

# Partial list of atrocities on the Indian Christian community 2013

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*Believers in front of the demolished Church, in Gadiya, Chhattisgarh.*



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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Andhra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka top Christian Persecution in 2013 151 cases of anti-Christian violence; churches, pastors, women attacked**

Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka top the list of Indian states in which Christians faced incidents of targeted communal violence in the year 2013, according to data collected by Evangelical Fellowship state offices.

Women, rural pastors and home churches were the main targets of mobs, which were often led by members of the Sangh Parivar. Police impunity resulted in most culprits going unpunished.

As many as 151 incidents of anti-Christian violence were reported in the year, with Andhra Pradesh registering 41 cases, Chhattisgarh 28 and Karnataka 27.

Rev. Dr. Richard Howell, the General Secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India and Religious Liberty Commission Secretary, Rev. Vijayesh Lal, released the list on anti-Christian violence in India in 2013, at a press conference in New Delhi on Tuesday, 18 March 2014.

This list does not include large numbers of cases reported from Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, which could not be immediately verified as being motivated by religious prejudice. These include at least three cases of murder, including one of a child of a pastor in Rajasthan.

The EFI has also received a very large number of complaints of structural and institutional violence from Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Gujarat. Most of these pertain to Tribals being deprived of their land if they convert to Christianity.

In Gujarat, the computerized registration systems have been so engineered that Tribals have mandatorily to fill their religion as Hindu. This is in violation of the Constitutional provisions for Scheduled Tribes. The matter is to be taken to the High courts of the respective states.

The most shocking aspect of the anti Christian violence is the targeting of women. In one horrendous case on 12th September 2013, a Christian woman, Sanamma, a helper in Anganwadi School was caught by a mob of 40 people when she was inviting children to join the school after the summer break. The mob accused her of forceful conversion, beat her up severely and took her to a temple where they poured water on her as a form of religious

cleansing and thereafter applied “kumkum” on her forehead, a sign of Hindu married woman. Local Christians rescued her later and took her to a hospital for treatment.

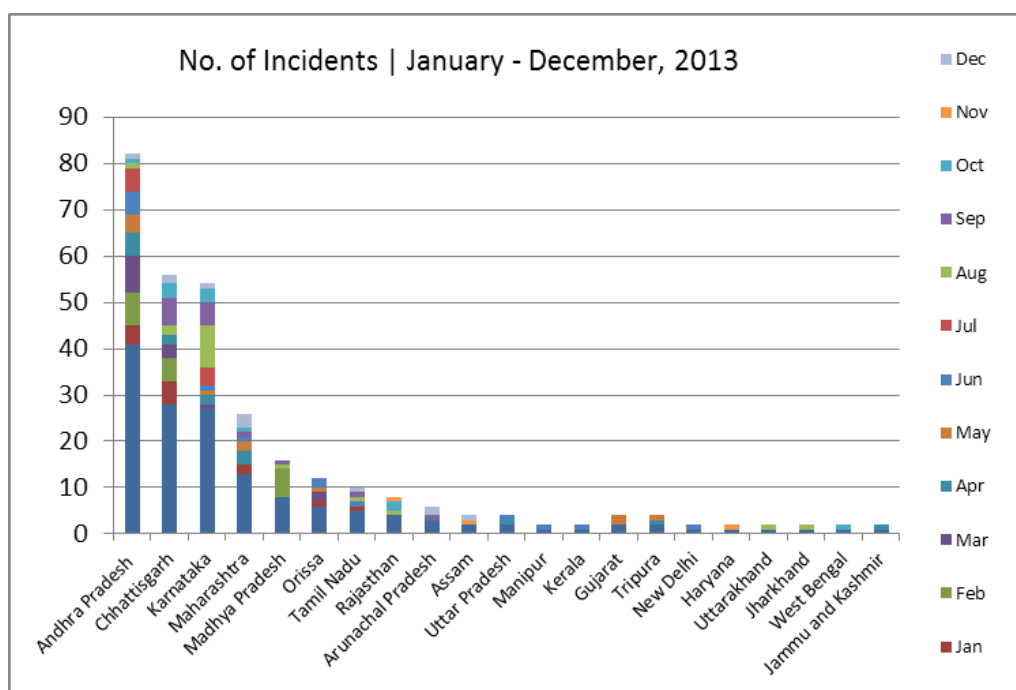
In another case in Taragoan, Lohandiguda, Hindutva extremist activists forcefully took a Christian widow to the temple and tried to sacrifice her to the idols. Her daughter and relatives rescued the widow.

