

**India**

**A Directory of  
Institutions, Publications and Eminent Individuals  
Working on Minority Rights**

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### Preface

This collection of the India related material in the directory seeks to bring together the names of national-level institutions, non-governmental organisations and scholars working in the area of minority rights in the country. On a surface view, this would seem an easy task as minority rights has emerged as a clearly defined area of academic and practical work in many parts of the world. However, in the Indian context, any attempt to prepare a compendium of institutions, organisations and scholars working on minority rights issues comes up with several difficulties.

First, the term minority is problematic in the Indian context. At one level, it refers to many marginalised and disadvantaged groups and communities which share three characteristics, namely, they are numerically small, are concentrated at the bottom of the economic scale in occupational terms, and are stigmatised. From this perspective, even the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are sometimes characterised as a minority.

Second, there is confusion whether the so-called minority groups should be identified at the level of a state or at an all-India level, and the term minority is used variously to denote groups which are in a numerical minority at the state level or in a particular district and which are numerically in a minority at the all-India level. Thus, while on the one hand communities such as the Kashmiri Brahmins in Jammu and Kashmir or Hindus in Murshidabad in West Bengal and in Malliapuram in Kerala (where Muslims enjoy a clear majority) are spoken of as a minority, on the other hand the term is reserved for communities which are clearly in a numerical minority at the all-India level. Thus, the Parsis, Sikhs, Christians and Muslims are spoken of as minorities because their numerical representation in the overall national population is small. Even here there is no uniformity of nomenclature. For example, Jains, whose representation in the population is miniscule as compared to some of the groups, which are generally seen as constituting minority communities, are not characterised as minority groups.

Third, while the basic law speaks of cultural and linguistic minorities in broad and general terms, it does not specify the groups, which are to be treated as such. One of the consequences of this constitutional silence is that the identification of groups and communities as minorities has been left to the administrative prerogative, at times to court verdicts. Thus, certain denominational orders flowing from the Hindu religious tradition have now been considered as minority groups. The Presidential Executive Order, which constitutes the basis for identification of minority groups in India, has notified five such communities as minority groups. Further, this identification applies at the all-India level. Thus, irrespective of its proportionate share in the population of a particular district of state, these five communities are treated as minority groups in India.

This significant fact has had a direct consequence in the preparation of this directory. One early decision that had to be made was, whether one should go along the commonplace usage of the term "minority" and include all those institutions and organisations that are working for those groups. Or, should one limit the compilation to those groups, which are officially recognised as minority communities? After considerable reflection, it was thought fit to define the scope of this directory in a way so that it can cover those institutions and organisations, which are specifically concerned with the rights of the groups, which are characterised as minority communities. Accordingly, included in this directory are those institutions, organisations and scholars, which are specifically concerned with Parsis, Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, and Buddhists. Plus, we have included many institutions working for dalits and indigenous communities – the Constitution does not define them as minorities, but in terms of powerlessness, there is hardly any difference.

The last major difficulty that in the preparation of this directory came up right in the beginning is the fact, that while there are many institutions, organisations and scholars working in the area of minority rights, concentrating specifically on the rights of the minority groups, there are many other organisations, which in times of crisis or specific issues of attacks on minority communities, expand their

area of activities and take part in social and political activism on the issue of minority rights. We have tried to include some of these groups as well.

But this is such a vast country with so many types of organisations working in myriad ways in defence of minority groups, dalits, and indigenous communities, that preparing one "national" directory of everything looks justifiably an absurd task. The only justification in this enterprise may be the reason that it should lead to more variegated directories on this theme.

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## Government Statutory Organisations

### **NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES**

Lok Nayak Bhawan  
Khan Market  
New Delhi 110003  
Phone: 91 – 11 - 2460-1752  
Fax: 91 – 11 - 2149-3302  
E-Mail: dsgr@ncm.delhi.nic.in  
Website: www.mcm.nic.in

The National Commission for Minorities was set up by the Government of India under a resolution of the Ministry of Home Affairs during 1978 and became the statutory organisation after enactment of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. The Commission holds daily meetings where happenings in the entire country are reviewed, takes action on reports from individuals and groups on common interests of minorities and takes cognisance of reports appearing in various newspaper or periodicals. It also advises the Government of India, to which it makes an annual report, on any matters that the Government of India might refer to it. The functioning of the Commission has come in for sharp criticism and it has been often alleged that it is a body without teeth.

### **ANDHRA PRADESH MINORITIES COMMISSION**

Room No. 269, H. Block,  
Secretariat Building  
Hyderabad 500022

### **BIHAR STATE MINORITIES COMMISSION**

Barrack No. 7, Old Secretariat  
Patna 300015

### **CHATTISGARH MINORITIES COMMISSION**

C-186, Shailendra Nagar  
Raipur 492001

### **DELHI STATE MINORITIES COMMISSION**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 'C' Block  
Vikas Bhavan  
New Delhi

### **KARNATAKA MINORITIES COMMISSION**

5<sup>th</sup>. Floor Vishveshwariah Tower (M)  
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Vediti  
Bangalore 560001  
(State Minorities Commission Act, 1994.)

### **MADHYA PRADESH MINORITIES COMMISSION**

E-Block, Old Secretariat  
Bhopal 462001  
Phone: 91 - 755-2540989 / 2737361  
Fax: 91 - 755-2737362  
E-mail: minoritiescommission@rediffmail.com  
Website: www.mpsmc.com  
(Established under the State Minorities Commission Act, 1996.)

### **MAHARASHTRA STATE MINORITIES COMMISSION**

14, Pathan Manzil  
Balamiya Lane  
Mumbai 400016  
(Established under the State Minorities Commission Act, 1992.)

**RAJASTHAN STATE MINORITIES COMMISSION**

321, S.O.S. Building,  
Secretariat  
Jaipur 302001  
(Established under the State Minorities Commission Act, 1993.)

**TAMILNADU STATE MINORITIES COMMISSION**

124, Sir Theagaraya Road  
Alayamman Koil Shipping Complex  
Teynampet  
Chennai 600018  
(Established under the State Minorities Commission Act, 1989.)

**UTTAR PRADESH MINORITIES COMMISSION**

601 Indira Bhavan  
Lucknow 226001  
(Established under the State Minorities Commission Act, 1994.)

**WEST BENGAL MINORITIES COMMISSION**

Bhawani Bhawan, (2<sup>nd</sup>. Floor West)  
Alipur  
Kolkata 700027  
(Established under the State Minorities Commission Act, 1996.)

Note: Far back in 1960, a one-man Minorities Commission was set up in Uttar Pradesh. It was reconstituted as a multi-member body in 1974. It was given statutory status twenty years later by an Ordinance—subsequently replaced with the UP Commission for Minorities Act, 1994. State Minority Commissions were subsequently established in Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka respectively, in 1971, 1979 and 1983. These were given statutory status, respectively, in 1991, 1994 and 1998. West Bengal set up a State Minorities Commission in 1994 and gave it statutory status in 1996. During the same year the Minorities Commission of Madhya Pradesh also became a statutory body. There are, thus, statutory Minority Commissions at present in six states. The functions and powers of the State Minority Commissions are similar to those of the National Commission for Minorities, except that their jurisdiction is limited to the state level.

**ANDHRA PRADESH MINORITIES DEPARTMENT**

Government of Andhra Pradesh  
Hyderabad  
(Established in 1993. under GO)

**ASSAM MINORITIES DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

RGB Road  
New Ganshgudi  
Dispur  
Guwahati 781006  
(Established under Societies Registration Act, 1860.)

**GUJARAT MINORITIES BOARD**

(Established under Societies Registration Act, 1881)

**GUJARAT STATE MINORITIES FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.**

Block No. 11  
Old Sachivalaya  
Dr. Jiva Raj Mehta Bhavan  
Gandhinagar 382010

**MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

Government of Uttar Pradesh  
Lucknow  
(Established in 1995 under GO)

**MINORITIES DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

Government of West Bengal  
Kolkata.

Note: Several States Governments have set up Minority Departments to look after the minorities and their interests. Generally, these departments are under the charge of a minister of the State Government and preparation and implementation of schemes for the amelioration of the minority groups is entrusted to them. Occasionally, these departments also compile relevant statistics relating to the minority communities.

## **Other Government Institutions on related issues**

### **ADIVASI RESEARCH & EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE**

28 Queen's Garden, Pune 411001

(A Government organization for research on adivasis in western India)

### **AGRO-ECONOMICS RESEARCH CENTRE FOR NORTH EAST INDIA**

Established as an autonomous research institute under the auspices of the Ministry of Food Agriculture, Government of India, in 1960 and was transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture Government of Assam in 1964. It is now a part of the Assam Agricultural University in Jorhat. It has only two permanent staff, a director and a Deputy Director. It has 10 Researchers on project basis of whom four are women. It has carried out a large number of small projects in Agricultural Economics. Government Agencies funded these studies.

### **THE ASSAM INSTITUTE OR RESEARCH FOR TRIBES AND SCHEDULED CASTES**

Jawaharnagar

Guwahati-781 022,

This institute was established in 1963 in the composite state of Assam. With the creation of Meghalaya and Mizoram the institute got divided. It became a directorate in 1976 but was converted in to an institute in 1990. It has been carrying out research, evaluation and training programmes. It has so far done fifty-eight research studies on socio-economic conditions, demographic situations and evaluation of implementation of government schemes. It has a library of 5000 titles. It has a video library with 8 documentary films on tribal cultural life. There is also a small museum of artefacts of some tribal communities of the state.

### **THE TRIBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

Government of Tripura

This institute has a number of publications. It has published 76 books mostly relating to the various indigenous tribal people of the state. This Institute also has a library with a collection relating to tribal studies. It also publishes a quarterly research journal on tribal life and culture named as "*TUI*". The research carried out by this department relates to the tribal- life, culture, religion, economy etc. The publications are in English and Bengali.

### **NATIONAL UNION OF BACKWARD CLASSES, SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULE TRIBES & MINORITIES**

A-6/3, Vasant Vihar

New Delhi - 110057

Ph-No- 91-11-22674864

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF URDU LANGUAGE**

Mohd. Hamidullah Bhat

Ministry of Human Resource

Development, Department of Secretary and Higher Education,

Government of India, West Block 1, R. K. Puram,

New Delhi-110066

Ph-No - 91-11-26103938/ 26103381/ 26179657/ Fax-26108159

Email- urducoun@ndf.vsnl.net.in

## OTHER NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

### **Aanchal Helpline**

Tardeo A/C Market Building Cooperative Society Limited  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room No. 28  
Tardeo, Mumbai 400024  
Phone : 24968686 / 24968687

### **Aasra**

Group for gay and bisexual men  
GPO Box 68, Patna, Bihar - 800 001  
Email: [aasra@dte.vsnl.net.in](mailto:aasra@dte.vsnl.net.in)

### **ABDUL BARI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY**

Vill.: Kedartala  
P.O. : Nischintapur  
P.S.: Harihar Para  
Dist.: Murshidabad  
Pin: 742165  
Phone: 91-3482-233303  
Chief Functionary: Md. Ubaidullah  
Year of Establishment: 2001

This is a rural educational society for the Muslims. It gives Islamic education to Muslim children. It controls a number of Madrasas.

### **AFFUS WOMEN WELFARE ASSOCIATION (AWWA)**

Address: 10-303, Gulzarpet, Anantapur-515004  
Andhra Pradesh,  
India  
Phone: 91-8554-226225  
Contact Person: Mrs. Khan  
Year of Establishment: 1999

It is an income generation NGO. It works with women from disadvantaged communities such as minorities. It works with an aim to improve the social, economic and mental condition of the women at grass root level. They are conducting consumer Awareness Camps, Pulse-Polio Programme, Women and Child Welfare Programmes, AIDS Awareness Camps and many such activities for women and children from disadvantaged communities.

### **AGA KHAN FOUNDATION**

Sarojini House, 2nd Floor  
6, Bhagwan Dass Road  
New Delhi - 110001  
Ph-No- 91-11-23782173/23782157/23782174  
Email- [akfind@nda.vsnl.net.in](mailto:akfind@nda.vsnl.net.in)

The Aga Khan Foundation is an international group of nonprofit development agencies. The Foundation was established in 1967 by His Highness the Aga Khan, 49th Imam of the Ismaili Muslims. Its 12 offices, coordinated from Geneva, work to seek effective solutions to key development problems through intellectual and financial partnerships with organisations sharing the Foundation's commitment and objectives. Most Foundation grants are made to grass-roots organisations testing innovative approaches in the field. The Aga Khan Foundation (India) has concentrated its rural development and education projects into cohesive programmes of significant scale. It works in four states, primarily in central and western India. The Community Management of Natural Resources programme, implemented by the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) and the Sadguru Water and Development Foundation, was evaluated by the European Commission and granted further support through 2001. A programme for

Management of Environmental Resources by Communities got under way, funding the Development Support Centre in Ahmedabad, initiating a research programme to meet the needs of partner agencies engaged in policy advocacy and supporting several small NGOs serving community organisations

**AIDS Bhedbhav Virodhi Andolan,**

Post Box 5308, New Delhi 110 053, India.

