

Hindu Human Rights Report 2017

Rights: Discrimination & Appeasement



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Foreword

In a country where the mainstream media has largely been the vehicle for propagation of the agenda of the anti-Indian, anti-Hindu, Evangelist, and Islamist lobbies using the guise of secularism, the web magazine IndiaFacts.org remains one of the few news and views platforms steadfastly trying to counter the disinformation campaign of the hostile agencies. Violation of human rights of minorities is one of the major planks used by the western international monitors of human rights to denigrate the regimes they dislike. The evangelical motivation of these self-appointed watchers of human rights violations and their hostility towards India and Hinduism is no longer any secret. Reputed authors like Rajiv Malhotra and A Neelakandan (“Breaking India”) and Iain Buchanan (“Armies of God”) have written persuasively to expose the nexus between the US and West European governments and their agents seeking to harvest pagan souls in India and elsewhere.

True to the IndiaFacts motto-- “Truth be Told”, the team at IndiaFacts in their “Hindu Human Rights Report”, presents a concise summary of the violations of the human rights of the majority religious community of India, during 2015-16. Impartial observers of the human rights discourse would be surprised to find that, contrary to the general global pattern, in India, it is the majority Hindu community which has been at the receiving end of human rights violations. IndiaFacts seems to have purposefully chosen the period 2015-16 for this report because this period followed the rise of the Hindutva oriented BJP to power in the central government of India. Readers may recall the anti-BJP propaganda blitz in the US press shortly before the 2014 Parliamentary elections were due in India. And as highlighted in the report, violations of the human rights of Hindus have, instead of showing any decrease, been rising steadily under the Modi government rule. The deliberate ignoring of the human rights violations of the Hindus is eloquent evidence of the western watchers of human rights regarding Hindus as “lesser humans whose rights are not as significant as those of others”.

In this brief report, the authors have catalogued the different fields in which

Hindu rights have been violated as well as the factors which caused the violations. Towards the end, the report also suggests actions necessary to end these violations.

The difficult to put down report is a bold narrative of the blatant violations of human rights of Hindus. It is hoped that human rights watchers across the globe will take due notice of this report and that this will help to bring the much-needed balance to the international discourse on human rights violations.

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Introduction

There is no dearth of Human Rights Reports being produced on India.(1)(2) (3) USCIRF produces a section on India. The US State department has its own reports, and there are other reports compiled by organizations such as Amnesty and Human Rights Watch. However, all these reports have one significant omission. They focus exclusively on human rights of non-Hindus, with the exception of ‘Dalits’. This excludes a large percentage of the human rights violations in India on the mistaken assumption that rights violations in India can only take place by the ‘majority’ on the ‘minority.’ This is at odds with international norms, the history of India, the plural nature of Hindu traditions and the brutalities Hindus have suffered from the followers of other religions and ideologies.

The international norm is to cover human rights violations of all without making any assumptions. For instance, Human Rights Report on several countries like Mexico, Peru, Bahrain etc. cover human rights violations of the majority as well.(4)(5)(6)

India has a long history of human rights violations, persecution and subjugation of Hindus. Moreover, the presumed ‘majority religion’ in India i.e. Hinduism, is not a monotheistic doctrinal system, nor is it institutionalized. It has no equivalent of a Church or Pope, or even a doctrine or a singular Holy Book. It consists of innumerable sects, jatis and communities that are not a single ‘congregation of believers’. Thus, the majority-minority concept, born of the European and Abrahamic experience of exclusive religion and monopolistic monotheism makes little sense. Furthermore, there is no sense of exclusive salvation in Hinduism, where the “other” is condemned to hell for their belief. Hinduism accepts multiplicity of ways. Thus, there is no religious basis for persecution of the “other.” This is not to refute that various forms of violence and discrimination exist in India, as they do in all human societies, but to point out that this is not related to the idea of ‘majority’ or ‘monopolistic’ religion as its cause.

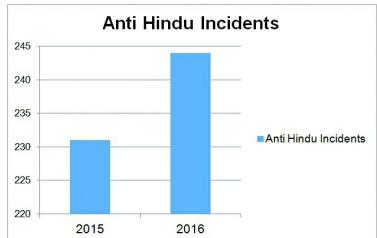
Brahmins in Tamil Nadu, for instance, are a tiny minority who have faced systematic discrimination from the State, which no Human Rights Report has

tracked. More egregiously, the Pandit community, a minority in the state of Jammu and Kashmir faced targeted ethnic cleansing and was also given short shrift in the Humans Rights discourse. In this sense, India is a land of diverse communities, all a minority, and it would be difficult to point out any uniform ‘majority grouping’. In fact, numbering at nearly 150 million, India may soon have the largest Muslim population in the world, which may also be considered a dominant minority in a land of minorities.

Rights of all human beings are important, not just certain groups pre-filtered by category, such as ‘non-Hindu’. The aim of this report on Hindu Human Rights in India is to address these lacunae in the Human Rights discourse, which fail to track violations against diverse communities, simply because they are classified as ‘Hindu’.

There are serious implications to this omission and mistaken assumption. For example, an IndiaFacts report tracked how the US State department had protected a Christian priest involved in horrendous sexual abuse of tribal children in India. US State department’s 2008 report classified these complaints of child abuse against the Christian priest as ‘harassment’ of the priest and protested his police investigation.(540) In 2013, the priest was charged with abusing 53 children. This abuse by the Priest was not considered a worthy subject for the US State department to track, as it was an abuse by a Christian (classified as ‘minority’) of non-Christians though far less egregious rights violations of Christians by non-Christians found its way into subsequent reports. It is likely that the US report resulted in this abuse being prolonged, since local authorities were afraid to bring the Priest to book given the US interest. Later, the US report quietly dropped mention of the priest without as much as a mea culpa.(7)

Despite a so-called “Hindu-friendly” central government in India after 2014, abuses against Hindus have continued to increase. In 2016, number of Anti-Hindu incidents increased. Based on incidents tabulated in this report, year-over-year trend shows a rise in Hindu Human Rights violations—



Source: Please see “Appendix” for complete list of incidents.

Human Rights Report's omission in neglecting violations of human rights of Hindus in India and an exclusive focus on alleged violations by Hindus perpetuates continued anti-Hindu rights violations. It feeds an anti-Hindu narrative discounting Hindus as lesser human beings whose rights are not as significant as those of others.

The aim of this Hindu Human Rights report on India is to document both systematic and episodic violations of human rights including sanctioned discrimination against Hindus by the State. The report focuses largely on incidents from 2015 and 2016 with some other selected incidents added in some cases for historical context.

1. Backdrop

In 1947, India got vivisected into two countries Islamist Pakistan and Socialist India.

As a result of the discourse that preceded pre-partition India and the religious violence that accompanied its formation, distinct constitutional provisions concerning minority rights were put in place in India. Successive governments have misused these constitutional provisions to discriminate against Hindus on the basis of religion.

In last 65 years, Central government enacted several constitutional provisions, laws and programs which discriminate against Hinduism. Moreover, India has several laws that contradict fundamental rights like ‘Hindu temple confiscation laws vs. Right to freedom of religion’, ‘Right to education law vs. Article 30 of the constitution’, ‘Fundamental free speech rights vs. Section 295A Hate-Speech law’, ‘Right to equality vs. Article 29, 30 of the constitution’, ‘Right to propagate religion vs. Equal respect for all religious principles’, ‘Private Property Rights vs. Urban Land Ceiling Act 1976’ etc., resulting in the adjudication of these laws in a manner that put Hindus at a disadvantage. Whenever the court had refused to adjudicate contradictory laws in an anti-Hindu manner, the Government of the day passed new laws impinging the constitutional rights of Hindus. For example, in 2005, the Government lost a case in the Supreme Court. So, it passed 93rd amendment to the constitution. The 93rd amendment takes away all constitutional rights of Hindus to start, run and administer their own schools. It denies freedom to the unaided Hindu run schools, which are otherwise available even to the aided “minority” schools.(8)

Hinduism is a complex adaptive system, which is inclusive, pluralistic, flexible and deeply rooted in the tenets of Dharma. Hinduism does not have a concept of blasphemy.(9) In India, Hindus predominantly respect all religions including atheism. India has provided refuge to the persecuted religious minorities, including Muslims, Christians, Jews (fleeing the persecution by the Christians), and Zoroastrians (Parsis) (fleeing the persecution by the Muslims in Persia/Iran). Jewish groups have mentioned that India is the only

land wherein they were not persecuted.(10) In more recent times, Baha'i is fleeing persecution by Muslims in Iran and Tibetan Buddhists fleeing violent repression by Communist China, were also sheltered and protected in India.

From a traditional ethos of protecting diversity, the modern Indian state has turned the notion of non-discrimination towards minorities on its head. The Indian state actively and legally discriminates against majority Hindus. The State confiscates donations from Hindu temples and denies Hindus the right to manage their own institutions. On the other hand, it uses tax money to fund religious schools and institutions of Christians and Muslims, while allowing these institutions full freedom to discriminate on religious lines. India's constitution, judiciary, media and academia are shaped by this 'Nehruvian Secularism'. This one-way burden manifests itself in anti-Hindu adjudication of contradictory laws and enactment of discriminatory programs.

Criticism of Hinduism is free-speech, but criticism of non-Hindu religion is punished under draconian hate-speech law. The case of Kamlesh Tiwari, languishing in jail for 'derogatory' remarks against prophet Mohammad is not a cause for any human rights groups(11), which labels even mild resistance against evangelical activities as 'persecution' of Christians. Demonizing Hinduism is religious freedom or triumph of communist rationalism, but Hindus responding to these criticisms is un-secular and even 'fascist'. This Christo-Islamic 'secularism' (i.e. hypersensitivity to Christianity and Islam while Hinduism is openly attacked) gave birth to a discriminatory system, which relegates Hindus to second class citizen status.

India's judiciary, which made callous remarks about Hindu festivals, is extremely reluctant to displease Muslims or Christians.(12) In 2011, the Supreme Court, in an unprecedented move, changed the language of a court judgment in order to appease right-wing Christians.(13) Perhaps, the same reluctance is playing a role in Ayodhya legal dispute. For the past 65 years, India's legal system has been fiddling with Ayodhya case while India is burning. All the original petitioners and thousands of civilians are dead.(541)

Foreign-funded NGOs, often with connection to Church or evangelical groups, also specifically target Hindu festivals and customs in the garb of human rights or animal rights. This was recently noticed by a Judge of the Bombay High Court, where the Court questioned why the petitioners specifically targeted only Hindu festivals and customs via PIL or Public

Interest Litigation.(14)

Hindus are victims of government confiscation of temples and schools, genocides, attacks on temples, terrorism and predatory proselytisation. In independent India, majority of massacres are of Hindus.(15) Several non-state actors, like Dravidian extremists, Maoists, Islamist terrorists, Khalistani radicals, Christian fundamentalists, etc. systematically target Hindus. Some of these non-state actors are ideologically aligned with the ruling parties in several states.

2. Legalized discrimination by all branches of Government

Article 29 & 30 of India's constitution discriminates against Hinduism on the basis of religion. This constitutional loophole allows the state & the central government to enact discriminatory laws, funding and programs. This loophole also allows the Supreme Court of India to grant discriminatory exemptions to non-Hindus, like the RTE exemption to the government aided minority schools, and dismiss Hindu appeals against discriminatory laws.(16) (17) Further, India's dominant intellectual narrative and global media support this discriminatory setup. Thus, post-colonial India continues with the colonial tradition of discrimination against Hinduism.

2a. Government Confiscation and looting of Hindu temples

India inherited British era laws, which allowed confiscation of the wealth and donations of Hindu temples, but not of churches and other minority places of worship. Post-Independence, several state governments passed new laws enabling the government confiscation of Hindu temples and educational institutes. Judiciary allowed confiscation in most cases.

