HINDU RIGHTS WATCH



Annual Report 2021-22



Bengal Women Narratives:

Empowering Women, Strengthening Bharat

About **Hindu Rights Watch**

Hindu Rights Watch (HRW) is a community-driven initiative dedicated to protecting Hindu rights, supporting vulnerable Hindu families, and raising awareness about challenges affecting Hindu communities in India.

Our **Vision**

To build a vibrant, unified and empowered Hindu society that honors its ancient spiritual heritage while confidently advancing in the modern world, knowledge, courage, and responsible leadership across generations and geographies.

Our **Mission**

To revive, protect, and promote Hindu Dharma, culture and social unity by empowering individuals and organizations through leadership training, cultural transmission, rigorous documentation, and community engagement rooted in Vedic wisdom and modern professionalism.





What **Drives** Us

We believe that an informed, empowered Hindu society is the foundation for social harmony and cultural preservation. By working together across disciplines and geographies, we aim to protect Hindu rights, advocate for justice, and celebrate the vast heritage and wisdom of Hindu civilization.

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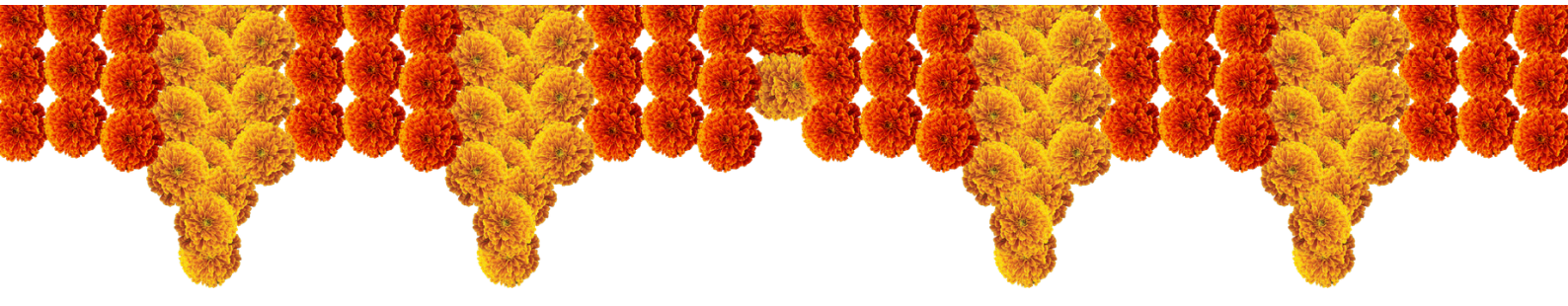
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Leading the Way:
A Note from CEO

SUMIT KUMAR



The year 2021–22 was a year of urgent response, learning, and commitment for Hindu Rights Watch. Across different parts of India, our teams worked closely with youth, women, community volunteers, and local organizations to promote awareness, safety, leadership, and social harmony.

Our programs—Arjuna, Durga, Rishi Valmiki, and Gita—reached communities through workshops, training sessions, counselling support, cultural activities, and field engagement. Each program addressed a different need, but all shared one purpose: to empower individuals and communities to act with knowledge, courage, and responsibility.

This year, West Bengal required special attention. Following the post-election violence, many families were left fearful and uncertain about where to seek help. Hindu Rights Watch responded by establishing a temporary office in the state for two months. Our team listened to affected families, documented their concerns, provided legal awareness, and helped connect them with support systems. This experience reminded us that timely presence on the ground can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those facing crisis.

The Arjuna Program strengthened youth leadership through practical training in communication, community awareness, and lawful action. The Durga Program supported women and girls through safety awareness, legal guidance, digital safety, and family support. The Rishi Valmiki Program brought communities together through cultural activities, storytelling, seva, and the message of social unity. Together, these initiatives helped create local networks of informed and responsible volunteers.

I am especially proud of the young people and women who moved from being participants to becoming organizers, team members, and community leaders. Their work shows that real change begins when individuals take responsibility for their communities and inspire others to do the same.

