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ABOUT US

The Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established in 2006 and registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. Over the past 18 years, APCR has expanded its presence across 18 states in India, with offices established in several regions.

APCR functions as a civil rights advocacy group comprising a diverse network of advocates, retired judges, social activists, human rights defenders, journalists, researchers, academics, students, and paralegal volunteers. United by a shared commitment to justice, APCR works to advance civil and human rights throughout the country.

Our core mission is to drive societal transformation through the strategic use of legal systems and judicial institutions.

Key Objectives

- To educate and raise public awareness about civil rights
- To operate a helpline offering guidance and counseling for the marginalized
- To conduct training programs for social activists and volunteers
- To advocate for and protect the legal rights of oppressed communities
- To provide legal defense to victims of injustice
- To actively work towards the eradication of oppression and injustice in India

In pursuit of these goals, APCR engages a committed team of lawyers, social workers, and grassroots paralegal volunteers. The organization promotes democratic dialogue and legal literacy through seminars, workshops, and community engagement. Over the years, APCR has published several fact-finding reports on large-scale violence and hate crimes and continues to provide free legal assistance to the underprivileged.

WHAT WE DO



**LEGAL
AID**



**LEGAL
AWARENESS**



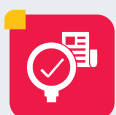
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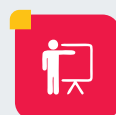
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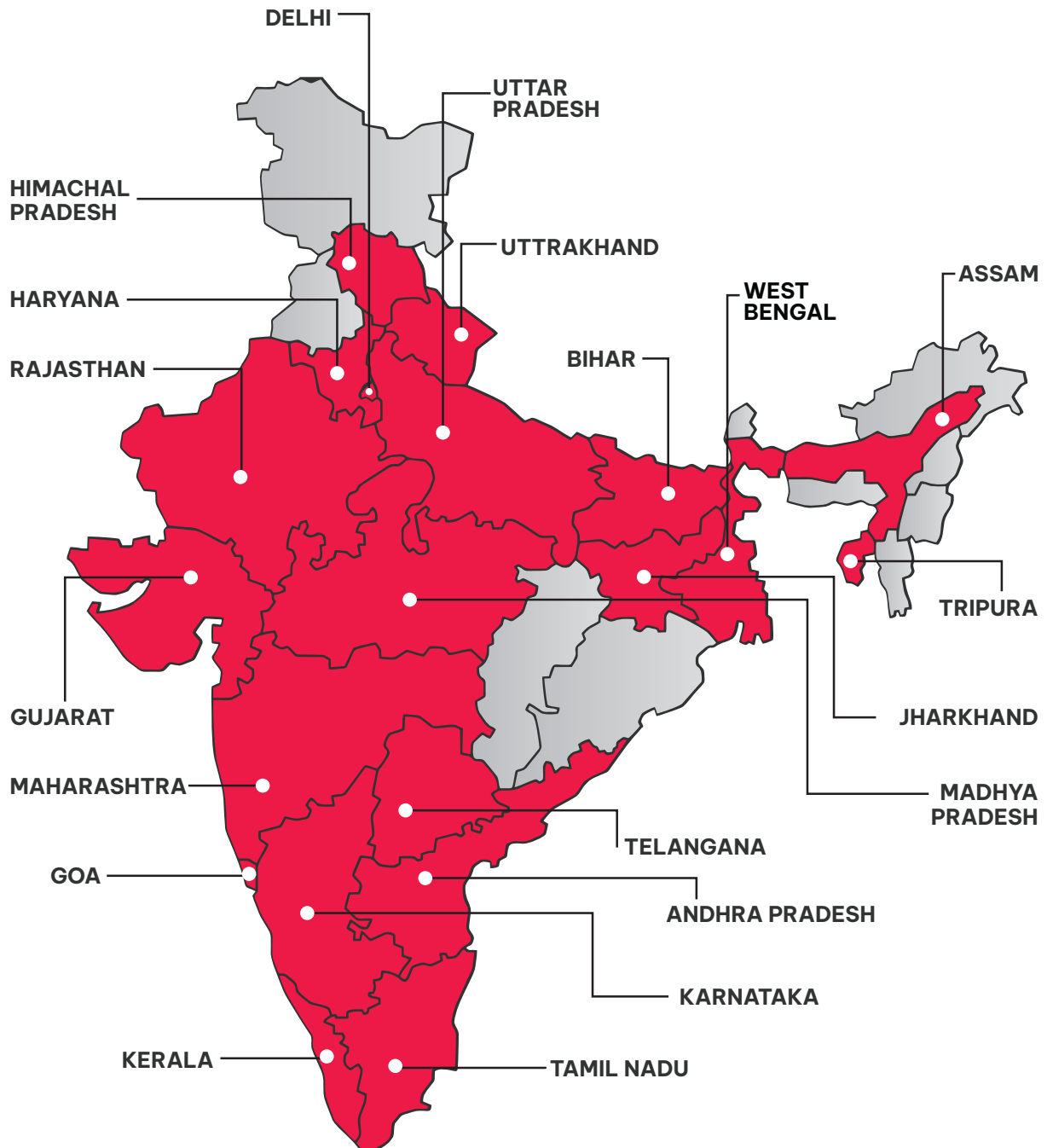


**FACT FINDING &
DOCUMENTATION**



**CAPACITY
BUILDING**

APCR IN NUMBERS



OUR FOOTPRINTS

ORGANIZATIONAL NETWORK

18+
State Chapters

400+
District Chapters

1100+
Advocates

100+
Former Bureaucrats

3900+
Volunteers

60+
Legal Aid Clinics

14+
State Offices

940+
Social Activists

600+
Journalists

50+
Former Judges

2100+
Members

950+
Law students

WORKSHOPS/ TRAININGS

50+
RTI Workshops

200+
Planning &
Review Meets

320+
Legal Awareness
Events

70+
Seminars
Webinars

90+
Paralegal
Trainings

600+
Prisoners Released

50+
FIRs

LEGAL INTERVENTION

100+
Fact Finding Visits

35+
Fact Finding
Reports

500+
RTI Requests

400+
Complaints

2400+
Cases

100+
Press Statements

75+
Press Meets

700+
Bails & Paroles

5000+
Legal Counseling Services

15+
PILs

40+
Writs

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LEGAL INTERVENTIONS

Draconian Laws

APCR provides pro bono legal aid and representation to individuals facing wrongful arrests, communal violence, hate crimes, police brutality, and unjust incarceration. We have filed numerous Public Interest Litigations (PILs), writs, and bail applications in High Courts and the Supreme Court. Notable victories include the acquittal of the wrongly convicted in terror cases, bail for UAPA detainees, and stays against illegal demolitions.

Four Men Acquitted in Jaipur Bomb Blast Case

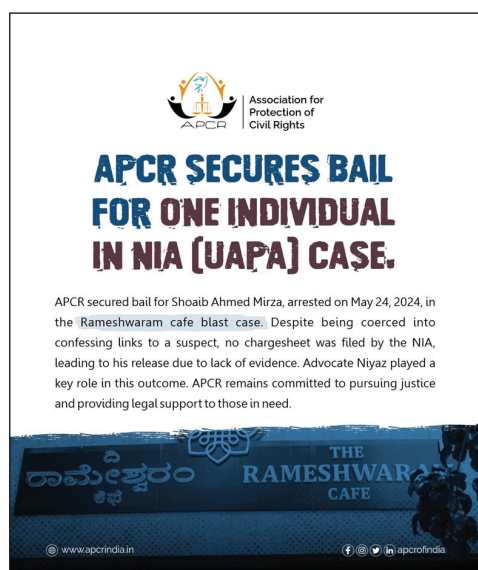
Four men were acquitted in the Jaipur Bomb Blast case by the Rajasthan High Court. The hon'ble judges Justice Pankaj Bhandari and Justice Sameer Jain also ordered a probe against the police and questioned the Anti-terrorism Squad (ATS) for failing to provide credible evidence. APCR meticulously fought for their unjust conviction through Advocate Sayed Sadat Ali. Farook Pakar former President of the APCR Rajasthan chapter served as an amicus curiae for all four men.

Case Title: ***State vs Shahbaz Hussain @ Shahbaz Ahmad @ Shanu and Ors. @Rajasthan High Court***

Category: UAPA

Status: Acquitted

Date: 2023



APCR Secures Bail for Shoaib Ahmed Mirza in Rameshwaram Cafe Blast Case

Shoaib Ahmed Mirza was arrested in May 2024 based solely on a coerced confession tying him to a cafe blast. Despite months of investigation, the NIA failed to file a charge sheet. APCR's legal team, led by Advocate Niyaz, exposed the lack of evidence and procedural delays, securing Shoaib's bail and reaffirming his right to freedom under the law.

Case Title: ***Abdul Matheen and Ors vs. National Investigation Agency @ Bengaluru Branch Spl c1976/24***

Category: UAPA

Status: Bail granted.

Date: 2024

APCR Secures release of Activist Zaid Pathan from preventive detention under NSA

Activist Zaid Pathan was booked under the National Security Act (NSA), which empowers the government to detain a person up to 12 months without a charge. The High Court Advisory Board released him after the police failed to substantiate charges. NSA allows detention up to 12 months without charge; APCR opposed this misuse.

Case Title: **Zaid Pathan vs The State and ors 158/2021**

Category: NSA

Status: Released.

Date: 17/08/22

मध्य प्रदेश: बुलडोज़र अभियान का विरोध करने वाले कार्यकर्ता ज़ैद पठान रासुका के तहत गिरफ्तार

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार (UP) 17/08/2022

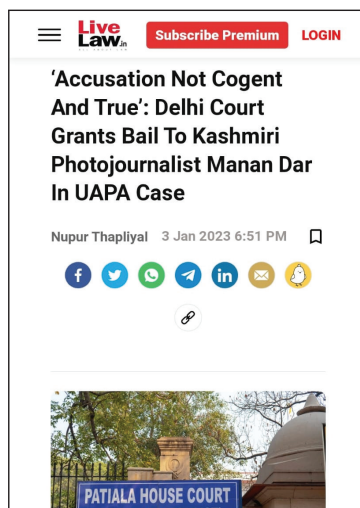
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प्रदेश में स्थानीय प्राधिकरणों द्वारा चलाए जा रहे बुलडोज़र अभियानों के खिलाफ मुख्य कार्यकर्ता ज़ैद पठान को सुरंग में राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा कानून के तहत गिरफ्तार किया गया है। उन पर समुदायों के बीच नफ़रत फैलाने, धार्मिक भावनाएं भड़काने और सोशल मीडिया में वॉर आर्गुमेंट्स पोस्ट करने के आरोप लगाए गए हैं।



संवाद करें: उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार (UP) 17/08/2022



Bail Granted to Kashmiri Photojournalist Manan Dar

Bail was granted to 25-year-old Kashmiri photojournalist Mohd Manan Dar by a Delhi court in a UAPA case, with the court observing that the accusations made by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) did not appear cogent or credible.

Case Title: **NIA vs tariq ahmad Dar and ors**

Category: UAPA

Status: Bail Granted.

Date: 2023

APCR Secures Bail for Rizwan Ahmad and Shahid in PFI Allegation Case

In a connected case, APCR played a key role in securing bail for Rizwan Ahmad and Shahid, who were arrested from Lucknow on 24.09.2022 for alleged links to the banned organization PFI. Advocate Najmussaib appeared on behalf of APCR, arguing that the accused were law-abiding citizens falsely implicated on fabricated charges.

