



A DECADE OF FAITH, JUSTICE AND RESISTENCE

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (10TH YEAR SEPCIAL)



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Rooted in faith and guided by God's love, the **National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW)** extends its sincere thanks to all who have supported us in our journey. Your presence, prayers, and solidarity have been a blessing, enabling us to witness and work for justice, dignity, and equality for Dalit Christians.



LETTER FROM OUR EDITOR

The National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) celebrated her 10th Anniversary on March 11, 2026. NDCW is an ecumenical platform was formed on March 11, 2026 and founded on the faith perspective that Christ and caste cannot co-exist.

The specific objective of NDCW is engaging with the Churches in India in addressing overt and hidden forms and practices of caste discrimination at all levels – parish, congregational, institutional and governance - within the Catholic, Reformed and Independent Churches. The vision is that of casteless Churches in which there is equality, equity, dignity, gender sensitivity, justice and peace for all who enter its gates.

Reflecting on the ten-year journey of NDCW, it becomes quite evident that it has some notable achievements:

- i)** It has created awareness, sensitivity, and visibility among Church Members that caste based discrimination exists in several forms within Churches belonging to various denominations in India: and that such discrimination is against the Bible, and the life and mission of Jesus
- ii)** It has enabled 482 youth in the Northern region and 647 in the Southern region through participatory training processes to gain insights on the historicity of caste discrimination within Churches, and Biblical and Constitutional values; gain skills of analysis of caste based discrimination within their respective Churches; and gain capacities of advocacy, lobbying and networking to promote casteless Churches
- iii)** Fifty percent (50%) of the 1129 participants were women, which by itself is a stand out achievement

iv) Structurally, 15 State Chapters have been promoted by NDCW, with a Convener and Co Convener; and an Advisory Committee of around 15 youth - women and men; for conceptual and programmatic involvement in their respective Dioceses and Churches

v) NDCW has trained youth to become writers and news correspondents in their respective States. These media trainings enabled the publication of 264 articles on diverse topics in the Dalit Christian Dialogue (DCD) portal

vi) NDCW is involved in conducting Fact Finding missions, the findings and recommendations of which have created have influenced key outcomes and lasting impact. Our Fact Finding Report, the highlights of which were also shared in a Press Meet also played a significant part in the Kevin Joseph case in Kerala

vii) Our legal interventions enabled Dalit Christians the Ayyampatti Church in Trichy Diocese to be granted altar space, and allowed to pay church tax after 75 years of refusal. This has empowered Dalit Christians find dignity and equality; and claim their rights in the Parish

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ix) NDCW is invited to present Papers and speak in various Seminars, Conferences and Training Programmes organised by Church based Organisations, as well as Civil Society Organisations on caste based discrimination of Dalit Christians within Churches and the larger society

x) NDCW networks with several Organisations and Institutions including the CBCI, NCCI, NCDL, CISRS, IDSN, Social Service Societies of Catholic Dioceses, ADF, NCDHR on issues concerning Dalits and Dalit Christians

These achievements of NDCW over a period of 10 years is the starting point, impetus, and foundation laying for more to follow in the coming years.

Prayers and best wishes for NDCW as it moves ahead in its mission and faith journey of enabling caste free Churches in which “there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor there is neither male and female, for you (we) are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians. 3:28).

Dr. Richard Devadoss
National President

Roots of Our Journey



Marking the beginning of a journey: NDCW
inaugurated on 11 March 2016 at CNI Bhawan, New
Delhi, by
Bishop Neethinathan.

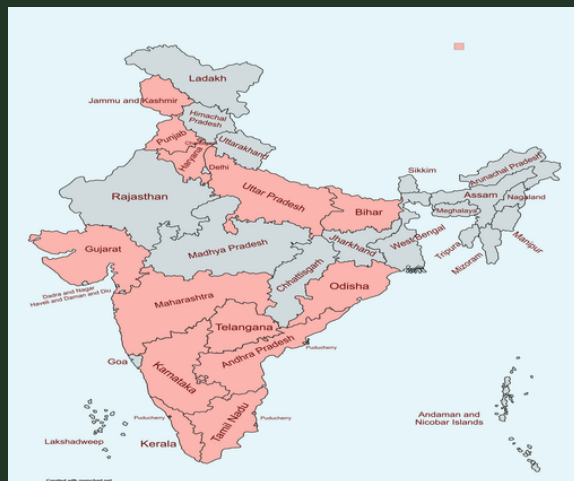


Over the years, NDCW has grown into a
vibrant movement—raising voices,
building leadership, and inspiring
change. What began as a step of faith
has become a journey of courage and
commitment, continuing to shine as a
beacon of hope for justice, equality,
and transformation.