Community work in issues of education, health, law, women, gay men and lesbians, professional blood donors, and drug abusers.

**AL-AMEEN MISSION**

41/c Jannagar Road

(Shaira Manzil)

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Kolkata : 700 017

West Bengal

Ph: 91-33-2281051

e-mail: alameen\_mission@rediffmail.com

Chief Functionaries: A.S.R. Karim and M. Nurul Islam

Year of Establishment: 1980

Branch:

Vill. Khalatpur

P.O.: Dihibhursut

P.O. Udaynayanpur

Dist.: Howrah

Pin: 712408

Ph: 03214 –257235

This is a large educational organization in West Bengal. It imparts education among the Islamic minority community. It has many madrasas under it. Education imparted in institutions under this organization is based on Islamic tenets. It also does a number of charitable works for the Muslim community.

**AL-HERA MISSION**

Vill.: Parijat

P.O. & P.S. Uluberia

Dist: Howrah

Pin: 711315

W.B.

Phone: 91-33-26613196

Chief Functionaries: Md. Nazibul Haque Mallick and Maulana Md. Atiar Rahman

Year of Establishment: 1999

This is a religious NGO that provides education to minority communities. It works with poor and under privileged Muslims in rural areas. It also works on income generation and development.

**ALL INDIA COORDINATING FORUM OF THE ADIVASI/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (AICAIP)**

B – 5/136, (First Floor)

Safdarjang Enclave

New Delhi -- 110 029

Tel: 91-11-26195534/35

Fax: 91-11-26195536

Chief Functionary: E Deenadayalan

E-mail: deenam@vsnl.net

AICAIP was established as a forum for Adivasi/indigenous people's movements all over India. Its objective is to strengthen the process of building solidarity and alliances amongst struggle oriented indigenous people's organizations. AICAIP aims to identify shared issues and problems, to generate debate on these issues and to provide support to help deal with them. One of the five working groups

AICAIP has established is focused on Adivasi Women Issues. Neither AICAIP nor any of the organizations it represents concentrates specifically on the dissemination of information. There is also no other Indian indigenous people's organization with this focus. However, exchanging and providing information is part of AICAIP's work.

**ALL INDIA MAJLIS TAMEER-E-MILLAT**

Madina Mansion  
Narayanguda  
Hyderabad 500 029  
Andhra Pradesh  
Tel: 91-40-4755230  
Fax: 4760462  
E-mail: tameerm@hotmail.com

Chief Functionary: Mohammed Abdul Raheem Qureshi.  
Year of Establishment: 1957

It is a socio-religious organization of the Muslims working for their social, educational and cultural uplift, for physical protection and preservation of their identity. It offers Muslim children education based on Islam. It has educational institutions throughout the state of Andhra Pradesh. It helped to create institutions for the education of Muslim girls as well. It exhorted the Muslims to try to the extent possible, to educate their children in schools, colleges, universities, technical and professional institutions. It has a scheme of providing the deserving with scholarships for higher education. It organizes state wide programmes on auspicious days such as Prophet's Day. It also works in partnership with organizations such as All India Muslim Personal Law Board.

**ALL INDIA MILLI COUNCIL**

16/32 Joga Bai, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi 110025  
Telephone Nos: 91-11-2682-0891  
Fax Nos: 91-11-2684-1846  
Email ID: aimcA@nda.vsnl.net.in  
Year of Establishment: 1992

Chief Functionaries: Qazi Mujahidul Islam Qasmi, Parvez Ahmed Azmi and Maulana Asararul Haq Hazmi.  
Branch Office:  
19, Darga Road  
Kolkata  
Convenor: A Hasan Imam

The aims of this organization are: To forge unity among Muslims on the basis of Kalima-e-Tayyebah and to endeavour that Muslims are able to discharge their obligations as Khair-e-Ummah in this country. To adopt suitable strategies for the protection of the honour, lives and properties of Indian Muslims. To endeavour for the protection of religious, social and cultural identity of Muslims and to cooperate with and coordinate the efforts carried on from any quarter in this regard. To mobilise public opinion against the growing trends of fascism, communal hatred and violence, to promote strengthen goodwill and fraternal relations among all the communities and restore the atmosphere of mutual trust among them and to try to protect the honour, lives, property and culture of Indians, specially the minorities and all oppressed classes. To restore courage and confidence among Muslims and to make them aware that they are not second class citizens in this country but are equal sharers, constitutionally, in its governance, to play their due roll in the task of bringing peace, progress and prosperity to the country and in establishing an order ensuring social justice for all. To make plans for the overall progress of Muslims and for their educational, economic and social uplift, to endeavour to establish Maktabas for providing religious education, schools and colleges for contemporary sciences, institutions offering professional, technical and industrial courses to enable Muslims to make progress in these fields and to cooperate with and coordinate the efforts of other organisations working for these or similar objectives and lend due support to such organisations.

**ALL INDIA UNITED MUSLIM MORCHA**

7-A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Jogabai  
Jamianagar  
New Delhi 110025  
Phone: 91-11-2693-5212

**ALL INDIA MUSLIM PERSONAL LAW BOARD**

Abbreviated Name: AIMPLB  
76 A/1, Main Market, Okhla, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi 110025  
Telephone Nos: 91-11-2632-2991  
Year of Establishment: 1972  
Secretary: Mr. Waqaruddin  
It adjudicates cases on the basis of Islamic Personal Law.

**ALL INDIA UNITED CHRISTIAN VOICE**

Address: 101 MBC,  
134 Infatry Rd,  
Bangalore-560001  
Tel: 91-80-2286 8800;  
Fax – 22861965  
President: Mr FTR Colaso, IPS retd, Ex DGP of Kaarnataka and J&K  
Hon. Secretary: B G Koshy

This is an NGO based in Bangalore working for the protection of minority rights - specifically for the Christian community.

**ALL INDIA DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (AIDWA)**

121, Vithalbai Patel House  
Rafi Marg  
New Delhi 110001  
India  
Email: aidwa@ndb.vsnl.net.in

The All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) is a mass women's organisation with a current membership of approximately six million women across India belonging to all walks of life. Almost two thirds of AIDWA's membership is in the rural areas of India. AIDWA's activities include helping women organise self-help groups and co-operatives towards economic independence; fighting for working women's rights along with trade unions and peasant and agricultural workers' organisations; and fighting against the negative impact of globalisation and liberalisation. AIDWA runs about 125 'Women's Justice' counselling and solidarity centres for women in distress. It has been actively combating violence committed against women in the name of culture and tradition, including so-called 'honour killings'. AIDWA has also organised campaigns against religious fundamentalism and for women's unity. Brinda Karat is the General Secretary of AIDWA.

**Alternative Law Forum (ALF)**

Provides legal services for various marginalized groups including queer people.  
122/4, Infantry Road, (Opp. Infantry Wedding House)  
Bangalore 560 001  
Tel: 91-80-2286 5757  
Email: [alforum@vsnl.net](mailto:alforum@vsnl.net)  
Website [www.altlawforum.org](http://www.altlawforum.org)

**ANDHRIA MINORITY EDUCATIONAL WELFARE SOCIETY**

Vill. & P.O.: Andharia  
P.S.  
Dist.: Uttardinajpur  
Pin: 733291  
W.B  
Chief Functionary: Sk. Lal Muhammad

Year of Establishment: 1997

This is a well-known institute of North Bengal. It provides education for Muslim minorities. It also conducts cultural programmes. The organization works for the preservation of cultural identities of Muslims.

**ANGLO ARABIC ISLAMIC INSTITUTE (An Ideal Education Centre)**

Vill. : Petua

P.O.: Subhasgram

P.S. : Baruipur

Dist: South 24 Pgs

Pin: 743362

Phone: 91-33-24277392

Chief Functionaries: Alhaj Mujibur Rahaman and M.A. Rahim

Year of Establishment: 2002

The organization is based on Islamic ideals. However, education and instructions provided in this institution is on the basis of modern scientific studies. This is an organization for Muslim minority community. It believes that science is the road to development.

**Anjuman Taraqi-e-Urdu (Hind)**

Rajasthan, 2521, Baitul Fazal

Agra Road, Jaipur-302003

Ph-No-91-141-40588

**ANVESHİ RESEARCH CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES**

B-1, Jamia Osmania Road,

Osmania University Campus,

Hyderabad 500 007

Founded on 15.1.85 Anveshi Research Centre for Women's Studies consists of a group of women from different institutions and disciplines who share a background of activism in the women's movement, and seek to extent that commitment into feminist research. Anveshi, based in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, was registered as a society in 1985. Anveshi hopes to provide a support structure and an atmosphere conducive to a creative interaction between scholarship and activism. The objectives of the organisation are: to promote research into the conditions and status of women in the Indian society, to examine curricula at the school and college level with a view to minimise class, caste and gender biases that exclude full participation of all sections of the society and to prepare alternative teaching/learning materials to influence policy and measures, especially with reference to women's health and education and to continue the ongoing efforts to recover women's history, literature and art. The various activities include organising a number of seminars, conferences and workshops, undertaking research projects and material production and raising public debate on critical issues that has an impact on public policy

**ARASAN**

129-D Annasalai, Kalakad,

Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, 627 501

India

Contact Person: Mrs. VIJAYA

Phone: 91-4635-60495

This organisation was started in 1988 to cater to the needs of the poorest of the poor in the remote pockets of Kalakad region in the southern most area of India. The mission statement of the Organisation is to meet the needs of the suffering mass particularly of the dalit groups and the children and women who otherwise have no source of livelihood.

**Arawanis Social Welfare Society**

A hijra group

Email: [arawanis@rediffmail.com](mailto:arawanis@rediffmail.com)

### **ASIA-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORK**

B-6/6, Safdarjung Enclave Extension  
New Delhi 110 029  
Phone: 91-11-2619 2717/ 2619 2706/ 2619 1120  
E-mail: hrdc\_online@hotmail.com  
Website: <http://www.hrdc.net/sahrhc/>  
Name of Regular Publication: Human Rights Features

The South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre (SAHRDC) is a network of individuals across the region. It seeks to investigate, document and disseminate information about human rights treaties and conventions, human rights education, refugees, media freedom, minority rights, prison reforms, political imprisonment, torture, summary executions, disappearances and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. SAHRDC has Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The office of SAHRDC is based in New Delhi. It is a small office with little resources. There are seven people working regularly besides a hard core of a dozen volunteers. The core volunteers help on specific issues (i.e., lawyers, medical practitioners, journalists, computer programmers and other resource persons). Besides Indian volunteers, there is an internship programme, which attracts students and scholars from universities in India and abroad.

### **AVE MARIA**

9, Rice Shop Street,  
Satankulam,  
Tamilnadu, 628 704  
India  
Phone: 91-4639-2266257  
Fax: 91-4639-2266703  
Contact Person: Mr. S. Peter Raj

The organization's name is Association Of Veteran Employees Of Minority Academic Recognized Institutions Of All Kind. In abbreviation it is called AVE MARIA. Its mission is to empower the teachers and other employees working in the recognized minority schools in Tamilnadu, South India. The organization aims to: represent their grievances to the Government and Department, advise the management, preserve the rights of the teachers working in the above schools, fight against the atrocities and illegalities of the minority management and thereby safeguarding the rights of the teachers. Increase awareness of the teachers and students. Provide educational guidance to the students.

### **BAHA'I VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RURAL WOMEN**

C/O Bahá'í House  
6, Canning Road  
New Delhi 110 001  
India  
E-Mail: [nsaindia@bahaindia.org](mailto:nsaindia@bahaindia.org)

The Bahá'í Vocational Institute for Rural Women was established in 1985 for the upliftment of rural and tribal women living in small communities in the districts around Indore. During the first few years of operation, it focused primarily on developing income-generating skills like producing small mats, incense-sticks, dry leaf cups, candles, chalk-sticks and handloom weaving. The programmes of the Institute are run in an area with a radius of 200 kilometres from the campus, which is located on a six acre plot on the outskirts of Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

### **BELGACHIA AMAN COMMITTEE**

83A, Belgachia Road  
Kolkata - 700 037

This is a Muslim NGO that works on issues of human rights and peace. It has a number of community development programme. It also organizes programmes on inter-community amity and friendship.

**Bharosa**

Sexual Health agency for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)  
216/6/5 Peerpur House, 8 Tilak Marg, Lucknow - 226 001  
Email: [bharosatrust@usa.net](mailto:bharosatrust@usa.net)  
Fax: 0522 - 205267  
Email: [bharosatrust@yahoo.co.in](mailto:bharosatrust@yahoo.co.in)

**BHIL SEVA MANDAL**

Chakaliya Road, Dahod, Panchmahal,  
Dahod-389151, Gujarat  
Mr. Bhau Sinh Bhai Baria, Secretary  
Phone : 91-2673-230670

The organization is largely for the welfare of the Bhil tribe in eastern Gujarat.

