

ONE BILLION RISING

NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTH

DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 15TH



Solidarity between women can be a powerful force of change, and can influence future development in ways favorable not only to women but also to men.

- Nawal El Sadaawi

**1 BILLION
RISING**
REVOLUTION 2020
SOLIDARITY


RISE! RESIST! UNITE!
14 FEBRUARY
2020

O B R E V E N T S

INDIA



Azad's One Billion Rising event held on 4th December at Jagatpuri, Delhi was a huge success! 300+ people participated and engaged through activities such as songs, trainees sharing personal stories of facing violence followed by a rally. The event concluded with a street play by Sukhmanch called 'Wajood' depicting 'how problematic it would be for the society if men and women do not work together inside and outside their homes'.



4TH DECEMBER
DELHI



17TH DECEMBER
MAJNU KA TILA, DELHI



HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF QUEER COMMUNITY AND CITIZENS MARCHED FROM MANDI HOUSE TO JANTAR MANTAR ON JANUARY 3, 189TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SAVITRIBAI PHULE AND PROTEST AGAINST CITIZENSHIP AMENMDMENT ACT AND NATIONAL REGISTER OF CITIZENS



बीत गई लंबी राते, अब लंबे दिन आयेंगे,
लिख दो इन पतंगों पर, हम कागज़ नहीं दिखाएंगे..

“THIS IS WHAT WE WANTED: FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY TO REVISIT THE CONSTITUTION THAT HAS BEEN LONG FORGOTTEN. WE NEED TO REMEMBER THE SECULARISM ENSHRINED [IN IT] BECAUSE THOSE IN POWER WOULD RATHER BRING IN A HINDU RASHTRA [HINDU NATION].”

FAHAD, STUDENT, JMI

#REJECTCAA #REJECTNPR #REJECTNRC

WHAT IS **CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT** (2019) ?

- THE CAA AMENDS THE CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955 AND LAYS DOWN THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTING CITIZENSHIP TO PEOPLE BELONGING TO THE 'MINORITY RELIGIONS' OF PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN AND BANGLADESH WHO HAVE MIGRATED TO INDIA.
- THE MINORITY RELIGIONS MENTIONED IN THE BILL ARE HINDUISM, SIKHISM, BUDDHISM, JAINISM, PARSIS AND CHRISTIANITY.
- IT STATES THAT THE PERIOD OF NATURALISATION FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED RELIGIONS IS 5 YEARS AS OPPOSED TO 11 YEARS FOR EVERYONE ELSE. THE IDEA IS TO GIVE CITIZENSHIP TO EVERYONE WHO GET LEFT OUT OF THE NRC EXCEPT MUSLIMS WHO WOULD BE DECLARED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE DOCUMENT NECESSARY TO PROVE CITIZENSHIP FOR NRC. THE MUSLIMS WHO ARE DECLARED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AFTER THIS WILL ACCORDING TO THE LAW BE SENT TO DETENTION CENTRES UNTIL THEY ARE DEPORTED TO THEIR 'COUNTRY OF ORIGIN'.

"The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill is risking the unity of the country and is a conspiracy against the nation."
- YOGENDRA YADAV



WHAT IS **NATIONAL REGISTER OF CITIZENS** (NRC) ?

- THE NRC IS A FORM OF REGISTERING PEOPLE AS CITIZENS, WHICH IS BY ITS VERY DESIGN, IS BOUND TO HAVE MAJOR EXCLUSION ERRORS BECAUSE THE ONUS IS PROVING THAT 'THEY ARE CITIZENS' IS ON PEOPLE. EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR DOCUMENTS THAT PROVE THEIR OR THEIR FAMILY'S RESIDENCY IN INDIA.
- PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR, LIVING IN DIFFICULT TERRAINS, LANDLESS TRIBALS AND MIGRANT LABOURERS ARE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE LEGAL DOCUMENTS LIKE BIRTH CERTIFICATES, REGISTERED MARRIAGES, LAND PATTA, SCHOOL CERTIFICATES ETC WHICH LINKS THEIR ANCESTRY TO SOME PLACE IN INDIA.
- THE NRC EXPERIENCE IN ASSAM SHOWED THAT EVEN AFTER THEY SUBMITTED SOME DOCUMENTS, IT WAS COMPLETELY UP TO THE OFFICIALS OF FOREIGNER TRIBUNALS TO EITHER ACCEPT OR REJECT OVER IF THERE ARE ANY DOUBTS RAISED OVER THE DOCUMENTS.

