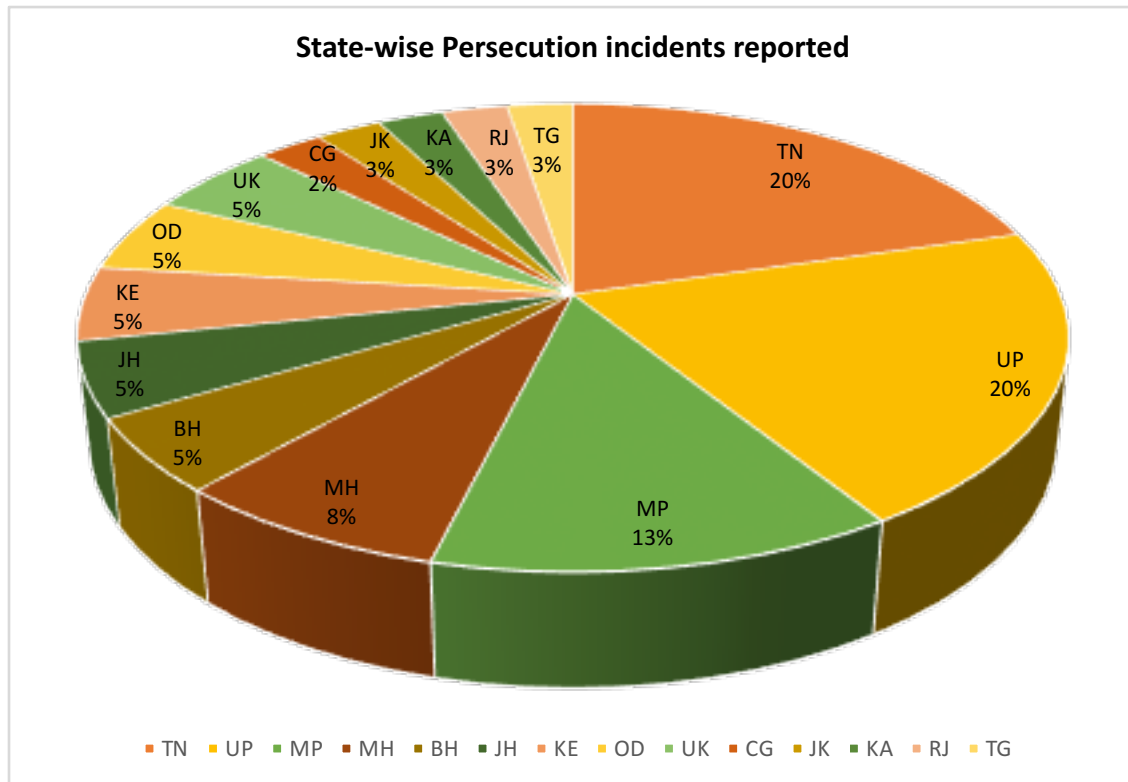


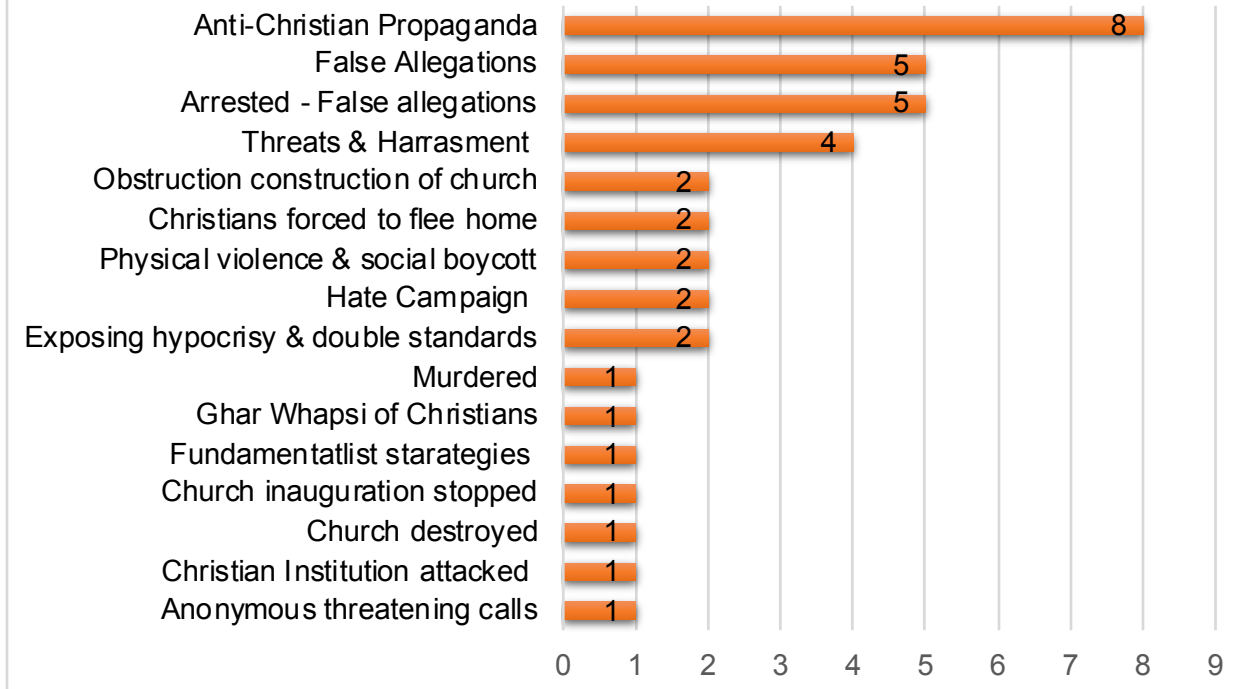


PERSECUTION RELIEF

CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION MONITOR – JANUARY 2018



TYPES OF PERSECUTION



Media covering stories related to Christian Persecution

Description	Count
Fundamentalist strategies	11
Anti-Christian Propaganda	7
Discrimination against minorities	4
Christian Institution attacked	3
Exposing hypocrisy & double standards	3
Hate Campaign	3
Public condemnation by civil society/Govt.	3
Pro-Secularism & Freedom of religion	2
International Press Public condemnation	2
Arrested - False Allegation	1
Dereliction of duty by authorities	1
Govt. support minority	1
Threats & intimidation	1
Unbiased media coverage	1
Int'l press highlighting growing intolerance	1
Physical violence for objecting to Ghar Wapsi	1
Unbiased media coverage	1
Total	45

Summary:

- Pastor Gideon Periyaswamy was allegedly murdered in Chennai and found hanging in his house
- Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh continue to dominate the states with highest numbers of persecution incidents
- According to media reports and interviews, the ruling party continues to make and amend various constitutional provisions, in its attempt to create a "Hindu Rashtra" (nation)
- 39 incidents of persecution and 45 media stories covering Christian persecution related articles were recorded in Jan 2018
- The plank of divisive politics of hatred and polarization continues to be played in every spectrum of society
- Consistent and strategic attacks on Christian Institutions – Colleges, Churches, Schools are on the rise