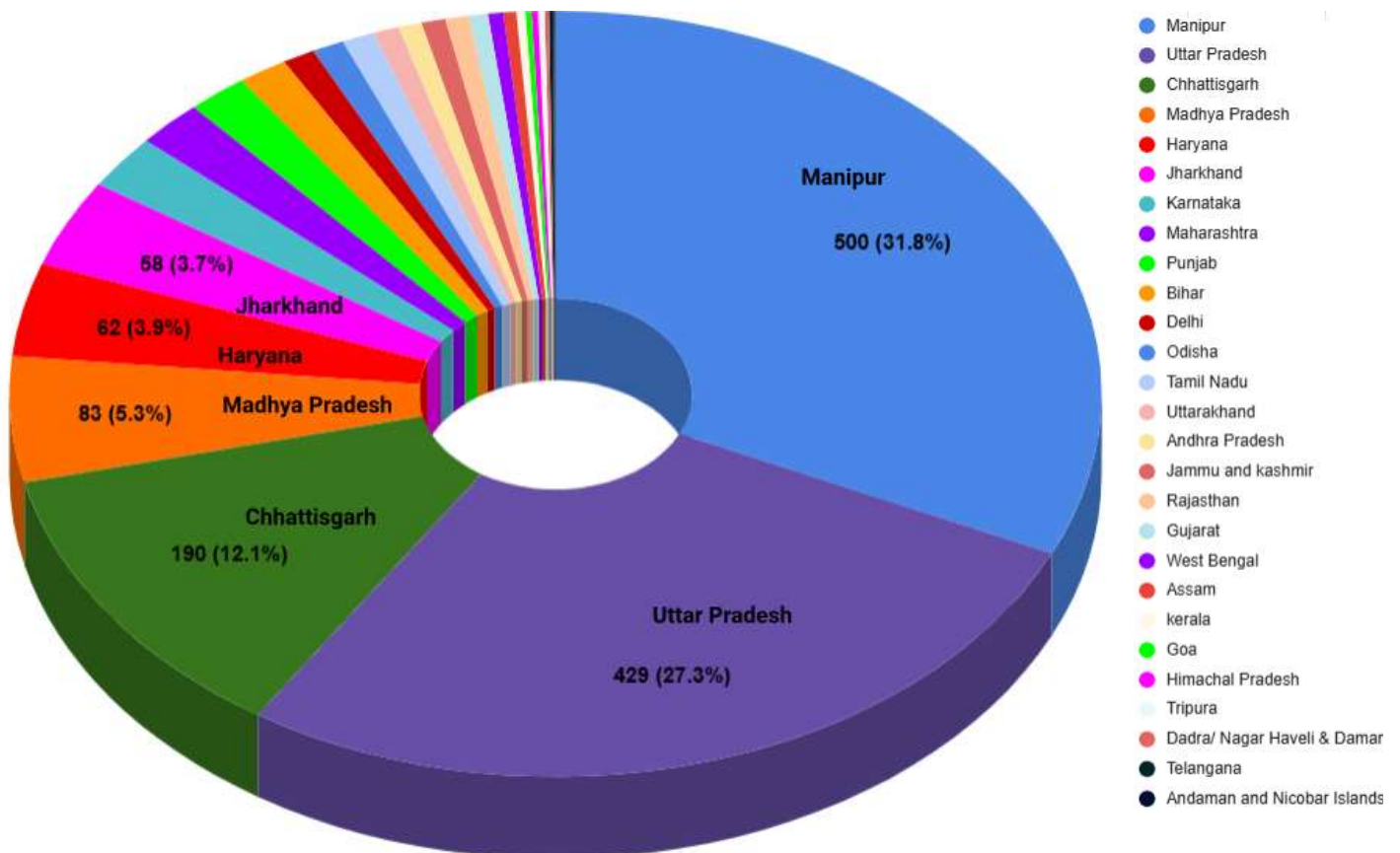




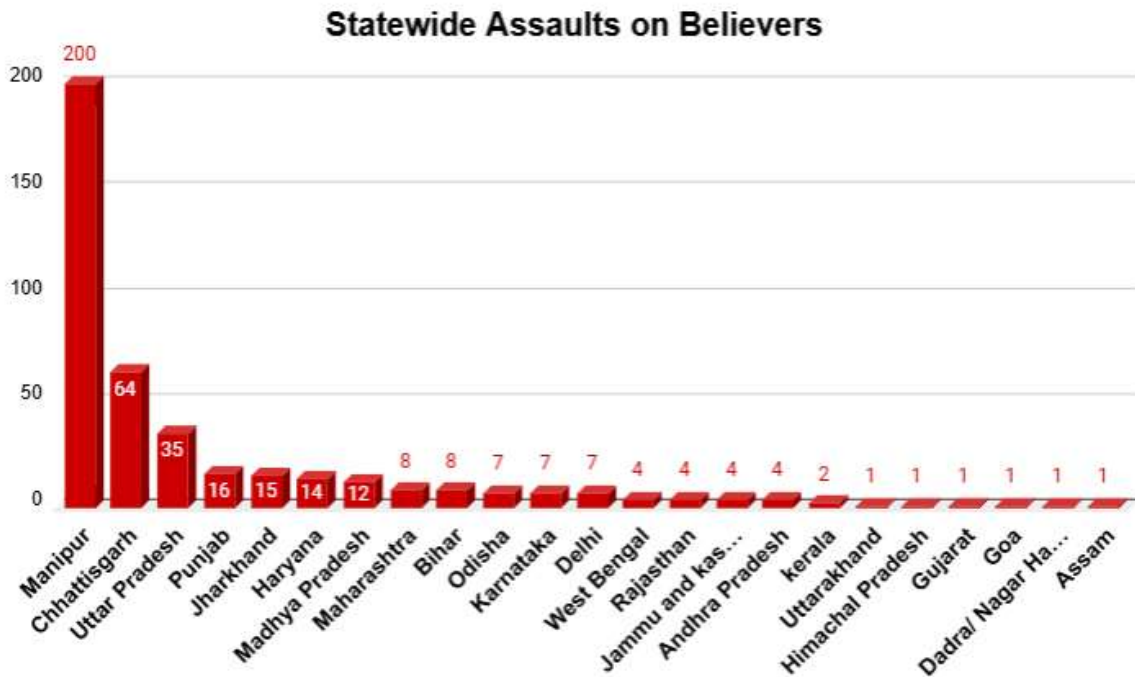
FEDERATION OF INDIAN AMERICAN CHURCHES OF NORTH AMERICA

The year 2023 marked a rise in Christian persecution in India. There were at least **1570** reported attacks on Christians in 2023 compared to 1196 in 2022, and 761 in 2021. Kuki-Zo Christians endured the most violence in **Manipur**. There were 166 murders, including 3 Meiteis. At least 268 churches were destroyed, of which 64 were Meitei churches demolished by Meitei non-believers. Over 200 gruesome attacks were carried out without regard to women and minors, in contrast to 218 reported in the rest of the country.

Statewide Attacks against minority Christians



Uttar Pradesh leads in systematic Christian persecution with 431 occurrences disrupting 253 worship services in churches, and prayer in homes. 1868 Christians were jailed employing 336 arrests. 259 FIRs were falsely filed against the victims based on allegations with no due process.



Chhattisgarh followed with 190 reported incidents involving 64 assaults with 15 instances requiring hospital admissions to prevent loss of limb and life. In 32 instances, the burial of Christian family members was disallowed in villages, subjecting survivors to undue hardship of having to transport their dead to distant Christian cemeteries. Police denied their right to complain against the assailants by refusing the First Information Report (FIR)s. 90 were expelled from their villages while 1235 believers abandoned their Christian faith in response to ongoing harassment and discrimination through 71 forced Ghar-wapsi rituals.

In **Punjab**, 38 faithful believers were expelled from their residences.

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