WHAT IS NATIONAL POPULATION REGISTER (NPR) ?

- THE NATIONAL POPULATION REGISTER (NRC) IS A REGISTER OF THE 'USUAL' RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTRY. A USUAL RESIDENT IS DEFINED AS A PERSON WHO HAS RESIDED IN A LOCAL AREA FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS OR MORE, OR A PERSON WHO INTENDS TO RESIDE IN THAT AREA FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS OR MORE.
- EVERY USUAL RESIDENT HAS TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DATA: NAME, RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD, FATHER'S NAME, MOTHER'S NAME, SPOUSE'S NAME (IF MARRIED), SEX, DATE OF BIRTH, MARITAL STATUS, PLACE OF BIRTH, NATIONALITY (AS DECLARED), PRESENT ADDRESS OF USUAL RESIDENCE, THE DURATION OF STAY AT PRESENT ADDRESS, PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY AND EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND THE PLACE OF BIRTH OF PARENTS.



हम मांजी यहीं बिछाएंगे
हम कागज़ नहीं दिखाएँगे,
हम संविधान को बचाएंगे
हम कागज़ नहीं दिखाएँगे,
हम जान-गण-मन भी जाएंगे,
हम कागज़ नहीं दिखाएँगे,
तुम जाट-पात से बांटोगे, हम भात मांगते जायेंगे,
हम कागज़ नहीं दिखाएंगे

-वरुण गोवर, गीतकार व पटकथा लेखक

A CAMPAIGN WITHOUT A LEADER

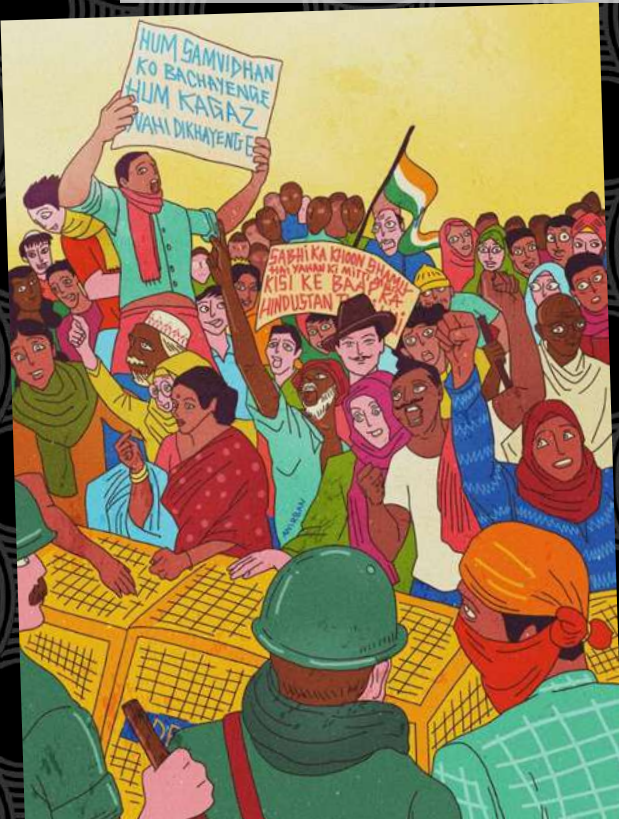


तेरे गुरुर को जलायेगी वो आग हूँ
आकर देख मुझे मैं शाहीन बाग हूँ



THE LEADERLESS, PEACEFUL SHAHEEN BAGH SATYAGRAHIS ARE UNIQUE IN THE HISTORY OF DISSENT AND PROTEST. THEY'RE CREATING NEW GRAMMARS OF PROTEST THAT ONLY SELF-BELIEF, SOLIDARITY AND HOPE CAN GIVE.

THE ART OF RESISTANCE



ART AND INSTALLATIONS HAVE BECOME EXPRESSIONS OF DISSENT AT SHAHEEN BAGH OF CAA-NPR-NRC PROTESTS.

