

# Anxiety and uncertainty cloud the NGO world

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New Delhi, 29 September

In late July, when the Supreme Court of India initiated contempt proceedings against lawyer Prashant Bhusan, civil society activists worried that freedom of speech was under threat. Later, when the same civil society members were named by the police as instigators of the riots that rocked northeast Delhi in February this year, the threat loomed larger. And today, Amnesty International India announced it could no longer afford to uphold human rights in India due to reprisals from the Indian government.

Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) say that demands for accountability and transparency in public works and the imperatives of enforcing human rights in India are becoming challenging. These high-profile clampdowns, they add, have not only successfully stopped the activists in their tracks, but they've had smaller NGOs facing an existential crisis.

"In the last few months, the reprisals against noted activists and large NGOs have made me cautious about speaking my mind on social media," says Veena Lal, director of Karm Marg, a children's home in Faridabad. "It could adversely impact the 60 children dependent on me."

Reprisals, smaller NGOs reveal, take many forms. "Income tax scrutiny is a commonly used tool to punish people like us," says the founder of a Delhi-based NGO on the condition of confidentiality. "We're so small and short-handed at the best of times that the nuisance value of the many trips to the chartered accountant and to the income tax office is huge."

NGOs have also expressed concerns over the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill 2020. These, they say, will further clip the wings of the beleaguered civil society. Many small NGOs, which didn't have FCRA, used to rely on foreign platforms like Global Giving to receive foreign funds. They allege that now the government is not allowing even these platforms to disburse funds.

"I sense a lot of fear and uncertainty around," says Apar Gupta of Delhi-based



Internet Freedom Foundation, which advocates digital rights and liberties. "It is especially discouraging for young people in the development sector. I've noticed that many of them are actively considering other career options to escape this atmosphere."

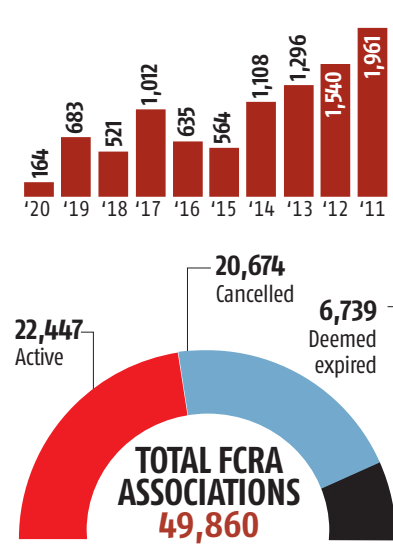
Anjali Bhardwaj of Satark Nagrik Sangathan, who has been named along with two junior colleagues in the charge sheet on the Delhi riots, says such institutionalised witch hunts muzzle free speech and civil society in three ways. "First, they discourage individual activists from standing up for what they believe in. Second, NGOs targeted end up becoming incapacitated. And third, by making very public examples of organisations like Amnesty, the government is sending a chilling message that these are the consequences of dissent."

Amnesty is among a list of high-profile civil society organisations such as Indira Jaising's Lawyers Collective, Bhusan's Campaign for Judicial Accountability and Judicial Reforms and Harsh Mansder's Centre for Equity Studies that have been under intense scrutiny.

The day Amnesty published its report on the riots in northeast Delhi, alleging the role of the state, one of its bank accounts was frozen. Weeks earlier, its members were called in for interrogation on the same day they brought out a report on human rights violations in Kashmir.

"The civil society space is rapidly shrinking as a result of this," says Bhardwaj. "While some of us have lawyer friends working pro bono for us, the legal fees alone brought upon by such reprisals

## NEW FCRA REGISTRATIONS



All figures as on September 29, 2020  
Source: Ministry of Home Affairs

## Shrinking space

**THERE ARE 49,860 FCRA ASSOCIATIONS IN INDIA, of which 22,447 were active as of September 29, 2020. While more than 9,000 of these were registered in the last 10 years, new FCRA registrations were down from 1,961 in 2011 to 164 in 2020 — the lowest in 10 years. And more than 20,000 have been cancelled.**

A senior FCRA expert said that the government is using a very big hammer to squash a relatively small problem. "It is a mutually destructive approach. The latest Bill will further flip the world of NGOs upside down." **RUCHIKA CHITRAVANSHI**

is a potent enough threat."

Amnesty plans to move a writ petition in Karnataka High Court against the freezing of its bank accounts. Sources in the organisation say its executive director, Avinash Kumar, is paying from his pocket to keep the offices running for the next few weeks and fight the legal battles ahead. Today, as Amnesty employees report for their last day at work, civil society members say they can only wait and see for whom the bell tolls next.

# For Harley lovers, the ride wasn't always smooth

DHRUV MUNJAL  
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A few years ago, Biswajit Borkataky was riding back to Gurugram from Jaipur when he stopped at a high-way dhaba. He parked his gleaming Harley-Davidson Super Glide Custom by the roadside and ordered a cup of tea. Harley owners are used to getting ogled at by fellow motorists, but even a seasoned rider like Borkataky was mildly thrown off by the peculiar request that followed.

