

## Key Achievements 2023

- ▶ IAMC won a defamation lawsuit filed by the far-right Hindu American Foundation in Washington DC federal court.
- ▶ IAMC filed an official complaint with the IRS against the Texas-based Hindu extremist group Global Hindu Heritage Foundation (GHHF), seeking revocation of its non-profit status. IAMC organized protests and events, including one with Dr. Yasir Qadhi and Fr. Cedric Prakash to educate on GHHF.
- ▶ IAMC successfully advocated with the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) to get India designated as a Country of Particular for four consecutive years.
- ▶ During PM Modi's US visit in June 2023:
  - *IAMC and its partners successfully received endorsements from 18 Senators and 57 Representatives to the letter initiated by Rep. Pramila Jayapal to President Biden concerning human rights violations in India.*
  - *Co-organized a press briefing with ten academicians, activists, and survivors at the National Press Club in Washington DC.*
  - *Co-organized protest under the banner of Coalition for Reclaiming Indian Democracy at Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, D.C, during Modi's visit.*
- ▶ Collaborated on grassroots campaigns in support of anti-caste bills in Seattle and California.
- ▶ Organized screenings of the BBC documentary "India: The Modi Question" which exposes Prime Minister Narendra Modi's complicity in the 2002

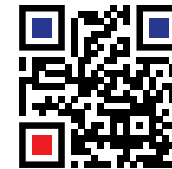
anti-Muslim Gujarat pogrom across 21 cities, including universities, the National Press Club, and the US Congress.

- ▶ IAMC leaders were published and quoted in major news outlets, including The New York Times, Washington Post, NBC News, The Atlantic, Al Jazeera, Jacobin Magazine, and Chicago Sun.
- ▶ Commissioned and published 18 documentaries and investigative reports under the Human Rights Religious Freedom Journalism Grant program.
- ▶ Hosted a national convention in Dallas, Texas, with 1,000 attendees, featuring speakers like Dr. Omar Suleiman, Dr. Khaled Bedyun, Dr. Sahar Aziz, Dr. Yasmin Saikia, Dr. Angana P. Chatterji and Dr. Sabreena Ghaffar-Siddiqui
- ▶ IAMC hosted multiple sessions on Hindutva at the Parliament of the World's Religions.
- ▶ Organized the second Human Rights and Religious Freedom Journalism Awards ceremony in Dallas, Texas. IAMC Advocacy Director Ajit Sahi spoke at the UN Human Rights Council and raised issues at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and various UN Special Mandates.
- ▶ Presented on Hindutva at the ASPEN Pluralism Summit with coalition partners.

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## Indian American Muslim Council



## Leading the Global Fight Against Hindu Supremacist Ideology

IAMC is the largest advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C., founded in 2002 by American Muslims of Indian descent, with chapters spanning across the nation.

## How Does IAMC Counter Hindutva & Uphold Minority Rights?

### Congressional and Governmental Engagement

IAMC staff regularly engage with the legislative and executive branches in the United States Congress, the Departments



of State, Justice, and Homeland Security, and key policy-making governmental organizations to highlight Hindutva, human rights, and religious freedom violations in India.

### Grassroot Mobilization

IAMC works tirelessly to inform, inspire, and enable our grassroots to run successful campaigns. IAMC organized several educational events and documentary screenings at the universities and protests nationwide on a range of issues, including the persecution of minorities during Prime Minister Modi's visit in June 2023,

Facebook's role in normalizing anti-Muslim hate in India, the Hijab ban, and



the demolition of Muslim homes, among others.

### News Media Outreach

IAMC through its Human Rights and Religious Freedom (HRRF) Journalism Awards and the HRRF Journalism Grant program supports budding journalists and media outlets. IAMC closely collaborates with journalists, columnists, and media outlets to amplify the ongoing human rights violations and caste atrocities in India.

### Research

IAMC's research department closely monitors the human rights and religious freedom situation in India on a daily basis. We publish daily India Human Rights Monitor briefs, weekly Human Rights video reports, and quarterly "Persecution of Religious Minorities in India" reports. Our reports are cited in the US State Department's annual reports on human rights.



### Civil Society and Interfaith Outreach

IAMC continuously expands its network of allies in the U.S. and worldwide. We work alongside over 100 civil rights and interfaith organizations to promote justice and equality.

### Academic Outreach

IAMC collaborates with academics from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and India to advance research and scholarship on Hindu supremacist ideology, its threat to democracy, human rights, and religious freedom in India.

### Social Media

IAMC actively promotes the Indian and American Muslim narrative through our strong online presence, connecting with over half a million followers on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

### Campaigns

IAMC organized digital campaigns and action

alerts urging elected representatives to address the challenges posed by extremist Hindutva groups and emerging threats to Indian and American Muslims.

### Legal Support

IAMC provides legal assistance to those falsely implicated by state and non-state actors, including police and Hindu militant groups, often facing lengthy periods of incarceration. (This is a Zakat-eligible project).