Case Title: **APCR vs State of Uttar Pradesh and Ors. (W.P.(C) No. 463 of 2024)**

Category: UAPA

Status: Bail Granted.

Date: 2023

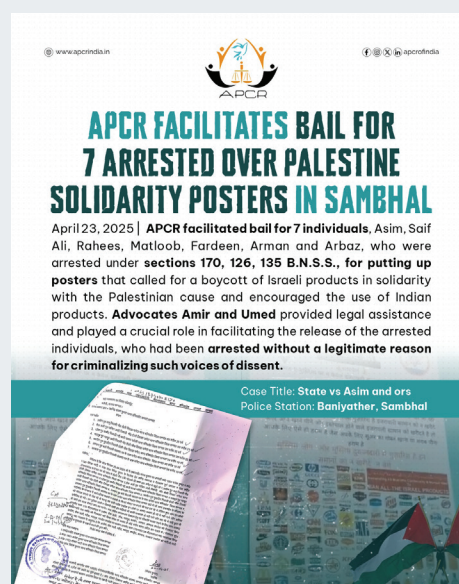
APCR Facilitates Bail for 7 Arrested Over Palestine Solidarity Posters in Sambhal

APCR facilitated bail for 7 individuals, Asim, Saif Ali, Rahees, Matloob, Fardeen, Arman and Arbaz on April 23, 2025. They had been arrested under sections 170, 126, 135 B.N.S.S., for putting up posters that called for a boycott of Israeli products in solidarity with the Palestinian cause and encouraged the use of Indian products. Advocates Aamir Aslam Khan and Umed Ali provided legal assistance and played a crucial role in facilitating the release of the arrested individuals, who had been arrested without a legitimate reason for criminalizing such voices of dissent.

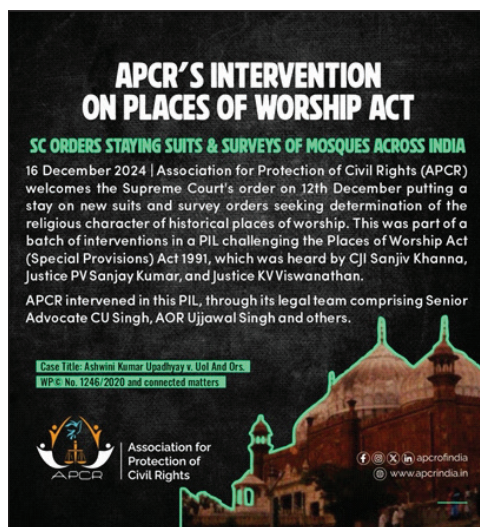
Case Title: ***State vs Asim and ors***

Police Station: Baniyather, Sambhal

Date: 2025



Communal Harmony



Supreme Court Stays Religious Site Suits Nationwide

On December 12, 2024, the Supreme Court stayed all new suits and survey orders aimed at altering the religious character of historical places of worship, following a PIL intervention by APCR. The case, concerning the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, was heard by a bench led by CJI Sanjiv Khanna. This stay is a critical step in upholding the secular fabric of the nation and preventing communal polarization through legal misuse.

Case Title: **Association For Protection Of Civil Rights vs The State Of Uttar Pradesh W.P.(C) No. 463 of 2024**

Category: Communal Harmony

Status: Stay Obtained.

Communal Mahapanchayat Called off in Uttarkashi

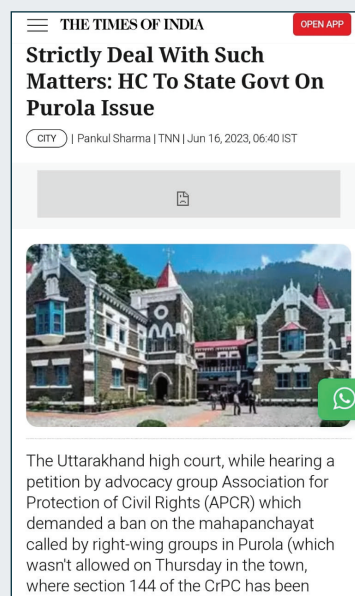
In a PIL filed by APCR on June 14, 2023, Uttarakhand HC ordered the state to maintain law and order and halted a Hindutva-led "mahapanchayat" that threatened Muslims in Purola. The AG informed the court that the event was cancelled.

Case Title: **Association for Protection of Civil Rights vs. State of Uttarakhand & Ors. WPPIL/90/2023**

Category: Communal Harmony

Status:

Date: 2024



Punitive Demolitions

Allahabad HC Stays Demolitions in Bahraich

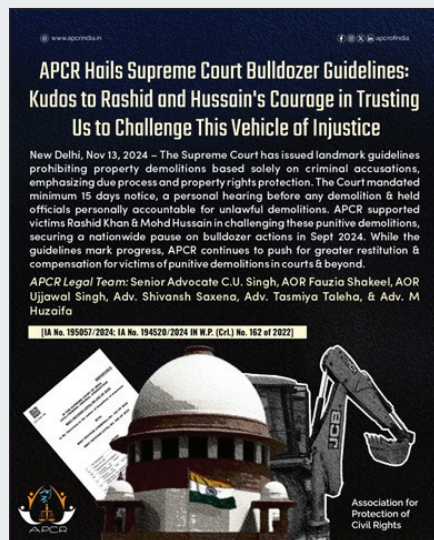
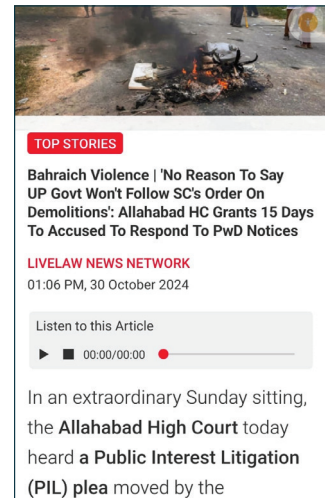
After communal violence in Bahraich, UP, APCR filed a PIL challenging the Uttar Pradesh Government's proposed action to demolish properties belonging to the accused in the Bahraich violence case. The Allahabad High Court granted 15 days for the accused to respond to PWD demolition notices, staying immediate action.

Case Title: **Association for Protection of Civil Rights vs. State of UP & Ors. - PIL No. 909 of 2024**

Category: PIL

Status: Stay Obtained.

Date: 2024



Supreme Court Upholds Due Process in Demolitions

On Nov 13, 2024, the Supreme Court ruled that demolitions must include 15 days' notice, a hearing, and accountability. APCR had supported victims Rashid Khan and Mohd Hussain in their legal challenge, leading to stronger safeguards against arbitrary punitive actions.

Case Title: **IA No. 195057/2024 (Rashid Khan, Udaipur); IA No. 194520/2024, (Mohamamd Hussain, Jaora) in W.P. (Crl.) No. 162 of 2022 @Supreme Court of India**

Category: Intervention Application

Status: Pending

Date: 2024

Stay on Demolition of Historic Dargah and Mosque in Ratlam

In Ratlam's Jaora Road area, the administration initiated demolition proceedings against the centuries-old Pehalwan Shah Baba Dargah and its mosque complex, labelling it as an encroachment. This was even though the dargah and mosque have been registered with various administrative departments for over 50 years, with all legal documents in place. Amid pressure from some local Muslim leaders who allegedly negotiated with authorities to relocate the dargah, APCR's legal team, including Advocate Mohammad Zuber Khan Barkati, Advocate Shahid Khan, and Advocate Zaheeruddin, intervened and took the matter to court. The court granted a stay order in favour of the dargah, maintaining the status quo and halting the demolition.

Case Title: **Mazhar Khadim Pahalwan Shah Baba Dargah and ors vs State of MP @Ratlam session court Case No 337/2024**

Category: Punitive Demolitions

Status: Stay Obtained

Date: 2024

APCR's support in Allahabad HC stops Sambhal admin's attempt to dispossess Azad Jannat Nisha School from its land.

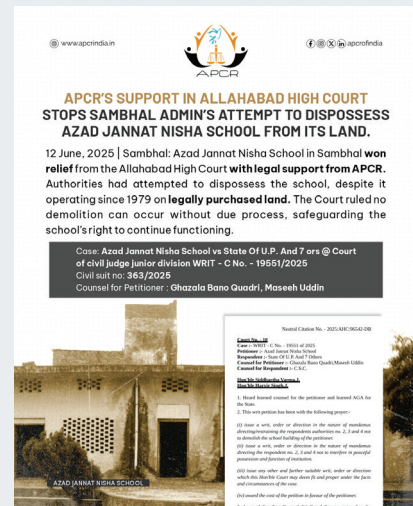
Azad Jannat Nisha School in Sambhal won relief from the Allahabad High Court with legal support from APCR. Authorities had attempted to dispossess the school, despite it operating since 1979 on legally purchased land. The Court ruled no demolition can occur without due process, safeguarding the school's right to continue functioning. Advocates Ghazala Bano Quadri & Maseeh Uddin represented APCR.

Case Title: ***Azad Jannat Nisha School vs State Of U.P. And 7 ors @ Court of civil judge junior division WRIT - C No. - 19551/2025***

Category: Punitive Demolitions

Status: Case disposed

Date: 2025



APCR Secures Bail for 20 Individuals and 10 Stay Orders Against Punitive Demolitions After Mhow Clashes

APCR secured bail for twenty individuals arrested under **Sections 191(2), 296, 115(2), 324(4), 351(2), and 61(2)**, following communal unrest in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, during a rally celebrating India's ICC Champions Trophy victory that turned violent. Tensions were sparked by **Loud music and inflammatory slogans being played** in front of Jama Masjid. Tarique Sheikh (Indore District President), Adil Saied (APCR Secretary), Sadab Qureshi (Media Spokesperson), and the APCR Indore team provided immediate legal protection and relief. Stay orders were obtained for ten homes, preventing their illegal punitive demolition post the violence on April 19, 2025.

FIR No.: 0137/2025

Police Station: Mhow, MP

Communal Violence

APCR Secures Bail for 28 in Khandwa Communal Clash Case

APCR secured bail for 28 convicted individuals from poor, marginalised backgrounds, involved in a 2014 communal clash. Advocates Kabeer Paul and Sankalp Kochhar represented them in Criminal Appeal No. 1303 of 2023. The Madhya Pradesh High Court granted bail with a personal bond of Rs.50,000 each.

Case Title: ***Kaleem and Ors vs. The State of Madhya Pradesh @Madhy Pradesh High Court CRIMINAL APPEAL (CRA) 1303/2023***

Category: Criminal Appeal

Status: Suspension of Sentence

Date: 202



Karauli Violence 2022: Bail Secured for Arrested Individuals

Communal clashes broke out in Rajasthan's Karauli on April 4, 2022, during a procession by Hindu right-wing groups through a Muslim-majority area. The violence involved stone-pelting, physical altercations, and vandalism, leaving several injured. Over 15 individuals were arrested under prohibitory orders. All arrested persons were later granted bail by the Rajasthan High Court after APCR intervened.

