core Hindu nationalist constituency, Modi was reinvented as the avuncular messiah of market growth.

Given Modi's public position on the 2002 massacre, the obliteration of his role in it was even harder to accomplish than the reinvention of the two earlier prime ministerial candidates fielded by the BJP. But the leaders of industry, as much as large segments of the middle classes impatient to see his installation as the one man who could accelerate economic growth, rejected the idea that his ambitions to attain the highest post in national politics were disqualified by his alleged role in one of the most brutal communal massacres after Independence. They counselled that we should focus on the 'big picture' of growth, as though the violent suppression of minorities is but a minor blemish.

Strident anti-Muslim rhetoric—dominant in his rallies in three successive election campaigns for the Gujarat assembly in and since 2002—was keyed low in his triumphant bid for the country's leadership.

But still, many persistent undertones reflected his hostility towards India's minorities. He referred to the UPA government in the capital as the Delhi Sultanate and to Rahul Gandhi as the 'shehzada'—imagery which harked back to medieval domination by Muslim rulers. He donned every kind of headgear to build rapport with culturally diverse populations in all corners of the country, but refused to wear a skullcap. Even though Muslims form 10 per cent of Gujarat's population, Modi never put up a single Muslim candidate in successive polls in Gujarat. His policy was little different for the national elections, which is why the BJP does not have a single Muslim MP in the Lok Sabha—although Muslims constitute more than 14 per cent of the total population of India—a dubious first for any ruling government since Independence.

There is indeed no ambiguity in Modi's politics, no recourse to poetry and equivocality, unlike the last prime minister to be elected from the BJP, Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Vajpayee himself was not above articulating anti-Muslim or anti-Christian rhetoric from time to time. Yet many still regarded him to be a leader of relative moderation. However, his communal pointers would always be cloaked in a garb of moderation.

Through most of his vigorous and meteoric political career, Modi has worn no fig-leaf of moderation, although during the run up to the national elections, he did cover his majoritarian convictions with his promises that he would ensure miraculous economic growth. One can speculate about how much of the middle class supported him for his promise of growth, his decisive leadership, or his communal hyper-nationalism. And even if we accept that there were many who backed him for his growth agenda, we must also accept that all these people were not uncomfortable with a leader who was openly hostile to India's constitutional pledge of equal citizenship to all persons regardless of their faith. This reflected at least a passive condoning of aggressive communalism, if not active support for his deeply divisive brand of politics.

Many openly communal statements were made, not by Modi's aides during the election campaign. Modi himself said nothing of the sort but also, at the same time, never publicly reprimanded his aides or distanced himself from their comments. He was happy to reap the political benefits of majoritarian consolidation spurred by these remarks, but freed himself from taking responsibility for them. Amit Shah said, openly, that the vote should be used for revenge in riot-ravaged Muzaffarnagar.

Modi himself allowed his thin mask of moderation to slip whenever he felt the need to personally stoke majoritarian sentiment. In his own unique fashion, he spoke, in the heartland of Bihar, of the 'pink revolution', alluding to the UPA government's alleged support for beef export by subsidizing slaughter houses. In Vadodara, he charged that secular opinion was in fact, divisive, and he declared that he would rather lose the election than fall to these strategies, trying to turn on its head the moral case for secularism. But even more damagingly, he stormed Assam with exhortations against Bengali Muslims, describing them as illegal immigrant Bangladeshis, ignoring the fact that more than nine out of ten Bengali Muslims in the state are legitimate Indian citizens. He advised them to pack their bags after 16 May! On 1 May Assam witnessed one of the most brutal massacres since Nellie, targeting mostly Muslim women and children. Yet, a day after this massacre in the Baksa district, Modi thought nothing of reiterating his threats against Bengali Muslims in Bengal, declaring that those who did not worship the goddess Durga were not welcome in the state.

The centrality of fraternity in nurturing and sustaining democracy is one of Ambedkar's many profound insights. The word used in the constitution in Hindi is *bandhuta*, which evokes vividly ideas of comradeship and mutual belonging. That regardless of our bewildering multitudes of differences - of faith, caste, class, gender, language, of the ways we dress and eat, marry, celebrate and mourn - we are in the end one people, because we belong to one another. The first energetic year in office of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was marked by severe contestations of many constitutional principles, but none more than fraternity.

Fraternity, our common sisterhood and brotherhood, would if fully realized result in a seamless oneness, or unity, amidst our limitless diversities. This is an ideal we as a people have never achieved. Instead of complete unity between people of diverse beliefs and cultures, we articulate interim ideals of amity, harmony and peaceful co-living. These in turn require at the minimum two fundamental principles in public life – of public civility, and public fairness. Both these minimum principles for fraternal co-living have been badly battered in the first year of Modi's stewardship of the central government.

Take first public civility. Never in free India has the public discourse been so poisoned by MPs and ministers of the elected ruling alliance. BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj labels madrassas as 'hubs of terror' fostering 'love jihad' and 'education of terrorism'. He exhorts Hindu women to bear four children, declaring that in the Modi yug(era), the alleged Muslim practice of having four wives and 40 kids – a fiction of majoritarian paranoia - should be forcefully halted. He further describes Nathuram Godse, Gandhi's assassin, as a 'patriot' and 'martyr'. Another BJP MP Yogi Adityanath declares that an India without Ram cannot be imagined, and that those who allegedly torment Hindus with riots will have to pay dearly. Moreover 'for every Hindu converted, 100 Muslim girls will be converted as retaliation.' Minister Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti describes those who do not worship Ram as 'haramzade' or bastards. A Shiv Sena MP force-feeds a Muslim canteen functionary during his roza fast. Another, Sanjay Raut, calls for the disenfranchisement of Muslims.

These are not hate provocations by non-state fringe fanatics. These are displays of unrepentant public bigotry week after week by elected public representatives of the ruling alliance in Parliament. The Prime Minister who is otherwise not known ever to be at a loss for words, and prides himself on an expanded chest, imposing his iron will on his ministers and his party, is mostly deafening in his silence in response to these criminally culpable hate statements of his colleagues. His occasional statements hardly amount to even a mild knock on their knuckles.

Take now public fairness. Only consider the state of Gujarat. Maya Kodnani, convicted with 28 years for leading the brutal slaughter in Naroda in 2002 of 97 Muslims, including 36 women and 35 children, is released on bail since July 2014. Another infamous organiser of the slaughter Baju Bajrangi, also serving an extended life term, is freed on bail for an eye ailment in April 2015. Caught in 2006 by Tehelka on secret camera he had bragged, 'we hacked, burned, set on fire ... because these bastards don't want to be cremated ... I have just one last wish ... let me be sentenced to death ... just give me two days before my hanging and I will go and have a field day... I will finish them off at least 25,000 to 50,000 should die'. Senior police officer Vanzara, charged with the murder in fake encounters of teenager Ishrat Jehan, Sohrabuddin and others, was released on bail in February 2015 to a hero's welcome. By contrast, courageous and brave whistle-blowing police officers Rahul Sharma and

Rajnish Rai face a barrage of literally scores of charges. Sharma finally took voluntary retirement. Police officer Sanjeev Bhatt remains suspended. Feisty and gutsy Teesta Seetalvad who pursued many battles for legal justice for survivors of the 2002 carnage, facing multiple criminal charges escaped imminent arrest only through the intervention of the Supreme Court.

India's Constitution took care to defend not just the right of faith of religious minorities, but also their right to propagate their convictions. Contrary to its spirit, there is influential public advocacy for a national law barring religious conversions. A rash of high-decibel programmes were organised in which converts to Islam and Christianity were 'welcomed back' into Hinduism. These programmes were titled 'home-comings' suggesting that the only legitimate Indian faith is Hinduism, and conversions to Islam and Christianity represented prodigal straying. The same cultural legitimacy only of majoritarian Hinduism underlays Maharashtra government's ban on both selling and eating beef, criminalising dietary traditions of not only many non-Hindu faiths, but even many dalit and tribal peoples.

This has also been a year of widespread communal ferment. Big communal conflagrations are now unlikely, because they attract international condemnation and troublesome domestic activism. But these have been replaced by a massive rash of continuing small but deeply toxic communal attacks and skirmishes. Assaults on churches here, disputes over mosques and cemeteries there, raids on religious processions, throwing of animal carcasses in shrines, raising of communal tempers when young people choose to love or marry outside their religions, and cow slaughter have resulted in an astonishing several hundred communal clashes across the country, peaking in regions which are due to face elections.

Modi in his first year in office has led our nation into a long, blistering majoritarian summer. This has scorched both the fairness of institutions of the state - including sadly the judiciary - and fraternal social relations. None but the most delusional right-wing radicals expect millions of people of minority faith to leave this nation. But what they aspire is that they learn to live in separate ghettos, economically enfeebled, socially submissive, politically disenfranchised. This is their competing idea of India.

Communal Trends Reported by the Media since May 2014

The following is a collection of previously published news and articles from the print and the electronic media, whose reference is marked in the last column. As on May 12, 2015, all internet links have been found to be available and working.

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Date	Published Edition	Media Headlines	Statement/ Action by	Media Source
May 16, 2014	Hindustan Times, New Delhi, Delhi	BJP to promote movies rich in Indian cultural values	Mithlesh Kumar Tripathi, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://www.hindustantimes.com/bollywood/bjp-to-promote-movies-rich-in-indian-cultural-values/article1-1219961.aspx
May 17, 2014	Daijiworld Media Network, Mangalore, Karnataka	NaMo Brigade books flight ticket to Pakistan for Ananthamurthy	NaMo Brigade	http://www.hindustantimes.com/bollywood/bjp-to-promote-movies-rich-in-indian-cultural-values/article1-1219961.aspx
May 20, 2014	India Today, New Delhi, Delhi	RSS ideologue wants BJP to tackle Ram Mandir, Article 370	M.G. Vaidya, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	https://in.news.yahoo.com/rss-ideologue-wants-bjp-tackle-ram-mandir-article-141529095.html
May 21, 2014	Deccan Herald, Gandhinaga, Gujarat	Build Ram temple in Ayodhya, Congress' Waghela tells Modi	Shankarsinh Waghela	http://www.deccanherald.com/content/408525/build-ram-temple-ayodhya-congress.html
May 21, 2014	Zee News, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Vaghela gives clean chit to Modi for 2002 riots	Shankarsinh Waghela	http://zeenews.indiacom/hindi/news/state/vaghela-given-clean-chit-to-modi-in-2002-riots/210101
May 25, 2014	Times of India, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh	Communal clash in Faizabad village		http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/Communal-clash-in-Faizabad-village/articleshow/35573915.cms
May 26, 2014	The Tribune, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Hindu, Muslim mobs clash in Modi's heartland of Gujarat	-	http://tribune.com.pk/story/713286/hindu-muslim-mobs-clash-in-modis-heartland-of-gujarat/
May 27, 2014	Times of India, New Delhi, Delhi	Sanjeev Baliyan: From riot accused to central minister	-	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/Sanjeev-Baliyan-From-riot-accused-to-central-minister/articleshow/35625312.cms
May 28, 2014	Times of India, New Delhi, Delhi	Muslims are not Minorities, Parsis are	Najma Heptullah, Minority Affairs	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Muslims-are-not-minorities-Parsis-are-Najma-Heptullah/articleshow/35651799.cms
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One Year of Modi Sarkar : Hate Speech Galore

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The coming to power of Narendra Modi in a way gave an open license to all the affiliates of RSS combine to indulge in open hate speech against the religious minorities. The current agenda behind the hate speech is to consolidate the communal polarization of the society along lines of religion. The well known case of MIM's Akbarudin Owaisi's hate speech has been despicable and very rightly Akbarudin Owaisi had to be in jail for some time. The case against him should be pursued and the legal course of action must be pursued. At the same time what about the hate speech indulged in by the likes of Pravin Togadia, Subramaniam Swamy, Giriraj Singh, Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, Sadhvi Prachi, Sakshi Maharaj, Yogi Adityanath, Sanjay Raut and company?

Apart from these associates of Hindu right wing patriarch, RSS, who are reported in the media, there are many more indulging in the divisive speech and worsening the communal situation. During this year they have started feeling emboldened as they know it is 'their' Government and they can get away with it. Day in and day out they are becoming more aggressive and vicious in their language. The hate speech against religious minorities has been stepped up.

One recalls even before Modi Sarkar assumed the seat of power the divisive activities of 'BJP associates' in the form of propaganda of love jihad and Ghar Vapsi were on, and they continued without any respite during this year. Soon after this Government came to power in Pune, Mohsin Sheikh, a person working in IT was hacked to death by activists of Hindu Jagran Sena, in the aftermath of morphed pictures of Bal Thackeray and Shivaji being posted on the social media. The attack on Churches was very glaring and the process which was dominant in Delhi and Haryana was also witnessed in places like Panvel near Mumbai, Agra in UP among other places.

Sakshi Maharaj not only said that Godse was a patriot; he also went on to say that Hindu women should produce four children, as Muslims are overtaking the population. Sadhvi Prachi went to prescribe eight children for Hindu women. She also gave a call that the Muslim film actors, Aamir Khan, Shahrukh Khan and Salman Khan should be boycotted. Pravin Togadia has been the leading person in making hate speeches; he has the highest number of cases regarding hate speech against him. Yogi Adityanath, BJP's MP keeps making very derogatory remarks, He said that in 'love jihad' if one Hindu girl is converted then 100 Muslim girls should be converted to Hinduism. The propaganda around love jihad keeps simmering and various small and big leaders keep using it to divide the society. Same Yogi went on to say that Mosques should be converted into den of pigs and that Muslims should not be allowed to come to Hindu holy places.

Two central ministers of Modi Sarkar, Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti and Giriraj Singh made very insulting and humiliating remarks about non Hindus and the color of skin of UPA chief Sonia Gandhi. Niranjan Jyoti stated that all those who are non Hindus are illegitimate, *Haramzade*. Giriraj Singh had earlier said that those not voting for Modi should go to Pakistan. Interestingly he said this before the elections and despite such a record he was elevated to the level of minister in the Modi sarkar. He made racial

comments about Sonia Gandhi recently. Sakshi Mahraj also held Godse as a patriot, while his another party colleague from Kerala, one Gopal Krishnan wrote in RSS mouth piece Kesri that Godse chose a wrong target in killing Gandhi, he should have killed Nehru instead.

Subramaniam Swamy, one of the very senior leaders of BJP, said that God lives in temples alone, not in mosques and Churches, The hidden implication of this statement is fraught with danger. These are few of the samples from what all has been stated during this year. Its impact in increasing the sense of fear amongst religious minorities is more than obvious. BJP ally Shiv Sena's MP Sanjay Raut went to the extent of demanding that the voting rights of Muslims should be revoked.

As such one realizes that 'Hate speech' is the outcome of the politics of divisiveness, it is the concentrated expression of the 'social common sense' prevailing in the society, it is the forth right and blunt way of putting things, which communal parties propagate anyway. It is not out of the blue that these formulations suddenly crop up, their infrastructure, the base of these has already been made by a section of political outfits.

Also 'Hate Speech' in case of India is an accompaniment of the politics in the name of religion and language, and also many times it precedes the violence or helps in polarization of communities for electoral benefits. While BJP was on the upswing during Ram Temple campaign; one recalls that Sadhvi Ritambhara, was propped up for pravachans (religious discourses) by RSS combine. She was bluntly talking anti minority things, duly endorsed by communal political organizations. This took place around the Babri demolition period.

One has been hearing similar things from many a sadhus of VHP, small and sundry members of communal gang, some Muslim communalists and the ilk of Togadia. There has been a more sophisticated presentation of the similar formulations by many others. Modi, in his initial rise to power talked divisive language, but kept changing the form in a very subtle way to suit the needs of his political strategy. When he said that post Gujarat refugee camps should be shut down as they have become factories of production of children, he was reinforcing the propaganda about Muslims having more number of children.

In the wake of Mumbai riots Bal Thackeray had indulged in Hate speech, inciting his Shiv Sainiks to undertake violence. He also got away with it due to clever way of putting his vitriol and due to the lack of adequate laws which can distinguish the Hate speech from freedom of expression, which can distinguish between one's political opinion and painting the 'other' community in a negative light. Incidentally it is important to distinguish between criticizing a community and criticizing a political organization. While political organizations can and must be criticized, communities should not be humiliated or insulted. Also no political organization can be synonymous with the religious community, whatever its claims.

It is not only disturbing but totally against the values of our democratic society that such 'hate the other' ideology and speeches have become the weapon in the hands of a type of politics, which thrives on exclusion, which identifies a particular religious community as synonymous with the nation state. Again this 'hate speech' is the language of a section of those who thrive on identity politics far away from the real issues of the society.

The ideology of religion based nationalism is narrow and it excludes the 'other' from its notion of nationhood. These beliefs then get converted into Hate the other, and then transform into 'Hate speech'. This did form the basis of many a communal violence in pre independence era and also during the last two decades. Varun Gandhi, had said 'he will cut the hands', is a BJP MP. He may not have undergone the total indoctrination in RSS shakhas, where the Hate Ideology is instilled in the minds of young recruits, but he must have been exposed enough to those formulations, through his personal interaction etc. Hate ideology as seen above is the prelude of hate speech.

In this atmosphere once a while the BJP spokespersons will say that the view expressed by the particular leader are 'personal' and stop at that. For BJP another escape clause is that its associated organizations like VHP, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram and Bajrang Dal are formally different organizations though they are also part of RSS controlled Sangh Parivar. All of them are working in tandem with BJP for actualization of agenda of Hindu Rashtra. So while BJP is not directly responsible for their actions, the direction of the actions is the same. Many a people call these organizations as fringe elements, while as a matter of fact there is a division of labor between these organizations. These have become more aggressive during the past one year. And surely after the Modi Sarkar coming to power their vitriol has become more intense.

Hate Speech and Campaigns in Media since May 16, 2014

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

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April 20, 2014	Hindustan Times, New Delhi	Those opposing Modi will have to go to Pakistan, says BJP leader Giriraj Singh	Giriraj Singh, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://www.hindustantimes.com/election-beat/bjp-leader-says-those-against-modi-will-have-place-only-in-pakistan-poll-rhetoric-heats-up/article1-1210038.aspx
April 21, 2014	Times of India, Rajkot	Evict Muslims from Hindu areas	Pravin Togadia, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/India/Evict-Muslims-from-Hindu-areas-Pravin-Togadia/articleshow/34017292.cms
May 16, 2014	Hindustan Times, New Delhi, Delhi	BJP to promote movies rich in Indian cultural values	Mithlesh Kumar Tripathi, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://www.hindustantimes.com/bollywood/bjp-to-promote-movies-rich-in-indian-cultural-values/article1-1219961.aspx
May 17, 2014	Daijiworld Media Network, Mangalore, Karnataka	NaMo Brigade books flight ticket to Pakistan for Ananthamurthy	NaMo Brigade	http://www.hindustantimes.com/bollywood/bjp-to-promote-movies-rich-in-indian-cultural-values/article1-1219961.aspx
May 20, 2014	India Today, New Delhi, Delhi	RSS ideologue wants BJP to tackle Ram Mandir, Article 370	M.G. Vaidya, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	https://in.news.yahoo.com/rss-ideologue-wants-bjp-tackle-ram-mandir-article-141529095.html
May 25, 2014	Times of India, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh	Communal clash in Faizabad village		http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/Communal-clash-in-Faizabad-village/articleshow/35573915.cms
May 26, 2014	The Tribune, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Hindu, Muslim mobs clash in Modi's heartland of Gujarat	-	http://tribune.com.pk/story/713286/hindu-muslim-mobs-clash-in-modis-heartland-of-gujarat/
May 27, 2014	Times of India, New Delhi, Delhi	Sanjeev Baliyan: From riot accused to central minister	-	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/Sanjeev-Baliyan-From-riot-accused-to-central-minister/articleshow/35625312.cms
May 28, 2014	Times of India, New Delhi, Delhi	Muslims are not Minorities, Parsis are	Najma Heptullah, Minority Affairs	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/India/Muslims-are-not-minorities-Parsis-are-Najma-Heptullah/articleshow/35651799.cms
June 1, 2014	Indian Express, Jaipur, Rajasthan	Time to review Article 370	Indresh Kumar, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/politics/time-to-review-article-370-rss-leader-indresh-kumar/

June 3, 2014	Indian Express, New Delhi, Delhi	It's Batra again: Book on sexual violence in Ahmedabad riots is 'set aside' by publisher	Dina Nath Batra, Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/its-batra-again-book-on-sexual-violence-in-ahmedabad-riots-is-set-aside-by-publisher/99/
June 3, 2014	The Hindu, New Delhi, Delhi	Another publisher forced to censor textbooks	Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/another-publisher-forced-to-censor-textbooks/article6075864.ece
June 4, 2014	Hindustan Times, Pune, Maharashtra	Pune techie killed, SMS boasts of taking 'first wicket'	Hindu Rashtra Sena	http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/pune-techie-killed-sms-boasts-of-taking-down-first-wicket/article1-1226023.aspx
June 6, 2014	Indian Express, Shamli, Uttar Pradesh	Twenty injured as Hindus, Muslims clash over sewer line in UP village	-	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/twenty-injured-as-hindus-muslims-clash-over-sewer-line-in-up-village/
June 10, 2014	Indian Express, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	On a high, Hindu outfits plan wider reach in UP	Hindu Yuva Vahini (HYV) and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP)	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/uttar-pradesh/on-a-high-hindu-outfits-plan-wider-reach-in-up/#sthash.B8tXBHmW.dpuf
June 10, 2014	Indian Express, Tauru, Uttar Pradesh	2 mosques burnt in riot-hit Mewat village, curfew on	-	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/2-mosques-burnt-in-riot-hit-mewat-village-curfew-on/
June 10, 2014	Indian Express, New Delhi, Delhi	First time in 23 years, Deendayal volumes printed afresh	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/first-time-in-23-years-deendayal-volumes-printed-afresh/
June 13, 2014	Financial Express, Jaipur, Rajasthan	Eyeing Narendra Modi resolve, VHP raises Article 370, Uniform Civil Code, Ram temple	Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)	http://archive.financialexpress.com/news/Eyeing-Narendra-Modi-resolve--VHP-raises-Article-370--Uniform-Civil-Code--Ram-temple/1259951
June 14, 2014	Times of India, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	CBSE syllabus anti-national: RSS Gram Bharti functionary	Shashikant Phadke, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/indore/CBSE-syllabus-anti-national-RSS-Gram-Bharti-functionary/articleshow/36539357.cms
June 18, 2014	Indian Express, Vadodra, Gujarat	RSS book in Vadodra schools	Vadodra Municipal Corporation (VMC)	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/gujarat/rss-book-in-vadodra-schools/
June 18, 2014	Times of India, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh	BKU leaders booked for inciting communal passions	Bharatiya Kisan Union leaders	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/BKU-leaders-booked-for-inciting-communal-passions/articleshow/36740461.cms
June 23, 2014	Times of India, New Delhi, Delhi	Following PM Modi's directive, home ministry destroys 1.5 lakh files	Union Home Ministry	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Following-PM-Modis-directive-home-ministry-destroys-1-5-lakh-files/articleshow/37093548.cms

June 24, 2014	The Economic Times, New Delhi, Delhi	UPA's communal violence bill put on back burner by NDA government?	Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-06-24/news/50826043_1_upa-government-communal-violence-bill-draft-bill
June 25, 2014	Times of India, New Delhi, Delhi	Hindu outfit threatens to attack top Pak diplomats	Shri Hanuman Sena (SHS)	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/India/Hindu-outfit-threatens-to-attack-top-Pak-diplomats/articleshow/37152154.cms
June 28, 2014	OneIndia, New Delhi, Delhi	Gopal Subramaniam row: Government meddling with judicial appointments a bad precedent	-	http://news.oneindia.in/feature/gopal-subramaniam-row-government-meddling-with-judiciary-1473705.html
June 28, 2014	Indian Express, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	MP cites security for Christian profiling	-	http://indianexpress.com/article/news-archive/web/mp-cites-security-for-christian-profiling/
July 2, 2014	Indian Express, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	Communal flare-up in Noida village leaves four injured	-	http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/communal-flare-up-in-noida-village-leaves-four-injured/
July 3, 2014	Times of India, New Delhi, Delhi	RSS man will head historical research body	Yellapragada Sudershan Rao, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/India/RSS-man-will-head-historical-research-body/articleshow/37673645.cms
July 6, 2014	The Hindu, Bastar, Chhattisgarh	In Bastar, 50 villages ban non-Hindu missionaries	Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)	http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/in-bastar-50-villages-ban-nonhindu-missionaries/article6181685.ece
July 6, 2014	Indian Express, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	Sena, Christian evangelist's followers clash in UP village	Shiv Sena	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/sena-christian-evangelists-followers-clash-in-up-village/
July 9, 2014	Hindustan Times, Sisaram, Bihar	Bihar: 2 killed after row over WhatsApp message	-	http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/bihar-2-killed-after-row-over-whatsapp-message/article1-1238293.aspx
July 15, 2014	Mail Today,	Law Minister says NDA Government 'wants consultation' on controversial Uniform Civil Code	Ravi Shankar Prasad, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/indiahome/indianews/article-2693519/Law-Minister-says-NDA-Government-wants-consultation-controversial-Uniform-Civil-Code.html
July 17, 2014	IBN Live, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh	Bajrang Dal members arrested for vandalising a church in Bulandshahr	Bajrang Dal	http://ibnlive.in.com/news/bajrang-dal-members-arrested-for-vandalising-a-church-in-bulandshahr/486572-3-242.html

July 17, 2014	Hindustan Times, New Delhi, Delhi	BJP win blow to Muslim politics	Ashok Singhal, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)	http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/bjp-win-blow-to-muslim-politics-vhp-chief-patron-ashok-singhal/article1-1241242.aspx
July 17, 2014	Dainik Bhaskar, New Delhi, Delhi	If [Muslims] keep opposing Hindus, how long can they survive?	Ashok Singhal, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)	http://www.bhaskar.com/news/nati-if-muslims-keep-opposing-hindus-how-long-can-they-survive-says-ashok-singhal-4682932-nor.html
July 19, 2014	Hindustan Times, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	Togadia warns Muslims over communal riots	Pravin Togadia, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)	http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/togadia-at-it-again-warns-muslims-over-communal-riots/article1-1242249.aspx
July 19, 2014	The Telegraph, New Delhi, Delhi	PMO scan on news agency	-	http://www.telegraphindia.com/1140720/jsp/nation/story_18634070.jsp#.VBA4_fmSxzs
July 19, 2014	Times of India, Panaji, Goa	Subramaniam Swamy in dock over Facebook post on HIV positive students	Subramaniam Swamy, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Subramaniam-Swamy-in-dock-over-Facebook-post-on-HIV-positive-students/articleshow/38634938.cms
July 21, 2014	Outlook India, New Delhi, Delhi	Ramayana, Mahabharata Are True Accounts Of The Period...Not Myths	Yellapragada Sudershan Rao, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://www.outlookindia.com/article/Ramayana-Mahabharata-Are-True-Accounts-Of-The-Period-Not-Myths/291363
July 21, 2014	Times of India, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Communal divide in west UP threatens to put peace at risk		http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Communal-divide-in-west-UP-threatens-to-put-peace-at-risk/articleshow/38766418.cms
July 21, 2014	Times of India, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh	Religious spot stoned, communal tension in Bareilly village	-	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bareilly/Religious-spot-stoned-communal-tension-in-Bareilly-village/articleshow/38814791.cms
July 24, 2014	Times of India, Hyderabad, Telangana	Pakistan's 'daughter-in-law' Sania Mirza lacks credentials to be Telangana brand ambassador	K. Laxman, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Pakistans-daughter-in-law-Sania-Mirza-lacks-credentials-to-be-Telangana-brand-ambassador-BJP/articleshow/38965740.cms
July 24, 2014	Indian Express, Mumbai, Maharashtra	After 'force-feeding' fasting youth, Sena now says: Why voices not raised when some Muslims rape during Ramzan	Shiv Sena	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/politics/after-force-feeding-fasting-youth-sena-now-says-why-voices-not-raised-when-some-muslims-rape-during-ramzan/
July 25, 2014	The Hindu, Panaji, Goa	Modi can make India a Hindu State with our support	Deepak Dhavlikar, Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP)	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/modi-can-make-india-a-hindu-state-with-our-support-go-a-minister/article6246332.ece

July 25, 2014	NDTV, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh	Tension in Moradabad as VHP Leader Plans Puja at Temple Caught in a Dispute	Sadhvi Prachi, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)	http://www.ndtv.com/article/india/tension-in-moradabad-as-vhp-leader-plans-puja-at-temple-caught-in-a-dispute-565007
July 26, 2014	Indian Express, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Batra claim: Have met Smriti, she will change entire syllabus	Dina Nath Batra, Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/batra-claim-have-met-smriti-she-will-change-entire-syllabus/#sthash.cnl15q60.dpuf
July 26, 2014	Tehelka, New Delhi, Delhi	Nagpur Bosses Tighten The Screws	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://www.tehelka.com/rss-keeps-eye-on-bjp-lest-narendra-modi-and-amit-shah-establish-hegemony-over-party-and-government/
July 26, 2014	DNA India, New Delhi, Delhi	Saharanpur violence: 9 FIRs filed, 38 arrested so far	-	http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-saharanpur-violence-9-firs-filed-38-arrested-so-far-2005857
July 27, 2014	Indian Express, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Science lesson from Gujarat: Stem cells in Mahabharata, cars in Veda	Gujarat State School Textbook Board (GSSTB)	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/gujarat/science-lesson-from-gujarat-stem-cells-in-mahabharata-cars-in-veda/99/#sthash.1wOAB5Hw.dpuf
July 27, 2014	Business Standard, New Delhi, Delhi	Sangh sets up panel to push 'saffronisation' of education	Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas	http://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/sangh-sets-up-panel-to-push-saffronisation-of-education-114072601164_1.html
July 28, 2014	The Hindu, New Delhi, Delhi	Social media used to incite violence	C. T. Ravi, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/social-media-used-to-incite-violence/article6255146.ece?homepage=true
July 29, 2014	Times of India, Ranchi, Bihar	Curfew in Jharkhand after communal riots, one dead	-	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ranchi/Curfew-in-Jharkhand-after-communal-riots-one-dead/articleshow/39240138.cms
July 30, 2014	Times of India, Panaji, Goa	Anti-black magic bill not necessary in Goa	Hindu Janajagruiti Samiti	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/City/Goa/Anti-black-magic-bill-not-necessary-in-Goa-Hindu-Janajagruiti-Samiti/articleshow/39260975.cms
July 30, 2014	The Hindu, New Delhi, Delhi	Batra's panel to 'Indianise' education	Dina Nath Batra, Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/batras-panel-to-indianise-education/article6261562.ece
July 30, 2014	Times of India, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Naroda Patia massacre: Maya Kodnani granted bail by Gujarat high court	-	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Naroda-Patia-massacre-Maya-Kodnani-granted-bail-by-Gujarat-high-court/articleshow/39301263.cms
August 1, 2014	Times of India, Mumbai, Maharashtra	Why victims of custodial deaths in Maharashtra only from minorities, Bombay HC asks	-	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Why-victims-of-custodial-deaths-in-Maharashtra-only-from-minorities-Bombay-HC-asks/articleshow/39378139.cms

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August 5, 2014	India Express, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh	Over 600 'communal incidents' in UP since LS results, 60% near bypoll seats	-	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/uttar-pradesh/express-investigation-part-i-over-600-communal-incidents-in-up-since-ls-results-60-near-bypoll-seats/#sthash.Sh1rxyqi.dpuf
August 6, 2014	India Express, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh	120 communal incidents lie in a clash involving the use of loudspeakers in masjids and temples.	-	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/uttar-pradesh/express-investigation-part-ii-my-loudspeaker-versus-your-loudspeaker/
August 6, 2014	The Hindu, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	VHP leader gets bail in Naroda Patiya case	-	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/vhp-leader-babu-bajrangi-gets-bail-in-naroda-patiya-case/article6284923.ece
August 6, 2014	Outlook, Trivandrum, Kerala	RSS Ideologue Calls For Gita to Be Declared National Book	P Parmeswaran, Bharatiya Vichara Kendram	http://www.outlookindia.com/news/article/RSS-Ideologue-Calls-For-Gita-to-Be-Declared-National-Book/853571
August 7, 2014	Indian Express, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh	One out of 9 communal incidents in UP involve Muslims and Dalits.	-	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/uttar-pradesh/express-investigation-part-iii-dalit-muslim-divide-deepens-goes-rural/#sthash.pXoeglEN.dpuf
August 7, 2014	Hindustan Times, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	RSS gets ready to tackle religious conversions	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/rss-gets-ready-to-tackle-religious-conversions/article1-1249081.aspx
August 8, 2014	The Hindu, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh	BJP, Parivar outfits to intensify campaign against 'love jihad'	Dr Chandramoha, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/bjp-parivar-outfits-to-intensify-campaign-against-love-jihad/article6292554.ece?homepage=true
August 8, 2014	The Hindu, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh	New Shuddhi movement: Will free villages of Christians	Rajeshwar Singh, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/bjp-parivar-outfits-to-intensify-campaign-against-love-jihad/article6292554.ece?homepage=true
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August 9, 2014	Indian Express, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh	Fighting kids to dhaba bill: Takes little to keep communal pot simmering	-	http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/express-investigation-part-iv-fighting-kids-to-dhaba-bill-takes-little-to-keep-communal-pot-simmering/
August 10, 2014	Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh	BJP and Shiv Sena oppose bill to curb criminal activities in the name of religious practices.	Shiv Sena and Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://communalism.blogspot.in/2014/09/india-hindutva-laced-monk-with-feathers.html
August 10, 2014	Times of India, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh	The monk who sold a love 'cure'	Baba Rijakdas	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/sunday-times/deep-focus/The-monk-who-sold-a-love-cure/articleshow/39979093.cms?
August 10, 2014	The Telegraph, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh	Love-buster helpline stirs sectarian fears	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://www.telegraphindia.com/1140811/jsp/frontpage/story_18708969.jsp#.VBAmMpmSxzs
August 10, 2014	Times of India, Cuttack, Odisha	Cultural identity of all Indians is Hindutva	Mohan Bhagwat, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Cultural-identity-of-all-Indians-is-Hindutva-RSS-chief-Mohan-Bhagwat-says/articleshow/40019241.cms
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August 11, 2014	Times of India, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	RSS groups to resolve Muslim-linked issues	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/Indresh-Kumar/articleshow/40023480.cms?
August 12, 2014	Caravan Magazine, New Delhi, Delhi	How Hindutvavais are successfully trolling Bollywood	hindujagruti.org and hinduexistence.org	http://www.caravanmagazine.in/vantage/how-hindutvavadis-are-successfully-trolling-bollywood
August 12, 2014	Nai Dunia, New Delhi, Delhi	National DNA test for Najma Heptullah	Subramaniam Swamy, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://naidunia.jagran.com/national-dna-test-for-najma-heptullah-160836
August 14, 2014	The Hindu, New Delhi, Delhi	See the leaders we have produced: RSS	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/politics/see-the-leaders-we-have-produced-rss/article6318943.ece
August 14, 2014	Times of India, New Delhi, Delhi	Uma Bharti says Saraswati not a myth; starts hunt for river	Uma Bharti, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Uma-Bharti-says-Saraswati-not-a-myth-starts-hunt-for-river/articleshow/40148716.cms
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Attack on Civil Society Activism

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Civil society activism is under attack in India as never before! A careful analysis of this past year clearly reveals that those who have accompanied the poor and the marginalised, the vulnerable and the victims of society have often to take up cudgels against the powerful and other vested interests; more often than not, it is also against the Government be it State or Central.

Civil society activism in India today involves a whole range of stake-holders which include individuals, academic institutions, writers – scholars, human rights and other non-government organisations and in short anybody and everybody genuinely concerned about what is happening in the country today.

There are individuals and institutions who work at the grassroots with Dalits and Adivasis, with women, children and LGBTs, with small farmers, with the displaced and refugees, with slum-dwellers and with the differently-abled and perhaps with every disadvantaged individual or group who have legitimate grievances and who need to be accompanied and empowered in order that they get what is rightfully theirs.

Civil society activism is about the Constitution of India where individuals and collectives become increasingly conscious and also create awareness that justice, liberty, equality and fraternity (solidarity) are not merely ideas and concepts relegated to mere words in the Preamble but need to be made alive and mainstreamed among every section of society particularly among the most vulnerable.

Civil society activism has therefore been all along an indispensable wheel for a healthy and vibrant democracy because such activism not merely acts as a watchdog but also in several ways becomes a voice for the voiceless and a deterrent for those who have no conscience in trampling upon the rights of others.

One needs to look at some of the causes being taken up by these activists: a multi-national company suddenly starts constructing a huge industrial complex in a tribal area; land is taken away from the tribals; the forest is destroyed; the air and the waters around are polluted by effluents; there are no environmental safeguards and of course the bosses of the multi-nationals have the “right” connections both locally and nationally. No one dares challenge them. Enter an NGO who is genuinely concerned about the plight of these tribals and make them aware of what is happening, the need and importance that their 'jal, jungle and jameen' needs to be protected; the tribals see a ray of hope. In a matter of time, the NGO is hounded and harassed, they are branded as 'naxalites' and 'anti-patriotic'; there are frequent visits from the police and other officials; their sources of funding are squeezed; paid media carries sensational stories and it goes on. All this surely sounds like a weird fairy-tale of a totalitarian regime belonging to another age. The sad truth is that this is exactly what has been happening in India this past year – a country which claims to be a democracy!

There are scores of examples all across the country to evidence this. We have classic examples of Teesta Setalvad and Priya Pillai, Prashant Bhushan and Medha Patkar, Govind Pansare and Professor Saibaba. You take on the Government, you try to expose corruption and the anti-people policies and

actions of the corporate sector and big business, then you certainly have to pay the price. False cases are foisted on you; witnesses turn hostile; people you once trusted are made to turn against you; you are arrested and even killed. There is no end...!

Civil society organisations like INSAF, People's Watch, Sabrang Trust, Citizens for Justice and Peace, Greenpeace India among others were systematically targeted, maligned and subject to no end of harassment in this past year. There have been several others who have been subject to subtle and indirect intimidations which include pressure on the top management, innuendoes, threats, innumerable governmental enquiries, rumours etc; such tactics often put those who want to take a stand on the back-foot and several tactfully move into the background; fade into oblivion.

There is another strategy that is often adopted by the Government or the big business. This is through cooption or even buying up those who oppose them. In the recent past, some activists who took on the Government not only became silent but they seem to undergo some 'conversion' like some kind of 'ghar wapsi' when all of a sudden they begin toeing the Government line in a total u-turn from what they have been espousing all along.

In a strongly worded letter addressed to the Prime Minister of India and released on May 6th 2015, a whole range of civil society activists and organizations wrote, "Today, standing in solidarity with India's most marginalized communities, with the NGO sector and donors who support us, affirmed by the guiding principles of our Constitution – justice, equality and liberty - we address you through an open letter.

As you are aware, NGOs work both in the welfare sector and in empowering people to be aware of and enforce their rights as enshrined in our Constitution. Such action may include questioning and protesting decisions taken by government in many areas. This work is both our right and our responsibility as civil society actors in a democratic nation. Indeed the Indian government acknowledged this. At the Universal Periodic Review of India at the UN Human Rights Council in 2012, the Government spoke of '...the Government's active association with civil society and the increasing and important role that civil society and human rights defenders are playing in the area of human rights.' Government of India further said that, 'The media, civil society and other activists have helped the Government to be vigilant against transgressions'.

Many of us receive both Indian and foreign donations in compliance with laws and carry out activities intended to help those marginalized in India's development. Many of us have partnered with Government, both at State and Central levels, towards many goals - achieving universal education, access to health care, women's empowerment, and providing humanitarian relief in times of tragedy such as the recent earthquake. We have also worked in pilot projects - some over the years have been scaled up, and others have richly contributed to the policy framework of the Government of India. It should be a matter of pride for any government and a sign of robust people-centric engagement that NGOs and citizens have impacted State policy.

On other issues, your government and indeed previous governments may or may not agree with some of our views. These may include the issue of nuclear power plants, acquiring tribal and other lands,

upholding Dalit rights, protecting rights of minorities against the scourge of communalism, protecting rights of sexual minorities, or campaigning for the universal right to food. Yet, we expect that Government protect our right to work and express our views. It does not behove the Government to label any and every conflicting voice on these issues as 'anti-national', 'against national security' or 'donor driven' and seek to create a public atmosphere that justifies “a crack down on NGOs.” These very words shame any society. ‘Watch lists’ and “crack-downs” belong in another age and have no place in a modern democracy.

Your government has raised the issue that some NGOs may not have complied with the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), the law governing receipt of foreign donations in India. We state categorically that we stand fully for transparency and accountability in both government and NGO practice, and it is in fact civil society actors who have fought hard for these principles to be enshrined in all areas of public life. So let us constructively ensure transparency and legal compliance across the vast NGO sector, including societies, trusts and a range of public and private institutions. However, such efforts cannot be capricious, selective or based on flimsy grounds. At the moment it seems that 'compliance' is serving as a garb to actually target those organizations and individuals whose views the government disagrees with, and indeed to monitor and stifle disagreement itself.

There is irrefutable documentary evidence that State action against select organizations has been arbitrary, non-transparent, and without any course of administrative redress. The effect has been to harm important work being done by NGOs at the grassroots and send a signal of threat to civil society. Our concern includes the manner in which many Indian NGOs and international partners have been targeted for different reasons. Thus, civil society organizations in India today find themselves in a situation where the only avenue of redress appears to be through the judiciary. Mr. Prime Minister, this kind of coercive domestic environment being created under your watch does not augur well for the world's largest democracy that professes aspirations to being a global leader in promoting freedoms and democratic values.

Further, in an increasingly globalized world, where even business interests freely collaborate across national boundaries, to label any individual or NGO that engages with international forums or any donor who supports such NGOs, as 'anti-national' is illogical. India is signatory to international conventions and treaties and seeks to adhere to the highest international standards of democracy, liberty, justice and human rights. The Government of India regularly reports at these forums. It is accepted practice that NGOs and civil society actors also present their views at these forums, often disagreeing with the views of their respective governments. Many of us, signatories to this letter, engage in active advocacy at international forums. This upholds the best traditions of global democratic debate, and the right to seek a more just nation and more just world. It is not anti-national to do so. We do not believe that any government can claim that it alone has the prerogative to define what is 'national interest'. The citizens of this country, who elect the Government into power, are the ultimate stakeholders, and must be allowed to define, articulate and work towards their idea of 'national interest' too, whether or not it concurs with the views of the Government.”

Given the make-up of this particular Government and the fact that it subscribes to an ideology which is not in the best interest of the country, there is very little likelihood that the hostility to civil society

activism will end in the near future. However, one thing is sure that come what may, civil society activists who are targeted today will never cow down; they are committed to the future of India; being there and standing up for the high ideals which India embodies and accompanying the millions of people who need their whole-hearted support and cooperation is ultimately what matters!

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Fighting for our Soul : Education under the Modi Regime

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At the time of writing this piece, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has just been reported as having stated, in an interview to Time magazine, that 'You don't need dictatorship in India, democracy is in our DNA'. Modi says, 'It is not just as per our Constitution that we are a democratic country, it is in our DNA.... I firmly believe that for us, democracy and belief in democratic values are a matter of faith.' He apparently also goes on to remark that acceptance of all religions was 'in our blood':

All religions and all communities have the same rights and it is my responsibility to ensure their complete and total protection. My Government will not tolerate or accept any discrimination based on caste, creed and religion. So there is no place for imaginary apprehensions with regards to the rights of the minorities in India. (Indian Express, 8 May 2015.)

What stands out in these observations is the use of the word 'faith'. This term has two broad referential fields: one, in which it means complete confidence in a person, power, institution, programme, etc; two, in which it means the institution or programme itself (but interestingly, not a power or a person - a point on which we shall say more shortly). In the first sense, it refers to a subjective disposition in an individual with regard to something external, while in the second it denotes an objective entity - the external thing itself, in which the individual reposes faith. Thus, one can have faith in Jesus, Allah or Bhagwan, but these figures cannot themselves be referred to as faiths - unlike Christianity, Islam or Hinduism. The transference through which the former (faith experienced as subjective disposition) becomes the latter (faith as referring to an institution or programme), suggests, firstly, that the latter is the collective manifestation of the former - i.e., faith as referring to a subjective disposition is manifested in practices that come to be regularized and institutionalized as they become collectively performed - perhaps in the very process of becoming a collective performance. The individual manifestation of faith in the individual's performance of it - e.g., prayers, rituals, the maintenance of specific schedules of celebration and/or mourning, the observance of specific rules and regulations integral to the philosophy, cosmology, and theology of that particular faith - are not decided by the individual but by the collective - i.e., by the 'faith'.

