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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

A major milestone this year was our entry into Manipur. In Jiribam, HRW began working with local organizations, student groups, and Hindu families affected by violence and displacement. We trained volunteers in documentation and advocacy, conducted women's safety sessions, and initiated Gita distribution in the district. This work reminded us that in times of crisis, communities need organized local support, legal awareness, and sustained presence.

Our women's programs continued to focus on safety, legal awareness, digital protection, and confidence-building. Our youth programs strengthened leadership, planning, documentation, and lawful community action. Through the Gita Program, we reached thousands of families with the message of Dharma, courage, and self-discipline.

Much has been done, but much more remains to be done. We must train more volunteers, reach more families, and build stronger local networks for the protection and empowerment of Hindu society.
I thank every HRW team member, volunteer, women activist, youth leader, partner organization, and supporter. Your dedication is the real strength of this mission.

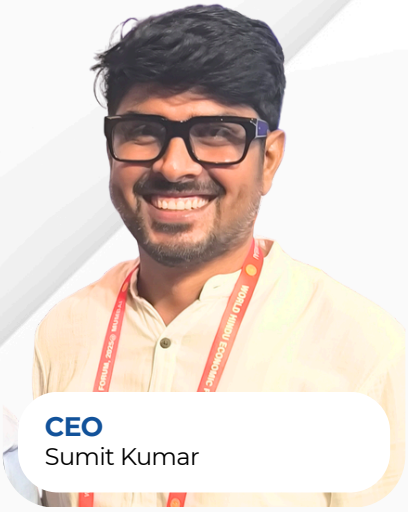


"When a Hindu family stands with awareness, dignity, and unity, no crisis can break its spirit. Our duty is to reach every such family with training, support, and courage."

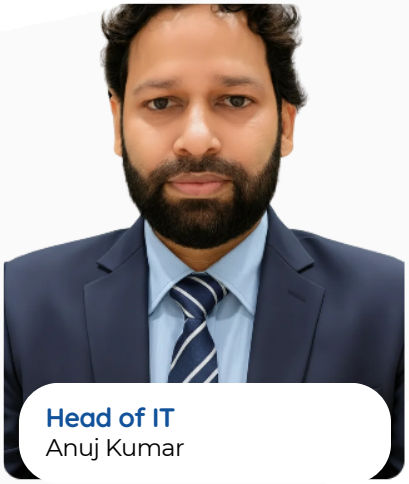
– SUMIT KUMAR, CEO

ORGANIZATIONAL TEAM

The strength of Hindu Rights Watch lies in its dedicated team—ordinary people doing extraordinary work for Dharma



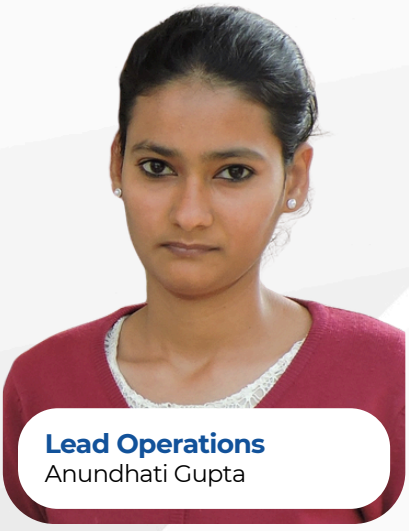
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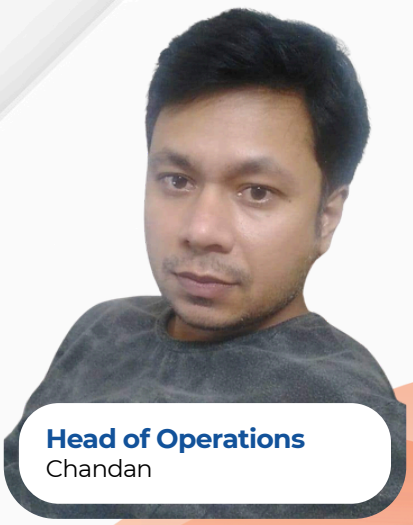
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WHY MANIPUR THIS YEAR?