Case Title: ***Nadeem vs State of Rajasthan S.B. Criminal misc Bail Application no. 7136/2022 @ High Court of Rajasthan***

Category: Criminal appeal

Status: Bail

Date: 2022



Himmatnagar Violence 2022: Bail for 57 Accused

On April 10, 2022, a communal clash erupted during a Ram Navami procession in Gujarat's Himmatnagar, resulting in injuries and arson. Following the violence, civic authorities initiated demolition drives and police arrested around 100 people. APCR represented 57 of the accused, all of whom were granted bail by the Himmatnagar Sessions Court.

Case Title: **Altaf Gulamnabi Menon & ors vs The State of Gujarat CC 4740/2022**

Karan Mahendrabhai Barot & ors vs The State of Gujarat CC 4740/2022

Category: Criminal Case

Status: Bail Granted

Date: 2022



Nagamangala Violence Case: Bail for 19 Individuals

APCR, in collaboration with other organizations, facilitated bail for 55 individuals arrested in connection with the violence during a Ganesh procession in Nagamangala on September 11, 2024. 67 people were detained. Advocate Nadeem Ahmed, President of APCR Mandya, represented 19 of the accused in Cr Mis 633/2024 and successfully secured their release on September 27, 2024. This outcome reflects APCR's continued commitment to civil liberties and the legal principle that "Bail is the Rule, Jail is the Exception".

FIR No.: 88/24

Category: Criminal case

Status: Bail

Date: 2024

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APCR Secures Bail for 19 Individuals in Nagamangala Violence Case in Karnataka

We are pleased to announce that the Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR), alongside other groups, has successfully facilitated bail for 55 individuals involved in the recent Nagamangala violence during the Ganesh Procession on September 11, 2024.

This incident led to FIR No. 0088/24 at Nagamangala PS and the arrest of 67 people.

Advocate Nadeem Ahmed, President of APCR Mandya, represented 19 of the accused in bail petition Cr Mis 633/2024, securing their release on September 27, 2024.

Duty Station
In The Court Of J ADEX DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE
CHB Number: KAN0200310402024
Case Number: Cr.Mis.0088/2024
AJAZ PACHA MENA STATE BY NAGAMANGALA TOWN POLICE STATION
Date: 27-09-2024

Business
ORDER Bail Petition is allowed with conditions. The petitioner No. 5 to 19, are ordered to be released with the condition of the concerned court. CONDITIONS to be met: The petitioner shall not tamper the prosecution evidence. If the petitioner commits similar offence, the court shall order for the same.

This legal victory reflects APCR's commitment to fundamental principles of criminal jurisprudence "Bail is Rule. Jail is an Exception".

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Delhi Pogrom 2020:

FIR NO.	Police Station
59/2020	Special Cell
98/2020	Khajuri Khas
60/2020	Jamia Nagar
114/2020	Khajuri Khas
136/2020	Jamia Nagar
65/2020	Dayalpur
163/2020	Jamia Nagar

FIR NO.	Police Station
75/2020	Dayalpur
48/2020	Jafrabad
154/2020	Special Cell
50/2020	Jafrabad
72/2020	Karawal Nagar
296/2019	Jamia Nagar
44/2020	Jagatpuri

S.No	FIR.No	Police St.
1.	175/2020	Bhajanpura
2.	146/2020	Bhajanpura
3.	147/2020	Bhajanpura
4.	148/2020	Bhajanpura
5.	149/2020	Bhajanpura
6.	151/2020	Bhajanpura
7.	152/2020	Bhajanpura
8.	153/2020	Bhajanpura
9.	188/2020	Bhajanpura
10.	113/2020	Bhajanpura

S.No	FIR.No	Police St.
11.	115/2020	Bhajanpura
12.	183/2020	Bhajanpura
13.	62/2020	Bhajanpura
14.	211/2020	Bhajanpura
15.	164/2020	Bhajanpura
16.	98/2020	Bhajanpura
17.	143/2020	Bhajanpura
18.	150/2020	Bhajanpura
19.	161/2020	Bhajanpura

S.No	FIR.No	Police St.
1.	160/2020	Bhajanpura
2.	162/2020	Bhajanpura
3.	194/2020	Bhajanpura
4.	119/2020	Bhajanpura
5.	131/2020	Bhajanpura
6.	100/2020	Bhajanpura
7.	120/2020	Bhajanpura

S.No	FIR.No	Police St.
8.	107/2020	Bhajanpura
9.	102/2020	Bhajanpura
10.	85/2020	Bhajanpura
11.	89/2020	Bhajanpura
12.	63/2020	Bhajanpura
13.	78/2020	Bhajanpura

APCR Facilitates Acquittal of Six Wrongfully Imprisoned

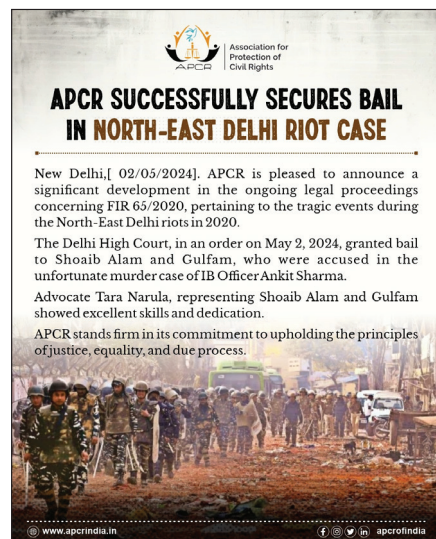
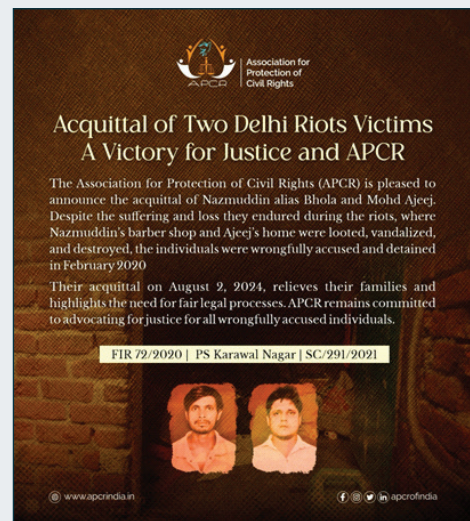
APCR successfully facilitated the legal defence of six Muslim men wrongfully accused and imprisoned for four years in connection with the 2020 northeast Delhi pogrom. The Karkardooma Court acquitted them, finding the evidence, including call detail records and video footage, unreliable and inconclusive. Among the acquitted were Najmuddin and Ajeej, who were themselves victims of the violence, having lost their home and business. APCR's legal support played a key role in achieving justice for the falsely accused.

Case Title: State Vs. Hashim Ali & Ors.

Category: Criminal

Status: Acquitted

Date: 2024



APCR Secures Bail in North-East Delhi Riot Case

On May 2, 2024, APCR secured bail for Shoaib Alam and Gulfam, two accused in the murder of Intelligence Bureau officer Ankit Sharma during the North-East Delhi riots of 2020. Represented by Advocate Tara Narula, APCR's dedicated legal support highlighted the lack of substantial evidence, contributing to the Delhi High Court's decision to grant bail to the accused.

Case Title: **State Vs Shoaib Alam & Ors**

Category: **Criminal**

Status: Bail

Date: 2024

Ranchi Riots 2022: APCR Secures Bail for 10 Protesters

Following violent protests in Ranchi triggered by derogatory remarks about Prophet Muhammad in 2022, APCR provided legal support to those arrested. As a result of their efforts, the Jharkhand High Court granted bail to 10 protesters, including three on August 16, 2024, and seven more on September 19, 2024.

Case Title(s): ABP 5135/2024, Ayub Raja Khan vs The State of Jharkhand, ABP 5990/2024, Md. Shadab Alam vs The State of Jharkhand

Category: Criminal Charges

Status: Bail

Date: 2024



Anticipatory Bail for 10 in Malwani Malad, Maharashtra

On October 11, 2024, during a Dussehra program in Malwani Malad, a Hindu Pandit delivered a hateful speech, which led to objections from the local community. As a result, 10 Muslim youth were booked under multiple sections of the law. APCR played a crucial role in securing anticipatory bail for them. The court acknowledged that some of the accused were minors with no criminal records and that the complainant had no objection to granting bail. However, the state opposed the settlement, arguing that the investigation was still in its early stages.

Case Number: C.R.NO. 1348/2024

Bail Applications:

1. **Heena Sameer ansar @ Heena & Ors. vs Maharashtra ABA 1583/2024**
2. **Kamal Sultana Almgeer Khan @ Kajal & Ors. vs State of Maharashtra ABA 1594/2024**
3. **X v Maharashtra ABA 1595/2024**

Category: Criminal case

Status: Bail

Date: 2024

ABA 1595/24	1	ORDER	ABA 1595/24	2	ORDER
MHCC050050842024  IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS AT DINDOSHI, BORIVALI DIVISION, GOREGAON, MUMBAI ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1595 OF 2024 IN C.R.NO. 1348 OF 2024 (Through Fathar Mohd. Sameer Bashir Ansari) Age about 17 years, Occ: Student R/at. Jan Seva Chwal, Linking Road, Behind Raghwendra Mandir Oshiwara, Jogeshwari West, Mumbai, 400102 ...Applicant/Accused. Versus The State of Maharashtra (At the instance of Malwani Police Station) ...Respondent. Shri Kalam Shaikh, Advocate for the applicant/accused. Smt R S Kanojia, A. P P for the State. CORAM : Shri.S.M.Agarkar, Additional Sessions Judge, Borivali Division, Dindoshi, Mumbai. (C. R. NO. 05) Date : 19th October , 2024.			Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita in connection with C.R.No. 1348 of 2024 registered at Malwani Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 74, 191(2), 189(1), 189(2), 189(3), 352 and 299 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. 2. Heard Ld Advocate Shri Kalam Shaikh for the applicant. He submits that the applicant has not committed any offence. Because of outsider intervention some clamor occurred there. The ingredients of offence under Section 299 not attracted. There are cross complaints out of misunderstanding. Now the complainant and accused settled the dispute amicably to maintain peace in the area. The complainant have no objection to grant the pre arrest bail to the applicant. Even there are no allegations of use of any weapon or damages to the property. The custodial interrogation of the applicant is not necessary for the purpose of investigation. The offences are not punishable for more than 5 years. Some of the applicant is women. The applicant has no criminal antecedents. She is below 18 yrs of age. She is ready to abide the conditions. Hence requested for pre arrest bail. 3. Ld. Advocate for the original complainant submits that both sides i.e. complainant and accused have settled the dispute amicably to maintain the peace and harmony in the area. The complainant has no objection to grant the pre arrest bail to the applicant.		

APCR SECURES BAIL FOR COMMUNAL VIOLENCE VICTIM CHANDA SHAH.

The Allahabad High Court has granted bail to Chanda Shah, a victim of the Shahi, Gaousganj (Bareilly) communal violence. She was booked under multiple provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, including Sections 191(2), 191(3), 190, 115(2), 352, 351(2), 324, and 74.

The bail application was argued by Advocates Gufran Ali, Abad Tyagi, and Noor on behalf of APCR.

Case Crime No: 217, 218/2024

Police Station: Shahi, Bareilly (U.P).