This in turn suggests - and this is the second point - that what appears to be a transference from individual to collective (or the objective, collective manifestation of the disposition experienced by the individual subjectively), is in fact the other way around: it is the inculcation of faith as confidence in a person, power, institution, programme, etc., through the individual subject's participation in the performances of that disposition as prescribed by the 'faith'. In other words, it is only when the individual participates in the performances of the faith that s/he can make possible the subjective experience of it.¹ Thus, the external institution of 'faith' is not the 'objective correlative', so to speak, of the internal experience of 'faith'; rather, the latter functions more like the subjective correlative, so to speak, of the former.

1. Whether faith 'actually' is inculcated or not can never be known; but, as Louis Althusser observed decades ago, the individual's faith can only be known through the individual's assertion of it, usually through the performance of it - but that is another debate altogether.

Modi may or may not have been fully aware of these nuances of the term 'faith', when he made the observations noted above. But the reference to democracy being in the DNA, because it is a 'matter of faith' for instance, suggests his awareness of the subjective disposition that the term refers to; while his reference to the Constitution clearly denotes his awareness of such an entity, as an objective guarantor of democracy. But the crucial point here is that he makes no reference to the possibility of 'faith' in the latter - indeed, the latter is regarded as secondary to the real guarantor of democracy, which is the 'faith in democracy' that is in 'our DNA', in our subjective disposition. In other words, the Constitution is not the objective correlative of our 'faith in democracy' - it is not, in fact, the institutionalized version of the 'faith in democracy' (that is in 'our DNA'), that one might expect it to be. So, what then is the 'actual' objective correlative of this putative 'faith in democracy' that is in 'our DNA', and where is it to be found? To put it more precisely, what is the institutional 'faith', of which our 'faith in democracy' is the putative subjective correlative, if it is not the Constitution?

In order to answer this question, we need to first address another question that, elephant-like, is waiting patiently in the middle of the room: why, in the first place, has 'democracy and belief in democratic values' become 'a matter of faith' - indeed, when and how, too? To answer the 'when' question first, it would be fair to say that the transformation of 'democracy' into 'a matter of faith' began with the permeation of the discourses of 'faith' into those of democracy - in other words, with the growth of the discourses of Hindu communalism and Hindu nationalism within the rituals, protocols and practices of democracy, the foremost of which being the elections to the legislative assemblies. This began when the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) first became politically powerful at the Centre, in the late 1980s, grew through the nineties and then came to power to form a government for the first time in 1998.

It is around this time that the discourse of 'faith' as a politically central discourse also became evident - in for instance, the remark by Ashok Singhal, leader of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) that, 'The birthplace of Lord Ram is a matter of faith and it cannot be determined in a court of law.'² This is echoed almost verbatim about a decade later by Praveen Togadia, also a VHP leader: 'The Ram temple is not a legal or archaeological dispute - it is a matter of faith with Hindus.'³ Modi's observation, a little more than another decade later, has uncanny echoes of both his predecessors. The similarities are significant: all three observations downplay the primacy of the law and the Constitution, in the face of 'faith'. All three indicate the way in which the language and claims of 'faith' have leached into the polity, so persistently and thoroughly that, by the time we come to the third decade of Hindu nationalist presence in the political space, we find that the language of 'faith' has – like some malevolent spirit – possessed and now inhabits the language of democracy. This answers the 'how' question'. The answer to the 'why' question, however, lies in the difference between Modi's comment and the first two – a crucial one: what is at stake with Modi is not the existence of a particular temple – the alleged Ram mandir at Ayodhya – but democracy itself, and in that sense, the nation itself. For Modi, it is not just a historical or religious monument that must be comprehended through faith, but the nation itself. But the contours of the

2. 'Battle of Wits', India Today, 15 December 1992; at: <http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/ayodhya-crisis-narasimha-rao-plan-to-build-multiparty-pro-temple-but-anti-bjp-coalition/1/308213.html>
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Indian nation, as it exists now, are determined substantially by and through the comprehension of it as a democracy – hence the need to articulate democracy itself in the language of 'faith'.⁴

This rather extended discussion of the nature of faith and its relation to democracy, is by way of a preamble to understanding how important the field of education is to the Hindu nationalist agenda in general, and to Modi's agendas in particular. In order to render 'democracy' a matter of 'faith', it is first necessary to overcome, or at least reconcile, the somewhat contradictory, even conflicting, meanings the terms have in relation to each other. Arguably, all contemporary understandings of 'democracy' have evolved out of the history of secularization that characterized the formation of nation-states in Europe – understandings that were then to spread, largely through European imperialism and colonialism, to the rest of the world. However, the concomitant process of secularization has not always obtained in the colonies, and in regions that were not colonized, many of which retained the power of their religious institutions in the formation of the state (many of the Middle-Eastern states, for instance). One could even argue that, apart from dictatorships, the two most prevalent state forms of the contemporary world have been democracies and theocracies: however multifariously each may be understood, they have emerged as – almost always – mutually contradictory: it seems that there cannot be a such a thing as a theocratic democracy.⁵ But it is this mythical beast that the Modi government appears to want to incarnate. And central to the realization of this agenda is the education system.

The education system is vital for this process, because it is through the education system that the meanings of democracy can be changed. Just as every faith, in its institutionalized form, works by inculcating its philosophical, theological and cosmological perspectives into its subjects, specifically through the rituals and practices that it prescribes and proscribes, the nation-state too requires its subjects to believe in it, through participation in the rituals and practices that are its manifestations in the everyday. The education system is a crucial domain for the inculcation of such rituals and practices of the nation. The conception of the nation determines the kind of education into it, that is imparted through the education system – and in generally secular polities, the emphasis in the education system is more on inculcating – or interpellating, as Althusser would have it – the subject as citizen, than on the subject as nationalist. This was the politics that obtained till the last decade of the twentieth century; indeed, the term 'saffronization' gained traction in public discourse only around the turn of the century, perhaps when the process it refers to began to become evident.⁶ That is, as the nationalist politics of Hindutva began to gain ground, the education system too began to come under pressure to interpellate the subject as nationalist, rather than as secular citizen – hence the initiation of all the processes of saffronization.

However, till the last general elections, the education field remained a highly contested terrain: although the NDA regime had managed to bring in some changes, these were mainly by way of appointing

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4. One can also discern connotations of classic nationalist discourses that emphasize consanguinity, blood-relations, etc., in the invocation of DNA – a suggestion that democracy itself must be nationalized, before it can be part of the Hindu nation-state.
 5. The reasons for this are beyond the scope of this paper: suffice it to note here that democracies, however understood, ultimately uphold the citizen as primary and paramount – unlike theocracies, where it is the religious edict that occupies that privilege. But see Janice Stein's (11.01.2012) 'How to Build a Theocratic Democracy' (with an interesting prefatory title 'Israel's Lessons for Egypt'), at <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/11/01/how-to-build-a-theocratic-democracy.html>
 6. See Raghavan, 2001; Mohammad-Arif, 2005.

Hindutva ideologues and fellow-travelers in some key institutions of higher education and research. The difference, since the last elections when Modi became Prime Minister, is that now there are no recalcitrant alliance partners to worry about. Because the BJP has enough parliamentary seats to survive on its own if necessary, there has been a sudden upsurge in saffronization activities – in both quantum and variety (see attached table). The removal of Parvin Sinclair as head of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), on specious and unsubstantiated charges of financial mismanagement, even before Modi took office, marked the beginning of this much more intensive round of saffronization. A key figure in this entire process – indeed, beginning with the removal of Sinclair – is Dinanath Batra – a retired school teacher, and founder of the Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti and the Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas. Batra, through almost his entire professional career and after, has been devoted to the saffronization agenda. Batra and his organizations have come into their own since Modi came to power. They have not confined themselves to ensuring the change of key administrative heads in institutions of learning and research: they have insistently, steadily and with increasing success, pushed for (a) the complete overhaul of curricula and syllabi, from primary schools to universities, to reflect a more explicitly 'Hindu' worldview – which not only includes the purveying of ridiculous claims as historical truths,⁷ but the denial of actual historical facts as false and motivated;⁸ (b) the introduction of passages from Hindu religious and quasi-religious texts like the Ramayan and the Mahabharat as compulsory reading in moral education; (c) the demand to ban any academic material, at any level, that is perceived to be anti-Hindu and/or anti-national; (d) the introduction of practices like Saraswati puja and Surya namaskar as compulsory rituals in schools; (e) the enforcement of Sanskrit learning and the removal of English as a medium of education. Apart from these initiatives, saffronization is also being pursued by other Hindu-right outfits (like the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, for instance) in other ways, as for example, through opposing alleged 'love-jihad' programmes on school and college campuses; through banning, censoring and otherwise regulating cultural activities that they object to on campuses; the regulation of dress codes on campus; and the mobilization of public opinion against perceived slights to the Hindu community. There are also other methods and agents of saffronization that are at work, as for instance the strong-arm methods of the VHP in attacking Christian schools, or harassing its administrators; or in the pressure put by school administrators on students and parents to conform to Hindutva perceptions and agendas.

There are several points that emerge out of the pattern of these methods and strategies employed by the Hindu right: firstly, in the emphasis on introducing Hindu texts in the guise of 'moral education', the framework of the new morality is explicitly rooted in a 'faith', and articulated in a lexicon of 'value education' rather than in any putative trans-religious notion of 'conscience' (as was the case in more secular times). Thus, the following passage may be found in the University Education Commission (1948-1949) Report (also known as the Radhakrishnan Commission Report):

The fundamental principles of our constitution call for spiritual training. There is no State religion. The State must not be partial to any one religion.... Each one is at liberty to approach the unseen as it suits this capacity and inclination.... The individual is a soul and the purpose of

7. E.g., that plastic surgery, the motorcar and television were invented in ancient India.

8. E.g., that beef-eating was practiced only by Dalits; was not a part of caste-Hindu practices; and any suggestion that 'Hindus' ate beef is therefore motivated by anti-Hindu sentiments.

education is to awaken the pupil to this fact, enable him to find the spirit within and mould his life and action in the light and power of the inner spirit. (Radhakrishana Commission, 1963 [1948]: 261-2)

In contrast, the very 'Preface' to the CBSE's 2012 handbook on value education has the following passage:

India is a land of diversity - social, cultural, religious, racial, linguistic and geographical. The main hallmark of this nation is unity which absorbs all the diversities. A common values system helps to create an identity that bonds people together. We have since time immemorial emphasized on traditional values like spirituality, strong family ties, deference to elders, recourse to nature, artistic expression, respecting even the tools of one's trade, joyousness, hospitality and peaceful co-existence epitomised in Vasudev Kutumbakam (a Sanskrit phrase that means that the whole world is one single family). (CBSE 2012: v)

While there is nothing overtly religious in these remarks, the invocation of themes like national unity, traditional values, and of course, the idea of 'Vasudev Kutumbakam', are all indicative of an externalization of the moral framework into the discursive trends of one dominant 'faith', viz. 'Hinduism': the injunctions of this 'value education' are then not assessed and applied by the individual subject, in response to his/her conscience, but by the 'faith' and its agents and institutions.⁹ What is particularly significant – and deeply disturbing – about this change is that, because of the externalization, this 'value education' framework also becomes particularly susceptible to physical enforcement from outside, as it were.

Secondly, this process is also bolstered by changing the syllabi and curricula, to bring in the alternative 'histories' written by the Hindu-right, so that the individual in the education system ceases to identify himself or herself as a citizen in relation to a state, but rather as the subject of a community, to which s/he is always subordinate – which precedes and succeeds the subject – and, in a Hindu-right governed country, for all practical purposes, is therefore the State. That is, the overhauling of curricula and syllabi will ensure that the 'values' imbibed in 'value education' find their affirmation, not just in the community's enforcement of them, but in the narratives and concepts that are constructed as the knowledges of them, and that in turn are ratified as the official discourse of the nation by the State. The subject of the new education policies is thus constantly reassured that s/he is integrally part of a collective that is defined by the values of the 'faith', and that in turn is – or promises to become – synchronous with the State that the subject is a citizen of.

Thirdly, this in turn is reinforced in the introduction of rituals and practices like Surya Namaskar and Saraswati puja. Such practices aim to inculcate the sense of the community of the 'faith', not just ideationally, in the comprehension of its values and histories, but somatically and corporeally, in inducing the subject to participate actively in the performance of the community – indeed, to become the community through the performance of it. This in turn is reinforced through the coercive exclusion of certain kinds of books, films, clothes, cultural activities, etc. that are perceived as inimical to the 'faith' –

9. While there is no doubt that the morality of 'conscience' is as much of an ideological effect as the morality of 'faith', the latter is rigorously enforced from the outside, while the former remains dependent on the extent to which the ideological effect 'takes' in the individual subject, for it in turn to be effective – a discussion for another paper.

with these coercive measures no doubt serving to intimidate not only those thus excluded, but also those sought to be included. In sum, the saffronization agenda consists of several strategies that are a combination of coercion and inculcation; these are the constituent – if unacknowledged – elements of the new education policy that is coming into place under the Modi regime.

The new dispensation however, has several crucial issues to deal with. A major factor here is that, although the Modi government ostensibly came in with full majority, it actually had only about 30% of the vote share. This means that the vast majority of the country actually voted against Modi and his party. Arguably, even amongst the supporters of Hindutva and Moditva, there is probably no consensus on the extent to which the 'faith' can be taken for granted among the 30% that did vote for the BJP; there is therefore a desperate need to consolidate this constituency. In the case of the remaining 70%, that did not vote for the BJP and Modi, there is clearly an equally desperate need to convert them to the 'faith' (and the 'ghar vapsi' programme was very much a part of this agenda). This is the constituency that will be targeted by the saffronization agenda. An important aspect of this process is that, with full majority, the Modi government is now increasingly able to bring changes at the policy and decision making levels. Regardless of any possible resistance to them at the ground level then, these policies can be enforced top-down, under law, thereby facilitating the process of inculcation once they are in place at the ground level. Yet, given the sheer scale of implementation involved, it is clear that coercion alone is unlikely to work. Rather, an incremental balance of coercion and cooption is what is required – and the evidence of the first year of the Modi regime suggests that such an investment-banking approach is exactly what is being undertaken.

This is a vital investment against another possible development: Modi and the BJP arguably came to power by peddling dreams of 'development', many of them so unrealistic that, one year down the line, there is a discernible growth in bitterness at the failure of these dreams, and a concomitant fall in the euphoria with which they swept to power. It has already become clear that, although Modi and the BJP may have come to power on the 'development' plank, there is no way in which it can sustain. The agenda then is not so much to defend the failure of this plank, but to utilize the opportunity given by the first-past-the-post electoral system, to sow, spread and cultivate an ideological field that can serve as the basis for future electoral campaigns – campaigns that would not then need the fig-leaf of 'development', but would proudly announce, 'Garv se kaho hum Hindu hain!' and have a resonance across the country.¹⁰

In this sense, the biggest hurdle for the Modi government is that the particular understanding of 'democracy' that it wants to purvey – as referred to above – is not, in fact, as yet in the DNA of the nation (much as he would like to believe it is). It still needs to be inculcated. Which means that there is still hope for a more genuine understanding of 'democracy' to be pressed into contestation – as indeed, it must be, without delay.

10. It is perhaps for this reason that the bulk of the reports of 'saffronisation' are from the north of India, which trails behind the south in terms of 'development': evidently, the failure of the 'development' plank needs the balm of saffronisation even more in the north.

Reports of Saffronisation in Education in Modi's First Year¹

Date	Place	Brief Description of Incident
May 30, 2014	Delhi	Report in the Deccan Chronicle about plan to revise school textbooks, with introduction of passages from the Upanishads and Vedas, and greater emphasis on the Hindu contribution to science, mathematics and philosophy.
June 02, 2014	Delhi	Report in The Hindu, about Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti forcing publisher Orient Blackswan to hold back the release of all academic books that might violate Section 295-A of the IPC, which deals with acts intended to outrage religious feelings. Megha Kumar's Communalism and Sexual Violence: Ahmedabad since 1969 was the first to be so restricted.
June 14, 2014	Indore, MP	Shashikant Phadke, convenor of Gram Bharti (rural education wing of the RSS), was reported by the Times of India (Indore edition) as stating that the CBSE syllabus was anti-national.
June 18, 2014	Vadodara	Report in the Indian Express, about the introduction of books published by the RSS outfit, Vidyabharati Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Sansthan, for students from Class I to VIII, of the 105 schools run by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation, aimed at developing "a young generation devoted to Hinduism, national unity".
July 3, 2014	Delhi	Report in the Times of India, about the appointment of Yellapragada Sudershan Rao, head of the Andhra Pradesh chapter of the RSS outfit, the Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana, as the new chairperson of Indian Council of Historical Research. According to Romila Thapar, Rao's appointment suggests that the ICHR "may now turn the clock back" on historical scholarship.
July 26, 2014	Ahmedabad	Report in the Indian Express, about Minister for HRD, Ms Smriti Irani, agreeing to overhaul the entire CBSE syllabus to bring it more in line with the RSS worldview.
July 27, 2014	Ahmedabad	Report in the Indian Express, about Tejomay Bharat, a book brought out by the Gujarat State School Textbook Board, that is now mandated supplementary reading, and that argues that stem-cell research, motorcars and television had already been invented in India's ancient Hindu past. It also encourages the use of the name 'Bharat', over 'India', which is dismissed as a lowly, shudra name.
July 27, 2014	Delhi	Report in Business Standard about the RSS setting up a panel, called the Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, to push for 'saffronisation' of education through the MHRD

1. This table has benefited much from the data compiled in John Dayal's interim report, *300 DAYS: Documenting Hate and Communal Violence under the Modi Regime*.

July 29, 2014	Delhi	Dinannath Batra writings for schools have been compiled under the series titled Prernadeep are found to advocate blatant forms of racism. They carry a foreword by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and State Education Minister Bhupendrasingh Chudasama. One of these suggests a redrawing of the map of India as 'Akhanda Bharat', a fantastical 'greater India', unified by Hinduism, and including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka.
July 30, 2014	Delhi	Report in The Hindu about Hindutva ideologue Dinanath Batra setting up a panel to 'Indianise' education, called the Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti
Aug. 2, 2014	Ahmedabad	Report on IBN Live about Supreme Court judge Justice AR Dave stating that children should be taught their ancient traditions, through the introduction of texts such as Mahabharata and Bhagwad Gita from Class I.
Aug. 11, 2014	Delhi	Gujarat joins the list of states where attempts are being made to indoctrinate young schoolchildren with a 'factual' approach to Indian mythology—without subjecting them to scientific scrutiny and research. A Class IX science textbook in Gujarat states that the first test tube baby was born in India, 7,600 years ago, and he was called Dronacharya. Dinanath Batra's Tejomay Bharat, which is now supplementary reading in Gujarat, says that ancient sages divined contemporary leaps in technology such as stem cell research. A Class VIII Hindi textbook in Karnataka twists a Kannada folktale to have a tiger sermonise beatifically on how eating beef is sinful. Gujarat now joins the list of states where attempts are being made to indoctrinate young schoolchildren with a 'factual' approach to Indian mythology—without subjecting them to scientific scrutiny and research. Dinanath Batra, a leading crusader in this project, says that, “it is time to cleanse our education of all western influences”. The noted that a few Universities including the Jalandhar-based Punjab Technical University, had already included Vedic Mathematics, Value Education and Integral Humanism in the academic year 2014-2015.
Sep. 2, 2014	Daksina Kannad Karnataka	Parents of students, along with Hindu extremists, gathered outside the Syro-Malabar Catholic School, Miriambika English School to force the school to withdraw the new uniforms bearing the school logo – a small cross.
Sep. 5, 2014	Madhya Pradesh	Report in the Times of India, about order to reintroduce passages from the Ramayan and the Bhagavad Gita in schools, as moral education. It had first been passed on the 5th of August, 2013, then withdrawn the very next day because of wide-spread protests.
Sep. 6, 2014	Gandhinagar Gujarat	Report in the Indian Express, about government Teachers' Day Celebrations beginning with RSS anthem.

Sep. 17, 2014	Ujjain	Report in the Hindustan Times about the VC of Vikram University, Prof Jawaharlal Kaul, being manhandled by VHP activists for expressing support to victims of floods in Jammu and Kashmir
Sep. 21, 2014	Lucknow	Report in the Indian Express, about the ABVP forming vigilante groups on UP campuses to counter Muslim 'love jihad'.
Sep. 22, 2014	Delhi	Report in the Hindustan Times about RSS books rewriting history to argue that Dalits, tribals and other backward caste groups emerged during Muslim rule, as a result of social divisions created by Muslim rulers.
Sep. 30, 2014	Delhi	Report in the Economic Times about Delhi University's Sanskrit department initiating a project to prove that Aryans are indigenous to India, and not foreign migrants.
Oct. 4, 2014	Delhi	Report in India Today about campaign planned by ABVP in Delhi University, against 'love-jihad' by Muslim youths and against live-in relations.
Oct. 6, 2014	Delhi	Report in The Hindu about call by BJP leader, Subramanian Swamy, to burn books by 'Nehruvian', leftist historians, who had allegedly excluded all Hindu historical figures in their books.
Oct. 22, 2014	Delhi	Delhi University's Sanskrit department (headed by Ramesh Bhardwaj) has decided to undertake a thorough study of history textbooks of various state and national boards to prepare a detailed report on the representation of 'Vedic Age and Aryan Culture' and suggest revisions to correct 'misrepresentations'. The Sanskrit department recently announced that it will be embarking on a project to prove India's Aryan people were indigenous, and not migrants as claimed by Western and Marxist historians. It will submit its final report to the Ministry of Human Resources Development (HRD) with a request for corrective measures. The move has been criticized by noted historians – Mail Today
Oct. 30, 2014	Delhi	Senior functionaries of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) including Suresh Soni and Dattatreya Hosabale, met Union Human Resources Development Minister Smriti Irani on Thursday to seek a revamp of India's education system. They proposed Bharatiya Board of Secondary Education or BBSE which aims to offer a blend of traditional gurukul system with modern education in schools affiliated to the proposed board. Earlier in the week, the RSS held its first meeting with senior central ministers for better coordination with the BJP-led government. – India Today
Nov. 24, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh	Pressure from the VHP leads to Catholic missionaries of Bastar agreeing that principals in their schools, normally referred to as Father, would now be addressed as Pracharya, or Up-pracharya, or Sir. The missionaries have also agreed to put up photographs of Maa

		Saraswati and great personalities who have worked for national interest in their educational institutions. A statement saying the missionaries agreed to the above was issued following a meeting between the VHP and the missionaries in Jagdalpur in Bastar on Sunday. It was signed jointly by Bastar district VHP president Suresh Yadav and the spokesperson of the Bastar Catholic Community, Abraham Kannampala.
Nov. 24, 2014	Delhi	Report in First Post about the de facto imposition of Sanskrit as third language for Classes 6 to 8 in the 700-odd Kendriya Vidyalaya schools by Ms Smriti Irani, Minister for HRD, on the grounds that teaching German had violated the Constitution, the NEP and the three-language formula.
Dec. 2, 2014	India	Narendra Modi announces that in future 25th December would be celebrated as Good Governance Day since it was the birthday of Hindu nationalists Madan Mohan Malaviya and Atal Behari Vajpayee. A circular was sent out to Central educational institutions—including thousands of schools, 45 Central universities, the elite Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs)—ordering them to cancel the public holiday on Christmas Day and conduct a host of activities. - http://sacw.net/article10391.html
Dec. 22, 2014	Delhi	Report in the Indian Express, about Delhi University inviting RSS 'expert', Krishna Gopal, to 'train' students in Northeast's Hindu past, before study tour.
Dec. 26, 2014	Kolkata	Report in the Mail Today about ABVP becoming the fastest growing popular student organization in West Bengal.
Jan. 3, 2015	Allahabad	Report in the Indian Express about the appointment of Prof Girish Chandra Tripathi, a long-standing RSS activist, as Vice-Chancellor of Banares Hindu University
Jan. 7, 2015	Mumbai	At the 102nd Indian Science Congress, Mumbai 3-7th January, it is asserted that Indians between 7000 and 6000 BC knew how to make airplanes that could undertake “interplanetary travel”, and fly backwards and sideways, as well as forwards, that Indians had invented differential calculus, knew about viruses and developed advanced techniques of plastic surgery. Prime Minister Narendra Modi cites the mythical figures of Ganesha and Karna as proof that Indians knew about genetics, in-vitro fertilisation and complex surgery. http://sacw.net/article10388.html
Jan. 8, 2015	Mangaluru	Report in the Economic Times that Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala has stated that education in 'Indian culture' is not saffronisation.

Jan. 19, 2015	Kurukshetra	Report in The Tribune about Haryana Education Minister Ram Bilas Sharma openly proclaiming his agenda of complete saffronisation of the education system.
Jan. 23, 2015	Ahmedabad	Report in The Hindu about a circular issued by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, directing all schools, including Muslim-dominated Urdu medium schools, to perform Saraswati puja for Vasant Panchami festival, on 24 January 2015.
Feb. 2, 2015	Sahibganj, Jharkhand	The Holy Family English Medium School attacked and damaged by 1000-strong mob, allegedly responding to false complaints of abuse and harassment of a student and her parent by a teacher.
Feb. 4, 2015	Jaipur	Report in the Times of India about Surya Namaskar (sun worship) being made compulsory in 48,000 schools in Rajasthan, by order of the BJP government's education minister, Vasudev Devnani
Feb. 9, 2015	Delhi	Report in Mail Today about Delhi University's Sanskrit department initiating a project to fix the dates of Vedic literature, including the Ramayan, Mahabharat and the Upanishads
Feb. 12, 2015	Delhi	Convent school vandalized and robbed
Feb. 15, 2015	Delhi	Prof Inder Mohan Kapahy, RSS member and founder of the National Democratic Teachers' Front, a rightist teachers' organization in Delhi University, appointed as member of the University Grants Commission.
Feb. 19, 2015	Jaipur	Report in India Today about Dalit girl students being made to clean school toilets across the city, in the absence of regular safai karamcharis (cleaners)
Feb. 27, 2015	Chandigarh	Haryana government's Educational Consultative Committee, headed by RSS ideologue Dinanath Batra, advises the State Council of Educational Research and Training on the selection of Bhagvad Gita slokas to be introduced in school curriculum.
Mar. 5, 2015	Kozhikode	Report in The Hindu about communalisation creeping into education in Kerala.
Mar. 6, 2015	Lucknow	Report in India Today about Dalit girl being set on fire for pursuing education
Mar. 9, 2015	Delhi	MHRD proposes New National Education Policy, invites suggestions on 33 themes; report in Daily News and Analysis (DNA) that RSS and affiliated outfits have proposed doing away with compulsory teaching of English; introduction of Vedic mathematics; and the complete overhauling of Indian historiography.
Mar. 11, 2015	Bengaluru	Report in the Hindustan Times about children from Meghalaya and other parts of the north-east being brought (mostly illegally) to be trained and indoctrinated into Hindutva at the RSS's Shri Ram Vidya Kendra, in a small town near Mangalore called Kalladka.

Mar. 17, 2015	Chandigarh	Report in The Tribune, about banning of skirts in Model School, Rohtak, as part of a management drive to impress the BJP leadership in the state
Mar. 17, 2015	Chandigarh	Report in The Tribune, about compulsory teaching of slokas from the Bhagavad Gita in all schools, for all classes, from I to XII, in Haryana.
Mar. 18, 2015	Delhi	Report in India Today about an elite Delhi school, Ryan International, putting pressure on its students and teachers to join the BJP
Mar. 21, 2015	Delhi	The ABVP-dominated Delhi University Students' Union demanded that SGTB Khalsa College ban its theatre society, Ankur, because of its production of an allegedly anti-Hindu play, Welcome to the Machine.
Apr. 8, 2015	Delhi	Aam Admi Party's Education Minister, Manish Sisodia, reported by Indian Express to have traveled with top officials of the education department, to a workshop on value-education being held in Durg, Chhattisgarh, organized by the Manviya Shiksha Shodh Sansthan, which emphasizes Vedic methods of learning and meditation.
Apr. 17, 2015	Ahmedabad	Report in the Indian Express about saffron uniforms for Hindu children, green ones for Muslim children, in two different schools in Ahmedabad.
Apr. 25, 2015	Delhi	Report in the Indian Express about MP's expressing concern over increasing saffronisation of education.

Paralysing the Science

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During the past one-year we have witnessed an unprecedented attack on scientific temper, rational thinking and scientific establishment of the country. The assault has been four pronged:

1. Spreading and providing credibility to myths, superstitions, irrational beliefs among the masses
2. Occupying spaces such as science congress, workshops and conferences and use the official and unofficial platforms for anti-science activities.
3. Crippling the scientific institutes by political interference, delay in appointing heads of institutions, insulting the most respected scientists / academicians of the country and spreading panic to demoralize scientific community of the country.
4. Arbitrary budget cuts and reduced allocation to various science departments and projects of national importance.

Spreading Myths and Occupying Scientific Spaces

RSS in particular and Sangh Parivar in general has a history of working against scientific temper in the country. However, the attack on scientific temper intensified as soon as NDA came to power in May 2014. Though intensity of propagation of irrational, superstitious, illogical and anti-science ideas by various leaders of Sangh Parivar increased many fold as the new government assumed power, the first major onslaught was unleashed during the 102nd Science Congress.

As Dinesh C Sharma pointed out Modi himself set the agenda even before the science congress, by declaring that "Hindu god Ganesh was actually a creation of ancient plastic surgery". Taking cue from their leader, party cheerleaders like Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank told Parliament that astrology was more powerful than modern science. Other members of the ruling establishment have claimed that Hindu sages were well versed in everything from stem cell therapy to nuclear tests." Shameless and laughable the claims may appear to a normal citizen, however propagation of these ideas is politically motivated and constituted a well thought out agenda.

102nd Indian Science Congress was organised in January 2015, eight months after the NDA came to power at the centre. The event is called the Annual Session of the Indian Science Congress (this was the 102nd), where scientific progress and achievements during the past year are discussed on a national platform. However, for the first time in the history of the Science Congress a special session was devoted to ancient India's scientific prowess.

In one session, Captain Anand Bodas, a retired flying instructor, presented a paper claiming that the science of building and flying aeroplanes was recorded by Maharishi Bharadwaj in the Brihad Vimana Shastra, several millennia before the Wright Brothers built their aeroplane. Aeroplanes existed in India 7,000 years ago and ancient Indians travelled from not just one country to another but also to other planets, he said. The "huge" aeroplanes were 60 by 60 feet and in some cases, over 200 feet and had 40 small engines. They could fly forwards, backwards, sideways and hover in mid-air.

It is totally another matter that H.S. Mukunda, S.M. Deshpande, H.R. Nagendra, A. Prabhu, and S.P. Govindaraju, scholars from the aeronautical engineering and mechanical engineering departments at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, critically examined and debunked this text. They say it was actually written between 1900 and 1922. These scholars write that the planes described in the text “are the best poor concoctions, rather than expressions of something real. None of the planes has properties or capabilities of being flown; the geometries are unimaginably horrendous from the point of view of flying; and the principles of propulsion make them resist rather than assist flying (A Critical Study of the Work “Vymanika Shastra”, Scientific Opinion, 1974).

Capt. Bodas also went on to claim that ancient Indians had an advanced radar system called 'rooparkanrahasya', which presented the complete shape of the aeroplane instead of a mere blip that is seen on modern radar systems.

Another paper, presented by an Ayurvedic physician, claimed that Indians had developed 20 types of sharp instruments and 101 types of blunt instruments required for surgery, all of pure iron, and many of which resemble modern surgical instruments.

Obviously, there had been no scientific validation of the papers. Such claims undermine the primacy of empirical evidence on which the 102-year-old Congress was founded. Scientists who attended the event said the controversy sidelined good work presented at the event.

Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, BJP MP from Haridwar and former Uttarakhand chief minister, also claimed on the floor of the Parliament, “Today we are talking about nuclear tests. Lakhs of years ago, Sage Kanad had conducted a nuclear test. Our knowledge and science do not lack anything.” Noted Indian astrophysicist, Prof. Jayant Narlikar says, “Saying that 'Brahmastra' mentioned in Mahabharata was a nuclear device or mention of Pushpak Vimana in Ramayana was proof of aviation in ancient times is baseless. Indian scientists did know of 'atom' or 'anu' then but not beyond it. A nuclear weapon at that time is out of question. Knowledge of nuclear science requires prior knowledge of electromagnetism and there is no evidence that it existed.”

The Indian government has also launched a project to try to trace and even revive a legendary river - Saraswati - mentioned in ancient Hindu texts. Although there have been several attempts to identify the Saraswati river, experts say if it existed the waterway must have dried up thousands of years ago.

Meanwhile digging the course of the Saraswati has even started in Mugalwali village of Yamunanagar district in Haryana. Last week the effort is said to have bore fruit when water started gushing out from a pit at a depth of eight feet. No one wondered how a river that is supposed to have dried up thousands of years ago could have sprung back to life after digging just eight feet? In fact, it is the groundwater recharge that the diggers seem to have struck.

A textbook brought out by the Gujarat government, with a foreword by Narendra Modi, had stated that much before J. L. Baird envisaged the television, ancient Yogis in India had a better, more handy version of it. The text book, as reported by The Indian Express, reads: "Indian rishis using their yog vidya would attain divya drishti. There is no doubt that the invention of television goes back to this."

The absence of a scientific temper in the government seems to have emboldened all and sundry to make

outlandish claims. An anguished Prof. Jayant Narlikar says, “We shouldn't claim things of which there is no evidence or proof as it reduces the credibility of what our scientists have achieved in the past. Even the West recognizes the knowledge of mathematics held by Indians. If we start making outlandish claims, the scientific community of world will not look up to us as it does now.”

Insulting Scientists and Headless Institutions Has Become a Norm

Nehru had said 'Who indeed could afford to ignore science today? At every turn we have to seek its aid.-- --The future belongs to science and those who make friends with science'. Nehru was not alone in visualizing this future. Sir CV Raman, SS Bhatnagar, MN Saha, Homi Bhabha and many others, in fact the whole galaxy of outstanding scientists, dreamt of a scientifically developed and technologically self-reliant India. The political leadership was as committed to the dream as scientists were. M.C. Chagla, Union Education Minister, on April 3, 1965 said that he was “very impatient and indignant with people who do not trust our own scientists and technologists, but always turn to western and other advanced countries to borrow their knowhow.”

More than half a century back, the British sarkar had handed over an economically drained out, socially dilapidated and communally bleeding country to us. Meagre resources faced competing needs, difficult choices were to be made. The commitment to build a scientifically tempered India led to creation of scientific institutions all over the country. Thanks to the vision of scholars and politicians like Nehru, many of these institutions have done well during the past 60 years and have placed India in the forefront of scientific knowledge generation and technological excellence.

Though the dream of spending 2% of GDP on research and development has remained unfulfilled yet successive governments have never wavered from commitment to create new scientific institutions and support the existing ones. Even the Janta Government and previous NDA, despite its lunatic love for astrology, did not adversely temper with science and technology establishment of the country.

The present Modi government in a short span of time, just one year, has almost paralysed most of the institutions. Political intervention, keeping the scientific institutions headless and cuts and delays in allocating budget have resulted in widespread demoralisation among the scientific community of the country. Many scientists have been publically insulted in various ways. Prof SD Damodaran, a celebrated scientist, disturbed over recent developments, in an article noted, 'things seem to have gone in rather inimical ways to very many of those cherished S&T infrastructures, including the celebrated TIFR itself.' Prof. Damodaran was expressing his angst against the way Professor Sandip P. Trivedi, a front-ranking theoretical physicist specialising in string theory, was treated by the present government. He was appointed as Director of TIFR, by a high powered committee, which included Prof CNR Rao and Dr Kasturi Rangan, assumed the charge, on January 1, 2015 and was unceremoniously removed because the PMO, did not approve the recommendations of the committee. The interference is unprecedented in the history of the leading institute of the country. Dr Ramachandran in his long article published in Frontline, April 17, 2015, wrote 'The Centre's rejection of the appointment of a new Director for the TIFR points to politico-bureaucratic meddling in the functioning of institutions, undermining their autonomy.'

This is not an isolated incident; the attack on the scientific community had started as soon as Modi

Sarkar took charge. The anti-scholarship and anti-intellect stance of the new government was amply clear when during the successful injection of MOM (Mass Orbiter Mission) into Mars orbit was celebrated by the entire country. Dr Radhakrishnan, Chairman, ISRO, or the mission Director, or for that matter, any ISRO scientists was not allowed to speak to the press. The whole event was converted into 'Modi Marketing Episode' and those who had slogged to make it a success were completely blacked out.

Taking lead from the Prime Minister, Smriti Irani, the 12th standard graduate, Cabinet Minister for Human Resources Development, during her short stint as Minister, has repeatedly and continually insulted VCs, Scientists, Professors and intellectuals with impunity. The prestigious institutions, like IIT Delhi faced her wrath when R Shevgaonkar Director, resisted her interference. Instead of facing the repeated humiliation perpetrated by RSS guided Minister for MHRD, he decided to resign. The reports allege that the Minister wanted IIT Delhi to pay huge amount of money to Subramaniam Swamy and also a lot space to cricket academy within IIT Delhi.

The uncivilised behaviour knows no bounds. The most respected nuclear scientist of the country Dr Anil Kakodkar soon after the IIT Delhi, episode resigned form chairmanship of the committee for selection of IIT directors. Though the cultured Dr Kakodkar, refused to reveal details of her behaviour, it was amply clear that he revolted because MHRD wanted to appoint Directors against rules and regulations in a hurry. Probably these were being appointed because of their allegiance to RSS and had no academic merits.

Even DRDO, which was always considered to be a holy cow and was always kept away from controversies and media gaze, was not spared. Dr Avinash Chander, Director General of India's Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and scientific adviser to the defense minister, was removed unceremoniously from office 16 months before his term was to end. Dr Chandra is the man behind Agni Missile and is respected within and outside DRDO for his contributions.

Head-less Institutes - waiting for Ganesha-style Transplant

As reported by Dr Ramachandran in front line, The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – India's largest R&D organisation – is without a regular Director-General since January 2014. Since Modi Sarkar has come to power two acting Director, Generals have been appointed as a stop-gap arrangements, yet the government has failed to find DG for one of the oldest scientific institution of the country. CSIR has 38 laboratories spread all over the country, almost half the labs are headless because Directors have not been appointed by the Ministry of Science and Technology. Promotions and recruitment in CSIR is also at standstill. It should be noted that the Prime Minister of the country is de facto the President of Council.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bangalore, selection of the head (called President, and not Director) for the institute too had run foul of the government. A new President for the JNCASR, an institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), had apparently been selected by an eminent search committee—as has been the practice at the Centre—about a year and a half ago and the name had also been sent to the government for approval about 15 months ago. But the earlier government had left it to the new regime to take action on it. The new government, however, rejected the selection. Following this, the JNCASR issued an open call for

nominations/applications, and a search committee approved by the government is on the job to select the new head ab initio. Even the constitution of the search committee now needed the government's approval. The Institute has now an acting head.

A fairly detailed editorial in Indian Express reported “It is unfortunate to see the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) not having a full-time director for almost eight months now. India's Green Revolution owes its origins to the high-yielding Kalyan Sona and Sonalika wheat varieties that were bred from this institute in the mid-sixties. Even in recent times, IARI scientists have developed blockbuster varieties like Pusa-1121 rice (generating annual export earnings of over \$ 3 billion) and HD-2967 wheat (planted in an unprecedented 8 million hectares this year). Given the challenges before Indian agriculture – be it from climate change, growing land and water resource constraints, or limited scope for minimum support price increases – the importance of publicly-funded research in boosting crop yields and reducing production costs should be obvious today. It is all the more surprising, then, that an institution like the IARI is headless. Worse, the Agriculture Ministry claims it hasn't found anybody “suitable” to be director – after taking eight months to conduct the interviews from the time of advertising the post.

On March 22, 2015 Times of India reported that 'The ICMR, the foremost body for biomedical research in India with a network of 32 research centres, became headless.' V.M. Katoch, former Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research retired in March, 2015. The council still remains without a permanent Director General.

Despite the voices of sanity raising the red flag, government remains headless. Most people think that government is being run by the inexperienced; soon they will come to senses, and pay attention of the scientific and technological needs of the country. However, one year's experience shows that stifling Indian Science and Technology infrastructure is a determined policy of Modi Sarkar. The agenda to kill Indian Science suits corporate sector as well as multinational companies. The Sarkar knows it well that what has been built in the past sixty years can be destroyed in five years; its impact will be felt only after decades. Nehru had said 'who indeed could afford to ignore science today?' Modi Sarkar has proved Nehru wrong.

Crushing Monetarily

Modi Sarkar came to power in the last quarter of the budgetary year i.e. 2014-15. This quarter was the worst in the history of Indian science after independence. The Sarkar revised the budget, created a panic among the science departments and scientific community. The budgetary cuts were huge, Atomic Energy's budget was reduced by almost 12%, Ministry of Earth Sciences faced 21.3% cut, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy faced a slash of about 42%, and Department of Space which had successfully launched the Mars Mission was rewarded with a budget cut of about 20%. The Department of Agricultural Research and Education, which has given the nation green revolution and food security, was handed over a purse which contained almost 21% less money. Similar was the fate of all science departments barring the Defence Research and Development. In the following table the cuts have not been normalised for National Inflation rate, which will only amplify the deficit and illustrate that the situation was far worse than what the table shows.

The budget cuts created unprecedented anxiety among the scientific community, which was widespread and all pervasive. Hundreds of projects of national importance were stopped, delayed or terminated. New projects that were scheduled to take of were shelved for good. International cooperative projects with matching grants from India and other countries were differed, bringing bad name to the country. Thousands of trained project staff was chucked out of the institutions, a loss for ever, because this manpower was not engaged on permanent basis.

The picture for the year 2015-16 is as gloomy. The increase in allocation, where ever shown is in fact a reduction. The inflation rate of 8% will mean that all the departments are being allocated funds which are even less than the year 2014-15. The most unfortunate is the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, where the allocation is reduced to one third of the previous year. The double speak that Modi Sarkar indulges in is amply clear, on the one hand Minsters have gone around the world emphasising the importance of New & Renewable Energy sources and on the other hand the allocation of funds to research in this area has been slashed to an amount which will result into closure all worthwhile projects. As per experts, this increase in budget allocation should take into account the following:

- the ambitions for high research quality,
- funds for establishment of elite centre especially in IITs,
- funds for doing cutting edge and globally competitive research
- and also national inflation rate

Disregarding the accepted norms effective reduction in expenditure on science ad technology will have far reaching results. Science cannot be done in fits and starts; it needs continuity, years of meticulous labour by trained manpower. It is only then the international scientific community take you seriously. We need to protect science and scientific establishment. The immediate and distant future is at stake.

Budget allocations (millions of rupees)

	2014–15	2014–15 revised)	Percent up/down	2015–16
Department of Atomic Energy	87,370	77,000	-11.8	92,000
Defence Research & Development	59,847	62,997	+5.2	65,701
Ministry of Earth Sciences	16,990	13,365	-21.3	16,197
Ministry of New & Renewable Energy	9,564	5,549	-41.9	3,032
Department of Science and Technology	35,440	28,980	-18.2	38,357
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research	37,072	34,000	-8.2	40,310
Department of Biotechnology	15,172	14,172	-6.5	16,251
Department of Space	72,380	58,260	-19.5	73,880
Department of Health Research	10,177	9,320	-8.4	10,181
Department of Agricultural Research and Education	61,443	48,840	-20.5	63,200

All numbers are from the ministry-approved budget.

The table provides information about the allocation made for 2014-2015 for various scientific departments and revision made by government's usual mid-year budget revisions. All the scientific departments have been downsized from 8.2 percent (DSIR) to as high as 41.9 percent (MNRE) for funds allocation except for 5.2 percent up for DRDO. Though, 14-15 percent increase is required every year but the budget allocation for 2015-2016 shows meagre increase.

Technological Capability Building

One of the most important 'flag-ship' projects of Modi Sarkar is 'Make in India'. By the very nature of terminology and intent, this project portrays a 'comprador baniya' status to Indian technological capabilities. The make in India aspires to boost manufacturing and that too by inviting foreign capitalists. Such a kind of technology transfer (through relaxed FDI routes) will necessarily be 'capital intensive' and 'labour-saving' technologies. Will it benefit our country which is already reeling with huge unemployment/under-employment?

This sarkar has junked even the 'imitative' technology substitution policies of Congress regime, and it now seems it has given up - even before starting - the 'competitive regime' of technological capability - which is the jargon now. What is the utility of 'innovation' for this sarkar who claims that all those things that are needed to be discovered and invented were already invented by our sages eons back!

