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Dear Sir/Madam,

We, as a concerned citizen of India, writing this petition of appeal to Amnesty International India, to urge you to take cognizance on institutionalised discrimination and hate crimes committed against Hindus (including dalits) in India on the basis of “**Hindu Human Rights Report**” published recently on “**IndiaFacts**”¹ and other news media reports on this subject (refer endnotes). Sir/Madam, we firmly uphold our believe in Human Rights and considered them intrinsic in assuring dignified survival of human beings. And we do appreciate your efforts in monitoring cases of Human rights violations in India but at the same time surprised to find significant omissions in reporting the cases of Human Rights violations committed against Hindus, Budhhists, Jains, Sikhs in India.

Sir/Madam, keeping our reservations on the manner in which Amnesty International India has reported cases of Human Rights violations in India. Our present submission through this petition is basically meant to address the initiative of Amnesty International India’s interactive website ‘**Halt the Hate**’. Sir/Madam, we have recently gone through the website link of ‘**Halt the Hate**’ (<http://haltthehate.amnesty.org.in/>) and we were shocked to see the manner in which it offers to provide information of hate crimes in India. To be precise on this the homepage of the website omits to even acknowledge Hindus, Buddhist, Jains, Sikhs as a category under the victims of Human Rights violation.² Moreover, the methodology involved in collecting and reporting the case of hate crimes is also questionable because as per the information available on the website³ the information gathered on hate crimes in India is based on reports published in English and Hindi newspapers through keyword searches but strangely enough it is found to be selectively ignorant about the media reports which cover cases of hate crimes committed against Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs in India (notable mentions among them are reports of Swarajyamag (<https://swarajyamag.com/>), Opindia (<https://www.opindia.com/>), etc). Another noteworthy omission on the website is that on the web page section titled “Interactive map”⁴, a filter tab is attached which shows several categories through which we can search for cases of hate crimes in India. In that filter tab there is a category named “Alleged motive”⁵ which mentions several categories of motives of hate crimes like cow related, caste, religion etc but surprisingly it omits to mention categories like forced conversion, cow smuggling, targeted attacks on Hindu Temples, Attacks on Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs etc, which are also important reasons behind fueling conflicts in the society in India.

Sir/Madam, to summarise our contentions in a nutshell we have noted following significant omissions on Amnesty International India’s interactive website, ‘**Halt the Hate**’ in reporting cases of hate crimes in India.

1. Hate crimes committed against Hindus (including dalits) by Muslims.⁶
2. Hate crimes committed by cow smugglers against Hindus and Police authorities.⁷
3. Targeted attacks on Temples of Hindus, Jains by muslims⁸.
4. Forced conversions of Hindus (including dalits) by muslims and hate crimes committed in pursuance to that⁹.
5. Deceitful conversion of Hindus by Christian missionaries through money and undue influence¹⁰.

6. Forced conversion of Adivasis by Christian missionaries¹¹ and Islamists¹².
7. Rampant jihadist radicalization of muslims in Kerala, Kashmir, West Bengal, Assam, Western Uttar Pradesh¹³.
8. Targeted rapes of Hindus (including dalits) by muslims¹⁴.
9. Targeted attacks on Buddhists of ladakh, Jains and Sikhs of North Indian States by muslims.
10. Institutionalised discrimination against Hindu minorities (Kashmiri pandits and dalits) in Jammu & Kashmir.

Now as a part of our final submission we, presuming that the omission in reporting of such cases by Amnesty International India is not deliberate and may be due to absence of any publicly available data on this subject. So in order to bridge gap on that count we want to share a detailed report published recently on intitutionalised discrimination and hate crimes committed against Hindus (including dalits) on official website of "IndiaFacts". The important highlights of the report are as follows:

1.	127 Hindu leaders have been killed in the last 30 years in Tamil Nadu. 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.
2.	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 36425 temples, 56 mathas or religious centers, 1,721 specific endowments and 189 trusts. This discriminatory act applies only to Hindu and Jain places of worship.
3.	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.
4.	111 people were killed and 2,384 others were injured in 822 communal incidents in the country in 2017. Union Minister of State for Home Hansraj Ahir said that the highest number of communal incidents in 2017 were reported in Uttar Pradesh where 44 people were killed and 542 others were injured in 195 communal incidents.
5.	40 cases of targeted politically motivated attacks on Hindus has been documented by us for 2017 and 2018. In West Bengal alone, 331 people have been injured (44 of them hospitalized) in 139 incidents of violence related to panchayat polls in the state, and 1 person is missing.
6.	100 instances of Love Jihad, Violence against Women and Rape 32 instances of Islamist Attacks & Communal Clashes instigated by Muslims 25 instances of Attacks on Hindu festivals and places of worship 40 instances of Political Violence and Killing of Hindus 32 instances of religious persecution 25 instances of Dalit persecutions by Muslims

Sir/Madam, we hope that the detailed report which we have shared with you (refer mail attachment 1) and the references in the endnotes of this petition of appeal will certainly help you to understand the gravity of this issue and on the basis of the facts presented before you through this petition will prompt you to take cognizance of the matter in the utmost serious manner.

Endnotes

1. See mail attachment 1
2. See mail attachment 2 + <http://haltthehate.amnesty.org.in/index.html>
3. See mail attachment 3 + <http://haltthehate.amnesty.org.in/methodology.html>
4. <http://haltthehate.amnesty.org.in/map.html>
5. See mail attachment 4
6. <https://www.opindia.com/2019/07/dalit-muslim-unity-narrative-crimes/> and <https://www.opindia.com/2019/06/dara-hua-musalman-here-is-a-list-of-50-hate-crimes-that-busts-the-narrative/>
7. <https://www.news18.com/news/india/bsf-jawan-loses-hand-in-attack-by-cattle-smugglers-along-indo-bangladesh-border-2226795.html> and
8. <https://swarajyamag.com/insta/meerut-mob-attacks-temple-beats-up-dalit-devotees-to-oppose-loudspeakers-in-temple-situated-near-mosque> and
9. <https://www.opindia.com/2019/09/bihar-hindu-widow-forced-converted-to-islam-fed-beef-married-to-muslim/> and
10. <https://www.opindia.com/2019/06/demographic-impact-of-christian-missionaries-india-needs-the-equivalent-of-russias-yarovaya-law/> and
11. <https://swarajyamag.com/magazine/aranachals-tribal-culture-fades-as-fervent-proselytisation-fuels-christianity> and
12. <https://swarajyamag.com/politics/why-dalits-in-uttar-pradesh-threaten-conversion-to-islam>
13. <https://www.orfonline.org/research/the-islamic-state-in-indias-kerala-a-primer-56634/> and <https://www.opindia.com/2017/10/islamic-radicalisation-in-kerala-threat-to-national-security/> and <https://www.opindia.com/2017/06/the-return-of-islamic-terrorism-in-kashmir/> and <https://www.opindia.com/2019/05/previous-govts-were-soft-on-muslim-radicalisation-and-terror-due-to-political-reasons-former-law-officer-reveals/> and <https://www.opindia.com/2019/10/kamlesh-tiwari-murder-gujarat-ats-up-police-lucknow-bareilly/>
14. <https://www.opindia.com/2019/09/uttar-pradesh-minor-dalit-girl-brutally-gang-raped-and-filmed/> and <https://www.opindia.com/2019/08/another-love-jihad-case-in-up-khalid-posed-as-hindu-to-trap-minor-girl-then-raped-and-blackmailed-her/> and

<https://www.opindia.com/2019/09/west-bengal-majidur-rahman-fakes-hindu-identity-to-develop-relationship-with-hindu-girl-later-rapes-and-murders-her/> and

<https://swarajyamag.com/insta/maharashtra-hindu-woman-raped-given-death-threats-for-not-converting-to-islam-in-ahmednagar> and

<https://swarajyamag.com/politics/amethi-miscreants-molest-dalit-woman-threaten-to-make-her-musalmanni-brutally-thrash-husband>

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Thanks & Regards,
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On behalf of Srijan Foundation, New Delhi, India

4 attachments



Attachment 2 - Screenshot of Webpage..jpg
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Attachment 3 - Screenshot of webpage.jpg
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Attachment 4 - Screenshot of webpage.jpg
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 **Attachment 1 - Hindu Human Rights Report - 2019.pdf**
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