**BIHAR DALIT VIKAS SAMITI,**

Tel : 91-612-2580522, 98350-38181, 98350-37685  
Administrative Office: Bailey Road, Rukunpura Patna – 800014  
Email - [bdvspat@dte.vsnl.net.in](mailto:bdvspat@dte.vsnl.net.in)  
Branch Office: 10, Institutional Area,  
Lodi Road,  
New Delhi-110003

Bihar Dalit Vikas Samiti, Patna, started with 11 Scheduled Caste Volunteers, by Father Dr Jose Kanaikil sj, in 1982, after an incident of rape and atrocities on the Scheduled Castes at Barh in Bihar - unreported and unrecorded initially by the local Police - today has grown up to a membership of 100,000 families in 12 Districts of united Bihar. Organised into 14 independent Centers, it had a Central Office at Barh, and functioned from a rented building. It now has on role a large number of SCs, OBCs, and also a few caste Hindu sympathisers. May be there are some STs also. There are a large number of active SC Women activists and Members. Their aim is to establish an educated justice seeking Dalit society.

**BISWANABI ACCADEMIC & WELFARE TRUST**

Vill.: Aminpur Bazar  
P.O.: Sondalia  
P.S. Barasat  
Dist. North 24 Pgs  
1998

The organization works for the education of minority communities particularly the Muslim community. It also under takes many social and developmental programmes for the betterment of the situation of Muslims in North 24 Parganas.

**Bombay Dost**

105 A, Veena Beena Shopping Centre Opposite Bandra Station  
Bandra (W)  
Bombay 400 050  
[www.bombaydost.com](http://www.bombaydost.com)

**BORO WOMEN'S JUSTICE FORUM**

Partners: Boro National Peace and Coordination Committee  
Nalbari District  
Assam  
Year of Establishment: 1993  
Chief Functionary: Anjali Daimary

This is a human rights organization for Bodo women. They organize public meetings for the cause of the Boro people. They support the formation of the Bodoland Autonomous Council. They interest

themselves about the land question of the Bodo people. They work in partnership with groups such as All Boro Student's Union.

**BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION**

13, Maltri Sarani, Rabindra Nagar  
Dum Dum Cant  
Kolkata - 700 065  
West Bengal

This is an NGO that is organized by and works for the Buddhist community. It imparts education on Buddhism. It is also a place where Buddhists congregate. It is also involved a number of community development projects.

**Campaign for Lesbian Rights (CALERI)**

An activist collective working for lesbian and bisexual women's rights  
Email: [caleri@hotmail.com](mailto:caleri@hotmail.com)

**CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF DEVELOPING SOCIETIES (CSDS)**

29 Rajpur Road  
Delhi 110 054  
Year of Establishment: 1963

The Centre for the Study of Developing Societies was founded in 1963 by a small group of scholars to create a capacity for theoretical and empirical research in social and political processes, and to understand their implications for human choices and democratic initiatives. The Centre's current research programme has four main focuses: democratic politics and its future; politics of culture, including the new technologies of culture and communication; politics of alternatives and human futures; violence, ethnicity including the situation of ethnic minorities and diversity.

**CREATIVE ACTION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT, PEDAKAKANI**

Pragathi Nagar, Pedakakani (post),  
Guntur (dist), Andhra Pradesh, 522509  
India  
Contact Person: Nageswara Rao, Director.  
Phone: 91 0863 556003

The mission of this organization is to promote economic empowerment and sustainable development of poor dalit, cobbler and leather workers families by collecting funds from donor's agencies and persons.

**CHANDAN NAGAR MILAN SANGHA**

Vill. & P.O. Chandan Nagar  
P.S.: Maheshtala  
Dist.: South 24 Pgs  
Kolkata : 700 141  
W.B.  
Phone: 91-33-24907389  
Year of Establishment: 1985

Chief Functionaries: Shakhawatullah and Sk Amanullah (Bappi)

Sangha's aim is to help the poor people from the minority communities. This is a social NGO that works for inter-community friendship. It also organizes cultural programmes so that members of different groups can come together.

**CHANDAN NAGAR USEFUL ATHELETIC CLUB**

Vill. & P.O. Maheshtala  
P.S. : Maheshtala

Dist.: South 24 Pgs  
Kolkata : 700 0141  
1980  
Secretary: Giasuddin Molla  
President: Yusuf Molla

The organization encourages minority groups to participate in different sporting events. It has its own teams and trains young people in athletics and other sports. The organization works towards the improvement of health of minority children and youth through sports.

**CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FOR MEDICAL MISSION AND PEOPLES DEVELOPMENT (CAMP)**

2nd Lane, Santhi Nagar,  
Ponnur, Guntur (Dist)  
Andhra Pradesh, 522124  
India  
Contact Person: Sri. K.Lazarus, Director  
Phone: 91-8643-243360

CAMP is deeply involved for empowerment of poor dalit families by trying to provide social and economic empowerment. Their main goal is to protect and save the social rights of dalit community increase their self reliance and skill development.

**CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

25 Bhair Vir Singh Marg  
Gole Market  
110 001 New Delhi  
India  
Tel: +91-11-2334 5530/2336 5541  
Fax: +91-11-2334 6044  
E-mail: cwdslib@alpha.nic.in or cwds@sscwds.ren.nic.in

CWDS is a research centre comprised of a group of professionals working for the realization of women's equality and development in all spheres of life. The centre maintains a specialized library with a collection on women and development in India, open to students, research scholars, gender consultants, policy makers, journalists etc.

**CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE DALIT MEDIA IN DELHI**

Address: AD-118-B Shalimar Bagh (Ring Road),  
Delhi, New Delhi, 110 052  
India  
Contact Person: Rajeev R. Singh

This is a non-profit media organisation of the social outcastes, the untouchables and other low caste and tribal communities of India. The organisation strives to give voice to the various under- privileged sections of the people. The group considers itself part of the struggle for ensuring a just social order and dignity for those sections of society that has been denied a quality life.

**CENTER FOR HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING AND NUTRITION AWARENESS (CHETNA)**

Lilavatiben Lalbhai's Bungalow  
Civil Camp Road, Shahibaug  
380 004 Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India  
Tel: +91-79-2286 8856/2286 6695/27865636  
Fax: +91-79-2286 6513  
E-mail: chetna@adinet.ernet.in or Indu.Capoor@Warm.Net

CHETNA's mission is to contribute towards the empowerment of disadvantaged women and children including women and children from minority communities to enable them to gain control over their own,

their families' and their communities' health. Its trainings target supervisors, trainers, program managers and practitioners of NGOs and GOs. In order to provide a good flow of information, a documentation and information centre has been created. Today CHETNA's main efforts are aimed at documenting the lives of women and children in India and health issues. The collection contains a special section of training manuals, information kits and modules. Languages: English, Hindi, Gujarati.

#### **CENTRE FOR WORLD SOLIDARITY**

Address: 12-13-438, Street No.1, Tarnaka, Secunderabad - 500 017. A. P. India.  
Tel.: 91-40-7019243.  
Tel/ Fax: 91-40-7018257.  
Email cwsy@hd1.vsnl.net.in

The confinement of the CWS' direct work area is to the State of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh has clear elements of fortuitousness. Also, CWS does provide for some inevitable spillovers in the immediate neighbourhood of the above five states, and for associating itself with regional and national initiatives that advance the interests of the marginalised sections such as adivasis.

#### **CHETANALAYA**

Address: 9-10 Bhai Vir Singh Marg, New Delhi 110011  
Telephone Nos: 91-11-2374-4308/ 2334-7506  
Fax Nos: 2374-7293  
Email ID: chetna@bol.net.in  
Year of Establishment:  
Chief Functionaries: Fr. Devadhas

The group works for marginalized sections of the society including the handicapped. It undertakes educational programmes for the poor and dalits. It has awareness generation and welfare programmes.

#### **CHAMPA FOUNDATION**

Address: 25 Nizamuddin East, New Delhi 110013  
Telephone No: 91-11-2435-2359

According to participants of this foundation, the Indian government had failed to fulfill any of the promises made and wrongly continued to portray the situation in Kashmir as 'normal'. The group organises protests against repression faced by the people in Kashmir including arbitrary arrests. It interests itself about the civil liberties of the people of Kashmir.

#### **CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY.**

P.O. Box – 4651, 21 YMCA Road, Byculla, Mamba – 400 008.  
e-mail – cirsom@bol.net.in  
proud@bol.net.in

This is a Christian NGO working of social development. CISRS undertook a study on urban poverty vis-a-vis urban governance in the cities of Calcutta and Delhi. The project, sponsored-by TUGI, UNDP was to assess the views of a cross section of people on the state of urban governance and its responsiveness and concern for the poorer sections of society, especially those living in slums and squatter settlements. Extensive interviews discussions and workshop with the municipal officials, academicians, urban experts and NGOs and CBOs were conducted in Calcutta and Delhi. The Mayors of Delhi Municipal Corporation and Calcutta Municipal Corporation were also interviewed. The project was coordinated by Mr. Rabibal Mallick and Mr. Dhurjati Mukherjee.

#### **THE COMMONWEALTH HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE**

##### **Abbreviated Name: CHRI**

Address:N-8 2<sup>nd</sup>. Floor, Green Park Main, New Delhi 110016  
Telephone Nos: 91-11-2686 4678/ 2685 0523  
Fax Nos: 91-11-2686 4688  
Email ID: chrill@nda.vsnl.net.in  
Website:www.humanrightsinitiative.org

Year of Establishment: 1987  
President: Leila Seth  
Name of Regular Publication: CHRI News

CHRI's ultimate aim is to remind Commonwealth countries to adhere to the standards for good governance and human rights spelled out in the Harare Declaration and the Millbrook Commonwealth Action Programme. The Commonwealth Heads of Government signed a landmark agreement at Harare, Zimbabwe in 1991 popularly known as the Harare Declaration. The document charted a new course for the Commonwealth focusing upon the promotion of democracy and good governance, respect for human rights and the rule of law and sustainable socio-economic development. A set of practical measures were adopted under the Millbrook Commonwealth Action Programme in 1995 in order to effectively implement the guidelines laid down by the Harare Declaration. The Millbrook Action Programme laid down institutional mechanisms for advancing fundamental political values namely, democracy, human rights, the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary, promoting sustainable development and facilitating consensus building values in the Commonwealth. Its interest on minorities is reflected through its programs on democracy and human rights.

#### **Coalition for Sexual Minority Rights**

A coalition of Bangalore based human rights groups, sexuality minority groups and others working for the right of sexuality minorities. E-mail [csmr@yahoogroups.com](mailto:csmr@yahoogroups.com)

#### **COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSD)**

Sangha Rachana  
53 Lodhi Estate  
New Delhi 110 003  
Email: [csdnd@del2.vsnl.net.in](mailto:csdnd@del2.vsnl.net.in)  
Year of Establishment: 1962  
Registration: 1970

The Council for Social Development was initially conceived as a Study Group within the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi in 1962. It was registered in 1970 as a society with C.D. Deshmukh as the founding President and Durgabai Deshmukh as its Executive Chairperson and Honorary Director. The CSD was primarily visualised as a centre for the systematic study of the social dynamics of the economic growth process, with a special focus on the social aspects of development. Apart from the usual sorts of empirical and conceptual research, the Council has also been involved in evaluation work relating to development projects and programmes, as well as survey research. The main research areas at the CSD have included: sustainable development, agrarian issues, tribal rural development, education and literacy, women and child health, gerontology, technology, urban slums and poverty. The Council has 8 full time research faculty, and its 2000 Budget was of approximately Rs.1.1 crores.

#### **Counsel Club**

Support group for sexuality minorities. Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, 5-8 pm.  
C/o Ranjan, Post Bag 794, Kolkata - 700 017  
Email: [counselclub93@hotmail.com](mailto:counselclub93@hotmail.com)  
Phone : 359 8130 (C/o Integration)

#### **Creating Resources for Empowerment and Action (CREA)**

7 Mathura Road, Second Floor  
Jangpura B  
New Delhi 110014  
India  
Tel: 91 11 2437 7707  
Telefax: 91 11 2437 7708

#### **DALIT LIBERATION EDUCATION TRUST**

46 Main Butt Road  
St. Thomas Mount  
Chennai - 600016

Tamil Nadu  
Phone: 91-44-22341146 / 22331195  
Fax: 24913365  
Chief Functionary: Mr. Henry Thiagaraj

It aims to unite dalits and educate them. It also agitates against violence on the dalit community. It aims to be the voice of Indian dalit community. It fights against caste-class polarization.