Critical Appraisal of Legal Developments in the Year 2014-2015

-Kriti Sharma

The real test of a government is its commitment to its very own people- the adivasis, minorities- sexual or religious, women and dalits. Reference here is not to the politics of doling out that turns up election fever, but the ability to ensure a life of dignity, equality and just entitlement to nation's subalterns. The most controversial bill of this year 'The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Amendment Bill 2015', however, attempts to rob adivasis, small farmers and forest-dwellers of just that. In one stroke it does away with first, the recognition of relationship of land with its people; second, the basic principle of allowing affected persons to give consent and have a say; and third, the requirement of 'social impact assessment' to fully understand the implications of land acquisition. Thus, it allows for redistribution of land from the poor to the non-poor in certain controversial projects including infrastructure (public-private partnerships) and industrial corridors (for which up to one kilometers on both sides can be acquired).

Most remarkable is the fact that instead of seeking a debate and discussion with the public and in the Parliament, the government chose to pass a law of this amplitude first through an ordinance. The NDA government has increasingly become impatient to pass its commercial objectives and has resorted to ordinances¹ and money bills² to push its agenda. Citing the Constitution, the President has cautioned that ordinances are meant "to meet an extraordinary situation under extraordinary circumstances" and should not be a route taken for normal legislations. While economic reforms are the need of the hour, there should ideally be no circumvention in the parliamentary procedures to ensure due deliberation. At the same time, no expediency was shown by the government to appoint persons to the office of Chief Information Commissioner and other Information Commissioners since they last become vacant in August, 2014. In this time, the pending backlog of Information Commission has increased by 47%, seriously undermining the objectives of people's Right to Information Act, 2005. Taking note, the Delhi High Court passed an order deputing the senior most information commissioner to function as Chief Information Commissioner, as only the latter can categorise the direct placement of matters before a particular bench under Section 12 (4) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Government has also indefinitely held off the implementation of the rules which increase tobacco pictorial warning size from 45% to 85%.

This government represents one of the lowest numbers of Muslims MPs since independence (22) with none from the ruling party in the Lok Sabha. Since the change of powers, we have seen an increase in religious tensions with 'love jihad', communal violence and reconversion campaigns. In midst of this, the newly elected BJP led Maharashtra government chose to introduce a beef ban under Maharashtra

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1. By December 31, 2015 ten ordinances were passed after which the President reminded the government that ordinance should be resorted to in extreme situations only. The other ordinances include raising cap on foreign investment in the insurance sector from 26% to 49% and coal mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Ordinance.
 2. Money Bills are deemed to be passed if Rajya Sabha does not return them within 14 calendar days. Goods and Services Tax bill, though a laudable object, was a money bill. So are The Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets (Imposition of Tax) Bill, 2015 and Benami Transaction) Bill, 2015.

Animal Preservation (Amendment) Act, 1995 under which one can be prosecuted even for possession of beef and charged with jail term of five years and fine of Rs 10,000. Though the NDA government delineates outdated constitutional objectives, the cultural impositions on dalits, adivasis and minorities cannot be denied.

The turn in politics has also simmered trouble for Teesta Setalvad, who was the co-petitioner in the criminal trial which named 62 politicians and government officials (four of whom have been charge sheeted), including the present Prime Minister for their role in the Gujarat riots (2002). She and Javed Anand in turn, have been charged with breach of trust, cheating and criminal conspiracy in raising funds for the Gujarat riots memorial museum in Gulberg Society, Ahmedabad. While the legal matter remains sub-judice it is worth commenting that tightening rope around her since NDA came to power perhaps sniff of payback. Meanwhile, the Gujarat government has had no qualms in reinstating the officers arrested in Ishrat Jahan fake encounter case.

The government has also decided to go after NGOs citing violations of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) while receiving foreign funds. Around 9,000 NGO licenses have been suspended and bank account frozen by Ministry of Home Affairs, including action against Ford Foundation and Greenpeace. According to the government, Greenpeace had been misusing funds to block development projects and its activities were thus labeled as being against 'national interest'. The government even issued a lookout circular against Greenpeace activist Priya Pillai and offloaded her at the airport while she was on her way to London to brief the British parliamentarians on the rights of forest-dwelling communities affected by coal mining. The Delhi High Court subsequently quashed this circular stating that "criticism, by an individual, may not be palatable; even so, it cannot be muzzled. Many civil right activists believe that they have the right, as citizens, to bring to the notice of the state the incongruity in the developmental policies of the state. The state may not accept the views of the civil right activists, but that by itself, cannot be a good enough reason to do away with dissent."³ Similarly, the underlying motivations of action against Ford Foundation is said to be its financial support to Sabrang Trust which had been active in Gujarat after the riots, seeking to advocate for the Muslim community. Needless to say, Government must be extremely cautious as to not throttle the vibrant civil society. While this government is suspicious of dissenting civil society, the public exchequer has no qualms in utilizing public funds on self promoting advertisements. *Common Cause v. Union of India*⁴ was a petition filed in 2003 to curb this menace on which the judgment was pronounced in May, 2015 by the Supreme Court. It is questionable whether the limited judgment by the Court prohibiting pictures in public advertisement with exception of the Prime Minister, President and Chief Justice, will have the resultant effect, though the objectives are certainly laudable. The judiciary has limited say in this policy matter and has urged executive to take further notice. However, it is noteworthy that the previous governments in power took no action to self-regulate even during the twelve year pendency of the suit.

The travesty of lower castes, disabled and women can be depicted in the following three cases. First, in news was the book-burning of Tamil author Perumal Murugun's novel 'Mathorubagan' (One Part Women) by right wing members for objectionable caste and gender depictions. The Madras High Court

3. J. Shakti para 13.5, Priya Parameswaran Pillai v. Union of India WP (C) 774/2015 in the High Court of Delhi.

4. (2014) 6 SCC 552.

is hearing various PIL petitions (now clubbed as one, on behalf of the author) that were filed challenging the decision of the peace committee meeting held by none other than the local police and revenue authorities in which the author was made to issue an unconditional apology, delete controversial portions and withdraw unsold copies from the market. The petitioners marked this as a “crude, unauthorized and state-sponsored censorship” impugning freedom of expression which forced the author to withdraw himself.⁵ Second, the statement of Minister of State for Home Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary that came out in the Rajya Sabha: “It is considered that the concept of marital rape, as understood internationally, cannot be suitably applied in the Indian context due to various factors, including level of education, illiteracy, poverty, myriad social customs, and values, religious beliefs, mind-set of the society, to treat marriage as sacrosanct” brew a storm. In 1993 the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women Convention had declared marital rape as a human rights violation, and even in the recent Justice Verma Committee Report (2013) the government was asked to reconsider the exception to marital rape under the Indian Penal Code. Despite the fact that majority of sexual violence occurs within the realm of marriage⁶ no change in the government's position is expected soon. The last case is that of Delhi University Professor and activist GN Saibaba against whom a charge sheet was filed by National Investigation Agency in Kerala court alleging links with CPI (Maoist)'s front organization RDFI. The most grotesque part of the case is that while none of the charges have been proved, the professor with 90% bench mark disability has been kept in solitary confinement and denied access to medical facilities, assistance and health care. Even the Supreme Court has turned a deaf ear and refused to admit a petition filed by Prof. Kannabiran which stressed that the arrest and subsequent confinement of GN Saibaba goes against the UN Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities. A year on, through efforts of Delhi University Teachers Association and activist Arundhati Roy, a Committee for the Defense and Release of G N Saibaba has been constituted to expedite his release on bail, and to ensure he is treated and tried in accordance with all legal and constitutional provisions.

On the positive front, following the heels of the Supreme Court decision in *NALSA v. UOI*⁷ which legally recognized the third gender, for the first time in 46 years a private member's bill 'The Rights of Transgender Persons Bill, 2014' has been passed in the Rajya Sabha. The Bill attempts to provide a rights based framework for transgender rights and ensures education, skill development and employment, health and social security benefits. It proposes the establishment of National and State Commissions for Transgender Persons and a Transgender Rights Court. While The Right of Persons with Disability Bill, 2014 and The Mental Health Care Bill, 2013, introduced by the previous government, had failed to address the concerns of the disabled, the recent Standing Committee Report under the Chairmanship of Ramesh Bais has incorporated nationwide deliberations and sought relevant amendments. The passing of The Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2014 should also be in government's immediate agenda.

5. The author has now been impleaded as the petitioner and other PIL petitions have been dismissed. In the author's petition to the Court he has stated the threat to his family who are living in exile and the happenings at the peace committee where his point of view was not taken. He had told the DRO to write her own decision to which he would put his signature.
6. See a report by The International Centre for Women (ICRW) and United Nations Population fund's across eight states in India <http://www.icrw.org/media/press-releases/unfpa-press-release-unfpa-icrw-study-deconstructs-mind-%E2%80%98masculine%E2%80%99-indian-male> and <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/marital-and-other-rapes-grossly-underreported/article6524794.ece>.
7. AIR 2014 SC 1863

There have been two major developments with regards to child rights. Firstly, in the wake of involvement of a juvenile in 2012 Delhi gang rape case, and mass protests against his mere three year conviction, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill, 2014 has been passed by the Lok Sabha. The Bill permits juveniles aged 16-18 who have committed a heinous crime (according to the Juvenile Board) to be treated as adults. It is noted here that the legislature did not seek to enhance punishment from three to eight years, as was previously contemplated, and has allowed juveniles to be given life imprisonment. Secondly, the Child Labour Prohibition Amendment Bill, 2015 seeks to ban the employment of children in all kinds of commercial enterprises, as opposed to an existing ban in only 18 hazardous industries under the 1986 act. The Bill provides for stringent punishment, including for parents who are repeat offenders and is in consonance with international child rights conventions.

In June, 2014 there was a row over possible appointment of Ex- Solicitor General Gopal Subramaniam as a Supreme Court judge.⁸ The Constitutional 121st Amendment for the National Judicial Appointment Commission and the National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014 has been enacted this year. The appointment of judges which had been the prerogative of the five senior judges of the Supreme Court, is now set to change with the National Judicial Appointment Commission - which shall consist of the Chief Justice (Chairperson), two other senior judges, Union Minister of Law and Justice and two eminent persons (one of whom shall be of SC, ST, OBC or minority background) to be nominated by a committee consisting of the Chief Justice of India, Prime Minister and the Leader of Opposition.

One of the land mark judgments by the Supreme Court this year was *Shreya Singhal v. Union of India*⁹ where in view of Article 19 (a) and 19 (2), Section 66 A of the Information Technology Act was struck down as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. The impugned section had been increasingly used to muzzle the voice of people with critical or divergent political views. In *Vishwas Lochan Madan v. Union of India*,¹⁰ a case of rape of a woman by her father-in-law in a Muslim community, a fatwa, sought by a third party was issued by local sharia court which mandated that the woman should separate from her husband. The Supreme Court held that a decision by Dar-ul-Qaza has no sanction under the constitutional scheme. It acknowledged the presence of sharia courts under All India Muslim Personal law board as community's dispute resolution body but said that it is an informal system whose decisions are not binding. The Court also advised that fatwas should not be issued in response to strangers' petition.

The courts also pronounced on two major scams this year- (a) the allocation of coal mines by the Screening Committee of the Government of India between 1993-2012 was struck down by the Supreme Court,¹¹ while (b) in the Satyam Scam case, Ramalinga Raju and nine other accused have been convicted by the special CBI court for seven years rigorous imprisonment for manipulating company's accounts.

8. The row was over his alleged association with the Niira Radia and 2 G Scam cases which raised objections over his possible appointment. He subsequently withdrew his candidature.

9. AIR 2015 SC 1523

10. AIR 2014 SC 2957

11. Manohar Lal Sharma v. The Principal Secretary (2014) 9 SCC 516.

J. Jayalalithaa became the first standing Chief Minister of India to be held guilty of disproportionate assets under Section 13 (1) and 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 after conviction and four years simple imprisonment by the Special Court, but this was reversed in May, 2015 by the Karnataka High Court. The key issue here is verification and calculation of disproportionate assets, the final word on which would be by the Supreme Court. It is expected that a Supreme Court pronouncement on the matter will lay down a stare decisis precedent for other cases of similar nature. We all know the difficulties in obtaining bail for an accused in the present criminal system, therefore public outcry on the quick bails of Madhu Koda (coal scam), Salman Khan (hit and run case), D G Vanzara (prime accused in Sorabuddin, Tulsi Prajapathi and Israt Jahan encounter cases) and J. Jayalalitha (disproportionate assets case) was well expected.

In the area of planning and policy making, the Planning Commission of India has been replaced by the NITI Aayog. Also, The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had sought public view on its paper 'Consultation Paper No. 2/2015 on Regulatory Framework for Over-the-top (OTT) services/Internet Services and Net neutrality'. As of now, there are no laws governing net neutrality in India and the consultation was sought as debates over net neutrality had simmered shortly after Airtel's announcement on charging OTTs on its network. The government is also expected to lay down its new policy on education and intellectual property laws soon.

List of Events

May, 2014

The Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2014 introduced after the Ordinance (which was introduced by the UPA). Adds certain categories of offences, special court constituted, rights of witness and victim established.

June 2014

The judiciary executive tiff with talks of NJAC- **Gopal Subramaniam's case** – NDA government asked the collegiums to reconsider his candidature in light of CBI and IB reports (on Niira Radia and 2G scam), the former Solicitor General ultimately withdrew his candidature for the post of Supreme Court judge.

July, 2014

108 medicines prices capped by government which brought down prices of these medicines by 25 per cent.

Vishwa Lochan Madan v. Union of India AIR 2014 SC 2957 on fatwa and sharia courts- held that neither fatwa or decision by Dar-ul-Qaza has any sanction under Constitutional scheme. It is merely an informal system and decisions are not binding. Establishment of All India Muslim Personal Law Board's to establish Muslim Courts have no legal status. 'One may not object to issuance of Fatwa on a religious issue or any other issue so long it does not infringe upon the rights of individuals guaranteed under law.' Court advised Dar-ul-Qaza to not give fatwa in response to strangers' petitions.

Maya Kodnani, serving life imprisonment for Naroda Patiya case, has been granted bail after detection of tuberculosis and depression.

August 2014

The Constitution 121st Amendment Bill, 2014 which amends the Constitution to introduce **National Judicial Appointment Commission and The National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014** which established the procedure to be followed by the NJAC. Earlier the consultation was amongst President, Chief Justice and other senior judges and 1980s changed to CJI and four senior most judges making recommendation to the President. 16 States have ratified the bill, as part of the requirement.

Manohar Lal Sharma v. The Principal Secretary (2014) 9 SCC 516 held allotment of coal blocks made by the Screening Committee of the Government of India, as also the allotments made through the Government dispensation route are arbitrary and illegal.

Planning Commission scrapped, new body NITI Ayog constituted.

September 2014

Special Court convicts Jayalithaa and three other aid to four year simple imprisonment, along with fine of Rs 100 crores and 10 crores, respectively under Section 13 (1) and 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

The Department of Pharmaceuticals of the union government instructed the National Pharmaceutical

Pricing Authority to **revoke the guidelines** issued on 29 May that gave it the power to fix prices of drugs that are not on the national list of essential medicines. NPPA might not be able to do capping anymore.

Mohd. Arif @ Ashfaq v. The Registrar, Supreme Court of India Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 77 of 2014 in the Supreme Court, death row convict may be heard in open court in review petition by three judges. Curative petitions cannot seek re-hearing. Justice Nariman for majority and Justice Chelameswar for minority opinion. Writ petition was filed on behalf of eight death row convicts. Earlier Supreme Court Rules were amended in 2013 according to which 'every cause, appeal or other proceedings' in a death penalty case would be heard by a Bench of not less than three Judges. Earlier death penalty matters were usually heard by two judge benches. Application to pending death penalty case too.

Ramchandra Machwal v. JMC, Rajasthan High Court asks Jaipur Municipal Corporation to end the practice of maintaining crematoriums on the basis of caste.

Dr. Ranjeet Suryakant Mohite v. The Union of India 2015 (2) ALL MR 55, Bombay High Court No religion should be an option and state cannot make it compulsory for an individual to declare or specify religion under Article 25.

October 2014

Jayalalitha case: Bail granted by Supreme Court for two months and suspension of sentence – bail further extended to four months in December 2014 and order that appeal be heard on day to day basis

November 2014

Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) have set up an IP think tank to advise the Government on issues relating to patents and to draft a national IPR policy.

December 2014

The Constitution (122nd Amendment)(GST) Bill, 2014 - Constitution Amendment Bill on Goods and Service Tax (GST), Article 246A is conferring powers on both to the Parliament and State legislatures to make laws for levying GST on the supply of goods and services in the same transaction. Article 279A proposes Goods & Services Tax Council with joint forum of the Centre and the States. GST seeks to simplify and harmonise the indirect tax regime in the country. Bill has been sent to Rajya Sabha Committee at present.

National Intellectual Property Rights Policy draft in circulation.

The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Amendment Ordinance came into force was passed on December 31, 2014. The projects listed under Section 10A are exempted from certain provisions in the Act, including consent, Social Impact Assessment and restrictions on acquiring agricultural and multi-cropped land and allows for fast track procedure including atomic energy. Thirteen acts previously excluded from operation of the Act have been included; acquisition of land from private hospitals and educational institutions have been included; and definition of 'private companies has been changed to broader 'private entities'. 1894 Act will continue to apply in cases where award was made under that act, unless physical possession has not taken place. Unutilized land can be returned at the end of five years or at a later period as

specified at the time of setting up the project. The bill has now been introduced.

Ex- Chief Minister Madu Koda and seven others chargesheeted by Special Court for allocation of coal blocks to Vini iron and Steel Udyog Ltd. In Jharkhand's Rajhara town.

January 2015

Tamil author **Perumal Murugan** withdraws his work after burnings of his book 'One Part Woman' depicting supposedly objectionable instances related to caste and gender.

February 2015

The Compulsory Promotion, Utilization, Supply and Access of Renewable Energy Bill, 2014 has been passed in efforts to support renewable energy.

Bail granted to Ex- Jharkhand Chief Minister Madhu Koda and seven others in the coal scam case.

Controversial Gujarat **officer DG Vanzara** who had been listed as accused in several encounters cases has been granted bail while NH Dhabhi accused in the same case gets his bail petition rejected.

March 2015

The **Delhi High Court quashed circular against Greenpeace activist Priya Pillai**. She had objected to government's move to offload her when she was on her way to London to brief British parliamentarians on the rights of forest-dwelling communities affected by coal mining. The government also issued a lookout circular (LOC) against her which she moved to court. This was done without basis of law. (Priya Parameswaran Pillai v. Union of India WP (C) 774/2015 in the High Court of Delhi)

Shreya Singhal v. Union of India AIR 2015 SC 1523: Supreme Court in view of Article 19(1)(a) and 19(2) Section 66 A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (introduced via 2008 amendment) were struck down by Supreme Court as unconstitutional. The Section was used in case of booking people with critical or divergent political views.

Beef ban introduced in Maharashtra through law – even possession is illegal. First reported case under new law banning beef. Three persons booked for alleged slaughter of two calves in Nasik with 150 kg of beef worth Rs 35,000. The accused could face five years in prison and a fine of Rs 10,000.

Tobacco pictorial warning size from 45% to 85% deferred, due date was April 1,2015.. Held off indefinitely parliamentary committee on sub-ordinate legislation has asked for more study which Ministry could have rejected. It said survey that no connection with cancer. Health Ministry had put cost of diseases 1 lakh 4500 crores more than health budget. Government October 2014 had legislated through rules on pictorial warning.

The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 replaces Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Ordinance, 2015 and amends the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

Appropriation Acts (Repeal) Bill, 2015 takes cue from Law Commission Of India's 248th Report on 'Obsolete Laws: Warranting Immediate Repeal' and sought to repeal 758 appropriation acts by centre as well as 111 state appropriation act.

Net Neutrality consultation paper by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India sought comments from public, under review.

Teesta Setalvad v. State of Gujarat MANU/GJ/0051/2015 and her husband's anticipatory bail not given, arrest stayed, case referred to larger bench

Sambhavana v. Union of India—in Delhi High Court petition to implement Section 33 of the Disabilities Act by equal bifurcation amongst three categories of disabled in the UPSC exam decided upon. Out of 53 vacancies, the Government reserved 21 for the LDLP, 13 for blind and 19 for hearing impaired. The Court held Government has the discretion to decide the distribution of vacancies, if they are more than three percent.

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Ramalinga Raju was convicted with 10 other members in Satyam Computer service scandal.

Crackdown on **NGOs receiving foreign funds**, cancellation of 9,000 licences under violation of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). FCRA license for Ford Foundation and Greenpeace suspended and bank accounts frozen. The home ministry has asked all banks not to allow the charity organization to finance any person or institution without prior approval from the government. The home ministry has already blocked foreign and domestic funding of Greenpeace and suspended its registration for six months.

Delay in Chief Information Commissioner and three information commissioners' appointments since August 2014, raised in the Parliament and petition filed in the Delhi High Court, posts lying vacant for months. Delay has led to pending backlog compromising on efficiency of law.

National Green Tribunal in **Vardhaman Kaushik v. Union of India** (Before the National Green Tribunal, OA No. 21 of 2014) order takes notice of the pollution levels in Delhi, appoints Court Commissioners and issues guidelines to Delhi Government, as well, as Development authorities till further hearing. Case based on reports in national dailies on level of pollution in Delhi.

Charge sheet filed against Disabled DU Professor who was earlier denied facilities despite 90% disability, charged with connection to RDFI (An already banned organization in AP and Odisha) which is allegedly face of CPI Maoist. The activist who is on hunger strike in jail argues that he is being harassed for critical opinion.

Babu Bajrangi, who was given life imprisonment in Naroda Padiya case has been **granted bail** by the Gujarat High Court due to requirement of major eye surgery, as he is fast losing eyesight.

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The Constitution (119th Amendment) Act, 2013 which seeks to give effect to an agreement entered into by India and Bangladesh on the acquiring and transfer of territories between the two countries on May 16, 1974 by amendment to First Schedule that defines the area under state and union territory has been passed by the Parliament.

The Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets (Imposition of Tax) Bill, 2015 and Benami Transaction) Bill were passed on May, 13, 2015 by the Parliament to curb black money in both international and

national markets, respectively (under Money bills category). In the first bill, after giving 'compliance window period' it seeks to impose seven years imprisonment for failure to disclose assets; a penalty on the fair market value and not the acquired market value; and liability for offence extending to all responsible officers of the company under the law. The tax recovery officer has been given broad powers under the Act. The second act also seeks imprisonment and penalty for those indulgent in such practices. More inter-governmental co-operation and better tax administration is required for effective implementation.

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2014 replaced the 2000 act permitting juveniles aged 16-18 who have committed a heinous crime (According to the Juvenile Board) to be treated as adult.

Child Labour Prohibition Amendment Bill, 2015 bans employment of children in all kinds of commercial enterprises, as opposed to ban in only 18 hazardous industries under the 1986 act. Notable exception being, work done in family enterprises and farmland, if done after school and in vacations. The Bill provides for stringent punishment, including for parents who are repeat offenders.

Devidas Ramachandra Tulijapurkar v. State of Maharashtra (MANU/SC/0612/2015), the Supreme Court added 'historically respectable figures' to exceptions in 19(1)(a) by allowing charges under Section 153A and 153B of the IPC against a poet for writing a poem called 'Gandhi Mala Bhetala' in 1994 in a magazine.

Common Cause v. Union of India (2014) 6 SCC 552– restraining public funds on Government advertisements, petition since 2003. Government responded by saying it is government policies and executive decisions and SC cannot interfere or lay down guidelines under Article 142. In April 2014 a Committee, headed by NR Madhava Menon constituted to suggest guidelines 'after an intricate study of all the best practices in public advertisements in different jurisdictions.' Court held only three persons- PM, CJI and President can be depicted, historical figure on death anniversary too. Three member panel of ombudsman to ensure compliance of these directions. Guidelines not comprehensive so executive can consider them in view of the constitution.

The Companies Amendment Act, 2014 for 'ease of business' has introduced Special Courts to speedily try certain offences, along with sections on related party transactions, fraud reporting by the auditors, making common seal optional and changing on requirements for paid up capital share.

Salman Khan hit and run case, conviction by lower court and sentence for four years but bail granted by high court.

Karnataka High Court acquits Jayalalithaa and other of all charges, allowing her to be eligible to be elected as chief minister.

Comments on **marital rape in Rajya Sabha** with refusal to criminalize the same even after Justice Verma Committee

Amendment to Whistle Blower Act, 2011 has been moved in the Lok Sabha which prohibits whistle blower from providing documents and information that are protected under Office Secrets Act, 1923 and Right to Information Act, 2005.

Delhi High Court gives birds a life to live with dignity and fly in the sky without being caged and against cruelty after successful petition by NGO People for Animals.

Aruna Shaunbag, victim of rape, which left her in a coma state for 42 years, whose euthanasia plea was turned down by the Supreme Court, dies.

Private member bill '**The Rights of Transgender Persons Bill, 2014**' passed in Rajya Sabha- rights based framework for transgender rights and ensures education, skill development and employment, health and social security benefits.

Reinstatement of Gujarat cadre IPS Officer NK Amin who had been arrested in the Ishrat Jahan fake encounter case.

Prime Minister announces **new insurance and pension schemes** targeting the poor and unorganized workers.

Statement of Minister of State for Home Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary that came out in the Rajya Sabha: "It is considered that the concept of **marital rape**, as understood internationally, cannot be suitably applied in the Indian context due to various factors, including level of education, illiteracy, poverty, myriad social customs, and values, religious beliefs, mind-set of the society, to treat marriage as sacrosanct".

Delhi High Court appoints **senior most Information Commissioner as Chief Information Commissioners** for interim measure.

Standoff between Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal and Lieutenant Governor Najeeb Jung regarding constitutional propriety in **appointment of the Chief Secretary**. Legal opinions of Indira Jaising and R. Dhavan support the Chief Minister.

Silencing South Asia

-Prof. Apoorvanand

A case has been filed against Kancha Illiah in Hyderabad after the Vishwa Hindu Parishad lodged a complaint against him that by writing an article titled “ Is God a democrat, he had hurt their religious sentiments. police feels that Illiah has a habit of unnecessarily offending others. Before this came the news of action against Ambedkar-Periyar Study Circle by the authorities of the IIT, Madras for having distributed pamphlets criticizing the central government. This action was taken on the basis of a note from the MHRD, government of India to look into the activities of the APSC. The news of the withdrawal of a play written by Girish Karnad in the face of protests by the affiliates of the RSS is only one of the many instances of the threats that freedom of expression faces in India today. The outrageous case of Perumal Murugan of Tamil Nadu is still fresh in our memories. Perumal Murugan was attacked by the RSS and its other affiliate groups for publishing Madhorubhagan, a novel depicting the life and beliefs of local communities of Tamil Nadu. Later, the RSS went behind the scene local caste groups took over. New organisations in the name of caste communities have emerged and started acting as moral supervisors or censors. They are overtly and many a times covertly supported and encouraged by the affiliates of the RSS.

An atmosphere of fear had been created systematically by the RSS, its affiliates and other groups over the last decade in which criminal cases had been filed by these bodies against writers and publishers, who have to face physical threats and intimidation. The pressure by the Sangh organizations has been such that publishers have started exercising self-censorship. They are getting books examined by legal experts and shelving those which might face protest from such groups or criminal cases in the courts. Such cases go unreported as both the publisher and the writer refrain from discussing these decisions in public.

University departments and bodies dealing with school syllabi have also started exercising an unhealthy caution. They carefully remove or not select anything which might draw the ire of the Sangh organizations. These stories never make it to the press.

A general atmosphere of silencing or muzzling of potential dissenters has been created. The latest vilification campaign against the Rajya Sabha channel should be seen as yet another example of this relentless effort. After the advent of the Modi era, TV channels and newsmagazines had started a process of sanitizing themselves. Many prominent magazines and newspapers forced their editors to quit. Journalists critical of the politics of the Sangh Parivar were also compelled to leave their organizations. The Hindi press fell in line willingly, given its track record of pro- Hindutva opinion.

It was only the Rajya Sabha TV which kept a space for critical discussion alive. For the last two months or so, false reports of financial irregularity committed by the RSTV are being planted in the media. Individual anchors are bombarded with threat and hate mails. It means a pressure on the management of the RSTV to remove such inconvenient people and to create an atmosphere in which assault on the RSTV would be justified.

Freedom of expression is closely linked to the right to dissent in a democracy. The last one year been

catastrophic for individuals and organizations which have been critical of the state in different areas of life. Crackdown on thousands of organizations including Sabrang, Green Peace, Ford Foundation, Anhad, etc. NGOs face closure as donor agencies are being monitored closely on the pretext that their support is being used for anti-national activities or acts which are inimical to national security. Drying up of funds and withdrawal of support is making organizations wary of speaking up on issues related to the rights of marginalized communities.

This has been the experience of people who are critical of the BJP or RSS or its supreme leader that they would be abused, attacked and vilified on the social media most viciously. The comment sections of newsmagazines and newspapers get inundated with abusive comments on any article or even news report, which shows the leader or the party in poor light. There have been instances of such writers and commentators getting death threats. Again, all this goes unreported in the media.

As said earlier, the general atmosphere in the country is unfavourable to free speech. It is not that other political parties are great champions of right to free speech or dissent either. People have to suffer criminal cases or even jail for having written critical or humorous Facebook posts about political leaders in Bengal, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. The Delhi government's threat of filing of defamation cases against those who criticize its ministers and authorities is the most recent instance of such intolerance. As a result, a general silencing is gradually enveloping the society. It should also be said that it is becoming a South Asian feature. Attacks on and killings of bloggers in Bangla Desh and assaults on journalists in Sri Lanka and Pakistan have become frighteningly regular. There is a general right wing turn in the ethos of these countries, which is not a good sign for democracies of this region.

Judiciary at the highest level does act as a saviour but most of the lower judiciary acts in a very conservative fashion. Fear of punitive action by police and lower judiciary is leading writers, artists and publishers to self-censorship and voluntary silencing.

What is alarming is that all this is now turning invisible. The universities, police, lower judiciary and even media do not treat the issue with the seriousness it demands. People pointing out at violations are accused of over-reaction.

Attack on Freedom of Expression

DATE	PLACE	DETAIL OF INCEDENCE
May 2, 2014	Bangaluru, Karnataka	Award-winning Indian writer UR Ananthamurthy received threatening calls for his comments criticising India's PM-elect Narendra Modi. After Mr Modi's landslide victory in the election results, a Hindu hardline group said he should go to Pakistan. The group, which calls itself NaMo Brigade, said it had sent the writer a one-way ticket to Karachi for 17 May - a day after the vote count. NaMo is short for Narendra Modi. http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-27499148
June 2, 2014	Panaji, Goa	The Cyber Cell of the Crime Branch of Goa police on Monday interrogated shipping diploma-holder Devu Chodankar over his role in the anti-Modi facebook post.
June 4 2014	New Delhi	Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, has been declared unconstitutional by Supreme Court. The law had been challenged first by a law student named Shreya Singhal after two young women were arrested in 2012 for posting comments critical of the total shutdown in Mumbai after the death of Bal Thackeray, the Shiv Sena chief. The group that challenged the law in the Supreme Court. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/palghar-girls-welcome-supreme-courts-verdict-on-section-66a-say-they-are-vindicated/
June 4, 2014	Pune, Maharashtra	Muslim techie killed by rightwing mob over morphed FB posts. The police arrested seven people associated with the Hindu Rashtra Sena (right-wing fringe group) and the chief of this outfit Dhananjay Desai. http://www.firstpost.com/in dia/pune-muslim-techie-killed-by-rightwing-mob-over-morphed-fb-posts-1555709.html
June 16, 2014	Kunnamkulam, Thrissur district, Kerala	9 students held in Kerala for 'anti-Modi' crossword in college magazine. The police on Sunday arrested nine students in Kerala's Thrissur district for allegedly using invectives to describe political leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi through a crossword puzzle in a college magazine. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/9-students-held-in-Kerala-for-anti-Modi-crossword-in-college-magazine/articleshow/36621402.cms
August 4, 2014	New Delhi	Publishers pulp Megha Kumar's book in the wake of a legal notice sent to the publisher by Dina Nath Batra. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/its-batra-again-book-on-sexual-violence-in-ahmedabad-riots-is-set-aside-by-publisher/
October 16, 2014	Malda, West Bengal	Youth was arrested in Malda district of West Bengal on the charge of making a derogatory remark against Mamata Banerjee on Facebook. http://daily.bhaskar.com/article/NAT-TOP-unemployed-youth-arrested-for-making-anti-mamata-banerjee-remark-on-facebook-4777260-NOR.html
January 13, 2015	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Hounded by Hindutva and caste outfits, writer Perumal Murugan, whose novel Madhorubhagan was under attack, announced his decision to give up writing altogether. http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/perumal-murugan-gives-up-writing/article6784745.ece
March 10, 2015	Mumbai	AIB video forced to removed from You tube after matter reached in court. http://www.exchange4media.com/tv/guest-columnaib-roast-and-the-dilemma-of-freedom-of-speech_59323.html Exchange4media.com
March 20, 2015	New Delhi	DUSU president Mohit Nagar on March 17 wrote to the principal of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College against the college's theatre society Ankur. The union is controlled by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. student wing of the RSS.The letter asks the college to ban the play with immediate effect. http://www.hindustantimes.com/newdelhi/du-students-union-calls-college-play-anti-hindu-seeks-ban/article1-1328699.aspx

March 31, 2015	New Delhi	Florida-based director Raj Amit Kumar's debut film "Unfreedom," starring Adil Hussain and Victor Banerjee in key roles espousing homosexuality, has been banned in India. http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ban-unfair-says-unfreedom-director/article7050602.ece
April 12, 2015	New Delhi	IIMC cancels lecture by scientist http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/iimc-cancels-lecture-by-scientist/article7093970.ece
April 17, 2015	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Raj Thackeray-led Maharashtra Navnirman Sena vandalises the office of former sheriff Nana Chudasama over a message on his popular banner http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Five-MNS-workers-arrested-for-vandalizing-Chudasamas-office/articleshow/46951416.cms
May 7, 2015	New Delhi	The documentary "India's Daughter" by Leslee Udwin is based on the 2012 Delhi gang rape case directed by Leslie Udwin banned in India http://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/3-Reasons-Given-By-Prime-Minister-Modi-Justifying-Ban-on-India%E2%80%99s-Daughter/2015/05/07/article2802270.ece
May 21, 2015	Hyderabad, Telangana	Case filed against social scientist Kancha Ilaiah for asking, 'Is God a democrat?' Vishwa Hindu Parishad activists say academician's article in a Telugu newspaper is offensive. http://scroll.in/article/731416/case-filed-against-social-scientist-kancha-ilaiah-for-asking-is-god-a-democrat
May 29, 2015	Madras, Tamil Nadu	Smriti's HRD ministry writes to IIT Madras, dean bans students' group critical of Modi govt. the HRD ministry, apparently acting on an anonymous complaint, wanted to know what a pro-Ambedkar students' group was up to in IIT Madras. Immediately after the government made it evident that they were watching the group's activities, the college banned the group from functioning in its premises. http://www.firstpost.com/india/smritis-hrd-ministry-writes-to-iit-madras-dean-bans-students-group-critical-of-modi-govt-2268788.html

Can the Idea of India withstand the Cultural Chauvinism of the Sangh Parivar?

-Dhruv Sangari

What Is Culture : It is the totality of socially transmitted behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, institutions, and all other products of human work and thought. **Culture** is learned and shared within social groups and is transmitted by non-genetic means.

Culture is in brief a repository of all human learning and evolutionary processes.

Culture in the Indian context

The case of the Indian Subcontinent is unique in one regard, that it is still home to a vast range of diverse cultural and civilizational practices in spite of Colonialism, Oriental Scholarship and the Neo Imperialism of the New World Order.

Countless streams of the ancient as well as the ultra contemporary exist within the (often fluid) boundaries of the largely oral, intangible heritage of the landmass we call our home.

Apart from the simultaneous coexistence and growth of these consciously aware civilizational streams, within them have always also existed elements of radical change, transgression and even rejection.

If norms have been established, so have deviations been created to challenge them. The Apabhramsa languages which were considered corrupt by the Brahmanas, were consistently used by scholars and saints alike to democratize philosophy, science and knowledge among the oppressed masses since the late Buddhist period. Later the use of popular dialects by Kabir, Amir Khusrau, Tulsidas and Bulle Shah led to their growth and evolution as full fledged languages.

Beginning in the early medieval period a syncretic, shared culture arose in India. This was chiefly due to the arrival of Islam and Christianity. The positive interactions of these various faiths and civilizations had by the 18th century created a new Indian society where each part remained unique but found its own place in the beautiful puzzle that is our pluralistic heritage.

The debate over the Classical and the Folk, the Tribal and the Cosmopolitan, the native and the foreign has raged on for millennia, yet even at the height of disagreement, no one had ever really seriously questioned the right of a certain way of life to exist and flourish.

The arrival of colonialism, imperialism and Orientalism changed that forever.

The Industrial Age and Era of Big Capital arose at a pace that outmatched and outmoded democratic and peoples movements rather rapidly. The context and conspectus pertaining to the production of culture and the natural development of its various registers became irrelevant and instead came to be tied to the supply and demand of material goods in the emerging free market economies around the globe. In places where those models were restricted, cultural production became a vassal to often undemocratic states and its content dependent upon government patronage, elite influence and museal convention. Oriental scholarship and pedagogy belittled and deliberately pitted various native ethnic

and cultural entities against one another, whilst pushing their own agenda of divide and rule. Their publications frequently lampooned and exoticized South Asia. German and British Indologists were instrumental in creating the myth of an ancient and hallowed Hindu origin of the Indian civilization.

In all this, everyone forgot that had it not been for the Sufi saints and Mughal princes such as Dara Shikoh, who out of a deep sense of love and respect for Hindu spiritual knowledge, had translated into Persian texts such as the Upanishads, Ramayana and Mahabharata; no Orientalist scholar would ever have had access to such obscure Sanskrit texts, zealously guarded by the upper castes!

Having passed through a hard fought freedom struggle and a painful partitioning of the subcontinent, the issues of cultural identity and freedom of expression became still more bitterly contested. Spaces of sharing and dialogue shrunk and shriveled somewhat. However the post-modern era has seen the rise of entirely other spaces. for the creation, evolution and dissemination of certain aspects of what is normally considered within the discourse of culture. For instance print, audiovisual media and later the rise of satellite television and the world wide web. Thus the virtual world to a certain degree became the new third space, a shared and neutral space.

Can culture inhabit its own original space, yet have the ability to facilitate radical transformation

For at least the last four millennia the South Asian world has been witness to a vast array of fantastically unique ethnic and civilizational experiences. To dissect and separate into distinctive categories this living, breathing organism that is the fabric of our multi ethnic and culturally diverse society would be an impossible task. To try and develop an empirical formula for dividing our heritage into historically and chronologically convenient 'eras' for the sake of the majority's pride in its national and socio-cultural identity is a great disservice to the fluid and oral-intangible nature of our very ethos. Moreover, for the state to adopt and promote an official view of national history as a mono-cultural and simplistically linear process that existed in an incubator of sorts, and no 'foreign influence' ever touched its pristine isolation is highly problematic.

Where the leader of a democratic nation state invokes mythology and fiction to ratify and highlight the supposed scientific and developmental milestones achieved by his country in an (imagined) ancient and pure past, the ramifications for the future seem rather distressing to say the least.

Current Developments

The NDA swept to power in 2000 on the wings of a major anti incumbency mandate, it did so by coining the phrase "Give us a chance". The majority middle and upwardly mobile classes, the ultra rich as well as those disillusioned with centrist and leftist coalition politics, found a ready option and began responding to the rights rhetoric with introducing the phrase "why not give them a chance" into the mainstream discourse. Most believed that the Sangh Parivar and its allies had lost their sting and communal riots and militant nationalism based on the ideology of Hindutva were long since dead. Very soon however the sheen and gloss of their image makeover as a political formation with a manifesto based on goals such as India Shining and Development dissipated and the real face of their fascist agenda became evident.

From Ram Mandir to Shuddhikaran, from Hindutva as the only acceptable Indian way of life to

Aryavarta as the unified Hindu landmass, from altering historical texts, destroying archives, mislabeling museum artifacts and misusing pedagogy to introducing subjects such as Vedic science and math, from expanding the censor board and dissolving progressive state run media to muzzling the free press and banning books, films and art, from physically attacking scholars, artists, free thinkers, activists and spiritual practitioners to engineering riots and genocide in order to demonize and ghettoize religious and ethnic minorities, from conducting nuclear tests to fomenting war...the list was endless and the pace swift.

By 2004 the farmers, workers and all thinking individuals had had it and the NDA was replaced by the UPA. Soon its legacy faded to a distant nightmare, however the events and agendas they had put into motion continued to progress clandestinely and remained uninterrupted by the changing political realities.

A decade later, the nightmare has returned. Suddenly all ground gain seems lost. The vibrant third space which had opened up in civil society and fostered vital alternative public discourse and expression has virtually disappeared overnight. Everybody now has to take a side, the battle lines are drawn. This battle however is far far more challenging than the one in the previous decades because the very structures of democracy, secularism and pluralism are being dismantled as we speak. The accumulation of power at the center in the hands of a single individual, the rapidly changing laws and speedily introduced ordinances, the enforced competition and engineered capitalist rivalry between states and attempts to divest them of regional, cultural and linguistic autonomy are all indicators of the oncoming advance of fascism in India (which may soon be known by another more 'authentic' name!)

The list of attacks on the freedom of culture and expression is of course endless. As the general thrust of this report concentrates on the last 365 days of the NDA 2 government, **I have attempted to create a timeline of some significant and worrying events that have occurred in this regard, over the last year. This list is far from exhaustive, but give a clear indication as to the intentions of the current government and its supporters:**

May 2014

Upon gaining office, the first task of the PMO was to destroy over 100,000 archival documents, many of historic and national importance. No explanation was given for this action.

Dina Nath Batra, known for filing suits against educational institutions, publishing houses and individual authors whom in his view are enemies of Hinduism; wrote a letter of complaint to Orient Blackswan based on which Dr. Megha Kumar's book 'Communalism and Sexual Violence: Ahmedabad Since 1969' was set aside for a comprehensive reassessment. It is noteworthy that 83 year old Batra who is famous for getting AK Ramanujan's essay '300 Ramayans' removed from the Delhi University's history syllabus and author Wendy Donigers books on Hinduism, has now been given an official position to the Haryana State Govt's Educationist Committee. Books authored by him such as Tejomay Bharat are already being taught to children as supplemental texts in several BJP run states including Gujarat.

Six Lawyers in Agra, moved the Civil Court in Agra city, with a petition to declare the Taj Mahal a Hindu temple.

The Taj, a 17th century Mughal monument considered one of the wonders of this world, according to these lawyers is a Shiva temple. The petition asks the courts permission to perform puja in the precincts of the building.

A previous petition filed by Harishankar Jain and his friends was dismissed on technical grounds by the same court, but this time round however the court admitted the same petition and has issued notices to relevant govt bodies asking for their opinions.

Hindutva 'historian' PN Oak had long been a champion of such theories. His work has found many loyal followers in the Sangh Parivar over the decades and often cited by the as the 'real' history of Hindu India.

June 2014

Hindu Shankaracharya Swaroopanand Saraswati of the Dwarka Peeth declared that Shirdi Sai Baba is not a god and hence should not be worshipped, furthermore he stated that all those who worship the saint are not Hindus at all.

Claiming that Sai Baba was Muslim and ate meat, Saraswati exhorted his followers to remove all idols of Sai Baba from Hindu temples. The guru claimed that there were only two true gods: 'Rama and Krishna'.

The CBFC decided to bar Shubhradeep Chakravorty's documentary film 'In Dino Muzaffarnagar' from release by not issuing it a censor certificate. The reason given was that the film, which was a narrative of the gruesome pre-election anti Muslim riots in the city of Muzaffarnagar, UP, would had the potential to disturb communal harmony and peace. A petition was filed in the High Court challenging this decision during the course of which the filmmaker passed away.

July 2014

The HRD ministry appointed Prof. Y Sudarshan Rao as the new chairman of the Indian Council for Historical Research ICHR. His dubious credentials caused a stir among academic circles. Apart from an online blog and occasional write ups in popular news journals, Rao has no writings in peer reviewed journals or books to his credit. His views on the positive aspects of casteism and the instinctive bias against Islam and Christianity show his Hindutva leanings rather clearly. Among the Professor's pet projects is to historically validate the Mahabharata and trace the exact date of its occurrence. With his coming into prominence, major distortions in historical research and its educational curriculums can be expected.

September 2014

In a blow to the sensibilities of the non-Vaishnava streams of Hinduism, the Himachal Pradesh High Court banned animal sacrifice in temples and places of worshipping the name of animal rights and cruelty. Calling the centuries old practice barbaric it ordered a complete halt to the custom. Several protests regarding the sanctity of the ancient ritual and its meaning to certain sects and ethnic groups went unheard by the court and unreported by the national media.