Date: 2025

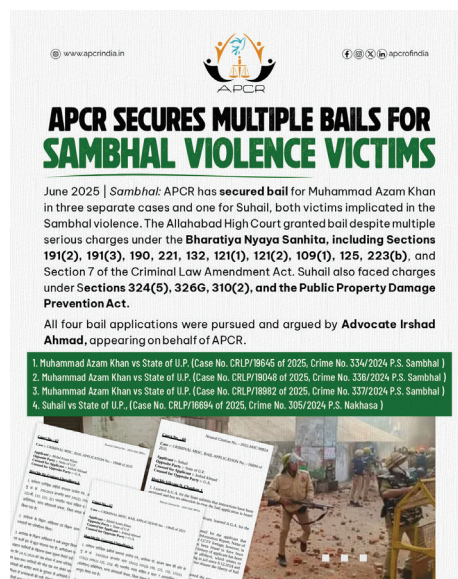
APCR SECURES MULTIPLE BAILS FOR SAMBHAL VIOLENCE VICTIMS

June 2025 | Sambhal: APCR has secured bail for Muhammad Azam Khan in three separate cases and one for Suhail, both victims implicated in the Sambhal violence. The Allahabad High Court granted bail despite multiple serious charges under the **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, including Sections 191(2), 191(3), 190, 221, 132, 121(1), 121(2), 109(1), 125, 223(b), and Section 7** of the Criminal Law Amendment Act. Suhail also faced charges under **Sections 324(5), 326G, 310(2), and the Public Property Damage Prevention Act.**

All four bail applications were pursued and argued by Advocate Irshad Ahmad, appearing on behalf of APCR.

Case Details:

1. Muhammad Azam Khan vs State of U.P. (Case No. CRLP/19645 of 2025, Crime No. 334/2024 P.S. Sambhal)
2. Muhammad Azam Khan vs State of U.P. (Case No. CRLP/19048 of 2025, Crime No. 336/2024 P.S. Sambhal)
3. Muhammad Azam Khan vs State of U.P. (Case No. CRLP/18982 of 2025, Crime No. 337/2024 P.S. Sambhal)
4. Suhail vs State of U.P., (Case No. CRLP/16694 of 2025, Crime No. 305/2024 P.S. Nakhasa)



Hate Crimes & Hate Speech

Justice for Noida Hate Crime Victim After APCR Intervention

62-year-old Kazeem Ahmad Sherwani, a victim of an alleged hate crime in Noida in July this year, approached the Supreme Court seeking action against those who attacked him and against police officers who allegedly failed to act on his complaint. APCR stood with Sherwani, providing legal support and pursuing accountability through all appropriate channels. As a result of the petition, the Hon'ble Supreme Court ordered the suspension of all implicated police officers and directed the registration of an FIR, marking a significant step toward ensuring justice and impartial investigation in the matter.

Case Title: **Kazeem Ahmad Sherwani v. State of Uttar Pradesh W.P.(Ctrl.) No. -000391/2021**

Category: Writ Petition

Status: Pending

Date: 2024

Noida Taxi Driver Lynching Case

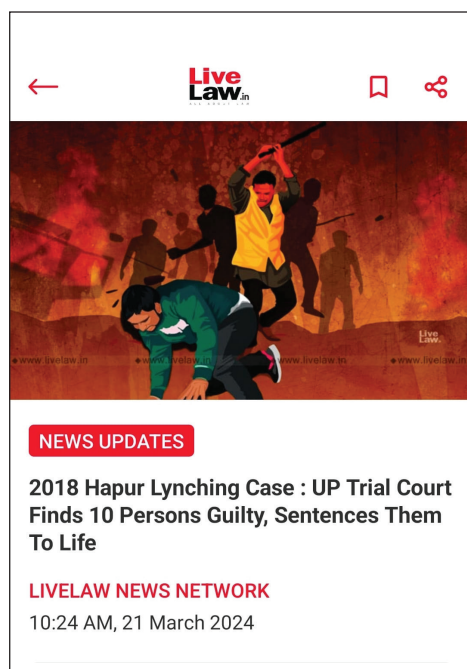
APCR is providing legal assistance in the case of Aftab Alam, a taxi driver murdered in Bulandshahr, UP, assisting in legal proceedings at both local courts and the Allahabad High Court.

Case Title: **Mohd. Sabir Vs. Delhi State Legal Services Authority W. P. @ 5755/2021 @ Delhi High Court**

Category: Criminal Case

Status: Pending

Date: 2024



Hapur Court Sets Landmark Precedent in 2018 Mob Lynching Case

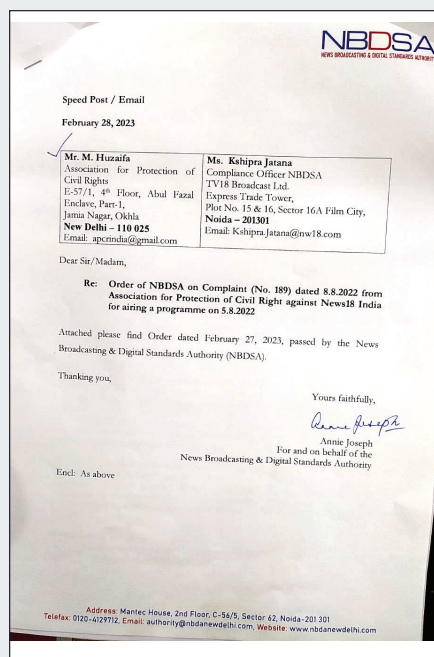
APCR provided legal representation in 2018 Hapur lynching case where a mob lynched 45-year-old meat trader Qasim Qureshi and injured another person following rumours of cow slaughter. Hapur police registered FIR against two dozen people who were involved in the lynching. The court of Additional District Judge, Shweta Dixit, after hearing both the parties, convicted 10 people of killing 45-year-old Qasim and assaulting Samaydeen (62) on a false rumour of cow slaughter.

Case Title: **State of UP vs Rakesh Singh & Ors. @ Hapur Session Courts, SC 281/2018 PS-Pilukhwa, Hapur**

Category: Criminal Case

Status: Convicted

Date: 2024



Judgment Against News18 Show 'Ghazwa-e-Hind'

APCR filed a complaint before the News Broadcasting & Digital Standards Authority (NBDSA) against News18 India's debate show ***Desh Nahi Jhukne Denge***, hosted by Aman Chopra, for promoting communal prejudice and inciting hatred against Muslims. By order dated 28.02.2023, NBDSA imposed a fine of Rs.20,000 on the broadcaster and directed the removal of the broadcast video within seven days of the order.

Case Title: ***Association for Protection of Civil Rights vs News18 India***

Order No.: 154 (2023)

Category: Penalty

Status: Disposed off with Fine.

Date: 2023

Crackdown on Dissent

Allahabad High Court Grants Bail to Mohammad Azeem in Post-Protest Violence Case

Violence broke out following protests against a former BJP spokesperson's derogatory remarks about Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), which deeply hurt the sentiments of the Muslim community. Mohammad Azeem was jailed for five months on allegations of participating in the violence before the Allahabad High Court granted him bail on November 10, 2022. Hon'ble Justice Piyush Agarwal heard the bail plea, represented by counsels Ankur Azad and Vineet Vikram, acting under the instructions of APCR.

Case Title: ***Mohammad Azeem vs State of U.P. @ HC Allahabad 50120/2022***

Category: Right to protest

Status: Bail

Date: 2024

Court No. - 70

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 50120 of 2022

Applicant :- Mohammad Azeem

Opposite Party :- State of U.P.

Counsel for Applicant :- Ankur Azad, Vineet Vikram

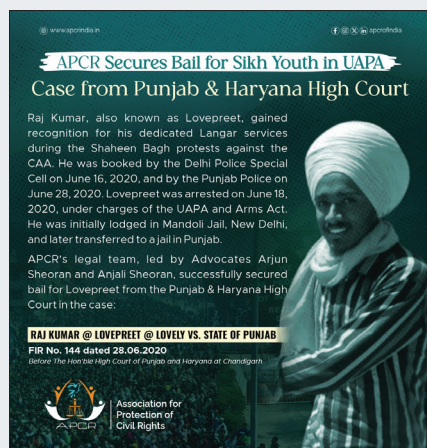
Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Piyush Agarwal, J.

Heard learned counsel for the applicant as well as learned Additional Government Advocate for the State of U.P. and perused the record.

The present bail application has been filed by the applicant seeking bail in Case Crime No. 118/2022, under Sections 143, 144, 145, 147, 148, 149, 153A, 153B, 295A, 201, 511, 307, 332, 333, 353, 395, 435, 436, 427, 504, 505(2), 506, 120B IPC and sections 3/4/5 Explosives Substance Act and 7 CLA Act and 83 Juvenile Justice Board Act and 3/4 Prevention of Public Property Damages Act, Police Station- Khulabad, District - Allahabad.

Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present crime. He further submits that no evidence has been collected by the IO for section 436 IPC and no building, place of worship etc. was destroyed by fire. He further submits that no statement and name was entered in the case-diary as to whose weapons were plunder or attempted to be plunder. He further submits that all the injuries are simple and caused by hard and blunt objects. He further submits that the applicant does not have any previous criminal history. It is stated that after taking note of entire facts and circumstances of the case, co-accused, namely, Mohd. Rizwan Sayeed, Shah Nawaz and Mohd. Qadir, have already been enlarged on bail by this Court, the bail orders of whom have been annexed as Annexure No. 2 to the affidavit filed in support of the bail application. It is also submitted that there is no apprehension that after being released on bail, the applicant may flee from the course of law or may otherwise misuse the



APCR Secures Bail for Raj Kumar in UAPA Case

Raj Kumar, also known as Lovepreet, gained recognition for his dedicated Langar services during the Shaheen Bagh protests against the CAA. He was booked by the Delhi Police Special Cell on June 16, 2020, and by the Punjab Police on June 28, 2020. Lovepreet was arrested on June 18, 2020, under charges of the UAPA and Arms Act. He was initially lodged in Mandoli Jail, New Delhi, and later transferred to a jail in Punjab. APCR's legal team, led by Advocates Arjun Sheoran and Anjali Sheoran, successfully secured bail for Lovepreet from the Punjab & Haryana High Court in the case

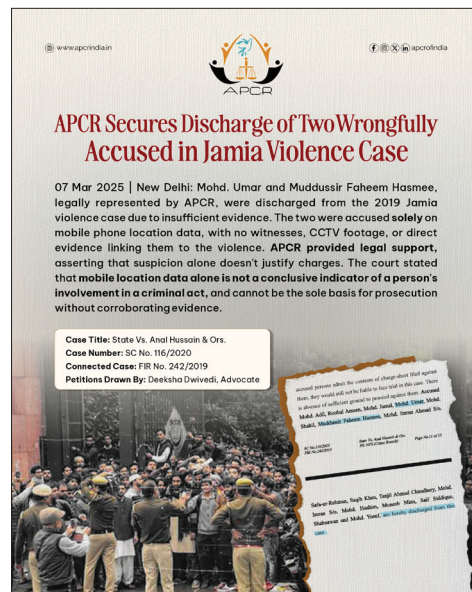
Case Title: **RAJ KUMAR @ LOVEPREET @ LOVELY VS. STATE OF PUNJAB @ Punjab and Haryana High Court**

FIR No. 144/ 2020 PS

Category: Right to protest

Status: Bail granted.