NDCW KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Organizational Growth

- NDCW has established **chapters in 15 states across India**.
- Each state chapter has a **core team mobilizing youth**, supported by **regional coordinators**.
- Strong **stakeholder relationships** have been built to guide the future direction of the organization.



Youth Capacity Building

- **482 youth trained** in the Northern region.
- **647 youth trained** in the Southern region.
- **50% participation by women**, ensuring gender inclusivity.
- **48 capacity-building programs** conducted across North and South India.



CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

- **International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN)** training programs.
- Conferences on **Ecumenical Partnerships and Christian responses to social justice**.
- Workshops on **constitutional rights, legal awareness, and human rights**.
- Lectures on **caste system and Dalit Christian theology**.
- Participation in **ADF Religious Freedom Summit 2024**.

SOLIDARITY MOVEMENTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE CAMPAIGNS

- Participation in **Save Democracy – Save Constitution** campaign.
- Solidarity with **Palestine freedom struggle and global justice movements**.
- Engagement in **women's protests for Adivasi women's rights** at Jantar Mantar.
- Campaigns against **violence against Dalit women**.
- Advocacy for **religious freedom and minority rights**.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCE MATERIALS (2022–2024)

- **Total Issues Published: 8**
 - **2022**
 - 1 issue published
 - Website content later **revised in 2024**
 - **2023**
 - 4 issues published (Quarterly)
 - **Website recreated in 2023** with new features
 - **1000 NDCW Calendars distributed**
 - **2024**
 - 3 issues published
 - **Resource material developed:** Handouts on discrimination
 - Based on **Indian Constitution and Canon Law**



Fact-Finding and Justice

- Conducted **five** fact-finding missions addressing discrimination against Dalit Christians.
- Fact-finding report used as evidence in the Kevin Joseph case in Kerala.
- Ayyampatti Church (Tamil Nadu): After 75 years, Dalit Christians gained
Equal identity
Access to altar space
Right to pay church tax

North Region Impact

- 19 Capacity Building Programs conducted
- Women Participants: 118
- Men Participants: 364
- Total Participants Capacitated: 482

Impact:

- Strengthened youth leadership and advocacy networks
- Expanded state chapters and grassroots coordination

South Region Impact

- 29 Capacity Building Programs conducted
- Women Participants: 241
- Men Participants: 406
- Total Participants Capacitated: 647
- Impact:
- Increased Dalit Christian youth engagement
- Strengthened women's leadership and participation
- Developed writers and media contributors for Dalit Christian discourse