The Evangelical Fellowship, in association with other Church groups, has consistently demanded that the Central government enact suitable legislation to end communal and targeted violence. We had hoped that Parliament would pass the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence Bill in the last session. It did not happen. We hope that the government formed after the 2014 General elections will take it up in earnest.

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## At a Glance

States	Numbers of Incidents
Andhra Pradesh	41
Chhattisgarh	28
Karnataka	27
Maharashtra	13
Madhya Pradesh	8
Orissa	6
Tamil Nadu	5
Rajasthan	4
Arunachal Pradesh	3
Assam	2
Uttar Pradesh	2
Manipur	1
Kerala	1
Gujarat	2
Tripura	2
New Delhi	1
Haryana	1
Uttarakhand	1
Jharkhand	1
West Bengal	1
Jammu and Kashmir	1



## Andhra Pradesh

Date	Detail of the incident
January 2	In West Venkatapuram, Old Alwal, Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Suresh Sankati from Life Comfort Church. A case was registered at P.S Alwal, Cyberabad.
January 10	In Uma Maheswara Roa Nagar, Kompally, Ranga Reddy, Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Jai Babu from Jesus Paryer Hall. No police complaint was lodged.
January 27	In Yadagiri Gutta, Bongiri, Nalgonda, police registered a case against Pastor Naveen D. and Balaraju after the Hindu extremists filed a police complaint against them of forceful conversion.
January 29	In Hyderabad, Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Jeyaraju from Calvary Temple
February 7	In Yadagiri Palli, Keesara, Rangareddy District. Hindu extremist filed a police complaint against the Christians.
February 8	Pastor B. Rakshanandam had to cancel consecutive Sunday worship services after angry fundamentalists threatened to harm him if he did not stop conducting meetings in Balanagar Industrial Slums in Secunderabad.
February 10	In IIT, Basara, Adilabad, Hindu extremists attacked a Christian Anand P and filed a police complaint against him of forceful conversion.
February 24	In Jeedimetla, Ranga Reddy, Hindu extremists attacked a Christain woman Chandravati from Agape Prayer House. No police complaint was done.
February 25	In Safilguda, Hyderabad, Hindu extremists beat up Christian members from Nissi Church.
February 26	In Saroor Nagar, Cyberabad, a Christian woman was attacked by anti Christian people for her faith in Christ.
February 26	In Moutukumar, Ranga Reddy, Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Gabriel from Prayer Power Church. The pastor filed a police complaint against the attackers at Motukr P.S.
March 8	In Madhuranagar, Vijayawada, Pentecospal Church was demolished by the government officials under suspected pressure from Hindu fundamentalists.

<b>March 10</b>	In Chittapalli, Vanaparathi, M.B Nagar, Pastor Boaz was attacked by the Hindu villagers. No police complaint was lodged.
<b>March 17</b>	In Subhash Nagar, Jeedimetla, the police registered a complaint against Pastor Chitty Babu of forceful conversion.
<b>March 21</b>	In Jagityala, Karimnagar, Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Lazarus from Yesu Raktamu Church. The pastor lodged a police complaint at Jagityala Rural P.S
<b>March 25</b>	In Vasantha Vihar, Moulali, Hyderabad, Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Timothy from God's Grace Church. The pastor submitted a police complaint at Malkajgiri P.S.
<b>March 26</b>	In Cherlapally, Ghatkeser, Ranga Reddy district, Hindu extremists attacked Christian activities and the church run by Pastor BVN Bhaskar Rao from Life in Christ Ministries.
<b>March 26</b>	In Langar House, Hyderabad, a prayer meeting conducted by Pastor S. Paul, Laymen Evangelical Fellowship was attacked. One Christian Ravi Babu was beaten up.
<p><i>"We are serving the people of Karimnagar via education, social and medical services since last 110 years. Our land has been with us since that time as well. The Government had donated these 38 acres to the Church. Now we have anti-social elements disturbing our prayer services. Some are encroaching our land and trying to build Hindu temples in the land that belongs to the Church. This is not only hurting our spiritual feelings but also the fundamental rights of Christian Minorities of Karimnagar district."</i></p> <p><b>- Vijay Babu / E Jacob, Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh.</b></p>	
<b>March 29</b>	In Bowrampet, Dundigal, some people attacked the prayer meeting of Christian Youth Mission Church, beat up, Rev Vijay Bhaskar Dabeta. The Christians filed a police complaint.
<b>April 2</b>	In Narsapur, West Godavari, alleged Muslim extremists attacked the Ministry of Pastor (s) Godi Daiva Prasad and John Ratnam and filed a police complaint against them of forceful conversion.
<b>April 10</b>	In Velagatur, Karimnagar, alleged Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Shantha Kumar from Bethesda Prarthana Mandiram. The Christians filed a police complaint.
<b>April 11</b>	In Ungutur, West Godavari, alleged Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Jaibabu Raachuru. The Christian filed a police complaint.

