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Protection of  
Civil Rights

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Empowering Lives

Navigating Justice

**Newsletter**  
2024-2025

# WHO WE ARE

The Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR) is a civil rights advocacy group composed of advocates, judges, social activists, journalists, researchers, students, and paralegal volunteers who work tirelessly in harmony toward a common aim: advancing civil and human rights in India.

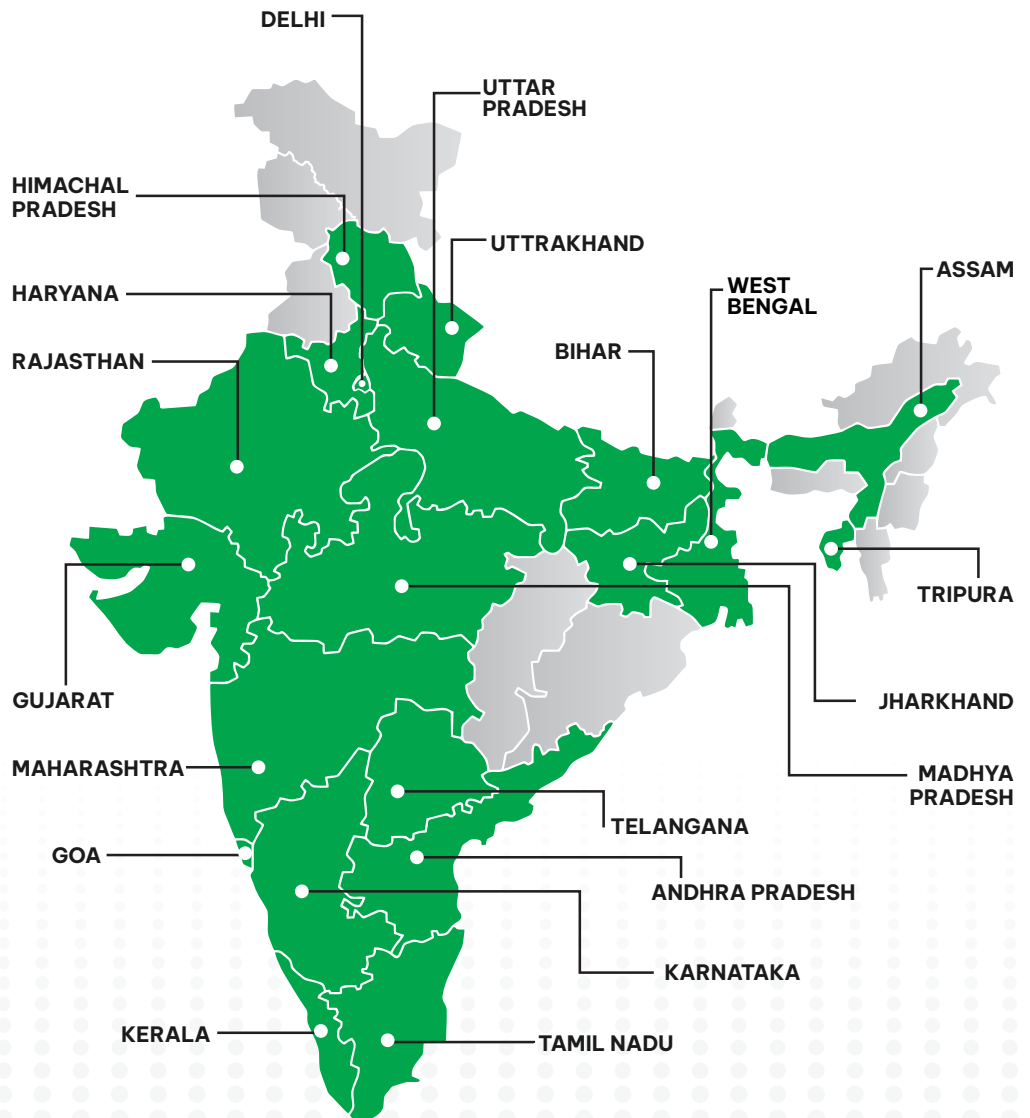
APCR is a registered society set up in 2006 to promote and protect the rights of the underprivileged and marginalized sections in India. APCR is a non-profit organization and is independent of any political ideology or economic interest. APCR has spread its roots in 20 states across India and has stood firm for the last 20 years.