Summary:

Question	Hindu	Non-Hindu
Does Govt confiscate, control and sell places of worship assets?	Y	N
Does Govt divert place of worship income.	Y	N
Does Govt confiscate or interfere in management of educational institutes?	Y	N
Do educational institutes get huge exemptions and aid providing big competitive advantage in education sector?	N	Y
Does Govt give grants to encourage religion?	N	Y

Main Source: <http://swarajyamag.com/culture/swarajya-for-hindu-temple>

Government controlled temples suffer from mismanagement, corruption and act as a piggy bank for the government. State governments have taken over nearly all major temples in India. Though, the state governments have not

released the complete data set and the data is sketchy, it is estimated that the governments have sold about 55% of the temple land. In Odisha, 70,000 acres of temple land have been sold. In Andhra Pradesh, 101,854 acres of temple land has been sold and another 60,843 acres has been lost to illegal encroachment. In Kerala, 1070 acres of temple land has been sold. In some states, about 77% of the temple income is diverted to secular schemes like irrigation and anti-Hindu religious schemes like funding Madrassas and Churches. In 2002, Karnataka state received Rs. 72 crore, from Hindu temples. It gave Rs. 60 crores to non-Hindu places of worship and Rs. 10 crores to Hindu temples. Karnataka state also collects 5% tax from Hindu temples. In Andhra Pradesh, Tirupati temple alone has revenue of Rs. 2,500 crores i.e. \$373 million. It is alleged that about Rs. 2,100 crores i.e. \$313 million is diverted for non-Hindu purposes. (18)(19)(20)

Article 29 of India's constitution protects minority places of worship from confiscation and plunder. Though, Hindus are a minority in 6 states of India, Hindu temples do not enjoy such protections and are instead being confiscated, controlled and plundered.

Current Status:

All political parties continue to advocate confiscation of Hindu temples and diversion of temple funds. No branch of the administration, including the judiciary, has shown any willingness to free Hindu temple from the state government's death-grip.

In December 2014, Karnataka Congress government attempted to pass a new law which permits it to confiscate Hindu Mutths.(21)

In September 2015, Karnataka Congress government announced its intention to confiscate Sri Kshethra Dharmasthala temple.(22)

In November 2015, Uttar Pradesh government tried to confiscate two Hindu temples.(23)

Successive Rajasthan governments have tried to confiscate and auction farms owned by Hindu temples. As a result, 36 lawsuits were filed against the Rajasthan government in various courts. On November 22, 2016, Rajasthan high court sided with the state government and declared that Hindu deities

being minor could not cultivate land and hence, temple land should vest with the state government.(24)(25)

In August 2016, BJP state government of Maharashtra proposed that 50% of temple income should be diverted to run government hospitals. In response, the temple trustees stated that they had already diverted substantial amount towards Government irrigation scheme and they were running several hospitals. Prabhadevi temple alone diverted Rs. 40 crores i.e. \$5.97 million to government irrigation scheme.(26)(27)

In September 2016, Karnataka government announced its intention to confiscate Gokarna temple and Mutth.(28)

In 2015, confiscation and looting of Hindu temples was among the largest violations of religious freedom in the world, yet not a single report on religious freedom tracked this violation nor did a single Human Rights group oppose it. USCIRF 2016 report opposes Sudan's attempt to confiscate a church, but it is silent on the systematic egregious confiscation of Hindu temples and its wealth.

2b. Education sector: No level playing field and government confiscation

Both, the Government and the Judiciary, have misused article 30 of the constitution of India and a host of other laws like Right to Education (RTE) act, to skew the playing field in the private education sector against Hindus. Many organizations realized that the “Hindu” label is a liability because it exposes them to ideologically inspired attacks, serious financial disadvantage and operational burden, and paves way for government confiscation. As a result, several entities like Ramakrishna Mission, Arya Samaj and Jains, have filed law-suits and have done intense lobbying to get the coveted non-Hindu status. Jains were successful, but Arya Samaj and Ramakrishna mission were not so lucky. In West Bengal, the Ramakrishna Mission whose colleges and schools were in danger of hostile takeover by the Marxist government, petitioned the courts to have their organization and movement declared a non-Hindu minority religion.(29)(30)(31)(32) Government-sponsored discrimination in the education sector amounts to forcible conversion of Hindu entities.

In Punjab, Sikhs are in majority. SGPC is the supreme Sikh religious body with power to excommunicate any Sikh. Yet, in 2001, SAD-BJP government gave minority status to SGPC-run schools in Punjab. (33)

Summary:

Government Mandate	Hindu School which receives 0% govt grant	Non-Hindu School which receives up to 95% govt grant
Required to provide govt mandated physical infrastructure	Y	N
Comply with Dozens of Government Rules, licenses & quota	Y	N
Pay bribe or earn wrath of government inspectors	Y	N
7,800 schools forcibly closed & another 23k face forced closure	Y	N
Tuition fee cap	Y	N
Minimum teacher salary	Y	N
25% of seats reserved for poor. Govt is supposed to pay 25% cost but runs arrears or disputes payment.	Y	N
Govt can confiscate school or college.	Y	N

Sources: (34)(35)(36)(37)

In the last three years, the government has forced closure of 7659 non-minority (aka Hindu) schools—

Sr. No.	State	Schools Closed	Closure Notices Served	Closure Threat
1	Andhra Pradesh	541	102	1567
2	Assam	0	0	145
3	Delhi	3300	0	2643
4	Haryana	713	0	2585
5	Karnataka	0	0	1473
6	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	1500
7	Maharashtra	0	7000	2943
8	Odisha	0	0	573
9	Punjab	1361	0	219
10	Tamil Nadu	574	746	1000
11	Telangana	0	0	75
12	Uttar Pradesh	1170	50	288
	Total	7659	7898	15011

Source: <http://nisaindia.org/data-on-school-closures>

Current Status:

BJP government is vigorously implementing the RTE act. Modi government has made no attempts to reduce discrimination in education sector. Minor tweaks like 40% additional payment to schools for shouldering RTE burden would make this discrimination bearable but no such tweaks are made. On the contrary, on 26 September 2016, Rajasthan BJP government reduced already puny RTE reimbursement to Hindu schools by 15%. (38)

USCIRF reports mention the word ‘school’ 1144 times. Its 2016 report opposes FCRA act citing regulatory burden on foreign funded Christian schools, but it is silent on the blatant discrimination against Hindus in Education sector. It seems as if freedom of religion only applies to non-Hindus.

2c. Discriminatory Government Schemes

For the past 700 years, India was ruled by non-Hindus. Many rulers promoted and propagated their own non-Hindu faith at the cost of Hinduism. For instance, India’s Muslim rulers promoted Islam by generously donating properties to Waqf.(39) Quite often the property in question was a destroyed Hindu temple or confiscated from Hindu owners. Another instance is the forced conversion of faith for 200+ years during Goa Inquisition. (40). Instead of rectifying past wrongs, the Government of India is perpetuating historic injustices against Hindus. Central government of India runs 18 schemes and 7 statutory bodies for non-Hindu minority welfare. Central government allocated Rs. 17,232 crores i.e. \$3.82 billion to non-Hindu schemes in the 12th five-year plan 2012-2017. This amounts to an annual tax of Rs. 2,757.12 per taxpayer. Moreover, a sizeable section of Christians and Muslims are tribal and OBC, respectively. Therefore, in addition to Rs. 17,232 crore, non-Hindus also receive equal benefits from Rs. 40,430 crores i.e. \$8.98 billion allocated for the welfare of targeted groups like Tribal, SC, OBC, DNT, PwD etc. (41)(42)(43)

Several state governments also run their own schemes and statutory bodies for non-Hindu welfare, for example West Bengal. In 2011, West Bengal budgeted Rs. 375 crores i.e. \$83 million for funding religious schools of Muslims (Madrasas) alone. About 79% of Rs. 375 crores was for Madrasa teacher salary. (44)(45)

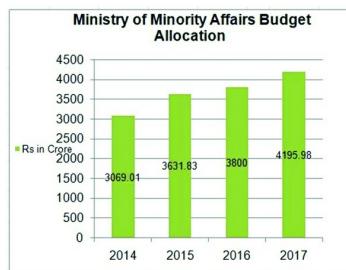
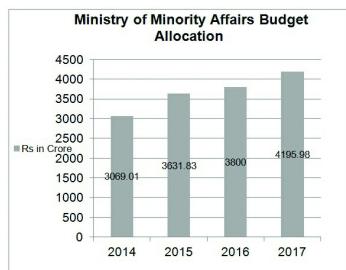
A huge chunk of non-Hindu budget is distributed pro-rata between six religions. Under pro-rata, distribution is based on population percentage. So, Zoroastrians get almost 0%, Jains get 1.92%, Buddhists get 3.62%, Sikhs, who predominantly live in Punjab get 8.9%, Christians get 11.9%, and Muslims get 73.65%.

Eligibility for most welfare schemes, like those dedicated to OBCs, is

decided at local level. In sharp contrast, eligibility for minority welfare schemes is decided at the national level. This eligibility criteria discriminates against Hindus who form the persecuted minority in six states, one union territory and twenty four districts, but do not receive any assistance from the state governments under the pretext of being a majority at the national level. (46)(47)

Current Status:

Modi government continues to implement policies and schemes started by the previous government. In 2017-18 Budget, the government allocated Rs. 4,195.98 crores to minority (i.e. non-Hindu) welfare. After coming to power, the Modi government has increased the budget allocation for minority welfare by 36.72% from Rs.3069.01 crores in 2014-15 to Rs. 4,195.98 crores in 2017-18 (48)—



Source: Ministry of minority affairs government of India(49). (50)

Modi government has taken no initiative to start identical schemes for Hindus, including for those Hindus who are in minority in certain districts or for the economically weaker section of Hindus.

In the last 3 years, budgeted percentage increase for minorities is far higher compared to other groups like Tribals, Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Caste. (51)(52)(53)(54)(55)(56) Benchmark comparison shows that Ministry

of Minority Affairs got Rs. 524.94 crores more, Ministry of Social Justice received Rs. 465.34 crores less, AYUSH was elevated from department to ministry but received Rs. 92.84 crores less—

Central Govt Budget Allocation Comparison (Rs. in Crore)				
Department	2014-15	2017-18	%age Change	Over/Under Allocation from benchmark 19.60% change
Ministry of Minority Affairs(excludes Hindu minority in 6 states & 25 districts)	3,069.01	4195.48	36.70%	524.94
Ministry of Tribal Affairs(includes eligible minority)	4497.96	5329.32	18.48%	-50.24
Ministry of Social Justice(includes eligible minority)	6,165.00	6,908.00	12.05%	-465.34
AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy) Ministry/Dept	1272.15	1428.65	12.30%	-92.84
Total Central Govt Expenditure(*)	1794892	2146735	19.60%	0.00

(*) Benchmark for Allocation Comparison

Years of budgetary misallocation has created a situation where minorities, including upper caste minority and former princely class minority, receive far more benefits than Other Backward Caste(57)—

Govt Scholarship per Student in 2015-16	
Category	Scholarship Amount in Rs
Other Backward Caste	327.00
Minority (including upper caste minority & former princely class minority)	1,948.00

BJP coalition rules two states where Hindus are a minority. Neither state runs any welfare scheme for the Hindu minority or even for the economically weaker section of Hindu minority.

3. Persecution of Hindus by dominant or ruling Ideologies

Several states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, etc. are dominated by either race or class or religion based ideology which is hostile to Hinduism.