Date: 2024



APCR Secures Discharge for Two in Jamia Violence Case

On 7 March 2025, the court discharged Mohd. Umar and Muddussir Faheem Hasmeem from the 2019 Jamia Violence case, citing insufficient evidence. The accused were solely linked to the case through mobile location data, with no direct evidence or witnesses. APCR argued that suspicion alone cannot justify charges, and the court agreed, affirming that mobile data without corroboration is not sufficient for prosecution.

Case Title: **State Vs. Anal Hussain & Ors @ Saket Sessions Court SC No. 116/2020**

Category: Right to protest

Status: Acquitted

Date: 2025

Reinvestigation in CAA Protestor Killing

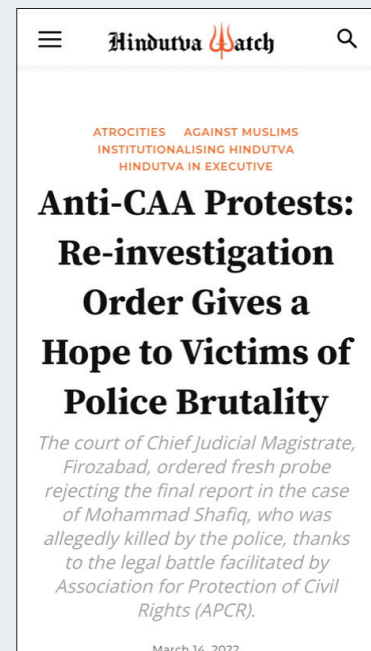
The Chief Judicial Magistrate of Firozabad rejected the final report (87/20) filed in case number 817/19 concerning the death of Mohammad Shafiq (36), son of Abdul Rashid Qureshi, who was allegedly killed by the police during the anti-CAA agitation. The court has directed the Inspector-in-Charge of Rasolpur to reinvestigate the case in light of the facts presented in the protest petition (431/2021), which was filed by Shafiq's brother, Nisar, with legal support from APCR's advocate, Sagheer Khan. Earlier, through our legal efforts, including summoning the investigating officer and submitting a progress report, we successfully secured the addition of Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code to the charges in the case.

Case Title: **Nisar vs The State & ors 431/2021 @ Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Firozabad**

Category: Right to protest

Status: Pending

Date: 2021



APCR Secures Bail for 13 Protesters in Custodial Killing Case

30-year-old Adil tragically died on May 24, 2024, in police custody at Channagiri Police Station. His death sparked protests by the locals, leading to 47 arrests and 6 FIRs. APCR Karnataka with the efforts successfully secured the bail of 13 individuals in 19 cases. Bail is soon expected in the rest of the cases. The CID (Crime Investigation Department) is now investigating the alleged custodial killing of Adil, with four officers suspended for negligence.

Case Title: ***The State Channagiri PS vs Aman & ors. 2049/10/9/2024-JCD***

Diary No: 1699/CR/2024

Category: Right to protest

Status: Pending

Date: 2024

APCR Facilitates Bail Surety for Journalist Siddique Kappan

On 5 October 2020, journalist Siddique Kappan was arrested along with three others en route to Hathras to report on the 2020 gang rape and murder case. He was charged under several serious provisions, including sedition (IPC 124A), UAPA, IT Act, and later under PMLA by the Enforcement Directorate. Though granted bail in the UAPA case on 9 September 2022, he remained in jail due to the ED case. On 23 December 2022, the Allahabad High Court granted him bail in the PMLA case. As a condition of bail required two sureties from Uttar Pradesh, and since Kappan hails from Kerala and had no local contacts, APCR stepped in to arrange sureties, Dr. Alimullah Khan and Prof. Roop Rekha Verma (Retd.) from Lucknow.



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Senior Advocate Krishna Kumar Dwivedi argued the case for APCR, supported by Advocates Babu Ali Sabri, Shamim Nomani, and activist Naqeeb Alam.

Case Crime No: 199/2024

Police Station: Chetganj

Date: 2025

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Case Crime No: 199/2024 Police Station: Chetganj

APCR Secures Discharge of Afreen Fatima and Others in Hijab Protest Case

APCR secured a **discharge** order from the Hon'ble Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate in a FIR registered for peacefully protesting against the hijab ban in educational institutions in Karnataka. **Afreen Fatima, Sarah Ahmad Siddiqui, Sabiha Mohani, Md. Zishan Rahmani, Farhan Ahmad, Mohd Saif, and Javed Mohammad** were discharged from all charges on May 19, 2025. The court's order brings a close to all legal proceedings against them in this matter. **Advocate Osama and Syed Farhan Ahmad** represented the accused on behalf of APCR.



FIR No: 38/2022

Police Station: Khuldabad, Prayagraj (Allahabad)

Date: 2025

Petitions Before Commissions

Complaint to NHRC in Custodial Death of Sheikh Sahadat

Sheikh Sahadat, a 36-year-old poor Muslim man, died in police custody on 23.07.2023, two days after he and four friends were arrested following a dinner outing in the NSP area. The police registered a case under Sections 25, 35, 54, and 59 of the Arms Act, alleging recovery of weapons, but failed to inform the family of the arrest or charges. The Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR) intervened by filing a formal complaint seeking justice, compensation for the family, and an impartial investigation to hold the responsible police officials accountable for this custodial death.

Diary Number: 104444/2023

Category: Complaint to NHRC

National Human Rights Commission			
Diary No	104444/CR/2023	Case / File No	3237/30/6/2023-PCD
Victim Name	SHEIKH SAHADUT S/O SHEIKH REKHU @ REHMAN	Registration Date	25/07/2023
Action List (Click on Action given in blue color to view details)			
No action taken yet			
Expand All Action List			
Complaint			
Diary No	104444/CR/2023	Section	M-2
Language	ENGLISH	Mode	BY HAND
Received Date	24/07/2023	Complaint Date	23/07/2023
Victim			
Victim Name	SHEIKH SAHADUT S/O SHEIKH REKHU @ REHMAN	Gender	Male
Religion	Unknown	Cast	Unknown
Address	R/O JHUGGI NO. 104 8S H 4/N 30C, D 112, H BLOCK, SHAH ALAM		

02

DOCUMENTATION

The Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR) regularly undertakes fact-finding missions across India in response to incidents of communal violence, hate crimes, and legal injustice. These visits serve as a critical tool for documenting on-the-ground realities, supporting affected individuals, and pushing for accountability from authorities. APCR's teams, often comprising legal experts, social activists, and community advocates, gather testimonies, monitor legal proceedings, and intervene where necessary to ensure that victims receive legal aid and fair treatment. These visits are also a way for APCR to offer on-ground legal and social support to the victims.

In recent months, APCR has conducted fact-finding visits in several states, including Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, addressing cases such as the assault on an Imam in Lucknow, communal violence during religious processions, and targeted attacks on individuals and communities. These investigations have uncovered patterns of bias, police inaction, and politically motivated targeting, prompting APCR to advocate for justice through legal channels and public pressure. Through these efforts, APCR continues to play a crucial role in defending civil rights and upholding the rule of law.

Fact-Finding visits

August 27, 2024	Khushhalganj, Lucknow, UP	Assault Case on Imam in Lucknow In August 2024, APCR intervened in the case of Maulana Yunus, an Imam assaulted over the Adhan. A fact-finding team visited him, collected details, and monitored legal proceedings after a counter-FIR was filed under pressure. APCR assured him full legal support.
September 9, 2024	Bindki, Fatehpur District, UP	Murder of Meraj Ansari APCR investigated the murder of Meraj Ansari, Youth District President of AIMIM, allegedly killed by his in-laws over a relationship. Concerns included a hasty FIR and gaps in the police investigation. APCR supported his family and called for a proper probe.
September 2024	Bindki, Fatehpur District, UP	Murder of 14-Year-Old Girl in UP A 14-year-old girl was found dead and pregnant a day after going missing. Police initially detained her family. APCR uncovered political links to the accused, secured release of the detained relatives, and ensured the arrest of the suspect, Shalendra.
September 22, 2024	Nandura, Maharashtra	Communal Violence During Eid-Milad-un-Nabi APCR investigated targeted violence during an Eid-Milad procession: attacks on homes, mosques, and arrests of Muslim youth. The team included legal and social activists and provided legal aid while coordinating with authorities and civil society for victim support.

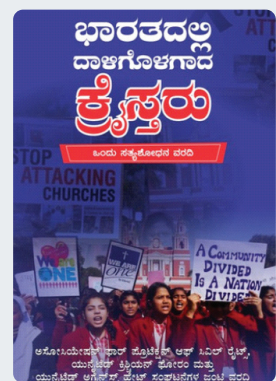
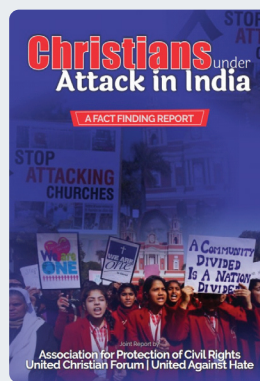
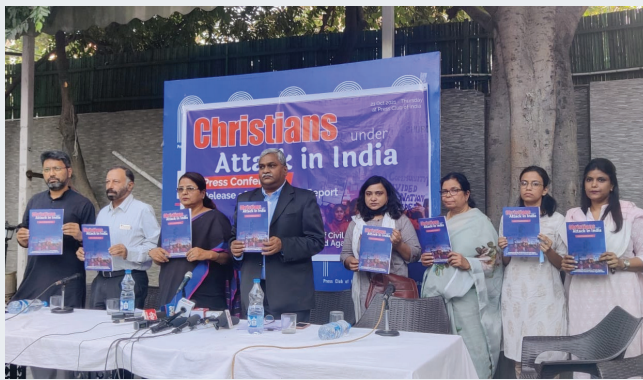
October 12, 2024	Gutwan Bazaar, Jaunpur, UP	Communal Violence After Minor Dispute in Jaunpur Violence erupted after a fight between two boys near a Durga Puja pandal. Muslim individuals were attacked, and properties were looted. Bajrang Dal involvement was reported. APCR found police bias and supported victims through legal aid.
October 2024	Bahraich, UP	Dussehra Violence – Death of Ram Gopal Ram Gopal died while trying to replace a flag on a Muslim home's roof. His death triggered mob attacks on Muslim shops and houses. APCR documented the events and extended legal aid.
October 2024	Kushinagar, UP	Dussehra Violence – Inflammatory Processions Provocative songs and slogans led to violence. Police arrested 33 people (including 4 women and 5 minors). APCR responded with legal support and fact-finding.
October 2024	Jaunpur, UP	Dussehra Violence – Vandalism and Biased FIRs Verbal disputes escalated into attacks on Muslim homes and mosques. Police filed FIRs against Muslims. APCR intervened with documentation and legal aid.
October 2024	Gonda, UP	Dussehra Violence – Firecracker Incident Firecrackers set off near a Muslim home led to escalation and stone-pelting. Police action again appeared biased. APCR supported the victims.
October 2024	Kaushambi, UP	Dussehra Violence – Color-Throwing Incident A confrontation over colored powders during the procession escalated into minor physical altercations. The situation was defused; no arrests reported.
October 2024	Varanasi, UP	Dussehra Violence – Night-time Vandalism At 2 a.m., mobs vandalized vehicles in Madanpura, Varanasi. The situation was calmed by local elders after clashes. Injuries were reported. APCR monitored the incident.