December 2015

The RSS and its affiliates burnt copies of Perumal Murugan's book Madhorubagan in Tiruchengode, Tamilnadu. Describing the sexual permissiveness that existed in parts of Tamil society brought the

author into conflict with the local Hindutva brigade who claimed it insulted and denigrated Hinduism. The RSS has called for Murugan to be arrested and his book banned. So profoundly was the noted writer affected by these incidents that he decided to give up writing altogether.

March 2015

In a move that will directly affect the economic and cultural lives of millions of Christians, Dalits and Muslims, the Govt of Maharashtra and Bombay High Court decided to ban the slaughter and sale of cows and bulls in the state. The BJP govt also notified the court that it may later decide to ban the slaughter of buffaloes and goats as well. Apart from the dietary preferences of a significant population, the occupational status of hundreds of thousands of tanners, butchers and leather workers will now come into question.

Calling the decision arbitrary and detrimental to the life, liberty and freedom of dietary choice of the public, a petition has been lodged challenging the judgment.

April 2015

During the announcement of the Union Budget for 2015, it was made known that the Crafts Museum of Delhi would be dismantled and a Hastkala Academy would be set up in its place, to protect, preserve and revive the handloom and handicrafts sector. The institution formally known as National Handicrafts and Handlooms Museum today holds more than 35,000 distinctive and invaluable pieces of tribal and folk heritage was set up in 1958 by freedom fighter and conservationist Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay and designed by Charles Correa. Run by eminent culture historian Jyotindra Jain till 2001, the future of the NHHM now lies in jeopardy along with an collection spanning hundreds of years of Indian art.

May 2015

Venu Vasudevan, the celebrated director of the National Museum was removed from his post and transferred to the Sports Ministry without explanation. Under his stewardship this repository of our diverse national heritage thrived and prospered. He was instrumental in re-opening the museum shop and also several new gallery spaces. He also curated several brilliant new exhibits and collections. Suffice to say that the agenda of the Hindu Right to mislabel, appropriate and misrepresent history and 'Saffronize' and 'Sanskritize' our largely assimilated oral and intangible past will continue apace and without hindrance.

In another unprecedented move, the Lalit Kala Academy, the premier national centre for arts, was taken over by the centre and its chairperson Kalyan Kumar Chakravarty unceremoniously replace with an additional secretary.

Dealing yet another blow to the secular and inclusive Nehruvian legacy of India, the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society (NMML), was recently reconstituted and acclaimed scholars replaced by govt ministers and cronies. The status of all archives, texts and artworks contained in the resource are now in grave jeopardy.

As this report is being compiled, in a farcical, greedy and cruel attempt to delete the minority contribution to India's culture and history, Delhi's application for Heritage City Status at UNESCO was

withdrawn by the centre. Ministers shamelessly cited the reason as developmental obstacles, but we can surmise the real reason as being the significant Muslim and Christian influence on Delhi's rich past.

In Summation

In the words of Salil Misra, 'Cultural Nationalism is a very dangerous idea for a country like India. It is a complete negation of the very idea of India, its history and traditions. It militates against the very spirit of India. The Indian society has acquired its basic features through centuries of its history. It was a history of gradual evolution, multiple contacts and dialogues and centuries of give and take with outsiders.'

The Indian society is a product of its own history and has been nurtured, sustained and enriched by it. It cannot and should not, be subject to political and social engineering seeking to convert India into a mono-cultural, standardized society and thus alter its very DNA. Should the idea of cultural chauvinism and nationalism succeed, it would be nothing short of a death knell for all that India stands for.

Indian Media : Embedded not Free

-Seema Mustafa

*“We have war by media,
Censorship by media,
Demonology by media,
Retribution by media,
Diversion by media.”*
-John Pilger

Pilger was speaking largely about the corporatised western media, but what he says is now applicable to the media that practices censorship not on what it reports, but on what it does not report. In that news that does not increase viewership/readership is blacked out, and does not feature in the media unless it is ‘large scale’ by nature. For instance deaths under 500 by the heat wave is not news, and the media starts noticing the disaster only when the figures cross a 1000, and commenting on it when the toll rises to over 2000. But even then this is not analysed to reflect the reality on the Indian ground, where the labourer, the farmer, the homeless, the destitute ---in short the poorest of the poor---are the victims because of utter poverty and neglect. This story does not sell. Period.

Journalism was and is a great profession. It is not described as the fourth pillar of democracy for nothing, as it is the media that is expected to keep a watch on the institutions of democracy without fear or favour, and through a questioning role highlight the shortcomings and exert pressure on governments to plug the loopholes, and take corrective measures. The yardstick for the media used to be the poor, discriminated, oppressed sections of India and the Bible, the Constitution. Irreverence, honesty, courage, fearlessness were some of the characteristics that defined a good journalist, and there were many who lived up to these terms. The newspapers were run by professional editors, men and women of letters, who brought their experience and their professionalism and their integrity to the table. This then percolated to the reporters who were infused with a sense of responsibility and learning, even as they were encouraged to go out for the news and report it as it was and not as it ought to be,

The advent of television started impacting on the print media as well. And while it is true that many of the big newspapers were owned by media houses, the money was not as big as it became with television. Advertisements and ratings became a vicious circle, with the news being modified over years to increase the viewership, that increased the ratings, that then brought in the revenue. Stars were created and for the first time the journalist became the news, rather than the communicator or the watchdog, bringing the information to the people. Television celebrities were created, with news chat shows becoming the norm. The decibel levels of these rose gradually, with the loudest anchor getting the better ratings. Drama, war, hysteria, nationalist angst---all contributed to more revenue and hence the prime time ‘discussions’ acquired all these flavours, and more.

Owned and pushed by the corporate houses, the media has acquired many similar characteristics. Business houses are conservative, status quoist, pro-establishment, revenue driven, Their media too now is conservative, non questioning, conformist and totally revenue driven, Contracts have replaced

permanent employment, with journalists being hired and fired in large numbers (sometimes over 300 at a time in television stations) at the drop of a hat. Editors are appointed by the business owners, and are expected to toe the line of set out policy. Anyone who errs, is dismissed summarily and there have been several incidents where the senior most editors of leading publications have been 'fired' overnight.

The news rooms have turned abusive, as with the competition and the 24 hour news on television in particular, the seniors find it impossible to cope. Young people face the anger, with the respect and dignity of the newsroom being seriously compromised. This, in fact, is a serious casualty and there are no signs that the trend---seen in B grade business houses---will be reversed.

The result is that the media 'creates' its own, and in the world of crony partnerships, the nexus between journalists, politicians and business has moved from working relationships to cosy climes. News is impacted, in that the poor have been largely pushed out of the headlines, as indeed they have out of government plans.

There are of course publications, some channels and journalists who still defy the status quo and try to report the news as it is. But these are few and far between, and judging from the record they could well be a dying species in the world of neo-liberal consumerism. It is difficult to suggest solutions, as the finances involved are huge and now quite out of the reach of even a cooperative of journalists. The internet is providing an alternative with the under 35-40 generation getting most of their news and analysis from the internet. The need is to provide and build credible alternatives here for the future that has already arrived.

In 2014, the media was unanimous in its choice of Prime Minister of India. The corporate big media threw its full weight behind then Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi covering his every meeting, shrieking with delight at his turn of the phrase, and making it clear over and over again that he was head and shoulders over his opponents (read Rahul Gandhi) in the fray. The contest became one of personalities with the Congress scion being crushed under the Modi juggernaut, and the election results went as predicted: the BJP formed the government with Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister.

For a while then there was silence, as the media tried to assess the person it had helped bring to power. The fear and trepidation was palpable, with most major media houses following a pro-government line. Those who had followed his election trail were hopeful that they would be recognised, and singled out for special attention in the form of access and interviews. After all that is what most media houses were used to under the Manmohan Singh government, with the 'favourites' included in most trips abroad, and given easy access to the Prime Ministers Office and the senior bureaucrats as a carrot for support. The barter system---for want of a charitable term---worked, and the media houses lived happily with this 'pat on the back' approach.

So despite the trepidation that the persona of the PM naturally aroused, most media houses were not prepared for the distant 'hands off' approach that he initially adopted. The media that was encouraged to cover his rallies during the election campaign, was now kept at more than an arms length with access to the PMO and the Ministries virtually banned. The camera teams that gathered on Raisina Hill waiting for a passing Minister or official or visiting dignitary to stop and give a sound bite was told to pack up and leave, and not be seen in what constitutes the road of power in Delhi again. At least not without special

permission that was never easily forthcoming.

Ministers were then issued gag orders, and told that they could not speak to the scribes unless the PM gave them the permission to do so. Perhaps the only exception in government was Finance Minister Arun Jaitley but even he became more reticent and cautious, although of late he seems to be returning to his old garrulous self. BJP Spokespersons often accused by the opposition of having verbal diarrhoea suddenly disappeared from the radars after they became Ministers and are rarely heard even now a year later. The word spread that silence for PM Modi was golden, and he did not want to share the national verbal space with any other Minister from his government.

PM Modi ensured that access to his Office was stopped for the media, with his decision not to appoint a press advisor. Usually this person works as a contact point between the PM and the Media, regulating entry and interviews on a regular basis. He also works on the PM's image in the media, handling irate newspapers and channels as and when required. By doing away with this post, the Prime Minister did away with the regular trickle of media persons into the PMO and hence blocked this valuable centre of information.

The PM also stopped taking the entourage of journalists with him on foreign trips. All those who had lined up after trying to establish contact with him during the campaign, found that the Manmohan Singh policy of filling the aircraft with his 'favourites' had been dispensed with. And PM Modi was not keen to be surrounded by journalists from home as he traversed the world. Having played the media, he has also understood the pulse of the media and knew that this would not result in adverse publicity. He was right, as the media that did cover him on these foreign tours toed the line. And the media that did not, remained dependent on the handouts from the Ministry of External Affairs with little emerging by way of 'unauthorised information' from these trips.

Even photographs were clicked over the year by the official photographers, with the PM himself or his trusted officials selecting the few for the final release to the media. The 'unguarded moment' that are a news photographers delight were done away with, and it is indeed rare for PM Modi to be caught in an unflattering pose. Most photographs in colourful head gear, and designed clothes, have him in just a few poses---studied and deliberate.

It soon became clear to all that the PM after the oath taking was not keen on bringing the media closer to him. He warned the Ministers against sting operations, and was strict and firm about keeping the scribes out of the corridors of power. He refused to give one on one interviews for months, until finally the pressure made him open the doors to some extent. But the rules were clear. After he had walked out from an interview by Karan Thapar during the election campaign, PM Modi was not going to take any chances. Thapar, conducting the interview in the Gujarat Chief Minister's residence at Ahmedabad, had opened it with pointed questions about the Gujarat riots, leading him to walk out within five minutes of the interview.

Recent interviews even with foreign journalists---like the Time magazine that put him on the cover---have been bland and restricted to eulogising the PM and questioning him about development and the economy. Le Monde was denied a one on one interview, and recently refused to accept a written question and answer version that the PMO was insisting on.

The image is important for the Prime Minister who guards it zealously. The social media, that he has used to his advantage, however is not that suppliant with several satirical sites questioning PM Modi and churning out cartoons and jokes at his expense. This levity is not visible in the more controlled print and television media that is muted in its critique, except for the odd article, and lavish in its praise as a big media house has demonstrated in its coverage of the PM's one year in office.

PM Modi knows better than most other politicians, the limitations of the media and uses it accordingly for his benefit. The independent journalists are kept away, the more establishment scribes are allowed occasional access, with the PM aware that in the scramble for rankings even a word from him is sufficient to keep the last category that is also in the majority asking for more. He has recently started meeting journalists in batches of 20 at Finance Minister Jaitley's residence----note not his own office or residence---- where the sessions are off the record, and where the PM speaks more or less about what he has spoken of before in his public statements and speeches. Benign questions are asked, and banal answers given, a step forward though from his first meeting with journalists as the PM at the BJP party headquarters where the scribes all thronged for selfies with him. Not a single question was asked, nor was encouraged to be asked.

Their Cross to Bear?

The Christian situation under Mr. Narendra Modi

-John Dayal

The new government of India has declared 25th December to be Good Governance Day in honour of Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, A bachelor activist of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh, a founder of the Jana Sangh and its successor, the Bharatiya Janata party, and the first of the Swayamsewaks to become Prime Minister of India from 1998 to 2004. 25th December is also Christmas, celebrated across the world, and also in India where over 27 million Christians live.

On Christmas near Khandwa town in Madhya Pradesh, on December Shyamlal invited people of his community for a feast, inviting Karunakar, a preacher with the Friends of Missionary Prayer Band, who lived in the town of Dhulkote, about 15 km away. Karunakar, born in Odisha, came with friends his family and friends from Gujarat and Tamil Nadu including three children. Abhilasha, his daughter, was the youngest at eight months old. They came to a warm welcome. Within minutes, they were ambushed by an aggressive group who accused them of distributing clothes to convert the villages to Christianity. The police came soon thereafter, as if on cue. The local BJP leader Naval Singh arrived in with his supporters, demanding strict action against them. The police charged them under section 295 A for insulting the religious sentiments of local people. In police custody, they slept on the bare floor without sheets. Next morning, the the local magistrate refused them bail. They remained in jail till December 31, 2014, New Year's eve. The 8-month old baby was with them in jail. The news was given short shrift in the national media. The local media said Christian missionaries had been caught converting innocent people. The truth was exposed in a detailed story by Scroll reporter Supriya Sharma many days later after she visited Khandwa and other places in Madhya Pradesh. [<http://scroll.in/article/698484/How-Madhya-Pradesh-sent-8-month-old-Abhilasha-to-jail-in-an-anti-conversion-case>]

Mr. Narendra Modi, the second BJP leader to become Prime Minister of India after Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, won the 2014 general election with the promise of development for the emerging aspirational India, and an unprecedented galvanising of the BJP's majority core constituency. The pungent mix of supremacist religious and nationalist rhetoric, and the accompanying demonising the Muslim and Christian minorities raising the bogey of demographic threat to Hinduism in India, polarised the electorate. The obvious hatred was against Muslims. Much of the ground action was against Christians.

In office, Mr. Modi has spoken a few time against communal and targeted violence, without naming the victims or the aggressors. Christians, and Muslims, however figure prominently, and routinely, in the statements of his ministers, as well as the non-state actors and cadres that make the broad spectrum of his political support base.

Mr. Modi's failure, if not refusal, to name and chastise the Sangh Parivar conglomerate has led to a singular aggression by cadres of the party and the sangh in small towns and villages across the country. And exacerbated the impunity inherent in the state apparatus, specially the police.

"Don't you know this is a Hindu Rashtra," the station house officer of a Greater Noida police station in

Uttar Pradesh told a group of pastors as he beat them up to “appease” a mob from Kulesra village that had attacked them, accusing them of carrying out illegal conversions to Christianity. Unlike Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh and Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh neither has the notorious Freedom of Religion Act, the ironically named law against conversions mostly to Christianity, nor is it governed by the BJP. But that is the mood prevailing in most states since 26 May 2014. [<http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/villagers-allege-forced-conversions-in-greater-noida-pastors-questioned/>]

2014 saw a marked shift in public discourse. There has been a relentless foregrounding of communal identities, a ceaseless attempt to create a divide between 'us' and 'them'. Hate statements by Union and state ministers, threats by Members of Parliament, state politicians, and cadres in saffron caps or Khaki shorts resonate through the landscape. The hate campaign is well documented. The Evangelical Fellowship of India and Alliance Defending Freedom recorded 44 separate cases of hate speech by prominent politicians which merit criminal charges against them. But most cases go unreported, unrecorded by police. Christians form about 2.3 per cent of the population. The Muslim population, according to a selective leak by the government of the 2011 Census data, has grown to 14.2 per cent. The Census report on religious populations has not been officially published. [<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/census-hindu-share-dips-below-80-muslim-share-grows-but-slower/99/>]

Hate speeches have resonated in debates in the Chamber of the Lok Sabha – an exceptionally and aggressively provocative and virulent one by the BJP leader and lead speaker, Yogi Adityanath, in the debate on communal violence -- and in meetings, rallies and statements to the Media by leaders of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh and its associate organisations. Adityanath, now head of a religious cult in Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, got away with demonising the Muslim community and others.

RSS chief Mr. Mohan Bhagwat has repeatedly asserted that everyone in India is Hindu, including Muslims and Christians, because this is the land of the Hindu people and civilisation. Speaking at the 50th Anniversary of foundation of its religious wing, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Mr. Mohan Bhagwat, the RSS Sarsanghchalak bluntly stated that “Hindutva is the identity of India and it has the capacity to swallow other identities. We just need to restore those capacities.” In Cuttack, he asserted that India is a Hindu state and “citizens of Hindustan should be known as Hindus”. Mr. Bhagwat, arguably the second most politically powerful and culturally influential person in the country, has been unremitting in his pronouncements. Indian Express reporter Shyamlal Yadav on 17 March 2015 reported under the headline Ghar wapsi 'thrust' area: RSS chief says help those who want to 'come back' to Hinduism: Among three programmes that the RSS has listed as its thrust areas is dharma jagran, another name for ghar wapsi. The other two are kutumb prabodhan (family values) and samajik samrasta (social harmony)

This refrain was picked up by the Deputy Chief Minister of Goa, and by big and small leaders across the country, going viral on social media and the national TV News channels in their English and Hindi debates. The Sangh ideologue, Mr. MG Vaidya, said on 19th May, three days after the election results, that they can now tackle issues such as the building of the Ram temple on the site of the Babri mosque they demolished in 1992. Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Mr. Ashok Singhal, said “If [Muslims] keep opposing Hindus, how long can they survive?”. Another leader said “Modi will restore Hindutva rule, like

Prithviraj Chauhan (25th May 2014). The focus shifted to Love Jihad, and more children to be produced by Hindu women to offset the increase in the Muslim population. Sadhvi Prachi, a central minister, Members of Parliament Sakshi Maharaj and Adityanath set targets for Hindu married women – conceive from four to ten children, each. By February 2015, the cry for a total ban on cow slaughter was in full peaking. Maharashtra banned the slaughter of the cow and its progeny, and even the possession of beef from other states, becoming the first of the few states where such a ban does not already exist. The first arrests under the new law took place in May 2015 for the possession of meat suspected to be beef in a butcher's shop in Mumbai.

The hate campaign has mutated to a more coercive and threatening, phenomenon that has percolated to the Universities and colleges on the one hand and the villages and small towns over much of the country. One group even set up a “Hindu Helpline” to assist anyone from the majority community who is being harassed by Muslims, announcing its cadres will come to the help of any Hindu parent who suspects his or her daughter is seeing a Muslim youth. The veteran jurist Mr. Fali Nariman, a former Member of the Rajya Sabha and a Member of the National Integration Council traditionally chaired by the Prime Minister of India, expressed concern at the government's “silence” on the hate speeches witnessed in parts of India and rued that Hinduism was “changing its benign face”. Traditionally Hinduism has been the most tolerant of all Indian faiths. But - recurrent instances of religious tension fanned by fanaticism and hate-speech has shown that the Hindu tradition of tolerance is showing signs of strain. And let me say this frankly – my apprehension is that Hinduism is somehow changing its benign face because, and only because it is believed and proudly proclaimed by a few (and not contradicted by those at the top): that it is because of their faith and belief that HINDUS have been now put in the driving seat of governance.

Such hate, inevitably, leads to violence

Desecration and destruction of churches, assault on pastors, illegal police detention of church workers, and denial of Constitutional rights of Freedom of Faith aggravate the coercion and terror unleashed in campaigns of Ghar Wapsi and cries of Love Jihad. In Chhatisgarh, villages are passing orders banning the entry of priests of faiths other than Hinduism.

At least 43 deaths in over 600 cases of violence, 194 targeting Christians and the rest Muslims, have taken place in Between 26th May 2014 and 13th May 2015, marking almost one year of the National Development Alliance government of Mr. Narendra Modi. The number of dead is other than the 108 killed in Assam in attacks on Muslims by armed tribal political groups.

The number of incidents of communally targetted violence could be very much higher, but official records are not available. Many other crimes are not registered by the police. Victims too are often coerced into reaching a compromise with their attackers. In the very first few weeks of the new government, by its own admission, 113 communal incidents took place in various parts of the country during in just the two moths May-June 2014 in which 15 people were killed and 318 others were injured, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Kiren Rijiju told the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of Parliament.

Chhatisgarh remains a particular focus of attacks on Christians, with Madhya Pradesh coming close

behind. In both the states, the direct involvement of the State government, including ministers, senior bureaucrats and even the district police and justice systems upto the village level, makes a mockery of the rule of law. Orissa, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana are also becoming states of concern for their anti Christian environment in rural and tribal areas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

to register a complaint at the local police station at Bhanpuri, however the Town Inspector (TI - Stationhouse Officer), refused to register an FIR [First Information Report].”

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

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

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

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

On 25th October 2014, the Village Kotwar [official] announced by beating of drum that the district authorities would be visiting the village. The Christian community comprising 25-30 families gathered near their Church from 10 am, but none of the officers came to the village. At around 2.30 pm (afternoon), a crowd of about 250-300 people armed with lathis [canes, or staves] came in a procession

to the village, and started beating up the Christians including women and children. Some were pursued right up to their houses and beaten there. Many ran away into the adjoining forest. Six Christians were severely injured including a woman whose hand had been fractured. Mr. Bhupendra Khora was informed by the villagers of this and he immediately contacted the SP, Bastar. Though the SP was not present, Mr. Khora apprised his Reader of the tense situation, and he sent the police force to the village. When the police arrived, the VHP people were still beating the Christians and they ran away after seeing the police. When the ambulance service (called 108 in Chhattisgarh) was called, the Village Kotwar, who is himself a member of the Bajrang Dal and 2-3 others also got into the ambulance along with the injured Christians claiming that they had been hurt by the Christians, though they had no visible injuries. These persons were also admitted into the hospital. Persons named Bhagirathi, Sadhu, Bhadu, Raju and others of the VHP were detained in bailable offences. The Christian pastors were also detained under Section 151 Criminal Procedure Code.

On 27th October 2014, about 2,000-2,500 persons surrounded the Bhanpuri police station to demand the release of the VHP members. They were however produced before the judicial magistrate and remanded to judicial custody. The Pastors were produced in the SDM's court, but since he was on leave and did not accept the bail bonds, they were also sent to jail.

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

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

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

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

A phenomenon which is not new but came sharply into focus in recent months is that of deliberate social exclusion verging on ostracisation. 52 families were denied ration for two months in the Sirisguda Village which was an order enforced by the panchayat head. They approached the food inspector of the district and asked for an enquiry to be conducted. On June 16, 2014, when the two representatives were sent to appease the village leaders and the complainants, both of them were chased away from the village. Then some assailants filed a false complaint at the Badanji Police Station, Lakandi Taluk - District Bastar about the Christians beating the Hindus in the village. This was simultaneously followed up by a mob of 200 perpetrators who attacked 52 Christian families. Most families were stoned and chased away with sticks, while 8 men and 2 women were seriously injured and hospitalized.

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

Assaults on Church leaders and believers have augmented bizarrely. Profiling of Christians in villages and attacking them has been the most effective way of spreading terror among the minorities. A Christian along with his wife, mother-in-law and mother were beaten by Hindu fanatics at Parapur Village in Bastar, Chhattisgarh on July 26, 2014. The incident occurred when five Hindu fanatics took Shri Raguram (name changed) outside his house and started verbally abusing him. They alleged that that he had left their Gods and became a Christian to which he replied saying that he had become a Christian because he wanted to and no one had forced him to do so. On hearing this, they started slapping and kicking him. Then when they began to strangle him with the intention of killing, his mother and mother-in-law interfered and stopped the men from trying to kill him. They then slapped and beat the elderly women and his wife. He was bleeding profusely and was later admitted to the Jagdalpur hospital. When Shri Raguram's wife went to the Lohandiguda Police Station to file a complaint, the police refrained from doing so, citing it as a family feud.

Every passing week since then has recorded one or two similar incidents. Evangelical Fellowship of India's Religious Liberty Commission, Alliance Defending Freedom and in recent months, the United Christian Forum have documented and analyzed the data and trends. A National Helpline has also been launched. Such a helpline for victims of Communal and Targeted Violence was an integral recommendation of the group which had drafted the now defunct draft Bill to prevent Communal and Targeted Violence 2011.

The National Commission for Minorities. The NCM, in a resolution posted on its website, said: "The Commission would appreciate a public statement from the Government to reassure all minorities that their constitutional rights of safety, security and equality before the law cannot be compromised at any cost. The Government needs to send a clear signal that it is committed to the protection and security of

all citizens and that no attempt at creating an atmosphere of fear and mistrust will be tolerated.” Without naming hate speeches of some politicians of the ruling BJP such as Yogi Adityanath and Dr. Praveen Togadia against Muslims for so-called 'Love Jihad' campaign, the resolution said “The NCM also condemns the communally charged statements attributed to prominent people in public life which are creating this atmosphere of mistrust and heightened tension. These happenings are violating the principles of the Indian Constitution and also the call given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister that there should be a moratorium on communal riot.”

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

Days before United States President Obama's Town Hall speech in New Delhi went viral for commenting on the need for communal harmony and protection of freedom of faith as intrinsic to the thrust for economic development, India's President, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, noted the rise of communalism and the targetting of religious minorities. In his address to the Nation on 25th January 2015, the eve of Republic Day. President Mukherjee said “In an international environment where so many countries are sinking into the morass of theocratic violence ... We have always reposed our trust in faith-equality where every faith is equal before the law and every culture blends into another to create a positive dynamic. The violence of the tongue cuts and wounds people's hearts. The Indian Constitution is the holy book of democracy. It is a lodestar for the socio-economic transformation of an India whose civilisation has celebrated pluralism, advocated tolerance and promoted goodwill between diverse communities. These values, however, need to be preserved with utmost care and vigilance.”

The Prime Minister, however, refuses to reprimand his Cabinet colleagues, restrain the members of his party members or name and silence the Sangh Parivar which proudly proclaims it has propelled him to power in New Delhi. His response has been an aggressive rebuttal, accusing the church leaders of making mountains out of trivial molehills. He has accused them of internationalising trivial incidents in a motivated campaign that injures India's image and his development agenda. In Tokyo, he mocked “secularists”. Mr. Modi and Mr. Singh were given memoranda when the violence was peaking in September 2014, but chose to disregard it. When a Christian delegation called on him on the eve of Christmas to greet him, he made it abundantly clear to them that he saw the “persecution” complaint as a media hype. He point blank refused to speak on “every incident. “Members of Opposition parties took the matter up in December 2014 in the Rajya Sabha after the burning of the St. Sebastian Church on 1 December, 2014. But though the proceedings of the House were disrupted for several days, the government chose not to assure the religious minorities of their security. Months later, in May 2015, the Home ministry planted reports in a compliant media saying the six incidents of Delhi were either short circuits, or petty crimes by local drunks, including three Sikhs and two Muslims. The Police commissioner said there had been hundreds of thefts in temples and gurudwaras in the same period and no one had made a public agitation over them. The Ministry of Home Affairs published data of the last three years of the Congress-led United Progressive alliance government to say there had been no sharp rise in violence against religious minorities. It did not release the data for communal violence since Mr. Modi took over as Prime Minister.

Mr. Modi first formal response, made on 15th August 2014 in his Independence Day address at the Red

Fort in New Delhi, was to call for a ten-year moratorium on communal and caste violence. But this was followed by government declaring Christmas to be a “Good Governance Day” in honour of the BJP leader and former Prime Minister, Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee. There are fears at a severe whittling down of the 15 Point Programme for Minorities, a lifeline for many severely economic backward communities, and specially their youth seeking higher education and professional training. Since then, twice in Parliament in brief interventions, and once in a a major address to the Christian community, he has assured protection. “Your security is my job”, he told a Christian delegation which called on him to greet him on the eve of Christmas 2014. He repeated that while addressing a Vigyan Bhawan function of the Syro Malabar Catholic community.

The incidents of violence continue.

And so does the anxiety of the Muslim and Christian communities, in particular. A section of the Sikh leadership has also expressed its unhappiness with the RSS Ghar Wapsi campaign in Punjab.

Cardinal Mar Baselios Cleemis, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India and the National United Christian Forum, in a statement on 17th March 2015 said: “The cultural DNA of India of pluralism and diversity is being threatened. We are anxious about the implications of the fundamentalist political thesis that India is “one nation, one people and one culture”. A nation of cultural homogeneity is an impossibility and any effort to impose it is fraught with grave ramifications for country. We are deeply concerned about the physical violence – arson, murder and rape of our religious personnel both men and women - as with the structural violence which is manifest in urban and rural India, in social and administrative excesses, and aberrant judicial pronouncements. We welcome the occasional statements of those in authority of adhering to the Constitution of India and, in particular to its assurances of the Freedom of Faith. However, these statements fail to have any impact on the leadership of socio-political organisations that are polarising the nation with the language and acts of intolerance, hate and violence.”

Hate Crimes & Targeted Violence against Christians since May 2014

Title	Date	Place	Case Summary
Two churches damaged by unidentified miscreants at Karnataka, India	May 18, 2014	Kundapura, Udupi, Karnataka, India	On 18th May in Kundapur, Karnataka the properties of two churches was damaged by unidentified miscreants. An ornamental pot at the entrance of the Holy Rosary church was broken and a signpost leading to St. Antony Church in Koteswar also was uprooted.
Christian killed in Odisha, India	May 25, 2014	Rayagada, Odisha, India	On 25 May in Dherubada, Rayagada, Hindu extremists brutally murdered Nimmaka Laxmaya (50) as he was returning home after attending a prayer meeting and the baptism of his youngest child.
Christians Attacked in Bihar, India	May 25, 2014	Kishanganj, Bihar, India	25th of May, a mob attacked and physically assaulted a Christian family and blocked the road. Subsequently again the mob returned and beat up the family asking them to leave Christianity. Even the little children and young girls were beaten-up. a FIR was registered against both the Christians and members of the mob for disturbing the peace of the region. The local church has been shut down till date.
Church and 30 Christian homes destroyed in Odisha, India	June 11, 2014	Bhubaneshwar, Odisha, India	On 11 June in Bhubaneshwar, the authorities demolished a church and 30 houses of Christians in the slums of Behera without giving them any compensation. The Christians after the demolition have nowhere to live , no food to eat and water to drink after their houses were destroyed.
Pastor, Believers Beaten up in Madhya Pradesh, India	June 14, 2014	Katni, Madhya Pradesh, India	On 14 June in Gayatri Nagar, Katni, Hindu extremists manhandled Christians and tore up Bibles. About 15 extremists from the Bajrang Dal attacked the Pastor Robin Masihand few believers from Brethren church when they were coming out from one believer's house after a prayer. The extremists surrounded them, started to verbally abuse them for their faith in Christ and pushed them around. Thereafter, the extremists snatched their bags, took out the Bibles and tore it up threatening them "not to pray again in the area in the future. The Christians, however, did not file a police complaint against the attackers.
10 injured in backlash against Christians demanding rations in Chhattisgarh, India	June 16, 2014	Sirisguda, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	When 52 families who were denied ration for two months in the Sirisguda Village which was a order enforced by the panchayat head, they approached the food inspector of the district and asked for an enquiry to be conducted. On Monday, 16 June 2014, when the two representatives were sent to appease the village leaders and the compalinants, both of them were chased away from the village. Then some assailants filed a false complaint at the Badanji Police Station, Lakandi Taluk - District Bastar about the Christians beating the Hindus in the village. This was simultaneously follwed up by a mob of 200 perpertrators who attacked 52 Christian families at 14:30 hours. Most families were stoned and chased away with sticks, while 8 men and 2 women were seriously injured and hospitalized. The men Shri Sukh Ram Kashyap (35),

			Shri Bodka Kunjam (24), Ps. Sivo Ram Mandavi (36), Shri Sannu Mandavi (30), Shri Mahadev Kashyap (22), Shri Sampath Mandavi (18), Ps. Ramdhar Mandavi (34) were mostly hit brutally with sticks and sustained injuries in their hand, back and head. Shri Aitu Mandavi (50) was seriously injured in the head and stomach. The women Shrimati Aiti (40) and Shrimati Kari (45) pulled to the ground while the perpetrators stood on them and hit their genital organs.
Church Demolished in Chhattisgarh, India	June 24, 2014	Durg, Chhattisgarh, India	On 24 June in Bhilai, Durg, suspected Hindu extremists demolished an independent church of a Pastor Santosh Roa. According to local sources, the thatched building of the church was completely destroyed. Some villagers claimed that the building was destroyed by a cyclone. The area Christians, however, maintained that it was the hands of the extremists as only the church was damaged in the area by the so called 'cyclone'. Moreover, the local Hindu extremists have threatened to harm the Pastor if he continues to conduct a worship meeting in the area several times in the past.
Pastor severely beaten up mob at Madhya Pradesh, India	June 30, 2014	Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, India	A Pastor was severely beaten by a mob of about 150 assailants during an afternoon prayer meeting at Killoda Village at Madhya Pradesh, India on Monday, the 30th of June, 2014. The pastor was later arrested along with a member of his church and charged under the MP Freedom of Religion Act Sec.3, 4 and 5. The incident took place when Ps. Chiman Singh (25) was at Shri Pappu Vishwa Karma's home to conduct a prayer meeting at around 2:00 pm. The local RSS leader Shri Jai Ram Gujjar along with the mob came to Shri Pappu's house and caught the pastor and started beating him up profusely. He was verbally abused for being an adivasi and for using people from higher castes to convert the village into Christianity. They also got hold of Pappu and beat him up after which he escaped and ran to the nearby village. Seeing how the mob was beating up the pastor, Shri Pappu's family managed to take the pastor inside their house and locked the doors to protect him from the raging mob that was waiting to get hold of the pastor again. Meanwhile, the police was called and Pastor Chiman Singh was arrested. Shri Pappu was also arrested the next day.
Villagers avert attack on Church at Chhattisgarh, India	July 3, 2014	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	One of the Free Methodist Churches at Belar, 30 Km. east of Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh was under by a frenzied mob of the Vajrang Dal that stormed towards the church premises on June 3, 2014 with the intention of demolishing the building. But the villagers took their ground and frustrated the evil plan. The Christians mostly belong to Madia tribe. As the tension loomed large, Church leaders have approached the police for help. This is the second incident in the area in the last fortnight. Christian Leaders Association in Jagdalpur has taken initiative to appraise the Government of the atrocities.

<p>50 villages ban non-Hindu missionaries in Chhattisgarh, India</p>	<p>July 5, 2014</p>	<p>Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India</p>	<p>An aggressive campaign by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad had led to a ban on the entry of and propaganda by non-Hindu missionaries, especially Christians, in more than 50 villages of Chhattisgarh's Bastar region in the last six months. According to Suresh Yadav, Bastar district president of the VHP, over 50 gram panchayats in Bastar have passed orders banning all "non-Hindu religious propaganda, prayers and speeches in the villages." The Sirisguda gram panchayat in the Tokapal block of Bastar passed the order at a special Gram Sabha organised on May 10. The order says, "To stop the forced conversion by some outsider religious campaigners and to prevent them from using derogatory language against Hindu deities and customs, the Sirisguda Gram Sabha bans religious activities such as prayers, meetings and propaganda of all non-Hindu religions."</p>
<p>Church attacked over alleged conversion at Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, India</p>	<p>July 6, 2014</p>	<p>Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, India</p>	<p>An aggressive mob of about 70 Shiv Sena activists attacked a Church on July 6, 2014 in Jaunpur during their Sunday morning worship at 10:30 am, which was attended by 250 people, including women and children. Even when the Police arrived, the ruthless attack on the members of the Church did not stop until the senior police officials arrived and intervened with additional police personnel at the scene. 11 Christians including Pastor Lalchandra Rajbhar were arrested the same day over allegations of conversion while 5 attackers from the mob were arrested on a non-bailable warrant the next day. The 11 Christians were bailed out on July 8, 2014.</p>
<p>Sunday Worship Disrupted in Uttar Pradesh, India</p>	<p>July 13, 2014</p>	<p>Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India</p>	<p>Hindu extremists from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh on July 13 disrupted a Sunday worship meeting, verbally abused the Christians and beat them up in Patholi, Agra. The extremists wearing khaki pants barged into the worship meeting conducted in a house church, accused the believers of "being traitors and betraying their fathers' religion" and beat them up. However, the Christians replied that they are free to worship anyone they like and that no one should simply barged into a worship meeting and get violent. The extremists further threatened the Christians of dire consequences if they continued to worship Jesus and gather on Sundays. Tension prevails in the area as the extremists are roaming around to disrupt any kinds of Christian meetings, reported our correspondent. The believers, however, did not file a police complaint for fear of the extremists' retaliation.</p>
<p>Crucifix desecrated in Maharashtra, India</p>	<p>July 14, 2014</p>	<p>Mumbai, Maharashtra, India</p>	<p>On 14 July in Vile Parle West, Mumbai, anti-Christian elements desecrated a crucifix and hacked off the hand of the statue. Christian groups jointly staged a protest against the incident.</p>
<p>Church Locked Up, Christians attacked in Bihar, India</p>	<p>July 16, 2014</p>	<p>Balwanazir, Kaliyanganj, Bihar, India</p>	<p>Hindu extremists who had locked up a church on June 5 after they beat up a Christian family in Balwanazir, Kaliyanganj, Bihar returned to threaten the family on 16 July even after Police took action last month against the extremists. The extremists had repeatedly beat up Sadanandan Singh and his family for their faith in Christ in May and June and finally locked up the church of the Indian Evangelical Team. Kumar and his family were</p>

			dragged on the road and the entire family including two minor girls were beaten up mercilessly in the last incident. Singh and his family were socially boycotted ever since they decided to follow Christ in 2010.
Church vandalised in Uttar Pradesh, India	July 17, 2014	Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, India	A church was vandalised allegedly by Bajrang Dal activists at village Sehkari Nagar here, police said. Two persons including Hemant Singh, area co-ordinator of Bajrang Dal, have been arrested following a complaint by the church priest R C Paul about the incident which occurred on Monday afternoon, according to Senior Superintendent of Police Akhilesh Kumar. Scores of Bajrang Dal activists staged a protest outside the residence of the SSP here late last night demanding release of those arrested in the case. Kumar said an FIR was lodged on the complaint of the priest of the church. "Hemant Singh and one other person were arrested. Eight unknown persons too have been named in the FIR," he said. The church at Sehkari Nagar village has been in existence since 1991. Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh is about 90 km from Delhi. Meanwhile, Hemant Singh alleged that that church was luring poor Hindus to convert to Christianity.
Christian School falsely blamed for rising floods in Madhya Pradesh, India	July 23, 2014	Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, India	On July 23 in Vatsala Vihar, Khandwa, Hindu villagers shouting "Jai Shree Ram" (Praise Lord Ram) demolished Holy Spirit School which was constructed with due permission from the Municipality after the housing board falsely and unreasonable accused the school of causing flood.
Land grabbing complaint against Christian in Bastar, Chhattisgarh	July 25, 2014	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	The leaders of the Sirisguda village in the state of Chhattisgarh have alleged a Christian believer for grabbing land forcefully to build a Church. Shri Pagnu Pita was taken to the Collector's office on the July 24th and asked to sign on papers on which he did not know what was written. The next day he came to know that he had signed on papers that lodged a complaint against his own nephew Shri Ramchand for forcefully grabbing his land to build a prayer house. Shri Pagnu Pita said that he was fully supportive of his nephew for building the prayer house and did not oppose his decision. However, he said that the leaders of the village had duped him to sign the papers. He has filed a complaint about the same at the Badanji Police Station.
Christian along with his mother, mother-in-law and wife beaten at Chhattisgarh, India	July 26, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	A Christian along with his wife, mother in law and mother were beaten by Hindu fanatics at Parapur Village in Bastar, Chhattisgarh. The incident occurred when five Hindu fanatics called Shri Sakuram outside his house and started verbally abusing him. They alleged that that he had left their Gods and became a Christian to which he replied saying that he had become a Christian because he wanted to and noone had forced him to do so. On hearing this, they started slapping and kicking him. Then when they began to strangle him with the intention of killing, his mother and mother-in-law interfered and stopped the men from trying to kill him. They then slapped and beat the elderly women and his wife. He was bleeding profusely and was later admitted to the Jagdalpur hospital. When Shri Sakuram's wife went to the Lohandiguda Police