REPLICA OF SHAHEEN BAGH



**SHAHEEN BAGH INSPIRES A WOMEN-LED
CAA PROTEST IN KOLKATA'S PARK CIRCUS**



SLOGANS OF SHAHEEN BAGH ECHO AT PATNA'S SABZIBAGH



THE WOMEN OF JAMALPUR STAGING THEIR PROTEST

**THOUSANDS OF WOMEN STAGE PROTEST IN DIFFERENT
PARTS OF INDIA AGAINST CAA**

RISING STUDENT PROTESTS IN INDIA



MUMBAI



GUJARAT



KOLKATA



MUMBAI



DELHI

THE CURRENT STUDENT MOVEMENT AGAINST THE CAA-NRC/NPR CUTS ACROSS THE FALSE DICHOTOMY OF HINDU-MUSLIM AND THE POLITICAL LEFT-RIGHT DEBATES. IT TRANSGRESSES REGIONAL BOUNDARIES AND FINDS RESONANCE IN EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY.

RISING STUDENT PROTESTS IN INDIA



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"THEY LYNCHED US; WE REMAINED SILENT. THEY ATTACKED OUR INSTITUTIONS; WE REMAINED SILENT. THEY BUILT DETENTION CENTERS FOR MUSLIMS; WE REMAINED SILENT. THEY CALLED US MIGRANTS, REFERRED TO US AS TERMITES, AND WE CONTINUED TO REMAIN NUMB. BUT NOW WE CANNOT TAKE A NEW WOUND. THE CITIZENSHIP BILL IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE TO INDIA SINCE THE PARTITION OF THE COUNTRY, AND WE ARE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS."

MAJID AHMED, TISS, MUMBAI

PARALLEL EVENTS


BURAAI KE KHILAAF BUNAAI

Knitting hats and scarves with slogans for the resistors in Shaheen Bagh
No previous knitting experience required
Yarn and needles will be available, but please also bring your own if you can
Share among your friends :)
For more details, scan QR code or visit 'Knitting for Shaheen Bagh' on Facebook



SHAHEEN BAGH, SATURDAY, 18TH JAN 2020, 12 PM

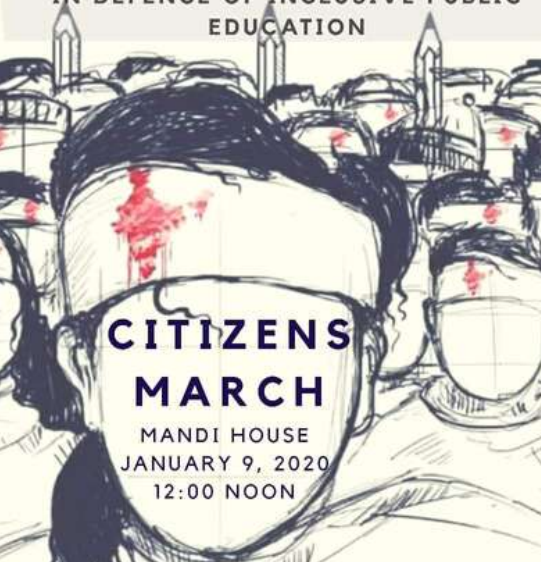
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UNITE AGAINST

PRIVATISATION, ANTI WORKER POLICIES, NPR-NRC-CAA, COMMUNAL FASCISM

AGAINST MOB VIOLENCE AND IN DEFENCE OF INCLUSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION



CITIZENS MARCH

MANDI HOUSE
JANUARY 9, 2020
12:00 NOON

REMOVE CRIMINAL JNU VC!
WITHDRAW THE FEE HIKE!

JNUTA-JNUSU



Khudai Khidmatgar Joins

Call of Jamia Coordination Committee (JCC) "Jamia Chalo"

January 15, 2020
01 PM Onwards



TWITTER STORM

Women, Trans and Queer communities stand against CAA, NRC and NPR

Date: 27th December 2019 | Time: 8pm - 10pm
Tweet with the hashtags
#NafaratKeKhilaafSavitribai
#Jan3Rally

Stand against this regime of hate and ask people to join the rally on January 3rd 2020 (Savitribai Phule's birth anniversary) from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar in Delhi.

CELEBRATING RESISTANCE

AN INTERACTION WITH

DEEPAK KABIR

January FIFTEEN
Twenty Twenty
5.30 - 7.00 pm

Deepak Kabir is a cultural theatre activist from Lucknow. He gave a new life to activism in Lucknow as his way of engaging with youth was very different from old progressive methods and as a result a large number of young people gravitated towards him.