On behalf of the Hindu Rights Watch team, I extend my best wishes to all of you as you review this annual report.

Why West Bengal This Year?

West Bengal became a major focus of Hindu Rights Watch's work in 2021–22 because the state witnessed serious post-election violence and widespread insecurity following the 2021 Assembly elections. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), acting on the direction of the Calcutta High Court, constituted a committee to examine allegations of human rights violations during the post-poll violence; it submitted its report on 13 July 2021.

The scale of the crisis was significant. According to data analysed by the NHRC, 1,934 complaints were lodged at police stations in West Bengal, of which 1,168 became FIRs naming 9,304 accused persons. The Calcutta High Court subsequently ordered a CBI investigation into alleged murder and crimes against women, including rape and attempt to rape, while a Special Investigation Team was constituted for other post-poll violence cases.

The NHRC committee described the violence as retributive violence by supporters of the ruling party against supporters of the main opposition party, and raised concerns regarding police complicity and inadequate state response. The High Court also rejected the state government's attempt to shift responsibility for the violence to the Election Commission of India.

For many Hindu families, this period brought fear, loss, displacement, and uncertainty. Victims required more than sympathy; they needed documentation support, legal awareness, guidance on filing complaints, and a trusted local point of contact. Recognising this urgent need, Hindu Rights Watch established a temporary office in West Bengal for two months.

During this period, HRW listened to affected families, documented their concerns, guided them on lawful complaint procedures, and helped connect them with available support systems. The office also became a coordination point for local volunteers and community members who wished to assist victims.

HRW's intervention in West Bengal was based on a simple principle: when communities face violence and fear, they must not be left alone. A timely local presence, legal awareness, and sustained community networks can help affected families seek justice and regain a sense of security.

ARJUNA PROGRAM

LEADERSHIP. AWARENESS. SERVICE.



Arjuna Program is Hindu Rights Watch's leadership and capacity-building initiative for Hindu youth, community workers, and grassroots organizations. The program is designed to strengthen leadership rooted in Dharma, courage, knowledge, service, and social responsibility.

Participants were encouraged to become responsible community leaders who could share their learning with others and contribute to awareness, assistance, and community service.

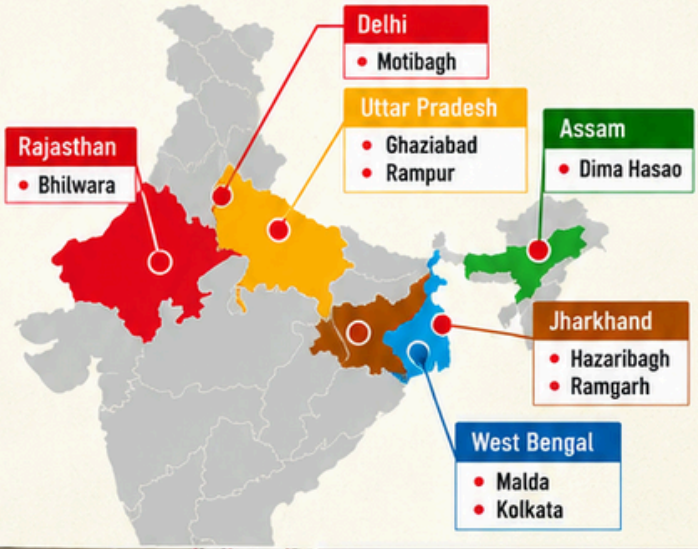
ARJUNA PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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STATES	LOCATIONS	WORKSHOPS	PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENTS

STATE-WISE ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT

State	Workshops	Participant Engagements	Locations
Uttar Pradesh	3	90	2
West Bengal	6	71	2
Jharkhand	12	225	2
Rajasthan	2	24	1
Delhi	2	33	1
Assam	1	14	1
Total	**26**	**468**	**9**