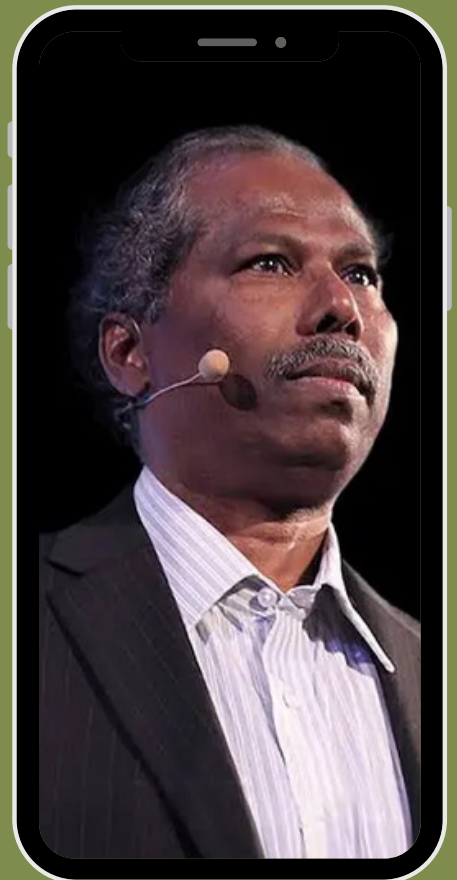


CARRYING THE VISION: MESSAGES FROM NDCW LEADERSHIP

"Dalit Christians are triply oppressed. They are discriminated and victimized by larger society, state and by the church. Dalit organizations, movements and parties inspired by Baba Sahib Ambedkar have been very active for decades together in asserting their human status, dignity and rights in the secular domain. Dalit Christians too join them as Dalits for the same. However, when Dalit Christians face the same similar oppressions within church, the scheduled caste people seldom join them to challenge church and the caste Christians. Dalit Christian organizations have been formed decades ago at the national and at a few state levels for the space and rights of Dalit Christians.

But mostly these organizations are even today very active in climbing scheduled caste status for Dalit Christians which will help them to enjoy affirmative action benefits that are available for scheduled caste. But challenging church and caste Christians were not adequately, systematically and sufficiently done. Therefore, a few Dalit Christian stalwarts came together to promote national level organizations mainly to engage with church which goes against the concept of imago dei that humans were created in the image of God and in God's liking. In addition, caste Christians do not take it seriously of St. Paul's statement that there is no male or female, free person or slave, Greek or Jew. All are one in Christ. Therefore, NDCW was promoted, National Dalit Christian Watch was promoted as an advocacy organization in the year 2016 in Delhi with the main objective of engaging and challenging church and its institutions for the rightful space and rights. NDCW concentrated in identifying states where Dalit Christian presence is more and substantial and their status is weak. In such states, National Dalit Christian Watch identified both lay and clergy, especially the youth in both gender and trying to capacitate them with a number of programs to emerge and promote them as local leaders to engage with church. In addition, NDCW undertakes fact findings whenever heinous atrocities are unleashed against Dalit Christians. NDCW produces periodical reports demonstrating the status of Dalit Christians. It joins hands with other Dalit Christian organizations for demanding SC status, also with CBCI and NCCI for addressing the core issues of Dalit Christians. It joins hands with other Dalit Christian organizations for demanding SC status, also with CBCI and NCCI for addressing the core issues of Dalit Christians. s where the worst affected are Dalit Christians.

Dr. Vincent Manoharan



In the last 10 years, NDCW made its presence in 13 states and still more states are on the pipeline. Almost all the 6 states of South and at the moment 7 states in North India are very much able to see the presence of National Dalit Christian Watch. Both Roman Catholic Church and the Reformed Churches recognized the presence of NDCW and listened carefully for addressing the issues of Dalit Christians. The current scenario is alarming, very alarming owing to the dynamics of the fascist forces who uphold majoritarianism and unleashes hard speeches and attacks on Christians.

A lot more statistics are there how the Dalit Christians are targeted by the Hindutva forces. In short, NDCW has a long way to go to gain their proportionate space within Church and its institutions and it has to do a number of other programs and other interventions. In addition to that, safeguarding the rights, safety and protection of Dalit Christians from the hands of Hindutva forces is also a very essential kind of an intervention to make. So a long way to go for Dalit Christian Watch and we need to see that how best that we can address the issues of Dalit Christians for leading a life with justice and peace.”