Manipur became an important area of Hindu Rights Watch's work in 2023–24 because the state continued to face one of the most severe internal crises in recent Indian history. The violence that began in May 2023 between the predominantly Hindu Meitei community and the predominantly Christian Kuki-Zo community led to large-scale loss of life, displacement, destruction of homes, and damage to religious places.

By late 2024, government figures recorded 258 deaths and more than 60,000 displaced persons. Official records also reported 4,786 houses burnt and 386 religious structures vandalised, including 132 temples. These figures show that it affected families, livelihoods, places of worship, and the social fabric of the entire state.

For Hindu families, especially displaced Meitei families, the crisis created urgent needs: safe shelter, documentation of incidents, access to relief, communication with authorities, and protection from further insecurity. Women and girls were particularly vulnerable in displacement camps and conflict-affected areas, facing risks of exploitation, trafficking, and coercive pressure.

Jiribam, Manipur's border district with Assam, became an important focus for HRW. The district witnessed renewed violence in 2024, including killings and abductions that further intensified fear among local families. HRW therefore began direct engagement in Jiribam to support local Hindu communities, build contact with affected families, and create a foundation for future relief and awareness work.



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.

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.

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.

Arjuna Program

Building Organized, Trained, and Resilient Hindu Youth Leadership



Arjuna Program is a leadership and capacity-building initiative for Hindu youth, community volunteers, and grassroots organizations. The program prepares participants to identify community challenges, plan long-term action, document concerns responsiblly, and engage with lawful support systems.



Community training session under the Arjuna Program



Team planning and strategy workshop



Village-level group discussion and problem mapping

In 2023–24, the program expanded its focus from individual training to organizational sustainability. Participants were trained in team problem-solving, long-term activity planning, police-station procedures, victim documentation, and support for displaced families. The program also reached Manipur, where HRW worked with local organizations and student groups affected by violence and displacement.

Program Objectives

- To develop organized and responsible Hindu youth leaders.
- To strengthen the planning and sustainability of local teams and partner organizations.
- To support Hindu families affected by violence, displacement, and social insecurity.
- To build local networks capable of continued community service and awareness work.

Program Highlights (2023–24)

6
States

17
Locations

19
Activities

381
Participant Engagements

4
Volunteer Organizations and Student Groups Trained in Manipur

2
Capacity-Building Framework and Manual Prepared



Group discussion on community challenges



Community consultation and planning



Youth engagement and problem-solving session

2023–24 Activities

#	State	Location	Activity name	Participants
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Moradabad	Team Problem-Solving: Group Challenges on Community Issues	25
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Rampur	Sustainability Planning: Mapping Long-Term Field Activity Calendars	31
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Noida	Team Problem-Solving: Group Challenges on Community Issues	11
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad	Sustainability Planning: Mapping Long-Term Field Activity Calendars	15
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad	FIR Filing Simulations: Practicing Police Station Procedures	31
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Sitapur	Team Problem-Solving: Group Challenges on Community Issues	26
7.	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Sustainability Planning: Mapping Long-Term Field Activity Calendars	35
8.	Jharkhand	Koderma	Sustainability Planning: Mapping Long-Term Field Activity Calendars	24
9.	Jharkhand	Ramgarh	Sustainability Planning: Mapping Long-Term Field Activity Calendars	13
10.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Team Problem-Solving: Group Challenges on Community Issues	20
11.	Delhi	Seelampur	Sustainability Planning: Mapping Long-Term Field Activity Calendars	11
12.	Delhi	Vijay Vihar	Team Problem-Solving: Group Challenges on Community Issues	11
13.	Delhi	Cantt Area	FIR Filing Simulations: Practicing Police Station Procedures	15
14.	Delhi	Motibagh	FIR Filing Simulations: Practicing Police Station Procedures	19
15.	West Bengal	24 South Parganas	Victim Documentation Drives: Compiling Hindu Hate Incidents	23
16.	West Bengal	Kolkata	Victim Documentation Drives: Compiling Hindu Hate Incidents	11
17.	West Bengal	Malda	Victim Documentation Drives: Compiling Hindu Hate Incidents	7
18.	Manipur	Jiribam	Refugee Support Networks: Assisting Border-Displaced Hindu Families	23
19.	Manipur	Jiribam	Victim Documentation Drives: Compiling Hindu Hate Incidents	30
Total	**17 locations**		**19 activities**	**381**



Through training, planning, and community engagement, the Arjuna Program is helping create a network of informed and responsible Hindu youth leaders ready to serve their communities for the long term.