<b>April 25</b>	In Uttoor, Adilabad district, Hindu extremists disrupted a Christian convention and falsely accused the Christians of hateful speech. The police summoned the Christians for questioning.
<b>April 28</b>	In Chintal, Quthbullapur, Rangareddy, police detained Pastor Devadanam from Bethel Prayer Fellowship after the fundamentalists filed a police complaint against them at Balanagar P.S.
<b>May 12</b>	In LB Nagar, Hyderabad, anti-Christian group attacked Pastor Yohan from the Hosanna Prayer Hall. The pastor and church members suffered severe injuries.
<b>May 12</b>	In Balajinagar Kadapa Town, police arrested Pastor Ponaku Manesh and Shantamma after Hindu fundamentalist groups filed a police complaint against them of forceful conversion.
<b>May 15</b>	In Rugsanpet, Parigi road, Ranga Reddy, Hindu extremists attacked Bro Julius Bhongiri from Brethern Team. No police complaint was filed.
<b>May 28</b>	In Vijayawada, a case was registered against a Christian woman Ms. Indira who is a sweeper. Crime No. 423/2013 u/cs 298 IPC.
<b>June 4</b>	In Thukkuguda, Meheswaram Mandal, Ranga Reddy, Hindu fundamentalists attacked Pastor Timothy from Telegu Baptist Church.
<b>June 6</b>	In Annapurna Nagar in Amberpet, Alicafe, Hyderabad, Hindu extremists attacked the Christians. Police complaint was submitted by the local Christians.
<b>June 10</b>	In Gutla Begumpet, Madapur, Ranga Reddy, Hindu fundamentalists attacked Pastor Paul Viswas. Area Christian leaders intervened for peace.
<b>June 11</b>	In Venuvanka Mandal, Karimnagar, Hindu fundamentalists threatened and stopped the Christians from preaching. Police warned the Christians not to preach.
<b>June 13</b>	In Turupathi, Chittoor, TTD issued an order that there should not be any church near Timrumal.
<b>July 2</b>	In Rajendranagar in Ranga Reddy, Pastor Samson was arrested after he was accused of land encroachment of his own church property.
<b>July 15</b>	In Dundigal, Ranga Reddy, Hindu fundamentalists attacked and set the Elim Church on fire. The Christians filed a police complaint.
<b>July 15</b>	In Tirumala, Chittoor district, a Christian couple were taken into police custody after the police 'confiscated' a Bible and Baptism application in their home.
<b>July 24</b>	In SR Nagar, Ranga Reddy, Hindu fundamentalists attacked Ramesh Goud. The Christian filed a police complaint.

<b>July 25</b>	In Rajendranagar, in Upparpally, Hyderabad, police detained a pastor and church members after the Hindu extremists accused them of forceful conversion. They were released after the area Christian leaders intervened.
<b>August 12</b>	In Dommara Pochampally, Quthbullapur Mdl, Ranga Reddy district, Hindu fundamentalists attacked believers. Police complaint was filed.
<b>October 16</b>	In Budvel, Rajendra Nagar, Ranga Reddy, Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Paul from Yehova Eere Church after they accused him of forceful conversion. The pastor sustained severe injuries.
<b>December 29</b>	Members of Hindu Vahini assaulted Pastor Nama Moses and his wife. The wife fell unconscious after they hit her on her head with an iron rod and the pastor sustained nine stabbed wounds on his body. They were hospitalized for 15 days.

## Chhattisgarh

<b>January 8</b>	In Jagdalpur, Government officials along with Hindu extremists tore down a wall inside a graveyard in Jagdalpur district after Hindus complained Christians had extended the wall too far. The protesters demolished the wall, desecrated the old graves, shouted anti-Christian slogans and hurled verbal abuse at the pastors and church leaders at the scene.
<b>January 10</b>	In Dantewada, Hindu fundamentalists disrupted the dedication ceremony of the newly built prayer hall and accused the Christians of forceful conversion.
<b>January 13</b>	In Ghaspara, Raipur, Hindu extremists disrupted a prayer service, accused Pastor Sanjay Nag and the church members of forceful conversion and beat the pastor and the congregation. The attackers filed a police complaint against the pastor of forceful conversion. The pastor, however, also filed a police complaint against the attackers.
<b>January 18</b>	In Chandi Nagar, Raipur district, Hindu extremists surrounded the house of Pastor Ankush Bariyekar during a prayer meeting and accused him of forceful conversion. They threatened to harm him if he continued to serve as a Pastor.