3a. “Dravidian” Extremism

Tamil Nadu is ruled by the Dravidian parties for over three decades. This Dravidian ideology believes in discredited racial theory of Aryan vs. Dravidian race and anti-Brahminism. Dravidian anti-Brahminism is similar to European anti-Semitism.(58) Dravidian ideologues use atheism, socialism and rationalism as a tool to demonize pantheist Hinduism and praise “monotheistic” religions. Its founder E. V. Ramasamy

smashed Hindu deities and made hate speeches in public meetings. The Supreme Court of India agreed that EVR’s actions violated hate speech laws but refused to take action.(59) EVR stated—“The Arabic word for Dravidian religion is Islam”.(60) Dravidian Patriarch and five times Chief Minister, Karunanidhi reportedly called Hindus ‘thieves’. He stated, “Do Hindus have a religion? Who is a Hindu? If you ask some right thinking people they’ll say that Hindu actually means a thief”.(61)

This hate-filled rhetoric fuels attacks on Hindu priests and temples. In 2006, Dravidian extremists carried out 9 attacks on Hindu temples and priests. (62) (63)(64) According to Arjun Sampath, the leader of Hindu People’s Party, “Hundreds of Hindu temples across Tamil Nadu are vandalized regularly by anti-Hindu forces. They loot donation boxes that are kept outside the temples. Hundreds of ancient idols have been stolen from these temples”.(65)

Dravidian political parties have electoral alliance with Islamist fundamentalist parties. Islamists have carried out systematic attacks on Hindu Munnani leaders. About 16 Hindu leaders of BJP, RSS and Munnani organizations were killed in 2013 and 2014 allegedly by Islamist terror group

Al Ummah (66)(67) (68)(69). Six prominent Hindu Munnani leaders were murdered. (70) According to Hindu Makkal Katchi, 127 Hindu leaders have been killed in the last 30 years.(71) The investigation of Tamil Nadu police into the killings of Hindu leaders is lethargic, conviction is rare, media coverage sporadic and the government shows no zeal to ensure safety of Hindu leaders and activists.(72)

Hundreds of Hindu temples have been confiscated and are mismanaged by the Tamil Nadu state government under Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act XXII of 1959. Today, this draconian act controls 36,425 temples, 56 mutths or religious centers, 1,721 specific endowments and 189 trusts. This discriminatory act applies only to Hindu and Jain places of worship.(73) Prominent leaders of Dravidian Movement have declared ‘blowing up of the Nataraja Temple by a cannon’ as the goal of their movement.(74)

Human rights groups often turn a blind eye towards Dravidian extremism. Amnesty’s Aakar Patel considers Dravidian political parties as inclusive and inoffensive.(75)

Current Status:

Religious freedom of the Hindus is on a negative trajectory in the Dravidian state:

Hindu religious freedom violation in Tamilnadu for 2015 & 2016				
Category	Total Victims	Victim Raped	Victims Killed	Total Incidents
Predatory Proselytisation	18	0	0	1
Physical attack on Hindus	24		3	21
Physical attack on Hindu temples	8			7
Government Crackdown	30			1
Total	80	0	3	30

In April 2015, Dravidian Extremists attacked two Hindu priests and cut off their sacred threads.(76)(77) In May 2016, Christian police officer reportedly beat up devotees and desecrated a Hindu temple in Kanyakumari(78). Systematic killing of Hindu leaders and activities continue unabated. On September 20 2016, World Hindu Council leader R Suri was murdered in Hosur.(79) On the same day, Hindu Munnani leader Shankar Ganesh was attacked in Dindigul.(80) On September 23 2016, a prominent Hindu Munnani functionary C Sasikumar was hacked to death in Coimbatore after police withdrew the security provided to him.(81)

3b. Communist Extremism: Kill with Impunity

Communists have ruled the states of West Bengal, Kerala and Tripura for several years. Indian communists display prejudice towards Hinduism and favor Abrahamic religions. In the 1980s, when the temples in Kerala came under attack and many idols went missing, some of the Hindu activists approached EK Nayanar, the then communist Chief Minister of the State. He scoffed at them and said, “What kind of Gods you are worshipping? Gods who cannot take care of themselves? How will these Gods ensure your safety?”(82)

Communists have systematically killed 19 Hindu advocates in Kerala.(83) (84)(85) In 2012, Communist leader MM Mani proudly announced in a public rally that the Communist Party ‘had systematically eliminated political rivals in 1980’s.(86) Police protection and investigation of the killings are almost non-existent and conviction is extremely rare. In 1999, BJP Youth leader Jayakrishnan Master, who was a school teacher, was killed inside a classroom in front of his sixth grade students. One accused Pradeepan was found guilty. Communist government gave him an early release from jail.(87) This cycle of killings and counter-killings started in 1968 with the murder of RSS leader Vadikkal Ramakrishnan.(88)(89)

Apart from this, Maoists operate in more than 12 states in India. It is one of the single largest terror group in the world with a strength of 6500 to 9500 armed terrorists. In the last 30 years, the Maoist terrorism has claimed 17,384 lives. They have a history of attacking Hindu temples, ashrams and killing Hindu practitioners.

Current Status:

In 2016, Murderous attacks on Hindu activist increased in Kerala:



At present, Communists head the state government in Tripura and Kerala. Current Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarai Vijayan was allegedly an accused in the murder of Vadikkal Ramakrishnan.(90)(91)(92)

In July 2015, Marxist extremists pelted stones inside the premises of the famed Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy temple. (93) In September 2015, during Ramzan month, Kerala government changed official school hours and curtailed mid-day meals of school children.(94) In sharp contrast, on August 31 2016, Kerala government banned Onam celebration during business hours. (95) In February 2016, Hindu activist P V Sujith was hacked to death by Left extremists in front of his parents.(96) In April 2016, Maoists stormed a Hindu temple in Chhattisgarh.(97) In July 2016, Hindu labor union leader C K Ramchandran was murdered by Communist extremists in front of his wife and children. (98). In September 2016, BJP member Bineesh was hacked to death by Left extremists in Kannur, Kerala.(99) On October 8, 2016, they attacked BJP's Dalit member Vishnu and his family. Vishnu was hacked to death and Vishnu's mother and aunt were injured (100). Though, Indian media is ever ready to highlight the grievances of Dalits, they remained silent regarding the murder of Vishnu. On October 12, 2016, Communists killed BJP member Remith Utaman. In 2002, Remith's father Chodon Utaman was also hacked to death. Remith is the 80th victim of communist extremism in Kerala.(101)

3c. Khalistani Extremism: Justice denied even though guilt is proven

In 1980s, Sikh radicals took to terrorism demanding the creation of religious republic Khalistan. Incidentally, 'Khalistan' means 'Land of Pure', which is also the meaning of the name 'Pakistan'. Khalistani terrorism claimed 21661 lives.(102) Khalistani terror groups have successfully carried out terror attacks targeting Hindus and Ravidasis in North America and Europe.(103) (104) In Northern India, About 1000+ Hindus were killed in targeted killings in various buses, trains and other massacres.(105) Sikh radicals believed that Ravidasi and Nirankari are not Sikhs and they should not self-identify as Sikh. Hence, Ravidasi & Nirankari were persecuted by Khalistani terrorists and their Gurus were killed.(106)(107) Government of India made no attempts to prosecute top Khalistani leadership. Dr. Jagit Singh Chauhan, the

founder of Khalistani movement who freely operated from UK & USA, returned to India in 2001 and lived with impunity.(108) In 1996, Ranjit Singh, a convicted killer of Nirankari Guru, was made the supreme Sikh leader. Earlier, he had proudly confessed that he committed the murder for Sikhism. Delhi High court upheld Ranjit Singh's conviction and cancelled his bail, but Ranjit Singh refused to surrender. NDA government quickly ordered a remission of his sentence. (109)(110) Thus, Justice remained undelivered even when guilt was proven beyond reasonable doubt.

Current Status:

Attempts are afoot in the USA, UK & Punjab to revive Khalistani movement. If revived, the persecution of Ravidasi, Nirankari and Hindus in general is inevitable. In November 2015, Radical Sikhs declared Jagtar Singh Hawara as the Supreme Sikh Leader. Jagtar Singh is a member of Babbar Khalsa terrorist group and convicted killer of Punjab Chief Minister. He was also accused of killing a Sikh priest at the age of 15.(111)(112) Khalistani groups petitioned the White House for securing release of Jagtar Singh. The petition had gathered 106,322 signatures triggering a Religious Freedom homily from the White House.(113) In August 2015, US based Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) launched Referendum-2020 for Khalistan.(114) SFJ and USCIRF are aggressively courting each other. (115) USCIRF consultant Iqtidar Cheema, a native of Pakistan, believes that India's day of Independence, i.e. August 15th 1947 is a day of betrayal for the Sikhs.(116) Iqtidar Cheema also participated and spoke at pro-Khalistan rally in San Francisco.(117)(118) In March 2016, UK's House of Lord's also started peddling bogus Sikh persecution narrative. (119)

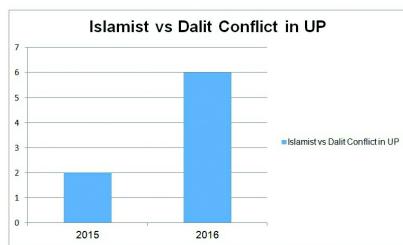
3d. Islamo-Socialist misrule in Uttar Pradesh: Impunities galore

Till recently, Uttar Pradesh was being ruled by the pro-Muslim Socialist Party (SP) whose supreme leader had earned the title of 'Mullah' because he ordered a lethal police action against Hindu devotees at Ayodhya in 1990. The death toll in this police action ordered by Mulayam Singh, who was then the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, was at least 16, with many observers

estimating a higher death toll between 168 and 400.(120)(121) In a January 15, 2016 speech, Mulayam had justified his lethal order.(122) On March 2, 2006, Mulayam Singh addressed an anti-George Bush protest held by Islamist outfits. This protest triggered communal violence killing four and injuring eight. The violence had started after the Islamist extremists tried to force Hindu traders to shut their shops.(123)(124) During August 2013, Muzaffarnagar riots, a sting operation done by Headlines Today revealed that Uttar Pradesh Minister Azam Khan had ordered the Muzaffarnagar district Police Officers to release Muslims and not take action against them.(125)

Current Status:

Hindu Dalits are major victims of Islamo-socialist misrule:



In 2015, the UP government's action forced 800 Hindu Dalits to convert to Islam.(126)(127) The state government also banned reconversion to Hinduism, arrested Hindu Dalit\ activists, made unlawful attempt to arrest a couple, who wanted to embrace Hinduism, curbed free-speech of Hindus, and tried to confiscate two Hindu temples.(128)(129)(130)(131) Eighteen incidents of Hindu religious freedom violation took place in UP. [See 'section 4: Attack on Hindus' for details].

UP Government discriminates in dealing with death of a person as well, on religious grounds. In September 2015, they announced Rs. 45 lakh compensation to a Muslim victim, but in November 2015, they announced only Rs. 10 lakh compensation for a Hindu victim. (132)

The state government also tried to discriminate against Hindu police officers, who die in the line of duty. In June 2016, they announced compensation for the Hindu police officer, who died in the line of duty was Rs. 20 lakhs. But, the compensation for a Muslim police officer, who had died earlier, was Rs. 50 lakh. A spirited social media campaign had forced

the government to backtrack. (133)(134)

In June 2016, Zee news reported an exodus of Hindu families from the Muslim dominated town of Kairana in Uttar Pradesh, after four Hindu businessmen were killed and multiple extortion threats were issued to the Hindu families. The state government refused to even acknowledge the issue. (135) On September 22, 2016, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) disputed the assertion of the UP government and stated that the exodus of the Hindu families from Kairana was a reality.(136)

3e. Christian extremism

In the last 24 years, about 4224 Indians have died due to Christian terrorism. (137)(138)(139)(140)(141)(142)

Christian Terror Groups in India	Est. Fatalities
National Socialist Council of Nagaland for Christ (NSCN)	2512
Tripura National Liberation Front	1072
Others	640
Total (1992 to 2016)	4224(*)

(*)Leftist terror groups, like NDFB, are dominated by Christians and prefer Christian way but they are NOT included in the Christian terror list.

Several Christian terror outfits persecute Hindus in India. Official slogan of National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) is “Nagaland for Christ”. Its aim is to establish a sovereign monopolistic Christian state. Official aim of National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) is ‘to expand the Kingdom of God and Jesus Christ in Tripura’. Tripura government stated that the Baptist church is backing NLFT. NLFT has put a ban on celebrating Hindu festivals. In August 2000, NLFT murdered Swami Shanti Kali and forcibly closed all 18 branches of Shanti Kali Mission. In May 2000, NLFT kill 25 Hindus in Bagber massacre. In 2001, NLFT killed 16 Hindus, who were preparing for Sun Solstice festival. (143)(144)(145)(146)(147).

Political leadership in the Christian majority states of India, often exhibit prejudice towards Hinduism. During 2013 election in Mizoram, Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla of Congress(I) and C Lalramzauva of Mizoram Democratic Alliance accused each other of idolatry. During the debate Hindu tilak and puja were depicted as evil and demonic.(148)

Current Status:

In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a peace accord with NSCN-IM (149) and Tripura state government started peace negotiations with NLFT (150). Terror related fatalities in northeastern India reduced by 40% from 465 deaths in 2014 to 273 deaths in 2015 to just 29 in 2017. (151)

In June 2015, Meghalaya, a state having Christian majority, denied Hindus the right to cremate their dead.(152)

3f. Jammu & Kashmir: “No one committed” Pandit Genocide

Nearly all the Human Rights and Religious Freedom organizations gave short shrift to the plight of Hindu minority in J&K. They also misrepresented the problem. For instance, USCIRF 2001 report stated that Kashmir is not a religious problem. In the midst of Human right distortion, Hindu American Foundation (HAF) provides factual over-view of Hindu plight in J&K.