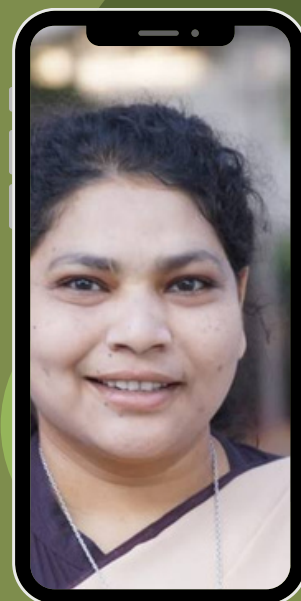


Dr. Richard Devadoss

“The National Dalit Christian Watch or NDCW for short was formed on the 11th of March 2016. March 11, 2026 marks the 10th anniversary of NDCW. I have been privileged to serve NDCW in various capacities as the founding member, as interim chair for a particular period, as member of the drafting committee, constitution drafting committee of NDCW and as the present president of the National Dalit Christian Watch. NDCW is unique in several ways. Firstly, it is an ecumenical organization. The founding members are from the Catholic churches as well as from the Reformed churches. We have ordained priests from the Catholic church and from the Reformed churches. We have religious nuns who are part of this organization and we have lay women and men. NDCW is unique since it has been formed as the only organization as far as I know in India to address caste-based discriminations in any form within the churches. NDCW is presently headed by a woman, Sister Manju Devarapalli, a Catholic nun. NDCW has formed around 15 chapters, state chapters in India starting from Jammu and Kashmir. It has chapters in Punjab, Haryana, Odisha, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra and Pondicherry. Each of these chapters are headed by a convener who takes care or addresses caste-based discrimination within churches in the particular dioceses within the respective states. NDCW also networks with various other organizations including the Catholic Bishops Conference of India, the National Council of Churches in India, Caesars and the National Dalit Christian and the National Commission for Dalit Christians.

NDCW has trained over 1200 young people, young women and men in addressing caste-based discrimination within the churches. It has also been engaged in fact findings and legal interventions through which Dalit Christians have been able to claim their rights for reading the scriptures, for paying their tax, for bearing their subscription and for taking part in all activities of the church including being members of the respective parish or pastorate committees. NDCW plans to train around 300 young women and men as the next line leaders in the next three years to carry forward the mission of NDCW which is addressing caste-based discrimination in all its forms within churches. The vision of NDCW is churches without caste. There should be zero caste-based discrimination or no caste-based discrimination within churches. Christ and caste cannot go together as followers, believers and imitators of Jesus. We need to follow his mission in eliminating, in eradicating caste in all its forms within churches. My prayers and best wishes for NDCW for all its future endeavours. Thank you.”

“National Dalit Christian Watch stands out from other Christian movements in its focused approach to addressing caste-based discrimination within the Indian church and as I said it's founded in 2016 with a motto that Christ and caste cannot exist and it's basically to restore the dignity, advocating the equal representation and opportunities for Dalit Christians in leadership positions. Our NDCW also highlights the struggles of Dalit Christians who face economic deprivation, social ostracism and violence despite being a majority among the Indian Christians. The focus on church accountability is our main thing when NDCW specifically focuses on caste-based discrimination within the church questioning its reforms and demanding greater representation. What I envision for National Dalit Christian Watch for the future is that every Dalit Christian in the Indian church experiences and lives out caste-free church. This is my dream and this is what I strive for.”



**Sr. Manju
Devarappalli**



**Dr. Dennabandhu
Manchala**

“ I've been associated with the National Dalit Christian Watch from the start, more actively during the past three years as a member of the executive committee. What attracts me to the NDCW are the following. One, it is an initiative of a growing collective of Christian activists who are committed to the eradication of caste because it denies equality and justice as well as right to be human for many of its victims. Two, the space and opportunity it offers for partners to meet and strategize on ending the shameful reality of caste discrimination right within the church. And three, is its current emphasis on working with the younger generation of Dalit Christians with their distinct experiences and analysis as well as their skills and solutions to dismantle caste. I wish that the National Dalit Christian Watch persists with its vision of the Church not only as a caste-free space, but also as an anti-caste force in India. I look forward to being engaged in its mission in the years ahead.”

Together in Mission: Reflections and Wishes



Cynthia Stephen

As NDCW is commemorating its tenth anniversary I wish to congratulate the leadership team and wish them all the very best for their effectiveness in the future. I hope that they will uphold the rights of all Dalits and also raise up a new generation of young people especially women to lead and direct the struggle for the rights of all, especially the marginalized groups and women within them. I'm in solidarity with NDCW in this task. Jai Bhim



Ashu Peter Matto

As Convenor of NDCW – National Dalit Christian Watch (Jammu & Kashmir UT), I am proud to be part of a movement that is tirelessly working to eliminate caste-based discrimination both within and outside the Church. NDCW consistently raises the voice of Dalit Christians on diverse national platforms, while also nurturing and empowering emerging leaders through timely capacity-building initiatives. Being associated with NDCW has strengthened my commitment and equipped me with the vision and courage to speak against injustice and advocate for the dignity and rights of the Christian community.



