# 10 India



# Violence 91% Pressure 81% Score 83/100

Source Of Persecution General Population Christian Population Main Religion Region Government Leader Religious Nationalism 1.34 Billion 65 Million Hindu Asia Federal Republic Prime Minister Narendra Modi

## **Our Work**

Through local partners, we strengthen the church and provide emergency relief to persecuted believers. We also deliver Bibles, train in job skills and help adults learn to read and write.

### **About**

The leader of a radical Hindu group in India has declared that by the end of 2021, they want to remove Christianity from India. Churches are regularly monitored and disrupted. Police officers rarely intervene when Christians are persecuted.

Some groups are working towards Hindutva, a process to make Indian rule exclusively Hindu and in some areas it's illegal to convert to Christianity. Those who do convert are often attacked or even killed. Sharing the gospel has dangerous consequences, yet God is strengthening His Church and many believers want to share Christ.

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# Story



"Don't be afraid when persecution comes to you. It's part of the Christian life. It's a privilege to be persecuted."

- Bahia\* from India.

When Bahia (22) and her mother came to faith, their community became aggressive. Bahia and other Christians refused to deny Jesus, and were violently thrown out of the village. Bahia went to Bible school to strengthen her faith so that one day she can return to her village with the gospel.

### Pray



"Keep praying for us, we need more strength. We know we are being monitored and our lives are constantly under threat. But we want to continue with our ministry..."

- Pastor's wife from India.

Pray for families of pastors to stay Christ-centred and stand firm in persecution. Pray for Christians who are sharing the gospel in areas where conversion is illegal.