STATES AND LOCATIONS



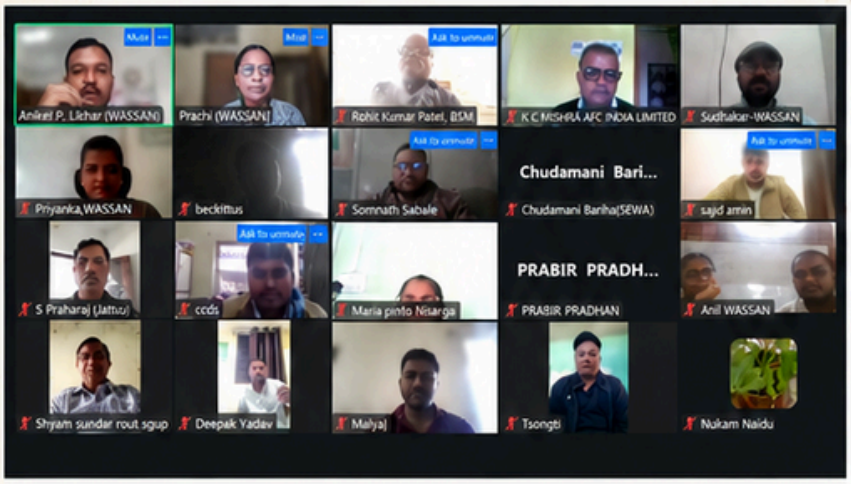




> "Knowledge, courage and service can create a stronger, more aware and united community."



Workshop and Training Activities





#	State	District / Location	Activity name	Participants
1	**Uttar Pradesh**	Ghaziabad	Love Jihad Patterns: False Names, Emotional Traps, and Forced Conversions	27
2	**Uttar Pradesh**	Rampur	Filing FIRs Against Proxy Frauds	11
3	**Uttar Pradesh**	Rampur	NGO Networks: Foreign-Funded Groups Amplifying Minority Narratives	52
4	**West Bengal**	Malda	Leadership Training: Public Speaking for Hindu Youth in Debates	17
5	**West Bengal**	Malda	Sustained Networks: District WhatsApp Groups for Long-Term Vigilance	7
6	**West Bengal**	Kolkata	Leadership Training: Public Speaking for Hindu Youth in Debates	13
7	**West Bengal**	Kolkata	Sustained Networks: District WhatsApp Groups for Long-Term Vigilance	15
8	**West Bengal**	Kolkata	Love Jihad Patterns: False Names, Emotional Traps, and Forced Conversions	21
9	**West Bengal**	Kolkata	Collaboration with Media: Ground-Level Journalism for Unbiased Victim Stories	5
10	**Jharkhand**	Hazaribagh	Love Jihad Patterns: False Names, Emotional Traps, and Forced Conversions	31
11	**Jharkhand**	Hazaribagh	Foreign Funding Flows: Tracing Global Church Networks in Tribal India	25
12	**Jharkhand**	Hazaribagh	Manual Tactics: Inside Missionary Playbooks for Hindu Village Penetration	37
13	**Jharkhand**	Hazaribagh	Youth Counseling: Recognizing Red Flags in Romantic Advances	28
14	**Jharkhand**	Hazaribagh	Advocacy for Hindu Inclusion: Petitioning for Scheme Expansions	11
15	**Jharkhand**	Hazaribagh	Chapter Management and Collaboration	11
16	**Jharkhand**	Hazaribagh	Practical Training for Youth Empowerment	22
17	**Jharkhand**	Ramgarh	Love Jihad Patterns: False Names, Emotional Traps, and Forced Conversions	17
18	**Jharkhand**	Ramgarh	Foreign Funding Flows: Tracing Global Church Networks in Tribal India	13
19	**Jharkhand**	Ramgarh	Manual Tactics: Inside Missionary Playbooks for Hindu Village Penetration	21
20	**Jharkhand**	Ramgarh	Chapter Management and Collaboration	5
21	**Jharkhand**	Ramgarh	Practical Training for Youth Empowerment	8
22	**Rajasthan**	Bhilwara	Chapter Management and Collaboration	7
23	**Rajasthan**	Bhilwara	Foreign Funding Flows: Tracing Global Church Networks in Tribal India	17
24	**Delhi**	Motibagh	Love Jihad Patterns: False Names, Emotional Traps, and Forced Conversions	22
25	**Delhi**	Motibagh	House Church Planting: Covert Networks in Urban Slums	11
26	**Assam**	Dima Hasao	Foreign Funding Flows: Tracing Global Church Networks in Tribal India	14