"A man came up to me and said there was a wedding in his family. He wanted to rent my bike so that the groom could enter riding a Harley," remembers Borkataky, letting out a laugh. Another time, he says, a car rammied into him from behind at a traffic light because the driver was so occupied admiring his motorcycle that he forgot to brake.

On Indian roads, Harley-Davidson motorcycles are rare specimens (the company sold only some 2,500 last year), garnering attention wherever they go. Almost every Harley aficionado will have a story about how they've been stopped on the road and disarmingly asked: "Kitne ki hai (how much is it for)?" Such adulation is a huge part of the Harley-Davidson cult, one made up of immensely proud and passionate riders. And while all bike cultures are rooted in a deep sense of community, Harley's stature is pretty much unrivalled — more than a million riders worldwide are part of the official Harley Owners Group, commonly called HOG.

Now, with the company announcing plans to wind up operations in India, that pride has taken a hit. Late last week, the American bike-maker announced that it was shutting down its manufacturing plant in Bawal, Haryana, and substantially scaling back sales operations. From being exorbitantly priced to facing stiff competition, Harley was always going to find it tough to crack a market like India.

Even so, the move has come as a bit of shock for owners, who can't help but feel a sense of abandonment. There is anger, even. "In some ways, they cheated us, since these are very expensive bikes. This is a betrayal of trust," says Mumbai-based Pramoud Rao, promoter and managing director at Zicom Electronic Security Systems, who bought a Harley-Davidson Softail Heritage in 2011.

Naturally, there is anxiety over after-sales services. For instance, Noida-based corporate professional Kartik Dhar, who



frantically shot off a query to the company's official channels almost immediately after the announcement, was amazed to learn that dealerships will only service clients until the expiry of their contracts. That is also Harley's official line, but there is fear among owners that the contracts will not last very long, given that the company has already been in India — the Bawal plant opened in 2011 — for a decade.

"If you're on a road trip and your bike breaks down, you're in trouble. You don't know if the dealership near you at the time is operational or not. It's scary," says Dhar, who took his Harley-Davidson SuperLow 883 to Jammu over the weekend. Dhar, 32, is among the younger Harley owners around — the bike is normally seen as the preferred choice of older men, usually in the 45 to 55 age bracket.

Servicing, in fact, was a sore point for customers since the beginning. Rao points to how a trip to one of the service centres generally means that you're down by a few lakhs. "The bike is great to ride. But when it comes to maintenance, you could buy a new Hero motorcycle with the amount you end up paying for one visit."

Dhar goes to the extent of saying that taking care of a Harley — official dealerships operate at flat rates and charge by the hour — is dearer than owning a standard Audi or Mercedes. "The people who've been loyal to the brand for long simply aren't happy with it. And that's why there is so much discontent," he feels. Often, spares are difficult to get, with owners having to wait days for them to arrive. Accessories are another headache, most

of which don't even make it to the Indian market, since volumes here are low, making imports unfeasible.

That explains why many motorcycle enthusiasts have veered away from Harley in recent years. Borkataky, who is part of the Delhi-based Motorhead Motorcycle Club, says that when the club was formed seven years ago, almost every member rode a Harley. Now, most have switched to brands such as BMW, Triumph, Honda or the Kawasaki.

Even as the Harley is known for its raw power and alluring charm, it was never really fit for Indian roads: the big engines tend to heat up during peak summer and they often make for a bumpy ride. And then many models come with a low ground clearance.

"Harley has lost a bit of that charm. Other brands are now offering better tech at cheaper prices," feels Borkataky. "So if you just want to take a long trip, you opt for, say, a BMW Tourer because it makes more sense."

Owners are now hoping that talks with Hero MotoCorp will result in a collaboration and some normalcy will be restored. Some of the consternation has been allayed by the fact that a number of unofficial workshops — in Delhi, the popular ones include Pathpavers and Speed Monks — that know how to service these superbikes have come up in the past few years. And despite the collective anguish, Harley owners are confident that their legendary camaraderie will see them through this crisis. Dhar sums it up: "Just like golf, riding a Harley is about networking. The bond will remain strong."

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Sd/-  
**Amit Bandari**  
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Date : September 29, 2020

**THOOTHUKUDI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

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(Two Cover)

File No: E1/1559/2020 (UJDM / 2020-2021) Dated: 28.09.2020  
The Commissioner, Thoothukudi City Municipal Corporation of inviting Two Cover system to sealed Tender for Package - 1, 2 & 3 for road works under Integrated Urban Development Mission (IUDM) 2020 - 2021.