			Station to file a complaint, the police refrained from doing so, citing it as a family feud.
Pastor threatened to stop Church Services in Madhya Pradesh, India	July 27, 2014	Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India	In Nagda, Ujjain on July 27, Hindu extremists accompanied by some policemen barged into an independent church's Sunday worship meeting conducted by Pastor Rakesh Goyal, and asked the pastor whether he was forcefully converting anyone into Christianity and told him he must stop conducting worship meetings.
Pastor and Believers threatened by the Yadav Community in Karnataka, India	July 28, 2014	Chitradurga, Karnataka, India	On 28th July, 2014 (Monday), a mob of over 300 persons from the Yadav community led by Swami Krishnadavananda threatened the Pastor and 30 families who were believers in the Church at Gallaragati, Holalkara in the Chitradurga District to convert back to Hinduism. They along with the local Panchayat have issued a one week deadline to decide on the same, which otherwise, would lead to the families being ostracized from the local village.
A Christian widow beaten up for taking water from public well in Jharkhand, India	August 2, 2014	Deoghar, Jharkhand, India	On August 2, 2014, a Christian widow was beaten by local villagers for taking water from the public well in Jasadih Village, Deoghar. Shrimati Piyari Devi who had recently started coming to Church led by Ps. Mahendra das, was ostracized by the villagers for becoming a Christian along with other believers. The villagers had issued a warning to all Christians in the village to refrain from using the water from the common tube well. Upon hearing about the incident, the village chief defended the Christians and said, "All have the right to take water from public well and no one should be stopped". The incident was averted and no report has been filed.
Pastor and Believers beaten up in Tamil Nadu, Two Held For Assault on Kovai Pastor, India	August 3, 2014	Tamil Nadu, India	Two activists of a Hindu outfit were arrested for allegedly assaulting a pastor, accusing him of converting people by offering money, at Perur here on Tuesday. Police arrested Bharathi and Thangavel, the alleged mastermind of the attack, and remanded them. Simon Stanley (39), a resident of Perur, was heading a congregation of a Pentecostal church in Perur. During a recent service, the parents of an eight-year-old girl, who had broken her arm in a fall, had requested him to visit their house to pray for her quick recovery. On Monday, Stanley and ten church members went to the girl's house at Perur Chettipalayam. They were praying when a six-member gang barged into the house and accused Stanley of offering money to the families in the locality for religious conversion. After a heated argument, the gang began assaulting him and other members of the congregation. Stanley was allegedly beaten up with sticks and dragged outside the house. He was then stripped and publicly humiliated by the gang, police said.
Christian School Buses vandalized in Haryana, India	August 6, 2014	Rohtak, Haryana, India	On Wednesday, 6th August, 2014 some unidentified allegedly vandalized Christian school buses parked in front of a church in Rohtak.
Christian girl beaten up in Uttar Pradesh, India	August 7, 2014	Haridwar, Uttarakhand, India	On August 7 in Jalanpur, Haridwar, Hindu extremists allegedly from Rashtriya Swamyamseval Sangh beat up the minor daughter of a Pastor from an Independent church while she was coming back from her school and

			later pelted stones at the Pastor's house . The Christians fled in fear. The Christians filed a police complaint. However, no action was taken against the attackers.
Two women alleged of forced conversion in Chhattisgarh, India	August 8, 2014	Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, India	On August 8, 2014 , two women were alleged to have forcefully converted people at Sakti, Raigarh and were arrested under the Section 4 of The Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act. The women, who work as a nurse at the local PHC and a reader at the Tehsil's office were caught by Hindu fundamentalists during a women's prayer meeting at the Nurse's home. 12 persons have recorded statements against the women and have charged them of forced conversion. The reports alleged that the nurse and the readers promised healing and prayed for sick patients while asking them to accept Jesus.
Stones pelted at the Church during service in Tamil Nadu, India	August 10, 2014	Karur, Tamil Nadu, India	On August 10, 2014, about 9 Hindu extremists pelted stones at the Church during their Sunday service that was being conducted by Christian missionaries Bro. Elisha Thangaraj, Bro. Tamil Arasan and Bro. Jeba Singh at Chinnathapuram, Karur District, Tamil Nadu. After the Sunday service at 5:30 pm, they came and threatened the missionaries to stop their ministry in the area.
Christians blamed for breaking idols at Chhattisgarh, India	August 10, 2014	Jagdapur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Hindu extremists have alleged that local Christians broke some of their idols at Arikpal Village, about 40 kms from Jagdalpur Village. A mob of 20-30 people have threatened the local Christians who have now approached the District Collector for protection for fear of violence that might break out against them. The situation is very tense at press time.
Four Women arrested after falsely being accused of conversion in Karnataka, India	August 12, 2014	Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka, India	On 12 August in Pulittadi, South Kanara, police arrested four Christian women after the local villagers accused them of forceful conversion.
Christians beaten up and forcefully taken to the temple in Telangana, India	August 16, 2014	Mahabubnaga, Telangana, India	Christians were beaten up by Hindutva radicals in Mahabubnagar district of Telangana state on 16th August 2014, accusing Christians of involving in forcible conversions. Mr. Ashok Kumar and his friend from Church of Christ, went to Peddamandadi village to conduct prayers from a nearby town called Wanaparathi which 10 kms away from Peddamandadi. The Hindutva radicals went into the house, beat up the two visiting Christians, dragged them out of the house and started stamping them with foot to cause injury. The attackers further put a thilak on a fore head and took them to the temple in the village by force. They were tortured for over 5 hours and Police did not take any action. The police then took the Christians and detained them in the Police Station till the next day. No Report has been filed till press time.
Pastors alleged to have termed Hindu Gods as evil spirits in Chhattisgarh, India	August 17, 2014	Jashpur, Chhattisgarh, India	Pastor Virendra (28) was forcefully pulled out by Hindu extremists during Sunday's service at Koranga village, Jashpur District on August 18, 2014 and taken to the police station where the police arrested him and booked him under Section 295(A). The extremists had lodged complaints against the Pastor in three different police

			stations. They alleged that he had referred to Hindu Gods as evil spirits, asked believers to wear necklaces with crosses and converted people. About 20 local villagers testified at the Kunkuri Police Station that the allegations were false. Virendra is still in jail and has not got bail till press time.
Pastor beaten up at Hindu ashram in West Bengal, India	August 17, 2014	Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal, India	On 17th August 2014, Pastor Bhabo Shankar Acharya was beaten by Hindu Extremists in East Medanipur, West Bengal for not reconverting to Hinduism and repeating the Hindu chants. The incident occurred while he was returning from the Church service that he had conducted that morning. The Pastor went to Goumutha Church in East Mednipur for Sunday worship Service. After the Church service at about 4.30 pm, he went to the Chandipur Bus stop to board into a bus to return back home and while waiting for the bus, he decided to have tea. At that time, two Hindu extremists came to him printed handbills by local Hindu extremists and ask the Pastor to read it aloud. They then probed him about his whereabouts and forcefully took to them to their Ashram at Kotal Village. They then repeatedly beat him and ask him to chant Hindu mantras while they put a Tilak on his forehead. They then took him to four other of their centers and tortured him for the rest of the evening. They took away his ATM card and mobile and all his documents. The Pastor was then given three options in order to be released. First, he has to recant his faith and re-convert into his old faith, Hinduism. Secondly, he had to worship the Gods in the temple and thirdly, provide details of those who support him financially. They also threatened him that they would kill is if these conditions were not fulfilled. They also compelled him to sign some papers where they wrote that he would not convert any one. When the Pastor did not fulfill these conditions, they threatened him of dire consequences and released at 11.30 pm. No report was filed till press time.
Preachers arrested for allegations of conversion in Madhya Pradesh, India	August 17, 2014	Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India	Two preachers from the Jehovah Witness were arrested on allegations of conversion on August 17, 2014 at Sukhiya, Indore. Preachers Alex Paul and Roshan were caught while preaching on Monday, which was also the day of the Hindu festival Janmashtami. They were taken to the Harsh Nagar Police Station where a FIR was filed and they were charged under the MP Freedom of Religion Act, 1968 under Sec. 3 and 4. A mob of over 400 people had gathered outside the police station chanting slogans against the pastor. They were was bailed out by Christian workers next day morning.
Missionaries blamed for Jail conversions in Madhya Pradesh, India	August 20, 2014	Satna, Madhya Pradesh, India	Missionaries in Satna are being blamed for forcible conversions in the State's Jail. Reports allege that Christian missionaries seek permission from Jail authorities citing medical examination and meet prisoners and convert prisoners to Christianity promising them good health and release from the Jail.
Church forced to shut down in Chhattisgarh, India	August 24, 2014	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	A Church at Tolwar which is about 18 kms from Geedam, Dantewada Dstrict was forcefully shut down by a mob on August 24, 2014. The mob of about 200 Hindu

			fundamenatalists interupted the worship service of the Carmel Pentecostal Church and ordered it to be shut down. Sister Deepa who was the local Church leader along with Pastor Sushil Kurme and the believers were threatened to never come back to the viialge and conduct prayers meetings at the Church. The village head (sarpanch) was also present with the mob. No reports were filed till press time.
Missionary arrested and jailed in Madhya Pradesh, India	August 24, 2014	Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, India	On 22nd August 2014, i.e. Friday, Bro. Vipin Vishram Singh Dhurvey is arrested at Mahadwani Police Station by police station in-charge. While he was going for Friday meeting to a believers 's home, on the way police station in-charge met him and asked him, "where are you going?" and the missionary replied him back that he is going for Friday meeting. Listening this, police station in-charge took him to police station and kept him under his custody. In addition, he filed the case penal code of 295 and 298 against him, which stands and applies for criticism and hurting of other religion. On 24th August (Sunday) he was taken to Dindory Jail and today he will appear before the judge. Rev. Fr. Sunderson Singh Seger (Zonal in-charge) is going to meet the advocate and see the case. Bro. Vipin is 28 years old bachelor. He is recently transferred from Seoni field to Mehadwani to assist Pr. Heeralal Padwar. Pr. Heeralal is having a church at Kathoutiya which in Mandla District.
Church turned into 'temple' in Uttar Pradesh, India	August 26, 2014	Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, India	A church with a cross in it that belonged to the 7th Day Adventists overnight turned into a temple adorned with a portrait of Shiva after what some Hindu groups in Aligarh termed the "successful ghar wapasi" (reconversion) of 72 Valmikis who had become Christians in 1995. There was an elaborate shuddhi karan (purification) ceremony on Tuesday inside the church in Asroi, 30km from Aligarh. Children from the village soon took over the premises and were seen playing in it by afternoon on Wednesday. A cross was allegedly remove from the church and placed outside the gate and a portrait of Shiva installed.
Pastor and Evangelist assaulted in Uttar Pradesh, India	August 28, 2014	Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India	On 28 August in Unnao, Pastor Vimal Kumar and one evangelist from Christ Church were slapped and verbally abused by the Hindu extremists Bajrang Dal when they were coming back home after a prayer meeting.
Christians Repeatedly Attacked in Bihar, India	August 30, 2014	Balwanazir, Kaliyanganj, Bihar, India	On August 30 in , about five Hindu extremists forcefully entered into the house of a Christian, questioned them on who has visited them, called them pagans and started to beat them up. Later that day, about 100 extremists with sticks stood in each corner of the village to make sure that no Christian go out from the village to file a police complaint and threatened to cut into pieces anyone who dare venture out to report the attack against the couple.
Villagers allege forced conversions in Uttar Pradesh, India	August 30, 2014	Greater Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh India	At least 13 Christians were brought in for questioning to the Surajpur Police station in Greater Noida on Saturday over allegations that they were "forcefully converting Hindus to Christianity". Soon after their detention, the police station was surrounded by protesters from various Hindu groups. Local reports suggest that the Christians

			were physically assaulted by the mob. Investigation by the police revealed that the allegations were baseless and that people were praying with the Christian pastors on their own volition. Christian community leaders in Greater Noida said allegations of forced conversion had been trumped up and were aimed at creating mistrust in the district.
House owner beaten up for defending Pastor in Bihar, India	August 31, 2014	Patna, Bihar, 800001, India	Pastor Chhoto Kumar and his house owner were beaten by Hindu fundamentalists at Bhusala Danapur, Patna on August 31, 2014. Pastor Chhoto along with Pastor Ashok Marandi and Pastor Amit Soren were showing the film on Jesus in front of their house while two Hindu fundamentalists Shri Sanjay Roi and Shri Bumphod Roi came to the spot and stopped the film show. They shouted at the pastors and verbally threatened them saying "We are Hindus and we are living in Hindustan. Why are you converting us?" They then forced the pastors to worship Hindu Gods. When Pastor Chhoto's house owner saw this, he came to defend the Pastor. The men then started beating both the house owner and the Pastor. The fundamentalists left the scene when the villagers intervened and stopped the beating. No reports have been filed till press time.
Parents mass in front of Christian School for display of Cross in School Uniform Logo in Karnataka, India	Sept. 2, 2014	Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka, India	On September 2, in Indabettu, Beltangadi Taluka, Dakshina Kannada District, some parents along with Hindu extremists massed up in front of the Syro- Malabar Catholic School, Miriambika English School and demanded that the school withdraw the new uniforms that contained the school logo of a small cross.
Mob falsely accuses Pastors of conversion in Chhattisgarh, India	Sept. 6, 2014	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 6 September in Kherra, Bilaspur, a mob of 80 Hindu extremists chanting Hindu gods' name barged into the prayer hall of the Indian Pentecostal Church and falsely accused Pastor Dinesh Prasad, Pastor Manak Singh for conversion. Pastors identified only Prajith and Raju of forceful conversion and destroyed the prayer hall.
Police questions pastor over prayer meetings in Uttar Pradesh, India	Sept. 11, 2014	Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh, India	On September 11, 2014, six police officers came to question Pastor Bablu Kumar who was conducting a prayer meeting at one of his believers house at Rajepur Village, Faizabad District in Uttar Pradesh. The 35 believers who had come for the prayer responded to the queries raised by the police and no reports were filed.
Five Christians arrested on false allegations in Madhya Pradesh, India	Sept. 12, 2014	Khargone, Madhya Pradesh, India	5 Pastors were arrested in Barawah Village, Khargone District in MP on September 12, 2014 for praying for a family in the village. A mob of about 100 Hindu fundamentalists who had gathered there after the incident forced the family to file false allegations against the pastors saying that they had asked them to throw away their idols. The pastors have not been bailed out till press time.
Christian Threatened to convert to Hinduism in Chhattisgarh, India	Sept. 13, 2014	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	Hindu Fundamentalists threatened Christians attending the Indian Pentecostal Church at Kattakalyan to convert back to Hinduism on September 13, 2014. The believers have been receiving threats very often for the past one month. When the fundamentalists had come to speak to Christians on Saturday, they verbally abused the villagers

			and threatened them for not converting back to Hinduism. The verbal attack was interrupted when the Police saw the altercation and calmed down the mob of about 20 persons. Two years back, Ps. Gigi Paul was beaten by the fundamentalists for conducting the services at the village. No report was filed till press time.
Students of Theology held captive in Jharkhand, India	Sept. 13, 2014	Ranchi, Jharkhand, India	On 13th of September, 2014, five students of theology were held captive by villagers at Bindhani Village, Itki, Ranchi. They were caught with Christian literature and New Testament Bibles by villagers who had also gathered from the neighbouring villages. Some of the villagers kicked and punched them and also brutally attacked them with cricket stumps and bats. They threatened them to stop preaching Christianity and asked them to never come back to the village. When the Police was informed about the same, they rescued the students and sent them safely back to the seminary. No report was filed till press time.
Christian Woman beaten for conducting prayer at her home in Jharkhand, India	Sept. 14, 2014	Ranchi, Jharkhand, India	A mob of over 150 Hindu fundamentalists attacked and beat up about 50 Christians at a prayer gathering on September 14, 2014 at Bindhani Village, Ranchi. They chased Shrimati Katrina Khujur who was living at the house where the prayer meeting was being held and beat her brutally. She had run into the nearby lake to escape from the mob, but the mob followed her into the lake and beat her. They took her identity cards and her only savings from her home. Her face was severely injured. Though she lodged a complaint with the police, she was pressurized by the villagers to take her complaint back and huge mobs protested arrests outside the local police station.
Christians under Continuous Threats in Chhattisgarh, India	Sept. 15, 2014	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	About 30 Christians of the Madota Village, Bastar District are being harassed for over a week by Hindu fundamentalists. On September 15, 2014, Pastor Sinju Das was beaten up by the fundamentalists and was threatened to never conduct prayer meetings at the Christian Prayer Hall in the village. The believers have been facing continuous threats to their life from the village members as well and are being forced to reconvert to Hinduism. No reports were filed till press time.
Pastor and Church Members beaten in Karnataka, India	Sept. 21, 2014	Karwar, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka, India	On September 21, 2014, Pastor Immanuel (45) along with other Church members were beaten by Hindu fundamentalists in Manjunath Nagar, Yellaur, Karwar District. The Church which was established in 1999 was attacked during the Sunday worship service by 13 fundamentalists. They also beat the Church's house owner Narayan Manakwad, his wife and his children. Later, a false allegations of forced conversion was filed against the Pastor at the Yellarpur Police Station.
Pastor and his family assaulted in Tamil Nadu, India	Sept. 21, 2014	Tirunelveli Kattabo, Tamil Nadu, India	A false case was registered against a pastor after he and his family members were assaulted by RSS activists on September 21, 2014. They trespassed into his house and also damaged the cars parked in the compound of his house. The Rajakkamangalam Police later arrested the pastor and another Christian.

Christians ostracized for refusal to renounce Christ in Chhattisgarh, India	Sept. 25, 2014	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	On 25 September in Bhisakata, Kanker, the Hindu extremists ostracized seven Christian families from Full Gospel Ministry after they refused to renounce Christ.
Church set on fire in Karnataka, India	Sept. 25, 2014	Chitradurga, Karnataka, India	A Church was burnt down at Hiriyur, about 50 kms away from Chitradurga District on September 25, 2014 at 10:00pm. The Prayer Hall was set on fire because of which Bibles, and other materials were gutted down. Report was filed the next day.
Church set on fire in Madhya Pradesh, India	Sept. 27, 2014	Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, India	A Church was set on fire by unidentified people in Mandla district, 466km east from Bhopal on Saturday. The incident occurred at Ghutas in the rural part of the district. Local residents said that Billiards Church, which is situated amidst a field in a rural area, was burnt. The church was badly damaged in the incident. By the time local residents could reach the spot, furniture and goods were charred.
Christians Threatened during Sunday Worship in Kerala, India	Sept. 28, 2014	Kasaragod, Kerala, India	Anti-Christian elements forcefully entered the Sunday prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Johnson James at the community hall, threatened to harm the believers and locked the main door on September 28 in Trikaripur, Kasargod.
Church and Cemetery damaged at Chhattisgarh, India	Oct. 1, 2014	Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh, India	A Church and the cemetery next to it was attacked by Hindutva fundamentalists on October 1, 2014 at Mahasamund. The fundamentalists broke the cross which was made on the boundary wall pillar. They also broke the gate lock and stoned the tin roofed cemetery shed. Then on October 4, 2014, they went to the Church again, broke the cross, damaged the lights outside and wrote "Jai Shree Ram" (Victory to Lord Rama) on the wall. The Pastor has been receiving regular threats from the group. On the following Sundays, October 5, 12 and 19, 2014 Hindutva fundamentalists have been coming during Church Services and threatening Christians who are part of the congregation. The Christians have sought for Police protection on the coming Sundays.
Christians beaten up in Karnataka, India	Oct. 2, 2014	Kushtagi, Koppal, Karnataka, India	About 10 FMPB members were praying in a believer's house when about 50 extremists massed up saying that they do not allow Christians to pray in the area and summoned the pastor to come out from the meeting. Pastor R. Sathyappa, local worker Nandu Rathod and other believers came out from the house after the prayer when the extremists asked them, "Who is the pastor?" As soon as he introduced himself, they started beating him up, broke his spectacles and accused him of forcefully converting people. The extremists also beat up the Christians who were trying to defend the pastor while some smashed their vehicle and broke up the window glasses and flattened the tyres. One Christian local worker Nandu Rathod was also severely injured. Later, the Christians somehow escaped from the scene with the help of some villagers. A compromise took place between the Christians and the attackers on the next day. No police complaint was filed.

Christians Beaten up, Worship Meeting Disrupted in Kerala, India	Oct. 5, 2014	Kerala, India	On Oct 5 in Valanchery, Malappuran, Hindu extremists barged into the Sunday worship meeting of Indian Pentecostal Church and beat up the pastor and believers. About 20 extremists forcefully entered the worship hall of IPC, accused the Pastor Francis and the church members of forceful conversion and beat them up. The extremists slapped, pushed, kicked and beat up the pastor and tore up his clothes and threatened to blast the church with a bomb on the next Sunday. The Christians filed a police complaint. However no arrest has been made at press time.
Church torched in Telangana, India	Oct. 7, 2014	Hyderabad, Telangana	On 7 October Nirikshana Mandiram (Temple of Hope) Church was set on fire by unknown assailants in early hours in Hyderabad, Telangana state. At about 3.30 am, on the 7th a family living next to the Nirikshana Mandiram Church (temporary shed made of bamboo mats) noticed huge smoke and a fire. By the time the family realized of what was going on, half of the Church was burnt.
Burglary at Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace, Gujarat, India	Oct. 7, 2014	Ahmedabad, Ahmadabad, Gujarat, India	On the night of October 7th / 8th, 2014, there was a break and urglary at The PRASHANT, Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace in Ahmedabad. Prashant Centre for Human Rights Justice and Peace has been taking an unequivocal stand on human rights and justice very specially on critical issues affecting the minorities, the poor and the marginalized of Gujarat, as reported by Fr. Cedric Prakash.
Prayer meetings stopped in Telangana, India	Oct. 8, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	On 8 Oct in Wanaparthi, Mahabubhanagar, Hindu extremists disrupted the prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Maairiappa, told him to stop conducting meetings in future and filed a police complaint against him of forceful conversion.
Christian meet organizers get notice on terror link in Madhya Pradesh, India	October 8, 2014	Alirajpur, Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, India	After refusing permission for an annual Christian gathering in Jobat, Alirajpur, the Madhya Pradesh Police have served a notice on the organizer asking whether his organization was involved in terror, criminal or anti-social activities among other things. Jhabua-based Moksha Foundation had organized a gathering in Jobat from October 6-9, but the Alirajpur administration refused permission because a marriage between a Christian man and a Hindu woman had caused communal tension. On Tuesday, foundation president Kapil Sharma was asked by the police to fill up personal information like name, address, passport number and political association among 20 points listed in a one-page document. The second document sought information about the organization: like the source of funding; whether involved in terror or criminal activities; details of members, including foreigners; and a clear note on the actual inclination of the organization (religious, political, social or communal).
Prayer Meeting for Hudhud Cyclone Attacked in Odisha	Oct. 11, 2014	Junagarh, Kalahandi, Odisha, India	A prayer meeting organized by India Christians Revival Mission (ICRM) praying for safety from the Hudhud cyclone was attacked by Hindu fundamentalists on October 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The prayer meetings were scheduled for three days, that is, 10-12 October 2014. After the meetings were conducted smoothly for one and

			half days, some Hindu Activists came to the venue of the meeting which was Junagarh townhall asking about the program. They then returned at 7:00 pm with a mob and stopped the meeting.
Christian beaten up and his house burnt in Odisha, India	Oct. 15, 2014	Malkangiri, Odisha, India	15 October in Gumkaguda, Malkangiri, Hindu extremists burned down the house of one Christian family, Irma Markami at midnight and beat them up because of their faith in Christ.
Pastor threatened to stop work regarding his Church in Karnataka, India	Oct. 18, 2014	Ankola, Karnataka, India	On October 18 in Ankola, Uttara Kannada, police officials verbally instructed Pastor Ravi from the Jeevana Jyothi Prathana Mandira that he should stop his Christian activity of visiting homes, preaching, to remove the board of the Church and continue it privately and also prohibited him from conducting any kinds of public meetings.
Christian assaulted by Hindu party workers in Madhya Pradesh, India	Oct. 18, 2014	Betul, Madhya Pradesh, India	On October 18, 2014, Bajrang Dal activists assaulted a Christian and snatched away his mobile phone and Bicycle at at Bhimpur, Bhezahi Taluk, Betul District. Later they took him to Bhimpur Police and he has been under illegal custody at Bhimpur Police Station.
House Church Attacked in Kerala, India	Oct. 19, 2014	Kasaragod, Kerala, India	On October 19 In Trikaripur, Kasaragod, anti- Christian people forcefully entered into the House Church meeting conducted by Pastor Johnson James ,destroyed furniture ,manhandled, pushed and slapped the Christians.
Women and Children among attacked in Chhattisgarh, India	Oct. 19, 2014	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh,	Hindutva fundamentalists attacked men, women and children at the Church Service in Madota, Jagdalpur on Sunday, October 19, 2014. The incident occurred when a mob of over 30 people gathered outside the Church and shouted slogans to stop the service. 5 people among the mob then entered the Church and started beating the 30 Christians who had gathered for worship. They then went to the handpump outside the Church, put a picture of the Hindu God Hanuman and banned Christians from taking water from the hand pump. A complaint has been filed by Christians but no action has been taken till press time.
Church Attacked during Sunday Worship in Chhattisgarh, India	Oct. 19, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	A mob of 25 Hindutva fundamentalists attacked a Church Service at Farasgaon and started beating up the Christians present at the Sunday Worship on October 19, 2014. A complaint was lodged but no action was taken till press time.
Christian attacked by brothers in Chhattisgarh, India	Oct. 20, 2014	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	A Christian was attacked and brutally beaten by three of his brothers at Tokapal Block, Jagdalpur on Monday, October 20, 2014. The incident took place when Mukesh (name changed), aged 52 was beaten up by three of his brothers for being a Christian. The brothers were coached into attacking their own brother by Hindutva fundamentalists. He was severely injured and was taken to the hospital where he remained unconscious for over 24 hours. He gained his consciousness on October 21, 2014 at around 8:30pm but was not able to talk. No report has been filed till press time.
Youth Conference cancelled in Rajasthan, India	Oct. 22, 2014	Udaipur, Rajasthan, India	A three day youth conference has been cancelled after Hindutva fundamentalists put pressure on the local police. The youth conference being organized from October 20-23, 2014 at Government Grounds, Jhirmiti, Udaipur for which the permission was sought. When the conference

			used PA systems for the meetings, the Hindutva fundamentalists objected its use and asked the organizers to seek permission for the same. The SDM denied permission for the use of the PA system after which the organizers decided to continue the meetings without the aid of the PA system. This was again objected by the fundamentalists which led to the cancellation of the event.
Christians attacked by Hindutva activists in Chhattisgarh, India	Oct. 25, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	<p>After the controversial gram sabha resolutions banning non-Hindu religious activity in villages in tribal Bastar, there was fresh tension in Madota village after local Christians were assaulted allegedly by right-wing activists, leaving 12 people injured late on Saturday.</p> <p>Eleven of the injured are still undergoing treatment at a hospital in Jagdalpur. According to local reports, an announcement was made through drum beats that residents of Kotwar village should assemble at 9am on Saturday to meet the sub-divisional magistrate, deputy superintendent of police and town inspector to discuss ways to douse tension between the two communities. They waited till evening, but nobody turned up. By evening, right-wing activists came in a truck and attacked Christians, accusing them of promoting religious conversion.</p>
Christians Beaten Nearly Unconscious in Odisha, India	Oct. 25, 2014	Malkangiri, Odisha, India	Hindu extremists in Odisha state on Oct. 25 summoned a Christian family to a public meeting for a compromise on religious conflict but instead beat them nearly unconscious. A Christian and four members of his family received hospital treatment for eight days after the attack, which came 10 days after nearly all the villagers from Gumkaguda, Malkangiri beat them for refusing to renounce Christ. The Hindu extremists who summoned the Christian family to the compromise meeting told them they were not to talk and to promise to do whatever they were asked to do. Soon after the meeting started at noon, with Christian leaders and village officials present, the Hindu extremists attacked the Christian, his wife and three sons.
Two Christians arrested in Madhya Pradesh, India	Oct. 27, 2014	Barwani, Madhya Pradesh, India	Ashok Pratap and Kallu Rai Singh were arrested on October 27, 2014 on false allegations of forced conversions in Sangli, Barwani District. The Christians had attended a fasting prayer on Sunday, October 26, 2014 after which local Hindutva activists filed a complaint against them. The police from Thikri Police Station arrested the Christians the next day and transferred them to Central Jail. They were granted bail after three days.
Hindutva fundamentalists attack Christians in Karnataka, India	Oct. 27, 2014	Shimoga, Karnataka, India	Christians were attacked by a group of Hindutva fundamentalists at Ittighalli Camp in Shimoga District on Monday, 27th October at 7.30 p.m. when they were participating in their daily evening prayers. The culprits broke open the door and forced themselves into the house and also destroyed household articles and Christian literature including the bibles in addition to physical attacking them.

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

			force and asking them to put crosses on themselves. The Christian was detained for over four hours at the Chandan Nagar Police Station post the incident and was released later.
Two girls beaten for attending Church in Telangana, India	Nov. 15, 2014	Mahbubnagar , Telangana, India	Two girls were beaten up by Hindutva fundamentalists for attending the prayer meeting at Mennonite Brethren Church in Narayanpet on 15th November 2014. The mob went into the house of Saritha and Laxmi, aged 17 and started beating them. They started throwing the household things out of the house, and tore the Bibles found in the house. They then warned the families of both Saritha and Laxmi not to go to Church. No Report was filed till press time.
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Pastor threatened in Telangana, India	Nov. 16, 2014	Mahbubnagar Telangana, India	On 16 November in Tadiparthi, Mahabubnagar, Hindu extremists stopped pastor Isaac from the Mennonite Brethren Church and told him not to stop conducting Christian meetings in the area.
Christians Attacked by Mob of Over 100 Hindutva Radicals in Tamil Nadu, India	Nov. 16, 2014	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, 642001, India	A Christian community in Udumalpet, located in India's Tamil Nadu state, was attacked by a mob of over 100 Hindu radicals during a prayer service on November 16. According to reports, the mob beat the Christians attending the prayer service at Konkil Marthoma Church, burned more than 20 vehicles owned by Christians, desecrated Bibles, burned the church's altar and destroyed musical instruments. Attackers even followed some of the Christians to the hospital threatening to attack them a second time. Please pray for the Christian community of India who are coming under increasing attack.
Christians attacked during their Sunday Worship in Chhattisgarh, India	Nov. 16, 2014	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, India	On 16 Nov in Ram Nagar, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, at about 11 a.m. Hindu extremists from the VHP and the Bajrang Dal barged into the Sunday worship meeting of Masihi Aradhana Church conducted and asked for the pastor Sunil Gottlieb. The church members hid the pastor and then asked the intruders what they want. The extremists then started beating the church members and injured one church member who sustained serious head injuries and received treatment in the hospital. The church members went to the police station and reported the matter. The police registered an FIR against the attackers. Police protection is provided to the Christians, however, no arrests has been made at press time.
Sunday Worship Disrupted in Telangana, India	Nov. 23, 2014	Mahbubnagar Telangana, India	On 23 November in Wanaparthi, Mahabubnagar, Hindu extremists shouting Hindu slogans disrupted the Sunday worship meeting of Gethsemane Prardhana Mandiram conducted by Pastor R. Joshua.

Pastor barred to enter village in Telangana, India	Nov. 23, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	On 23 November in Appampally, Mahabubnagar, Hindu extremists shouting slogans barged into the birthday celebration of a Christian and threatened to kill the pastor and warned him not to enter the village again. The believers were able to hide the pastor.
Eight Injured and Pastor Arrested after attack in Karnataka, India	Nov. 23, 2014	Bangarapete, Kolar, Karnataka, India	A group of Hindu radicals have attacked a Calvary Apostolic church in Bangarpet, Karnataka, India on November 23, 2014 leaving eight injured. It was reported that the attack took place during a prayer service at the Calvary Apostolic Church where Hindu radicals interrupted the service and attacked worshipers. Among the eight that were injured, two were reported with broken legs from the incident.
Christian forum complains of VHP "pressure" in Chhattisgarh, India	Nov. 24, 2014	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Under intense pressure from the VHP, the Catholic missionaries of Bastar have agreed that principals in their schools, normally referred to as Father, would now be addressed as Pracharya, or Up-pracharya, or Sir. The missionaries have also agreed to put up photographs of Maa Saraswati and great personalities who have worked for national interest in their educational institutions. A statement saying the missionaries agreed to the above was issued following a meeting between the VHP and the missionaries in Jagdalpur in Bastar on Sunday. It was signed jointly by Bastar district VHP president Suresh Yadav and the spokesperson of the Bastar Catholic Community, Abraham Kannampala.
Pastor warned to remove church building within a month in Assam, India	Nov. 26, 2014	Sibsagar, Assam, India	On 26th Nov 2014, the leaders of the Moran Amguri, Sivasagar District sent a message to a pastor serving with the Believers Church that within one month of time he has to shift from the building where the Church gathers today. Though this land is donated by one of the Christians, the land document is with his father who is influenced by Hindutva. No action has been till press time.
Christians threatened at Madhya Pradesh, India	Nov. 30, 2014	Anuppur, Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh, India	On 30 November in Basinha, Anuppur, Hindu extremists barged into the church meeting of Masih Kalishya and threatened Pastor Gopal Dhurve and church members with harm if they continue to worship meetings in the area.
Church Burnt down by Unidentified assailants in Delhi, India	Dec. 1, 2014	New Delhi, India	A substantial part of a catholic church here in northeast Delhi's Tahirpur area was gutted when a fire broke out at its premises here this morning with the Christian community suspecting foul play in the incident. Police have registered a case under section 436 IPC (Mischief) on the complaint of the church authorities.
Miscreants break into Catholic Convent in Delhi, India	Dec. 2, 2014	New Delhi, India	On 2 December, four unidentified men broke into the Catholic convent in Rohini area of Delhi. The CCTV captured images of youths with iron rods and torches walking about the compound.
Church Construction halted in Arunachal Pradesh, India	Dec. 2, 2014	Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, India	On 2 December in Tawang District, govt officials stopped the construction of Baptist Church and thereafter not did not produce any reason for disallowing the Christians to build the church.

Stone thrown at church during evening mass in New Delhi, India	Dec. 6, 2014	Jasola, New Delhi, India	Stones were thrown at a Syro-Malabar Catholic Church at Jasola in Okhla when Saturday mass was being celebrated around 6.45 p.m. Though no-one was injured, windowpanes on the first floor of the church were shattered. Panicked participants of the mass rushed out in alarm.
Sunday Worship disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	Dec. 7, 2014	Bemetara, Chhattisgarh, India	On December 7 in Navagarh, Distt. Bemetara, Chhattisgarh, the Sunday worship service was disrupted in the house of Vimla Manikpuri . There were about 70 believers in the meeting. A group of hindutva fundamentalists forcibly entered the house at about 11 AM and disrupted the worship. They started falsely accusing the Christians. Police soon reached on the spot and took Vimla and other believers to the police station. Police released all the believers after recording their statements. The Congregation is associated with the Spiritual Christian Fellowship Church, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
Church attacked by mob in Punjab, India	Dec. 11, 2014	Ludhiana, Punjab	Members of the Shiv Sena attacked the Kalvari Church, Ludhiana prompting the police to deploy heavy security to protect the Church building. Shiv Sena members later surrounded the local police station alleging forced conversion.
Pastor falsely accused of conversions in Madhya Pradesh	Dec. 12, 2014	Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh	A false case against Ps. Jose Matthews was registered on December 12, 2014 on the complaints of Hindutva organizations, which alleged that he was conducting a function at Lions Hall, Ratlam to convert tribals to Christianity. Police after their investigations reported that all allegations were false and was later released on bail. The Hindutva activists stormed a Christian meeting organized by the Indian Pentecostal Church of God along with the media and the police forcing the organizers to cancel the meeting. The organizers and the speakers of the meeting were taken to the police station but were later released as well.
Pastor, Church Members Singing Christmas Carols Violently Attacked in Andhra Pradesh, India	Dec. 13, 2014	Hyderabad, Telangana	A group of around 30 Hindu radicals reportedly attacked a Christian pastor Bhim Nayak and 15 of his church members singing Christmas carols in the Indian city of Hyderabad over the weekend, accusing the Christians of trying to convert people. The attack left Pastor Bhim Nayak of Banjara Baptist Church and four other Christians severely injured.
Christians falsely accused in Uttar Pradesh, India	Dec. 16, 2014	Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, India	Pastor Amit Kumar S/o Shiv Charan Nabipur Village, Parshurampur PO, Piparaich Thana, Gorakhpur along with 15 others were detained by police and their belongings confiscated while they were celebrating Christmas. Ps. Amit was arrested while others were let go of after being kept in custody for more than 20 hours. They were falsely accused by Hindu groups of indulging in forced conversion. The 15 persons who were let go off were Priya, Ruby, Sharadha, Nirmala, Umesh Kumar, Amit, Raja, Shivchand, Rangi lal, Amerjit, Sharju, Babloo, Angadh, Prakesh, and Govind.

Pastor falsely accused to stir communal tensions in Uttar Pradesh, India	Dec. 16, 2014	Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh	Pastor Mahendra Kumar from Behraich, Uttar Pradesh was arrested and kept in custody for two days before being released without any charges. He was arrested following complaints of local Hindu groups. The Hindu groups are also targeting a Christian social service organization working in the area, according to local reports.
Christians forced to reconvert fearing Social Boycott in Bihar, India	Dec. 18, 2014	Bhagalpur, Bihar, India	On 18 Dec in Bhagalpur, three Christians who had recently accepted Christ were forced to reconvert to Hinduism. According to media reports, the three converts returned to the Hindu fold after they were threatened with a social boycott.
Christians beaten up in Uttar Pradesh, India	Dec. 19, 2014	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Hindu extremists disrupted a Christian prayer meeting and beat up Christians in Varanasi on December 19, 2014. Pastor Shobhnath and local Christians were participating in prayer and fasting in a village in Chiraigaon Block, Varanasi, when 10-12 people came in a Bolero (SUV), entered the house forcefully, and started beating the Christians. They took away Bible and other literature and also destroyed household furniture. According to local sources the attackers are office bearers of RSS and BJP. The matter was reported to the local police.
Pastor booked and later arrested in Madhya Pradesh, India	Dec. 19, 2014	Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh	On 19 December in Ratlam, police booked and arrested Pastor Jose Mathews after the Bajrang Dal stormed a Christian convention alleging forceful conversions on 12 December and forced the organisers to cancel the meeting. Pastor Mathew was later released on bail.
Two Pastors arrested among seven Christians on false allegations in Uttar Pradesh, India	Dec. 20, 2014	Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh	Seven people including two pastors were arrested on Christmas day from Urai, Raibareilly and Kushinagar areas of Uttar Pradesh. The Christians were arrested on after BJP members complained of forcible conversions. However according to media reports no such conversions could be verified.
New Delhi	Dec. 21, 2014	New Delhi	Christians and Muslims are main reason of war. Ashok Singhal(VHP) http://twocircles.net/2014dec21/1419162958.html#.VJa1yl4AMA
Christian couple arrested in Madhya Pradesh, India	Dec. 24, 2014	Khargone, Madhya Pradesh	A Christian couple was taken into custody under the state's anti-conversion law from Nayanagar village, about 28 kms from district headquarters Khargone. D. Wilson and his wife Rashmita Wilson planned a Christmas programme on 23rd evening, but couldn't carry out the programme because the police did not grant permission. However, they visited a village, namely, Nayanagar on 24th December on the invitation of local Christians. After reaching the village, they found out that around 70 believers had gathered in a house for a fellowship meeting. Unexpectedly, four persons Hindutva fundamentalists arrived with the police and took them to Gogawa police station, which is 9 kms away from Nayanagar. By then, a big mob had mobilized themselves in front of the police station demanding the arrest of the missionaries. They also prepared two false witnesses who confessed that each of them were promised Rs.5000/- by the couple to convert

			into Christianity. The Superintendent of Police also interrogated the missionary couple. An FIR was filed under Sections 295 and 506 of the IPC and Section 3 of M.P Freedom of Religion Act.
Derogatory speech by Mohan bhagvar, RSS	Dec. 28, 2014	Kolkata West Bengal	When I went looking for homecoming Christians in Gujarat !! ...and found insights into why the Sangh wants a national anti-conversion law. ("The world knows this is my maal," said Mohan Bhagwat, the head of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, last Saturday in Kolkata. By maal, which means "goods" in Hindi, Bhagwat was referring to Muslims and Christians in India. "If I take back my maal, what's the big deal?"). http://scroll.in/article/697493/when-i-went-looking-for-homecoming-christians-in-gujarat
Christmas function put to an end in Uttar Pradesh, India	Dec. 25, 2014	Barloi, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh	Police stopped a Christmas function in Barloi village of Uttar Pradesh following objections by Hindu groups. Local BJP leader Dr. Alka Roy was also accompanying the police as they forced the Christians to stop the Christmas function.
Christmas put to stop after false complaints in Uttar Pradesh	Dec. 25, 2014	Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh	The Christmas celebrations organized at the home of Shankar Lal Verma in Kharageet Nagar, Mainpuri were halted by Police after false complaints of conversions. After Hindu groups complained, the police reached the spot, stopped the celebrations, dispersed the gathered people and arrested Shankar Lal. He was later released as the charges against him were not proved true.
Pastor forcefully detained in Madhya Pradesh, India	Dec. 25, 2014	Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh	On December 24, 2014, Pr. Akash Sisodia was forcefully taken from his house to the Police by Hindutva Activists on false allegations of conversions. Ps. Akash was conducting a meeting in his house at Pratapnagar, Pavasa. Around 150 Hindutva activists surrounded his house and took Pr. Akash to Chimanganj Mandi police station in Ujjain. They also and locked his house leaving his wife and children outside. They then took pictures of Christian literature which was already with them and filed false details of photo along with a note that the pastor was caught while converting people in his house, which was absolutely false. No Reports were filed till press time.
Christians beaten up in Chhattisgarh, India	Dec. 26, 2014	Kotenar, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Eight Christian families were beaten in Kavanar Village near Kodenar on December 26. 2014. Local Hindutva activists who were against Christians being in the village attacked the families and threatened them to renounce their faith. The families then went met the Sarpanch (Village Head) to settle the matter who later also threatened the Christians saying that he would not allow them to stay in the village. No complaint was filed till press time.

Christian arrested and later released after false accusation in Uttar Pradesh, India	Dec. 27, 2014	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Police arrested Pastor Ashok Prajapati from Varanasi following allegations of forcible conversions. According to reports, Hindu groups as well as the police threatened him and asked him to stop holding prayer meetings in the area. He was released in the evening the same day.
Pastor Threatened in Uttar Pradesh, India	Dec. 27, 2014	Amethi, Uttar Pradesh	BJP leaders and Bajrang Dal people threatened Pastor Ramchand from Amethi, Uttar Pradesh of dire consequences if he carries on with worship services in the area. The pastor left the village keeping in mind his own security and has approached the local police for protection.
Christian University attacked in Uttar Pradesh, India	Dec. 27, 2014	Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	More than 25 members of the Youth wing of the BJP and other Hindu groups stormed into the Sam Higginbottom University alleging conversions. The attackers tore banners with Bible verses written on them, shouted anti-Christian slogans, burnt the effigy of the vice chancellor of the University, Dr. R B Lall, and entered into a fight with the security personnel. Two of them were caught and handed over to the police.
Ten Christians arrested in Madhya Pradesh, India	Dec. 28, 2014	Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, India	Ten Christians along with 3 children aged 4 months, 4 years and 7 years were taken into judicial custody on December 28, 2014 at Sukta Dam Colony, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh. The Christians had gone to celebrate at the village in response to the invite of local Christian Shyamlal who wanted them to celebrate Christmas with them. Soon they were ambushed by Hindutva Activists and took refuge in a nearby hut. A mob gathered outside the hut towards which stones were pelted at, with the intention of injuring the Christians. Soon the Police arrived and charged the Christians under Section 295A for insulting religious sentiments and sent them to Judicial custody. They were granted bail on December 31, 2014.
Inter-faith Christmas celebration halted in Indore, Madhya Pradesh	Dec. 28, 2014	Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India	Hindu extremist groups forcibly took two Catholic missionaries to police station after disrupting an inter-faith meeting organized at the Geeta Bhavan, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The activists of Bajrang Dal and Dharma Jagran Manch accused Father Prasad and Brother Sleeva of trying to convert Hindus to Christianity. They demanded that the police arrest the missionaries, after registering a First Information Report against them. The missionaries were however, let off as charges against them proved to be frivolous. The next day the Hindu groups proceeded to purify Geeta Bhavan by pouring milk and cow urine on the place where the missionaries had been participating in the interfaith meeting.
Christian Couple arrested in Uttar Pradesh, India	Dec. 28, 2014	Salempur, Deoria district, Uttar Pradesh, India	Members of Hindu Yuva Vahini and the police disrupted a Christian worship service at Salempur, Deoria district, Uttar Pradesh. Jaswant Masih and his wife Suman, who have been conducting prayer services for many years in their own home, were arrested and taken to the police station following complains by the Hindu groups that the couple were involved in forcible conversions. Later, Police, denied any incident of conversion.

Christian beaten up in Telangana, India	Dec. 31, 2014	Mahbubnagar, Telangana, India	On 31 December in Appampally, Mahabubnagar, Hindu extremists beat up one Christian as he was coming back from a watch night service. The Christian was rescued by some people in the neighbourhood.
Crib at Church found burnt in Delhi, India	Jan. 2, 2015	Rohini, New Delhi	A Christmas crib on side the Church compound of Church of the Resurrection, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi was found burnt and damaged. Though the police suspected it to be a case of short circuiting, the second camera of the CCTV showed inflammable substance being thrown into crib from above around 2:30 am. The Parishioners also suspect the use of inflammable material to set fire as it was raining in the area during the night and morning.
Church Service stopped and Christians beaten in Chhattisgarh, India	Jan. 4, 2015	Kotenar, Bastar, Chhattisgarh	After 8 Christian families were beaten up on December 26, 2014, the worship service in Kawanar Village near Kotenar was attacked by a mob of 24 Hindutva activists on January 4, 2015. The Sunday service was being led by a local Christian as Pastors from outside the village were not allowed in the village. Mr. Dheema Mandali, who was leading the service along with other members were beaten and threatened for conducting the service. A report was filed by the Christians till press time.
Christians threatened for getting baptized in Bihar, India	Jan. 5, 2015	Darbhangha, Bihar, India	On January 5 in Lait Narayan Mitra, Darbhanga, Bihar, mobs consisting of Hindutva fundamentalists went to homes of 8 Christians who recently were baptized at the Agape Church and threatened them. Agape Church has been serving in the area for the past 6 years but local fundamentalists have been spreading false accusations about the Church in the area as well. A notice was filed at the local Police Station informing about miscreants who have been spreading rumors.
Church Attacked and Vandalized in Bihar, India	Jan. 11, 2015	Jehanabad, Bihar	A Church was attacked by a mob of over 60 people during the Worship Service on Sunday, January 11, 2015 in Madhav Nagar, Jehanabad, Bihar. Pastor Kamlesh (36) was organizing the Sunday Service at the Prarthna Center where about 150 Christians had gathered. During the service, the mob entered the Church shouting slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram'. They started beating the Pastor along with elder of the Church Mr. Vijay Kumar (55). The other Christians were chased away while 3 persons got injured including Ps. Sohan Kumar. They tore bibles, broke the chairs, fans and PA system installed in the Church. They then forcefully took Pastor Kamlesh's mobile, keys and Rs.7000 in cash. An FIR was lodged against the attackers after the SP's request since the local Police were not willing to file a complaint initially.
Pastor and Christians attacked in Jharkhand, India	Jan. 11, 2015	Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India	On January 11 in Jhankhan, Dhanbad, Bihar, a mob attacked an Independent House Church being conducted in Ps. Subhish Kumar's home during their Worship Service and beat the Christians. The case was filed against 5 Christians on false accusations of conversion. The Church was being conducted for the past 2 years.