Ratna Sri Gadde

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the leadership and team of NDCW on the occasion of their 10th anniversary. As someone who has been working with Dalit Christian communities in Andhra Pradesh, I had the opportunity to organize two major NDCW programs in the state. These initiatives created meaningful spaces for discussion and helped bring the issues of Dalit Christian communities into broader public dialogue and awareness. I convey my best wishes to NDCW as it continues to foster deeper discussions and take impactful actions for the community.



Abhishek Kumar
Dash

The National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) continues to stand as a significant and timely voice among Dalit Christian organizations in India. With a clear commitment to justice, the organization actively addresses inequalities within church structures, articulates principled positions, and works toward inclusive and non-discriminatory solutions that uphold the dignity of both men and women. NDCW remains steadfast in its mission as an independent Christian body, engaging with the concerns of Dalit Christians without alignment to any political affiliation. Its work reflects a deep sense of responsibility, faith, and advocacy for marginalized communities. In the spirit of Christ's love and justice, I pray that NDCW will continue to grow in strength, impact, and influence—serving as a beacon of hope and a source of unity for Dalit Christians across the nation.



Dr. Jessy Peter

The National Dalit Christian Watch is currently a relevant group among Dalit Christian organizations in India. This organization works to fight against injustice within churches, clarify strong positions, and find solutions to issues without discrimination between men and women. Additionally, NDCW is a strong Christian organization that intervenes in the issues of all Dalit Christians without being affiliated with or part of any political party. In the name of Christ, I pray that the NDCW, the pride of Dalit Christians in India, and its activities will continue to grow.



Prof. Emmanuel
Nahar

Dear brother and Sister, The National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) is a highly relevant and important organization in India. There is no doubt that it is one of the leading organizations committed to promoting unity among the deprived, marginalized, and oppressed sections of society. It also plays a crucial role in safeguarding the interests of Dalits from time to time. Over the past few years, NDCW has actively fought against injustice and worked towards finding solutions to many pressing issues. The organization has reached even the most remote areas where Dalits face discrimination and has consistently raised its voice against such practices. It has also made significant efforts to highlight gender discrimination within society. NDCW is working across India with a strong national spirit and commitment. With the blessings of Almighty God, its leaders are working together with dedication, cooperation, and compassion. I am confident that their continued efforts will lead society in the right direction. My best wishes are always with NDCW.



Masilamani Benjamin

Ten years is a significant milestone of achievement. Many movements begin in different places but disappear within a few years. However, the National Dalit Christian Watch continues to function effectively and consistently, driven by like-minded individuals with strong vision and commitment. I take pride in being part of this journey and actively contributing to its mission. The credibility of the organization, its clear direction, and the dedication of its leadership team are the true strengths that fuel its continued progress. In the coming days, we will join together at the national level with energetic and committed youth from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, and continue this journey collectively. We look forward to the day when Dalit Christian liberation is realized—within the Church, among the people, and in relation to the government—where justice and equality are ensured in accordance with the Constitution. NDCW is guiding us in the right direction toward this goal. Best wishes to everyone.



Dr. Binoy Abraham

When I was associated with NDCW, it gave us many opportunities to share our experiences on a national platform. It organized training workshops that provided valuable opportunities to improve our writing skills and publish our perspectives on caste and religious issues in academic journals. When I participated in these workshops, they were conducted as serious academic initiatives aimed at sharpening our arguments and critical thinking. NDCW is a wonderful organization that supports emerging youth from caste-ridden social backgrounds in India and helps them develop their intellectual abilities.



Shibu Joseph

National Dalit Christian Watch conveys the importance of promoting equality, justice, and a caste-free Church for all Indians.



Anjani Rani

National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) – Empowering Dalit Christians, Eradicating Caste Oppression!

