

Citizenship bill angers India's Muslims

India's controversial new citizenship law has deepened worries that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is pursuing policies that effectively turn India's Muslims into second-class citizens



■ **May 23:** **Narendra Modi** secures second term after his Hindu nationalist **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** wins landslide victory in general election

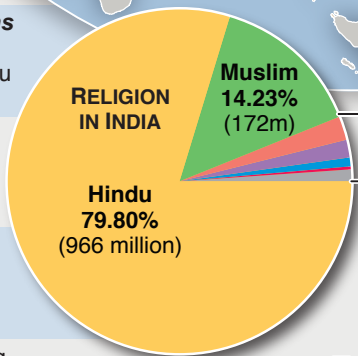
■ **Aug 5:** Government revokes autonomous status of Indian-administered **Kashmir** – India's only Muslim-majority state

■ **Aug 31:** **National Register of Citizens (NRC)** published in state of Assam sees 1.9 million people – many from non-Hindu minorities – effectively made stateless

■ **Nov 9:** Supreme Court awards disputed land in **Ayodhya** to Hindus to build temple on site where Hindu mob destroyed mosque in 1992

■ **Nov 20:** Home Minister **Amit Shah** announces plans to carry out NRC-like process at national level to weed out "infiltrators" from neighbouring countries

■ **Dec 11:** Parliament passes bill offering citizenship to religious minorities – except Muslims – from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. **Critics say setting religious criteria for citizenship violates India's secular constitution**



Christian	2.30%	(27.8m)
Sikh	1.72%	(20.8m)
Buddhist	0.70%	(8.4m)
Jain	0.37%	(4.5m)
Others	0.88%	(10.7m)