Impact Story:
Strengthening Local Response in Manipur

During the violence and displacement crisis in Manipur, Hindu families in affected areas faced serious challenges in documenting incidents, maintaining records, and communicating with government officials. Local volunteer organizations and student groups wanted to help, but many lacked structured systems for advocacy, documentation, and coordination.

Hindu Rights Watch identified this gap and conducted capacity-building training for **four volunteer-based organizations and two student groups** in Manipur. The training focused on advocacy, victim documentation, networking with government officials, and organized community support.

HRW also prepared a practical **framework and manual** to help these organizations develop their own systems for record-keeping, case documentation, follow-up, and coordination. The aim was to ensure that local teams could continue their work even in difficult circumstances.

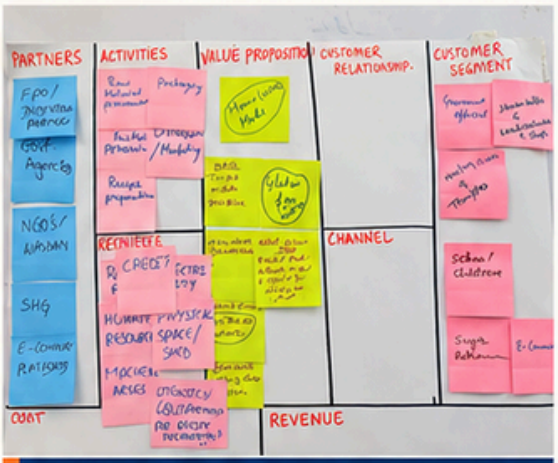
This intervention strengthened the ability of local organizations to support displaced Hindu families, document concerns responsibly, and engage with authorities in a more organized manner.



Community mapping and local response planning



Community meeting and discussion session



Problem mapping and strategy development workshop



Group activity on planning local action



Training session on documentation and response systems

Gita Program



Gita Program is a Hindu Rights Watch initiative to take the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita beyond temples and into Hindu homes. The program distributes copies of the Gita directly to families, particularly in rural, tribal, border, and under-served areas, and encourages regular reading and discussion within households and community groups.



The program believes that the Gita is a guide for everyday life. Its teachings on duty, courage, self-discipline, service, and righteous action help individuals and families build moral clarity, inner strength, and cultural confidence.

Program Highlights

5,137
Bhagavad Gita Copies Distributed

6
States

17
Locations

~1,052
Families Reached*

7
Partner Organizations

26
Team Members and Volunteers

2
New State Entries: Manipur and Chhattisgarh



Location-wise Gita Distribution





State	Location	Copies Distributed	Estimated Families Reached	Area Context
Delhi	Cantt Area	1,180	~295	Urban
West Bengal	24 South Parganas	1,125	~188	Rural / delta
Delhi	Vijay Vihar	750	~188	Urban
Delhi	Silampur	280	~70	Urban
Delhi	Motibagh	225	~56	Urban
Jharkhand	Koderma	515	~64	Maoist-affected area
Jharkhand	Ramgarh	225	~28	Maoist-affected area
Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	213	~27	Maoist-affected area
West Bengal	Kolkata	200	~50	Urban
West Bengal	Malda	118	~20	Rural
Uttar Pradesh	Sitapur	100	~17	Rural
Uttar Pradesh	Moradabad	80	~20	Urban
Uttar Pradesh	Noida	55	~14	Urban
Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad	27	~7	Urban
Uttar Pradesh	Rampur	20	~4	Rural
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	11	~2	Urban
Manipur	Jiribam	13	~2	Border district
Total	**17 locations**	**5,137**	**~1,052**	

Community Reach

1. Muslim-majority areas in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and West Bengal
2. SC/ST slum settlements in Delhi
3. Christian-mission-influenced slum areas in Ghaziabad, Raipur, and Delhi
4. Maoist-affected areas in Jharkhand
5. Rural and delta regions of West Bengal
6. Church-violence-affected border areas in Manipur

Spotlight:

Reaching Jiribam, Manipur



Jiribam, located on Manipur's border with Assam, was a new and challenging area for the Gita Program. The district is remote, logistically difficult to reach, and had no previous HRW presence.