This report will not cover Pandit genocide, confiscation of Hindu properties, and the destruction of Hindu temples in J&K because HAF has already covered it in detail.(153) Hence, this report is limited to government discrimination against the Hindu & Buddhist minority in J&K.

Jammu & Kashmir consists of three regions. 55% of the population resides in Muslim dominated Kashmir Valley, 43% population resides in Hindu dominated Jammu and 2% population reside in Buddhist dominated Ladakh. (154)(155)(156) Successive central and state governments have discriminated against Jammu and Ladakh. In 1980s, Ladakh Buddhist Association led a mass movement against discrimination by the Government resulting in formation of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council. (157) Jammu has witnessed several mass protests against discrimination but discrimination continues unabated. (158)

Current Status:

BJP ruled Central Government and BJP-PDP ruled state government continues discrimination against Jammu. Jammu pays three times higher tax than Kashmir, but receives very little in return from the state and central governments. In year 2014-15, Jammu generated total tax revenue of

Rs.4,127 crores and Kashmir generated total tax revenue of Rs. 1,398 Cr. (159)

In the last 3 years, Rs 2,200 crores were spent on tourism development in J&K. Peaceful & tourist friendly Jammu received Rs 100 crores and the Kashmir valley, racked by terrorist violence, received Rs 2,100 crores.(160)

In 2016, Union ministry of Home affairs sanctioned 10,000 SPO jobs for J&K. Kashmir got 8,000 jobs and Jammu got 2,000 jobs. (161)

In March 2017, Government of India increased the number of Post Graduate seats in J&K Medical colleges. Kashmir got 57 seats and Jammu got 13 seats. (162)

In March 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Jammu was greeted with massive protests against discrimination towards Jammu in all spheres like government allocation of funds, government jobs, development schemes, tourism, power, health and allied sectors.(163)

3g. Terrorism

In the last 35 years, about 100,053 Indians died due to terrorism. 99.87% of these terror deaths have been due to terrorism with non-Hindu affiliation. (164)(165)(166)(167)(168)(169):

Terrorist Violence in India	
Terror Ideology	Est. Deaths
Islam	44750
Left	29291
Sikh	21660
Christian	4224
Hindu	128
Total	100053

Note: Christian & Leftist numbers are understated because data for 1980s is not available.

Non-Hindu terror groups are sympathetic to each other's cause and often collude with each other in attacking Hindus. Maoist leader Kishen stated that he supports Islamic militancy.(170) Several reports indicate a Maoist-Jihadi nexus in eastern India. (171)(172)(173) In Orissa, several incidents point to a nexus between Christian extremists and Maoists. As per Former IB Chief, Maoists consider Christian tribals as their own people and community.(174) Maoists oppose propagation of Hinduism but not Christianity. In 2008,

Maoists created a hit list of 14 Hindu activists in Odisha. In 2009, Maoists killed Mr. Panigrahi who was on the hit-list.(175) In 2013, 8 Maoists, including 7 Christians, were found guilty of attacking a Hindu ashram and killing 5 persons including a 82 year old monk, women and children.(176) (177)

Hindu terrorism is almost non-existent, yet hype is created by several politicians, section of media, activists and human rights groups. In sharp contrast, the same people and organizations mostly turn a blind eye to the acts of terror committed by non-Hindu terror groups, which killed around 99,925 Indians in the last 35 years.(178)(179)

The spectrum of ‘Hindu Terror’ implicates the victim. Hindu temples, ashrams, pilgrims, and train passengers are the prime terror targets. In 1980s Punjab, Khalistani terrorism claimed 21000 lives. Terrorists explicitly targeted & killed Hindus including 100s of passengers, segregated, removed and killed from buses and trains, but USCIRF 2001 report portrays Hindus as accused in Punjab. USCIRF 2001 report blames the Hindu “Sangh Parivar” for violence against Sikhs during 1984 Delhi riots, while it has been documented that the Sangh Parivar saved hundreds of Sikh lives and played a crucial role in restoring peace. This well-known role has been noted in the Judicial Inquiry report submitted by the retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Nanavati and was also praised by Late President of India, Gyani Zail Singh, who was a Sikh and leader of the rival congress party. (179)(180)(181)

Current Status:

In 2015, about 60+ terror groups were active in India. All terror groups subscribe to non-Hindu or anti-Hindu ideology. Terrorism killed 722 Indians.

In April 2015, Amnesty’s Aakar Patel wrote, “As is obvious, most terrorists in India are Hindus”.(182) In his article, Aakar classified anti-Hindu Maoists as ‘Hindu’. This classification is dishonest and violates global standard of labeling terror groups. Global standard is to identify terror group based on its dominant ideology. For instance, Maoists in Christian majority Latin America are labeled as ‘Maoist’ not ‘Christian’.(183) EU 2014 Religious Freedom Report states that Christians are victim of Maoist terrorism and counterterrorism in Mexico, Peru and other Latin American

countries. (184)

In July 2015, seven persons were killed in a terror attack at Gurdaspur, Punjab. USCIRF consultant believed that Gurdaspur attack might be a false-flag operation carried out by Indian army to repress Sikhs. He wrote on CNN: “So through this false flag operation India wants to demonize both Pakistan and China....India will probably use this false flag operation to stop the negotiation process.”(185) This was yet another instance of branding the victim as the accused.

4. Attack on Hindus

4a. 2015 and 2016 Statistics

These represent incidents documented by IndiaFacts. The actual number is likely to be several times more. Finding data about attacks on Hindus is a difficult task because of semi-censorship and systematic under-reporting and misreporting. The number of unreported or censored victims would greatly exceed 3671. This report mentions a few 2014 events but they are not included in the above statistics. Please see “Appendix” for the complete list of incidents.

Hindu religious freedom violation in year 2015				
Category	Total Victims	Victim Raped	Victims Killed	Total Incidents
Predatory Proselytisation	971	0	0	7
Physical attack on Hindus	270	7	20	90
Physical attack on Hindu temples	74	0	1	72
Government Crackdown	109	0	16	57
other threats (e.g. death threats)	5	0	0	5
Total	1429	7	37	231

Hindu religious freedom violation in year 2016				
Category	Total Victims	Victim Raped	Victims Killed	Total Incidents
Predatory Proselytisation	1548	0	0	30
Physical attack on Hindus	289	13	38	127
Physical attack on Hindu temples	44	0	1	41
Government Crackdown	104	0	16	38
other threats (e.g. death threats)	257	0	0	8
Total	2242	13	55	244

West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka are states of particular concern. In the last 2 years, these states have witnessed a high level of physical attack on Hindus:

Physical attack on Hindus	Total Victims	Victim Raped	Victims Killed	Total Incidents
West Bengal	147	5	8	29
Uttar Pradesh	82	9	15	35
Kerala	88	1	10	81
Karnataka	36	0	9	12

4b. Conspiracy of Silence

Blogosphere along with online media is filled with many studies and observations on the conspiracy of silence and misreporting.(186)(187)(188)

In May 2015, Five Hindu Dalits, including 2 women, were killed by Muslims in Nadia, West Bengal. In a hard-hitting article, Garga Chatterjee wrote that Nadia killing did not generate a furor because the murderers were Muslim. Garga further stated that there was a conspiracy of silence. Everyone, including media, the ruling party and the principal opposition party were silent. (189)

Google search result supports ‘Conspiracy of Silence’ observation by number of news reports about each incident. In the first incident, Hindu Dalits were brutally killed, in the second case, they were merely “beaten” in a video-recorded operation, that appeared orchestrated for media coverage. This is evident in the coverage each incident received—

Mainstream Media coverage of Events	telegraphindia.com hits	indianexpress.com hits	timesofindia.com hits
Five Hindu Dalits, including 2 women, allegedly killed by Muslims in Nadia, W Bengal.	0	0	0
Six Dalits allegedly assaulted by Cow right activist in Una, Gujarat	20+	47	54

Telegraph is a West Bengal newspaper, which omits the local massacre, but devotes much ink to a remote beating, happening 2,450 km away. The Times of India and the Indian Express are media giants with an all-India presence. Both omit the Dalit killings by Muslims in West Bengal.

When attacks on Hindus occur, Indian media usually runs semi-censored press release omitting the identity of the victim. Experienced readers assume that semi-censorship means attack on Hindus. But, in the case of Nadia massacre, around **96.3% of Indian media chose to completely censor it**. India has 85 English language newspapers and 24 daily news channel. Internet search indicates that two newspapers, DNA and International Business Times, and one news channel NewsX reported Nadia massacre. One newspaper, The Hindu, provided a semi-censored report. The three media outlets which reported Nadia massacre are far smaller than media giants, who chose to censor the incidence. Based on circulation and viewership, censorship level might jump from 96.3% to 99%+ level.

No Human Rights organization has spoken against Nadia massacre. Human Rights Watch’s Meenakshi Ganguly, who is a Bengali, was silent on Nadia massacre.

On the other hand, Una Dalit beating generated 74,900 hits on google.com. All media outlets provided victim's caste, but not culprit's caste. Media gave it an upper caste vs. lower caste color, but that is again misreporting. Based on the last name of the accused, it appears that an overwhelming majority of accused were OBC and ST/Dalit. Here is the break-down: 2 Scheduled Tribe or OBC, 2 Dalits or OBC, 1 Brahmin, 1 Muslim, 1 Rajput or Karadiya-OBC, and 1 OBC. (190)

Media mis-reporting is neither new nor limited to Indian media. Global media of all shades, from academic journals and mainstream newspapers to literary sites, are part of it. For instance, In May 2004, a non-Hindu group, called Sambhaji brigade, attacked a library in Pune and burned Sanskrit manuscript. Sambhaji group's activity and ideology is public. It is clearly anti-Brahmin and anti-Hindu as evidenced by its stance against major Hindu festivals such as Diwali and the Kumbh Mela.(191)(192); but Financial Times wrote— “Hindu fundamentalists have aggressively mobilized against works they deem disrespectful to their pantheon of deities...an irate mob ransacked a manuscript library”.(193) Global media, academia & human right honchos, like Washington post, Amnesty International, Academic Exchange and Complete Review, directly or indirectly pointed the finger at Hindus. (194)(195)(196)

Both common sense and truth, are a casualty in the ‘Blame it on Hindus’ strategy.

Dishonesty in reporting has become the largest threat to the human rights of the Hindus. For instance, USCIRF 2016 report states, “In February 2016, the RSS reportedly placed signs on train stations throughout India that said Christians had to leave India or convert to Hinduism or they will be killed by 2021” but not a single credible source was quoted to substantiate the allegation. Such dishonest reporting in turn leads to demonization of Hindu community.

4c. Attack on Hindu temples

In the last 15 years, over 200 Hindu temples have been the victims of major robbery, terror attacks, etc. Eighty eight Hindu devotees were killed in temple attacks and precious murtis of Hindu deities have been vandalized or stolen,

but successive governments have taken hardly any measures to protect the Hindu temples.(197)(198)

In 2015, 80 incidents of temple attacks occurred, but no religious freedom group has spoken against it. USCIRF 2016 report, which covers year 2015, repeats an old 2007 church incident in Odisha but does not cover temple attacks in the year 2015.

According to Delhi police files, 14 Hindu temples and one Church were victims of theft between 01/01/2015 and 02/02/2015, but the media highlighted only the Church theft, while ignoring the thefts in the 14 Hindu temples.(199)(200) A simple Google search for phrase: “church/temple Delhi theft OR attack OR robbery” on major Indian media sites for the period between 01/01/2015 and 02/02/2015 reveals ‘Conspiracy of Silence’:-

Delhi Police File: Place of worship theft from 01/01/2015 to 02/02/2015	Media Coverage	
	NDTV.com hit	hindustantimes.com hit
14 Hindu temples	0	0
1 Church	2	3

New Delhi Television (NDTV) and Hindustan Times (HT) were selected because both are based in Delhi. The chance of local media covering a local temple theft should be higher, but this was clearly not the case.