Fact Finding Reports:

We conduct **independent fact-finding missions** to document human rights violations, including mob lynchings, custodial deaths, hate speeches, and state-led violence. These reports are widely referenced by media, civil society, and legal institutions, helping to hold the powerful accountable.

Anti-Christian Violence in India

In October 2021, APCR, alongside United Against Hate and United Christian Forum, released a comprehensive report on the persecution of Christians in India. The fact-finding team, including survivors from the Roorkee Church attack, highlighted rising violence against the Christian community. The report was translated into multiple languages and gained widespread attention, becoming a reference for national and international media covering religious persecution in India.



Suppression of Equal Citizenship Movement in UP

On February 16, 2022, APCR released a report highlighting the repression faced by Muslims in Uttar Pradesh during anti-CAA protests. The report documented mass arrests, harassment, and unlawful detentions. Key activists and advocates, including Safoora Zargar and Prof. Apoorvanand, spoke at the event, emphasizing the continued struggles of the Muslim minority for equal citizenship, with justice still out of reach.

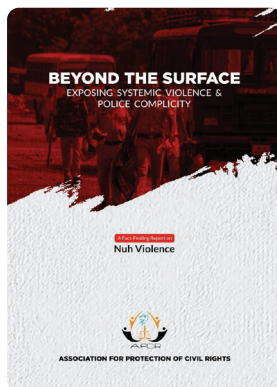
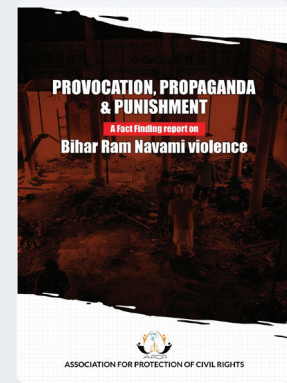


Crackdown on Child Marriage in Assam

APCR's fact-finding team visited Assam's districts, including Dhubri and Guwahati, to investigate the state's arbitrary arrests under the pretext of child marriage. The report found police violations of legal provisions, particularly in detaining accused individuals far from their homes. APCR denounced the charges as malicious and aimed at harassing a particular community, calling for a halt to these unjust practices.

Ram Navami Violence in Bihar

On April 20, 2023, APCR released its report on violence during Ram Navami processions in Bihar's Bihar Sharif and Sasaram. Mobs attacked Muslim properties, and the police failed to intervene. The APCR fact-finding team revealed police complicity and the failure to uphold peace agreements. The report urged the state government to compensate the victims and hold accountable those behind the violence.

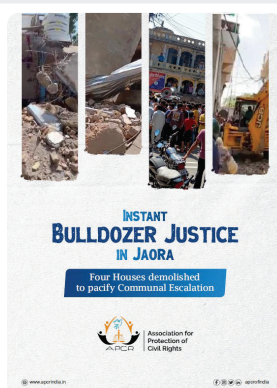
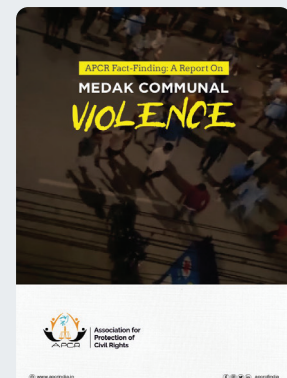


Fact-finding Report: Nuh Violence

Following the Nuh violence on July 31, 2023, APCR released a fact-finding report documenting police inaction and systemic violence. The team, led by Nadeem Khan, recorded testimonies from affected families and emphasized police complicity in fueling the violence. The report exposed how inflammatory hate speech and online content had instigated the violence, calling for urgent justice and accountability.

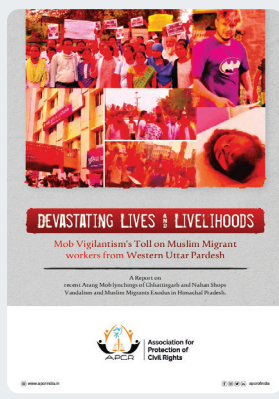
Fact-finding Report: Medak Communal Violence 2024

In response to the 2024 communal violence in Medak, Telangana, APCR's fact-finding team investigated the situation. The violence, sparked by disputes over animal sacrifice, led to property damage and injuries. The report criticized the slow police response and subsequent arrests, urging authorities to release detained sacrificial animals and ensure a peaceful resolution, while supporting the affected Muslim community.



Fact-finding Report: Jaora Punitive Demolitions

APCR's report on the punitive demolitions in Jaora, Madhya Pradesh, in June 2024 highlighted the wrongful arrests and demolition of homes of Muslim men accused of desecrating a temple. The report documented police complicity with local Hindutva groups and called for immediate compensation and legal redress for the victims of these illegal demolitions.

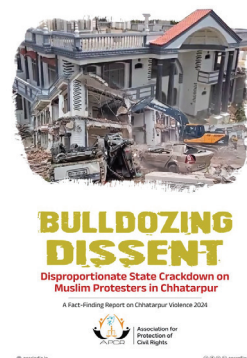


Fact-finding Report: Mob Vigilantism and Lynching in Western UP

APCR released a report on the rise of mob lynchings and vigilante violence against Muslim migrant workers from Western Uttar Pradesh, who faced severe persecution in Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh. The report detailed the toll on lives and livelihoods, urging authorities to address the growing threat of communal violence and protect the rights of marginalized communities.

Fact-finding Report: Bulldozer Injustice

APCR's press conference revealed reports on state-sanctioned violence in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, focusing on "bulldozer justice." The reports documented how state machinery was misused to target marginalized communities, particularly Muslims. The press event called for civil society, the judiciary, and the international community to take immediate action against these alarming human rights violations.

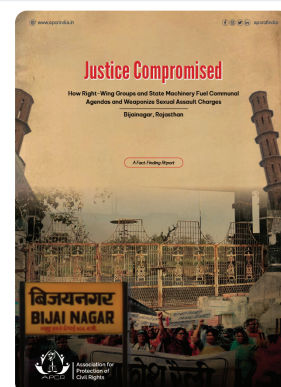


Fact-finding Report: Custodial Death in Channagiri

APCR's fact-finding team investigated the custodial death in Channagiri, Davangere district, in May 2024. The report exposed procedural lapses and gross violations of the victim's constitutional rights, calling for accountability and highlighting the devastating impact on the victim's family. The team also condemned the mass arrests following the death, which placed economic burdens on the local community.

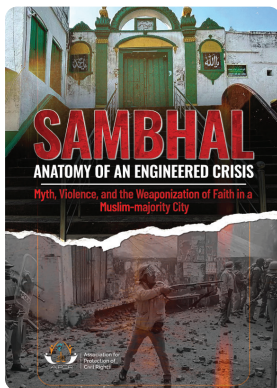
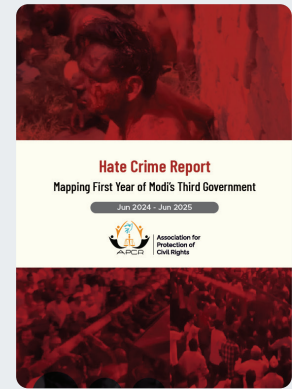
Fact-finding Report: Bijainagar Demolitions

APCR's fact-finding team visited Bijainagar, Rajasthan, in February 2025, following communal tensions and punitive demolitions under the guise of "love jihad." The team met with victims and provided legal support, successfully halting the demolition notices issued against the mosque committee, highlighting the importance of legal defense in the face of state-sanctioned violence.



Report on Hate Crimes and Hate Speech: Mapping First Year of Modi's Third Government

The Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR) has released a report titled "Hate Crime Tracker: Mapping the First Year of Modi's Third Government", documenting incidents of hate crimes and hate speech between June 7, 2024, and June 7, 2025. The report is the product of a year-long effort by researchers and fieldworkers from APCR. The data was mainly collected through secondary sources. Incidents were verified using triangulated data from news reports, social media, and when required, field visits.



Fact-finding Report: Sambhal Violence

APCR released its latest fact-finding report titled "Sambhal: Anatomy of an Engineered Crisis". The report traces how Sambhal, a town historically known for its Islamic heritage and as the prophesied birthplace of Kalki in Hindu belief, has been turned into a site of religious contestation. This report is part of APCR's continued efforts to document and challenge communal violence, hate crimes, and state-enabled marginalisation of minorities in India.

03

PUBLIC ADVOCACY

APCR engages in **strategic advocacy**, challenging discriminatory policies, defending civil liberties, and upholding democratic values. We file complaints before human rights commissions, organize protests, and issue public statements on pressing civil rights issues, from communal violence to media bias and internet shutdowns.

The Last Line of Defence: Dissenters in Democracy – Press Conference at the Press Club of India

APCR hosted a powerful press conference titled **“The Last Line of Defence: Dissenters in Democracy”** at the Press Club of India to express solidarity with individuals imprisoned for defending democratic principles and freedoms. The panel featured prominent personalities such as former Law Minister and Senior Advocate Salman Khurshid, legal scholar Gautam Bhatia, MPs John Brittas, Raja Ram Singh, Sasikanth Senthil, activist Syeda Hamid, and investigative journalist Saurav Das. The discussion was moderated by Delhi University professor Nandini Sundar. Lawyers, students, scholars, and civil society members gathered in significant numbers to highlight the crucial role dissent plays in a democracy.

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Policing Democracy: Has the Space for Dialogue Collapsed?

Marking the third anniversary of police violence at Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University, APCR organized a public meeting on December 20, 2022, at the Press Club of India.

Titled **“Policing Democracy: Has the Space for Dialogue Collapsed?”**, the event condemned the police crackdown on student protesters and the systematic targeting of dissent. The panel included Nadeem Khan (APCR), Hartosh Singh Bal (The Wire), senior journalist Pamela Philipose, Senior Advocate Colin Gonsalves, and student activists Ladeeda Farzana, Warda Beg, and Haris Javed. The meeting emphasized the growing repression of democratic voices and the urgent need to safeguard constitutional values.



Citizen Collective Gathering Against Three Years of Unjust Incarceration of Khalid Saifi



In solidarity with activist Khalid Saifi, who completed three years in incarceration in connection with the Delhi riots conspiracy case, APCR Delhi organized a citizen collective gathering. The event saw participation from political leaders and public intellectuals including K.C. Tyagi, Manoj Jha, Yogendra Yadav, Bhasha Singh, Salman Khurshid, and Nargis Saifi. Speakers denounced the fabricated charges and condemned the misuse of the criminal justice system to target those advocating for constitutional rights and civil liberties.

Ranchi Citizens' Rally on Human Rights Day: Solidarity with Nadeem Khan and Muhammad Zubair

On December 10, 2024, Human Rights Day, APCR led a rally at Albert Ekka Chowk, Ranchi, to demand justice for Nadeem Khan and Muhammad Zubair and to protest rising communal violence. Joined by organizations such as Aman Biradari and Insaf Manch, demonstrators called for the protection of dissenters, enforcement of the Places of Worship Act, and accountability for anti-Muslim violence. The event echoed the urgent need for upholding human rights and resisting communal polarization, with APCR leading from the front.