The first outreach in Jiribam was led by **Lali Gupta**, Team Coordinator at Hindu Rights Watch and a second-year BA History student. She coordinated local contact, managed travel and ground arrangements, and personally led the distribution of the first batch of Gita copies.

Thirteen copies were distributed during this initial phase. While the number was small, it marked an important beginning: the Gita Program's entry into Manipur and a sensitive border district. The program plans to build on this first contact with a larger and better-supported distribution drive in the coming year.

> *"Jiribam isn't an easy place to get to, and there was no existing contact for us there — we had to build that from nothing. Handing over the first copies to a family that evening made the whole trip worth it. It's a small start, but now we have a way in."*
>
> **— Lali Gupta**
> Team Coordinator,
> Hindu Rights Watch

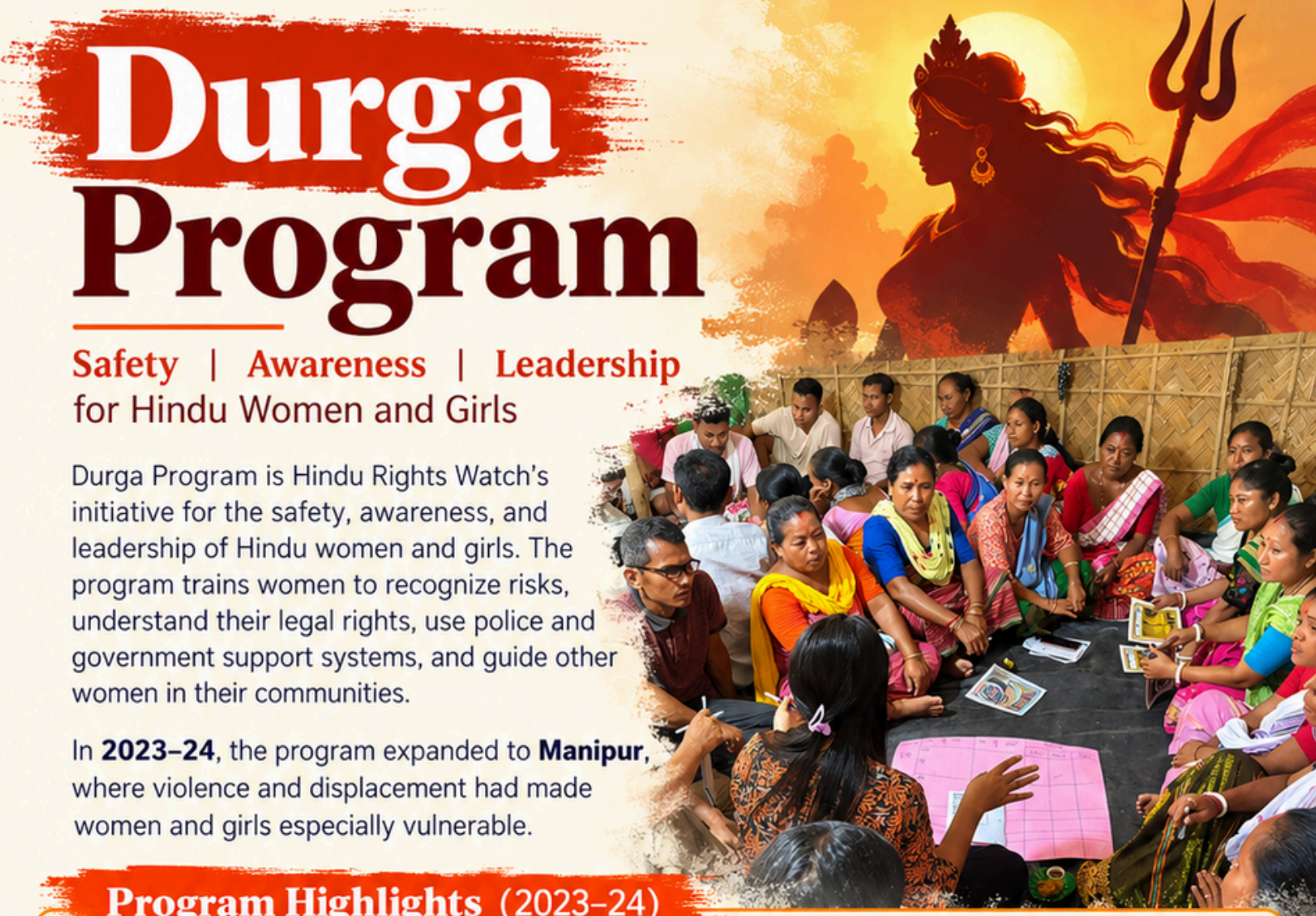






Durga Program

Safety | Awareness | Leadership
for Hindu Women and Girls



Durga Program is Hindu Rights Watch's initiative for the safety, awareness, and leadership of Hindu women and girls. The program trains women to recognize risks, understand their legal rights, use police and government support systems, and guide other women in their communities.

In **2023–24**, the program expanded to **Manipur**, where violence and displacement had made women and girls especially vulnerable.

Program Highlights (2023–24)

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States	Locations	Activities	Participant Engagements	New Locations in Manipur	Special Crisis-Focused Intervention in Manipur





Key Activities

- Safety & Risk Awareness
- Legal Rights Education
- Access to Police & Government Support
- Community Leadership Training
- Support & Peer Networks

2023-24 ACTIVITIES



State	Location	Activity	Participants	Activities
Delhi	Silampur	Predator Profile Recognition: Fake IDs on Dating/Social Apps	14	1
Delhi	Cantt Area	Police Station Protocols: Women's Desks and FIR Registration	25	1
West Bengal	24 South Parganas	Religious Manipulation Detection: Subtle Theology Introduction Tactics	16	1