<b>January 18</b>	In Sarangarh, police arrested Pastor (s) Rajesh Yadav and Raju Devangan after Hindu extremists barged into the healing prayer meeting and accused them of forceful conversion. Under pressure from the extremists, Pastor Devangan and his family left their village.
<b>February 3</b>	In Mundargi, Gadag, police arrested pastor (s) Malik Arjun and Nagesh Naik after the Hindu extremists accused them of forceful conversion and beat them up badly.
<b>February 8</b>	In Rajnandgoan, Raipur, police registered First information report against pastor(s) Kuriakos, Thomas Abraham and a church member after the Hindu extremists accused them of forceful conversion. The extremists beat them up, tore up Bibles, gospel tracts, damaged church furniture and vehicles and indulged in anti-Christian sloganeering.
<b>February 20</b>	In Deori, Durguja, church leaders cut short a three-day meeting when Hindu protesters stormed the proceedings and accused the organizers and the guest speakers, Pastor Sukhchain Masih and Lalsa Tirkey, of forceful conversion.
<b>February 21</b>	In Aara, Surguja district, police arrested pastor (s) Akshay Kumar Vishvakarma, Angad Singh, and Harendra during a three-day prayer meeting while the Christians were having dinner at their home on the second day on charges of forceful conversion.
<b>February 25</b>	In Gondia railway station, frightened Christian women fled from their train in the middle of their journey after the Hindu extremists accused them of forceful conversion and threatened to harm them. They were on their way to attend a Women's Conference in Betul, Madhya Pradesh.
<b>March 13</b>	In Gadia, Jagdalpur, administrative officials along with Hindu extremists demolished a church building claiming that it was built on illegal land. Pastor Baghel and his family however have possessed the land for more than seventy years.
<b>March 27</b>	In Nagra, Balampur Ramanujganj, Christians stopped a special prayer meeting after Hindu extremists disrupted them and accused them of forceful conversion.
<b>March 28</b>	In Mokhagoan, the village head and the Hindu extremists urged the government to stop the construction work of Children Day Care Centre of Indian Evangelical Mission. However, after an inquiry, the government officials allowed the day care centre to function smoothly.
<b>April 2</b>	In Chhote Salna, Kondagoan, a church was burned down and the Hindu extremists on the next day threatened the Christians and accused them of forceful conversion.

<b>April 3</b>	In Bhelwa, Baddhara, Jashpur, Police arrested four pastors after Hindu extremists filed a police complaint accusing them of forceful conversion.
<b>August 28</b>	In Tarpongi, Thana Dharseenwas, Raipur, police arrested Pastor (s) Ashok Dhruva and Dhani Ram after the Hindu extremists barged into the worship meeting and threatened to kill them if they continued to worship Christ in the village.
<b>August 24</b>	In Kakadi Beda, Kondagoan, Hindu extremists forcefully entered the house of a Christian widow, Laxmi Sovi. They beat her up and threatened to rape her teenage daughter if she refused to renounce her Christian faith.
<b>September 7</b>	In Kherwar, Dhamtari, Hindu extremists disrupted the burial service of Late Heminbai Nishad and prohibited the Christians to bury the dead body. Nishad was a member of the Full Gospel Church, who died the same day due to respiratory problem.
<b>September 9</b>	In Kherawar, Dhamtari, Hindu extremists summoned three Christian families: Rukkham Nishad, Binda Nishad, and Parmeshwari Sahu to the village council meeting, verbally abused them for their faith in Christ and threatened to chase them out from the village if they do not renounced Christ. The Christians fled the village.
<b>September 16</b>	In Batwani, Lundra ,Surguja, the police registered a case against Pastor Nirmal Ekka after he was falsely accused of injuring a child on 16 September in Batwani, Lundra, Surguja.
<b>September 21</b>	In Taragoan, Lohandiguda, Bastar, Hindu extremist, Maniram beat up Mitkobai from Divya Jyoti Church after she refused to renounce her faith in Christ. The Christian woman sustained severe injuries.
<b>September 21</b>	In Taragoan, Lohandiguda, Hindu extremist forcefully took a Christian widow to the local Hindu temple and tried to sacrifice her to the deities. The Christian widow was rescued by her daughter and relatives.
<b>September 22</b>	In Kongud, Kondagoan, Hindu extremists accused two Christians, Mankuram Singh and Mankumar Singh of forceful conversion, beat them up and vandalized their home after they refused to renounce their faith in Christ.
<b>October 4</b>	In Taragoan, Lohandiguda, Bastar, the village council summoned a Christian man Tangru to a public meeting, verbally abused him and threatened to harm him if he did not renounce his faith in Christ.
<b>October 9</b>	In Milan Patra, Koriya, Hindu extremists barged into the prayer meeting of the local Pentecostal Church, conducted by Pastor Arun Toppo and beat up a church member, Shyam Sunder who sustained severe injuries.

