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India

Source of Persecution Religious Nationalism

Population 1,342,513,000

Christians 63,970,000

Main Religion Hinduism

Government Federal Parliamentary Republic

Leader Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Profile of Persecution

Based on World Watch List 2018 Data

Violence 



Pressure 



Hindu Radicals Use Violence to “Cleanse” Nation

While the source of persecution for Christians in India depends on their location within the country, most of it comes from Hindu radical groups. Because Hindu radicals view Christians as outsiders, they experience increased persecution. These radicals are intent on cleansing the nation of both Islam and Christianity, employing violence to this end. The government continues to look away when religious minorities are attacked, indicating violence may only increase.

Prayer Points

- Pray for Christian converts from Hinduism who are forcefully pressured to return to their national religion.
- Pray with Christians in India for God’s provision and protection as they boldly evangelize in states with anti-conversion laws.
- Pray for Christian girls placed under house arrest by their families because of their faith. Ask God to encourage them, and pray their families would come to know the Lord.