Joint Condemnation of NIA Raids – Campaign Against State Repression

On December 20, 2024, APCR joined more than 40 progressive organizations under the Campaign Against State Repression (CASR) to issue a joint statement condemning early morning NIA raids on activists in Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi. The raids, linked to FIR No. RC-01/2023/NIA/Lucknow, were denounced as a continuation of the state's attempt to criminalize dissent. APCR highlighted concerns over illegal detentions, seizure of personal devices, and the misuse of laws like UAPA to harass activists fighting for labor rights, student movements, and anti-displacement causes.



Creating the Muslim 'Outsider': Public Discussion on Hate Speech and Migrant Vulnerability in Himachal Pradesh

On October 22, 2024, APCR held a public discussion titled *"Creating the Muslim 'Outsider': Hate Speech, Migrant Vulnerability & Faltering Law & Order in Himachal Pradesh"* at the Press Club of India. The panel featured advocates Prashant Bhushan and Sanjay Hegde, activist Syeda Hameed, and former Deputy Mayor of Shimla, Tikender Panwar. Moderated by Pamela Philipose, the discussion presented findings from APCR's fact-finding team and drew attention to the growing marginalization of Muslim and migrant communities in Himachal Pradesh, and the complicit silence of law enforcement agencies.

Ensuring Access to Justice: Upholding Legal Rights – Public Meeting in Ahmedabad

On October 20, 2024, APCR Gujarat hosted a public meeting titled *"Ensuring Access to Justice: Upholding Legal Rights"* at Artilla Inn, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad. Justice Abhay Thipsay (Retd.), Prof. Apoorvanand, retired Principal Sessions Judge Jyotsna Yagnik, and senior journalist Prashant Dayal were among the speakers. The discussion was moderated by Ikram Mirza and featured insights from Nadeem Khan and Adv. Shamshad Pathan. The event explored the legal hurdles faced by marginalized communities and highlighted the role of judicial institutions in delivering fair and inclusive justice.



Panel Discussion on "Establishment of Justice in India in the Present Scenario", Pune

On October 5, 2024, the APCR Pune Chapter convened a panel discussion titled *"Establishment of Justice in India in the Present Scenario"* at Kausar Baug Club House. Distinguished speakers included Adv. Yusuf Muchhala (President, APCR India), former IG S.M. Mushrif, Justice Abhay Thipsay (Retd.), Teesta Setalvad, Prof. Dr. Vandana Palsane, and Syed Sarwar Chishty. National Secretary Nadeem Khan and Maharashtra Coordinator Aslam Ghazi represented APCR. The session critically assessed threats to judicial independence and civil liberties under the current political climate.

Honouring Resilience – The Enduring Legacy of Zakia Jafri

On February 27, 2025, APCR hosted a commemorative event at the Press Club of India to honor Zakia Jafri's unwavering pursuit of justice. The widow of former MP Ehsan Jafri, who was killed during the 2002 Gujarat riots, Zakia Jafri became a powerful symbol of resistance against impunity. Civil society members, lawyers, and academics gathered to reflect on her legacy and reaffirm their commitment to truth, justice, and democratic accountability.



Iftar & Dinner in Solidarity with Political Prisoners & their families



An Iftar and dinner gathering was held organised by APCR on 9th March 2025 at the India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi, to express solidarity with political prisoners and their families. Organized as a gesture of collective support, the event was attended by a diverse group of political leaders, activists, lawyers, and media persons.

APCR Organises Press Conference on Gaddar Award Controversy in Hyderabad

APCR Telangana Chapter held a press conference at Press Club, Hyderabad, demanding the revocation of the Gaddar Award given to the movie, 'Razakar: The Silent Genocide of Hyderabad', directed by BJP leader, Guddur Narayana Reddy on 19th June, 2025. Speakers condemned the film's historical inaccuracies and its vilification of the Muslim community. The film contradicts the values Gaddar stood for: justice, secularism, and resistance against oppression. APCR urged the government to uphold communal harmony and protect the integrity of the awards by withdrawing the award and reviewing the selection process.



APCR and IMCR Organize Public Meeting to Protect Waqf Lands



A public meeting on “Protecting Waqf Lands” was held at the India Islamic Cultural Centre on 22 May, 2025. The meeting was organized by the Indian Muslim for Civil Rights (IMCR) and Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR). The event commenced at 5:00 PM and witnessed an impressive turnout of around 600 attendees. The gathering brought together a wide array of political leaders, civil rights activists, legal experts, academics, and concerned citizens to collectively address the escalating threats to Waqf properties across India. Speakers expressed deep concern over the increasing encroachments, unlawful acquisitions, and administrative neglect that have left thousands of Waqf lands vulnerable.

APCR & Karwan-e-Mohabbat Release Report, Documentary on Sambhal Violence

The Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR), in collaboration with Karwan-e-Mohabbat, released its latest fact-finding report titled “Sambhal: Anatomy of an Engineered Crisis” along with the documentary “Sambhal Mosque Killings” by Karwan-e-Mohabbat on 01 July 2025. Many speakers emphasised that what unfolded in Sambhal is not an isolated incident, but part of a systematic effort to suppress minority rights and rewrite historical memory through force and fear.



04

CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Meeting with Advocates in Moradabad and Agra

On December 24, 2021, APCR organized a meeting of local advocates, journalists, and social activists in Moradabad at the Paimane Wafa Marriage Hall, Prince Road. National Secretary Nadeem Khan addressed the gathering and emphasized the need for active legal advocacy in Uttar Pradesh. A similar meeting was held in Agra in the chamber of Adv. Kunwar Shahid Nabi Yadhuwanshi, where APCR UP Coordinator Saleem Baig introduced APCR's mission and called on local lawyers to unite against injustice.



Legal Orientation Workshop on Freedom of Religion, New Delhi

A legal orientation workshop was held for students of the Indian Institute of Islamic Studies and Research, New Delhi. Facilitated by APCR Assistant Coordinator Mohd Sami, the session focused on the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion and its legal implications, aiming to enhance students' understanding of their rights under the Indian Constitution.



Consultation on Hijab Ban and Legal Advocacy, Udupi & Karnataka

Following the Karnataka government's GO banning the hijab in educational institutions, APCR challenged the order in the High Court and later in the Supreme Court, represented by Senior Advocate Devdutt Kamat. On February 19–20, 2022, a national delegation led by Nadeem Khan visited Udupi and surrounding areas to gather testimonies and compile a fact-finding report. The visit concluded with a community consultation involving students, women activists, and interfaith leaders to discuss the socio-legal impact of the ban and explore resolutions.



Consultation on “Current Crisis of Hatred in Rajasthan” in Jaipur

The APCR Rajasthan Chapter organized a consultation titled “Current Crisis of Hatred in Rajasthan” in Jaipur. Attended by advocates, journalists, civil society members, and human rights defenders, the session featured expert remarks from Prof. Apoorvanand Jha (Delhi University), Adv. Fuzail Ahmad Ayyubi (Supreme Court), and National Secretary Nadeem Khan. Participants shared experiences and proposed collective action against hate-driven incidents.



Consultation on “Rising Hatred, Communal Tensions & State Violence in Jharkhand”, Ranchi



The Jharkhand Chapter of APCR hosted a consultation on “Rising Hatred, Communal Tensions & State Violence in Jharkhand” in Ranchi. Esteemed speakers included Justice (R.) Abhay Thipsay, Adv. Fuzail Ahmad Ayyubi, and Adv. Mokhtar Khan. The meeting explored the roots of communal strife and emphasized coordinated legal and civil responses to foster peace and justice.

Bihar State-Wide Consultation Meetings (June–July 2023)



From June 13 to July 27, 2023, APCR organized strategic consultation meetings across 15 districts in Bihar, including Patna, Darbhanga, Saharsa, and Bhagalpur. Led by Assistant National Coordinator Mohammad Mobashshir Aneeq and Litigation Associate Saiful Islam, the initiative engaged local advocates, activists, and media professionals to assess the socio-political climate and collaborate on safeguarding civil liberties in the region.

Consultation on “Ensuring Access to Justice and Upholding Legal Rights” – Allahabad, UP

On July 9, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh Chapter of APCR convened a consultation titled “Ensuring Access to Justice and Upholding Legal Rights” in Allahabad. Key speakers included Ravi Nair (SAHRDC), Adv. Deeksha Dwivedi, S.M. Rehman Faizy, and National Secretary Nadeem Khan. The discussion highlighted the importance of equitable legal access, particularly for marginalized communities.



Consultation on Demolition of Religious Structures in Gujarat

In response to ongoing demolition drives under legal pretexts, APCR Gujarat organized a consultation meeting to address the issue of religious structures being labeled as encroachments. Speakers included Adv. Tahir Hakeem, Adv. Shamshad Pathan, MLA Imran Khedawala, and representatives from Jamiat Ulema and JIH Gujarat. The event drew participation from religious leaders, trustees, corporators, and legal experts to strategize legal defenses and community responses.



Roundtable Discussion with Journalists in Rajasthan

In November 2024, a roundtable meeting was held at the APCR Rajasthan office with senior journalists from print, digital, and television media. The session, moderated by journalist Abdul Ghaffar, focused on ethical reporting, fact-based journalism, and the media's role in supporting victims of injustice. State President Saadat Ali and General Secretary Muzammil Rizvi also addressed the gathering.



05

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Through workshops, seminars, legal clinics, and helplines, we empower citizens with knowledge about their rights and available legal remedies. Our grassroots paralegal training programs build local capacity to address injustice at the community level.

Workshop & Meetings of State-Level Paralegal in Bhopal

APCR Madhya Pradesh hosted a two-day state-level paralegal training workshop in Bhopal from December 4-6, 2021. Facilitated by Nadeem Khan, Ravi Nair, Prashant Tandon, and Saleem Baig, the event engaged over 100 participants, empowering them with legal knowledge to better serve their communities.



Paralegal Activists Training in Patna

APCR Bihar organized a one-day cadre meet on December 25, 2021, in Patna. National Secretary Nadeem Khan shared his vision for strengthening justice and rule of law in Bihar. The training aimed to engage local advocates and activists in advancing APCR's mission across the state.



Legal Training Workshop in Bangalore

APCR Karnataka conducted a legal training workshop on December 5, 2021, for district office bearers in Bangalore. Special guests Archbishop Peter Machado and Senior Advocate B.T. Venkatesh facilitated discussions on civil rights and the importance of legal action in preserving justice and equality.



Legal Workshop by APCR, Karnataka Chapter

On a visit to Bangalore, Nadeem Khan met with APCR Karnataka chapter members to review activities and discuss future strategies. The team also released the fact-finding report on the KG Alli, DJ Halli riots, furthering APCR's commitment to legal advocacy and justice in the region.



APCR Telangana Chapter Workshop on Hate Crime Documentation

On July 16, 2023, APCR Telangana hosted an interactive workshop in Hyderabad on hate crime documentation and response. Panelists, including Dr. G. Vinod Kumar and Prof. Apoorvanand, emphasized the importance of documenting hate crimes effectively and formulating appropriate responses for justice.

Hate Crime Documentation and Response Mechanism



Manavi Atri
Associate Professor
Speech, Karnataka



Dr. G. Vinod Kumar
Dean, Faculty of Law
Osmania & Telangana Universities



Prof. Apoorvanand
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Joint Secretary, Maharashtra State
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Para-Legal and RTI Workshop at Thane, Maharashtra

APCR Maharashtra organized a two-day para-legal and RTI workshop on January 14-15, 2023, in Mumbai, Thane. The event was presided over by Sr. Advocate Yusuf Muchchala and Joint Secretary Shoeb Inamdar, offering attendees valuable insights into legal documentation and the Right to Information Act.