Stories of Community Leadership





Sudha Devi: From Participant to Village Organizer

Sudha Devi, a mother of two children from Jharkhand, participated in an Arjuna training session in Hazaribagh on church manipulation and its reported impact on Hindu communities. Her husband works in Delhi, and Sudha Devi was managing her family and community responsibilities largely from her village.

The training encouraged her to take an active role in community awareness. After completing the session, she brought together a group of women in her village and began supporting local awareness activities. She now serves as a member of the HRW team and regularly helps organize workshops and Hindu awareness programs.

Her journey demonstrates how local leadership can grow from a single training experience. By creating a women's group and supporting recurring programs, Sudha Devi has helped develop a community-based network of participation and service.

Suraj: Using Knowledge for Community Verification

Suraj is a farmer and a B.Pharma student from the Hazaribagh area. After attending an Arjuna workshop, he became more attentive to health-related activities taking place in local communities and began documenting concerns that required verification.

According to the program record, Suraj visited more than five church-based healing camps in the Hazaribagh and Barkagaon areas. He reported concerns about individuals presenting themselves as doctors or nurses without recognized qualifications and about the use of such camps for religious conversion among tribal communities.

Suraj's role focused on field observation, community communication, and bringing information to public attention. His experience shows how trained youth can combine local knowledge, education, and responsible field engagement to support community awareness.





Aditya: Supporting Families in Distress

Aditya, based in Delhi, works as an HRW team member and supports families facing difficult situations involving young women and suspected coercive relationships. Following his involvement with the Arjuna Program, he assisted more than two girls and their families in cases that the families associated with alleged "Love Jihad" networks.

His support included helping families understand the situation, facilitating communication, and assisting them with the process of filing complaints. The cases required sensitivity, confidentiality, and coordination with families and relevant authorities.

Aditya's experience highlights the importance of trained community members who can respond calmly, guide affected families, and help them access lawful channels of support.

GITA PROGRAM

PRESERVING VEDIC CULTURE. RECONNECTING FAMILIES.

Gita Program of Hindu Rights Watch was established to preserve, protect and promote Vedic culture by reconnecting Hindu families—especially in rural and underserved communities—with their spiritual heritage. During 2021–22, the program made the Bhagavad Gita accessible through grassroots distribution, family outreach, satsang-based engagement and volunteer-led community activities.



KEY FOCUS AREAS

- GRASSROOTS DISTRIBUTION
- FAMILY OUTREACH
- SATSANG-BASED ENGAGEMENT
- VOLUNTEER-LED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Editorial Summary

Sharing the Bhagavad Gita can help **strengthen family connections and nurture spiritual heritage.**

GITA PROGRAM



2021–22 AT A GLANCE

3,551
Bhagavad Gita copies distributed

6
States reached

11
Districts/locations covered

1,030
Estimated families reached

4,920
Estimated individuals reached

11
Partner organisations

17+
Core team members

28
Community volunteers

40+
Religious and cultural activities

> "Before receiving the Bhagavad Gita, I believed that religious knowledge was available only to people who visited large temples or had studied Sanskrit. The volunteer explained one shloka in simple Hindi and encouraged my family to read together every evening. Slowly, our home became more peaceful, and my children began asking questions about dharma, duty and self-control. The Gita gave us a way to face difficulties with courage."

