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**Memorandum**  
**Submitted to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon. Prime Minister of India**

Sub: Appeal for urgent intervention against attack on Christians in the country.

Dear Respected Prime Minister,

The North East Catholic Research Forum, has been keenly following your efforts to reach out to the Christian community and noted them with much appreciation. In 2023, you attended the Easter programme at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, New Delhi, which was positively viewed by Christians across the country. In 2024, you had celebrated Christmas with members of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI). Recently, on December 25th, you attended a Christmas service in the Cathedral Church of Redemption in New Delhi.

We join the Christian community of India in appreciating these gestures and feel happy and confident that the country's top executive could find time to be with the Christians on important occasions, even though the community is just 2.3% of the country's population, therefore, politically insignificant. Therefore, we remain assured that your esteemed party's ideals of "*Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayaas*" are not merely a political slogan, but one intended with a purpose. We also appreciate your acknowledgement and appreciation of Christian community's contributions in the service of the nation. Your message, "Christmas inspires harmony and goodwill in our society," resonated deeply in us because it comes from the head of the country, who we believe is a father figure for all.

However, we remind you with deep anguish that, despite the robust constitutional safeguards every citizen in this country enjoys, the Christian community is treated like an enemy, which is evident from the number of attacks by different organisations of the majority Hindu community. We wish to place some of the disturbing signs in the last two years for your kind attention.



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- 1) In 2024, 834 incidents of attacks on Christians were recorded, which counts to 69 incidents of violence against Christians every month.
- 2) Between January and November 2025, 706 incidents have been reported, which include physical attacks, sexual offences, murder, threat, intimidation, destruction of places of worship, disruption of prayer services, and desecration of religious items. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad and the Bajrang Dal were the chief architects of these violent incidents.
- 3) The RSS, which share a common ideology with your esteemed party - the Bharatiya Janata Party, has come to our notice for using their front organisations to target Christians, not only to restrict their religious activities, but even services to humanity.

Additionally, in the lead-up to Christmas and also during Christmas this year, the Christian community suffered much in the hands of the VHP, Bajrang Dal, and other organisations of the Sang Parvar, as enumerated here under:

- On December 20, one Anju Bhargava, said to be vice president of the Jabalpur unit of the BJP, visited a church to stop preparations for Christmas. When she came across a visually impaired woman, Ms Bhargava accused her of attempting to convert the others and physically assaulted her. She even cursed her that in her next life too, she would incarnate as a blind person. Speaking to the media, the victim stated that she is not a Christian but a Hindu who attended the program of her own free will, and that no one had forced her to participate or mentioned anything about changing their faith.
- On December 21, activists of the Hindu Raksha Dal abruptly disturbed a peaceful Christmas prayer service in Ghaziabad (UP). The activists destroyed the CCTV, heckled the participants, and questioned the legitimacy of the Christian faith in India. The intruders then shouted religious slogans, desecrated the Holy Bible, made derogatory remarks about Jesus and His mother Mary, and molested a woman who dared to respond. The group recorded the entire incident and made it viral, but the long hands of law failed to reach them.
- On December 22, a group of men heckled young girls wearing Santa Claus caps. The men accused them of proselytising and encouraging Christian practices and ordered them to remove the caps and head back to their respective homes. This incident happened in Delhi's Lajpat Nagar. On the same day, a government order in Rajasthan banned the wearing of Santa Claus caps in an apparent objective to restrict celebration without fear.
- On December 24, a twenty-four-hour bandh was called by the Sarva Hindu Samaj in Raipur (Chhattisgarh) with the obvious intention of preventing people from engaging themselves in Christmas shopping, decoration of halls, churches, etc. They entered a popular mall in Raipur and vandalised Christmas decorations. The intruders also warned the public of dire consequences should they participate in any Christmas celebration.



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- On the same day, members of the local Vishwa Hindu Parishad and the Bajrang Dal barged into the campus of St Mary's School, Panigaon, in Nalbari district (Assam) and destroyed the nativity crib and pulled down other decorations put up inside the school campus. This violent incident mentally traumatized the handful of Christians in the locality so much that the midnight service had to be cancelled.
- Even in Kerala, a state least known for violence against Christians, Christmas carol singers, including women and children, were attacked as they visited homes of Christians. According to the police, the musical instruments of the carol singing team were destroyed. The incident took place in Palakkad, in a locality known for strong presence and influence of the RSS.
- During the Christmas celebration in Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh), a Hindu fundamentalist group assembled at the gate of St Alphonsus Cathedral Church and recited the Hanuman Chalisa in order to provoke the community. They accused Christians of maligning the Hindu religion with Christmas celebrations and shouted slogans, condemning Christianity.
- In the Sri Ganganagar district of Rajasthan, the education department issued an official circular warning schools against forcing students to attend schools dressed as Santa Claus. The order warned that any institution found violating the directive shall be dealt with sternly.
- In Chhattisgarh, a circular was issued by the Chhattisgarh government directing all schools to remain open on December 25 to observe the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee as Good Governance Day. The circular directed schools to organise programs such as discussions, speeches, essays, poems, and other academic events centred on the themes of good governance and public service. The Circular also made compliance report submission mandatory.
- On Christmas day, about 500-600 members of the Bajrang Dal took out a procession in Jhabua (MP), passing through Christian dominated area of Thandla, with prior knowledge of the district administration. The connivance of the administration is thus proved, and the common intention was to disturb Christmas celebration. Though the Christian community didn't get provoked, the malicious intention was achieved with full cooperation from the district administration.

Dear Prime Minister,

You will kindly appreciate that these are not stray incidents by nondescript lumpen elements, but well-planned and systematically executed incidents by members of organisations who had no qualms about naming or identifying the organisations they belonged to. The Christian community is deeply troubled by this unprecedented trend of preventing Christians from fulfilling their religious obligation on an important and sacred occasion like Christmas. We



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wonder what made these anti-Christian forces so fearless. Even when a strong leader like you is continuously reaching out to the Christian community, they continue to target Christians with impunity. Are they reading something which we are unable to read?

We therefore, appeal to you for urgent intervention. We are confident that a word of disapproval from you against such deplorable activities will certainly change this sorry state of affairs. We also appeal to you to kindly direct states to refrain from misusing anti-conversion laws to torment the poor, innocent, and helpless Christian public.

In anticipation, we remain,

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