<b>October 23</b>	In Taragaon, Lohandiguda, Bastar, police arrested a Christian after one Hindu extremist falsely accused him of harassing him and his family.
<b>December 24</b>	In Tendumudi, Bilaigarh, Hindu extremists stormed a Christmas celebration and accused the Christians of forceful conversion.
<b>December 29</b>	In Ranibagicha, Jashpur, the police arrested two pastors and seven believers including three women on charges of forcible conversions while they were have a prayer meeting.

## Karnataka

<b>March 8</b>	In Moodubelle, Udupi, alleged Hindu extremists barged into the prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Robert Lobo of The Word of Victory Ministry, beat him and the church members and accused them of forceful conversion. The pastor and six believers sustained serious injuries.
<b>April 9</b>	In Ghabdekhanur, Kolar, Hindu extremists beat up a Christian woman along with her two daughters and locked them up in their house because of their Christian faith.
<b>April 11</b>	In Vijapura, Chitradurga, fundamentalist elements beat up Pastor Kantharaj, his wife and son as they accused him of forceful conversion. The pastor sustained severe injuries.
<b>May 15</b>	In Hunsur, Mysore, police arrested 12 Christians after the Hindu extremists staged a protest rally against alleged forceful conversion and demanded the arrest of Pastor Steven Suresh and 11 believers.
<b>June 26</b>	In Narasipura, Hassan, Hindu extremists beat up Pastor Annaiah and five church members and also burned up the church as they accused the Christians of forceful conversion.
<b>July 4</b>	In Narasipura, Halebeedu, Hassan, Hindu extremists prohibited a Christian woman to fetch drinking water from the public well. They insulted her, called her a "prostitute" and threatened to rape her.
<b>July 14</b>	In Malika Arjuna Nagar, Shimoga, Hindu extremists disrupted the prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Venkatesh Naik and told him not to conduct worship meetings in the future and beat him up. The police registered an FIR against the attackers. The pastor sustained serious injuries.

<b>July 17</b>	In Davengere, Karnataka, Hindu extremist mob beat up Pastor M. Suresh belonging to the Good Shepherd Community Church. The pastor sustained multiple injuries.
<b>July 25</b>	In Arsikere, Hassan, alleged Hindu extremists stormed into a prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Raju Bhovi and accused him of forceful conversion. Later on they submitted a police complaint against him of forceful conversion. Pastor Raju submitted a counter complaint against the attackers.
<b>August 3</b>	In Nedugundi Thanda, Bijapur, Hindu extremists beat up a Christian couple, Soma Shekar and his wife Kusumabai, after they conducted a prayer meeting at their neighbor's house.
<b>August 11</b>	In Mobanahalli, Chitradurga, Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Parama Jyothi, beat him up and stripped him half-naked.
<b>August 18</b>	In Chickmagalur district, Hindu extremists beat up a Christian widow and left her unconscious on the road after she refused to renounce her faith in Jesus Christ.
<b>August 20</b>	In Mundgodu, Karwar, police detained Pastor Devu Gowli, his wife and their one month old baby from the Blessing Ministry Church after the Hindu extremists chased them out of the village and lodged a police complaint against them of forceful conversion.
<b>August 22</b>	In Maharajahatti, Jagalur Talik, Davanagere, Hindu extremists severely beat up Pastor Kotresh of Yesu Preetisuthaane Church as he conducted a prayer meeting in the house of a local Christian.
<b>August 24</b>	In Kuloor, Mangalore, police warned pastor M.S Shamraj belonging to the Blessing of Assembly of God Church of a possible attack on his church and further gave police protection to his church.
<b>August 24</b>	In Ilkal, Basavabagar Bagalakote, Hindu extremists barged into the prayer meeting of Jevovah Shalom Prayer House conducted by Pastor Samson and mercilessly beat him up.
<b>August 25</b>	In Honnavar, Uttara Kannada, police arrested three Christians from St. Thomas School after local Hindu extremists beat them up and accused them of forceful conversion.
<b>August 31</b>	In Thimdoli, Belgaum, Hindu fundamentalists forcefully entered into the houses of two Christian families, Suresh and Gangadhar, beat them up severely and took them to the local Hindu temple and forced them to worship the idols of Hindu gods.