Church vandalized in Delhi, India	Jan. 14, 2015	Vikaspuri, New Delhi	On January 14 in Vikaspuri, New Delhi, unidentified miscreants broke the Grotto and pulled down the statue of Mother Mary at the Lady of Graces Church in Vikaspuri, New Delhi at 4:30am. The incident was captured on a CCTV camera installed inside the church.
Church set on fire in Telangana, India	Jan. 16, 2015	Mahabubnagar, Telangana, India	On January 16 in Tador village located in the Mahabubnagar, Telangana, a Church was set on fire by assailants. The Parimala Beautiful Church was mainly a temporary structure constructed of thatches, bamboo and tarps. After the members of the church met for prayers on the day from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the church was torched by unknown assailants. At about 8:30 p.m., a local bus driver was passing by the church and noticed smoke and flames were clearly visible coming from the building. Immediately, the bus driver informed the police and the locals about the fire at the church. Church members, police and a fire engine rushed to the church, but by then more than half of the building had been reduced to ashes. Almost everything inside the church was destroyed by the fire including carpets, instruments, and church literature like songbooks and Bibles. A First Information Report (FIR) was booked by the police and an investigation is now underway.
Christians threatened to stop Church in Maharashtra, India	Jan. 18, 2015	Pune, Maharashtra, India	On January 18, 2015 at Chinchwad, Pune Hindutva fundamentalists came and threatened a community of Christians who were praying together on a Sunday morning in a rented premise. Sis. Meeka Londhe from the Christ for All Church and others were threatened saying that they would not be allowed to pray and gather as a Church from the following Sunday. A report was filed at the Chinchwad Police station and the police have assured protection to the Christians.
Church suddenly denied premises for Sunday Worship in Uttar Pradesh, India	Jan. 18, 2015	Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India	On January 18, in Abhay Khand 1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, the Amarpali School authorities, under the influence of local Hindutva groups refused the Church led by Evangelist Raju Danaiel to gather for Sunday worship services. The Church was being conducted in the premise since 2010.
Prayer meeting attacked in Kerala, India	Jan. 19, 2015	Trivandrum, Kerala, India	On January 19 in Mannanthala, Trivandrum, Kerala, a prayer meeting of the Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church was attacked by 6 persons who beat up the pastor and 3 other Christians in the prayer meeting. An FIR has been lodged at the Trivandrum Medical College.
Bibles thrown in public to incite violence in Tamil Nadu, India	Jan. 21, 2015	Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, India	On January 21 in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, Bibles were thrown over the road in front of the Office of the District Collector by the Munnani members. This was an act to incite violence against Christians. A petition is being prepared to be filed by press time.
Construction of Christian School and Hospital stopped in Maharashtra, India	Jan. 21, 2015	Navapur, Nandurbar, Maharashtra, India	On January 21 in Navapur, Dulia Sakri, it was reported that the construction of a school and a hospital by Alpha Ministries was stopped by local villagers under the influence of local Hindutva fundamentalists. An FIR and Police Complaint was filed after which the Sakri Court delivered an unfavorable judgment. The case is at the Aurangabad High Court by press time.

Permission to conduct Sunday Worship service revoked in Telangana, India	Jan. 21, 2015	Malkajgiri, Rangareddy, Telangana, India	On January 21 in Malkajgiri near Secunderabad, the permission to conduct the Sunday Services of the Church led by Ps. Sudhakar Reddy was denied by the local authorities after being influenced by Hindutva fundamentalists. A writ Petition was filed on January 22 by Adv. P. Joshua Sureshkumar (09246372436) against the Principal Secretary and Commissioner, DCP, ACP and the SHO. The Church has been seeking and receiving permissions for all such meetings in various venues for the past one year.
Top State Official stopped from preaching Faith in Tamil Nadu, India	Jan. 23, 2015	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	On January 23 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, The Tamil Nadu government directed one of its IAS officers not to go ahead with “preaching and propagating” his faith as it is against service rules and could create communal disharmony. In a letter, TN chief secretary K Gnanadesikan told the commissioner for disciplinary proceedings, Umashankar: “It has been brought to the notice of government that you are going to take part in preaching and propagating activities in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanyakumari districts from January 24 to January 26 which are likely to cause communal disharmony and disturbance to public order. You are directed not to indulge in such activities which are unbecoming of a member of the service, failing which, necessary and appropriate action would be taken under relevant provisions of All India Services (conduct) Rules, 1968 read with the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969.” The chief secretary also referred to Umashankar's previous visit to Kanyakumari district on January 16 in which “he indulged in activities which created disturbance to public order resulting in registration of two cases in Pudukadai police station in the district”. Umashankar said “guided by God,” he has cancelled seven prayer meetings scheduled in the next few days, but said he will move the high court against the government's direction.
Church Priest arrested on false allegations in Rajasthan, India	Jan. 23, 2015	Jaipur, Rajasthan, India	On January 23 in Jaipur, Rajasthan, it was reported that Rev. Sumit Chauhan of the Jodhpur Methodist Church was arrested on false allegations of rape. Though the Father is based in Jodhpur, he is presently in the Jaipur Central Jail. No allegations have been proved to be true till press time.
Church Premises written off as Government property in Himachal Pradesh, India	Jan. 23, 2015	Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	On January 23 in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, Fr. P. M. Pardeshi reported that the CPWD wrote off the Shimla CNI Church as government property. The Church that was handed over in 1948 was not in possession till 1993 after which regular prayers have been conducted at the Church till date. The Father had also filed a petition in 2010 under the provisions of the Revision Petition of 2005 with regard to the use of places of worship.
Christian attacked for putting up picture of Jesus in Maharashtra, India	Jan. 25, 2015	Nala Sopara, Palghar, Maharashtra, India	On January 25, in Nala Sopara near Mumbai in Palghar District, Maharashtra, Bro. Pramod Sahu was threatened and attacked for displaying a picture of Jesus in his garage. He is a mechanic who runs his garage shop for welding, and spray painting. A group of men objected him for putting up the picture in the garage and threatened to kill him if he put up the picture again or reported the

			attack to the authorities. No action was taken till press time.
Pastor and his wife brutally beaten in Uttar Pradesh, India	Jan. 25, 2015	Bhadohi, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, India	On January 25 in Gyanpur, Bhadohi, a mob beat up Ps. Jomon Scaria and his wife Jaya at his house. They kicked his wife on the stomach. Tensions had prevailed in the area for the past three days, and the Pastor had called off the Sunday worship service after taking advice from the local police. In spite of taking precautions, the mob came to the Pastor's house and brutally beat him and his wife.
Prayer meeting stopped for over a month in Uttar Pradesh, India	Jan. 31, 2015	Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh, India	On January 31, 2015 in Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh, a Pastor has been stopped from conducting Christian prayer meetings in his house for over a month. Sankar Verma has been conducting a Christian prayer meeting in his house in Palendar ki Bagiya, Tharagjeet Nagar every Sunday for the past 5 years without any disturbance. On December 25, 2015, the police allegedly stopped Christmas celebrations and forced him to leave a letter in writing saying that he would not conduct any prayer meetings in his house without permission.
Pastor threatened in Karnataka, India	Jan. 31, 2015	Hoskote, Bangalore, Karnataka, India	In January 31, 2015 in Hoskote, Bangalore, Karnataka, Pastor M. P. Samuel was threatened and asked to stop prayer meetings by the local police. He said that he was not able to feel safe since the police themselves were harassing him.
Church threatened to stop services at Uttar Pradesh, India	Feb. 2, 2015	Bhadohi, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, India	On February 2 at Khetalpur, Bhadohi, a group of Hindu fundamentalists came and threatened staff of the Khetalpur Vishwavani Church to stop all prayers and church services immediately. They said that they would beat up Rev. Bacchelal if he conducted the Church the following Sunday. The Church has been in the area for the past 17 years. The incident was reported at the Aurahi Police Station and the police provided the Church with protection on the following Sunday.
Church Vandalized in Delhi, India	Feb. 2, 2015	Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, India	On February 2, 2015 in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, a church was vandalised. According to the members of St. Alphonsa's Church, unidentified people jumped in from the main gate wall and broke opened the main gate of the church at around 3 am. They ransacked the sacristy cupboards, opened the tabernacle and took the ciborium and emptied it by putting the hosts on the table, the church members said.
Christian School attacked in Jharkhand by locals after false accusations in Jharkhand, India	Feb. 2, 2015	Sahibganj, Jharkhand, India	On February 2, 2015 in Barharwa, Sahibganj, Jharkhand, an agitated crowd of over 1000 people burst into a Christian school premises all on a sudden shouting 'Jai Shri Ram, Beef Eaters go back, we will break your Christian statues' etc. Thereafter, the crowd ran amok stoning, brick-batting, damaging and destroying school and church property. The Holy Family English Medium School level, is run by the Sisters of the Holy Family Congregation. The immediate provocation to the sudden outburst was a false complaint of a girl child's mother being molested by a teacher. A 4-standard girl alleged that Vincent Kujur who had physically abused her. The statement of the child has not been taken however, the child's guardians have issued a statement against the

			teacher. When the school had reopened after the school, the children had made New year cards for the teacher Vincent. He in appreciation of the gesture pat the child's back in encouragement. This gesture has been alleged as abuse.
Pastor threatened to stop conducting prayers in Uttar Pradesh, India	Feb. 7, 2015	Bhadohi, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, India	On February 7, 2015 in Jagapur, Bhadohi, a pastor was threatened to stop the Church that he was leading. The Hindu fundamentalists threatened Pastor Ashok Kumar from the Yeshu Darbar and asked him to stop prayers in the area. No report was filed till press time.
Christians attacked in Odisha, India	Feb. 7, 2015	Malkangiri, Odisha, India	On February 7 in Sigal Village, Malkangiri, about 40 Christians of the Khoya Tribe were attacked and beaten by Hindutva fundamentalists and were being forced to take a dip in the river as part of a Hindu ritual. The fundamentalists also filed a false complaint against the Christians alleging physical violence. The Hindutva fundamentalists have been threatening the Christians for the past three days.
Church asked to close down in Telangana, India	Feb. 7, 2015	Hyderabad, Telangana, India	On February 7, 2015 in Barangpet Village, Hyderabad, 7 Hindu fundamentalists came and threatened Pastor Padma and her husband Bro. G. Baburaoforcing them to Shalom Church of the Victory Ministries. They shouted saying that the Church land does not belong to them. Ps. Padma had bought the land and have been working in the village since 2002. The fundamentalists had earlier come on January 26, 2015 after which the pastor had gone to report the incident at Meerpet Police Station. They went back yesterday too, but Police refused to file the report on both occasions.
Church threatened to discontinue worship in Tamil Nadu, India	Feb. 7, 2015	Cumbam Valley, Theni, Tamil Nadu, India	On February 7, 2015 in Theni, Tamil Nadu, the Worship service of the Church run by Rhema Revival Ministries, Diocese of Cumbam Valley by a mob of Hindutva fundamentalists. They threatened the Church leaders to not to continue the worship services at the Church in Bumiakoundampatti. Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Gnanaprahasam, the Bishop of the diocese has condemned the same and filed a report at the Allinagaram Police Station following the incident
Four Christian women beaten and a woman stripped in Jharkhand, India	Feb. 8, 2015	Chatra, Jharkhand, India	On February 8 at Navardi, Chatra, Jharkhand, Hindu fundamentalists attacked a prayer meeting, dragged four women out to the road , and stripped the clothes off of one lady. The fundamentalists barged into one Christian 's house at about 4 p.m after the ladies finished their prayer meeting ,pulled them out to the road , beat them and later took off the saree of a lady who hosted the prayer meeting and tore her blouse as they continue to shout all kinds of vulgar words at them. The fundamentalists also threatened to impose a fine on the Christians if they do not stop worshipping Christ. Police registered an FIR against the attackers and promised to give protection to the Christians.

Construction of Church opposed in Assam, India	Feb. 9, 2015	Jorhat, Assam, India	On February 9, 2015 in Gohainjan, Jorhat, a mob opposed the construction of a temporary church building in Bhagyolakhi village. A mob of over 100 Hindutva fundamentalists threatened Mr. Kunti Urang, who had donated land for the Believers Church, saying that he would have to leave the village if the Church was built. Fr. Jethu Uriah was warned of dire consequences if he started building the Church. No report was filed till press time.
Two Christian women falsely acused in Tamil Nadu, India	Feb. 10, 2015	Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India	On February 10, 2015 in Gudiyattam, Vellore, two persons were arrested for false allegations of promoting Christianity in the Gudiyattam Government Hospital. The police arrested Radha Krishnan (65) and H Anitha (39), who are cousins and residents of Melalathur. According to police officials, Anitha's husband Henry Pula was a pastor in a church in Melalathur. He died 40 days ago due to a chronic disease. So, Anitha gave loaves of bread and Bibles to 60 patients in the government hospital as a form of ritual in Gudiyattam on Tuesday. A case was registered under section 447 (Punishment for criminal trespass) and 153 (A) (Promoting enmity between groups on grounds of religion and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony) in Gudiyattam town police station.
Attempt of damaging Crossin Haryana, India	Feb. 11, 2015	Hisar, Haryana, India	On February 11, 2015 in Hisar, Haryana, Hindutva fundamentalists attempted to destroy a cross in opposition to the Church that was being constructed in the area. The Believers Church building that was under construction was nearing completion when the incident occurred. When the cross was being put on the church building, about 20 Hindutva fundamentalists came and opposed saying that the Church could not be built there. The Police were informed after which the issue was resolved.
Convent School Vandalised and Robbed in New Delhi, India	Feb. 12, 2015	Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, India	On February 12, 2015 at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, a convent school was vandalized and robbed. School officials say the window of the principal's room was broken by the unknown attackers and Rs.8,000 was reported to be missing.
Christian meeting disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	Feb. 12, 2015	Geedam, Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	On February 12 in Geedam, the gospel meeting of Evangelist Ravi Abraham for which permissions were already sought, was disrupted and forced to close down. The meeting was arranged by Gospel for Christ Mission from 10-12 February, 2015. The mob attacked the meeting on the third day of the meeting.
Church set on fire in Chhattisgarh, India	Feb. 13, 2015	Janjgir, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 13th February 2015 in Akaltara, Janjgir, Bilaspur, a Church was set on fire by unidentified assailants late evening. Rev. Fr. Yeswer Lehre had conducted fasting prayer meeting in the Belivers Church from 11am to 3pm. After the prayer meeting over, Fr. Yeswer locked the church door and went back to his home. Around 6:30pm, he received a call that some unidentified men broke open the doors of the Church dragged books, petromax and other articles just outside the Church door and set fire on them. By the time they had rushed and put off the fire, half of the main Church door was also damaged. An FIR was filed but no action was taken till press time.

Pastor threatened by Fundamentalists in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Feb. 13, 2015	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India	On February 13, 2015 in Bhopal, local fundamentalists threatened a pastor and asked him to discontinue his Church in the area. Ps. Harikishan Rana has been under continuous threat from the Hindutva fundamentalists in the area. Earlier, on November 4, 2014, the pastor and six Christians were attacked by the mob of over 250 people. They had entered their homes, stripped them naked and stole away goods worth Rs. 2 Lakhs. An FIR was filed Bikhiriya Police Station the same day. The pastor is still receiving continuous threats from the fundamentalists. No action has been taken till press time.
Cross vandalized in Telangana, India	Feb. 18, 2015	Secunderabad, Telangana, India	On February 18, 2015, Neredmet, Secunderabad, the Cross that was built in the center of the land that belonged to the Church of South India, Neredmet Pastorate, Diocese of Gadag was dismantled by unidentified persons. A complaint was lodged at the Neredmet Police Station but no action was taken till press time.
Statue desecrated in Goa, India	Feb. 22, 2015	Navelim, Margao, Goa	On February 22, 2015 in Navelim, Margao, Goa, unidentified miscreants vandalized the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes by breaking the glass casket which was installed on a pedestal near the Holy Cross.
Pastor beaten in Tamil Nadu, India	Feb. 22, 2015	Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India	On February 22, 2015 in Palnamkuppam, Tirupattur, Vellore, Ps. Paulraj of the Revival Prayer House was beaten by a mob for conducting a Church service in the area. The local panchayat has agreed to verify the incident, however, no report was filed till press time.
Church repairs stopped in Tamil Nadu, India	Feb. 22, 2015	Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India	On February 22, 2015 in Swaminathapuram, Kanyakumari, fundamentalists objected to the repairs that were being made to the Church. The incident occurred when the New Life Assembly of God Church had begun to repair their Church's roof and a mob came to stop the work. They objected to the Church's presence in the area. A report was filed in the local police station till press time.
Two Christians arrested in Chhattisgarh, India	Feb. 24, 2015	Pithora, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh, India	On February 24 in Pithora, two Christians were arrested after false allegation of conversion was filed against them. Rev. Nilesan Tandi of the Church of North India and Ps. Asrikh Das of the Believers Church were arrested and were kept under custody. No action was taken till press time.
Church vandalized in Karnataka, India	Feb. 24, 2015	Mangalore, Karnataka, India	On February 24, 2015, in Mangalore, the St. Joseph's Church was vandalized at night. Its window panes and door were damaged, though the statues within remained untouched. A report was filed.
Christian beaten by Police in Rajasthan, India	Feb. 25, 2015	Jaipur, Rajasthan, India	On February 25, 2015 in Jaipur, the Mansarovar Police station indulged blatantly in the custodial violence of the 20 members from the Hebron Church of Hyderabad who had come to Jaipur. At the behest of the Hindutva fundamentalists who hurled abuses and barged into the house in Shanti Nagar, Gurjar ki Thadi, where they were staying, the police carried out this action. They pushed these 20 Christians in 2 jeeps and kicked them and pushed them on reaching the police station. They were made to spread their palms and were hit with a patta, photographs give the evidence of serious injuries on the palms and wrists. At least 6 people were seriously injured including one whose wrist watch was damaged.

Church attacked during prayer in Telangana, India	Feb. 28, 2015	Rangareddy, Telangana, India	On February 28 at Chellapally, Mandal, Rangareddy, Telangana, a mob of 30 fundamentalists came and attacked the Chellapally Baptist Church and beat up 3 persons. The Church was hosting the month-end prayer in the evening when some neighbors objected the use of speakers in the Church compound. Even after decreasing the sound, the mob came and attacked the Christians who were gathered for prayer. No persons were injured and no damage to property was reported. No report was filed till press time.
Church Door taken off the walls in Tamil Nadu, India	Feb. 28, 2015	Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, India	On Feb 28 in Nagercoil, fundamentalists came and ripped apart the door from the walls of a Church. The new doors were installed on February 26 at the Newman Missionary Society Church's building that was being constructed and nearing completion. No report has been filed till press time.
Christian prayer stopped by protesters in Madhya Pradesh, India	Mar. 1, 2015	Jobat, Alirajpur, Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, India	On March 1, 2015 in jobat, Alirajpur, Hindutva fundamentalists raised slogans outside a prayer hall falsely accusing Christians of conversions. Around 300 Christians were present in the Church of North India's prayer hall on Jhabua Road when the fundamenetalists arrived at 10 am, nearly an hour after the Sunday prayer began. They raised anti-Christian slogans and also hurled insults during their protest till the police arrived. No report was filed.
Pastor denied permission to conduct Church services in Tamil Nadu, India	Mar. 2, 2015	Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu, India	On March 2, 2015 in Nagapalli Anai (Dam) area, Pennagaram Taluk, it was reported that Ps. Manivaran of the Holy Bible Revival Church was denied permission to conduct Church service in the area. The local tehsildar issued a statement to him denying entry into the area without citing any explanation. Earlier, the Church was stopped in January 2015 as local groups opposed his entering in to the village.
Burial Service disrupted in Haryana, India	Mar. 6, 2015	Faridabad, Haryana, India	On March 6, 2015 in Paali near Faridabad, a Christian burial ceremony was disrupted, stopped by local villagers and later the Christians were chased away from the cemetery. Ps. Mahipal Singh along with 70-80 Christians had gathered at Paali Christian Cemetery for a burial service. When they had begun digging the pit for the coffin to be lowered down, fundamentalists in about 12 bikes came to the spot and stopped the digging of the pit. They said that this land's soil cannot be used to bury a Christian. The mob then grew to about 700 people with local villagers joining in, who then started damaging vehicles, the ambulance that was carrying the body and chased away all the Christians. The Police then came to the spot and escorted the Pastor and 3 others who had stayed back with the body to another Christian Cemetery at Faridabad Sector 19 where the ceremony was completed. Two Christians are still reported to be at the hospital. The land that was being disputed to be used for burial was allotted recently by the Haryana Government to be used as a Christian Cemetery and about 6 burials had already taken place on the land.

Pastor falsely accused of conversion in Madhya Pradesh, India	Mar. 7, 2015	Barwani, Madhya Pradesh	On March 7, 2015 in Barwani, Pas. Lalsingh was arrested near Julwania Police Station at 3:30pm on false allegations of conversion during a prayer meeting. The local villagers had opposed the prayer and had informed the Police. The Police then transferred him to Rajpur Police Station fearing that the mob would attack them. On the other hand, the Hindutva fundamentalists surrounded the Julwania Police Station to stop the Police to go to Rajpur to complete the formalities. All allegations were proved to be false and they were released the next day.
Christians threatened and asked to leave the Church in Haryana, India	Mar. 8, 2015	Faridabad, Haryana, India	On March 8, 2015 in Sector 35, Faridabad, the Bethania Church was disrupted and later threatened by Hindu Fundamentalists during their morning worship service. They beat the Christians while threatening them but no one was reported to be injured. All Christians were asked to leave the premises. The Christians then went to a neighboring branch Church and continued their worship. The Church has been in the area for 24 years. No report was filed till press time.
Church attacked and threatened in Haryana, India	Mar. 8, 2015	Jhajjar, Haryana, India	On March 8, 2015, at Jhajjar, a church was attacked by fundamentalists and vandalized the property. Though no one was hurt, the Anant Parmeshwar ka Mandir Church and few damages to the property were reported. The Police later intervened and settled the matter between the Church and attackers. Though the matter was settled, they have been receiving threats from the fundamentalists to stop their Church worship.
Christian Man and his Sons beaten for their Faith in Chhattisgarh, India	Mar. 8, 2015	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	On March 8, 2015 at Jholapara, village Tarkaguda, Bastar, 3 Christians were beaten by his relatives for their faith. Kamal Nag, who is the believer of Bastar For Christ Movement Church, Tarkaguda and his two sons, Boti and Raju were attacked and badly beaten up by his relatives, instigated by Hindutva fundamentalists at about 5 PM. Kamalibai, sister of Kamal Nag, her son Baldev, Lachchhiram Kashyap, Bhagirathi Nag and others forced Kamal Nag and his sons to give up their faith in Jesus. When they stood firm and refused to renounce Jesus, they started abusing and beating them. They forcibly took possession of the portion of agricultural field along with tress, belonging to Kamal Nag. Kamalibai and others filed a false FIR against Kamal Nag and two sons, accusing them of threatening and beating. The case was registered under IPC Sections 294, 323, 506 & 34 on 08.03.2015. When Kamal Nag and his sons approached Badanji Police Station, they refused to even accept the complaint. They were arrested and later released on bail from the police station.
Christian Man opposed for his Faith in Haryana, India	Mar. 9, 2015	Rohtak, Haryana, India	On March 9, 2015 in Farmana Badshahpur Village, Rohtak, local villagers objected to Mr. Mukesh being a part of Uddar ka Jeevan church in Kalanaur. Fundamentalists gathered outside the Primary Health Center where he was employed and protested him being a Christian. They created a ruckus in protest threatening him not to share about his faith and go to church. Later, they opposed him working at the Health Center and got him fired by his contractors. No report was filed till press time.

<p>Pastor and Christians beaten by mob in West Bengal, India</p>	<p>Mar. 10, 2015</p>	<p>Rayapara, Dankuni, Hooghly, West Bengal, India</p>	<p>On March 10, 2015 at Rayapara, Dankuni, Hooghly, a pastor and 4 other Christians were attacked and beaten by a mob. The incident occurred when Pastor John while conducting prayer along with his mother in law and four other women were attacked by Hindutva fundamentalists in the village. The prayer was organized in one of the Christian family's house who attended the Agape In Action Church for prayer between 6 to 7 pm . A mob of about 200 people came and took the pastor along with other Christians to a nearby temple and forced them to perform Hindu rituals. When they refused to comply with their demands, they starting beating them. The ladies were beaten up by the ladies of the community who had also gathered.No report has been filed till press time.</p>
<p>Odissa</p>	<p>Mar. 11, 2014</p>	<p>Ranipada, Gudrikiya, Kandhamal District</p>	<p>In Ranipada, Gudrikiya, Kandhamal Dis-trict, Hindu fundamentalists threatened to physically assault the Christians after they collected some stones to build a church in the area. The fanatics shouting anti-Christian slogans came to the spot and took all the stones away and threatened to harm the Christians if they tried to do any kind of Christian activities. The Christians thereafter locked themselves inside their homes to avoid the attack of the fundamentalists. Christian leaders from the said area approached area officials to solve the matter. World Evangelical Alliance: www.worldea.org/.../EFI.Persecution.Watch.Annual.Report.2014.pdf, Page. 29</p>
<p>Under-construction church vandalised and cross replaced with Hanuman idol in Haryana, India</p>	<p>Mar. 14, 2015</p>	<p>Hisar, Haryana, India</p>	<p>On March 14, 2015 at Hisar, Haryana, an under-construction church in Kaimri village was found to be vandalised by a group and the cross replaced with an idol of Hanuman. Father Subhash Chand of Believers Church lodged a complaint against 14 people, following which a case was registered by police under sections 147 (Punishment for rioting), 153A (promoting enmity between groups), 295 (destroying, damaging a place of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class of persons), 380 (theft in a building), 506 (criminal intimidation) of IPC. Police said that on March 6, a group of youths entered the plot where the church was being built, and forcibly installed a Hanuman idol there. Earlier, on Febraury 11, 2015, fundamentalists had attempted to destroy the cross installed on the Church Building that was under construction.</p>
<p>Christians asked to leave village in West Bengal, India</p>	<p>Mar. 15, 2015</p>	<p>Rayapara, Dankuni, Hooghly, West Bengal, India</p>	<p>On March 15, 2015 at Rayapara, Dankuni, Hooghly, 11 families were forcibly asked to leave the village by Hindutva fundamentalists. Out of 11 families, 10 families are still there in the village as they own a house in the village whereas one family who had a rented accommodation moved out of the village and are staying with the Pastor of Agape In Action Church. Earlier, on March 10, 2015, a mob had attacked the Christians in the village during a prayer. No report has been filed till press time.</p>

Nun raped in West Bengal, India	Mar. 15, 2015	Ranaghat, Nadia, West Bengal, India	On March 15, 2015 in Ranaghat, a 71-year-old nun of a convent school was gang-raped early on Saturday. She was injured so badly that she had to undergo a surgery. The elderly nun was assaulted when a band of robbers raided the Convent of Jesus and Mary, reportedly stole more than Rs. 8 lakhs and vandalized its chapel.
Construction of Church opposed in Andhra Pradesh, India	Mar. 16, 2015	Vishakapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India	On March 16, 2015 in Vishakapatnam, fundamentalists opposed to the construction of the Church building in the area. The independent church led by Bro. Ashok Kumar has been there for 20 years in a small hut with 50 members which was now being constructed into a proper building. No report was filed till press time.
Christians falsely accused in Madhya Pradesh, India	Mar. 16, 2015	Multai, Betul, Madhya Pradesh, India	On March 16, 2015 in Multai, Police detained four pastors for two days “ as a preventive measure from the violent mob” after the Hindu extremists stopped their prayer meeting, accused them of forceful conversion and dragged them to the police station. The police released the pastors without any charges against them.
Attack on Christian Church, Haryana	Mar. 16, 2015	Hisar, HARYANA	Attack on Church in Hisar: VHP In Support Of Attackers ? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxDhe_nCYul ABP Sanjha https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LebwILOIaFQ AajTak - Mar 19, 2015.
Church attacked during Bible convention in Madhya Pradesh, India	Mar. 20, 2015	Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, India	On March 20, 2015 at Jabalpur, Hindutva fundamentalists attacked a church and a church-run school. The mob vandalized the Cathedral Church and St. Thomas School premises where a Bible convention was being held. At least 200 Christians were present at the convention. The mob created a ruckus, smashed flowerpots, broke furniture, and falsely accused the Christians of conversion.
Church set on fire in Tamil Nadu, India	Mar. 20, 2015	Thiruvavur, Tamil Nadu, India	On March 20, 2015 in Thiruvavur, a Church was set on fire resulting into damage in property. The arson attack took place at the Jesus Loves Prayer House at 11:30 pm. Two days before the incident, fundamentalists had objected to the repairs that the Church was undertaking and had threatened the Pastor. The Police then intervened to ensure that the repair work was not obstructed and that it continued. An FIR has been filed at the Peralam police station post the incident.
Church attacked in Maharashtra, India	Mar. 21, 2015	New Panvel, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	On March 21, 2015 at New Panvel, Navi Mumbai, the St George Catholic Church was attacked in the early hours as unidentified men hurled stones inside the church and damaged the glass enclosure of the statue. According to the CCTV footage, the attack was carried out by two persons who were riding pillion on a motorcycle at around 1:30 am when they hurled stones at the Church located near a bridge in the area. In the incident, the covering glass outside the statue of Saint George got damaged.

Prayer Meeting attacked in Uttar Pradesh, India	Mar. 25, 2015	Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India	On March 25, 2015 in Agra, mob attacked a prayer meeting and beat up the Christians present in the house. Pastor Vishal Kindle and 3 other Christians were beaten by the mob of Hindu fundamentalists. Pastor and other Christians had gathered in one of their church member's house for a prayer meeting when they were attacked. Even the women were not spared. Later the Police took the Christians including 4 women to Sadar Police station after which the fundamentalists surrounded the Police Station.
Christians attacked in Uttar Pradesh, India	Mar. 25, 2015	Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh, India	On March 25, 2015 at Belwaghat Village, Maharajganj, 15 Christians were attacked by a mob during a prayer meeting. While Ps. Ramdas and other Christians were praying in one of the Christians' house, a mob of about 20 persons rushed into the house and brutally beat them. They falsely accused them of conversions. A FIR was filed later in the Kothibhar Police Station.
Church attacked in Kerala, India	Mar. 26, 2015	Thrissur, Kerala, India	On March 26, 2015 in Kunnankulam, Trishur, Kerala suspected Hindu extremists partially burned up Church of God and also the two motor bikes and car of pastor Emmanuel in the wee hours of the morning. The incident took place after the pastor distributed leaflets for conducting Vocational Bible School on April 6. Police complaint was filed and police investigation is going on.
Gang Rape on Nun, West Bengal	Mar. 26, 2015	Nadia of West Bengal.	Two arrested in Bengal nun gang-rape case ! http://www.indiatomorrow.net/eng/two-arrested-in-bengal-nun-gang-rape-case
Church asked to vacate premises in Uttar Pradesh, India	Mar. 28, 2015	Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, India	On March 28, 2015 in Swar Tehsil, Rampur, Hindutva fundamentalists objected to the Church services and asked the congregation to leave the village. The incident occurred when the leader of the Maswasi Village along with Hindutva fundamentalists came to The Salvation for Asia Church and asked them to vacate the premises that they had hired for Church services. The Church still has two more years left according to the lease deed. No report was filed till press time.
Prayer meeting attacked in Kerala, India	Mar. 30, 2015	Kottayam, Kerala, India	On March 30, 2015 in Chingavanam, Kottayam, fundamentalists objected to a prayer meeting and attacked a Christian at the meeting. The incident occurred when while the prayer meeting of the Hebron Ministry Prayer House was conducted, a father and son duo barged into the house and attacked Suresh who led the prayer and asked him to stop the prayer. Such prayer meetings were being conducted at the house for over 2 years, however, for the last past two months, they have been threatened by the father and son repeatedly for holding prayers.
Pastor attacked in Punjab, India	April 1, 2015	Pathankot, Punjab, India	On April 1, 2015 in Dhangusara, Pathankot, the Pastor of the Tarmal Prayer Tower was attacked by Hindutva fundamentalists for starting a Church in the area. An FIR was filed but no action has been taken till press time.

<p>Saffron Flag forcefully hoisted at Church in Telangana, India</p>	<p>April 5, 2015</p>	<p>Mahbubnaga, Telangana, India</p>	<p>On April 5, 2015 in in Makthal Mandhal, Mahbubnagar , Hindutva fundamenlists attacked the Easter rising service of Bethel church and manhandled the pastor. The fundamentalists hoisted a saffron flag in one of the poles of the church premises and when the pastor took down the flag, the fundamentalists started to create disturbances near the church premises. The pastor was later summoned to the Hindu temple where they verbally abused and manhandled him. Later, the police forced the pastor to compromise with the attackers.</p>
<p>Pastors brutally attacked with knives in Telangana, India</p>	<p>April 8, 2015</p>	<p>Mahbubnaga, Telangana, India</p>	<p>On April 8, 2015 in Pebber, Mahbubnagar, a mob of Hindutva fundamentalists shouting “ Jai Shri Ram” forcefully entered into the gospel meeting of pastors, accused them of forceful conversion. The fundamentalists seriously injured four pastors. After the intervention of the local church leaders, the police registered an FIR against five attackers. The incident took place when an Independent Church, Kristu Prema Krupa Mandiram, organized three days of revival meetings in an open area from April 6-8, 2015. More than 300 Christians gathered from nearby villages for the meetings. On the final day during the final session, a mob of Hindu radicals stormed into the meeting with wooden clubs, iron rods, and knives. The attackers, with their well thought-out plans, first destroyed the lights and then broke the PA (public address) system while shouting loud anti-Christian slogans. More than half a dozen Christians sustained severe injuries, as the attackers carried out the violence, hitting Christians indiscriminately, smashing toes and hitting them on their heads.</p>
<p>Church construction halted in Tamil Nadu, India</p>	<p>April 9, 2015</p>	<p>Polachi, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India</p>	<p>On April 9, 2015, the Good News Mission Church at Ramanamadaliapuram, Polachi, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu was not allowed to begin the construction of their Church in spite of being granted permission by the local panchayat. The Police report was filed but they have asked the Pastor to seek permission from the SP and the District Collector.</p>
<p>Church Foundation Stone vandalized in Uttar Pradesh, India</p>	<p>April 11, 2015</p>	<p>Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, India</p>	<p>On April 10, 2015 at Bulandshahr, Haryana, the foundation stone that was laid for the Church to be built was vandalized and broken by unidentified assailants. The Foundation Stone was laid in 1989 at the Methodist Episcopal Church compound, now known as Bulandshahr Methodist Church which presently houses a school and ladies hostel. A complaint was filed the next day, April 11 with the Kotwal of the Avash Vikash Bulandshahr P.S. and a complaint was separately mailed by post to the SSP and the DM . No action has been taken by police till press time.</p>
<p>Hindu Mahasabha calls for forced reconversion of Muslims and Christians, Haryana, India.</p>	<p>April 12, 2015</p>	<p>Jind HARYANA</p>	<p>Hindu Mahasabha leader calls for forced sterilization of Muslims, Christians to restrict growing population !! "The population of Muslims and Christians is growing day by day. To rein in this, Centre will have to impose emergency, and Muslims and Christians will have to be</p>

			<p>forced to undergo sterilization so that they can't increase their numbers," vice president of All India Hindu Mahasabha, Sadhvi Deva Thakur said, She also exhorted Hindus to have more children and increase their population so as to have an effect on the world. In another controversial remark, she said idols of Hindu gods and goddesses should be placed in mosques and churches, Thakur also came out strongly in support of installing a statue of "patriot" Nathuram Godse in Haryana.</p> <p>http://www.msn.com/en-in/news/other/hindu-mahasabha-leader-calls-for-forced-sterilisation-of-muslims-christians-to-restrict-growing-population/ar-AAaRwDt</p>
Hindu Threatens Christians to burnt down church, Uttar Pradesh, India.	April 12, 2015	UP	<p>Hindus Send This Message To Christians: We Will Burn Down Your Entire Church If You Do Not Leave !!</p> <p>http://shoebat.com/2015/04/12/hindus-send-this-message-to-christians-we-will-burn-down-your-entire-church-if-you-do-not-leave/</p>
Church banned in Tamil Nadu, India	April 13, 2015	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India	<p>On April 13, 2015 at Vaylu, Coimbatore the local Panchayat passed orders to ban the Church in the village. The Apostolic Church with a congregation of about 15 Christians has been in the village for over 4 years. Hindutva fundamentalists had stopped the services in the Church in November 2014 and then passed the order by word to ban the Church. No report was filed till press time.</p>
Church vandalized in Agra, India	April 16, 2015	Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India	<p>On April 16, 2015 in Agra, unidentified people damaged four statues of Mother Mary and wrapped a dog chain around one of them in an early morning vandalism at St. Mary's Church. The persons also broke window panes of a car parked inside the church premise. A report has been filed till press time.</p>
Christians brutally beaten in Assam, India	April 17, 2015	Goalpara, Assam, India	<p>On April 17, 2015 at Amtola Village, Goalpara, a mob of about 100 Hindu extremists armed with swords, bamboo sticks and stones attacked Christians who were eating after a service at 8 p.m. At least 15 Christians were injured, many of them wounded on their heads and upper bodies.</p>
Christians under constant life threats in Chhattisgarh, India	April 20, 2015	Dantewada, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	<p>On April 20, 2015 at Mokhpal Village, Dantewada, the Christians in the village have been receiving threats for over two weeks. Hindutva fundamentalists have also threatened to destroy the church property in the village. No report was filed till press time.</p>

Pastor arrested after false allegations of Conversion in Bihar, India	April 20, 2015	Nawada, Bihar, India	On April 20, 2015 at Hisua, Nawada, 3 pastors were arrested after being falsely accused of conversion. The fundamentalists had alleged that they were converting mahadalits by using Christian literature. After due investigations, the police said that all allegations against the 3 pastors were false.
Attack on Church justified, Uttar Pradesh, India.	April 22, 2015	Agra, UP	Days after a church in Agra was targeted, the Hindu Mahasabha on Monday said attacking a church is not "illegal" and "violates no law."(Agra court admitted a petition by six lawyers, affiliated to the RSS, seeking to declare the Taj Mahal a Shiva temple) http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/not-illegal-hindu-outfit/article7127604.ece
Christians boycotted, Odisha, India	April 28, 2014	Kalchipudadihi, Deogarh District, Odisha	In Kalchipudadihi, Deggarh district, alleged Hindu extremists mob excommunicated three tribal Christian families on 28 April. According to our correspondent Advocate Ramakant Parichha, the extremists excommunicated and deprived three Christian families from enjoying common facilities of the village road, water and forest land because of their faith in Christ. The extremists spoiled the water well of the Christians by putting dust and garbage. They further have forbidden the Christians to mix or talk to anybody, to take part in any social functions or walk on the main road. The extremists also threatened to snatch away the Govt. land allotted to the Christians, to cancelled their BPL Cards and demolished their houses if they do not renounce Christ. Evangelical Fellowship of India NEWS
Church attacked by fundamentalists in Madhya Pradesh, India	May 10, 2015	Dewas, Madhya Pradesh	On May 10, 2015 at Dewas, a pastor and his congregation, were attacked by a mob allegedly led by Hindu Fundamentalists in the evening as the Church was gathered for their Sunday worship as usual. The attackers pushed the Church members around and verbally abused the Pastor, pushing him around as well. Police and media personnel accompanied the attackers. The police took the Pastor and congregation into custody and took them to Kotwali police station in Dewas for questioning. Other local pastors, who had gone to the Sacred Heart School (where the Church normally meets) after hearing the news, were also attacked by fanatics. After midnight the police finally let the congregation members, about 40 people, go. The police subsequently released the Pastor too.
Christian killed in Odisha, India	May 25, 2014	Rayagada, Odisha, India	On 25 May in Dherubada, Rayagada, Hindu extremists brutally murdered Nimmaka Laxmaya (50) as he was returning home after attending a prayer meeting and the baptism of his youngest child.300 DAYS, Sabrang: www.sabrang.com/news/2015/ReportModi300days.pdf , Page. 34

Demolition of Christians' church and houses. Odisha, India.	June 11, 2014	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	In Bhubaneswar, the local authorities demolished a church and thirty houses belonging to Christians in the slums of Behera without giving them any compensation. According to Church leaders, the gesture "is a way to intimidate and persecute the 250 poor Christians" who were left without shelter, food and drinking water. World Evangelical Alliance: www.worldea.org/.../EFI.Persecution.Watch.Annual.Report.2014.pdf , Page. 29
Statement by RSS chief, Odisha, India.	Aug. 10, 2014	Cuttack	Cultural identity of all Indians is Hindutva Mohan Bhagwat, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Times of india: http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Cultural-identity-of-all-Indians-isHindutva-RSS-chief-Mohan-Bhagwatsays/articleshow/40019241.cms
Communal Tension Flares up, Odisha, India.	Sept. 2, 2014	Biramitrapur, Odisha	Indianexpress: - http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/Communal-Tension-Flares-up-in-Biramitrapur/2014/09/02/article2410719.ec
Prayer Meeting for Hudhud Cyclone Attacked in Odisha	Oct. 11, 2014	Junagarh, Kalahandi, Odisha, India	A prayer meeting organized by India Christians Revival Mission (ICRM) praying for safety from the Hudhud cyclone was attacked by Hindu fundamentalists on October 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The prayer meetings were scheduled for three days, that is, 10-12 October 2014. After the meetings were conducted smoothly for one and half days, some Hindu Activists came to the venue of the meeting which was Junagarh townhall asking about the program. They then returned at 7:00 pm with a mob and stopped the meeting. 300 DAYS, Sabrang: www.sabrang.com/news/2015/ReportModi300days.pdf , Page. 48
Houses of Christians burnt by Hindu, Odisha, India.	Oct. 15, 2014	Gumkaguda, Malkangiri, Odisha	In Gumkaguda, Malkangiri, Hindu fun-damentalists burned down the house of one Christian family, Irma Markami at midnight and beat them up because of their faith in Christ. World Evangelical Alliance: www.worldea.org/.../EFI.Persecution.Watch.Annual.Report.2014.pdf , Page. 29
Attack on Christian family, Odisha, India.	Oct. 25, 2014	Gumkaguda, Malkangiri, Odisha	In Gumkaguda, Malkangiri, five Christians from one family were hospitalised with serious injuries after Hindu fundamentalists beat them up at a public meeting after the Christians refused to renounce Christ. World Evangelical Alliance: www.worldea.org/.../EFI.Persecution.Watch.Annual.Report.2014.pdf , Page. 29

<p>Christian man killed after prayer meeting, Odisha, India.</p>	<p>Feb. 10, 2015</p>	<p>Rayagada, Odisha, India</p>	<p>Nimakka Laxmaya (50), a recent convert, was killed on his way back from prayer meeting in Vanidi Village in Odisha.</p> <p>Hindustantimes: http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/7-000-christians-faced-threats-in-2014-says-report-by-catholic-body/article1-1315266.aspx, Para.4</p>
<p>Christians attacked in Odisha, India</p>	<p>Feb. 15, 2015</p>	<p>Sigal, Malkangiri, Odisha.</p>	<p>In Sigal Village, Malkangiri, about 40 Christians of the Khoya Tribe were attacked and beaten by Hindutva fundamentalists and were being forced to take a dip in the river as part of a Hindu ritual. The fundamentalists also filed a false complaint against the Christians alleging physical violence. The Hindutva fundamentalists have been threatening the Christians for the past three days.</p> <p>300 DAYS, Sabrang: www.sabrang.com/news/2015/ReportModi300days.pdf, Page. 6</p>
<p>Gang rape case, Odisha</p>	<p>Mar. 16, 2015</p>	<p>Bhubaneswar, Odisha</p>	<p>The incident had created a political storm as the main accused, Mahesh Agarwal, was a leader of the state's Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and was the chief of the local block.</p> <p>UCANINDIA: http://www.ucanindia.in/news/six-get-10-year-jail-term-in-odisha-gang-rape/28301/daily</p>

A Year of Intimidations of Minorities and their Defenders

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The BJP government led by Narendra Modi at the Centre has completed one year and rightly it is time to evaluate the activities of this government. It was argued by the commentators that the government has come to power on 'governance' agenda as there was an absolute 'policy paralysis' during the Congress regime when the ministers as well as bureaucrats were not taking any decision. This government has overturned that and it is on a fast track to favor a few industrialists. It has continued with anti people agenda such as labor laws are being changed, consent part of the land acquisition act is being taken off so that it could be acquired at will to keep the crony capitalist in good mood.

Those of us who have been tracking the growth of Hindutva in India had already said that this government would unleash their hidden agenda once it comes to power through 'media' management to grab headlines as Sangh ideologue Arun Shourie said in an interview adding that the minorities are living in a fear and when a person like Juleo Ribero can feel unsafe and unwanted in India then it need to be seriously looked into.

Arun Shourie may be a case of grapes turning sour but the fact is that this government has wonderfully developed the cocktail of Corporate and Hindutva to strengthen its agenda. With huge flow of funds, corporate are enjoying the hospitality of the government. Some of these industrialists are part of Prime Minister's business trip abroad, which actually never happened in the past in such an unashamed way. If the current government's favoritism remain unstopped, one may see M/s Adani becoming the biggest 'corporate' house of the country leaving behind another friend Mukesh Ambani.

There is no growth factor in India. Reports of farmers' suicide are already there and the government has not shown any inclination to address the issue. Prime Minister Modi and his advisers felt that they can 'convince' the people all the time with high voltage media distortion campaign through raising various non issues and converting them into major polarization material everyday so that their economic agenda is smoothly implemented without any protest but the people can not be fooled all the time and there are restive signs all over the country against the policies of this government which favors a few and torture most of the poor.

Despite all our apprehensions about the government and the man who was leading it, the people all over the country actually got convinced that there is a 'Gujarat' model which would bring 'achche din' for all which was emphasized so much and for the first time in the past 28 years, a single party got absolute majority in Parliament. The Prime Minister had good will of the people and even many of the Muslim leaders felt that things would change and he would get away with the dark chapter of 2002 and initiate a new chapter with minorities particularly the Muslims but as things stand today we can only say that the government has not been able to create an atmosphere of good will among the people but an environment of fear and apprehension is being spread through lies and distortion campaign and cooked up stories in the media.