#### **DALIT SOLIDARITY PEOPLES' MOVEMENT**

House no. 181, Sector1, Pocket1, Dwarka Phase-1, New Delhi – 110045.  
Phone: 91-11-25088474, 25088483  
Telefax: 25088475  
Email: dsp@id.eth.net

#### **DAWOODI BOHRA COMMUNITY**

Central Board of Dawoodi Bohra Community  
9-B Himalaya Apartment, 6th Road, Santacruz East,  
Bombay - 400055.  
Phone number : 91-22-26149668/26630085  
Publication : Bohra Chronicle  
Mr. S. Insaf (Editor)  
A/3, 1004, Goverdhan Nagar  
Mulund (W),  
Mumbai – 400080

Dawoodi Bohra Community is unique in many ways. It is an enterprising business community, which manages to progress and regress simultaneously. As a close-knit community it follows the dictates of its clergy blindly and remains fearful, but the individuals belonging to this community time and again show remarkable courage in defying the clergy. On one hand as a peace-loving community, for peaceful co-existence it even compromises its personal dignity and self respect, but on the other hand it becomes violent for no reason and indulges in murderous attacks on its own community members. The Bohra Chronicle tries to be the voice of Dawoodi Bohra Community.

#### **EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF INDIA**

National Forum for Reconciliation, Religious Liberty and Social Justice,  
Address: 805 Deepali, Nehru Place, New Delhi 110019  
Email: mail@efionline.org  
Website: [http://www.efionline.org/ennov/contact\\_us.htm](http://www.efionline.org/ennov/contact_us.htm)  
Publication: EFI News  
Purpose: Promoting Human Rights and the Freedom of Conscience

The Evangelical Fellowship of India was founded in 1951 as a national alliance of evangelical Christians. As a central network of evangelicals and a service organization it builds capacity to enable the Church to make disciples of Christ and promote participation in nation building. It's membership includes forty-seven Protestant denominations and related congregations, and eighty-eight Church related organizations and thousands of individual members. EFI says that it is the most inclusive fellowship with membership from most Protestant denominations and organizations of India. The Evangelical Fellowship of India exists to empower and mobilize the local Churches; Church related Institutions and individual Christians for effective witness for Christ. EMI aims to achieve: Promotion and strengthening of unity and unified action, renewing the Church for mission and evangelism, safeguarding, shaping and promoting the evangelical faith, ensuring that Indian Christian voice is heard nationally and internationally. The Evangelical Fellowship wants to be better recognized for encouraging partnership development and collaborative networking among Christian organisations, churches and individuals for holistic mission. From its inception in 1951, the Evangelical Fellowship sought to influence society and culture.

#### **EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF INDIA COMMISSION ON RELIEF (EFICOR)**

Parivartan Building  
Main Road, Mahipalpur

New Delhi – 110037  
Mr. C. B. Samuel, Director  
Ph No- 91-11-6784349, 678 5220  
Fax: +91-11-678 4604

**Expression**

P.O. Box 5, Bolarum, Secunderabad, 500 010, India.  
Email: [expressionhyd@hotmail.com](mailto:expressionhyd@hotmail.com)

**Friends India**

Post Box No. 59, Mahanagar  
Lucknow 226006  
Phone : 0522 – 2342478  
e-mail : [friendsindiagroup@yahoo.co.in](mailto:friendsindiagroup@yahoo.co.in)

**GayBombay**

[www.gaybombay.com](http://www.gaybombay.com)

**THE G.D CHARITABLE SOCIETY (GDCS)**

Aurangabad, Murshidabad District  
West Bengal.

GDCS is a popular name not only in the area but also in the whole district. It is managed by Alhaj Giasuddin Biswas and his two sons, Mustaque Hussain and Abul Kalam. The Pataka Beedi Manufacturing Company (Aurangabad) who floated GDCS just a few years ago is known for its benevolent and welfare activities for the cause of beedi workers and poor people at large including tribals and adivasis. GD Charitable Society has done work in the field of social welfare during last few years. Mustaque Hussain is the secretary of the society and director of Patka Beedi Company. He has given initiative for the construction of a Bhawan educational development of local boys and girls, preferably sons and daughters of beedi workers. It is necessary to add that Gengipur subdivision including Aurangabad area is a Muslim majority belt with three lakhs beedi workers living below the poverty line. The head of GDCS has built a big Mosque in the town and helped many educational and religious institutions.

**GET TOGETHER ASSOCIATION**

Akra Station Super Market  
P.O. Boga Nawapara  
P.S. Maheshtala  
Dist: 24 Pgs (S)  
Kolkata : 700 041  
2000

President: Asif Iqbal

Secretary: Zakir Ahmad-Molla

This is a social NGO for Muslim youth. It has a record of providing quality non-formal education to Muslims. Education imparted in this organization is of the basis of Islamic tenets.

**GANDHAKHULIA VIHAR**

Chata, Kakjara  
Darjeeling  
West Bengal  
Chief Funtionary: Ven Dhawandhiro Bhikkhu

This is a Buddhist educational NGO. It provides theological training. It houses a library that specializes in books on Buddhism. Apart from theological training it also provides with religious instructions to the Buddhist people in the region.

**GANDHI PEACE FOUNDATION**

221-223, Deen Dayal Upadhyama Marg, New Delhi-110002  
Ph-No: 91-11-23237491/23237493

Fax: +91-11-23236734

The Gandhi Peace Foundation, Delhi, is a premier Gandhian institution of India. Since the early seventies the Foundation has played a major role in helping conserve forests and find solutions to environmental problems. It has become a meeting ground for activities of various movements like "Chipko Andolan". The environment cell in the Foundation has worked closely with activists in Madhya Pradesh, especially in the "Mitti Bachao Andolan" (Save the Soil) which is attempting to oppose the building of big dams all over the country. Besides bringing out literature on environmental activism, the Foundation has brought out a book on traditional rainwater harvesting systems like tanks and "talaabs" which is very relevant in the face of the increasing water crisis. Since the people affected by these developments are from the marginalized communities such as dalits, tribals, minorities and the poor the foundation works with this group.

### **Good As You**

An informal support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other non-heterosexually identified people. Meets on Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 8.30 PM

Email: [goodasyoubangalore@yahoo.com](mailto:goodasyoubangalore@yahoo.com); [goodasyoubangalore@hotmail.com](mailto:goodasyoubangalore@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.geocities.com/goodasyoubangalore/](http://www.geocities.com/goodasyoubangalore/)

Tel: 223 0959

### **HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH**

Gandhi Ashram,

Kingsway Camp

Delhi – 110009

Tel: 91-11-27113641

Email: [info@harijansevksangh.org](mailto:info@harijansevksangh.org)

Website: [www.harijansevksangh.org](http://www.harijansevksangh.org)

Branch Office : Canal Road,

Jammu Tawi,

Jammu and Kashmir

The Harijan Sevak Sangh came into existence immediately after Mahatama Gandhi's Epic Fast in the Yeravada Prison, in September, 1932. The Sangh aims to eradicate untouchability from Indian society.

### **HENRY MARTYN INSTITUTE**

P.O. Box – 153,

Chirag Ali Lane

Hyderabad – 500 001.

Andhra Pradesh.

Phone: 91 – 40 – 23201134;

Fax: 91- 40 – 23203954,

Email: [hmiis@hd1.vsnl.net.in](mailto:hmiis@hd1.vsnl.net.in);

[www.hmiindia.com](http://www.hmiindia.com)

The Henry Martin Institute - International Centre for Research, Interfaith Relations and Reconciliation (hereafter HMI) - is an ecumenical Christian organisation, dedicated to the objective study and teaching of Christianity and Islam, the promotion of interfaith dialogue and reconciliation. Since its founding in 1930, HMI has established a long record of teaching and research, with an ever-widening circle of research scholars from both within the country and abroad who use the Institute's facilities for Master's, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral research. With well-qualified faculty and an excellent library and other facilities, HMI has become a major centre for research and teaching on matters related to Islamic studies. HMI publishes an academic journal and books on Christianity, Islam and other faiths, to which scholars and experts contribute from all over the world. HMI's location in Hyderabad, a city with a long history of Islamic influence, is ideally suited to its subject of specialisation. The many archives and libraries in Hyderabad contain valuable collections of manuscripts, books and journals in Arabic, Persian, Telugu, Urdu and English. They are additional resources for scholars in the field of Islamic studies and interfaith dialogue. In addition to offering its facilities for study and research to independent scholars, HMI has entered into collaborative relationships with other academic institutions to make those resources

more accessible to a larger number of people. Through that networking, HMI's resources and capabilities are put to more effective use, enabling Indian and international students to avail themselves of its areas of expertise without having to come to Hyderabad. Scholarship is just one aspect of HMI's activities. HMI's goal is to combine academic research with praxis, reflected in HMI's work of reconciliation, which has grown out of the contemporary context of inter-religious alienation and violence. HMI's emphasis is on study and action at various levels in order to reduce prejudice, resolve conflict and increase trust, co-operation and understanding between individuals and groups. In order to work towards those goals HMI conducts a variety of praxis activities, including community development work in violence-prone areas of Hyderabad's Old City, mediation interventions and training to equip people from a variety of backgrounds with skills for responding more effectively to conflicts within and between communities, individuals and groups, along with interfaith initiatives that bring together women and men at grass-root levels.

### **HOLISTIC APPROACH FOR PEOPLE'S EMPOWERMENT (HOPE)**

Plot No.14, John Paul Nagar,  
100 Feet Road,  
Mudaliarpet, Pondicherry, 605 004  
India  
Contact Person: P. Joseph Victor Raj  
Phone: 91-413-2354249

HOPE aims at development of women, youth, children and minorities; and the empowerment of marginalised people. HOPE also provides information and training support to the NGOs in Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu. HOPE designs posters in Tamil to disseminate information on marginalized groups such as women, children and minorities.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS – TAMIL NADU INITIATIVE**

36, Raikappa Street,  
Mylapore Chennai – 600 004,  
Tamil Nadu,  
India.  
Phone: 91-44-24981660  
Fax: 91-44-24994496.  
Email: [tssmani50@yahoo.com](mailto:tssmani50@yahoo.com)

Chief Functionary: T.S.S.Mani

The organization is interested in development and human rights issues. It deals with the marginalized sector composed of dalits, minorities and the poor. It concerns itself with the role of World Bank and IMF vis-à-vis people living in developing countries. It analyses issues such as unbalanced trade, patent laws, environmental degradation, brain drain, intellectual property rights etc. It campaigns for the rights of the workers.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Old No. 44/ New No. 10,  
Thomas Nagar, Little Mount,  
Saidapet, Chennai-600015  
Tel: 91-44-22343503  
Fax: 2235-5905  
E-mail: [hrf@md3.vsnl.net.in](mailto:hrf@md3.vsnl.net.in) / [hrf@web.com](mailto:hrf@web.com)  
Chief Funtionary: Ossia Fernandes

Its objective is to work for the promotion and protection of human/ child rights and for sustainable development of disadvantaged, backward and downtrodden groups, irrespective of caste, creed, race, community or religion.

### **Human Rights Law Network**

65, Masjid Road , Jungpura  
New Delhi 110014

Tel 24324501/24316922

Email [hrindel@vsnl.net](mailto:hrindel@vsnl.net)

### **Humjinsi Helpline**

C/O India Centre for Humna Rights an Law

CVOD Jain High School, 4t Floor

84, Samuel Street, Dongri

Mumbai 400009

Phone : 91-22-23704709 / Fax 91-22-23790699

e-mail : [humjinsi@hotmail.com](mailto:humjinsi@hotmail.com)

### **Humrahi**

P.O. Box 3910, Andrews Ganj, New Delhi, 110 049, India.

Meets every Saturday 7-8:30 pm at Naz, C-1/E Green Park Extension, off Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi.

"Humraz" Helpline: 685-9113 Mon & Thu 7-9pm

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/7258>.

Email: [gdelhi@hotmail.com](mailto:gdelhi@hotmail.com)

### **The Humsafar Trust**

Drop-in centre operated by Humsafar Trust for gay men and lesbians. Meets on Friday from 6 to 9 PM.

Voice Mail: 9726913

PO Box 6913, Santacruz (West), Mumbai Metro - 400 054

Email: [humsafar@vsnl.com](mailto:humsafar@vsnl.com)

Website: [www.humsafar.org](http://www.humsafar.org)

### **IDEAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Hashim Nagar

Falta 24 Pgs (S)

C/o. Islamic Educational & Welfare Trust

2/3B, R. Gobinda Saha Lane

Phone: 91-33-2247-2842

Fax: 2280 5971

Email: [iewt.cal12@vsnl.net.in](mailto:iewt.cal12@vsnl.net.in)

Chief Functionary: Nasir Ahmed

President: Justice S. Ahmed

Year of Establishment: 1995

This is an educational institution for minority community particularly the Muslim community. It specializes on technical education. It is a well-known institution from studies in modern science.

### **Indian Institute of Geographical Studies (under The Dharani Trust)**

Looks at academic studies on various issues including sexuality minorities through their Sexualities and Spaces Division.