## WHAT WE DO

We are a legal advocacy group working in 3 domains.



## OUR FOOTPRINTS



# APCR IN NUMBERS

ORGANIZATIONAL NETWORK

400+  
District Chapters

18+  
State Chapters

1100+  
Advocates

100+  
Former Bureaucrats

14+  
State Offices

3900+  
Volunteers

60+  
Legal Aid Clinics

2100+  
Members

940+  
Social Activists

600+  
Journalists

350+  
Community Awareness Meetings During SIR

60+  
Volunteer Training During SIR

50+  
Former Judges

950+  
Law students

WORKSHOPS/TRAININGS

100+  
Workshops

250+  
Planning & Review Meets

60+  
Volunteer Training During SIR

90+  
Seminars Webinars

100+  
Helpdesk/SIR Camps

420+  
Legal Awareness Events

120+  
Paralegal Trainings

870+  
Prisoners Released

50+  
FIRs

LEGAL INTERVENTION

170+  
Fact Finding Visits

48+  
Fact Finding Reports

557+  
RTI Requests

450+  
Complaints

2800+  
Cases

120+  
Press Statements

75+  
Press Meets

900+  
Bails & Paroles

5000+  
Legal Counseling Services

15+  
PILs

40+  
Writs



# FACT-FINDING & DOCUMENTATION

One of APCR's key efforts is sending fact-finding teams to the ground whenever there are reports of human rights violations in different parts of India. Instead of relying on second-hand accounts, their activists visit the affected areas, speak directly to victims and witnesses, and gather first-hand evidence.

In the last three years alone, APCR has carried out over 150 such visits. These have covered serious and sensitive issues, including communal violence, bulldozer-driven demolitions, hate speeches, and the mistreatment of prisoners.

The teams carefully document what they uncover. Their reports are prepared in a way that can support legal action when needed, but they also serve a broader purpose, putting verified facts into the public domain. Many of these reports have been picked up by mainstream media, becoming an important source of information and helping shape timely interventions.

Brutal murder of 7 year old in Azamgarh, UP



'I Love Muhammad' Protests, Bareilly



Lynching of 12th class student in Fatehpur



Aali Village evictions, Delhi



Bijainagar Communal Tension



Murder of Meraj Ansari



# RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

Alongside its legal aid work, APCR also spreads awareness through its publications. The organisation regularly publishes leaflets, brochures, handbooks, guides, and detailed reports, all available in English, Hindi, and Urdu, to reach a wider audience.

These materials are not just informational pamphlets. They are practical tools. They help people understand their rights, build confidence, and take informed action when faced with injustice. By putting clear and accessible information into people's hands, APCR strengthens community capacity and helps marginalised groups move closer to real access to justice.





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## WORKSHOP AND TRAININGS

APCR understands that real access to justice begins with awareness and skills. That's why education and capacity building are central to its work. The organisation regularly holds workshops and training sessions on a range of legal issues, breaking down complex laws into clear, practical guidance.

These sessions are meant to give people the confidence and tools to stand up for their rights and support others in their communities. Beyond general workshops, APCR also runs specialised training programmes for lawyers, social workers, and other professionals. The goal is simple: strengthen their ability to offer effective legal aid and meaningful support to those who need it most.



# CAMPAIGNS & PUBLIC MEETINGS

# 75+

Press Meets

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# APCR'S INTERVENTION IN SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION ENUMERATION

The Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR) has played a pivotal role in supporting the Muslim community in the Special Identification and Registration (SIR) process across multiple states, strengthening civic participation and legal empowerment at the grassroots level. APCR, along with SPECT, had launched a Helpline for SIR.