It was outrageous to see that there is no positive action to ensure that victims of Muzaffarnagar violence get justice and those who have lost everything in these well-orchestrated riots get rehabilitated. A large

number of people are still living in relief camps and not being allowed to go back their home. Those who were behind these riots have been honored by the government and given important positions both within the party and the government. Though it is also a fact that Uttar Pradesh government's own track record in this regard has been highly questionable.

Muzaffarnagar experiment actually helped the BJP in a big way as it polarized people in Western Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi to some extent and the party tried to reap the harvest through creating similar conditions in Trilokpuri in Delhi but failed miserably as people realized the dangers of it yet different outfits of Sangh Parivar have emerged in the past one year to vitiate the atmosphere particularly to corner the Muslims and their cultural heritage. Over 500 riots have been reported in Uttar Pradesh at different places in the year 2014 particularly on smaller issues such as noise of the loudspeakers, petty squabbles, village land disputes particularly common properties, cow slaughtering or beef eating. The sudden growth in the number of RSS Shakhas make things uncomfortable for many. Slogans like Vande-mataram and Bharat mata ki jai are shouted in a provocative way particularly if it is passing through or being organized near a Muslim locality. Everywhere 'controversial' issues are being raked up and a new definition is being attempted to it. Everything in India has a Hindu past, is the new theory and hence 'new' 'research' is being forwarded to us through the likes of Deenanath Batras so that people of our country get 'authentic' information about our past. So Taj Mahal is a Shiva Temple and fictitious cases are being filed. The problem is that such issues are being deliberately converted into 'legal' framework to create political controversy and create conditions for further isolation of Muslims to consolidate the 'Hindus'.

It is important to understand the modus operandi of the Hindutva outfits these days and not all of them are necessarily creation of the Sangh Parivar yet all of them feel that nothing could happen as it is their 'own' government. These outfits are raising 'non' issues but they know it well that once they pick it up and convert it into political debate. They too get some time on prime time and while government will assure something yet place a rider on the issues raised by these nondescript outfits such as happened in Delhi recently which defaced all the names of the roads named under the Mughal rulers like Shahjahan Road, Feroz Shah Road and other like them and after the incident they spoke on Television and threatened to do again. This happened in the heart of the capital of India and the government could do nothing. No one was arrested and so far we did not hear any reaction from the government.

The fact is that those in power today support such thoughts as India for them is of 'Hindu' nationalists as it is their 'pitrabhumi' or fatherland as defined by Savarkar. Hence it is important to instill a sense of 'pride' among Hindus which is only possible through 'rewriting' history and for that all Mughals have to be decried and denounced as 'outsiders' and hence as Rajnath Singh said, 'Akbar may have been great but Maha Rana Pratap was definitely greater', and interesting part is added in a 'mythology' which he just created saying that 'even' Vietnam's revolution was 'inspired' by Pratap's valor. To further strengthen his claim he said that even Bhagat Singh and Chandra Shekhar Azad got ideas from the 'guerilla warfare' of Rana Pratap.

Hindutva's assault on Muslim is multi pronged and need to be understood well. On the one side there is a 'history' project and other side cultural isolation of the Muslims through deliberately raising 'sensitive' issues, which most non-Muslims too 'support' at certain point of time. The issue of beef is one such

issue, which need to be seriously understood from a perspective of not just food diversity but also a cultural habits of Dalits and Adivasis in many regions. Even if we do not go to the historical fact of Brahmins eating beef in India, it is important to respect food as a culture. If we want to make India into Hindu nation as a counterpart of Islamic countries where selling and eating pork is constitutionally prohibited and only Halal meat is possible to eat then we are charting towards a dangerous road map which might create hundreds of problem as the fact is that India with its rich cultural diversity and its homogenization will only create Hindu Taliban who will control our minds and food habits. The Halal and Jhatka meet concept also come handy for the Sangh Parivar and hence all the non-Muslims too develop such tendencies to doubt Muslims. The racial prejudices are practiced in our society also when buffalo beef is allowed but cow beef is banned. We would appreciate if the government of India could release the list of main beef suppliers in India and their owners and we will have a hugely surprising list of those who fight against beef politically actually are the owners of big slaughter houses. The conspiracy of beef banned has to be understood. How has the same BJP stopped short of calling for beef ban in the north-east where their own colleagues in the party warned them against raising any such issue. Why has the chief minister of Goa not banned beef in his state when his 'elder' leader in Maharashtra done so?

We know people in our societies develop 'cold' feelings for those who have 'different' eating habits. Despite that we lived together for years. It is not that only Muslims eat beef or only they are doing business out of it but the attempt by the government is targeted at them. Jhatka and Halal meet controversy is also used to polarize as the 'Hindu' population would go to Jhatka while the Muslims would eat Halal meet but at the end of the day both serve the mobilisation of communities and create an image of homogenization.

In the past few years the Khap Panchayats dominated the social debate though political parties were not able to take up a stand against it. Slowly, these Khap Panchayats actually became 'mobilisation' ground for the Hindutva in the name of community identity though media rose up the issue and asked difficult questions. Khap question actually created an image of caste ridden society and Sangh Parivar is keen to 'eliminate' the whole caste discrimination question and hence it created a new terminology of 'Love Jihad' to convert the whole issue of 'right to choice' into a communal question between the Hindus and Muslims. The old khaps jumped into the bandwagon of this new divisive agenda, which got justified by Sangh Parivar and their 'experts'. The police failure to protect the people and their inter-religious marriages is a grave challenge to our fundamental rights particularly the issue of our choices. A khap cannot decide an individual's right but slowly we are entering into that region where individual's will has to be surrendered to these over dominating Khaps, a dangerous sign of things for the coming days. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka are some of the states where this 'experiment' is threatening individuals to protect their right to choice.

It is a well-established fact that Muslims in India are marginalized and need all efforts for their uplift socially and economically. There are many 'castes' among Muslims who are backwards and Dalits but every time the issue is raised there is an alarming signal from the Hindutva organisations. The issue of Muslim reservation comes handy for them to organize the Dalits and OBCs into a block to oppose it and seek the reservation outside their defined quota. The 'Parivar' is dead against any support to Muslims and that is why these contradictions are used by it to penetrate into the communities it has never been

able to reach.

Ambedkar's writings are being used to push the double agenda of the Sangh Parivar. One, place Ambedkar as anti Muslim nationalist and second bring Dalits into broader Hindu fold by claiming that Buddhism is nothing but Hinduism. Already, the look east policy and attempt to woo Dalits and Buddhist is a clear agenda of 'broadening' Hindutva and stop them alienating with Muslims and other minorities. In fact, even minorities are being divided between those who are 'considered' Indian in the term of their 'pitrabhumi' verses those who 'pitrabhumi' is not India. So, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists are actually being placed in one block and being pitched against Muslims and Christians. It is therefore important for us to remind them clearly to study 'Riddles of Rama and Krishna' which was fiercely opposed by the caste Hindus when being published. One can not forget the 22 oaths that Dr Ambedkar asked his followers to take when embracing Buddhism maintain clearly that they will not believe in any of the Hindu gods and rituals. It is also clear that Ambedkar while critical of 'political Islam' said that Hindu Rashtra would be a calamity for the nation.

The issue of Ghar Vapsi is nothing but distortion of facts to twist them to fit into the agenda of Sangh Parivar to intimidate the Muslims and Christians. It is not an unknown fact that most of the religion in the world grew because of people converted after learning about them. It is also a fact that people are lured into conversion but we should also not underestimate people's understanding of the issue. Most of the people in India actually converted to save themselves from the tyranny of caste system. The Hindus and the Sangh Parivar cannot shy away from this dirty fact and must accept it. If money were the sole criteria the upper caste Hindus would have converted fast as many of them did in Kerala and elsewhere and started practicing the same caste system in their respective religions too. While as an atheist, I have no love for religion but as a human rights defender, I stand with the rights of minorities to protect, promote and propagate their religious values as long as they are not in violation of human rights of an individual. It is true about the Hindutva people also so long as they do not violate the democratic spirit of the constitution. The problem with Sangh Parivar is not Christians that much as Muslims as they know it well that Islam in India gave people a choice to live with their head high. The biggest jolt to them came in term of mass conversion in Meenakshipuram in 1981 when over 800 Dalits embraced Islam. The problem with brahmanical Hinduism is that it does not believe in conversion as the entire edifice of Brahmanism is based on theory of 'purity' based on our 'birth' and hence we cannot change that here. A Dalit will always remain a dalit as a Brahmin even if he is an idiot, corrupt and ignorant will have to be respected according to Manu Dharmshastra. This edifice based on superstructure of caste does not allow people to convert into 'Hinduism' as in case some body want to 'convert' to Hinduism then which 'caste' would you place him and therefore it makes mockery of the entire 'ghar-wapsi' exercise even technically and in legal terms most of these campaign are intimidating the minorities and Dalits and using their vulnerabilities and yet no action has been taken against any of those who committed these crimes. Hate mongers like Sakshi Maharaj, Giriraj Singh, Adityanath, Niranjan Jyoti should face law of the land for their hate speeches yet they roam freely and are much in demand for 'electioneering'. The manipulations of the first past the post system has damaged Muslims more as it has become relatively easier to create frenzy about Muslims through social media propaganda and therefore marginalizing them further. Rumors put as 'stories' on social media are used to create an intimidating environment for Muslims all over the country. It is using different tactics at different places particularly exploiting local

'sentiments' and minute property 'disputes' to build up an environment of terror. Assam and Bengal are the target zones as situation there will actually define the saffron politics elsewhere. Muslims continue to live in fear in Assam as in certain Bodo dominated areas there is a perpetual threat to their life. In May last year, Bodo militants massacred over 40 Muslims and there is a perpetual threat to the lives of Muslims in the region. The state government failed to protect the lives of Muslims being termed as 'Bangladeshis'. In a similar case an innocent person was dragged out of Kohima Jail and lynched in the public for allegedly 'raping' a native woman. The fact of the story was different but the man whose father and brothers worked with Indian Air Force was termed as Bangladeshi. Whipping up sentiments through 'cultural' issues is the based practice to spread the poisonous agenda and intimidation.

Ambedkar's name is being used for 'Ghar-wapsi' as he claimed that embracing Buddhism was not 'conversion' but reclaiming our old glory. Yes, Dr Ambedkar said that Dalits were the original Buddhists and definitely Buddhism was a war against unequal caste based brahmanical social order. There should be no doubt in any body's mind that Buddha was thrown away from the land of his birth by the same forces who are today trying to claim him and co-opt the Dalits into their system which never respected them and treated them equally.

One of the biggest ironies of our constitution was 'conversion' of all the non-Muslims and non-Christians into Hindu consolidated block and therefore Dalits, tribal, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains all became automatically Hindus. Today, these different identities are questioning and seeking their own identities and cannot be merged as a Hindu identity as most of them emerged as a protest and revolt against the castiest brahminism. There was a common thread in them against caste discrimination and inequality among people.

Newspapers are writing that there have been no riots in the past one-year and hence Muslims are happy. One does not need to think of Gujarat 2002, Muzaffarnagar 2013 happening all the time. Their symptoms are serious and continue to haunt people. No attempt is being made to reach Muslims and protect their interest though every thing is being done with sole target to erase their historical role in India's development and keep them isolated socially, economically and politically. The history of communal disturbances in India shows that these are created in the regions where Muslims have substantial business presence and therefore harm their business interest. In the new modus operandi the effort is on creating 'low-intensity' disturbances, which are more powerful in creating political impact to further isolate the Muslims in different areas particularly the new ones so that the issue continue to remain in the news. The common symbols are used to segregate the Muslims further. Muslim properties are targeted and a small 'altercation' ensures big social media propaganda with hate messages immediately. By the time media picks up the story, it is already too late and damage is done. Just a few days back when the Muslim students were protesting at the Railway station in Shamli (they had certain grievances and the issue was not communal but a law and order one) some of the local leaders started tweeting the with threatening hate messages and openly asking for eliminating the Muslims. This hate campaign did not become the major issue in the media but Muslims 'rioting' became the talk of the town. Cow slaughter issue has already picked up as campaign by Hindu organisations all over Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and one can see the wall writings with slogans like 'Gau mata ke hatyaaro ko fansi kee saza do'.

The common heritage and cultural symbols are being attacked. Most of the sufi shrines and Dargahs are now under the threats. Shankaracharya had already tried to communalise the issue against Shirdi Sai baba but failed as 'faith' in Sai remains undented. A city like Delhi which is known world over for its heritage and which could have got the 'World Heritage City' title for which the last government had put forward the application is denied that heritage by the current regime just because it does not want to claim the Mughal Heritage our own heritage. Moreover, in the time of land for sale perhaps a heritage tag would deny the 'profit mongers' a chance to mint money but it reflect the mindset of the those in power.

The ghettoization and isolation of Muslim is complete. It is difficult for a young Muslim to find a house on rent in a non-Muslim space. Apartments are being advertised as per community lines. Muslims today are unwanted in jobs and looked in great suspicion elsewhere. There were popular myths against them but now these have become prejudices and are reflected shamelessly in open without any hindrance and fear. That a Mumbai based diamond company rejected the application of a Muslim boy by openly saying that non-Muslims alone can be part of their company shows how the political 'environment' is emboldening the people and organisations.

Contrary to creating an environment of good will, which could have been done through various means including some specific measures for the welfare of the community, creating an environment of trust and confidence, we find that those who are facing serious charges of crimes, in various riots are getting bailed out by the government and its investigating agencies. Ironically, those who stood with people, fought for their rights, documented cases and took the constitutional and legal route to get the people justice are being hounded out and criminalized. A government or a political party should not isolate a community which has glorious history of over 500 years in this country and which is part and parcel of our living togetherness. Facts are clear that Muslims in India carried the heavy weight of 'partition' of India for no fault of their own and suffered heavily on account of it as any attempt to support their participation in power structure is being termed as 'separatist' and threat to nation. There is no doubt that current threat to their cultural identity and life remain in the absence of a strong and correct stand of parties claim to be secular. In fact, Muslim faced more betrayal from them than believing in a government or a party, which always blamed parties for 'appeasement' of Muslims. Now the party is in power and should ask its ministers to reveal all the data of 'appeasement' of Muslims for our knowledge as what is their percentage in our government services, police, army, administration as well as in Parliament so that the nation know what is the 'reality' of appeasement'.

Communal Disturbance & Violence against Muslims since May 2014

DATE	PLACE OF INCIDENT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
June 4, 2014	Pune , Maharashtra	Muslim techie beaten to death in Pune, 7 men of Hindu outfit held http://indianexpress.com/article/india/politics/muslim-techie-beaten-to-death-in-pune-7-men-of-hindu-outfit-held Communal Attacks on Muslims of Pune: A Fact Finding Report:- http://www.indiaresists.com/communal-attacks-on-muslims-of-pune-a-fact-finding-report/
June 6, 2014	Shamli , UP	Twenty injured as Hindus, Muslims clash over Sewer line in U.P village. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/twenty-injured-as-hindus-muslims-clash-over-sewer-line-in-up-village/
June 11, 2014	Tauru, Mewat, Haryana	On 7 th June a routine road accident by an overloaded dumper driven by two Muslim boys in which a Hindu boy Daanvir Kumar was killed led to outbreak of communal violence in Tauru town, in Mewat. The Muslim boys were severely beaten up and had to be admitted in AIIMS in critical condition. There were rumours of death of two Muslims who were beaten up in retaliation. Mosque was burnt and shops broken and looted. Muslim businesses were attacked and many shops burnt down, even Meo women were nto spared and attacked brutally. ANHAD
June 11, 2014	Shamli, Kandhala	In Shambli district, Qasba Kandhala, anti- social elements threw the kerosin oil into a mosque leading to communal tension in the area. Centre for Harmony and Peace: Varanasi
June 13, 2014	BalramPur, UP	Bhagwat –Gita recitation was going on for one week at Cheti Yadav's house. On Fridat during prayer time the volume of DJ was increased leading to disturbance in the prayers. After the prayers a complaint was made to Cheti Yadav and he rebuked his son Babloo who has increased the volume. After that the matter was settled but Yuva Vahini collected hundreds of people at yadav's house and pressurised him to file cases in the police station against Muslims for arson during the Bhagwat Gita recital. Amar Ujala
June 19, 2014	Ajmer, Rajasthan	Task force to identify illegal Bangladeshis in dargah region An old Sangh agenda to target Bengali Muslims as illegal Bangladeshis. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/Task-force-to-identify-illegal-Bangladeshis-in-dargah-region/articleshow/36783193.cms
June 19, 2014	Shamli, UP	In Shamli, 2 women and 13 people got injured after communal strife took place over the use of Loudspeaker. Centre for Hormony and Peace: Varanasi
June 19, 2014	Meerut , UP	A dispute between two communities over the use of loudspeakers turned violent and also led to firing by one of the parties in which a woman was injured. Although locals claimed that 12 persons were injured in the clash, police said that only two persons were hurt in the incident, including the woman, who is said to have received a bullet injury. https://www.facebook.com/IslamUnityOfMuslims/posts/590725511042171
June 20, 2014	Merrut ,UP	In Lisadi Village, Communal tension erupted over the use of Loudspeaker. Hindi Hindustan
June 20, 2014	Sambhal, Police station Hayatnagar , UP	Communal disturbance erupted after the burning of religious scriptures and places of worships. Hindi Hindustan
June 22, 2014	Faizabad, UP	In Faizabad, near Bikapur communal tension developed due to some small incidence. Inquilab Urdu

June 23, 2014	Vadodara, Gujarat	Communal clash in Vadodara, the police had to burst teargas shells and resort to arrests to control the situation. http://www.indiaresists.com/modi-sarkars-anniversary-one-year-of-simmering-communal-violence/#.VVQpcZU6IKk.google_plusone_share
July 1, 2014	Allahabad Kaushabmbi, UP	7 injured in clash between two communities. Saajhi Dunya
July 1, 2014	Noida, UP	Communal flare-up in Noida village leaves four injured A communal flare-up in Sarfabad village in Noida — 21 km from Delhi — left four Muslims injured after a room they used for prayers was found desecrated. Police said miscreants also pelted stones at the room and nearby houses for almost half an hour before police dispersed the mob, http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/communal-flare-up-in-noida-village-leaves-four-injured/
July 1, 2014	Moradabad, UP	Mahapanchayat was called in Akbarpur Chendri village on July 4 Tension started brewing in the area after police removed the loudspeaker from a temple in Akbarpur Chendri village of the district on Thursday. Protesting against the action, a large number of shops in the local market have remained closed since Friday and a group of locals, including some right-wing organisation members, clashed with the police in Kanth town the same day during a road blockade. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/politics/up-bjp-calls-mahapanchayat-against-removal-of-loudspeaker-from-temple/
July 2, 2014	Saharanpur, Behat, UP	In Mirzapur, village Tahirpur, clash between two communities due to playing of band during namaz. Centre for Harmony and Peace, Varanasi
July 3, 2014	Hardoi , UP	In Hardoi, near Saripur, anti Social elements destroyed Madrasa wall leading to communal tension. Police's role was biased. The Inquilab Urdu
July 4, 2014	Kanth, Muradabad, UP	In Muradabad near Kanth area, Communal violence took place in which 50 people got injured including the DM. A large group of BJP workers clashed with the police as they were stopped from holding a "Mahapanchayat" or large gathering in Kanth town, which has been tense over a religious dispute. http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/bjp-clashes-with-police-in-ups-moradabad-over-mahapanchayat-plan-583696
July 8, 2014	Akbarpur village Dist.Rohtas, Bihar	In Rohtas block, Defamation message on Prophet & Islam. A boy (Ajay) sent an objectionable message on Prophet & Islam. Police immediately arrested the boy. No violence occurred. Inquilab, Patna
July 9, 2014	Akbarpur village Dist.Rohtas, Bihar	After a rumour of torture people became violent. They threw stone on P.S. looted rifles, burnt police jeep & injured two policemen. Then police fired bullets in which 2 died & 7 were injured. Inquilab, Patna
July 10, 2014	Suryamahal Lodipur P.S. Bhagalpur. Bihar	When some people went to cement their relative's mud grave. Some yadavs opposed this which led to fight between them. Inquilab, Patna
July 11, 2014	Samthaibari (Bogoriguri) ,Baksa district, BTAD Assam	Four small venders of lemon namely Rubul Amin, Bakar Ali, Saddam Hussain and Atowar Rahman were kidnapped leading to communally tense atmosphere. Curfew was clamped in the district. Ajay Lal Dutta, Jnansambhar, January 2015
July 19, 2014	Vadodara, Gujarat	In Panigate, when a motorcycle rider, belonging to one community allegedly got into a scuffle with a group of another community it soon resulted in stone pelting after the argument between members of two communities over a parking issue in the area. Several people got hurt. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/communal-clashes-break-out-in-several-parts-of-vadodara/

July 23, 2014	Bijnor, UP	Communal incidence over Loudspeaker. Hindi Hindustan Hindi
July 26, 2014	Agarpur Panchayat, Bihar	Locals went to bury two bodies in the graveyard. Communal elements jammed the traffic, VHP leader threatened that the situation will be made worse than Bhagalpur. Burial could be done only under olice protection. Inquilab, Patna
Aug. 2, 2014	Madhepura Bihar	Ankita a local girl eloped with a Muslim boy it led to communal violence led by some miscreants from the majority community. Inquilab Patna
Aug. 2, 2014	Muzzafarnagar, UP	Communal disturbance took place in Muzzafarnagar. Saajhi Duniya, Lucknow
Aug. 4, 2014	Azamgragh, UP	In Devgaon police station area of Azamgaragh communal violence took place between Dalits and Muslims on some trivial issue. Centre for Harmony & Peace, Varanasi
Aug. 7, 2014	New Delhi	Sena MPs 'force' fasting Muslim staffer to eat chapati, Maharashtra Sadan http://indianexpress.com/article/india/maharashtra/sena-mps-force-fasting-muslim-staffer-to-eat-chapati-maharashtra-sadan-says-sorry/
Aug. 9, 2014	Bareilly, UP	Communal strife in Brewali village, 5 taken into custody. Hindu Hindustan
Aug. 11, 2014	Lucknow, UP	Dharma Jagran Manch, a wing of Rashtriya Swayamasevak Sangh (RSS), launched a weeklong campaign during which they tied rakhis to Hindu girls, requesting them not to fell prey to such youths who lure them to convert their religion. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/rss-wing-launches-rakhi-crusade-against-love-jihad/
Aug. 15, 2014	Badhona Panchayat Madhepura Bihar	A Block Education Officer in Chausa block beat a Muslim teacher on some trivial issue, abused him , called him as a child of Osama bin laden. BEO is perpetrator in many other cases. Inquilab, Patna
Aug. 21, 2014	Hapur, Bahadurgarh UP	In Bahadugarah village, a small incidence between students of two communities led to communal violence in which several vehicles and half a dozen shops were burnt down. Inquilab Urdu
Aug. 23, 2014	Sripur Jehanabad. Bihar	Some anti social element demolished the wall of graveyard in Ghosi block which led to communal tension. Inquilab, Patna
Aug. 24, 2014	Bhabhua Kaimur Bihar	When a butcher was going to throw waste material of chicken, then plastic bag got torn near Mahavir mandir which led to communal tension. On next day people of majority community marched & protested and tried to close shops. Inquilab, Patna
Aug.24, 2014	Mainpuri, UP	In Mainpuri, Village Khera, a boy from one community raped the girl of other community leading to communal tension. Centre for Harmony and Peace: Varanasi
Aug. 24, 2014	Kanpur,UP	In Kanpur, near Ghatempur, Communal violence took place, in which Eijaz and his Shop were set on blaze. Centre for Harmony and Peace: Varanasi
Aug. 29, 2014	Aligrah ,UP	VHP leaders held for inciting vilolence. Hindi Hindustan
Aug. 29, 2014	Vadodara, Gujarat	Communal violence broke out in the walled city area when a Ganesh procession was passing through Bawamanpura area. Mobs from two communities resorted to stone pelting and clashed in the communally sensitive area. Seven persons including five policemen suffered minor injuries in the stone pelting. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/Violence-mars-Ganesh-procession/articleshow/41158929.cms
Aug. 30, 2014	Muzzafarnagar, UP	Tension prevailed after four students from a community were beaten up by a group of people in Jat colony, sparking protests. The trouble started when the four youths had gone for tuition classes in the colony last evening. A group of people allegedly attacked them claiming that they were indulging in eve-teasing. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/more-violence-in-

		muzaffarnagar-tension-prevails-as-students-beaten-up/
Sep. 3, 2014	Kailash Puri colony Mojahidpur P.S Bhagalpur. Bihar	Communal colour was given to an inter religious love marriage causing communal tension in the area. Inquilab, Patna
Sep. 8, 2014	Siwan, Bihar	In Badhadiya Thane, village Hardiya, people going to attend local fair were attacked with stone pelting leading to communal violence. Over a dozen bikes and teo buses were set on fire. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition.
Sep. 8, 2014	Karbala bazaar Badharia Siwan, Bihar	When Mahaviri Akhada was passing in front of mosque at time of namaz then communal violence started. Anti social element attacked the shop of Muslims. They looted shops, burnt vehicles. Policere remained mute spectatre. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition.
Sep. 9, 2014	Piri P.S. Sithamadhi, Bihar	Rajkishore a Dalit accepted Islam and gave statement that he changed his religion on his own. But police lodged FIR and harassed the members of minority community. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition.
Sep. 10, 2014	Kailash Puri colony Mojahidpur P.S Bhagalpur, Bihar	RSS and VHP called a bandh against religious conversion and vandalised the whole town. They broke the glasses of vehicles, jammed the railway track, shouted provocative slogan. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition.
Sep. 14, 2014	Aligarh, UP	A girl on her way to college was allegedly accosted and molested by three boys of another community. The incident led to communal tension. http://www.ibnlive.com/news/india/tension-erupts-in-aligarh-after-3-boys-molest-a-girl-2-arrested-638811.html
Sep. 15, 2014	Lucknow, UP	Sakshi Maharaj indulged in communal and hate speech saying madrasas across the country impart “education of terror” and “love jihad”. He claimed that Muslim youth in madrasas are being motivated for “love jihad” with offers of cash rewards — Rs 11 lakh for an “affair” with a Sikh girl, Rs 10 lakh for a Hindu girl and Rs 7 lakh for a Jain girl. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/politics/bjp-unnao-mp-sakshi-maharaj-claims-madrasas-offering-cash-rewards-for-love-jihad/
Sep. 15, 2014	Qazipur P.S. Mozafferpur, Bihar	A girl eloped with a Muslim boy. An FIR of kidnapping was registered. The girl gave a statement that she had gone with him of her own free will. Tension prevailed in the town. Inquilab, Patna
Sep. 16, 2014	Baka, Bihar	VHP and ABVP jointly call a bandh in Baka aganist the ‘Love Jihad’ The ABVP and VHP workers forced shut the shops and indulged in arson. Police arrested 33 people who were indulging in arson. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition.
Sep. 18, 2014	Aligarh, UP	Six BJP Yuva Morcha leaders along with 40 party activists booked for allegedly assaulting a 24-year-old man, who intended to marry a girl from a different community. http://www.oneindia.com/india/six-bjp-youth-wing-leaders-booked-for-assault-arson-1523689.html
Sep. 21, 2014	Lucknow, UP	ABVP announces formation of vigilante groups in all major student campuses to “keep a watch on Muslim youths who try to lure Hindu women to pursue their agenda of love jihad.” This was announced at the end of the two-day national meeting, titled “Girls — India’s Real Leaders”, held by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh’s students’ wing. http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/abvp-vigilantes-to-curb-love-jihad-on-campus/article6434411.ece
Sep. 21, 2014	Dewa Sharif, UP	A truck carrying Muslim devotees going to Dewa Sharief was stopped by BJP leader and his supporters near Hanuman Mandir, they were chasing the truck for sometime. Devotees including women and children were attacked with sticks, they misbehaved with women and even took away their jewellery. Driver lodged a complaint with the police against Gulab Singh, Raj Kumar Singh, Gaurav Singh, Vivek Singh & othr but noi action was taken.

Sep. 22, 2014.	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	VHP announces on the occasion of Navratra that no Muslim will be allowed to participate in Garba. http://twocircles.net/2014sep22/1411395026.html#.VTo9xCGqqko
Sep. 27, 2014	Chaudhri gali, Rajabazar Patna , Bihar	A personal dispute in which a boy was attacked and his hand was injured was given a communal colour. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition.
Sep. 29, 2014	Vadodara Gujarat	More than 200 people have been arrested in the town of Vadodara in Gujarat after days of communal tension and violence between Hindus and Muslims http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/more-than-200-arrested-for-vadodara-riots-shops-opened-today-672577
Sep. 30, 2014	Mumbai Maharashtra	Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) study: “demonisation of Muslims in the city is related to a global Islamophobic climate”, where Muslims are seen as terrorists, violent and bad citizens. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/muslim-localities-have-little-amenities-face-heavy-surveillance-tiss-study/?SocialMedia
Oct. 2, 2014	Chapra, Bihar	In West Chapra, the procession for immersion of goddess started at 9pm. It was supposed to end by 4am but they did not finish the procession by 4am. Baqrid namaz was in the morning. Police told the procession it can allow them without the dj since the time is over and namaz time is about to begin. Bajrang dal workers came with weapons, they burnt govt vehicles and a jcb. Hindi Hindustan , Patna edition
Oct. 5, 2014	Khagodh village Siwan, Bihar	When some people went to burn pyre on the land of graveyard this led to tension. Police beat the people of minority community and fired bullet in air. By the court order that piece of land belonged to graveyard. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition.
Oct. 6, 2014	Ghoshari village Badh Patna BIHAR	Some people of majority community teased a muslim girl. When it was opposed by some people from the Muslim community they were beaten up. It led to communal tension. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition.
Oct. 6, 2014	Lucknow- UP	Members of two communities clashed in Amrahi area in Indiranagar on Tuesday evening over camel sacrifice for Eid ul Zuha. Six persons sustained injuries due to stone pelting. Gunshots were also fired in the air. Both groups were led by members of political parties. PAC personnel and large contingent of police force had been deployed in the locality following the clash. Till late night, cops were trying to maintain vigil in the area and had not lodged FIRs. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/Communal-violence-in-Indiranagar/articleshow/44635652.cms
Oct. 7, 2014	Dabhel, Dist.Navsari Gujarat	Muslim resident of Dabhel village in Navsari district of South Gujarat alleged police high-handedness during Eid-UI-Azha festival and afterwards. Police picked up two elderly persons on allegations of cow slaughter on October 6, the day of Bakrid leading to confrontation. Two students sustained injuries from bullet fired by the police. The youths had come to celebrate Bakrid with their parents. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/tension-in-gujarat-village-as-police-raid-after-alleged-cow-slaughter
Oct. 8, 2014	Kishanganj Bihar	Some anti social element threw intestine etc of a animal near temple. It led to communal tension. Some people of majority community vandalised the whole town.They jammed,traffic burnt vehicles etc. Police imposed IPC144 for 48 hours. Inquilab, Patna
Oct. 8, 2014	Gopalganj Bihar	Crowds returning after immersing of idols vandalised Muslim shops. Altercation started between two communities leading to communal tension. Inquilab, Patna

Oct. 8, 2014	Bmara village. Hilsa P.S. Lakhisarai, Bihar	Rumour were spread that minority community was planning cow slaughter on bakrid. Majority community protested although later it came out that it was rumour. Inquilab, Patna
Oct. 10, 2014	Saharanpur UP	Molestation of a girl led to communal tension in the area. Hindi Hindustan
Oct. 11, 2014	Kishanganj, Bihar	Anti- social elements placed some material in a religious place leading to communal tension and burning of a truck on NH 31. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition
Oct. 18, 2015	Baghpat, UP	Communal Conflict took place between two Communities over use of Loudspeker. Saajhi Duniya
Oct. 23, 2014	Chagona village Narkatia ganj, Bihar	There was an ongoing dispute on the graveyard for about an year, when it escalated majority community closed the way trough which Muslims used to enter there part of the settlement within the village. This led to communal tension, pelting of stones and firing. Inquilab, Patna
Oct. 25, 2014	Trilokpuri, Delhi	Communal riots in Trilokpuri, 35 hurt. http://www.firstpost.com/india/trilokpuri-communal-riot-violence-leaves-east-delhi-tense-35-hurt-section-144-imposed-1772819.html
Oct. 26, 2014	Sahar P.S Ara, Bihar	Majority community changed the route of immersion of idols and took it from Muslim majority area in Abgila village. Muslims opposed this. Then. This led to communal tension, pelting of stones, even bullets were fired. More than one dozen shops of minority were burnt. Inquilab, Patna
Oct.30, 2014	Hardoi ,UP	Communal Conflict over use of Loudspeaker. Hindi Hindustan
Oct.31, 2014	Sakhrana, Motihari, Bihar	A statue near Chatth ghat was broken by some miscreants leading to communal tension. Inquilab, Patna
Nov. 3, 2014	Gawnpura, Phulwari Patna. Bihar	Stones were thrown on Moharram procession leading to tension. The issue of suryamahal graveyard has been in the centre of conflict for a few months leading to communal tension. Police played a partisan role. Inquilab, Patna
Nov. 4, 2014	Bhagalpur, Bihar	In village Anandpur, Bhagalpur trouble occurred during Moharam procession. A violent conflict took place between two groups and one women got injured in stone pelting. Hindi Hindustan Patna edition
Nov. 5, 2014	Aurangabad, Bihar	In Aurangbad during Moharram miscriants desecrated some religious symbols leading to communal tension. Hindi Hindustan Patna edition
Nov. 7, 2014	Nawada< Bihar	Anti social elemen broke the idol of Hanuman leading to communal tension. Majority community blames the minority for this action. Inquilab, Patna
Nov. 3, 2014	Trilokpuri, Delhi	A mahapanchayat was held in Bawana on the eve of Mohurram on 2 nd November with a clear intent to create communal tension and polarize communities on religious lines. The Mahapanchayat didn't have permission from any authority. The administration allowed it to happen in spite of several requests to stop it. Threatening language was used and it was announced that Tazia procession during Mohurram should not be allowed to happen. The unlawful nature of this whole campaign against Muslims was evident from the poster announcing the Mahapanchayat which was used to mobilize people for the same. There were reports of communal tension from othr parts of Delhi including Nandnagri, Majnu ka Tilla, Nagloi and Timarpur while the wounds of Trilokpuri are yet to be healed. ANHAD petition to Lt Governor, Delhi
Nov. 13, 2014	Palwal Haryana	Riot in Palwal, New Delhi (Haryana)The rioters burnt the area of Hatin, Palwal and looted the minorities. The rioters thrashed the door of a mosque in the Palwal area of NCR and showed the disgust against the people of the minorities. They burnt the houses and shops of the minorities of the area. The Hindu association " Ram Sena" has been accused of playing a mojour role in initiating the riot. This was the first riot in Haryana after the BJP took over the reign in the state.

Nov. 13, 2014	Shamli ,UP	Shamli saw communal clashed between dalits and Muslims over the use of a hand pump. After that rioters came out and burnt the 6 houses and consequently nearly half dozen people got injured from both sides of communities. Centre for Harmony and Peace: Varanasi
Nov. 17, 2014	Bokhra, Sitamarhi, Bihar	A quarrel occurred during Mahavir jhanda between both communities. Two Muslims living in Hindu majority area were injured by weapon. Inquilab, Patna
Nov.19, 2015	Muzzafarpur, Bihar	Bhartendu from Saraiya had an affair with a girl from Ajitpur. Bhartendu disappeared and his body was found after 9 days in Ajitpur. Communal violence broke out after this in which more a dozen bikes and dvans were burnt down and 3 persons died. Hindi Hindustan, Patna edition
Nov. 24, 2014	Rander, Surat, Gujarat	Tension gripped entire Surat when BJP, VHP and RSS took out rallies and held demonstration in Muslim dominated Rander area of Surat city over an alleged incident of gang-rape of a Hindu woman. But the police probe found that the complaint was false and the complainant filed FIR under pressure from her husband allegedly linked to RSS.
Nov. 27, 2014	Ahmadabad Gujarat	A dispute started In Gir Somnath district on Monday over the trivial issue of picking up passengers by two auto-rickshaw drivers, one of them being a Muslim and another Hindu. The incident took a serious turn with both communities coming to the aid of the driver belonging to their respective communities. http://www.indiatomorrow.net/eng/communal-violence-revisits-gujarat-after-modi-became-pm
Dec. 2, 2014	Vadodara, Gujarat	Rafiq Jarodia and Shahid Mirza had gone to attend the ceremony of a friend, Bhavdipsinh Sisodia on invitation in Kalol situated around twenty kilometres from Godhra. Two Muslim youths were allegedly beaten up by a group of five Hindu youth who objected to their participation in a Hindu marriage late Sunday night. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/communal-tension-grips-kalol-town-after-midnight-clash/
Dec. 5, 2014	Palwal, Haryana	Ramsena members demolished the wall of a mosque, which led to the eruption of communal tension and subsequently more than dozens of shops were looted and burnt by these groups. Awam-e-Hind, Hindi-Delhi
Dec. 8, 2014	Ayodhya ,UP	At Karsevakpuram, a booklet titled 'Hindu', with the warning in bold letters "Hindutva and the country under threat due to increasing population of Muslims' is handed out to visitors by VHP functionaries, some of whom came to Ayodhya to participate in temple movement in 1992 and stayed back. http://www.clicknewz.in/hindutva-literature-widens-communal-chasm
Dec. 9, 2014	Bharuch, Gujarat	Sunil Patel alias Sajan of Ambheta circulated a message on Whatsapp about Prophet Mohammad and Muslims using abusive pornographic language; This message created communal tension in the city. PUCL, Vadodara
Dec. 10, 2014	Agra , UP	57 Muslim families forcefully 'reconverted' to Hindu religion under gharvapsi campaign organised jointly by RSS and Bajrang Dal http://twocircles.net/2014dec11/1418276618.html#.VTospSGqqkp
Dec. 16, 2014	Bulandshher, UP	Marriage lawn owners in Bulandshahr won't let Muslims hold any functions on their properties because they "refuse to pay" and "leave the venue dirty". http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/in-bulandshahr-no-marriage-lawns-for-muslims

Dec. 22, 2014	Makhdumpur, Jehanabad Bihar	Building of a boundry wall of a graveyard started majority people broke pillar at night and buried yellow flag. They also protested at many place. Police confiscated the flag & tried to maintain peace. Inquilab, Patna
Dec. 25, 2014	Sitapur District , UP	While the debate on Ghar Wapsi or conversion is still on, yet another Hindu outfit has stirred a major controversy by announcing that it will build a temple in the name of Nathuram Godse in Uttar Pradesh's Sitapur district, 80 km away from state capital Lucknow, The Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha says it plans to lay the foundation stone of the temple on January 30, the day Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated in Delhi, http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/go-dse-temple-hindu-group-gandhi-killer-nathuram-ghar-wapsi-akhil-bharat-mahasabha/1/408811.html
Dec. 25, 2014	Muradabad , UP	In Bhagwanpur Qasba Communal tension erupted after vandalisation of religious places and molestation. Hindi Hindustan
Dec. 26, 2014	Aligarh , UP	It was alleged that right wing groups had turned the Asroi church into a temple. The village is located about 30 kilometres from Aligarh, where the RSS-linked Dharma Jagran Samiti had planned to hold a "ghar wapsi" of 5,000 Christian and Muslim families on Christmas Day. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/ghar-wapsi-shadow-no-xmas-in-church-near-aligarh-security-up/
Dec. 28, 2014	Kolkota , West Bengal	"The world knows this is my maal," said Mohan Bhagwat, the head of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, in Kolkota. By maal, which means "goods" in Hindi, Bhagwat was referring to Muslims and Christians in India. "If I take back my maal, what's the big deal?" http://scroll.in/article/697493/when-i-went-looking-for-homecoming-christians-in-gujarat
Dec. 29, 2014	Aabgeela, Gaya, Bihar	A quarrel between students from different communities converted into communal dispute. Majority community threw stones on members of the minority & mosque and looted & burnt chicken shops. Inquilab, Patna
Jan. 1, 2015	Ayodhya ,UP	Former BJP MP and senior Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Ram Vilas Vedanti has announced to organise a grand "ghar wapsi" for over 3000 Muslims at Ayodhya in February, Speaking to The Indian Express, Vedanti claimed that nearly 3000 Muslims, who had converted to Islam from the Hindu religion several years ago, will adopt Hinduism in the 'ghar wapsi' event. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/vedanti-plans-ghar-wapsi-for-3000-muslims/
Jan. 5, 2015	Vadodara, Gujarat	The clash began when a local signage belonging to another community was damaged during a procession. Akota area of Vadodara witnessed communal tension on Sunday morning as the Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi procession passed through the area. Three persons, including two women, were injured in the clash between two communities that was brought under control by the police. The police also fired tear gas shells to disperse crowds. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/vadodara-witnesses-clash-three-injured/
Jan. 6, 2015	Eta, UP	On the issue of conversion, communal tension took place, 3 person got arrested Hindi Hindustan
Jan. 10, 2015	Azizpur Suriyya Mozafferpur, Bihar	There was a love affair between a boy (Bhartendu) & a girl (D/o Wasi Ahmad). Suddenly boy was missing and later his dead body was found. After 3 hours about 5-6 thosand peole attacked the village.They burnt whole village. 37 out of 59 houses were completely burnt while rest was partially burnt. They stopped fire brigade on the way.They burnt 12 bikes, 1 tractor,1 maruti and few animal other than human.They also looted asset worth crore of rupees. Six people died while many were missing & many were severely injured.They killed selectively. About 18 were arrested immediately. Inquilab, Patna