Email: [thedharanitrustindia@yahoo.com](mailto:thedharanitrustindia@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.geocities.com/thedharanitrustindia/](http://www.geocities.com/thedharanitrustindia/)

### **INDIGENOUS INNOVATION & CAPACITY FOUNDATION (IICF)**

W / 1, Moreh, Chandel District - 795131, Manipur

Phone: 91-385-443343

Mr. Mangneo Lungdim

This is an organization that works for tribals in Manipur. It works for their income generation and capacity building.

### **INDIA CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & LAW (ICHRL)**

Address: CVOD Jain High School,

4th Floor, Pala Galli,

Dongri, Mumbai - 400 009

Telephone 91-22-23759657 / 3716690  
Fax: 23790699  
Contact Person: Deepika D' Souza  
Email: [huright@vsnl.com](mailto:huright@vsnl.com)

Work Area - Human Rights. The India Centre was started by a group of High Court Lawyers and human rights activists to be a comprehensive resource centre where documentation, education, publication, investigation and campaigns on issues related to human rights and law are the focus. The Centre looks at human rights in the widest possible way and includes the wide range of economic, social, and cultural rights. The Centre is supported by a large network of grassroots organisations in both urban and rural areas. The Centre has been started to focus on the rights of women, children, tribals, rural poor, dalits, slum and pavement dwellers, unorganised labour, prisoners, consumers and those affected by environmental degradation and retrogressive development policies.

### **INDO-ARAB ASSOCIATION**

44A, Wellesley Street  
Kolkata: 700 016  
President: Prof. M. Sabe Kkhan

It is one of the oldest Indo-Arabic Institute in West Bengal. It provides education to minority students and also works on developmental and social issues. It is one of the best known institutions to learn Arabic language and literature.

### **INSTITUTE OF OBJECTIVE STUDIES**

Address: 162 Jogabai Extension, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi 110025  
Telephone Nos: 91-11-2682 1087/ 2684 9253/ 2691 7467:  
Fax Nos: 91-11-2684 1104  
Email ID: [manzoor@ndf.vsnl.net.in](mailto:manzoor@ndf.vsnl.net.in)  
Year of Establishment: 1986  
Chief Functionaries: Dr. M. Manzoor Alam  
Name of Regular Publication: IOS Newsletter

Institute of Objective Studies (IOS) was established in the year 1986 with a view to promote empirical and conceptual research. Research is carried out on ideologies and problems relevant to Indian polity, society, economy, religion and culture. Attention has been focused on the problems of Muslims and other minority groups. The studies include the problems of development processes, community relations, social tensions, status of women etc. The Centre has provided a platform for serious intellectual endeavor in the areas of Social Sciences and Humanities, and works in the fields of conceptual and investigative research on the Qur'anic approach to human problems and the problems of Muslims in India. They are engaged in many projects that focus on the problems of Muslims and other weaker sections of Indian society.

### **INDIAN SOCIAL ACTION FORUM (INSAF)**

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INSAF is a forum of over 500 grassroots organizations including trade-unions and NGOs. INSAF emerged out of a common need expressed by a group of 45 social action groups and activists in February 1993, who resolved to form a national forum, to seek alternate paradigms for action and discourse in the face of the emerging challenges and search for shared perspective and solidarity. INSAF Forum was thus initiated to act as a focal point for purposive social action that is both critical and constructive. Such social action is aimed at ensuring the survival of the communities, including minorities, under threat, to confront the anti-communitarian forces of religious fundamentalism and the forces of globalisation and liberalisation. INSAF is a platform for mobilising public opinion against forces of globalisation, fundamentalism, and ecological destruction, suppression of human rights and erosion of cultural values.

#### **ISLAMIC SEARCH AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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Saharanpur, U.P.  
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Fax-91-132-2725556  
Chief Functionary: Dr. Mohd Aslam Khan

This is an organization that works on Islamic Research. It brings out publications on the natables among Muslims in Indian Society.

#### **INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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Year of Establishment: 1985  
Chief Functionary: Prof. U.R. Anantha Murthy  
Name of Regular Publication: ISS Newsletter  
Regional Office:  
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The Institute of Social Sciences was registered under the Societies Registration Act of India 1860 on 28 August 1985. The Institute of Social Sciences is the result of an intellectual quest to provide socially relevant and activism-oriented research, aims to study contemporary social, political and economic issues, with an inter-disciplinary perspective. The Institute makes its research findings and recommendations available to government bodies, policy makers, social scientists and workers' organizations so as to widen their options for action. Advocacy in the area of local governance is another main concern of the Institute. It monitors public policy, takes up relevant research and engages in consistent advocacy. The Institute has since its inception in 1985 sought to bring to the centre stage the issue of participatory local self-government, people centric development and democratic governance. It interests itself on issues of democratic governance and human rights and through these it interests itself on minority rights. India

#### **NEW HOPE AND NEW LIFE TRUST**

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India  
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The organization works among dalits, dalit women in particular, and children. The organization works for eradication of poverty, ignorance, illiteracy through education among dalits and also works towards their employment opportunities. Their programmes include advocacy and campaigns for human rights, children's rights, women's rights and to eradicate oppression, injustice and marginalization.

#### **INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (IIDS)**

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Web: [www.idsj.org](http://www.idsj.org)

The Institute of Development Studies (IDS) was formally established in 1980-81 at the initiative of the ICSSR as part of its plan to set up a nationwide network of social science research institutions. The Institute is a multi-disciplinary research organization. It takes cognizance of the macro environment, planning processes and strategies including their socio-economic dimensions and attempts to make timely interventions through research and dialogue. Particular attention is given to the study of processes, the impact of trickle down effects of growth, direct public interventions such as poverty and employment programs and the participatory efforts of voluntary organization with respect to the marginalized section of the society such as tribals and minorities. The Institute is specifically concerned with regional issues relating to Rajasthan. IIDS has faculty strength of 16-18 members including 3-5 visiting faculty.

### **INDIAN SOCIAL INSTITUTE**

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Chief Functionary: Dr. Jimmy Dabhi  
Website:  
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Some relevant publications of Indian Social Institute, particularly in its Legal Education Series: *Cultural and Educational Rights of the Minorities*, by P.D.Mathew, 1987 (Legal Education Series; 24); *The Law on Atrocities against Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes (prevention and punishment)*, by P.D. Mathew, 1990; (Legal Education Series; 33); *Muslim Marriage and Divorce*, by P.D. Mathew and P.M. Bakshi, 1986. (Legal Education Personal Laws; 3)

Subsidiary Organisation:

Social Action Trust  
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New Delhi 110003  
Telephone Nos: 91-11-2461-1745 / 2452-2379 / 2462-5015  
Fax Nos: 91-11-2469-0660  
Name of Regular Publication: Social Action  
Women's Link  
Ham Dalit  
Legal News and Views

People For Peace  
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ISI was conceived by the Indian Jesuit Body as well as by some social minded persons as a national resource centre for voluntary sector, NGOs, people's movements and for those engaged in similar activities and organizational work. Hence, right from its conception the Institute has been functioning as a supportive centre and space for those individuals, groups, organizations and communities who were and are seeking for alternative forms of development, people's participation and mobilization. The Institute strives to assist social activists in the conceptualisation of the present situation through constant interaction with and through a pedagogy of experience action-reflection with the people and workers at the grassroots level, support groups like intellectuals and journalists and policy makers. The Institute

continues to develop a database on the economic policy, the impact of globalization and liberalization policies and programmes, debt trap and relief, the role of global financing corporations like the IMF, World Bank and the WTO, the agrarian scene, the lives of the marginalised communities and human rights. The Institute has been making attempts to ally itself as a supportive resource centre of people's movements specially of the dalits, the tribals, women, and other backward castes and the minorities. The Institute with like minded groups and organisations tries to review, monitor, campaign, and lobby for changes in national and international policies in favour of the vulnerable communities.

**INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AWARENESS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, MADURAI**

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India.  
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This organization is in the field of HIV/AIDS preventive among the Industrial workers and Commercial workers, organizing non formal education of rural women and education of dalit children.

**INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC STUDIES AND CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SOCIETY & SECULARISM (CSSS)**

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Chief Functionary: Dr Asghar Ali Engineer  
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It works on minorities. The aim of this group is to facilitate inter-cultural dialogue on religion. It interests itself in the role of minorities in democracy and nation building. It also undertakes studies on media images of minorities and violence against minority groups.

**ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Regd. Public Trust No. B-1409 (Bom).  
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Email: [islam@irf.net](mailto:islam@irf.net) Website: [www.irf.net](http://www.irf.net)  
Chief Functionary: Dr. Zakir Naik

This is a registered non-profit public charitable trust. It was established in February 1991. It promotes Islamic Da'wah - the proper presentation, understanding and appreciation of Islam, as well as removing misconceptions about Islam - amongst less aware Muslims and non-Muslims. It organizes programmes such as lectures on Islam and Comparative Religion. It conducts programmes in English and Urdu. It houses a documentation center on Islamic teaching and literature. It has its own women's and children's wing.

**THE INDIAN NATIONAL TRUST FOR THE WELFARE OF TRIBALS (INTWOT)**

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INTWOT is organization that believes in peaceful co-existence of all creatures created by Him. It is also registered as importer & exporter with the Government of India. Keeping seven Es (Environment, Ecology, Ethnicity, Economics, Equity, Ethics and Education) as underlying factors INTWOT works towards the welfare of tribals. Dr. Sunita Sharma is the Chairperson. The group works towards capacity building and income generation of disadvantaged people such as tribals and particularly women belonging to these groups. INTWOT has projects in Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana

and Delhi. Their publications include Development of Jharkhand in the context of Folklore and Nature and Environment of Jharkhand.

**INDIAN SOCIETY OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

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The society works for peace and universal brotherhood. It also interests itself on inter-community relationship and the situation of minorities.

**INTER-CHURCH SERVICE ASSOCIATION (ICSA)**

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Chief Function: Rev. K. Joseph Kesava Rao

Year of Establishment: 1919

The Lutheran Missionary work began on July 9,1706 by the first Protestant German Missionaries Rev Bartholomaeus Ziegenbaig and Rev. Henrich Plutschau deputed by the Royal Danish King. Today it is a huge organization with three mission partners. It is involved in theological training. It has ecumenical relationship with four theological colleges including: Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, Chennai, Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Madurai, United Theological College, Bangalore, Senate of Serampore College, Calcutta. The Church is administered by the Synod, the sovereign legislative body of the Church, the Synod Continuation Committee (SCC), the general body of the TELC and the Church Council (CC), the executive and administrative body of the Church.

**ISLAMIC WORKERS MOVEMENT OF INDIA**

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**JESUIT EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**

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Chief Functionary: Fr. Louis Xavier

The Jesuits have been working for many centuries in the field of education. This group also works for the spread of education. It has published numerous books including a recent work on the history of the Jesuits in education in India.

**Jagruthi**

Sexual health agency for MSM (Men who have Sex with Men) and transgenders, providing health services and HIV awareness.

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**JALKHUR ATHELETIC CLUB AND LIBRARY**

P.O. & P.S.: Maheshtala  
Dist: South 24 Pgs  
West Bengal  
Phone: 24900615  
Secretary: Maisara Haldar

It is a minority organization that interests itself in all kinds of games and sports. The teams are able to participate in district level sports. The club also houses a library for books and other audio-visual materials for the benefit of minority students.

**JAMIA NIZAMIA**

Shibli Gunj, Hyderabad, India  
Phone: 91-40-24576772/24416847  
Year of Establishment: 1292 Hijra

Jamia Nizamia is an old Islamic residential university. This institution has now completed 129 years. Jamia was founded on 19.12.1292 Hijra by Hazrat Shaik-ul Islam, Moulana Hafeez Mohammad Anwarullah Farooqi. This institution regarded as a stronghold of Islamic education. It has fostered the growth of Asafia Library which is now called state central library. The yearly budget of Jamia is 10 million rupees which is met by donations, zaqat and from properties. There are 1000 students studying in Jamia with 500 boarders. There are 10,000 students in affiliated schools. Propogation of true spirit of Islam and its advancement is the motto.

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Chief Functionary: Moulana Mohmood Madani

**JYOTI KISHORE EDUCATION COUNCIL**

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Mayurbhanj, India  
Year of establishment: 1980  
Number of staff: 1  
Publication: Making a Place (monthly newsletter, in English)

The Council is a non-governmental organization of women from minority groups in India who have been racially oppressed and/or victims of violence. Its objectives are to improve the standard of life for women and to promote women's human rights, reproductive rights, legal rights and right to health. Its activities include: campaigns to promote breast-feeding and primary health services; income generation projects; training programs; and free legal aid to women suffering from all forms of discrimination and violence.