On March 22, 2015, Durga temple was robbed. Robbers brutally killed a sadhu with a wooden stick. (201)

On April 4, 2015, Belur Math, the headquarters of Ramakrishna Mission, was bombed. Many media channels censored it and some newspapers tried to pass it off as an incident involving fire-crackers.(202) In a sharp contrast, media portrayed an electric short circuit incident inside a Church as an attack on the Church.(203)

In June 2015, a comprehensive statistical analysis by IndiaFacts concluded that a Church incident (i.e. theft, robbery, vandalism) receives 2289.6% more coverage than similar incidents related to Indic (i.e. Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist) places of worship. 2289.6% is an alarmingly high number, but understates the problem. Sikh incidents usually get a worldwide coverage with Khalistani activism. Buddhist incidents also generate higher coverage. Sometimes these are even used for false propaganda against Hindus. For instance, In July 2013, Bodh Gaya temple was bombed in a terror attack. On

4 November 2013, National Investigate Agency announced that the Indian Mujahedeen were responsible for the bombings at Bodh Gaya. On 19 December 2013, Home Minister Shushil Kumar Shinde confirmed Indian Mujahedeen involvement in bombings at Bodh Gaya and declared that the case is solved. In sharp contrast, USCIRF May 2014 report portrayed Arup Brahma Chari as a Hindu priest and sole suspect in Bodh Gaya bombing but Arup Brahmachari is neither a Hindu priest nor a sole suspect in Bodh Gaya bombing Arup Brahmachari does not self-identify as “Hindu priest” and many media outlets, including Buddhist Channel TV, describe him as Buddhist Monk, anti-corruption crusader and savior of Bodhi tree. (204) Thus, the coverage of Church incidents vis-à-vis Hindu temple incidents would greatly exceed 2289.6% (205) and the number of unreported attacks on Hindu temples would exceed 80.

On June 9, 2015, Lord Krishna temple in Kerala was desecrated by planting a buffalo head. Police officials, who were not keen on registering a case, insisted the matter not be made public. However, following relentless protests from the public, police were forced to file an FIR. (206)

On July 17, 2015, Kasargode temple in Kerala was vandalized with Islamist graffiti. Police tried to hide the graffiti. (207)

On January 6 2016, Meenakshi temple was bombed in Tamil Nadu. (208)

In June 2016, Shiva Temple was attacked in Jammu during Ramadan. People demanded suspension of the two police officials who allegedly defended the accused and abused the complainants. (209)

Additional incidents of temple robbery and desecration are listed in the Appendix.

4d. Proselytization, Free Speech & Religious Freedom

Historically, Hinduism has not been a proselytizing religion in the manner of Islam or Christianity. It does not have a theology of the “other” as Satanic or the necessity of conversion to be “saved.” Nonetheless, it has been subjected to relentless conversion campaigns by both Islam and Christianity. This has

been a form of asymmetrical warfare by highly resourced and powerful global religions, often using force, the threat of force or highly unequal resources. While the Conversion war on Hindus is made into an issue of religious freedom of Christians and Muslims to proselytize, an attempt to resist this war or to counter it via reversion is dubbed “majoritarian” and “fascism” of “militant Hindus.”(210)

Nonetheless, there have been responses to the conversion activities of others in the form of reconversion campaigns. First attempt to reconvert victims of predatory proselytisation called ‘The Shuddhi Movement’ was launched by Zain-ul-Abiden and religious reformer Pandit Kantha Bhat in early 15th century in Kashmir. The movement was brutally crushed by Kachi Chak and Sufi Saint Shams-ud-din Iraqi. Panditji along with 800 Hindu leaders were massacred and Hindu followers were forcibly converted to Islam.(211)(212)

As a result of Hindu reform movements of late 19th century, Hindus started asserting their free-speech, religious-freedom rights and restarted ‘The Shuddhi Movement’. Pandit Lekh Ram was the pioneer Hindu missionary who questioned the tenets of Islam and rationally rebutted prophecies of Ahmadiyya Prophet Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. Panditji was a prolific author of 33 books and a great debater fluent in several languages including Arabic, Persian and Urdu. On March 3, 1897, in the month of Ramzan he was assassinated. Public accused Ahmadiyya Prophet Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of assassinating Pandit Lekh Ram.(213) Swami Shraddhanand was another pioneer who launched the first Hindu mission with the formal aim of reconverting those who were the victims of predatory proselytisation. On 23 December 1926, he was assassinated by a Muslim fanatic named Abdul Rashid.(214)

In 2014, Several Hindu organizations restarted ‘The Shuddhi Movement’ under a new name ‘GharWapsi’ meaning ‘Home Coming’. The 3rd avatar of ‘The Shuddhi Movement’ meets the same fate as its two previous avatars. Please read ‘current status’ sub-section for details.

One of the first Hindu publisher to use free-speech right was Rajpal, who published a book critical of Prophet Muhammad. He was arrested but acquitted in April 1929 because there was no law against the insult of religion. He was murdered in court by lim-ud-din and Indian Muslims demanded a law against insult to religion. The British obliged by enacting

section 295(a). (215)

In 1947, India was vivisected in two countries India and Pakistan. Both the countries retained section 295(a) and use 295(a) to primarily punish those who insult Islam or sometimes Christianity (but not Hinduism).

Independent India continues to discriminate against Hinduism in free-speech and religious-freedom. Hindu missionary monks like Swami Lakshmanananda and Swami Shanti Kali were assassinated by a Christian extremist. Establishment media demonized the victims as “trouble makers.” In India, the number of abuses heaped on Hinduism vastly exceeds abuses heaped on others but most of the hate-speech arrests, or censorship, is for insulting non-Hindu religions. Number of books insulting Hinduism greatly exceed books insulting other religions but 100% of the punishment, by Supreme Court of India, is for insulting non-Hindu religions. Supreme court of India has never punished anyone for insulting Hinduism. (216)

For all practical purposes, anti-Hindus have free-speech to demonize Hinduism, but Hindus do not have free-speech to respond in kind. Non-Hindus have right to proselytize by any means, fair or foul, but Hindus do not have even the limited right to reconvert victims of predatory proselytization.

Amnesty's Aakar Patel believes that section 295(a) is necessary, but judiciary should not apply it to Wendy Doniger's book.(217) In other words, anti-Hindu propagandists must be allowed to proceed with impunity and be protected by law while keeping section 295(a) to silence Hindus who dare to respond. While successive governments routinely banned books such as “Satanic Verses” for being “insulting to Islam”, Hindus were demonized for petitioning the Court for legal action against a book by Wendy Doniger who'd said: “The Bhagavad Gita is not as nice a book....The Gita is a dishonest book”.(218)

Current Status:

Predatory Proselytization & re-conversion right:

In 2015, Predatory proselytization of Hindus went mostly unchecked, but reconversion to Hinduism aka Ghar Wapsi was brutally crushed and banned by the government due to hostile media, false allegations and global pressure.

For instance, on August 26, 2014 few Seventh Day Adventist voluntarily embraced Ghar Wapsi in Uttar Pradesh. On September 26, 2014, Adventist church investigators concluded that reconversion to Hinduism was voluntary, genuine and un-forced. Yet, in May 2015, USCIRF in its report made a false allegation that Seventh Day Adventists were forcibly converted to Hinduism in Uttar Pradesh. USCIRF promotes evangelism by both foreign missionaries and local converts as a fundamental right to religious freedom, but peddles debunked allegations against Hindu attempts at conversion or reverting to the original religion, such as Ghar Wapsi.(219)(220)(221)

In December 2014, UP government banned reconversion to Hinduism, leaving conversion, predatory or otherwise, to Abrahamic faiths untouched. (222) UP government also arrested a Hindu Dalit Missionary.(223) On February 2, 2015, Subha Kumar Dash, an employee of St. Stephen's college, stated that his boss Revd. Valson Thampu forced him to convert to Christianity.(224)

On February 8 2015, Tamil Nadu government arrested 30 Hindu missionaries.(225) On February 9, 2015, UP government tried to arrest a young couple Mr. & Mrs. Puri and stop them from re-embracing Hinduism. In his statement to the SDM, Mr. Rajan Puri said: "I had adopted Islam in 2006. A written application was submitted before the district magistrate at that time. Now my wife, our children and I are adopting Hinduism without any fear or allurement."(226) On April 14, 2015, an FIR was filed against three Christian missionaries for attempting to convert 20 children without parental permission.(227)

Legalized discrimination by various branches of the government and the administration help predatory proselytization because it provides political and economic incentives to convert. For instance, on April 15, 2015, 800 Hindus were forced to convert to Islam in order to save their homes from demolition. As per the Hindus, the Municipal officer told them that conversion to Islam is the only way to save their homes.(228)(229)

On April 29, 2015, Christian priest Shymon Paul was arrested for allegedly posing as a police officer and forcibly converting poor tribals to Christianity. (230) On May 2, 2015, Onkar Singh, a child welfare worker, discovered that 70 children are victim of predatory proselytisation by Father Rogen Kristen. (231) On July 9, 2015, in a government school, parents of 2nd grade children

filed a complaint against a teacher for distributing proselytising material. (232) On December 12, 2015, 30 children were rescued from an illegal shelter. A nine-year-old victim stated that he was forcibly converted to Christianity, hung by the wrists from a ceiling fan, starved for days and beaten mercilessly for failing to recite Bible passages. The mother, whose complaint with a children's helpline led to the raids, stated that the shelter's employees pelted stones at her house and beat her with batons. None of these incidents found their way into USCIRF reports or other reports by Human Rights organizations.(233)

Predatory proselytisation and the resultant abuse of children is a gigantic human rights violation. Yet, neither the media nor the human rights organizations appear to be concerned about saving men, women, and child victims of proselytisation. On the contrary, there appears to be a clear conspiracy of silence. An article published in IndiaFacts on May 5, 2015 showed how the US State Department deliberately overlooked and whitewashed the horrendous child abuse by the Christian Pastor Jacob John in Jaipur, Rajasthan.(234) US state department's report painted Pastor Jacob John as an innocent and vilified person, though there had been allegations of child abuse against him since 2007.(235) After his arrest in 2013 for child trafficking activities, no mention of him was made in US Department's reports of 2014. Pastor John Jacob faces grave charges of abusing 53 kids. One child is pregnant and four children dead.(236) But the predator priest was portrayed as a "victim" by the US State department.

Additional incidents of predatory proselytization are listed in Appendix.

Free Speech & Religious Freedom:

In 2015, about 26 persons were killed in police firing during civil unrest. Majority of the dead victims were Hindus. (237)(238)(239)(240)(241)(242) (243)(244)(245)(246)(247)(248)(249) While the administration and the media rightly highlighted the deaths of two Sikh youths in police firing, there was not much sympathy as far as the Hindu victims mentioned above were concerned. Similarly, while the SAD-BJP government in Punjab had announced a compensation of Rs. 10 lakh, which was later raised to Rs. 25 lakh, for the two Sikhs who had died in police firing, the BJP government in Gujarat announced a compensation of just meager Rs. 3 lakhs for the 6

Hindus who had died in a similar police firing. Gujarat High Court had later ordered the government to raise the compensation by Rs. 1 lakh.(250)(251)

In January 2015, Muslim mob went on a rampage in Usti, West Bengal. Minister of State for Minority Affairs, Giyasuddin Mollah, reached the spot and reportedly abused and insulted the SDPO of Diamond Harbour. Eyewitnesses report that he asked the police to release the Muslim miscreants held by law enforcement officials. (252) On January 28, 2015, Islamists attacked Saraswati immersion procession injuring and smashing Saraswati idols at Kharagpur, West Bengal. Hindu complainants were harassed by the police, the administration, and the local TMC councilors. As a result, many of the complainants absconded. There was no media follow up on this. (253)

In March 2015, Karnataka Police arrested Sriram Yadapadithaya based on a complaint filed by Fr. William Menezes of Mangaluru Catholic Diocese. The complainant alleged that Sriram's Facebook comments questioned the basic tenets of Christianity. Flavy D'Souza, president of the Catholic Sabha, had urged authorities to take strict action against people who indulge in such acts. The Catholic Sabha had warned that it would resort to agitation if the authorities failed to do so. (254) On March 17, 2015, a BJP member of legislative assembly was not allowed to take oath in the name of Mother Goddess Vaishnodevi.(255) On March 20, 2015, a Ramakrishna Mission Sadhvi was gang raped in West Bengal, but the police refused to file the complaint. Media chose to remain silent and the police wanted the victim to settle the matter with the accused. (256)