<b>September 1</b>	In Yelahanka, New Town, Bangalore North, Hindu extremists disrupted and stopped the prayer meeting of Living Hope Church and threatened to kill Pastor William John if he continued to conduct worship meetings in the future.
<b>September 8</b>	In Kolipalya, Chamarajnagar, Hindu extremists accused a Christian woman, Sannamma of forceful conversion and beat her up mercilessly. Sannamma was later hospitalized because of the severity of her injuries.
<b>September 27</b>	In Tarikere, Chickmagalur, Hindu extremists disrupted and attacked a Sunday worship service. They accused Pastor Hemachandra Hebal of forceful conversions, beat him up and locked him and other church members inside their church.
<b>September 28</b>	In Varasandra, Mandhya, Hindu extremists disrupted the prayer meeting of St. Thomas Church and accused Pastor Solomon Ramesh of forceful conversions. They tore Bibles; broke the crosses and destroyed sound system and other instruments.
<b>September 28</b>	In Tiptur, Tumkur district, suspected Hindu extremists set a church construction on fire at about midnight. The damage to the Church is estimated to be around rupees 15 lakhs.
<b>October 6</b>	In Siddapur, Sirsi, Hindu extremists accused Pastor Anil Kumar of forceful conversion and beat him up after he conducted a prayer meeting in a local Christian's home. The pastor sustained severe injuries.
<b>October 20</b>	In Bhovi colony, Tumkur , police detained Pastor T.K Naik from the Pentecostal Indian Fellowship and confiscated the Church's musical instruments after Hindu extremists lodged a complaint against the Church.
<b>October 20</b>	In Tilakawadi, Belgaum, Deepak Jamkhandi, the city corporation councilor of Belgaum accompanied by a group of Hindu extremists, disrupted the Sunday prayer service of the New Life Fellowship Church. They threatened Pastor K J Cherian and intimidated the Christians present.
<b>December 18</b>	In Karkhala, Udupi, police disrupted a prayer meeting at the End Time Full Gospel Harvest Church after the Bajrang Dal and the village head filed a police complaint against Pastor Benedict Warthika of forceful conversion.

## Maharashtra

<b>January 11</b>	In Sawantwadi Taluka, Sindhudurg district, Hindu protesters disrupted the prayer meeting of New Life Grace Ministry and beat up church members including women, children and the elderly.
<b>January 14</b>	In Tamsai, Palghar, Rural Thane, Hindu extremists beat up three Christian women and a 12-year-old girl. The women sustained serious injuries.
<b>April 12</b>	In Pandherwani, Hindu extremists forced their way in the house of evangelist Taiku Athram during his absence and beat up his wife as they accused the couple of dealing in forceful conversion.
<b>April 23</b>	In Nagpur, police arrested a Christian couple after the Hindu extremist accused them of forceful conversion and bribery and beat them up as they prayed for the sick people.
<b>April 25</b>	In Pandherwani, Hindu extremists forcefully installed Hindu idols in the house of a Christian, Suresh Athram. The house was brand new and construction was nearly over when it was attacked. After installing the idols in a Christian home, the extremists started worshipping the same.
<b>May 5</b>	In Pimpri, Pune, Hindu extremists disrupted the worship meeting of Maranatha Worship Centre and ordered the priest to leave town and to close the church or face dire consequences.
<b>May 23</b>	In Sarfabad, Amravati, alleged Hindu extremists barged into the house of a local Christian, Gyaneshwar Kurwade as his family was observing their evening family prayers. The intruders assaulted Kurwade and his son, Shrikrishana, saying they don't want Christian activity in the area. The victims report the matter to the local police, but no action was taken.
<b>June 6</b>	In Pandherwani, state police registered a First Information Report against local Christians after Hindu extremists accused them of forceful conversions. They extremists destroyed a house, seized farmland and ordered Christians to leave the village.
<b>September 8</b>	In Devdongri, Nasik, Hindu extremists disrupted a prayer meeting and beat up three Christians from the Friends Missionary Prayer Band (FMPB).

<b>October 6</b>	In Kalva, Thane, Hindu extremists stopped the prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Arul Raj, accused him of forceful conversion and beat him up. After investigation, the pastor was released without any charges filed against him.
<b>December 12</b>	In Yevoor, Thane, the police arrested six pastors after Hindu extremists stopped a Christmas festival and filed a police complaint against the Christians of forceful conversion.
<b>December 15</b>	In Vile Parle (W), a western suburb of Mumbai City, a group of miscreants desecrated and vandalized a Jesus statue on a heritage Holy Cross dating back to 1880's.
<b>December</b>	In Mumbai, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal threatened to launch a protest against Indian film actors, Nagma and Johny Lever, alleging that they are propagating Christianity.