Bold Vision: Founded in 2016 with the powerful motto "Christ and Caste Cannot Go Together", NDCW is a dynamic National Campaign force fighting caste-based discrimination in Churches, institutions, and society. Led by theologians, human rights defenders, lawyers, and activists across denominations, it champions dignity, equality, and justice for Dalit Christians – the majority in Indian Christianity.

Explosive Growth & Impact: Nationwide chapters in 15+ states, including strong North India presence.

Relentless advocacy: Fact-finding, public hearings, lobbying, legal battles, and protests.

Landmark Youth Capacitation Programs

North India Surge: Vibrant chapters and events in Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana-Delhi NCR, Agra-UP. Youth empowerment workshops, stakeholder meetings, and resolutions to demand equal participation at governance level, Reaching remote areas, smashing caste-based discrimination and amplifying gender justice.

Unstoppable Mission: Building awareness, capacitating next-gen leaders, fostering unity, and pushing for a caste-free Church and inclusive society.

With divine blessings and fierce dedication, NDCW is igniting change – one voice, one fight, one victory at a time!

Heartfelt solidarity and roaring best wishes to NDCW for greater impact in North India and beyond.



Amal Joseph
Prabhu

For the Dalit Christian community in India, the promise of a secular nation remains unfulfilled. While many are willing to leave their religion, they find that society—and tragically, the Church—refers back to caste. Within the very body of Christ, we face the same exclusionary Hindu caste dynamics we sought to escape. From the local Parish to the highest offices of the Bishops, the shadow of caste customs persists, mirroring the ideologies of Hindutva rather than the teachings of the Gospel. When a Dalit converts to Christianity, they often face a double blow: they are marginalized within their new faith while simultaneously losing their constitutional rights to government scholarships and reservations. This "caste trap" leaves many feeling hopeless, driving them back toward other faiths or leaving them vulnerable to extremist ideologies that benefit from our fragmentation.

The current approach of the Church—organising commissions and meetings—is no longer enough. Standing by a victim is only the first step; we must fight for them to regain what was stolen in the very places they lost it.

The Turning Point: NDCW 2024

My search for a like-minded movement led me to the National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) during the 2024 Warangal Capitation Program. Here, I found a vision that matches the urgency of our plight. The success stories of NDCW—from rigorous fact-finding missions to securing legal justice for victims—are the blueprint for our empowerment. Despite a decade of success, many, including clergy like Fr. Praveen, are only just discovering this vital forum. It is time to amplify this voice.

Our Strategy for the New Decade

We are calling for a "Caste-less Church" led by the dynamic core team and office bearers of the NDCW. To achieve this, we will use two primary weapons: Social Media and Folk Arts.