On April 1, 2015, many Hindus celebrating Hanuman Jayanti were attacked by Islamists. (257) In July 2015, Kumbh Mela was held at Nasik. Unconfirmed reports indicate that the BJP government had continued with Congress practice of Kumbh surcharge on Railway tickets. This is a clear case of discrimination. On one hand, subsidized plane tickets are given by the government for foreign pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia and Jerusalem to Muslim and Christians respectively, costing about Rs. 533 crores for the Saudi Arabia trip alone. On the other hand, the government collects surcharge from poor Hindus for local pilgrimages within India. The railways already gets an additional Rs. 1,000 crores from Kumbh traffic. (258)(259)(260)

On July 30, 2015, a 15 year old Hindu boy was killed by gunfire from a mosque.(261) In October 2015, West Bengal government banned Durga Puja

festival in Nalhati. (262) On October 5, 2015, Kapoorchand Thakre, a BJP leader and a former sarpanch, was beaten to death by two youths Jaheer Khan and Raja Khan.(263) On October 14, 2015, animal rights activist Prashant Poojari, who opposed illegal cow slaughter, was murdered by cow smugglers. (264) On October 16, 2015, idols of Ganesh, Lakshmi, Saraswati and Kartik were vandalized at Sodepur, West Bengal. Police advised the complainant to not make an issue of it and offered them financial assistance. (265) On October 22, 2015, Muslims attacked a Durga puja Procession in Kannauj, UP. Police arrested the main accused, Akram, who allegedly opened fire at the Durga procession killing Mahesh Kushwaha and injuring Apoorva Gupta. (266) On October 22, 2015, a Durga procession was attacked at Bulandshahar, UP. Over a dozen people who were part of procession sustained injuries.(267) On October 22, 2015, Durga processions were attacked at Allahabad(UP) and Rae Bareli(UP) leaving five people injured. (268) On October 30, 2015, Islamists attacked a procession to immerse Goddess Durga at the Charianantapur Ghat in Nandlalpur, West Bengal.(269) On November 8, 2015, twenty-five Kali idols were beheaded by the Islamists at Haruna, West Bengal. (270)

In December 2015, Azam Khan, Senior Minister of the Uttar Pradesh government, had called RSS workers as homosexuals, but no legal action was taken against him. When, in response to Azam Khan's abuse, Kamlesh Tiwari insulted Prophet Mohammed, he was arrested. Even bail was denied to him. The Uttar Pradesh government invoked the draconian NSA act against Kamesh Tiwari and he was imprisoned, without trial, for about 500 days. His jail time exceeds Supreme Court's highest sentencing period for 295(a) violation.(271)(272) Prominent Muslim clerics and ulema, like Maulana Anwarul Haq, have declared bounties on Tiwari's head, which have risen to over Rs. 30 crore. Bounties and death threats are criminal offence, but not a single Muslim cleric has been arrested.(273)(274) Thus, insulting Hindus is free-speech, but Hindus paying back in same coin is hate-speech punishable under draconian NSA and 295(a) acts. It seems that declaring bounties on Hindu head is not a crime in Islamo-Socialist haven of Uttar Pradesh.(275)

On December 5, 2015, there was fresh anti-Hindu violence in Nadia, West Bengal. Victim Jyotsna Ghosh narrated terrible tale of how the women folk were beaten and molested, and how the police remained mute spectators. She

exasperatedly states how in the presence of the police, the Muslims ransacked her house and snatched a necklace from her. (276)

On January 1, 2016, a boy was burnt alive after he was identified as a Hindu. (277) On January 26, 2016, Manjunath Mudugal, an ITI student, was arrested for allegedly posting derogatory comments about Muslim ruler Tipu Sultan on Facebook.(278) On February 1, 2016, a Dalit animal rights activist, who opposed illegal cow slaughter, was killed.(279) On August 11, 2016, Punjab RSS leader Brigadier (Retd) Jagdish Gagneja was murdered.(280)(281) On 20 September 2016, West Bengal police arrested Tarak Biswas, an atheist blogger, for criticizing Islam on social media. He was produced before the local court, where he was remanded to seven days of police custody. The cyber space was soon abuzz with messages expressing solidarity with Biswas. Samir Kumar Mondal, who expressed solidarity with Biswas, was also reportedly arrested by the police. (282)(283)

Year 2015 witnessed many religiously motivated attack on Hindu women. About 64 women became victim of murder, rape, abduction and exploitation. For instance, in August 2016, Hindu mother and daughter were raped by a Muslim man in Bulandshahr, within 100 meters of police post. Victims narrated how the police refused to file their complaint. Reacting to the incident, Azam Khan, senior minister in the UP government, suggested that it is a conspiracy to make the ruling party look bad.(284) The state government eventually suspended 4 cops and nabbed the main accused Salim Bawaria. (285)(286) On November 17, 2016, Supreme Court of India asked Azam Khan to apologize for his remarks in Bulandshahr rape case.(287)

The Hindu right to define and celebrate Hinduism is assaulted by Supreme Court, government, foreign funded NGOs and Media. Privately organized Hindu celebrations are banned or curbed with caustic remarks. In August 2016, Supreme Court Judge stated, “Has it [celebration of Shri Krishna birthday festival] brought any medal in the Olympics? I would have been happy if it had brought any medal”. This was in reference to the Dahi Handi celebrations where large human pyramids are formed. There is also a popular human pyramid folk sport in Barcelona, Spain, where it is celebrated and protected by the state. The Castellers of Barcelona came to India to learn from the skill of the Dahi Handi participants. Yet, the Supreme Court of India, in a series of moves, first banned the use of children (essential to

competitive human pyramids), and then restricted the height, effectively killing the sport.(288)

This follows a pattern of Supreme Court judgements attacking popular Hinduism, often at the behest of well-resourced NGOs with foreign funding, some of which have ties to Christian evangelical groups. Similar judgments were passed against Jallikattu in Tamil Nadu and Kambala, a popular sport in Karnataka. In a strategy of death by a thousand cuts, the space for popular Hindu expression and festivals is gradually diminished or destroyed. (289) (290)

This is done by selectively targeting Hindu practices while those of the Christian and Islamic faiths are left largely untouched by the Supreme Court of India. This follows a policy of respect for all religions except Hinduism and to protect religious freedom of all except for Hinduism. (291)

5. Recommendations

India must move from a state which discriminates between citizens on the basis of religion to one that lives up to its professed ideals of equality. Religious discrimination on the pretext of “majority”-“minority” must be removed. Further the government must give Hindu institutions and temples the same autonomy it affords to the institutions of other religions.

Eliminate constitutional loophole:

The fountainhead of anti-Hindu policies, programs and adjudication is article 29 and 30 of India’s constitution. These articles must be made inclusive by replacing the word “minorities” with “all citizens”.

Current discriminatory articles in the constitution state:

29. Protection of interests of minorities

30. Right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions

Recommended inclusive change would instead state:

29. Protection of interests of all citizens

30. Right of all citizens to establish and administer educational institutions

Successive governments and court judgments have misused the constitutional loophole to create an anti-Hindu system. Elimination of the loophole will usher equality and equal treatment. For instance, an inclusive constitution, which treats all citizens equally, will not allow the Supreme Court to adjudicate draconian laws, like Right to Education RTE and confiscation of places of worship, in a discriminatory manner.

Hinduism is an inclusive system with no ‘us vs them’ religion based classification; Hence, this ‘majority vs minority’ classification rooted in Abrahamic worldview is inappropriate for India. The government should do

away with discriminatory religion based classification and treat all citizens equally.

Other Changes:

The government should also make following changes. These changes do not even require a constitutional amendment:

1. Repeal or reform draconian laws. For instance, one of the easiest change would be to reform RTE to reduce regulatory burden, reduce corruption and sharply raise compensations paid to the schools.
2. Stop all government schemes which discriminate on the basis of religious identity on the pretext of “minority” which is tacit funding for conversion out of Hinduism. Poverty has no religion; hence assistance, if any, needs to be on the basis of poverty level.
3. Protection for Hindu minorities. Hindus are a minority in 31 territories. Especially, when faced with monopolistic monotheisms they often face discrimination and violence in these areas and need special protection. On the other hand, Hindu traditions have naturally protected diversity for thousands of years and no special protections are needed for “minorities” where Hindus are in majority.
4. Free Hindu temples.
5. Conversion and proselytization of Children: The government must enact “Prevention and Prohibition of Child Conversion Act”.
6. The Supreme Court has displayed great respect towards Abrahamic faiths. They must display same respect towards Hinduism and end discriminatory adjudication of conflicting laws.
7. Government must end minority-majority discrimination from all policies, programs and welfare schemes.
8. Protection of popular Hindu festivals and traditions. The Supreme Court should follow the principle of “rarest of rare” in interfering with diverse local customs, which add to the colorful beauty of the Hindu traditions.

9. Mainstream media must undergo sensitivity training in covering atrocities against Hindus rather than burying them as is common now.

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7. Appendix

The section “Attack on Hindus: statistics” was prepared from following events:

2015 incidents

Sr. No.	Category	Date	Location	Incident
1	Predatory Proselytisation	February, 2015	New Delhi	St. Stephen principal in conversion row
2	Predatory Proselytisation	April, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	800 Valmikis ‘convert’ to Islam to save their homes
3	Predatory Proselytisation	April, 2015	Karnataka	Three held for attempt to convert children
4	Predatory Proselytisation	July, 2015	Kerala	Evangelization in Government Schools: Teacher Rakes up Controversy
5	Predatory Proselytisation	May, 2015	Madhya Pradesh	70 children converted to Christianity in Madhya Pradesh
6	Predatory Proselytisation	December, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Shelter forcibly converted children to Christianity, raided by police
7	Predatory Proselytisation	April, 2015	Kerala	Kerala priest held for posing as cop, cheating
8	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2015	New Delhi	Thrashed for doing their duty has left two Delhi Traffic cops in critical condition
9	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2015	Kerala	CPM Terror; Kannur tense again
10	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2015	Kerala	Bomb thrown at RSS office
11	Physical attack on Hindus	February, 2015	West Bengal	16-year-old Hindu girl tortured, raped by Muslim Clergy
12	Physical attack on Hindus	June, 2015	Kerala	Love Jihad in Kerala: 49 Cases Reported In 2 Weeks
13	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2015	Himachal Pradesh	Robbery and murder at maadurga temple
14	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2015	Kerala	BJP Activist Hacked to Death
15	Physical attack on Hindus	February, 2015	Kerala	BJP worker dies of head injuries from stoning attack
16	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2015	Kerala	Marxist Extremism: Swayamsevak Succumbs to Injuries
17	Physical attack on Hindus	December, 2015	Maharashtra	Communal tension in Golibar area after youth dies in a brawl
18	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Rampur communal clash: Boy succumbs to bullet injuries

19	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Aligarh youth Killed
20	Physical attack on Hindus	December, 2015	West Bengal	Drunk picnickers beat man to death
21	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2015	Karnataka	An Open Letter to Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah: Prashant Poojary's Death Matters
22	Physical attack on Hindus	December, 2015	Assam	4 held for cop killing in Sonitpur
23	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2015	Bihar	Hindu man brutally killed for marrying a Muslim girl in Bihar
24	Physical attack on Hindus	April, 2015	Jammu and Kashmir	Many injured as protest against townships for Kashmiri Pandits in Srinagar turns violent
25	Physical attack on Hindus	February, 2015	Kerala	Death Threat to family of Hindu youth who married a Muslim girl
26	Physical attack on Hindus	June, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Minor girl gang raped in Badaun; bottle caps, wood found inside her private parts
27	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Gang rape in Bareilly
28	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2015	West Bengal	No rallies or outrage for Ramkrishna Mission Sadhvi raped in West Bengal
29	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2015	Kerala	3 arrested for allegedly raping Kerala nursing student in auto
30	Physical attack on Hindus	February, 2015	Karnataka	PFI goons unleash terror in Shivamogga
31	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2015	West Bengal	Muslim mobs go on rampage in Ust, West Bengal
32	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2015	West Bengal	The case of selective silence and its steep costs
33	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2015	West Bengal	Fresh violence against Hindus in Nadia
34	Physical attack on Hindus	April, 2015	Madhya Pradesh	Happy Hanuman Jayanti 2015 - Some Hindus Celebrate While Others Attacked for Celebrating
35	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Increasing attacks on Hindus in India
36	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2015	West Bengal	West Bengal: 4 Killed, Over 8 Injured in Communal Clashes in Nadia District