— **Rakesh Das,**
community member, Uttar Pradesh



GITA PROGRAM

Geographic Outreach



Gita Program takes the Gita copies into the home: village by village, household by household, so families can read, keep and discuss it on their own terms — building Dharmic literacy at the grassroots rather than the podium.

State	Locations	Gitas distributed	Estimated families	Estimated individuals
Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad, Rampur	**1,128**	350	1,680
West Bengal	Malda, Kolkata	**975**	300	1,420
Jharkhand	Hazaribagh, Ramgarh	**335**	110	540
Rajasthan	Bhilwara	**250**	80	380
Delhi	Motibagh	**536**	125	520
Assam	Dima Hasao	**327**	65	380
Total	**11 locations**	**3,551**	**1,030**	**4,920**

“I had received religious books before, but I had never understood how to apply their teachings to everyday problems. During the Gita reading session, the volunteers explained that service, discipline and responsibility are also forms of spiritual practice. I began reading with my children and particiipating in local satsang activities. The program helped me regain confidence in my Hindu identity and encouraged me to support other families in our community.”

— **Savita Mahto,**
community member, Jharkhand



Durga Program

Empowering Hindu Women to Rise, Resist & Lead



Program Introduction

The Durga Program is Hindu Rights Watch's initiative to support the safety, confidence, and leadership of Hindu women and girls. The program focuses on awareness, legal rights, digital safety, community support, and women-led action.

Through workshops and counselling-based sessions, participants learn to identify risks, protect themselves and their families, use lawful reporting mechanisms, and support other women in their communities.

The program encourages women to move from awareness to leadership and become active voices for dignity, safety, and social responsibility.





At a Glance — 2021-22

- **3** states
- **3** locations
- **7** activities
- **151** participant engagements

DURGA PROGRAM

2021–22 Activities



3 states | **3** locations | **7** activities | **151** participant engagements

Year	State	Location	Activity name	Participants
2021–22	Uttar Pradesh	Rampur	Religious Manipulation Detection: Subtle Theology Introduction Tactics	28
2021–22	West Bengal	Kolkata	FIR Filing Workshops: Step-by-Step for Harassment Cases	56
2021–22	West Bengal	Kolkata	Family Intervention Strategies: Rescuing Trapped Daughters	21
2021–22	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Human Trafficking Networks: Mapping Rackets Targeting Hindus	13
2021–22	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Religious Manipulation Detection: Subtle Theology Introdution Tactics	11
2021–22	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	FIR Filing Workshops: Step-by-Step for Harassment Cases	27
2021–22	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Predator Profile Recognition: Fake IDs on Dating/Social Apps	15
Total	**3 states**	**3 locations**		**151**

Stories of Courage and Support

Two Young Women Supported in Jharkhand

Hindu Rights Watch team supported two young women in Jharkhand whose families were concerned about their relationships with religious extremists and emotional pressure. The team provided confidential counselling, guided the families on legal options, and helped them take lawful steps for protection. With timely support, both young women returned safely to their families.





A Young Woman Supported in Uttar Pradesh

In Uttar Pradesh, the team supported a family concerned that their daughter was being emotionally manipulated and isolated from them. The team helped the family understand the situation, and guided them through lawful complaint and protection procedures.

Following the intervention, the young woman was reunited with her family.

Rishi Valmiki PROGRAM



Reviving Social Harmony and Cultural Values

Program Introduction

Rishi Valmiki Program is Hindu Rights Watch's initiative to promote social unity, cultural values, and community service among Hindu youth and local communities. The program draws inspiration from Maharishi Valmiki's teachings and encourages people to rise above caste, language, and regional differences.





At a Glance — 2021–22

6	8	26
states	locations	activities

RISHI VALMIKI PROGRAM

State-wise Activity Snapshot



State	Locations	Activities
Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad, Rampur	2
West Bengal	Malda, Kolkata	13
Jharkhand	Hazaribagh, Ramgarh	3
Rajasthan	Bhilwara	1
Delhi	Motibagh	1
Assam	Dima Hasao	6
Total	**8 locations**	**26**











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