Madhya Pradesh



Uttarakhand



Uttar Pradesh



Gujarat



Tamil Nadu



Rajasthan



Volunteers Training



Call Center, Delhi



# OUR LEADING LEGAL INTERVENTIONS

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## APCR facilitates an SLP (Criminal) related to Ajmer Bomb Blast Case, 2007

*Syed Sarwar Chisty v. State of Rajasthan, Diary No. 51829/2025, Court 13 HMJ Sanjay Kumar & Sadeep Mehta*



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## APCR Secures Discharge for Two in Jamia Violence Case

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

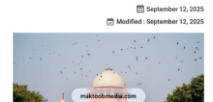
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Supreme Court orders FIR, SIT probe, disciplinary action in 2023 Akola violence case

Moktob Staff

## Supreme Court orders FIR, SIT probe, disciplinary action in 2023 Akola violence case

*25001/2025; Mohammad Afzal Mohammad Sharif vs State of Maharashtra; SLP (Crl.) - FIR Registration*



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## APCR facilitates the PIL against Rajasthan's Draconian Anti-Conversion Law

*M Huzaifa & Anr. v. State of Rajasthan & Ors. W.P.(C) No. 1047/2025, Court 3 HMJ Vikram Nath & Sandeep Mehta*

HOME OPINION INDIA WEST BENGAL WORLD

Supreme Court questions Rajasthan's anti-conversion law over property confiscation clauses

The petition argues that provisions allowing demolition and forfeiture without judicial process violate Supreme Court rulings and undermine citizens' constitutional rights

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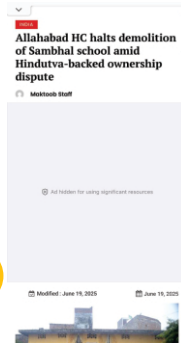
After APCR's Year-Long Legal Battle, Sambhal Court Orders FIR Against Former CO Anuj Chaudhary, 12 Others



## APCR's Struggles leads to Order of Registering FIR Against SP Anuj Choudhary in Sambhal Violence Case

*Miscellaneous Case No. 525 / 2025; Yamin V. Anuj Tomar and Others*

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## Justice for Noida Hate Crime Victim After APCR Intervention

*Kazem Ahmad Sherwani v. State of Uttar Pradesh W.P.(Ctrl.) No. - 000391/2021*

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Will invoke hate crime offences in 2021 case: UP gov't tells SC

Uttar Pradesh will invoke hate crime laws in a case where a Muslim man alleged torture and abuse linked to his identity, following court directives.

Published on Feb 17, 2026 03:24 AM IST  
By Abraham Thomas



Nearly five years Delhi man alleged that he was

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Supreme Court Grants Relief To 400-Year-Old Mancha Masjid, APCR Legal Team Secures Limited Land Acquisition For Road Widening



The Supreme Court on Friday granted relief in the case concerning the 400-year-old Mancha Masjid in Ahmedabad, despite the special leave petition challenging its partial demolition for a road widening project.

## APCR Secures Relief from Supreme Court: 400-Year-Old Mancha Masjid Main Structure Protected

*Mancha Masjid vs. State of Gujarat & Others Diary No.: 59947/2025 | SLP © No.: 30200/2025*

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NGO APCR moves Supreme Court challenging constitutional validity of Waqf bill

The plea by NGO says that the bill violates Articles 14, 20, 26, and 30(a) of the Constitution, along with the preambular values that constitute the bedrock of our democratic and secular framework.

Filed: April 08, 2025 02:07:00 - New Delhi



## APCR Files Petition In Supreme Court Challenging Waqf Amendment Act

*The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (1)*

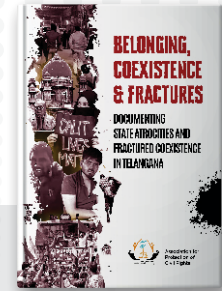
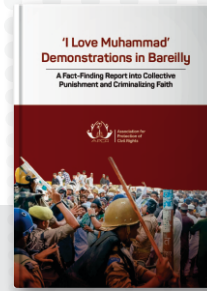
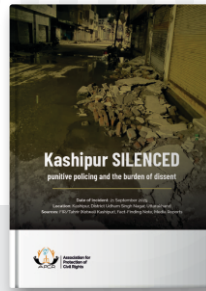
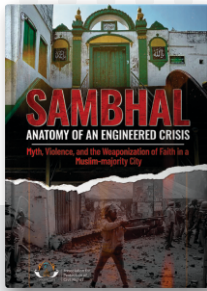
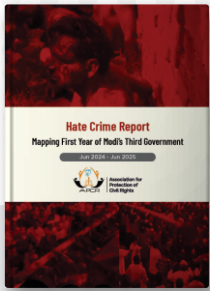
## APCR Secures 3 Bail in FIR 59/2020 PS Crime Branch New Delhi