Jan. 10, 2015	Chaukhandi mohallah Sahasram. Bihar	Majority community tried to block a general route which was used by Muslims also by fixing a gate leading to communal tension. Police had to intervene.
Jan. 13, 2015	Hathrus, UP	Communal strife between two communities leading to arson and firing. Hindi Hindustan
Jan. 14, 2015	Bareilly, UP	Some miscreants placed objectionable animals meat near a religious place in Mali mohalla of Fatehgunj area of Barreilly inciting communal tension which turned violent. Seventeen people were arrested and cases slapped against hundreds people on Friday for their alleged involvement in Communal clashes in Bareilly earlier this week. TCN
Jan. 15, 2015	Muzaffarnagar, UP	Muslim teacher thrashed in a Bus leading to communal tension.
Jan. 15, 2015	Aligarh, UP	Accused in Muzaffarnagar riots, Kunwar Bharatendra Singh, an MP from Bijnor, has been elected as a member of the Court of Aligarh Muslim University – the supreme governing body of the varsity. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/muzaffarnagar-riots-accused-elected-to-aligarh-muslim-university-court/
Jan. 15, 2015	Bharuch, Gujarat	Muslims living in Hansot tehsil of Bharuch district were harrassed and their crops, houses were damaged and burned. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/bharuch-clashes-one-more-succumbs-to-injuries-toll-reaches-3 http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/day-after-clashes-tension-in-bharuch January 16, 2015
Jan. 16, 2015	Jalgaon Maharashtra	Tension had been simmering in the town after a fight broke out between a Muslim boy and a group of Hindu youths Wednesday evening near the Athavade Bazaar area from where members of both communities do their shopping. "A Muslim boy was beaten up Wednesday evening and there had been tension in the area after which certain people were booked. In the morning, a Hindu boy was assaulted leading to more tension leading to loss of property and destruction of shops in the locality. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/communal-violence-in-jalgaon-district/
Jan. 16, 2015	Meerut, UP	Protesters took to the streets after a slaughtered animal was found outside a religious place in Sahukara Naugaon area in Bareilly on Thursday morning. Police had to resort to lathicharge to control the rioting mob. An infuriated crowd blocked traffic on the Bareilly-Delhi highway for several hours after which the police had to intervene. About 400 people, including local BJP leaders, were also booked for rioting and obstructing police from doing their duty. http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/communal-violence-western-up-on-edge/article6794540.ece
Jan. 18, 2015	Muzaffarpur , Bihar	Communal tension gripped the village of Azizpur in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar on 18 January after three people were burnt alive and a mob torched over 36 houses, Sangh Parivar is keeping the communal pot boiling while the Centre now ruled by their own party prefers to look the other way. http://www.milligazette.com/news/11819-hindutvadis-keep-the-communal-pot-boiling http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/highlevel-probe-orders-into-muzzafarpur-clash/article6801237.ece
Jan. 18, 2015	Mangaluru Karnataka	At least 30 people were injured and property worth lakhs destroyed in clashes between Hindus and Muslims near Mangaluru in Karnataka where over 25,000 Hindutva activists converged for a meeting. The clashes occurred on Friday night in multiple locations in Belthangady and Puttur talukas when people were returning after attending the Virat Hindu Hridaya Sangama, an event where Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)

		leader Praveen Togadia and Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat allegedly delivered inflammatory speeches. http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/30-injured-in-communal-clashes-near-mangalore-after-hindu-convention/article1-1307762.aspx
Jan. 25, 2015	Sasasram, Bihar	A quarrel between children on flying kite led to violence. That fight was picked up by their elders in which firing took place. 12 minority people were badly injured. Inquilab, Patna
Jan. 28, 2015	Sasasram Bihar	Route of murty visarjan march was changed leading to communal tension and stone pelting. Inquilab, Patna
Jan. 28, 2015	Kadamrai Arwal Jehanabad Bihar	Route of Saraswati murty visarjan march was changed & objectionable slogans were raised near the mosque causing communal tension and looting of shops. Inquilab, Patna
Jan. 28, 2015	Nagra P.S. Chapra, Bihar	The route of murty visarjan procession after saraswati puja was changed and it was taken through the Muslim area, objectionable slogans were raised leading to communal tension, stone pelting . Inquilab, Patna
Jan. 29, 2015	Nadarpuram, Tamil Nadu	Dozens of Muslim families in Velloor and Chalappuram are living in fear a week after violent mobs targeted their homes and razed them even as police allegedly remained silent spectators. Long time residents of Nadapuram, a place where political violence is endemic, say that of late violence and vendetta are taking an ominously communal character and that Muslims irrespective of political affiliations are being targeted. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kochi/Mobs-targetted-Muslim-homes-as-cops-looked-on/articleshow/46053505.cms?
Feb. 1, 2015	Samaru block Garwa block Gaya , Bihar	There was a dispute on murty visarjan route but it was solved at that time. Later majority community attacked minority people while going to market. This led to communal tension. Inquilab, Patna
Feb. 2, 2015	Badaun, UP	Hate speech by BJP's 'Virat Hindu Sambelan' . Hindustan, Hindi
Feb. 2, 2015	Muzaffarnagar, UP	Tension flared up at Kasampur village in Muzaffarnagar after four Muslim boys allegedly harassed a minor Hindu Dalit girl while she was on way home from school. The miscreants allegedly also thrashed the victim's cousin when he tried to intervene. Heavy police force, including the PAC, has been deployed in the village in case of violent clashes. A case has been filed against Sanvar, Mukamil, Shahnawaj and Asif — all residents of Kasampur village — at the Chapaar police station on Saturday late night. Following the incident, a panchayat was organised by Hindus at the Kasampur village pradhan's residence demanding action against culprits). http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/tension-in-muzaffarnagar-as-4-muslim-boys-booked-2/
Feb. 1, 2015	New Delhi / Hyderabad	Hundreds of NCPUL study centers, mainly madrassas and other Muslim run institutes affiliated to its different diploma programmes, across the country receive a notice from Union Home Ministry, disguise as NCPUL notice asking 'to detect and counter radicalization efforts.' http://twocircles.net/2015feb01/1422769747.html
Feb. 3, 2015	Bulandshahar, UP	Heavy police force was stationed in Unchagaon village of Bulandshahr district Monday to avoid any untoward situation soon after pamphlets carrying slogans like "Islam zindabad, Pakistan zindabad, Hindustan murdabad" were found scattered there. The situation in village turned tense after members of a community staged a protest and demanded arrest of the culprits. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/bulandshahr-anti-india-pamphlets-spark-tension-two-culprits-captured-on-cctv/

Feb. 5, 2015	Haldwani, Uttrakhand	Inflammatory speech by Pravin Togadia at Haldwani's MB Inter College while addressing Virat Hindu Sammelan. He said the constitution has to be made to cater to a Hindu rashtra. http://www.dehradun.amarujala.com/feature/politics-dun/vhp-praveen-togadia-in-haldwani-hindi-news/
Feb. 5, 2015	Nandurbar Maharashtra	Nandurbar, the tribal district in North Maharashtra, about 90 kms from Mumbai, witnessed communal clashes between two groups from different communities on Wednesday. Violence erupted following the protest by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Bajrang Dal and other Hindutva outfits against alleged cow slaughtering. The protests were organized despite prohibitory orders by police. http://twocircles.net/2015feb05/1423145590.html#.VWbsQc-qqko
Feb. 8, 2015	Thudiyalur, near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	Police arrested 30 Hindu Munnani members for conducting ghar wapsi event at Thudiyalur, near Coimbatore. Four members of a Christian family were "reconverted" to Hinduism at the event. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/30-arrested-for-ghar-wapsi-in-Coimbatore/articleshow/46160438.cms
Feb. 18, 2015	Muzaffarnagar UP	After providing security to BJP MP Yogi Adityanath, MLA Sangeet Singh Som and Ramjanmabhoomi Nyas working president Mahant Nritya Gopal Das, the Centre on Tuesday accorded Z-category security to BJP's Thana Bhawan MLA – Suresh Rana, who was accused in the Muzaffarnagar riots case and has also been jailed, Rana had petitioned the Home Ministry in August 2014 for the same kind of security cover granted to Sangeet Som. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dhaani/141761986012422?fref=ts
Feb. 19, 2015	Saharanpur, UP	Jahangir (24) was assaulted by a group of Hindu youths on Monday over parking issues. While the police got him medically examined, Jahangir was allegedly sent home without being administered proper treatment. He later died. The post-mortem report had stated that Jahangir died of ante-mortem injuries. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/muslim-youth-dies-of-injuries-family-alleges-police-apathy/
Feb. 21, 2015	Bijnor, UP	Tension prevailed at a village in Bijnor district after a Muslim family was assaulted in the Dhampur police station area on Friday. A member of the family had allegedly eloped with a Hindu on January 31. The police traced the girl to Jammu and Kashmir . Fearing more such attacks, the youth's family and relatives have left the village. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/muslim-family-assaulted-in-bijnor-after-youth-elopes-with-hindu-girl/
Feb. 25, 2015	Kushinagar, UP	Tension prevailed in Madhopur village in Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar district after 150 Muslim families reportedly left their homes Monday, fearing a backlash from BJP MP Yogi Adityanath's outfit Hindu Yuva Vahini (HYV) over a land dispute. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/village-tense-after-adityanaths-outfit-enters-land-row-150-muslim-families-leave-homes/
Mar. 2, 2015	Mathura, UP	Communal Conflict erupted after the allegedly slaughtering of prohibited animals. Hindi Hindustan Hindi
Mar. 3, 2015	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Beef banned in Maharashtra http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/beef-banned-in-maharashtra-5-yrs-jail-rs10000-fine-for-possession-or-sale/
Mar. 4, 2015	Basentpur, Chainpur Muzafferpur, Bihar	Building of a temple on a govt. plot led to communal violence in which 2 people were injured. Inquilab, Patna

Mar. 5, 2015	Dimapur, Nagalan	An alleged rape accused Syed Sarif Uddin Khan was taken out of the prison and lynched by a mob and hung in Dimapur. http://www.firstpost.com/india/dimapur-rape-and-mob-lynching-five-lessons-from-this-double-crime-2140921.html
Mar. 8, 2015	Gharoghat village Pardhobi P.S. Gaya , Bihar	Holi procession crossed the time limit and passed in front of the Mosque during Juma namaz . Colour was thrown inside the mosque leading to stone pelting and communal tension. Inquilab, Patna
Mar. 9, 2015	Phulwaria village, Motihari , Bihar	There was a small temple with graveyard on its both sides. Loudspeaker was put in the temple leading to communal tension and stone pelting. Inquilab, Patna.
Mar. 15, 2015	Godhra, Gujarat	Tension prevailed in the violence-ravaged communally sensitive Godhra town on thursday in view of VHP's shila daan plan in Ayodhya on friday with shopkeepers downing shutters and business establishments remaining closed. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/Godhra-tense-again/articleshow/3804344.cms
Mar. 17, 2015	Bhopal, M.P	According to Senior RSS leader Ashok Agrawal claims Sangh has ensured 'Ghar Wapsi ' of 2,000 Muslims and Christians recently in Madhya Pradesh. http://www.news18.com/news/madhya-pradesh/we-ensured-ghar-wapsi-of-2000-muslims-and-christians-in-mp-rss-leader-700917.html
Mar. 18, 2015	Bhandara Maharashtra,	Std X student's derogatory Facebook post sparked tension in the city . The student posted an objectionable photograph about a place of worship of Muslims while a friend of the boy wrote a derogatory remark about Prophet Mohammed on the post. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nagpur/Communal-post-on-FB-triggers-tension-in-Bhandara/articleshow/46602199.cms
Mar. 21, 2015	Nalgonda district, Telangana	Shaikh Hyder brutally tortured and murdered by police. http://www.milligazette.com/news/12121-custodial-death-of-shaikh-hydera-blot-on-the-face-of-telangana-fact-finding-report
Mar. 22, 2015	Meerut, UP	The sixteen Uttar Pradesh police personnel were accused in the massacre where over 40 Muslim were killed. A Delhi court on Saturday acquitted sixteen Uttar Pradesh police personnel accused in 1987 Hashimpura massacre in which over 40 Muslim were killed. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/1987-hashimpura-massacre-delhi-court-acquits-16-up-cops/
Mar. 27, 2015	Dharampur village Chandryab P.S. Jamui, Bihar	Ganesh Yadav took his buffalo to the Khanqah pond, workers of Khanqah opposed it. It led to fight & took communal colour. Minority alleged police bias. Inquilab, Patna.
Mar. 27, 2015	Bijnor, UP	Tensed after inter-religious elopement. Saajhi Duniya, Lucknow
Mar. 31, 2015	Sherghati, Gaya, Bihar	Miscreants vandalized the whole town on Ram Navmi. They broke glass of vehicles, shops belonging to Muslims were ransacked many of the minority community people were attacked. Inquilab, Patna
Mar. 31, 2015	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Gujarat Assembly passed the GCTOC or GUJCOTOC (Gujarat Control of Terrorism and Organised Crime) Bill on March 31, 2015. This is an anti-terror law on the lines of TADA and POTA, both of which have now been repealed. http://www.hardnewsmedia.com/2015/04/6556
April 3, 2015	Jawad, Neemuch, Tamil Nadu.	Fifteen people were injured, including three policemen in a clash between two communities that erupted following stone pelting at a procession on the eve of Hanuman Jayanti by some miscreants at Khurra Chowk locality of Jawad in Neemuch district on Friday. The miscreants also set ablaze a dozen of shops by sprinkling inflammable in Darwaja area of Neemuch. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/indore/Communal-tension-in-Neemuch-on-eve-of-Hanuman-Jayanti/articleshow/46797246.cms

April 3, 2015	Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh	Playing high volume music on DJs in front of the mosque and trying to provoke Muslim community continued since Ramnavmi. On April 2, one shop of a Muslim was put to fire. A Muslim boy was beaten. Police and administration remained silent spectators. http://www.siasat.com/english/news/communal-tension-alirajpur-madhya-pradesh
April 4, 2015	Taldanga, Kumardhobhi Mohalla, Dhanbad, Jharkhand	Bajrang Dal activists came with 60-70 bikes and made inflammatory speeches and raised slogans, while passing through the Muslims Taldanga Masjid Mahalla. It lead to stone pelting and violence. Afzal Anis United Milli Forum.
April 6, 2015	Allahabad, UP	Bajrang Dal and VHP Leaders created disturbance at Police-Station against conversion. Hindi Hindustan
April 7, 2015	Warangal district, Telangana	Assassination of five Muslim under trial prisoners at Aler town of Telangana state of India. http://twocircles.net/2015apr19/1429463737.html#.VT4CpdKUdWM
April 13, 2015	Chirki Village, PS Peertand, Jharkhand	On 13 April, a van was standing in Chirki Village. A rumour was spread that Muslims were taking stolen cows to slaughter. BJP goons came out and beat the driver. The driver turned out to be a Teli(Hindu) so they deliberately filed FIR against three Muslim businessmen. Next day they organized a big meeting and gave a call of total economic boycott of Muslims.- Afzal Anis United Milli Forum
April 14, 2015	Rampur village, Ghogri P.S. , Khagadia Bihar	A love affair, an elopement of a boy and girl from different communities led to a quarrel and communal tension. Inquilab, Patna
April 15, 2015	Mumbai, Maharashtra	All India Hindu Mahasabha vice-president Sadhvi Deva Thakur demanded forced 'nasbandi' (sterilisation) of Muslims and Christians to restrict their numbers in the country's population. http://www.indiatomorrow.net/eng/shiv-sena-backs-forced-nasbandi-for-muslims
April 16, 2015	Rampur, UP	Some sangh elements communalised a dispute over illegal occupation of govt quarters by balmikis by stating that the local MLA Azam Khan had promise dthat no eviction will be done if they convert to islam. Anhad fact finding team which visited the area realised it was masterminded by sangh to provoke Balmikis and Muslims against each other and use it later at the national level. http://bit.ly/1CRYTSH
April 16, 2015	Khalispur, Kako P.S. Jehanabad, Bihar	Some anti social element tried to burn Imam of a mosque & they also burnt curtains of minority houses. No one was injured. This type of activity increased in last few month. Tensions prevailed in the area. Inquilab, Patna
April 16, 2015	Sahugadh, Madhepura Bihar	Majority community attacked the mother of a Muslim boy and his friends' parents, who had eloped with a girl. Minority community had to leave the village. Police arrested boy and his friend's guardian. An FIR of kidnapping was lodged against the boy and his friends. Inquilab , Patna
April 17, 2015	Baghpat, UP	Fear and tension gripped Aheda village here after a group of people entered inside a religious place and beat up two persons besides vandalising the loudspeaker. They fired shots before running away. http://zeenews.india.com/news/uttar-pradesh/two-beaten-up-at-religious-place-in-up-loudspeaker-vandalised_1580304.html
April 19, 2015	New Delhi	Clashes broke out between residents of Blocks 26 and 27 in East Delhi's Trilokpuri area. This is the same area which witnessed communal violencein October 2014. It started from Block 26. There were some who were drunk and they got into a scuffle with another group. People then picked up empty bottles from the garbage dump and began hurling

		them in the direction of Block 27. This led to stone-pelting. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/watch-video-trilokpuri-erupts-again-police-deployed/
April 21, 2015	Satar village, Bahra P.S. Saharsa Bihar	A boy of one community 'kidnapped' a girl from the other community , his house was attacked, ransacked, the market was forced closed and slogan shouting took place demanding the return of the girl. Inquilab, Patna
April 24, 2015	Phulwaria village, West Champaran, Bihar	Majority community stopped the burial in graveyard. They filled the grave which was dug up leading to communal tension. Burial could be done only after police's intervention. Inquilab, Patna
April 27, 2015	Guwahati, Assam	Amit Shah declares citizenship for Hindu migrants from Bangladesh. http://www.northeasttoday.in/shah-citi-zenship-for-bdeshi-hindu-refugees-free-assam-from-immigration
April 30, 2015	Shillong, Meghalaya	The State BJP takes a U turn on beef consumption in maghalaya. Says it is part of the food habits of the people of Meghalya. http://communalism.blogspot.in/2015/04/india-meghalaya-desperate-bjp-justifies.html
May 4, 2015	Patna , Bihar	In Passport office (Patna) a Muslim is forced to remove his skull cap. http://beyondheadlines.in/2015/05/muslim-cap-story/
May 4, 2015	Muzaffarnagar, UP	A group of Tablighi Jamaat clerics were allegedly beaten up at Kandhla railway station following which a mob reportedly ransacked a police station, damaged cars and set police vehicles on fire, Several motorcycles were burnt by an angry mob during the violence in Shamli. http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/western-up-tense-after-communal-clash/article7165512.ece (The Hindu)
May 5, 2015	Nadia , West Bengal	Communal violence erupted in West Bengal's Nadia district. At least four people were killed and eight another sustained injuries in the communal clash between two communities, http://thekolkatapost.com/2015/05/05/communal-violence-in-nadia-four-killed/
May 5, 2015	Madhumalti village, Lakshmipur, East Champaran, Bihar	A barat passing in front of the mosque was playing loud music. Minorities opposed it leading to a quarrel and stone pelting. Many were injured. Inquilab, Patna
May 7, 2015	Shahkund, Bhagalpur Bihar	Majority community changed the murty visarjan procession's route. Many mosques were coming on the way and minorities objected to it. After this majority community protested. They jammed traffic, attacked & abused minorities. Inquilab, Patna
May 9, 2015	Vadodara, Gujarat	Nadiad town was tense after a former councillor of its municipality succumbed to bullet injuries allegedly fired from the licenced weapon of a priest of a temple situated in a Muslim dominated locality. The bullet hit his chest and he died on Saturday http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/communal-tension-in-gujarat-after-priest-kills-one-of-the-mob-that-attacked-temple/
May 11, 2015	Ahmadabad, Gujarat	Jyotsana Yagnik, the special judge who convicted and handed life terms to former Gujarat minister and BJP leader Maya Kodnani, former Bajrang Dal leader Babu Bajrangi and 30 others in the 2002 massacre of 97 Muslims in Naroda Patiya, has received at least 22 threat letters and "blank phone calls" at her home since the August 2012 verdict. http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/gujarat-judge-jyotsana-yagnik-who-convicted-kodnani-babu-bajrangi-gets-22-threat-letters/

May 11, 2015	Govindpur Basti, PS Karra, Jharkhand	In Murgu village PS Sisai, Dist Gumla on 11May, 2015 someone kept some meat in polythene in a religious place leading to communal situation. The news spread that communal violence took place in Murgu Village. As a reaction to this communal forces looted 4-5 Muslims shops and houses in Police-station Karra and Village Govidpur. Hindu Yuva Sagthan forced Muslims to leave the village, Muslim women and girls faced serious humiliation and were molested. Hindu house owners ordered Muslims to vacate their homes and shops. -Afzal Anis United Milli Forum
May 12, 2015	New Delhi	A venomous hashtag #GodhraAgain was launched to attack the Muslim community. Linking the recent 'rail roko' protest in Shamli, UP to the 2002 burning of Sabarmati Express at Godhra Station, the tweets incited murderous violence against Muslims. http://beyondheadlines.in/2015/05/harshtags-for-riots-shamli-in-twitter/
May 13, 2015	New Delhi	Road Signs with Muslim names defaced http://www.scoopwhoop.com/news/delhi-road-signs-vandalised-by-shiv-sena-hindustan/
May 15, 2015	New Delhi	After the Modi's government came into power, numbers of Muslims Bureaucrats are on the decline and it is ironical to know that no single bureaucrats are from Muslim community even in Ministry of Minority affairs. The Inquilab Urdu
May 15, 2015	Dhangawan, Jehanabad, Bihar	There was fight between two boys belonging to different communities. The dispute was resolved. Later some miscreants spread the rumour that boy was beaten by Muslims in a mosque. Majority community became aggressive & threw stone on mosque. They also shouted provocative slogans. Inquilab, Patna
May 15, 2015	Jafrabad, New Delhi	Noor-e – Elahi area was under attack by the some communal forces due to some minor conflict. People express disquiet and anger due to biased and one sided action by Delhi Police. Inquilab Urdu
May 18, 2015	Baghpat, UP	Stone pelting and vandalising of buses in Baghpat, which were returning from Ramlila Maidan programme. In this incidence, more than dozen people were injured. The Inquilab Urdu
May 21, 2014	Mumbai Maharashtra	A leading diamond export company rejected a young MBA graduate only because he is a Muslim. The information was sent to him via email stating that the company does not employ Muslims. http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/mumbai-firm-rejects-mba-s-job-application-for-being-a-muslim-police-register-case-probe-ordered/article1-1349546.aspx
May 22, 2015	New Delhi	Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi asked all those who want to eat beef to go to Pakistan. http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/beef-eaters-can-go-to-pakistan-mukhtar-abbas-naqvi/articleshow/47379092.cms
May 26, 2015	Ballabgarh, Haryana	The building of a mosque under court's provision led to attacks on Muslim community by the jats. The violence led to total burning and looting of 20 houses and shops and vandalising many more. All families approx 150 fled the village. http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/ballabgarh-communal-tension-their-houses-set-on-fire-muslims-flee-village/

Over 600 Communal Incidents in UP : A Report from Indian Express

Part-I: Over 600 'communal incidents' in UP since LS results, 60% near by poll seats

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A third of all “communal” incidents recorded by police in Uttar Pradesh in the 10 weeks following the Lok Sabha election results have occurred in — or on the fringes of — 12 assembly constituencies that are scheduled to go to polls over the next few months.

If a larger circle is imagined — covering broadly the region around these constituencies — this proportion rises to two-thirds, police records scrutinised by The Indian Express show.

The records show a running strand of attempts made by an aggressive BJP, a desperate SP, and a flagging BSP to turn every clash involving individuals from the two largest religious communities into a communal issue.

There is also clear evidence of provocation in areas where Dalits and Muslims live together, leading to communal polarisation.

Between May 16 — when UP delivered a spectacular tally to the BJP in the Lok Sabha — and July 25, 605 low-key clashes took place which police identified as “communal” in nature. Nearly 200 of these occurred in or around the 12 constituencies, and another 200 in the broader region.

In the Terai, Eastern UP and Bundelkhand regions, each of which is home to two of the 12 seats, 29, 16, and 6 incidents respectively were recorded.

Records of more than 400 communal incidents in and around the constituencies show that tensions arose out of broadly six issues. The most common were construction activities involving masjids, madrasas and kabristans (graveyards); and the use of loudspeakers for prayers (120 instances each).

Issues of land led to communal tensions in about 70 cases; alleged incidents of cow slaughter in 61 cases; and alleged incidents of elopement and eve-teasing or harassment involving men and women of different communities in 50-odd cases. Minor accidents triggered communal incidents in some 30 cases.

MLAs at these 12 assembly seats contested the Lok Sabha elections and have become MPs. Polls to the vacant seats are due within six months.

Five of these seats — Saharanpur Nagar, Bijnor, Kairana, Thakurwada and Gautam Buddh Nagar — are in Western UP, where the largest number of 259 communal incidents were recorded. Fifty-three incidents took place in Awadh, where the Lucknow East assembly seat will go to polls.

In mid-July, in Bijnor's Keeratpur area, a delegation met the district administration to demand that the construction of a gate on the Bijnor-Haridwar highway be stopped because the top of the gate was beginning to resemble an Islamic “minar”. The administration has now stopped work on the gate, but at a local mandir barely 10 metres away, a practice has begun of weekly recitals of Hanuman Chalisa, at which the gathering is told of the construction.

Septuagenarian Jakhir Ahmed, who has kept a small shop next to the gate for three decades, said, “Construction had been on for months. Suddenly, a few weeks ago, protesters showed up, demanding its demolition.”

A senior official of the district administration, who didn't want to be identified, said, “There is a constant pressure from one group to keep issues burning. We get daily complaints about issues, many of which are old. But they are being pursued on a day-to-day basis. And wherever possible, politics is being introduced.”

On June 20, in Rampur village of Bijnor's Nagina region, Muslims objected to a DJ playing music in the community hall of the village. The music was turned off, but the following day, a clash broke out between Hindus and Muslims. Police and local people are still not sure how the trouble began.

Five days later, in Noorpur Chiperi village 50 km away

in the Sherkot area of the same district, residents objected to music being played at a birthday party for the nephew of pradhan Mahavir Singh. Here too, the music was turned off, but some local dailies reported that Hindus and Muslims had clashed. The following day, the police arrested a Muslim man for allegedly intruding into a temple and damaging the mandir's property.

When The Indian Express visited Noorpur Chiperi, a Dalit-dominated village, the pradhan brushed aside the incident. “It was a misunderstanding based on wrong information. We have no problems.”

Not far away, in the Gulabbadi area of Moradabad town, where Dalits and Muslims live in almost equal numbers, police have begun to receive anonymous calls about the construction of a minar in a masjid. The masjid in question is deep inside a narrow street, lined by buildings standing cheek-by-jowl, and crisscrossed overhead by a thick jumble of hanging power cables.

On July 1, four loudspeakers on the second-floor roof of the mosque were raised to a height of three feet for Ramzan. The calls to the local police and district administration have, however, been complaining of “attempts to raise a new minar, leading to the setting of a precedent”.

Only a fortnight earlier, police and protesters had clashed in Kant, 35 km from the town, after the administration brought down a newly set up loudspeaker in a Dalit temple.

According to a senior police official, the incidents “reveal how closely communities are keeping a watch on issues that have potential for communal clashes”. The loudspeakers of the Moradabad masjid have been returned to their original height. DIG, Moradabad Zone, Gulab Singh, said, “Even small issues like motorbike accidents involving Hindus and Muslims is leading to mobs gathering. No one seems willing to see reason.”

Express investigation part-II: My loudspeaker versus your loudspeaker

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Holiyan, and residents of the area had objected to the volume of the temple's loudspeaker. The local police shrugged off the attack as the result of personal enmity between Saini and someone called Salim. But a full week after the incident, The Indian Express observed five armed policemen still patrolling the area.

In the 10 weeks after May 16, when the new government took over in Delhi, police in Uttar Pradesh recorded 605 incidents of “communal” nature, two-thirds of them in and around 12 assembly constituencies headed to bypolls. In this communal tinderbox, the humble loudspeaker emerged as a potent catalyst for tensions.

Traditionally used for propaganda, provocation and posturing, the loudspeaker was transformed into an effective instrument of polarisation. Police records of

over 600 communal incidents during this period scrutinised by The Indian Express show some 120 of them were triggered by the use of loudspeakers at places of worship — the largest contributor, alongside construction activities involving masjids, madrasas and kabristans, to tensions.

Ten incidents occurred in Muzaffarnagar; nine each in the districts of Bijnor, Meerut and Moradabad. Loudspeakers triggered eight incidents each in Amroha and Saharanpur; seven each in Sambhal and Bareilly; and six in Shamli. Five incidents each were witnessed in Baghpat, Rampur, Bahraich and Balrampur.

Mitron aaj to tumhare mandiron se speaker utar rahe hain, ek na huye to kal yeh tumhare ghar main ghuske tumhari izzat utareng. Isliye bolta hoon, apni taakat dikha do. To sab milte hain, shaam 6 baje Bageshwar mandir. (Friends, today, they are removing speakers from your temples; if you do not unite, tomorrow they will enter your homes and humiliate you. This is why I say, demonstrate your strength. So let us meet at 6 pm at the Bageshwar temple.)

— Message sent out on WhatsApp, allegedly by Vijay Kumar Mittal, head of the Bageshwar temple committee in Saharanpur.

On July 23, four days before riots broke out between Sikhs and Muslims in Saharanpur city, nearly 2,500 Hindus answered the message, gathering quickly at Kothwai Nagar, 5 km outside the city. On the previous night (July 22), loudspeakers at the temple had blared Shiv Katha, disturbing scores of Muslims at their night-time Ramzan namaaz. Some 300 Muslim families live in the Hindu-dominated area, and an argument broke out between the two communities on Behat Road before the police were called in. The night passed peacefully, but the next morning, the WhatsApp message went out.

On the same day, in Nehtaur in adjoining Bijnor district, two Muslim men attacked a Hindu pandit called Rajesh Singh Saini with a knife. Saini's temple is in the predominantly Muslim neighbourhood of

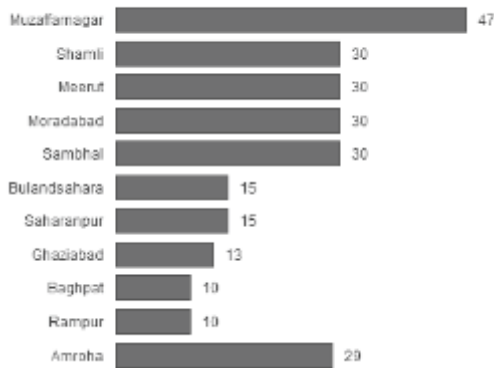
The incidents spiked sharply after June 16, when Hindu mobs poured out on the streets of Kant, Moradabad, after a newly installed loudspeaker at a Dalit temple was removed.

Between May 16 and June 16, only 17 incidents were recorded — all but one of which were in the western UP districts of Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Amroha, Sambhal and Moradabad. After June 16, however, and especially after Ramzan began on June 30, there was a spurt in communal incidents, which also spread rapidly eastward.

In nearly all of these 120 cases, a familiar pattern was seen: temple loudspeakers competed with loudspeakers of the azaan; and a new and aggressive Hindu insistence on the right to use loudspeakers triggered Muslim reaction.

OUTSIDERS, RUMOUR, DENIAL

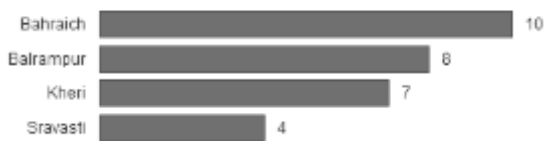
Incidents in Western UP



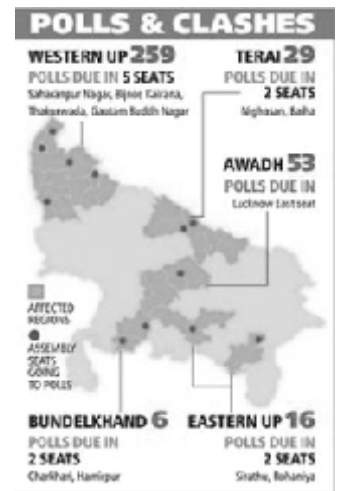
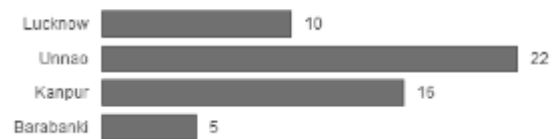
Incidents in Bundelkhand



Incidents in Terai



Incidents in Awadh



Vijay Kumar Mittal of Saharanpur's Bageshwar temple committee — also an activist of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad — denied having sent the WhatsApp message that, besides exhorting Hindus to “unite”, contained several offensive references to Muslims. Police are yet to establish where the message originated.

Eyewitness accounts of Muslims, corroborated by police officials, suggest that the majority among the 2,500-strong Hindu mob that gathered at the temple were outsiders. Said a Muslim man in Saharanpur who

identified himself as Nazir, “We have never had such problems in the past. If it (the loudspeaker) was loud, we would request that the volume be turned down, and the pujari would oblige. But this Ramzan, it was impossible to conduct our prayers.

“We informed administration officials because we did not want conflict. But an agitating mob showed up the next day. There were very few locals in that mob. I don't know what would have happened had the administration not intervened.”

Nazir was among members of the community who gathered for afternoon prayers not far from Bageshwar temple amid curfew in Saharanpur.

Kapil Mishra, a member of the Bageshwar temple committee, said, “The loudspeaker will remain where

it is, and the Shiv Katha will continue. The temple uses loudspeakers only occasionally. What about the masjid? Their radio (loudspeaker) blares throughout the year. Have we ever objected?"

Assembled inside the temple, Mishra and other members of the temple committee described an alleged attack by Muslims on a priest. "Muslims attacked the

pandit of the Shankaracharya temple and injured him. This is what is happening to us wherever the Mohammedans are in a position of strength," they said.

However, the local police station has no record of any such attack. About the July 23 incident, Kothwai Nagar police have recorded in the station

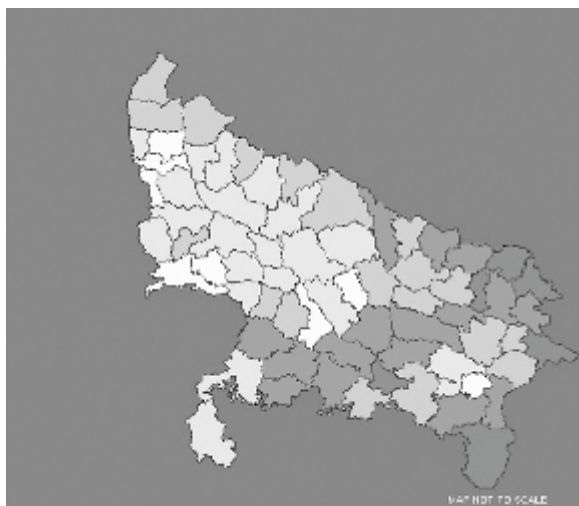
registry that following rumours of a loudspeaker being removed in Bageshwar temple, both communities had gathered on the main road, but the district administration had settled the matter and urged both sides to maintain peace.

At Muzaffarnagar, Balraj Singh, the Bajrang Dal's regional coordinator for western UP, told The Indian Express: "Why do Muslims object to mandirs using loudspeakers? They don't want Hindus to express themselves. They want to subjugate us. We are being denied the right that they enjoy. That is why they are making an issue out of mandirs using loudspeakers."

Balraj Singh said he had just returned from clamped- down Saharanpur.

POLITICIANS' OPPORTUNITY

At 7 pm on July 23, barely half an hour after the knifing of priest Rajesh Singh Saini in Nehtaur, Bijnor, Karan Singh Saini, the BJP's Nehtaur in-charge, arrived at the local police station along with 200 others. Gathering the crowd had been easy, he said, because everyone knew pressing charges against Muslims would be difficult.



Incidents in Eastern UP



"The news spread to nearby areas, and we decided to meet at the police station. We knew it would be difficult to press charges against a Muslim because the Samajwadi Party government patronises Muslims," Karan Singh Saini said.

Soon afterward, a "Muslim" delegation led by the SP's local unit in-charge arrived at the police station, seeking an "amicable" compromise. Police, however, charged both groups, much to the dismay of the Hindu population in the area. The station registry recorded that the incident involved two individuals of

the Hindu and Muslim community, both of whom were under the influence of alcohol, and that an FIR had been registered.

Later, standing in the one-room home where Rajesh Saini is recovering from his injuries, a neighbour said, “The SP government patronises them (Muslims). We are the victims, but get charged.”



Everyone in the room agreed, and several people recounted incidents of attacks on priests during Ramzan. The Indian Express could not confirm any of these incidents. The police have no record of such attacks.

Express investigation part-III: Dalit-Muslim divide deepens, goes rural

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On Monday morning, a minor argument over widening a village road resulted in a violent clash between Muslims and Dalits in Katauli Kala in the Deogaon police station area of Azamgarh district. SP (City), Vinod Kumar, said there was no history of tension between the two communities in that area.

However, according to diary entry at Rani Ki Sarai police station in Sonvar village of the same district, on July 4, an argument between a Muslim family and a Dalit family over the boundaries of their fields resulted in a communal clash in which eight people were injured.



Data from police stations across Uttar Pradesh scrutinised by The Indian Express show that out of 605 communal incidents in the state in the 10 weeks beginning with the Lok Sabha election results of May 16, 68 — or every ninth incident — involved Muslims and Dalits.

Forty-eight of these 68 incidents — over 70 per cent — took place in and around 12 assembly constituencies where byelections are due.

Part 1 of this Investigation, published on August 5, showed that about 400 of the 605 communal incidents between May 16 and July 25 occurred in or around assembly constituencies whose representatives have now become MPs, necessitating bypolls by mid- November.

District after district, the count



Part 2, published on August 6, showed how groups and political parties have transformed loudspeakers at places of worship into powerful instruments of communal polarisation, leading to clashes between Hindus and

Muslims. In as many as 120 of the 600-odd communal incidents, police records of which were analysed by The Indian Express, the trigger for violence was found to lie in a clash involving the use of loudspeakers in masjids and temples.

The clashes between Muslims and Dalits signal a fracture in the BSP's once-potent social engineering experiment. One fallout of the weakening of the BSP's Dalit-Muslim coalition has been that the party's mixed leadership in these areas has found it difficult to take sides — and individual leaders have often rushed to align with their respective religious groups, alienating members of the other group.



Tensions between Dalits and Muslims began, in several cases, after a relationship between, or elopement of, couples from the two communities. In many of these cases, local BJP units and leaders emerged as the “protector” of Dalits, police records show.

Village Gaineridan, Police Station Jahanabad, Pilibhit; May 20: A Muslim family took away by force their girl, who had married a Jatav boy. Local BJP leaders demanded security for the Hindu family and the return of the girl, leading to tensions.

Village Lisadi, Police Station Lisadi Gate, Meerut; May 30: The local BJP leadership got involved after a Jatav girl eloped with a Muslim boy.

Village Ashapur, Police Station Kotwali, Faizabad; June 2: A game of cricket between Muslim and Rawat boys ended in a fight, in which BJP workers got involved. A case has been registered.

Village Neta Nagar, Police Station Karari, Kaushambi; June 6: Local BJP leaders got involved after an incident of stonethrowing between Pasi and Muslim groups. Hindus complained to police, and an FIR was registered against the Muslims.

Village Kasba, Police Station Thana Bhavan, Shamli; July 14: BJP leaders led protests after a Khatik girl eloped with a Muslim boy.



Mohalla Naurangabad East, Police Station Sikanderarao, Hathras; July 15: BJP leaders led a protest roadblock after a Jatav girl committed suicide, allegedly after having been raped by a Muslim man.

Mohalla Malkand, Police Station Bilgram, Hardoi; July 17: An object that looked like a Shiv linga was found while digging near a kabaristan, following which Hindus put up a flag at the spot and began worship. Police intervened after Muslims protested; the local BJP leadership was present.

Indeed, the aggressiveness of Dalit populations has been a significant aspect of the communal tension in the state, and especially in Western UP, in this period. In the July 25 Saharanpur riot — in which Sikhs clashed with Muslims — half of all incidents of arson and violence took place in Dalit and Muslim areas.

According to a senior police officer who was involved in tackling the fallout of the riot, Dalit rioters were involved in around 70 per cent of cases of destruction of property. In

Kalasi Lane on the outskirts of Saharanpur town, an area that is surrounded by Muslim and Dalit neighbourhoods, only three shops in a shopping complex were set on fire — all belonging to Muslim tailors. All the suspects that police have in the case are Dalits.

Of all the non-Muslims who were arrested for the violence in Saharanpur, only 2 per cent were Sikhs — most of the rest were Dalit Hindus.

The second significant — and new — aspect of the ongoing phase of communal tensions in UP is the intensity and spread of the violence in areas that are completely or predominantly rural. Rumour has played a role in polarisation, along with instruments of propaganda and posturing such as loudspeakers.

In several cases, communal tensions have polarised communities that have had no history of animosity, and have lived in harmony for decades.

In Muzaffarnagar's Kheti Viran, 80-year-old Ijhar Hussain, the oldest person in the village, described how the family had decided to leave after Partition, but had been persuaded by Hindu neighbours to return from the railway station. Years later, Hussain's uncle, Miyan Majahir Hussain, then the biggest landlord in the village, donated the piece of land on which a Ravidas mandir stands today.

Kheti Viran is run as a single administrative unit along



with its twin Badarpur. Together, the two villages are home to 4,500 families, Hindu and Muslim in the ratio of 60:40. A majority of Hindus are Dalits.

On July 11, around 6.30 pm, village elders in Kheti Viran reprimanded a Muslim neighbour for tying his buffaloes next to the gate of the Ravidas mandir. Within a half hour, a 600-strong mob had gathered at the temple. Most in the crowd were Dalits from Badarpur, who had heard that Muslims had forcibly removed the temple's loudspeaker.

“Someone had spread a rumour in Badarpur that Muslims had damaged the temple's loudspeaker,” pradhan Jag Sooran Singh said. Local BSP leaders — facing a statewide erosion in their party's Dalit-Muslim base — tried to get involved, as did the local BJP unit. But Kheti Viran pushed back.



Two weeks after the July 11 incident, villagers insisted there was no divide. They recounted an incident after last year's riots in Muzaffarnagar, when a tractor was burnt not far from the village, and both communities had taken it in turns to patrol the perimeter of Kheti.

And yet, several villagers told The Indian Express that they were disturbed that the old bhaichaara had been replaced by tanaav, and that so many people had responded to the rumour about the loudspeaker. On August 6, in Part 2 of this Investigation, The Indian Express had reported how a provocative WhatsApp message, purportedly sent by a local VHP leader in Saharanpur, had triggered a near riot, with 2,500 Hindus willing to confront Muslims in the street.

A 40-minute drive from Kheti Viran, towards the east, is Kheti Sarai village. There, a few metres away from the compound in which the local Ravidas mandir and Shiv mandir stand, a new madrasa has come up. Students come from as far away as Assam.

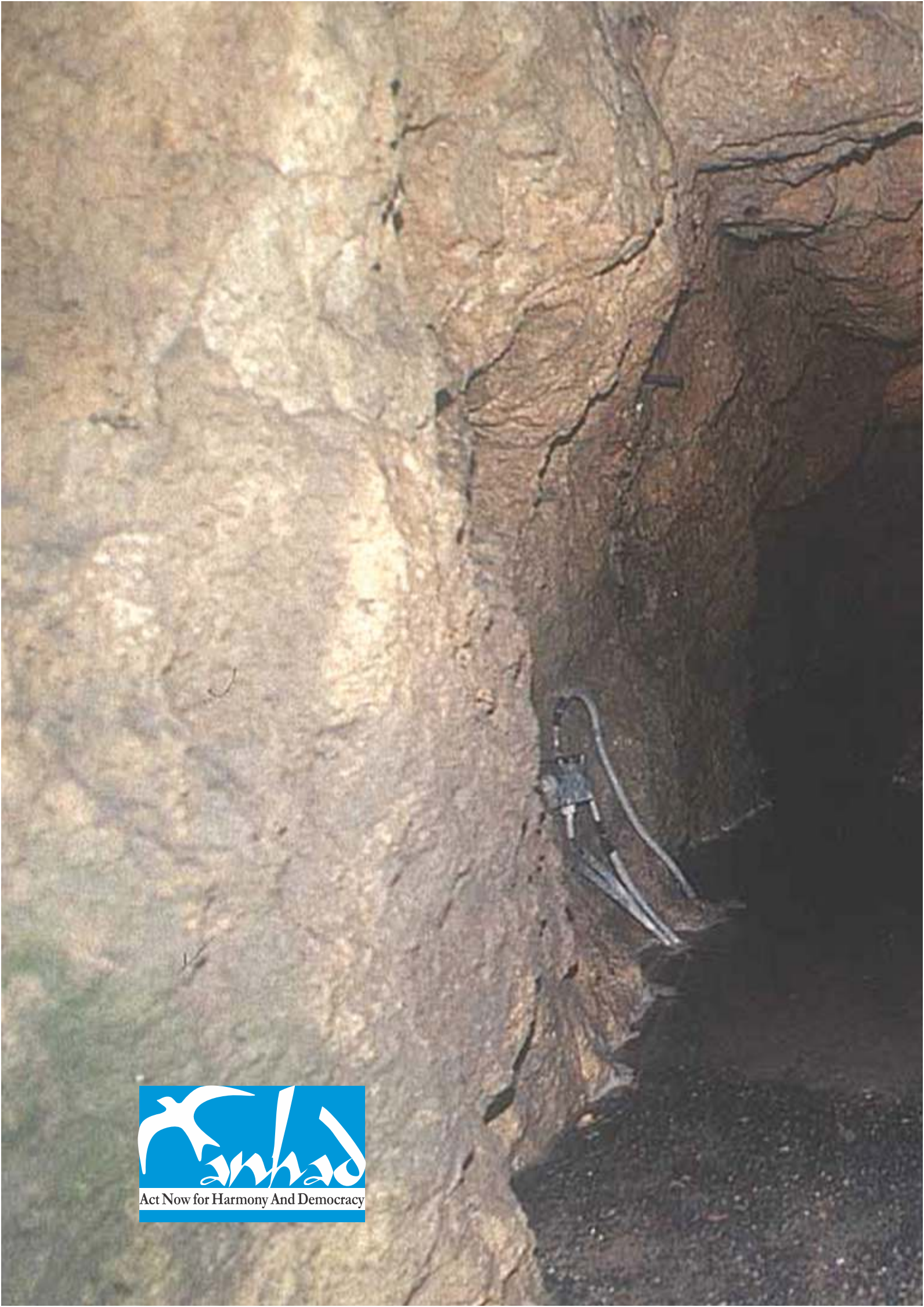
On June 18, two days after a fullscale riot took place in Kant, Moradabad, 25-odd students of the madrasa, all in the age group of 12-18 years, allegedly forced their way into the Ravidas mandir and damaged the loudspeaker.

According to the Dalits, who make up 40 per cent of the village, the local BSP MLA, Maulana Jameel, has been visiting the madrasa frequently and patronizing the Muslims of the area. Jameel had been arrested for allegedly inciting riots in Muzaffarnagar last year.

According to Manavendra Singh, the former pradhan of Kheti Sarai who played a role in cooling tensions, the BJP's Lok Sabha member from Bijnor, Bharatendra Singh, had wanted to visit the village to address a gathering. But Manavendra Singh had refused to cooperate.

Manavendra Singh said he was associated with the BJP himself, but “I don't want any issue in this village. We are living in really bad days.”

He added, “A lot of people from Muzaffarnagar town wanted to visit the village to show solidarity with the Hindus. I ensured with the help of the police that nobody actually came here.”



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