**JAMAT-E-ISLAMI HIND**

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Bazar Chitli Qabar  
Delhi-110006  
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Sixty years ago it was launched by Maulana Abul Ala Maududi, a young but acclaimed Muslim intellectual of the time. The Maulana can rightly be described as the greatest revivalist of Islam in the twentieth century whose writings and thoughts inspired similar movements in a large part of the world. Muslim Brotherhood, or Al-Ikhwanul Muslimoon as it is better known, has borrowed a lot from the man who brought a sea change in the Muslim perspective in this part of the world. It is one of the leading organization of the Muslims. It does rehabilitation work and services for victims of riots in Bhopal, Meerut, Maliana, Bhagalpur, Samastipur, Mumbai and Moradabad and around the country in the post-Babri riots it has done exemplary work. Literature prepared by it is excellent. Its efforts to reach out to non-Muslim population in the country in recent times and its dawah efforts are exemplary in nature and should be commended by the whole community. This advocacy undertaken by the Jamaat has helped remove misconceptions about Islam and Muslims among many non-Muslims.

#### **JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION**

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#### **KABI NAZRUL SMIRITI SANGHA**

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P.S.: Maheshtala  
Dist.: South 24 Pgs  
Kolkata: 700 141  
Year of Establishment: 1994  
Chief Functionaries: Dr. Jharna Chatterjee and Haji Abdus Samad

This is an organization that interests itself in inter-community friendship. The organization also interests itself about minority rights questions. It tries to provide quality health care facilities to marginalized people particularly including Muslim minorities.

#### **Lakshya Trust**

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Near TB Hospital, Gotri Road  
Baroda  
e-mail : [lakshya123@rediffmail.com](mailto:lakshya123@rediffmail.com)

#### **Lakshya Trust**

Sexual health agency for gay men, kothis and hijras  
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**Lawyers Collective (HIV/Aids Unit)**

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**Lawyers Collective (HIV/AIDS Unit )**

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**LOKAYAN**

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Year of Establishment:

Lokayan is a research and advocacy group in New Delhi. It conducts research on research on displacement caused by development projects, water, social forestry, energy projects and dams. Within this perview they deal with minorities who are often the first to be displaced.

**LOKNITI**

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Year of Establishment: 1995

Lokniti was created when the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies decided to revive election studies in 1995, and decided to house the various projects on the electoral process and party politics under one roof. This followed a concerted effort to form a nation-wide network by travelling to universities and research institutes all over the country, trying to interest political scientists and other scholars in the project. A conference was organised at the end of the process and Lokniti was launched as a national network. The major activities of Lokniti include: a) monitoring the democratization process, especially the participation of hitherto marginalized groups such as dalits, women and minorities in the political process; b) developing a cross-cultural understanding of democratic politics in different contexts; c) networking with other scholars nationally and internationally to create alternative perspectives on democracy; and d) training a new generation of scholars and public intellectuals to intervene in public debates.

**MAJLIS**

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Chief Functionary: Flavia Agnes

Majlis is a legal and cultural resource centre working in the area of women and minority rights. The legal centre of Majlis is a group of lawyers providing legal assistance to women. Majlis is also involved in reasearch and documentation on issues concerning women. Their chief functionary is Flavia Agnes who

is a lawyer who works in the area of family law and minority rights within a broad sphere of human rights law. She is the co-ordinator of the legal advocacy program of Majlis.

**MANDRA LIONS CLUB**

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West Bengal - 723 152  
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The organization aims to promote health and education among the rural poor. It tries to provide food and shelter to the deprived and tribals. It assists in the formation of self-help groups. It focuses on support-services to people belonging to indigenous communities of Purulia. It concentrates on the situation of women and children living in the tribal areas of West Bengal.

**MAULANA AZAD ACADEMY**

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Chairman: Abdul Majid  
Director: Abdul Malek  
Year of Establishment: 2002

This is an NGO that works in the field of education for Muslims. It is particularly interested in modern scientific education. It tries to inculcate within the students a thirst for research.

**MADRAS CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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Jawahar Nagar  
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Chief Functionary: Mr J Benjamin Franklin

MCCSS is a non-profit development organisation, an ecumenical body committed to Christian values. Its main focus is promotion of human rights through education and organisation that empowers the marginalised urban poor especially the Dalits. In furtherance of its goal MCCSS networks with rights oriented community-based organisations for advocacy. As women's groups play a pivotal role in sustainable development, a holistic approach with their participation and leadership is the priority of MCCSS

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The association provides training in Arabic and Persian languages and literature. It also undertakes studies on the role of Sufism in India and on sufi culture.

**Milan Project**

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**MINORITIES COUNCIL OF INDIA**

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Email ID: iqbalansari@hotmail.com  
Year of Establishment: 1993-94  
Secretary: Professor Iqbal Ansari  
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Name of Regular Publication:

The organisation focuses on the issue of discrimination and intolerance faced by the minorities and tries to improve their situation on the basis of Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. It undertakes study and research on the issues of discrimination and suggests measures to end discriminatory/exclusionary practices so pervasive in the country. The organization feels that equal access to justice is not available to the poor and deprived sections and minorities as exemplified by large number of riot related cases including the demolition of Babri Masjid. It tries to work towards that goal.

**Mithrudu**

Sexual Health agency for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)  
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**MUSLIM WOMEN'S FORUM**

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Year of Establishment: 1996  
Chief Functionaries:  
President: Syeda Saiyyadain Hameed

India's 65 million Muslim women, often called a minority within a minority for their double handicap of gender and faith, are challenging medieval religious laws that have oppressed them for centuries - and for a change some "mullahs" are listening. In recent years, Muslim women have fought fundamentalist interpretations of Islamic law (sharia) by asking the courts to take into consideration basic human rights. Muslim Women's Forum, led by Sayeeda Hameed, is in the forefront of this effort. They are working incessantly to ensure that Muslim women in India get equal benefits to those of several other Islamic societies like Turkey.

**MAHILA MANDAL BARMER AGOR (MMBA)**

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In the region the main communities are Meghwals, Rajputs, Muslims, Dalits and Suthars. And the maximum population is residing in remote villages and dhani's, with the distance of not less than 5-6 kms. from each other. There are 380 Gram Panchayats and 1941 villages in Barmer district and most of them are situated near Indo- Pak Border. Mahila Mandal Barmer Agor is a non - government, non - political, and non - profitable organization. This is the only organization in Barmer, led by a woman. Drinking water, electricity, proper transportation facility, education and health facility, are the main problems, which inspired the organization to work in this area. The organization focused on the above issues and gathered local community and started a movement against the administration and forced them to solve the problems and to provide essential facilities. The organization works for underprivileged women such as the dalit women. MMBA intends to bring consciousness and awareness among the villagers (especially women) for their fundamental rights and their upliftment through education, peoples support and organization's effort.

#### **MANIPUR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTRE**

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It works in partnership with All Manipur Student's Union (AMSU). It deals with issues relating to the quality of life of people living in Manipur. It is a human rights body. It organizes protest marches, dharnas etc. It undertakes campaigns for the release of prisoners, unlawful detentions and disappearances of Manipuri youth.

#### **MALAVIYA CENTRE FOR PEACE RESEARCH**

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Banaras Hindu University  
Varanasi – 221005 U.P  
Ph-No: 91-542-2307449  
Fax: 91-542-2319962  
E-mail: [mcpr@rediffmail.com](mailto:mcpr@rediffmail.com); [mcprabhu@hotmail.com](mailto:mcprabhu@hotmail.com)  
Chief Functionary: Dr. Priyankar Upadhyay

The Centre concentrates on research on inter-community relations and peace. The Centre also works on conflict resolution and justice. The Centre organizes research and seminar programmes on minority rights.

#### **MIR FAYAZUDDIN MUSLIM CHARITABLE SOCIETY OF INDIA**

253 Lekhraj Market III  
Indira Nagar  
Lucknow – 226016  
Uttar Pradesh  
Phone: 91-522-2346226  
Fax: 91-522-2393997  
Contact Person: Colonel Mir Fayazuddin  
Website: <http://bhartiyanet.com/cfmcsi>  
Year of Establishment: 1996

The organization works for the upliftment of Muslims and other minority communities. It is a religious NGO and it performs a number of charitable works for minority groups. The organization believes that if Muslims are educationally and economically strong they will not only be able to devote time and energy for Islam, but also be able to join the mainstream of the country.

#### **MANAB ADHIKAR SANGRAM SAMITI (MASS)**

Udangshri Building  
Ananda Nagar

Bamunimoidam, Guwahati – 781021  
Assam  
Chief Functionary: Lachit Bordoloi

MASS is a human rights group that works in Assam. It protests against any human rights violation in the state, organizes campaigns for justice and creates movements for freedom of the people. It does social service including providing relief to victims of natural disaster such as floods. Its effort is to bring different groups in Assam under its umbrella for justice and peace.

#### **MUSLIM INSTITUTE**

21A, Haji Mohamad Mohsin Square  
Kolkata : 700 016  
President: Kalimuddin Shams

This is an umbrella body for many Muslim organizations in Kolkata. It houses a library and a gymnasium for young people of the Muslim minority community. Its library is one of the best libraries on Islam and Urdu literature in the state of West Bengal. The Muslim Institute also works in partnership with Mohammadan Sporting Club, a premier sports club in India.

#### **NAGA PEOPLES MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (NPMHR)**

NPMHR Secretariat  
Kohima, Nagaland – 797001  
Tel: 91-370-280553  
Fax: 91-370-223231  
Email: [npmhr1@usa.net](mailto:npmhr1@usa.net)  
Year of Establishment: 1978  
Chief Functionary: Neinguluo Krome

The NPMHR was formed on 9th September, 1978 in response to the Naga peoples long felt need for an organised movement to further their human rights. NPMHR attempts to give organised expression to the Naga peoples fight for their rights. Nagas have throughout history fiercely maintained their political and cultural independence. And NPMHR protests against any infringement of that right. The NPMHR wants to ensure the Naga people's right to life, work and ideology without any exploitation. It wants to ensure for Nagas freedom of movement, assembly and faith. It fights against any anti or non-democratic and authoritarian practices.

#### **NAGA MOTHER'S ASSOCIATION (NMA)**

NMA-Kripa Centre  
D Block, Kohima – 797 001  
Nagaland  
Tel: 91-370-280553  
Fax: 91-370-223231  
Year of Establishment: 1984  
Chief Functionaries: Neidonuo Angami and Khesheli Chishi

The NMA is an apex body of all Naga women's groups in Nagaland. It works for peace in all Naga regions. It tries to act as an arbiter between the Indian state and the Naga people. It is particularly interested in issues of health. It runs a health center including a center for patients afflicted with HIV and AIDs in collaboration with Kripa Foundation of Mumbai.

#### **NAGA WOMEN'S UNION (NWU)**

Senapati H.Q.  
Senapati District  
Manipur  
Tel: 91-3878-22396  
Email: [nagawomen@yahoo.co.in](mailto:nagawomen@yahoo.co.in)  
Year of Establishment: 1994  
Publication: Raisunriang

The NWU is the apex body of all Naga women's groups in Manipur. The organization works for rights and dignity of women. It attempts to sensitise women towards their position and responsibilities. Its effort is to create a congenial atmosphere for peace and understanding among different groups in the region. Its partners are NGOs, People's Movement and Church groups.

#### **NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR PEOPLES MOVEMENT (NAPM)**

National Alliance of People's Movements  
C/O. Chemeical Mazdoor Sabha  
Haji Habib Buildings  
Naigaon Cross Road  
Dadar (E)  
Mumbai 400 028  
Tel: 91-22- 24150529

The National Alliance of Peoples' Movements tries to protest the injustice being meted to development affected vulnerable communities such as adivasis and displaced. They included those affected by the various dam projects such as Koyna dam, Jaikwadi, Neera-Devghar (Pune district), Tapi projects and the Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) project, those affected by Eco-development projects in the cities such as slum dwellers and footpath dwellers, those affected by Sanctuaries being developed in the name of Environmental development around Koyna dam and the fish-workers in Gorai affected by MIDC and Esselworld. They help such people to organize facilitating protest marches and other forms of protest. They support the legal protection of people's right of access to common property, resources of forests, common land and water. They feel Public debate and democratic procedures are needed to plan and monitor sustainable use and upgrading of these resources. Their aim is a re-vitalisation of the rural economy, including the resource-base for forest dwellers, rural artisans and rural industries with the help of old and new eco-friendly technologies. The same approach applies to the fisheries, fodder economy sector.

#### **NARMADA BACHAO ANDOLAN**

62 Gandhi Marg, Badwani, Madhya Pradesh  
Ph. 91-7290-222464  
nba.badwani@gmail.com

Maitri Niwas, Tembewadi, Dhadgaon, Nandurbar, Maharashtra. Ph: 91-2595-220620

B-13, Shivam Flats, Ellora Park, Vadodara -390023  
Ph: 91-265-2282232 nba.baroda@gmail.com

Jail Road, Mandleshwar, Khargone, M.P.  
Tel: 91-7283-233162,

2, Sai Nagar, Mata Chowk, Khandwa, M.P  
Tel : 91-733-2228418  
[nbakhandwa@gmail.com](mailto:nbakhandwa@gmail.com)

This is a very well known movement that focusing on the rehabilitation of victims of developmental displacement due to construction of the Sardar Sarovar dam on Nramada Since most of these victims belong to marginalized sections of the society such as the tribals and the rural poor the NBA is a movement for such groups. It is also an anti-dam movement.