On Dec 20 when he went to Hazratgunj police station to inquire about some friends who were missing after the dec 19 protest he was brutally assaulted, tortured, arrested. He finally got bail and would be in Delhi.

The efforts to silence creative voices have to be strongly resisted.



DO JOIN US

at Lawns, Saiyadain Manzil, 267A
Gulmohar Avenue, Tikona Park
Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025
Nearest Metro : Jamia Millia Islamia
Magenta Line, Gate No. 3



16th January 10:30am - 6pm

Indian Society of International Law
(Opposite Supreme Court of India)

People's Tribunal on State Action in UP

CITIZENSHIP, DEMOCRACY + PROTESTS

The Jury will include:
Justice AP Shah, Justice Sudarshan Reddy, Justice V Gopala Gowda, Prof Irfan Habib, Mr Deb Mukharji, Dr NC Saxena, Mr Chaman Lal, Dr Shantha Sinha, Dr Neera Chandoke, Dr Anirudh Kala and others

AIDWA | Anhad | CIAR | Constitutional Conduct Group
Delhi Science Forum | HRLN | Karwan e Mohabbat | MKSS
NAPM | NFIW | Not in My Name Campaign | SHS



धर्मशाला में नागरिकता संशोधन कानून का किया विरोध

धर्मशाला : नए नागरिकता संशोधन कानून व एन.आर.सी. के विरोध में गांधी वाटिका में प्रदर्शन के दौरान कांग्रेस सिटीजन राइट्स फोरम के सदस्य।

नागरिक अधिकार मंच ने जताया रोष

धर्मशाला, 19 दिसम्बर (यमुन): नागरिकता संशोधन कानून के विरोध में वीरवार को जिला मुख्यालय धर्मशाला के कोरकले स्थित गांधी वाटिका में नागरिक अधिकार मंच के सदस्यों ने विरोध जताया। नागरिक अधिकार मंच के सदस्यों ने कहा कि सरकार कहती है कि यह कानून हमारे पट्टेसी देनों में भेदभाव के निशान देने वाले लोगों को शरण देने के लिए है, अगर सही में ऐसा होता तो यह एक अच्छे बात थी लेकिन इस कानून की किसी भी धारा में भेदभाव और धार्मिक अल्पसंख्यकों का बिकर नक नहीं है। इसमें सिर्फ उन धर्मों को निरस्त हो रहा है, जिन्हें एन.एल.एस. इस दौरान नागरिक अधिकार मंच के सदस्यों सहित अन्य संस्थाओं के कार्यकर्ताओं ने केंद्र सरकार से यह मांग करते हुए कहा कि भारत को संसद नागरिकता कानून 2019 पर पुनर्विचार कर उसे खारज अपने मूल स्वरूप में लौट दे। इस मौके पर एन.एल.एस. अधिकार मंच, संघजन्य संस्था, किसान मोर्चा व अन्य संस्थाओं के पदाधिकारी व सदस्य भी मौजूद रहे।

धर्मशाला के सदस्य
FRI, 20 December 2019
https://epaper.punjabkesari.in/c/47879343

THE SCOOP

OBR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

RISE 2020

CONTENT

V-Day Thailand

Youth Rising India

City of Joy 16th Graduation

Eve at TEDWomen 2019

**ACTION
ART
CONNECTION
IMAGINATION
LOVE**

((VDAY)) 1 BILLION RISING city of JOY

V-Day, One Billion Rising, and City of Joy activists around the world escalated the urgency to fight for gender, climate, economic and racial justice while tirelessly working to end harassment, rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sex slavery. Activists are Rising against a rising tide of right-wing nationalism, white supremacy, fascism, tyranny, hatred of and fear of immigrants, misogyny, femicide, homophobia, transphobia, corporate greed, and climate destruction.

Your friendship, activism, and support has powered an unstoppable movement supporting grassroots anti-violence organizations and activists, opening safe houses, and sustaining domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers. It is also bringing about legislation supporting women and girls. Active in over 200 countries, having raised \$120 million, V-Day is a global phenomenon.