Law Guidance Program at SIO Maharashtra Office

APCR Maharashtra organized a Law Guidance Program at the SIO office, where Sr. Advocate Yusuf Muchchala addressed attendees. The program focused on providing legal representation to marginalized communities and emphasized the role of lawyers in upholding justice and safeguarding civil rights.



APCR Organizes Legal Awareness Programs in Ranchi

On August 19, 2024, APCR conducted a legal awareness program in Chakla, Ranchi, led by Advocates Raziullah Sahib and Ziaullah. The program, focusing on legal rights and processes, attracted local residents and helped increase legal literacy, empowering participants with knowledge to defend their rights.

APCR "Pursuit of Legal Justice" Workshops in Karnataka

In August 2024, APCR organized two workshops in Karnataka under the theme "Pursuit of Legal Justice." The workshops, held in Davangere and Ballari, discussed new criminal laws, their implications, and the importance of legal rights, with insights from senior advocates and journalists.



Documentation & Advocacy Workshop at Jaipur

APCR Rajasthan held a legal training workshop in Jaipur, focusing on "Documentation & Advocacy." Facilitated by APCR Rajasthan Chapter President Sadat Ali and Ravi Nair, the session emphasized the significance of accurate legal documentation and its role in effective advocacy for human rights.



Legal Awareness Program in UP by APCR

On December 15, 2023, APCR organized a legal awareness program in Lucknow, targeting Madrasa students. Advocate Nol Meraj conducted the session, educating participants on legal rights, the Indian Constitution, and responsible social media usage, enhancing their understanding of fundamental legal concepts.



APCR Team Completes 12-Day Tour in West Bengal

APCR conducted a 12-day tour across West Bengal in July 2024, visiting 5 districts and engaging with local communities. The team organized legal awareness programs, public meetings, and review sessions, addressing critical legal issues, including cases involving refugees and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).



Awareness Programme on New Criminal Laws in Hyderabad

In July 2024, APCR organized an awareness program in Hyderabad to discuss recent changes in criminal laws. Senior advocates and professors provided detailed insights into the implications of the new laws, emphasizing the importance of staying informed and upholding justice in the evolving legal landscape.



06

PRISONER SUPPORT

We support wrongfully incarcerated individuals, ensuring bail, legal follow-ups, and rehabilitation. Our teams have facilitated the release of prisoners held beyond their sentence due to legal gaps or lack of financial means.

APCR Vijayapura Unit Secures Release of Two Prisoners on Diwali

On October 29, 2024, APCR Vijayapur Unit President, D.S. Kazi, along with team members, visited Dargah Jail and paid approximately Rs.12,000 to secure the release of two prisoners. The individuals, Shankar s/o Yallapa and Prashant Yamunappa Kolli s/o Tamanappa Kolli, had completed their sentences but remained in jail due to their inability to pay the required fines. Their release was facilitated on the occasion of Diwali.



Support Through Prison Outreach

The APCR team secured official permission to visit four prisons, including multiple visits to Puzhal Prisons 1 & 2, where they established strong rapport with officials. They conducted a large-scale medical camp screening nearly 300 inmates, distributed spectacles and vital medications, and offered health advice. Legal and financial aid efforts began with the handling of three Muslim prisoners' cases.

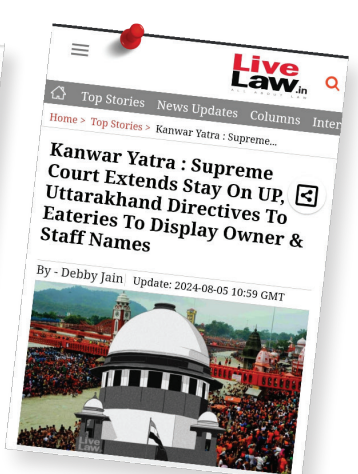
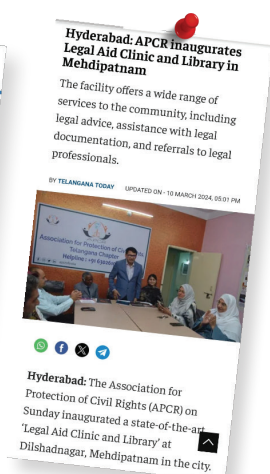
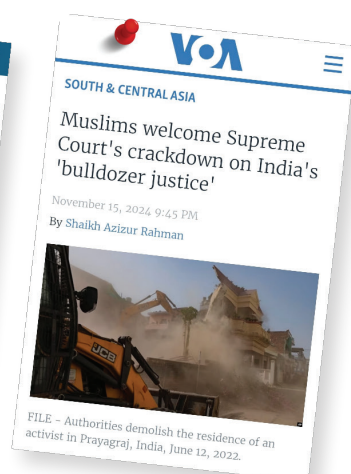
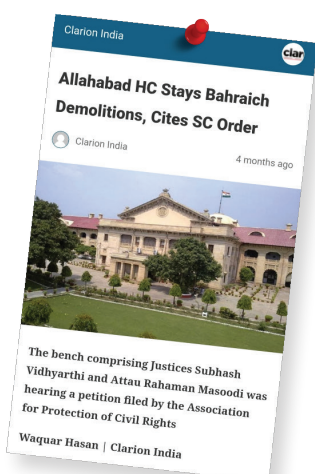
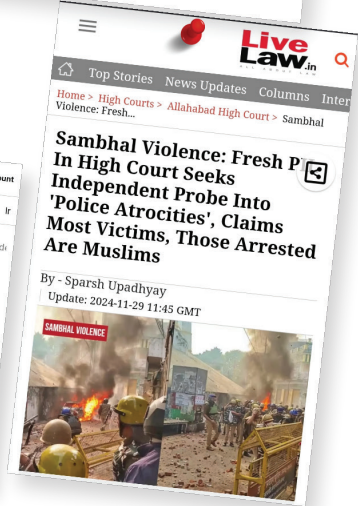
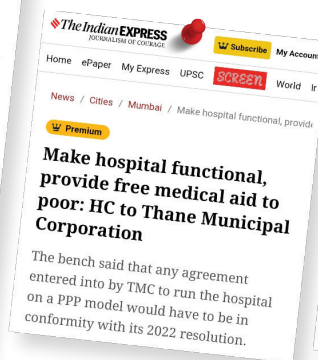
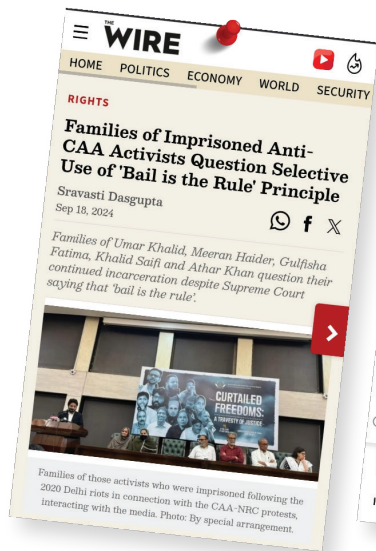
Additionally, the team provided garments and festive meals during Ramadan and Eid, visited a juvenile prison to counsel young inmates, and engaged in ongoing coordination to initiate further counselling and support services.

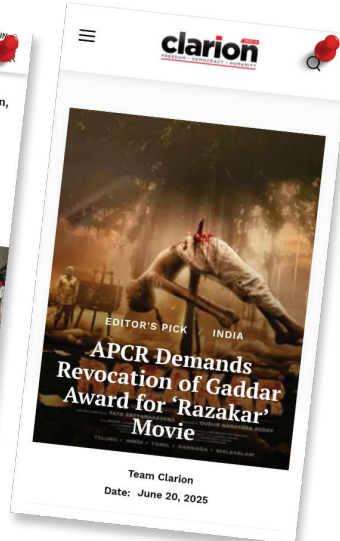
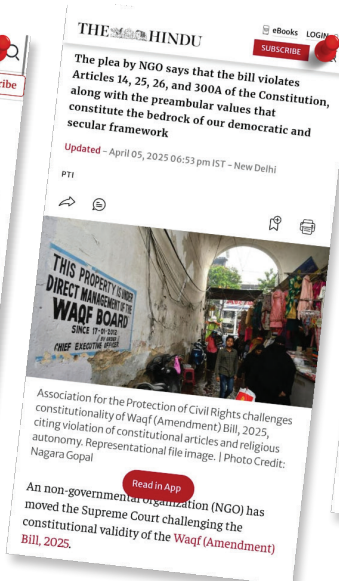
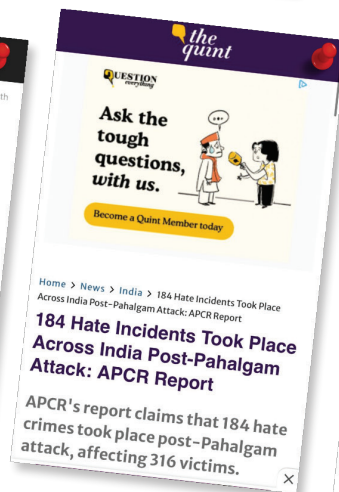
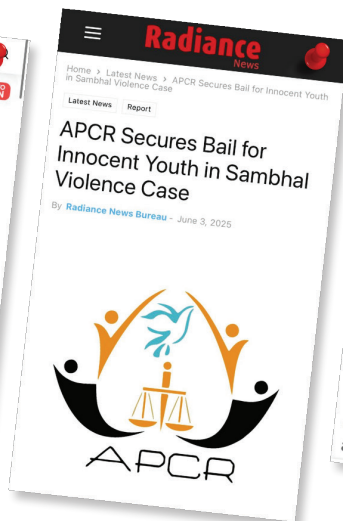
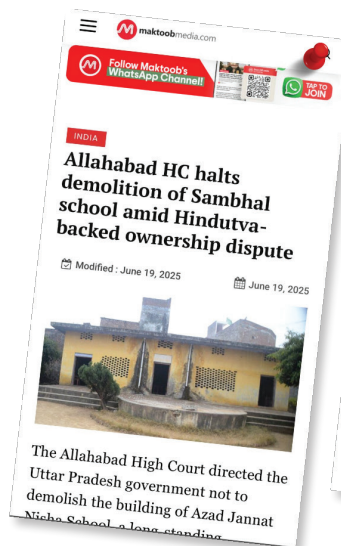
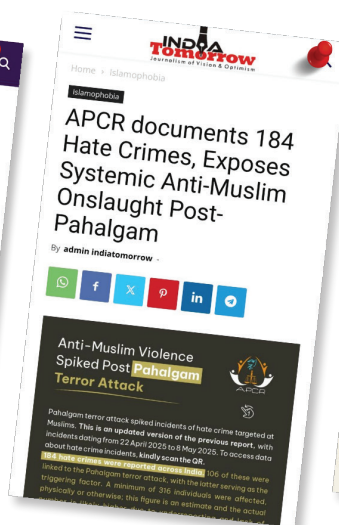


APCR facilitates the release of seven wrongfully incarcerated

On the occasion of 15th August 2024, APCR successfully facilitated the release of seven individuals who had been incarcerated. Out of these, five individuals were released from Central Jail Naini in Prayagraj (Allahabad), and two from Fatehpur District Jail, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our legal assistants.

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