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Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC) is a Washington, D.C.-based apolitical and nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting peace, pluralism and social justice through advocacy and outreach across communities. Founded in August 2002, IAMC is the largest advocacy organization of Indian Muslims in the United States, with 12 chapters across the country. IAMC strives to strengthen India's secular institutions and promote peaceful ethnic and religious coexistence.

The Jamia Teachers Solidarity Association (JTSA) is a New Delhi-based collective of university teachers formed in 2008 after an extrajudicial killing of Muslim men by Delhi Police. JTSA is an important voice against illegal detentions, extrajudicial killings and sectarian witchhunts by anti-terror law enforcement agencies. It conducts fact-findings, publishes reports and engages in legal aid work. It collaborates with civil society groups on issues of justice and civil rights.

The Quill Foundation is a New Delhi-based autonomous institution engaged in research and advocacy around issues of human rights, justice and equity faced by the underprivileged sections of India, especially Dalits, Muslims, women, sexual minorities and the differently abled. Its constituent Law and Human Rights Cell (LHRC) has been investigating and examining the many ways in which legal and judicial processes form the context of everyday injustices.