

Arrests and Detentions – Anti-Conversion Laws

59+ Christians, 1 Muslim arrested across the country under anti-conversion laws

India's stringent anti-conversion laws, which are now in place in 12 states, continued to be weaponised against Christians. During the period under review, we documented 59 arrests under these laws, all in BJP states.

- 5 May, 2024 ([Noida](#), Uttar Pradesh): 6 Christians arrested over accusations of being part of 'conversion racket'.
- 7-23 June, 2024 ([Uttar Pradesh](#)): 14 Christians arrested in UP over accusations of 'conversion activities'.
- 5 July, 2024 ([Bharatpur](#), Rajasthan): 28 Christians (including 20 women) detained at prayer meet.
- 17 July, 2024 ([Bhopal](#), Madhya Pradesh): 3 Christian nurses arrested over allegations of illegal religious conversion.
- 29 July, 2024 ([Ayodhya](#), Uttar Pradesh): Two Christians, including a pastor, arrested on charges of 'forceful conversions'.
- 29 August, 2024 ([Betul](#), Madhya Pradesh): 6 Christians arrested for alleged religious conversions.

Also arrested under conversion laws was a Muslim woman in [Thane](#) (Maharashtra), whose mother alleged that she had been 'brainwashed' into converting to Islam. The woman was arrested along with another person.