*FIR 59/2020 PS Crime Branch New Delhi*

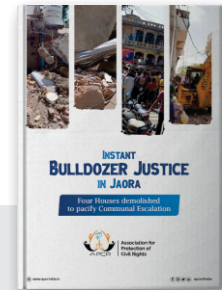
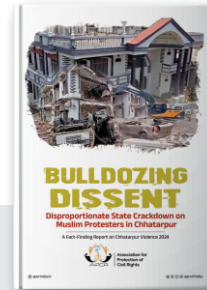
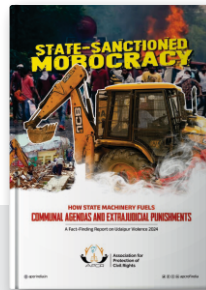
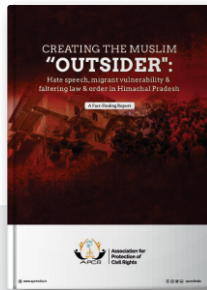
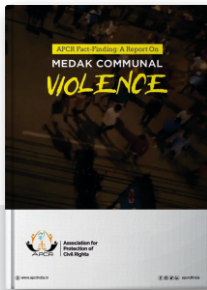
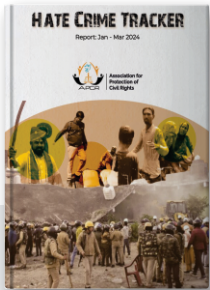


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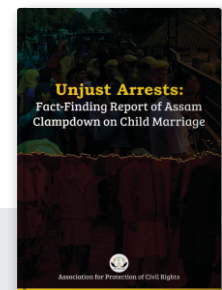
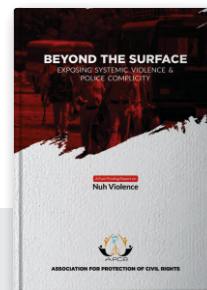
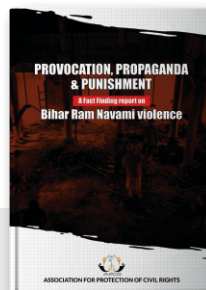
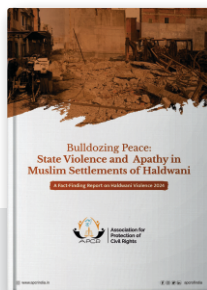
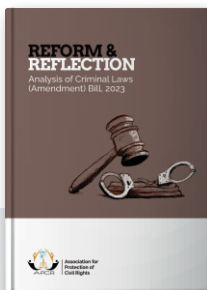
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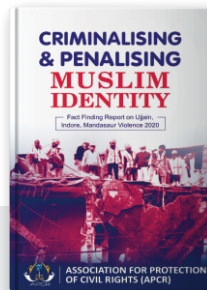
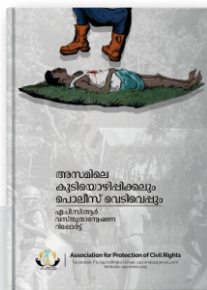
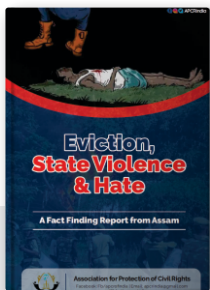
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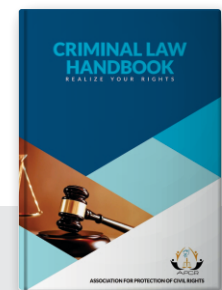
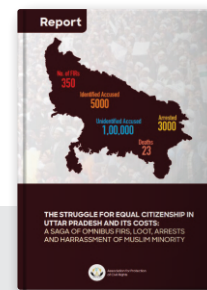
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# MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

**INDIA**

## Situation horrible in Assam: Bengali Muslims at receiving end, says fact-finding report; Hindu Sena disrupts release in Delhi

Nikita Jain

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EXPLAINER

## Mosque-temple spat: Why has India's Sambhal exploded into violent clashes?

Fears for the future of a mosque stoked tensions, but lawyers say India's Supreme Court also bears responsibility.