37	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2015	Kerala	Did 'Love Jihad' Lead to Kochi College Girl's Death? Police Take Live-in Partner in Custody
38	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2015	West Bengal	7 year old girl sexually violated.
39	Physical attack on Hindus	December, 2015	West Bengal	Six-hour torture for woman in WB: Lady tied to tree, assaulted over refusal to withdraw case
40	Physical attack on Hindus	June, 2015	West Bengal	14 year old Tuktuki Mandal Kidnapped
41	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Durga procession attacked at Bulundshashar: Over a dozen people who were part of a procession sustained injuries.
42	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Durga procession attacked at Allahabad
43	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Durga procession attacked at Rae Bareli
44	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Muslims attacked Durga puja Procession killing 1 Hindu youth and injuring another
45	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2015	Madhya Pradesh	Two Muslim youths kill BJP leader
46	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2015	West Bengal	In Hooghly district, Durga idols were vandalized during Durga Puja
47	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2015	West Bengal	Durga procession attacked at Charianantapur
48	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2015	West Bengal	In Harua village, PS Pursurah, Hooghly district, twenty five Kali idols were beheaded by the Islamists
49	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2015	West Bengal	One Child injured and Saraswati idols were broken by Islamists during an immersion procession
50	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2015	Jammu and Kashmir	Amarnath yatra attacked 1 killed and 5 injured
51	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2015	West Bengal	Idols of Ganesh, Laxmi, Saraswati & Kartik were desecrated at Sodepur
52	Physical attack on Hindus temples	June, 2015	Kerala	Lord Krishna Temple Desecrated by Planting Buffalo Head

53	Physical attack on Hindus temples	July, 2015	Kerala	Marxist Goons Pelt Stones inside Temple; Kodungallur Tense
54	Physical attack on Hindus temples	July, 2015	Kerala	Temple entrance painted green by Jihadi's in Kasargode
55	Physical attack on Hindus temples	April, 2015	West Bengal	Blast sparks panic at Belur Math
56	Physical attack on Hindus temples	May, 2015	Andhra Pradesh	Robbery at Tirumala Temple
57	Physical attack on Hindus temples	February, 2015	Bihar	Kaimur temple artifacts stolen
58	Physical attack on Hindus temples	May, 2015	India	Mainstream media reportage of temple attacks: Analysis
59	Physical attack on Hindus temples	March, 2015	Karnataka	Protector left unprotected
60	Physical attack on Hindus temples	May, 2015	India	Increasing attacks on Hindus in India -- temple attack incidents
61	Physical attack on Hindus temples	February, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Precious Idols from 200-year-old temple stolen
62	Physical attack on Hindus temples	March, 2015	Karnataka	Temple idols stolen in Chickballapur
63	Physical attack on Hindus temples	March, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Burglars steal 6 idols, donation box from Puranpur temple
64	Physical attack on Hindus temples	May, 2015	Tamil Nadu	Jewels stolen from temple
65	Physical attack on Hindus temples	May, 2015	Karnataka	Thieves break antique idols hoping to find gold inside
66	Physical attack on Hindus temples	August, 2015	Kerala	Antique idol stolen from Anandawalleshwaram temple

67	Government Crackdown	March, 2015	Karnataka	City Police arrest Bengaluru based former telecom executive for hate comments
68	Government Crackdown	January, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	NSA against Tiwari: ABHM to challenge HC's order
69	Government Crackdown	September, 2015	Kerala	The Hindu comes out with half truths to claim 'mid day meal ban' in Kerala is a lie
70	Government Crackdown	June, 2015	Meghalaya	Social bodies oppose cremation in Meghalaya
71	Government Crackdown	February, 2015	Tamil Nadu	30 arrested for Ghar Wapsi in Coimbatore
72	Government Crackdown	February, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Chaos at VHP's Ghar Wapsi event as police try to arrest young couple
73	Government Crackdown	August, 2015	Gujarat	How Did Shwetang Patel Die After Gujarat Violence, Court To Hear Today
74	Government Crackdown	November, 2015	Bihar	Patna: Policeman beaten to death after teenager dies in police firing
75	Government Crackdown	August, 2015	Gujarat	Six killed in police firing in Gujarat
76	Government Crackdown	September, 2015	Gujarat	One killed in police firing at RIL plant
77	Government Crackdown	April, 2015	Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu & Kashmir Police accept lapses in Narbal firing that killed a teenager
78	Government Crackdown	June, 2015	Jammu and Kashmir	Sikh protesters clash with police in Jammu, one killed
79	Government Crackdown	October, 2015	Jharkhand	Police fire to bust 'ghost fair' in Jharkhand, villager killed
80	Government Crackdown	July, 2015	Maharashtra	Communal flare-up near Nashik: one killed in police firing
81	Government Crackdown	January, 2015	Manipur	Boy killed in Manipur police firing
82	Government Crackdown	September, 2015	Manipur	3 killed in police firing, Manipur violence toll up to 8
83	Government Crackdown	March, 2015	Orissa	Government orders RDC inquiry into Kendrapada firing
84	Government Crackdown	August, 2015	Punjab	Dhuri police firing: SSP says family wants compromise, they deny claim
85	Government Crackdown	January, 2015	Rajasthan	Tension in Alwar village after one killed allegedly in police firing

86	Government Crackdown	June, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Nishads demand quota: 1 dead in UP as mob clashes with police
87	Government Crackdown	July, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	2 dead in UP police firing, Akhilesh Yadav orders probe
88	Government Crackdown	December, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	20-year-old hit by police bullet during protest, claims his brother
89	Government Crackdown	July, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	UP: Barabanki cops set journalist's mother on fire, woman dies
90	Government Crackdown	November, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	Government's move of Temple takeover to be opposed
91	Government Crackdown	July, 2015	Rajasthan	36 petitions against Rajasthan government's attempt to confiscate temple land
92	Government Crackdown	September, 2015	Karnataka	Sri Ksheethra Dharmasthala temple under Muzrai department
93	Other threats	June, 2015	Uttar Pradesh	The Ideology of Exodus
94	Other threats	February, 2015	Telangana	Christian school punished 11 year old girl wearing tilak on her birthday
95	Other threats	March, 2015	Jammu and Kashmir	BJP MLA takes oath in the name of Vaishnodevi, creates controversy
96	Other threats	May, 2015	Jammu and Kashmir	Geelani Calls for Restrictions on Amarnath Yatra
97	Other threats	April, 2015	Kerala	UDF & LDF backs Church Complex on Government Land; Hindu Aikya Vedi Launches Protest
98	Other threats	June, 2015	Kerala	Marxist sponsored untouchability in Kerala

2016 incidents

Sr. No.	Category	Date	Location	Incident
1	Government Crackdown	January, 2016	Karnataka	Student arrested for derogatory remark on Tipu Sultan
2	Government Crackdown	April, 2016	Jammu and Kashmir	100 students injured in police brutality
3	Government Crackdown	June, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh government refused marriage registration of Hindu man and Muslim woman
4	Government Crackdown	September, 2016	West Bengal	West Bengal police arrested Tarak Biswas, a free thinker blogger, for criticizing Islam on social media
5	Government Crackdown	September, 2016	West Bengal	Samir Kumar Mondal, who expressed solidarity with Biswas, was also reportedly arrested by the police
6	Government Crackdown	September, 2016	Karnataka	Government attempts take-over of Gorkhana temple and Mutt
7	Government Crackdown	September, 2016	West Bengal	300 Hindu families unable to perform Durga puja in Bengal's Kanglapahari village after opposition by 25 Muslim families
8	Government Crackdown	October, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Hindus Are Being Victimized Post Muharram In Deoria, Uttar Pradesh
9	Government Crackdown	October, 2016	Kerala	BJP activists belonging to Dalit community brutally beaten up by police in Mangalapuram Trivandrum
10	Other threats	January, 2016	India	Does Human Rights Watch report feeds atrocity literature against Hindus
11	Other threats	May, 2016	India	http://swarajyamag.com/ideas/theyre-lying-when-they-say-Hindu-terror-is-major-threat-stats-show-left-wing-terror-is
12	Other threats	July, 2016	Andhra Pradesh	Villagers of Kankanaalapalli village in coastal Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh have objected to the derogatory language used for Hindu Gods/Goddesses in Christian missionary preaching carried out by a Church in the village.

13	Other threats	August, 2016	Telangana	Christian School Punishes 11 Year Old Girl For Wearing "Tilak" on Her Birthday
14	Other threats	August, 2016		Jihadi Amnesty
15	Other threats	August, 2016	Karnataka	The Hindu blames Hindu Vedika, instead of PFI, for Praveen Poojary murder
16	Other threats	September, 2016	Maharashtra	After 22 years of having last seen each other, two 43-year-olds met at a school reunion. Soon, Fakhruddin Badri alias Fakri started making advances at the woman Sandy Sen (name changed). After she rejected them, he allegedly harassed her through messages
17	Other threats	December, 2016	West Bengal	Mamta denies riots
18	Other threats	December, 2016	West Bengal	West Bengal school comes under attack for not celebrating the Prophet's birthday
19	Physical attack on Hindus	September, 2016	Delhi	Candle light vigil for Uri martyrs attacked
20	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Islamist attack Makar Sankranti festivity.4 killed in rioting.
21	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Mother of 3 kills herself after rape
22	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Maharashtra	Boy burnt alive after he was identified as Hindu
23	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Hindu activist and his daughter beaten
24	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Hindu women raped
25	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Bihar	Muslim MLA molests Hindu woman on Rajdhani train

26	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Madhya Pradesh	Narendra Rajoria was hacked to death by sword wielding assailants
27	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	14 year old girl gang raped by Sakib and Rakib
28	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	West Bengal	Minor Hindu girl Twinkle Shaw (15) raped, murdered and thrown into coal pit by Mohammed Aftab Alam in Jamuria, West Bengal
29	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	22-year-old girl abducted and gang raped by Saddam, Rizwan and Shahrukh In Muzaffarnagar district, who also made a video of the act.
30	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	20 year old girl gang-raped and beaten by Murasleen, Shahdaab and Musarif
31	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	14 year old riot victim gang-raped by Zulfam and 2 others.
32	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	Delhi	Clashes erupt after Muslim man Abid enters Hindu Dalit home and molests a girl In Delhi's Bharat Nagar
33	Physical attack on Hindus	January, 2016	West Bengal	Hindu student molested by Muslim criminal In Garulia, West Bengal
34	Physical attack on Hindus	February, 2016	Kerala	In Feb 2016, Hindu activist P V Sujith was hacked to death by Communist extremist in front of his parents.(23)
35	Physical attack on Hindus	February, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Muslims attack Hindu Dalits during Sant Ravidas procession
36	Physical attack on Hindus	February, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Dalit animal right activist shot dead
37	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2016	Delhi	Hindu student's belongings thrown out of hostel by Leftists
38	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2016	Kerala	Hindu Activist A V Biju Murderously Attacked by CPM in Front of Children

39	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2016	Kerala	Kerala Hindu student thrashed by mob for dropping Muslim classmate
40	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2016	Karnataka	Hindu Leader K Raju Hacked To Death In Mysuru
41	Physical attack on Hindus	March, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	11 year old Ravi Pal choked to death by tutor Irfan for refusing to join ISIS
42	Physical attack on Hindus	April, 2016	Kerala	Bomb Attack on BJP Leader's House in Kozhikode, Kerala
43	Physical attack on Hindus	April, 2016	Kerala	Dalit minor girl raped for two months in Kerala, 7 held
44	Physical attack on Hindus	April, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Ruling party's leader Muslim Khan urinates in Hindu youth's mouth. Police refuse to file complain.
45	Physical attack on Hindus	April, 2016	Madhya Pradesh	Violence erupts in Seoni after Hindu New Year procession
46	Physical attack on Hindus	April, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Muslim youth attack Dalit leading to Muslim vs Dalit riots
47	Physical attack on Hindus	April, 2016	Jharkhand	19 injured in Bokaro following attack on Ram Navami procession
48	Physical attack on Hindus	April, 2016	Maharashtra	Temple volunteers attacked and Hindu temples vandalized on Ram Navmi
49	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2016	Kerala	Kerala: CPM unleashing a reign of terror and post-poll violence
50	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2016	Kerala	Kerala Post-poll violence: BJP worker Pramod injured in CPM attack dies
51	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Muslims and Hindu Dalits clashed in Khudadadpur village.