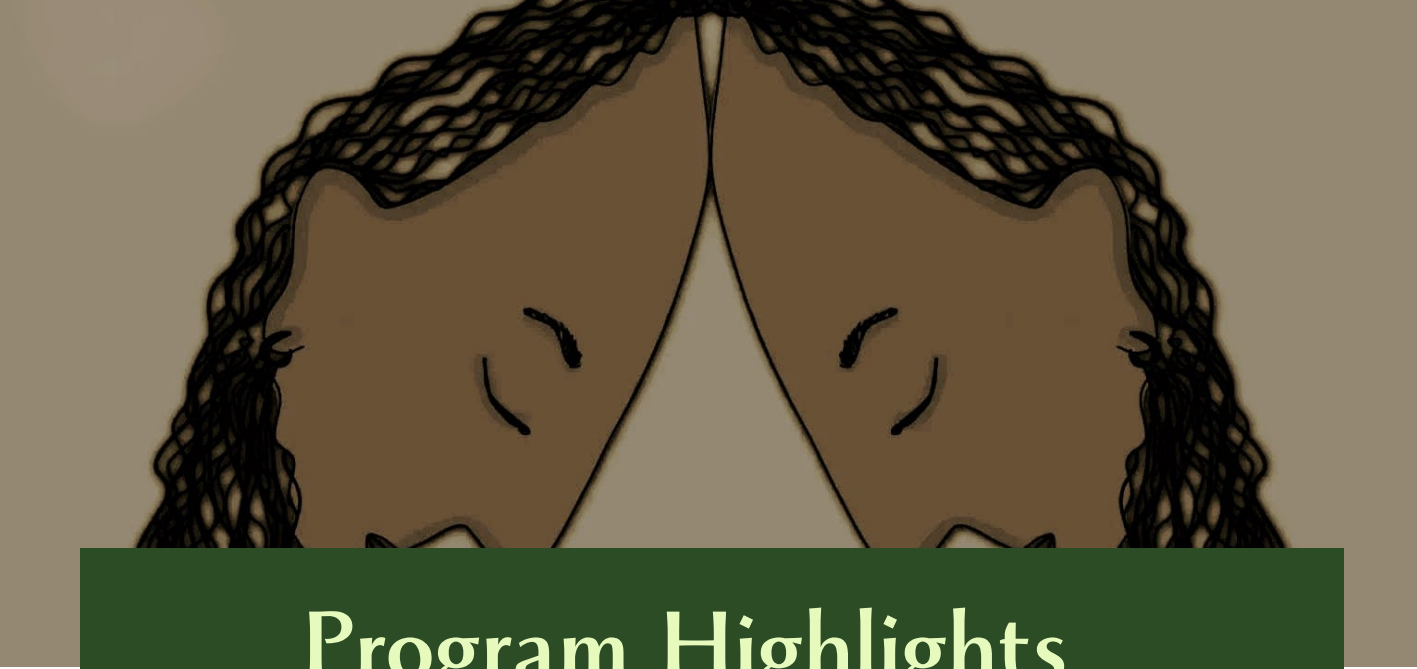
Digital Mobilization: We will use social media platforms to educate, connect, and organize Dalit youth and women.

Cultural Education: We will use traditional folk arts to reach the grassroots, telling our stories in the language of the people.

Strategic Collaboration: We will bridge the gap between Church commissions and government officials to ensure Dalit Christians access the schemes and positions of power they deserve.

Our goal is clear: to empower Dalit children, youth, and women to take their rightful place in the government sector and within a reformed Church.

"Christ and caste cannot move together." Let the next decade be a milestone where we stop being a "reflection" of caste and start being the true body of Christ—proud, empowered, and free



Program Highlights

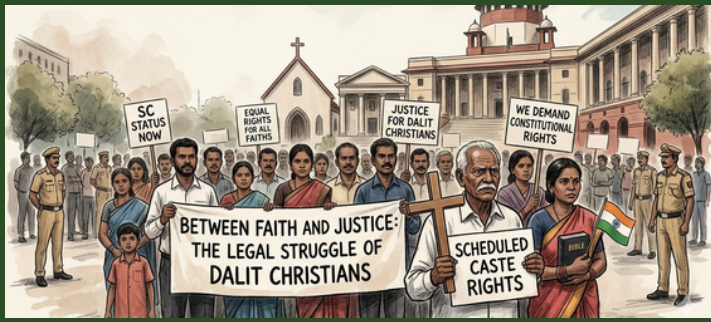


The National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) celebrated its Foundation Day on 11th March 2026 through a virtual gathering on Google Meet. Members of the national team, governing body, stakeholders, convenors, and participants from different parts of India came together to mark this significant occasion. The program provided a meaningful space for reflection and connection, as the founders of NDCW shared their experiences, memories, and the vision behind the formation of the organization. Their reflections highlighted the journey, challenges, and commitment that have shaped NDCW over the years.

The gathering also served as a moment of renewed commitment, bringing together participants in a spirit of unity, gratitude, and hope. It reaffirmed the collective dedication to continue advocating for justice, dignity, and equal rights for Dalit Christians. The celebration strengthened the sense of community and inspired all participants to carry forward the mission of NDCW with greater passion and purpose.

The National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) marked International Women's Day through a meaningful Google Meet on the theme "Believing and Belonging: Dalit Christian Women's Intersectional Journey." The session featured insightful inputs from Dr. Jessy Peter, Brinda Adige, and Annie Namala, who reflected on the lived realities of Dalit Christian women navigating caste, gender, and faith. The discussion highlighted challenges of exclusion as well as the strength, resilience, and leadership of women within the community. The program created a space for reflection, solidarity, and renewed commitment towards justice, equality, and inclusive belonging.