Contract Value : From Rs.60.00 Lakhs to Rs.325.40 Lakhs

Bid documents Website address	: <a href="https://tntenders.gov.in">https://tntenders.gov.in</a> , <a href="http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in">www.tenders.tn.gov.in</a>
Tender Schedule download	: From 01.10.2020 at 5.00 P.M to 03.11.2020 upto 3.00 P.M
EMD Amount	: 1.Rs.60,000/- 2.Rs.93,750/- 3.Rs.3,25,400/-
Pre Bid Meeting	: 15.10.2020 at 11.00 A.M
Tender Submission	: 03.11.2020 upto 3.00 P.M
Technical Bid Opening	: 04.11.2020 at 3.30 P.M

Online Bidders are requested to upload Bid Documents following the instructions and all the Scan Copy should be submitted Physically in Technical Bid cover. If any Corrigendum / Addendum will be published Only in the aforesaid Government Websites. Commissioner and Special Officer  
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Notice Inviting Tender No: 610000664 of CGM/APPDCL/VJAYAWADA  
APPDCL invites Tender for "Supply of 7.50 Lakh Metric Tonnes of Imported Coal on FOR Destination basis to SDSTPS via Krishnapatnam Port" through APGENCO e-procurement platform with Reverse Auction.

Schedule available Date & Time : From 20:00 Hrs on 28.09.2020  
Bid Submission Closing Date & Time : At 14:00 Hrs on 20.10.2020  
Pre-Qualification/Technical Bid opening date & Time : At 16:00 Hrs on 20.10.2020  
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**RESULT OF VOTING FOR THE 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It is hereby informed that pursuant to applicable regulatory provisions in force, the Company has duly conducted its Thirty Second (32nd) Annual General Meeting on Thursday, the 29th day of September 2020, at 11.00 A.M., through Video Conferencing (VVC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM). The Company had conducted remote e-voting / e-voting at the AGM for passing the following resolutions, proposed before the members of the Company. The Voting rights of the members was in proportion to their share of paid up equity share capital in the Company as on the cut-off date of September 22, 2020. Based on the scrutinizers report dated September 29, 2020, the results of the remote e-voting / e-voting at the AGMs as under:

Sl. No.	Resolutions	No. of Shares and % of total votes cast in favour		No. of shares and % of total votes cast against	
		No. of Shares	% of votes	No. of Shares	% of votes
1	Adoption of the Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.	465,882,168	88.16	62,581,474	11.84
2	Re-appointment of Mr. Anil Kumar Dua (DIN - 03640948), Director liable to retire by rotation.	528,402,092	99.99	61,543	0.01
3	Ratification of remuneration of Cost Auditors for the financial year 2020 - 21.	528,418,225	99.99	45,417	0.01
4	Re-Appointment of Mr. Jawahar Lal Goel (DIN - 00076462) as the Managing Director of the Company for the period from December 17, 2019 to March 31, 2020.	316,214,305	84.81	56,639,526	15.19
5	Re-Appointment of Mr. Jawahar Lal Goel (DIN - 00076462) as the Managing Director of the Company from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022	316,213,260	84.81	56,640,571	15.19

The above resolutions have been duly passed by the Members of the Company with requisite majority. This information is also available on the website of the company at [www.dish2h.com](http://www.dish2h.com) and the website of Stock Exchanges where the Company's shares are listed i.e. [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

For DISH TV INDIA LIMITED  
Sd/-  
**Ranjit Singh**  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer  
Membership No. A15442

Date: September 29, 2020  
Place: Noida

**Government of Jharkhand**  
**Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society**  
**Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare Namkum, Ranchi**

**Very Urgent rate contract notice for Covid-19 RT-PCR testing at private laboratories**

Tender Notice No.: SRC/NAM/188/2020 Date: 28/09/2020

Mission Director, Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Jharkhand, Namkum, Ranchi, invites e-Tender from ICMR approved Private Labs in order to enter into a rate contract for Pick-up & RT PCR testing of COVID-19 samples collected by the districts as per ICMR guidelines.

Blank tender documents with detailed conditions can be viewed or downloaded by the bidders from the website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and bid should be submitted through e-procurement system only. Hard copies of technical bid and financial bid will not be entertained except Tender Fee & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).

Final evaluation and finalization of Rate Contract will be based solely on e-bid submitted by the bidder. It will be sole responsibility of the bidder to scan and upload clear and legible documents for assessment, failing which the tender will be liable for rejection.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the work	Pick-up & RT PCR testing of COVID-19 samples-
2	Date of Publication of Tender on website	29-09-2020
3	Date / time for receipt of bids on website	Up to 06-10-2020 by 3.00 p.m.
4	Date/Time for opening of Technical bid through website	07-10-2020 at 3.00 P.M.
5	Email ID/Contact Person for clarifications	<a href="mailto:jharkhandcovid@gmail.com">jharkhandcovid@gmail.com</a> Contact Person - 9470355626
6	Tender Document Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five thousand only)
7	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rs. Two lakh only)

Note: The specified dates and time may change due to abrupt declaration of holidays or any other unforeseen circumstances. The same shall be informed through web-portal as and when required.

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**Mission Director JRHM**

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