## Madhya Pradesh

<b>February 9</b>	In Nanpur, Alirajpur, Hindu extremists attacked Pastor Jordarsingh Changod from Philadelphia Church, after his church service.
<b>February 15</b>	In Dola, Annupur, alleged Hindu extremists disrupted a prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Sharda Prasad and his wife and manhandled the Christians present.
<b>February 16</b>	In Sawalikedra, Khandwa, three Christians were arrested on charge of forceful conversion after they conducted a prayer meeting at the house of a local Christian on the previous day.
<p><i>“Around 36 people came on 12 - 13 bikes. They started questioning me and soon started to beat me. I lost my sense because of the beating. When I woke up, I realised that blood was streaming out of my forehead and back of my ears. Pastor Ilamsingh who was with me was also beaten very badly. All because we said that we believe in the power of prayer.”</i></p> <p><b>Jordarsingh Changod, Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh</b></p>	
<b>February 16</b>	In Sawalikedra, Khandwa, three Christians were arrested on charge of forceful conversion after they conducted a prayer meeting at the house of a local Christian on the previous day.

<b>February 16</b>	In Gulai, Khandwa, Pastor Isaac Rajamani of Friends Missionary Prayer Band and a Christian identified as Raju, were arrested after Hindu extremists attacked their prayer meeting and beat them up.
<b>February 18</b>	In Roshni, Khandwa, police questioned four Christians after Hindu extremists disrupted a prayer meeting conducted by Pastor Iliyas, beat the Christians present and accused them of luring people to convert to Christianity. After questioning, the police released the Christians without filing any case against them.
<b>February 20</b>	In Doormartola, Ghopatpur, Dindori, Hindu extremists forcefully entered a one-day Christian seminar and disrupted the meeting.
<b>August 19</b>	In Borelaya, Thana Anjad, police detained 14 Christians after Hindu extremists stormed a prayer meeting, accused the Christians of forceful conversions and beat them up.
<b>September 8</b>	In Thilari, Jabalpur, Hindu fundamentalists stopped a prayer meeting conducted by Mission to the Blind, accused Pastor Sanjeev Jena and the organizers of forceful conversions. The police told the Christians to close down the meeting immediately or face dire consequences.

## Orissa

<b>January 18</b>	In Baripada, Mayurbhanj, police arrested two Christians, Bahadur Murmu and Rama Soreng belonging to the New Creation Church under the <i>Orissa Freedom of Religion Act</i> while they were holding a prayer meeting in the house of a local Christian.
<b>March 1</b>	In Bhalutangara, Kankadahada, Dhenkanal, Hindu extremists beat up a Christian family and chased them out from the village because of their faith in Christ.
<b>March 10</b>	In Dengabahalli, Dhenkanal, Hindu extremists beat up Mohan Soren for his faith in Christ. His family fled the village in fear after the assault.
<b>May 8</b>	In Dangarguda, Malkangiri, three Hindu extremists beat up a Christian woman, Mongli Madhi as she went to fetch water in a public well. They broke her water buckets and pots.
<b>June 10</b>	In Dangarguda, Malkangiri, Hindu extremists attacked the Koya Christians with swords, rods and wooden planks. Two houses, two bicycles and one motorbike belonging to the Christians were damaged.



<b>June 12</b>	In Canalpada, Duagarh, Hindu extremists barged into the prayer conducted by Indian Pentecostal Church, threatened to harm the pastor and told them not to conduct Christian meetings in the future.
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## Tamil Nadu

<b>January 28</b>	In Kottur, Caimbatore, alleged Hindu extremists snatched gospel tracts from Pastor M Emmanuel, looted him of his money and warned the pastor not to come back in the area again to distribute tracts.
<b>June 9</b>	In Periyapattana, Ramanathapuram district, Hindu extremists beat up Pastor Ram Chandra belonging to the Pentecostal Church after he prayed for a sick man. They fundamentalists threatened to kill him and burn his bike if he ever comes and pray in the village again.
<b>August 16</b>	In Chennai, Hindu parents abducted their daughter as they opposed her conversion to Christianity. An investigating officer told reporters that Priya's parents appear to have abducted her because they were opposed to her conversion.
<b>September 24</b>	In Naduvakurichi, Thoothukkudi, police arrested evangelist Thayappan after the Hindu extremists falsely accused him of uttering derogatory remarks against the Hindu Gods.
<b>December 17</b>	In Velayuthampalayam, Karur, Hindu extremists attacked the carol service of the Assembly of God Church. Danapal, a local Christian believer suffered serious head injuries.