#### **Naz Foundation India Trust**

Sexual Health agency for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM). Also works on HIV/AIDS, sexual health and sexuality issues  
D45, Gulmohar Park, New Delhi -110 049  
Email: [nazindia@bol.net.in](mailto:nazindia@bol.net.in)  
Tel: 656 7049/3929  
Fax: 685 9113

**Naz Foundation International (Regional Liaison Office)**

9 Gulzar Colony New Berry Lane Lucknow - 226 001

Phone: 205781/2

Fax : 205783

Email: [nazfoundint@yahoo.com](mailto:nazfoundint@yahoo.com)

**New group being formed**

Write to Dominick, P.O. Box 203, Vishakapatnam, AP - 530 001

**NGOS RESOURCE POINT – SOUTH INDIA**

Address: 15a Ragavan Street, Choolaimedu, Chennai, 600 094, India,  
Chennai, Tamil Nadu, 600 094

India

Phone: 9-44-23614024

Contact Person: MR. R. DHARSIS

Year of Establishment: 1993

The organisation's goal is to enhance voluntary social service to people in distress who need outside support to promote their welfare such as dalits and minorities. The group aims at facilitating community work by collaborating with local NGOs. The organisation guides NGOs in project planning, preparation of proposals, monitoring, evaluation and appraisal and provides training to the staff of NGOs and their target community.

**Nikhil, Men India Movement,**

Post Box 885, Cochin 682 005, India.

**NORTHEAST INDIA COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH**

B. T. Hostel, Post Box No.34

Shilong - 793003, Meghalaya

Tel: 91-361-2547493, 2524903

Fax: 2547393

E-mail: [ssiscd@ren.nic.in](mailto:ssiscd@ren.nic.in)

Chief Functionary: B. Datta Ray

Year of Establishment: 1989

This is a research organization. It conducts research largely on the situation of ethnic minorities in the Northeast of India. Established in 1989 as an autonomous social science research institute, it is partly funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the Government of Assam. The institute is involved in promoting and coordinating research on problems and processes of social transformation and development of Assam and other states of North-east India. Ten junior research fellowships are awarded each year to young post graduates of the region.

**THE OTHER MEDIA**

B5 - 139, (First Floor)

Safdarjung Enclave

New Delhi -- 110 029

Tel: 91-11-26195534/5

Fax: 91-11-26195536

E-mail: [tom@theothermeida.org](mailto:tom@theothermeida.org)

Chief Functionary: E Deenadayalan / Ravi Hemadri

The Other Media works for minority groups including ethnic minorities. The group has a number of publications in vernacular and English languages. The group works for peace among different ethnicities in Northeast India. They have organized trips of eminent persons to Northeast and undertaken campaigns on human rights and peace. It plays crucial support to movements in defence of human rights. It also houses the secretariat of Pakistan-India People's Forum for Peace and Democracy.

**OJU WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

Near Police Station, Naharlagun  
Oju Craft Centre  
Arunachal Pradesh  
hone: 91-360-224453  
Chief Functionary: Ms. Binny Yanga

This organization is located in the remote border state of Andhra Pradesh. It largely works for the welfare of Oju tribe. It encourages their traditional craft skill for income generation and helps them to market their products.

**Olava**

A collective of lesbian and bisexual women  
Post Box 2108, Model Colony Post Office, Pune - 16  
Email: [olava\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:olava_2000@yahoo.com)

**Palm Tree Avenue Integration Society**

A health awareness initiative for the youth and sexual minorities (lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people)

Library service : Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 3-6 pm (Directions over phone)  
C/o Pawan, Post Bag 10237, Kolkata - 700 019  
Phone : 359 8130 (functions as helpline SAHAYAK on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 3-6 pm)  
Email: [pawan30@yahoo.com](mailto:pawan30@yahoo.com)

**PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT**

Address: N-4, H-46, CIDCO,  
Aurangabad, Maharashtra, 431001  
India  
Phone: 91-240-2472669  
Contact Person: Ebenezer Daniel

This is a development NGO working in the rural and tribal areas of Marathwada India. Its areas of activities are vocational education, womens development, health, rural development, and other socio economic issues.

**PEOPLES VIGILANCE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

Abbreviated Name: (PVCHR)  
Address: Sa4/2 Daulatpur, Varanasi(UP) 221002,India..  
Telephone Nos: 91-542-2586676 / 2586688  
Email ID: [pvchr@yahoo.com](mailto:pvchr@yahoo.com)  
Chief Functionary: Dr. Lenin

The city of Varanasi is the abode of marginalized communities such as dalitts. As a result of brahmanical strictures these marginalised communities have remained illiterate. The children of these communities have ended up as bonded labourers, in carpet, silk and sarees industries where they do not receive the minimum wages and are subjected to physical violence by their employers. Many of these communities are subjected to police atrocities. Their women and girls are treated to all kinds of sexual abuses and humiliation. In the Block of Badeganv , in the village of Belwa located on the south of the block the whole dalit and backwards Ghetto had been denied voting rights for the past twenty five years. Their children are not allowed to educate themselves because the Pradhan has not allowed any government school from coming up in that area while the private schools are too costly for them to afford. Consequently the children of the dalits remain illiterate and end up as bonded labourers. PVCHR works for the betterment of these groups who have been historically marginalized including dalits, adivasis, women, rural poor, workers etc.

**PEOPLE'S UNION FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES (PUCL)**

Sandeep Vaidya  
81 Sahayoga Apt

Mayur Vihar I, New Delhi - 110091  
Phone: 91-11-2256931  
Fax: 91-11-2256931

**Other Offices:**

C/O Shri D. L. Tripathi  
President  
14-15, Jeevan Vihar  
Anasagar Circular Road  
Ajmer - 300506  
Ph-No- 91-145-425366

**Praajak Development Society**

Development organisation working around issues of masculinities with a primary focus on boys and male youth. Also works with gender variant males including hijras, kotis and duplis/doparathas.

468A, Block K, New Alipore, Kolkata - 700 053

Email: [praajak@yahoo.co.in](mailto:praajak@yahoo.co.in)

Tel: 400 0455

Fax: 400 0592

**Pratyay**

Support group for kothis and other MSMs

468A, Block K, New Alipore, Kolkata - 700 053

Email: [pratyay@hotmail.com](mailto:pratyay@hotmail.com)

Tel: 400 0455

Fax: 400 0592

**Prerana**

Informal support group for lesbians and bisexual women. Meetings are held on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Contact the Sahaya Help Line, on 223 0959, on Tuesdays and Fridays, between 7 and 9 PM

Email: [sahayabangalore@hotmail.com](mailto:sahayabangalore@hotmail.com) (Subject: *Attn: Prerana Support Group*)

**PRISM - People for Rights of Indian Sexuality Minorities**

Works on issues affecting sexuality minorities

Email: [prism\\_delhi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:prism_delhi@yahoo.co.in)

**PUCL**

C/O Ravi Kiran Jain, 1/1, Akashpuri,

Allahabad - 211001

Ph-No- 91-532-2623569

3.C/OHasan Mansur

President

46, Wellington Street

Richmond Town

Banglore – 560025

Ph-No- 91-80-2211109 / 6639414

There are a number of other PUCL offices all over India but these are some of the more important branches. Veteran leader Jaya Prakash Narayan (JP) founded the People's Union for Civil Liberties and Democratic Rights (PUCLDR), in 1976. The idea was to make the PUCLDR. an organisation free from political ideologies, so that people belonging to various political parties may come together on one platform for the defence of Civil Liberties and Human Rights. The organisation was re-christened as the People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) in 1980. PUCL works on both ethnic and religious minorities as well as on other marginalized groups. Its reports on human rights violations have been a source of inspiration for many human rights groups in the country.

**PROGRESSIVE MUSLIM COUNCIL**

4/1, Amiya Hazra Lane  
Kolkata: 700 016  
President: M. Aminul Ambia  
Phone: 03216-228045  
Year of Establishment: 2000

The group works for the socio-economic empowerment of the Muslim community in West Bengal. It also organizes seminar and meetings on the political rights of Muslims. It protests against any infringement of Muslim rights and tries to create a movement on these issues.

**PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE FOR PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH (PIPAR)**

Prakruti Niwas, Bhagirathi Sagar East, Gudianali,  
Dhenkanal - 759001, Orissa  
Ph- 91-6762 - 232798 / 236887  
Fax: 91-6762 – 234450  
Chief Functionary: Mr Sankarsana Hota

The institution works in regions where there are extensive forests. Its main work is on forest preservation and the development of women. Since these women are largely from tribal communities the organization works with such marginalized communities.

**PEOPLE'S UNION FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS (PUDR)**

56 Munrika Enclave New Delhi - 110 067  
Chief Functionary: Nandita Haksar

The Peoples Union for Democratic Rights, Delhi, is one of India's main civil liberties and democratic rights organisations. PUDR has been in existence since 1980. Before that it was known as the Delhi unit of Peoples Union for Civil Liberties and Democratic Rights. PUCL&DR had been formed in the Emergency by a large number of people belonging to different political currents, dominated by those who had formed the Janata Party, and was headed by Jayaprakash Narayan. After the Emergency, when the Janata Party came to power at the centre, many felt that PUCL&DR was now unnecessary, the national organisation was disbanded. A few units however continued functioning, among which was the Delhi unit, which later renamed itself PUDR. It works on ethnic minority issues such as the Naga conflict.

**RAMAKRISHNA MATH AND RAMAKRISHNA MISSION**

Head Quarter: Belur Math  
Howrah, West Bengal- 711202  
Phone: 6541144  
And  
Ramkrishna Mission Loksiksha Parishad (RKMLP)  
Ranjit Mukherjee, Project Co - Ordinator  
Narendrapur, Po/P.S: Sonapur  
North 24 Pargan-743508  
West Bengal  
Phone 91-33-24779201 / 24779202 / 24779203 / 24779207/ 24772207  
Fax 91-33-24779070/ 24772070

The Ramakrishna Mission has done exemplary works in the field of education, training, and health care. It has numerous projects on the development of the situation of tribals and Indigenous People in all of India. It runs numerous schools and hospitals.

**Saathi**

Cuttack Chapter  
PO Box 512 Chandni Chowk  
HPO, Cuttack Orissa 753002

**Saathi**

Gay support group

11-1-231/2, B R P Road, One Town, Vijayawada - 520 001  
Tel: 635 241

**Saathi/Sampark**

Support space for gay, bisexual men  
2nd Floor, Sana Apartments, Red Hills, Lakdikapool, Hyderabad - 500 004  
Email: [saathi99@yahoo.com](mailto:saathi99@yahoo.com)  
Tel: 657 1225/337 5401

**SAHAJ (An Organisation's for Women's Development)**

P.O.Box 71, B/H Desai Automodiles, Padav  
Dahod - 389151. Gujarat  
India  
Tel : 91-2673-240215  
Fax No. : 0091 2673 45215  
Website: [www.nmsadguru.org](http://www.nmsadguru.org).  
Year of Establishment: 1989  
Chief Functionary: Ms. Jabeen Jambughodawala.

The organization is based in Eastern Gujarat Dahod. It focuses on socio-economic empowerment through Art & Craft based income generation projects. SAHAJ is an initiative of N.M. Sadguru Water & Development Foundation (hereafter Sadguru). Sadguru is working in area of rural development for more than 28 years. Sadguru's strength in natural resource management is acknowledged all over Gujarat. Today Sadguru is working with 150000 people in 350 villages of Gujarat, M.P.& Rajasthan. SAHAJ was started in 1989 with aim to provide income generation opportunities to tribal women. It aims to build up the traditional skills of tribes. It also provides tribal workers with saving-credit and marketing facilities.

**Sahodaran**

Sexual Health agency for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)  
1st floor, 127 Sterling Road, Chennai - 600 034  
Email: [sahodara@md3.vsnl.net.in](mailto:sahodara@md3.vsnl.net.in)  
Tel: 825 2869  
Fax: 825 2859  
Website: [www.sahodaran.faiithweb.com](http://www.sahodaran.faiithweb.com)

**Samabhavana**

Group for sexuality minorities  
Email: [sambhava@vsnl.com](mailto:sambhava@vsnl.com)  
Website: [www.samabhavana.org](http://www.samabhavana.org)

**Sangini**

Group for Lesbian and Bisexual women. Meets every Saturday from 3 to 5.30pm. Runs a help line on Tuesdays and Fridays 6 to 8 pm for lesbian and bisexual women.  
D45, Gulmohar Park, New Delhi -110 049  
Email: [sangini97@hotmail.com](mailto:sangini97@hotmail.com)  
Tel: 685 1970/1

**Sappho**

Support group for lesbian and bisexual women  
Email: [malvi99@hotmail.com](mailto:malvi99@hotmail.com)

**Sarani**

Experimental performing arts troupe focusing on development issues like sexual minority rights and sexual health.  
Address: 84 Jhowtalla road, Suite No.2, Kolkata - 700 017.  
Email: [wrongzone@hotmail.com](mailto:wrongzone@hotmail.com)

**Siddhartha Gautam Trust for Sexual Minorities and Survivors of Sexual Abuse**

B5/207 Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi 110 029, India.  
Ashwini (11) 610-1391, fax (11) 685-5997.