Police are deployed outside the Shahi Jama Masjid after clashes between Muslim protesters and the men in uniform in

**سیاست Daily**

## Revoke Telangana Gaddar award to Razakar movie: APCR to CM

APCR members said that the Razakar movie "distorts history and promotes communal disharmony through a state-backed award named after Gaddar".

Shaista Khan | Published: 19th June 2025 9:00 pm IST

Hyderabad: The Association for Protection of Civil Rights' (APCR) Telangana chapter has sought the revocation of the awards to the

**THE HINDU**

## APCR report flags 'hate politics', violence against Muslims in Uttarakhand

The report says the State has seen a pattern of systemic targeting of Muslims

Updated - January 30, 2024 06:41 pm IST

SHITA MISHRA

The report by the Association for Protection of Civil Rights warns that Uttarakhand is witnessing systemic human rights violations driven by "hate politics" and a "steady erosion of constitutional safeguards". Photo: aprindia.in

The Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR) in a recent fact-finding report highlighted the growing

**Low Beat**

## Kanwar Yatra Nameplate Row | Supreme Court Defers Hearing APCR's Plea Says 'Better Matters to Take'

By - Sukriti Mishra | 7 May 2025 12:51 PM

The matter will now be taken up in the last week of July after the Court's summer vacation

The Supreme Court on Wednesday deferred the hearing of a plea filed by the NGO **Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR)** challenging

**The Observer Post**

## "India's Right-Wing Awaits Israel's Genocide, They Fear Young Muslims": Prakash Raj At APCR Event

By The Observer Post | Published September 26, 2025

At a public discussion on dissent and the shrinking

**the vigil**

## '4,505 Muslims Booked, 265 Arrested Pan-India, 89 Held in Bareilly': APCR Report

"The fear of bulldozer was used to seal and shut the market in Bareilly, no notice was given," APCR's team stated.

ALIZA NOOR

Published: 11 Oct 2025 at 4:06 PM IST

**clarion**

EDITOR'S PICK / INDIA

## Allahabad HC Stays Demolition of Varanasi's Dalmandi on APCR Plea

Team Clarion

Date: June 1, 2025

Dalmandi, a vibrant market with over 10,000 shops primarily run by Muslim traders, faced threats of large-scale displacement due to government plans

**Low Beat**

## Supreme Court Restores Complainant's Appeal in Ajmer Dargah Blast Case, Condoning Delay Under NIA Act

By - Sakshi | 4 Nov 2025 9:37 PM

The Supreme Court condoned a 1,135-day delay in the Ajmer Dargah blast case appeal, reviving the complainant's plea dismissed by the Rajasthan High Court under Section 21(5) of the NIA Act

**WIRE**

## Watch | 39 Assaults, 19 Acts of Vandalism, 42 Incidents of Harassment Against Muslims Since Pahalgam: Report

Minal Saeed Khan

May 17 2025

According to an APCR report, these incidents were neither random nor isolated. At a time when unity and solidarity were the need of the hour, the nation witnessed increased communal polarisation.

**WIRE**

## Anti-Minority Hate Crimes Increased in Number, Intensity in First Year of Modi 3.0: Report

Tamoghna Chakraborty

Jun 27 2025

An APCR report finds that five hate speeches in the last year were delivered by Modi himself, 63 by chief ministers of BJP governments, and 71 by other elected individuals.

Real journalism holds power accountable

# CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUSTICE

APPEAL

- Join APCR and contribute to its activities.
- Promote APCR's activities in your community.
- Provide moral, logistical, and financial support to the organisation.
- Use your platform and the media at your disposal to introduce APCR to a wider audience.
- Participate in the campaigns & initiatives launched by APCR to advance human & civil rights.

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