

In India, hundreds of Christian families from over 50 villages have been unlawfully banned from practicing their faith.

Hindu radicals have been on the rise in India and have only been emboldened by the election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who himself has had a checkered past of tolerating violence toward religious minorities. Over 50 villages in the Bastar District of Chhattisgarh State, led by both local leaders and local ruling party officials, are persecuting religious minorities and defying India's constitution, which guarantees religious freedom.



Since the passage of the village proclamation, Christians in Chhattisgarh have suffered brutal assaults and prosecution for crimes based on little to no evidence. In addition, Christians in this region have been victimized by social boycotts; the practice of denying food, clean water, and employment, but attacks and denial of basic necessities are but the physical acts of persecution against the Christian community. Forced conversion is on the rise as these same Hindu radicals are coercing Christians to return to Hinduism through unbinding documents, illegal fines, and a promise to end the social boycott.