## Rajasthan

<b>August 13</b>	In Rajapark, Jaipur, Rajasthan Hindu extremists attack a pastor's mother Reena Behl from Fire of God Ministry and threatened to kill her son if they did not convert back to Hinduism.
<b>October 6</b>	In Sajavanjya, Banswara, Hindu extremists threatened to kill and burn up Pastor Prem Lal Maida and other church members if they continued to follow Christ.

<b>October 8</b>	In Ranodiya, Pipalda Tehsil, Kota, police warned Pastor Senthikumar from the Indian Evangelical Mission to leave the village after the Hindu extremists filed a police complaint against him of conducting prayer meetings, teaching children about God and allegedly converting people.
<b>November 17</b>	In Tadi Obri, a seven year old Christian boy, Anugrag was killed and thrown in a pond. Police investigation is going on but local Christians allege that the boy was killed because he was from a Christian family.

## Arunachal Pradesh

<b>September 7</b>	In Kabialong, one Christian lady, Kharangsi was thrown out from the village because of her faith in Christ.
<b>December 22</b>	In Kalakteang town, Christians were not allowed to celebrate Christmas. Hindu fundamentalists threatened to harm the Christians. The local Christians were not allowed to construct a prayer hall.
<b>December 25</b>	In Goreswar, Sensapara, 40 Christians were not allowed to celebrate Christmas and seven people were forced to sign a paper that they will not attend Church anymore. The village council ratified a resolution restraining the Christians from attending church service.

## Assam

<b>November 1</b>	In Borbori village, Buxa district, four Christian families from Boro Evangelical Lutheran Church chased out from their homes and villages for their faith in Christ.
<b>December 25</b>	In Chawabari village, Buxa district, suspected fundamentalists burned up a Christian home, looted all their belongings worth about Rs. 40 lakh. They had earlier attacked the family for putting a star during Christmas celebrations.

## Uttar Pradesh

<b>April 21</b>	In Ghaziabad, a faithful follower of Christ, Bashir Ali, 26 years old was killed by suspected Muslim fanatics because of his faith in Christ.
<b>June 10</b>	In Sonari, Hindu extremists threatened to kill Pastor Ram Prakash from the Prakash Healing Society's Church if he continues to conduct worship meetings in the area.

## Gujarat

<b>May 3</b>	In Bhelwas Baddhara, Sundargarh, police arrested four pastors from Power of Saviour Ministry after they were accused of forceful conversion.
<b>May 14</b>	In Bilwani, Dahod, Hindu extremists attacked Rajubhai Bhuriya and his family at their home. The extremists were accusing the family of being involved in forceful conversion.

## Tripura

<b>April</b>	In Twirisa village, Teliamura, the local Christians stopped conducting Sunday worship meetings altogether after Hindu extremists repeatedly threatened to harm them and continued to create nuisance.
<b>May 24</b>	In Teliamura town, West Tripura, a Christian was brutally murdered after he refused to renounce his faith in Christ.

## Manipur

<b>June 10</b>	In Kongpal, residents assaulted Pastor A. Shyam and damaged the newly built hall of Victory Church of India.
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## New Delhi

<b>June 20</b>	In Central market, Lajpat Nagar, Afghan Muslims attacked two Afghan Christians because of their faith in Christ.
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## Kerala

<b>June 5</b>	In Edathar, Pastor Vijayan M and his wife belonging to the Church of God Full Gospel India were attacked by Hindu extremists. The couple was knocked off their scooter while commuting and beaten up. They sustained severe injuries.
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## Haryana

<b>November 23</b>	In Sonipat, Hindu extremists disrupted a three-day Christian meeting and accused Pastor M.K Babu and the organizers of forceful conversion.
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## Uttarakhand

<b>August 24</b>	In Tandadalchand, Kela Khera, Udham Singh Nagar, Government officials stopped the scheduled healing prayer meeting organized by local Christians after Hindu extremists from the Bharatiya Janata Party staged a protest and accused the organizers of luring the poor people to convert into Christianity.
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## Jharkhand

<b>August 18</b>	In Dumka Raiganj, priests and nuns of a Jesuit Mission were beaten up by angry villagers after a student died of cardiac arrest. The attackers demanded 10 lakh rupees (1 million) as compensation for the death of the child. One priest, identified only as Fr. Solomon sustained a head injury and was hospitalized.
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## West Bengal

<b>October 2</b>	In Keshabnagar, Mursidabad, alleged Muslim fanatics poured acid on the padlocks of the main doors of Believers Church's worship centre as they tried to melt and break the main doors with a steel rod.
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## Jammu & Kashmir

<b>April 10</b>	In Shivpura, Srinagar, alleged Muslim fanatics accused Pastor Neethi Rajan from Agape Ministry of forceful conversion and beat him up and his family. The pastor and his family were later relocated to another area for fear of another attack.
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