Manipur	Jiribam	Police Station Protocols: Women's Desks and FIR Registration	13	1
Manipur	Jiribam	Predator Profile Recognition: Fake IDs on Dating/Social Apps	11	1
Total	**4 locations**	—	**79**	**5**

SPOTLIGHT: MANIPUR

Protecting Women in a Violence-Affected Border District

Manipur faced severe violence and displacement during this period, and women and girls were among the most vulnerable groups. In such circumstances, women became easier targets for exploitation, manipulation, and human-trafficking networks.

Hindu Rights Watch responded by working specially with the Hindu community in Manipur, particularly in Jiribam. The Durga Program conducted two focused sessions for women and girls on police-station procedures, women's desks, FIR registration, and the identification of fake profiles and online predators.

The sessions helped participants understand how to recognize risks, protect personal information, seek help through lawful channels, and support other women in their community.

The intervention was designed to build confidence and create a local network of aware women who could respond to difficult situations with greater preparation.









RISHI VALMIKI PROGRAM

Rishi Valmiki Program is Hindu Rights Watch's initiative to promote social unity, cultural values, and collective responsibility within Hindu society. The program works to reduce caste, linguistic, and regional divisions and encourages communities to come together through shared cultural and spiritual engagement.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

4	12	19	3	4
States	Locations	Activities	Maoist-Affected Areas Reached	Community Categories Engaged

2023–24 ACTIVITIES

State	Location	Activities
Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad	1
Uttar Pradesh	Sitapur	1
Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	1
Jharkhand	Koderma	1
Jharkhand	Ramgarh	6
Delhi	Silampur	1
Delhi	Vijay Vihar	1
Delhi	Cantt Area	1
Delhi	Motibagh	1
West Bengal	24 South Parganas	1
West Bengal	Kolkata	2
West Bengal	Malda	2
Total	**12 locations**	**19 activities**









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