V-DAY THAILAND

In 2019: Eve's latest work, *The Apology*, a best seller, sparked a necessary dialogue on sexual assault, accountability, and transformation. It has engaged media across the globe and sparked a great deal of dialogue about what the anatomy of a true apology is. In the new year, its reach will grow as it's released in France, Germany, Brazil, Taiwan, and in Arabic. We created three new songs for the movement this year. "Dismantle," by Duo Charity Croff And Jacob Denzel Of Archduke (Featuring Taylor Iman And Jenee Jones) invited Men – and everyone – to dismantle the patriarchy. On International Women's Day, we released "Like a Woman" by Ryan Amador (produced by Hannah Rubinstein, a music video directed by Sekou Luke) calling men to recognize and celebrate women's leadership, and to join the movement to end gender-based violence. And just this month, we released "We Are Rising" by Taina Asili – a liberation anthem – calling us to RISE against tides of violence against women, climate crisis, racism, and corporate greed.

Thousands of One Billion Rising actions and V-Day benefit productions of *The Vagina Monologues* and *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant* and *A Prayer* amplified the epidemic of global sexual abuse and efforts to end it across the globe. At City of Joy in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the 16th class has just graduated, turning their pain into power that will surely spark change on the grassroots level. In Kabul, women at the City of Knowledge are breaking barriers as they educate themselves to create better futures for themselves, and in turn their families. Through all of these campaigns and actions, men are grappling with patriarchy, engaging in dialogue that once seemed impossible.



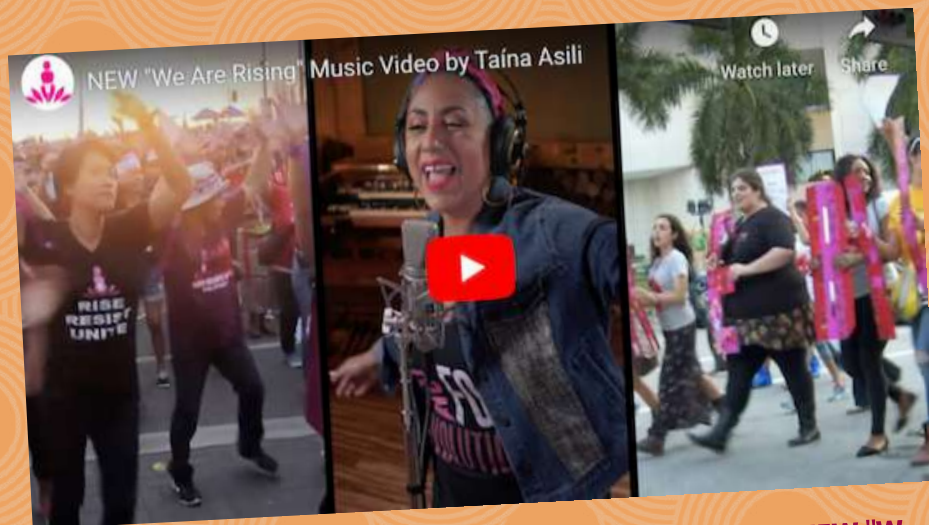
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CITY OF JOY
16TH
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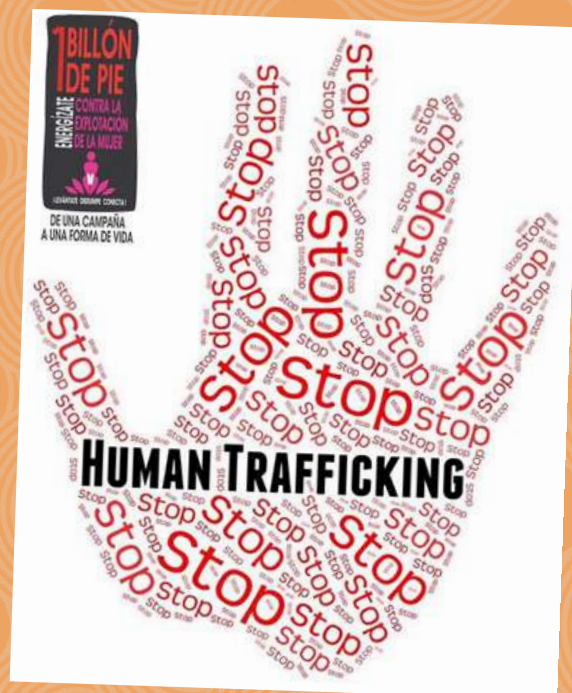


EVE AT TED
WOMEN 2019



Welcoming in the New Year, we are thrilled to share the NEW "We Are Rising" music video. Directed by social justice artist Taína Asili - who also wrote and performed the song - the video features studio footage from the recording session and activist footage from One Billion Rising actions all over the globe. It is a call to action, to dance, to RISE. The song celebrates our collective energy, creative resistance, and solidarity as we RISE against the tides of violence against all women, climate crisis, racism and corporate greed.