Right to Worship, Not a Permission: Allahabad High Court Stands for Religious Freedom

In a significant order on **January 27, 2026**, the Allahabad High Court firmly upheld the constitutional right to conduct Christian prayer meetings within private premises, in a case involving Maranatha Full Gospel Ministries. The Court made it unequivocally clear that no State permission is required to practice one's faith within one's own property, reaffirming that this right flows directly from Article 25 of the Constitution of India. At a time when minority communities increasingly face surveillance, disruption, and intimidation in the name of regulation, this ruling stands as a powerful reminder that faith is a fundamental right—not a privilege granted by authorities. While the Court maintained that activities in public spaces must follow due legal process, it also placed responsibility on the State and police to protect, not police, lawful religious practice. For Dalit and minority Christians, this judgment is more than a legal clarification—it is a crucial assertion of dignity, freedom, and the right to exist and worship without fear.

Churches Challenge Anti-Conversion Laws in Supreme Court

In a significant move on **February 2, 2026**, the National Council of Churches in India approached the Supreme Court of India challenging the anti-conversion laws in 12 states, including Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat. The petition argues that these laws, often presented as protecting religious freedom, are being widely misused to criminalize voluntary conversions, restrict freedom of faith, and target minority communities, especially Christians. It highlights growing incidents of harassment, arrests, and disruption of prayer gatherings under these laws, raising serious concerns about violations of Article 25 (freedom of religion) and Article 21 (right to life and personal liberty). As the Supreme Court takes up the matter, the case is expected to be a crucial test of India's commitment to constitutional values, religious freedom, and the protection of minority rights.

In a significant ruling on **March 24, 2026**, the Supreme Court of India held that conversion to Christianity or any religion outside Hinduism, Sikhism, or Buddhism results in the loss of Scheduled Caste (SC) status.

SC Status Denied After Conversion: Supreme Court Ruling Sparks Debate

A bench comprising Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Manmohan upheld an earlier Andhra Pradesh High Court decision, stating that the 1950 Presidential Order makes SC status strictly religion-specific. The Court clarified that once a person converts and practices another religion, they are no longer entitled to SC benefits, including protections under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The case involved a pastor who sought protection under the Act, but the Court rejected the claim, noting that caste status is determined by one's present religious identity. The verdict reinforces the existing legal framework while raising critical concerns about the continued exclusion of Dalit Christians from constitutional safeguards despite ongoing social discrimination.



Kerala Releases J. B. Koshy Commission Report After Delay

The Kerala government officially released the long-awaited J. B. Koshy Commission report on February 28, 2026, nearly three years after its submission. Constituted in November 2020 under the leadership of Justice J. B. Koshy, the three-member commission examined the socio-economic conditions of backward Christian communities across the state. The 357-page report, based on over 4.45 lakh petitions, presents 284 recommendations addressing regional disparities in areas such as Kuttanad, coastal belts, and hilly regions, with special focus on Latin Catholics and converted Christians. While the Cabinet has given in-principle approval and announced decisions on several recommendations, concerns remain over the lack of full implementation, despite earlier claims by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan that many proposals were already acted upon. The report stands as a crucial document highlighting persistent marginalization and the urgent need for concrete policy action to ensure justice and welfare for Dalit and backward Christian communities in Kerala.



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In this journey, we owe our gratitude to..

People's Action for Rural Awakening (PARA),

MIJARC – the International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth,

and **Social Awareness Society for Youth (SASY)**, our legal holders.

Their accompaniment and encouragement continue to inspire our work among Dalit communities. Through their support, we are able to nurture leadership, promote human dignity, and strengthen grassroots initiatives that strive for an inclusive and just society. We remain grateful for their trust and ongoing collaboration in this journey.

As we reflect on this journey of ten years, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to all who have walked with us in faith, courage, and commitment. Your constant support has strengthened our mission for justice, dignity, and equality. As it is written, "I thank my God every time I remember you... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3,5). May this shared journey continue to inspire hope and deepen our collective commitment to building a more just and compassionate society.