**Social Welfare Association for Men (SWAM)**

Support group and drop-in centre for MSM, gay, bisexual, and HIV positive men.  
No.5, Natarajan Street, Jafferkhanpet, Balakrishnanagar, Chennai - 600083

**SOURAV**

Sultanpur  
Jagachaa  
Dist: Howrah  
Pin: 711311  
Phone: 91-33-26584713  
e-mail: [sourav@hotmail.com](mailto:sourav@hotmail.com)  
Secretary: Sk. Haidar Ali  
President: Md. Raihan  
Year of Establishment: 1992

The organization is not just for minority students but also for underprivileged government workers from minority groups. It works as their support system and provides legal aid.

**South India Aids Action Program (SIAAP)**

Sexual Health agency for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) and sex workers  
65, 1st St. Kamraj Avenue, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020  
Email: [siapp@satyam.net.in](mailto:siapp@satyam.net.in)

**STATE BAHÁ'Í COUNCILS IN INDIA**

Delhi Office: State Bahá'í Council  
Bahá'í House  
6, Canning Road  
New Delhi - 110 001.  
Mumbai Office: State Bahá'í Council  
Glory Bungalow No. 91  
Shivaji Park  
Kolhapur - 416 001  
Maharashtra  
Kolkata Office: State Bahá'í Council  
Bahá'í Centre  
145-G Block, New Alipore  
Calcutta-700053  
West Bengal

**BAHA'Í HOUSE OF WORSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Zena Sorabjee  
Chairman  
Post Box No. 128,  
New Delhi-110001  
Ph-No- Off- 91-11-23782986/2389326  
Resi- 91-11-28218124  
Fax-91-11-23782178(Delhi)  
Fax-91-22-22863037(Bombay)

The Organization Manages Bahai Temples. It Runs Bahai Academies And High Schools. It Has Programmes For Community Women, Youth And Children. It Has Offices In All States Of India.

**SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION, EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, INDIA (SEED)**

B/A/10, United Apts. Maktampura,

Ahmedabad , Gujarat,  
Ahmedabad, Gujarat, 380055  
India  
Contact Person: Javed Ameer  
Mobile phone no: 98250 66850  
Phone: 91-79- 2682 0021 / 2682 2619  
Fax: 91-79-2682 0021  
E-mail : [seed@icenet.net](mailto:seed@icenet.net)  
Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/va/seedahm>  
Year of Establishment: 1995

The goal of SEED is to empower the socially, educationally and economically deprived communities including minorities through education and training in the formal and non-formal fields. The non-formal areas comprise inputs for developing market-relevant skills, leadership and entrepreneurial qualities in the children, youth and women of these communities for them to make their lives and living more meaningful. It undertakes research projects on the situation of minorities. It has undertaken a project entitled "A Study of Select Minority-managed Schools of Banaskantha in Gujarat, India". It is a study of factors, internal and external to the school environment that affects the academic performance of the children from Muslim minorities of the District of Banaskantha in Gujarat, India. It has also completed at "A Strategy Paper on Reforms in Schools Run for Muslim Minorities in India."

### **Stree Sangam**

A collective of lesbian and bisexual women  
Post Box 16613, Matunga, Mumbai - 400 019  
Email: [streesangam@yahoo.com](mailto:streesangam@yahoo.com)

### **SANKHA LAGHU PARISAD**

Uttar Jalkhura  
Maheshtala  
Dist: 24 Pgs (S)  
West Bengal  
Pin: 700 141  
President: Md. Mahbub Ali Sepai  
Secretary: Sirajuddin Ghazi  
Year of Establishment:1996

This organization works towards the development of minority communities. It has programmes for their socio-economic development. The organization has a good record of working with not just one minority group but with many minority groups.

### **SAHMAT**

(Safdar Hashmi Memorial Trust)  
8 Vithalvhai Patel House  
Rafi Marg  
New Delhi 110 001  
Tel: 91-11-2371 1276/2335 1424  
E-mail: [sahmat@vsnl.com](mailto:sahmat@vsnl.com)

SAHMAT has worked for the last 13 years to build solidarity among artists and intellectuals on questions of conscience in current politics, particularly in the area of communalism. It has attempted, more ambitiously, to build a movement where an alert consciousness will anticipate fundamentalist tendencies in India's national cultural life and provide a platform for those who want to intervene in the social processes through their practices as artists, writers and academics. SAHMAT has conducted a series of programs on the theme of Artists Against Communalism. SAHMAT has also worked with the victims of the carnage in Gujarat who survive in sub-human conditions. Members of the group feel that women and children, as always in such circumstances, are the worst affected. Among the numerous problems that confront them, an immediate issue is how to bring back some normalcy to the lives of their children, by ensuring that they return to school in the coming academic year.

**SAHRWARU**

Address: O-45, 46, 4<sup>th</sup>. Floor, New York Trade Centre, Near Thaltej Cross Road,  
Thaltej, Ahmedabad 380 054  
Telephone Nos: 91-79-26858195  
Fax Nos: 26843459  
Email ID: [sahrwaruad1@sancharnet.in](mailto:sahrwaruad1@sancharnet.in)  
Year of Establishment:  
Chief Functionaries: Ms. Sheba George

The group works for minorities. At present it is working with the victims of the Gujarat carnage and internally displaced people of Gujarat. Such people are mostly from the Muslim communities. SAHRWARU has undertaken its initiatives in coalition with SAHMAT, INSAF and other groups working for minorities in Gujarat.

**SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SEWA)**

Sewa Reception Centre  
Opp. Victoria Garden  
Ellisbridge  
Ahmedabad 380 001  
India  
Ph-No-91-272-5506477/ 5506444  
Fax: 91-272- 5506446  
Email: [sewamahila@willnetonline.net](mailto:sewamahila@willnetonline.net)

SEWA organises women to ensure that every family obtains full employment. Full employment means employment whereby workers obtain work security, income security, food security and social security (at least health care, child care and shelter). Since SEWA works in regions where a majority of workers are from the minority communities hence its work extensively with Muslims and tribal groups of the region.

**SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL AWARENESS AND DEVELOPMENT ACTION (SADA)**

The President  
"Baitul Majeed", 4/600-A, Medical College Road, Aligarh-202002  
B-7/18, Safdarjung Enclave New Delhi-11029 India  
Phone: 91-571-2400271;  
Email: [sada@del2.vsnl.net.in](mailto:sada@del2.vsnl.net.in)

SADA is a small group from Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) working in the area of minority rights, minority education and welfare, consumer rights, Hindu-Muslim unity and the development of Urdu media. Aligarh is known for the very important Aligarh Muslim University which attracts students, particularly Muslim students, from all over the subcontinent, West Asia, and Africa. The city is also a center of lock making industry with considerable population of highly skilled but poorly paid workers.

**SHIRAZIA EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL WELFARE TRUST**

Madrassa Talimul Islam  
Vill.: Padmalav Pur  
P.O. & P.S. Amdanga  
Dist: North 24 Pgs  
Pin: 743221 (W.B.)  
Year of Establishment: 1999

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The organization works for the development of madrasah education. Madrasahs are institutions to impart Islamic teaching.. An overwhelming majority of underprivileged Muslim students go to these

Madrasas. The trust interests itself in trying to impart quality education in Madrasas which are affiliated to it.

**SOCIETY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPRESSED (SDD)**

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The organization works to improve the status of dalit men and women through education, socio, economic and cultural transformation. It fosters the growth of an autonomous People's Movement. It motivates dalit women to form Women's Associations in the rural villages and help them to develop their capability, managerial abilities and leadership qualities through trainings, workshops and conferences.

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The organisation works for the empowerment of the rural women and also of dalit women through micro enterprises to become active in society and be empowered. It has educational, health and economic programmes.

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The group is largely a peace group working for the improvement of the situation of dalits, adivasis and other minorities.

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It is a voluntary organization promoting the process of Participatory Rural Development in one of the most backward regions of India. The two groups that form the focus of SAHAYOG's attention are women and dalits. Women because they are the perennial second class citizens and exploited even more in the hills of U.P. where they are the main agricultural and domestic worker. The Dalits are a community that has been cast outside the mainstream of Indian society as untouchable and dispossessed of their own lands in the U.P. hills. SAHAYOG organizes campaigns for them.

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SNDT Women's University was established in 1916 as the first women's university in India. The university library was established in 1955. It houses an information service on women's studies. The women's information section of the library caters to researchers and professors as well as NGOs and activists. The library maintains an indigenous database -SUCHAK- containing references to more than 100,000 titles. About 35,000 of these pertain specifically to women many of which are on doubly marginalized women from minority and dalit communities.

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The Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) was founded in 1982. Apart from research studies and projects, the Society has been engaged in policy advocacy, conducting seminars, and participating in people's movements. Major areas of research are: civil society and development; local self-governance; environment and sustainable development; education/literacy and development. Since it interests itself in people's movements, it deals with dalits and indigenous peoples' movements.

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Sseum is a non-profit agency in the voluntary sector engaged in monitoring development services for the minorities in India. It is being administered by a Governing Board of Eleven Members consisting of specialists & representatives of organisation active in the field of special work. Its aims are: to fulfill the basic needs of neglected minorities, to promote & undertake activities through a package of financial & social development services for minorities, to create awareness and advocacy for the implementation of the minorities related legislation Act, to co-operate and collaborate with Governmental, National & International agencies to meet the needs of minorities, and to disseminate knowledge, and thereby sensitise responsible segments of society to the rights and plight of millions of underprivileged in their homeland. The SSEUM seeks to enable members of minorities to achieve social and economic Independence.

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It is part of the initiative called coalition against communalism. To respond to this brazen communal assault on the country's secular democratic polity, concerned citizens from Mumbai and Ahmedabad have come together to form an 'Association of Persons' (AOP), to be called, Citizens for Justice and Peace - CJP. Activities Following intensive interaction and consultation with a wide cross-section of survivors of the carnage in Gujarat lawyers, human rights groups and communal harmony/peace activists from across the country, CJP has set for itself the task of mobilising finances for the following activities. The St. Xavier's Social Service Society is part of that initiative and works for the amelioration of situation of riot affected minority groups.

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The United Christian Forum for Human Rights works towards ending the oppression of all Christians of South Asia irrespective of denomination. According to the Convenor of UCF and Secretary of All India Christian Council "the marginalised and the minorities are major victims of the xenophobia generated in the rhetoric of war. Cross border terrorism further aggravates the situation."

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WANI is a non profit voluntary service and women's issue based net work promoted for Integrated and sustainable development of poor dalit women by eliminating atrocities on women. It works for women's political rights and the protection of their fundamental rights.

**WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR MOBILISATION AND ACTION (WAMA),**

WAMA is a network of autonomous women's organisations, and supported by national women's organisations such as the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA), the National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW) and the All India Progressive Women's Association (AIPWA). Hisaab is a campaign led by WAMA. The campaign was launched on 25th November 2000, on the International 'No Violence against Women' Day, with the specific objective of examining the situation of women in U.P., on the issue of violence, within the framework of the Convention for Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Women's Association for Mobilisation and Action (WAMA) is a state-level network of women's activists, and of International Women's Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific, a regional network which focuses on monitoring the implementation of the CEDAW.

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The Society's mission is to disseminate and pursue the ideals of universal peace, brotherhood and amity amongst all nations and races of people. The Society has been established to integrate the diverse and varied people of the world into a global community wherein fraternity, solidarity and respect for human dignity and diversity is of paramount importance. The Society is a non-profit, non-partition and non-governmental organisation comprising of individuals from different sections of the society such as parliamentarians, doctors, lawyers, professionals, educationists, journalists, social workers etc

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The group aims to work with and in the interest of the oppressed majority: the urban and the rural poor, especially the scheduled Castes and Tribes, minority and tribal communities; in particular the women and the children and among them, empowering them, individually and collectively to defend, promote, restore, and create, civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights to which they are constitutionally and universally entitled. The group desires to engage in strategic partnership with the State private sector and other sectors of civil society to promote and establish fundamental structural, social, political and economic equity in society.

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An umbrella organisation affiliated to the World YWCA with 65 local associations in India. The organisation works for women's empowerment through a variety of programmes , the most important of which are leadership training for women, advocacy work on all women's issues, and community development work . The YWCA also runs 40 women's residences across the country providing housing for working women as well as emergency shelter for women. The YWCA of India is also a part of a network of 7 women's organisations based in Delhi and works together with them on common issues.

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