<https://youtu.be/Zg1XARMrhmM>



BuzzFeed News

Women Performed The Viral Chilean Anti-Rape Anthem Outside The Harvey Weinstein Trial

The anthem and its accompanying dance have been performed across Mexico, Colombia, France, Spain, Germany, and Istanbul.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OBR INDIA

A National Level March led by Women, Trans and Queer Communities
on 14th February 2020 (OBR) Day) along with multiple citizens in the forefront of the struggle, especially as part of the students risings.

ONE BILLION RISING 2020
RISE RESIST UNITE
RAISE THE VIBRATION

KOLKATA MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE
In collaboration with
LORETO DAY SCHOOL, ELLIOT ROAD
Hosts

EVENTS

- Panel Discussion by Eminent Personalities
- Musical Soiree with Performances of Shayne Hyrapiet, Voicez- The Boyband, Michelle Manuel & Mantasha
- Performances by Schools - Saraswati Sadan, Loreto Bowbazar & Loreto Elliot Road

Venue: Allen Park, Park Street
Date: 31st Jan, 2020
Time: 3:00 pm onwards

Loreto Convent Entally, 1, Convent Lane, Tangra, Kolkata- 700015, West Bengal, India
Phone: +91 33 2227 0229
E-mail: kmwscloretog@gmail.com
Website: www.kolkatamarywardsc.org

Kafila organises:

Hum Dekhenge!
A Cultural Resistance to NPR-NRC-CAA

Date: Friday, **17 January** 2020
Time: **7 PM**
Venue: **Sambhaji Garden Footpath, JM Road, Pune**

Join us for an evening of protest songs, poetry and dance
to celebrate the historic struggle taking place across the country in defence of our Constitutional values.

Tushar: 7709508954
Alka: 9067003838

Entry Free.

INSANI HAKO KE LIYE EKJUTTA SAMMELAN **on 14 February, 2020**

In this Sammelan about 400 women and men will participate from about 30 villages. In this Sammelan there will be speakers and resource persons who will focus on women violence as well as the present situation of the country. More focus will be on communal harmony, constitution of India and democracy.

Peaceful protest front of IIM Amhemadabad
17th January 2020
#NOTOCOA_NRC_NPR
#IIMAHMEDABAD #AHMEDABAD
#ANHAD #GUJARAT

Please participate, the 2020 Campaign-One Billion Rising (OBR) Telangana Planning & Action Plan on 23rd January 2020, time 12pm at TPSK Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Baghlingampalli, Hyderabad

OBR Day February 9, 2020 at Central Park, CP Delhi

The OBR campaign celebrates its day of solidarity on 14th February as it is the day of love and the idea at the core of the campaign is that hate is at the basis of all injustice and violence and only love can trump hate. OBR Delhi celebrates the day on a Sunday to attract a large audience of general public which would be out in the Park on a holiday. It was decided that the event would start at 1 PM and between 10 and 1 some larger theatrical performances would be arranged.