52	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2016	Bihar	Maoists behead three men
53	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2016	Haryana	8 passengers were injured in a bomb blast in a Haryana Roadways bus on the national highway 1 near Pipli town in Kurukshetra district on Thursday afternoon.
54	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2016	Kerala	A 19-year old Dalit nursing student was gang raped by three people in an auto rickshaw in Varkala, Thiruvananthapuram. 3 men were subsequently arrested by the police for the gang rape - Shafeer (alias Sujith), Rashid and Siju.
55	Physical attack on Hindus	May, 2016	Kerala	A 7 year old boy, son of a BJP affiliated couple, has been attacked with sharp weapons by CPI-M workers in the latest incident of barbaric violence unleashed on Hindu activists ever since the Kerala election results, where LDF (alliance of CPM and other C
56	Physical attack on Hindus	June, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	In June 2016, Zee news reported a Hindu exodus, due to murder of four Hindu businessman and extortion threats, from Muslim-dominated town of Kalirana. Instead of protecting Hindu minority, Uttar Pradesh government has denied existence of problem. (50)
57	Physical attack on Hindus	June, 2016	West Bengal	Class 9 girl protests harassment, thrashed with rods
58	Physical attack on Hindus	June, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	14 year old girl raped
59	Physical attack on Hindus	June, 2016	Jammu and Kashmir	One more temple desecrated in Jammu
60	Physical attack on Hindus	June, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Now Bajrang Dal, VHP allege 'Hindu exodus' from Deoband

69	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2016	West Bengal	West Bengal: Woman stripped naked, fingers chopped off after her cow entered neighbour's field
70	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2016	Kerala	20 girls go missing; Kerala's Hindu girl Aparna was forced to become Shahana; converted to Islam under pressure?
71	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Senior BSP leader Naseemuddin Siddiqui led a mob of party workers who abused Dayashankar's wife, 12-year old daughter and sister. The mob demanded that the women from Dayashankar's family be "served" to them.
72	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Newly married Hindu woman allegedly molested by four youths in Aligarh
73	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2016	Maharashtra	In a shocking escape attempt by a cow smuggler in Amravati, Maharashtra, a family of 3 were killed and more than 40 people injured, when he drove his truck on high speed hitting at least 12 cars from Warud to Chandur Bazar
74	Physical attack on Hindus	July, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	A 19-year-old newly married Hindu woman was molested by four Muslims - Nadeem, Suhail, Ismail and Danish - on Wednesday night which led to a clash between the two communities.
75	Physical attack on Hindus	August, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Bulandshahr gang-rape is a political conspiracy says Uttar Pradesh minister Azam Khan
76	Physical attack on Hindus	August, 2016	Punjab	Punjab RSS leader killed
77	Physical attack on Hindus	August, 2016	Kerala	Two arrested for abduction of girl; Indoctrination bid suspected
78	Physical attack on Hindus	August, 2016	Andhra Pradesh	Pastor beats up, makes children's home inmates beg on Hyderabad streets, arrested
79	Physical attack on Hindus	August, 2016	Tamil Nadu	Six panchaloha idols stolen from Tiruveliyur temple, in Tamil Nadu

80	Physical attack on Hindus	August, 2016	Kerala	Four RSS activists hacked in Kannur
81	Physical attack on Hindus	August, 2016	Karnataka	Praveen Poojary murder: Cops take five PFi suspects into custody
82	Physical attack on Hindus	August, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	14-year-old girl reached a Bulandshahr police station with an aborted fetus in a polythene bag. The accused Yunus Ahmad, a neighbour of the girl, raped her over six months and was forced to terminate her pregnancy at the hands of a quack.
83	Physical attack on Hindus	September, 2016	Kerala	Kerala BJP worker Bineesh hacked to death.
84	Physical attack on Hindus	September, 2016	Tamil Nadu	R Suri - BHP secretary killed
85	Physical attack on Hindus	September, 2016	Tamil Nadu	Shankar Ganesh, an executive committee member of Hindu Munnani's Dindigul unit, attacked
86	Physical attack on Hindus	September, 2016	Tamil Nadu	Hindu Munnani leader Sasikumar was killed after police withdrew cover.
87	Physical attack on Hindus	September, 2016	Tamil Nadu	Hindus not safe in Tamil Nadu
88	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	West Bengal	Maa Durga Murti Desecrated in Howrah West Bengal, Urinated Upon
89	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Muslims beat workers and forcibly stop temple construction
90	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Tamil Nadu	BJP district youth wing chief hacked to death in Villupuram
91	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Kerala	CPM extremists attack dalit family of BJP member Vishnu. Vishnu killed. Vishnu's mother and aunt wounded.

92	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Kerala	SFI Attack on Anuja, ABVP activist in Kannur
93	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	West Bengal	Maa Durga Murti Desecrated in Nadia, West Bengal
94	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Kerala	BJP worker hacked to death in Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's home town
95	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Karnataka	Bengaluru: RSS worker murdered in broad daylight in Shivajinagar
96	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	West Bengal	Kaligram Riots - 3 Hindu temples vandalized
97	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	West Bengal	Kaligram Riots - 50 Homes looted
98	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	West Bengal	Lakshmi Pooja attacked at Naihati
99	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	West Bengal	12 idols of Maa Kali are chopped off at Nungi, Maheshtala. Police, reportedly, refused to lodge complain & covered the idols with plastic.
100	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Kerala	BJP worker beaten up in Thrissur, party alleges CPI (M) hand
101	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Kerala	Non Profit Gaushala in Palakkad Kerala Gets Death Threats, Relocates Temporarily
102	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	West Bengal	At least 12 communal riots in West-Bengal over Muharram-Durga Puja-tensions
103	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Karnataka	One more activist from Konaje Mangaluru Shri Karthik Raj was killed by Jihadi forces
104	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Karnataka	Shah Rukh, Tofrik, Amjad, Yusuf, Mubarak & Parveen Banu arrested in Karnataka. They gang raped a 17-yr-old. Hid her for 40+ days.

105	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Kerala	Leftist Terror Continues - 4 Swayamsevaks Brutally Attacked in Thrissur
106	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Tamil Nadu	Pastor Millan Singh held for Sexual Assault & Murder; Cheated 40 Women in Tamil Nadu
107	Physical attack on Hindus	October, 2016	Haryana	Dalit Girl Abducted From Muslim Majority Mewat (Nuh) in Haryana
108	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2016	West Bengal	Hindu boy was beaten to death by Muslims because he did not contribute money for Muharram in Birbhum, West Bengal Daily Jugashankha
109	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2016	Karnataka	Karnataka: RSS worker Magali Ravi murdered in Mysuru
110	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2016	Karnataka	BJP activist Sunil Dongre killed in North Karnataka's Bidar district.
111	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2016	Karnataka	Karnataka: RSS worker Rammohan brutally attacked in Mangaluru
112	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2016	Bihar	Women Teachers Held in Patna's St. Xavier's School For Sexual Abuse of 5-Year-Old Girl Student
113	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Gang rape victim's relative, who refused to withdraw complain, killed at Suneti village in Uttar Pradesh's Shamali District
114	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2016	Jammu and Kashmir	House of Ashok, Praduman & Chaman Lal Wangoo was set on fire by local Muslim youth at Traperpora Shopian
115	Physical attack on Hindus	November, 2016	Kerala	Karyavahak Bijoy's legs chopped
116	Physical attack on Hindus	December, 2016	Maharashtra	VHP GauRaksha Chief of Vidarbha (Maharashtra) Threatened With Dire Consequences
117	Physical attack on Hindus	December, 2016	West Bengal	Eid-e-Milad Triggers Rioting Against Hindus in West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka

118	Physical attack on Hindus	December, 2016	Maharashtra	Eid-e-Milad Triggers Rioting Against Hindus in West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka
119	Physical attack on Hindus	December, 2016	Karnataka	Eid-e-Milad Triggers Rioting Against Hindus in West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka
120	Physical attack on Hindus	December, 2016	West Bengal	Rather than protecting, Bengal police gave us 2 minutes to flee our own homes: Dhulagarh riot victims tell India Today
121	Physical attack on temples	January, 2016	Tamil Nadu	Meenakshi temple bombed
122	Physical attack on temples	April, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Idol of Balarama stolen from a temple in Ajmer
123	Physical attack on temples	April, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Ashtadhatu idol stolen from a temple in Azamgarh
124	Physical attack on temples	April, 2016	Chhattisgarh	Maoists storm Hindu Temple in Chhattisgarh in a bid to kill a BJP Leader
125	Physical attack on temples	April, 2016	Maharashtra	Temple volunteers attacked and Hindu temples vandalized on Ram Navmi
126	Physical attack on temples	May, 2016	Tamil Nadu	8 temple idols in Ooty damaged, 40-year-old Christian woman detained
127	Physical attack on temples	May, 2016	Gujarat	Hindu Murtis vandalized in tribal Dang district, police complaint filed
128	Physical attack on temples	May, 2016	Tamil Nadu	In May 2016, Christian police officer reportedly beat up devotees and desecrated Hindu temple in Kanyakumari (17).
129	Physical attack on temples	May, 2016	Tripura	Communist beat & urinate on a college student for putting up a "Bharat Mata ki Jai" sticker on his motorcycle.
130	physical attack on temples	May, 2016	Karnataka	Three Muslim youth were found desecrating murtis of Hindu deities in Srirangapatna town, causing tension and resulting in Mysuru-Bengaluru highway being blocked by protesting Hindus.

131	Physical attack on temples	June, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Ravidasi temple vandalized
132	Physical attack on temples	June, 2016	Jammu and Kashmir	Muslim youth attacks temple. Police refuses to file compliant
133	Physical attack on temples	July, 2016	Delhi	Muslims forcibly stop temple aarti in Delhi
134	Physical attack on temples	July, 2016	Chhattisgarh	Rare, centuries-old idols stolen from Bharamdeo temple, Chhattisgarh
135	Physical attack on temples	July, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Tension at Deoband after temple idols found vandalized
136	Physical attack on temples	July, 2016	Kerala	Muslim Blockade of Narayana Temple in Kalpakanchery, Malappuram, Kerala
137	Physical attack on temples	December, 2016	Tamil Nadu	Hindu Heritage & Sculpture Vandalized
138	Physical attack on temples	December, 2016	West Bengal	Islamists attempt to destroy Shiva Temple in Howrah
139	physical attack on temples	December, 2016	Karnataka	Congress leader threatens Hindu math
140	Predatory Proselytization	January, 2016	Tamil Nadu	HM Beats Students for Low Score in Bible
141	Predatory Proselytization	January, 2016	Uttar Pradesh	Shelter forcibly converted children to Christianity, raided by police
142	Predatory Proselytization	January, 2016	Jharkhand	Hindu girl forced to convert to Islam, lodges FIR in Ranchi
143	Predatory Proselytization	May, 2016	West Bengal	Islamic Extremists Declare Parts of Bengal as Sharia Law Zone
144	Predatory Proselytization	May, 2016	Madhya Pradesh	Forcible conversion of 3 persons
145	Predatory Proselytization	June, 2016	Bihar	Hindu women forced to eat beef & adopt Islam
146	Predatory Proselytization	June, 2016	Karnataka	3 year old Hindu Student Expelled from Christian School for Having a Shikha

147	Predatory Proselytization	September, 2016	Jammu and Kashmir	Hindu student was asked to leave school by Christian principal as he had a Tilak on forehead. Later when parents and Bajrang Dal intervened, the school backtracked and Principal apologized
148	Predatory Proselytization	October, 2016	Haryana	Christian school has told the students to convert to Christianity for fee waiver. The news also mentions that all students (including non-Christians) are also made to say prayers to Jesus 4 times a day.
149	Predatory Proselytization	November, 2016	Kerala	Kerala college teacher forced Quran studies, cut religious threads complain students

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