बैठे बैठे जी बहला लो, अच्छे दिन हैं
सोते सोते जश्न मना लो, अच्छे दिन हैं

गायब कर दो नोटों को इक जादूगर सा
टैक्सों के खरगोश निकालो, अच्छे दिन हैं

देश बदलना तो थोड़ा मुश्किल लगता है
नाम बदल कर काम चला लो, अच्छे दिन हैं

छोटी चीजें दिखने में दिक्कत होती है
ऊँचे ऊँचे बुत बनवा लो, अच्छे दिन हैं

अनदेखा कर दो बढ़ते नफ़रत का कूड़ा
टीवी पर कचरा उठवा लो, अच्छा दिन हैं

कर्ज़ बढ़ा है कितना उस की हद ही नहीं है
सरहद के बस ढोल बजा लो, अच्छे दिन हैं

दुनिया से जुड़ने की कोई वजह नहीं है
इंटरनेट का दम घुटवा लो, अच्छे दिन हैं

बच्चे गर आवाज़ उठायें नाराज़ी में
गुंडों से डंडे लगवा लो, अच्छे दिन हैं

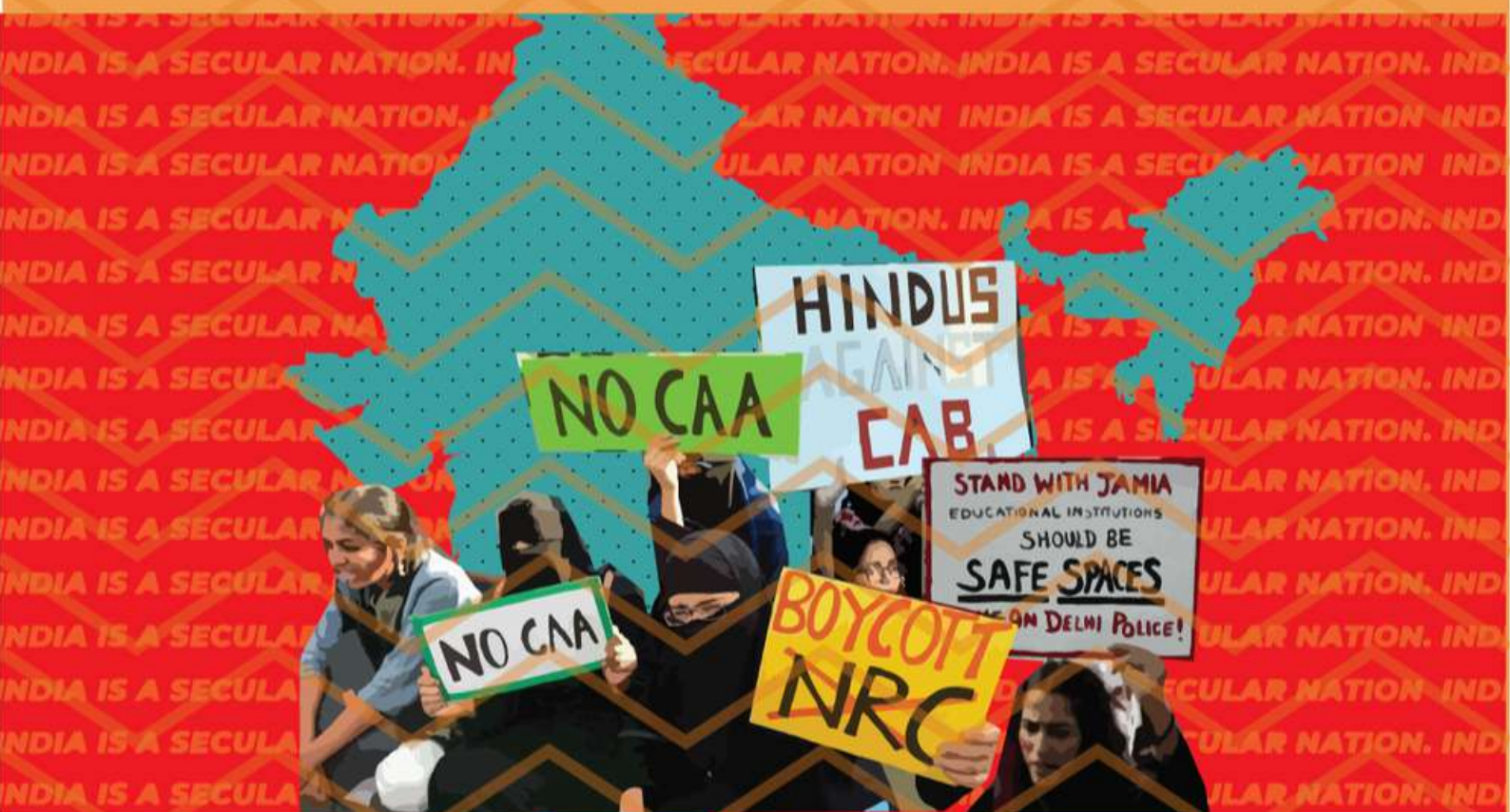
खून के धब्बे चेहरे से मिटवाने हैं तो
गोबर या गोमूत लगा लो, अच्छे दिन हैं

क्रौम कहाँ की, भेड़ हैं मानो अपने घर की
मनचाहे रस्ते पे भगा लो, अच्छे दिन हैं

जो करते हैं अक्ल की बातें, सब उन जैसे
गद्दारों को ढूँढ निकालो, अच्छे दिन हैं

- 'अलख' निरंजन

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