

## Tabular Timeline

Year	Victims	State in which arrest took place	Chief Minister	Reason(s) for being jailed
2009	Laxman Choudhury, Journalist	Odisha	Naveen Patnaik (BJD)	Arrested for alleged Maoist links, after the police apparently seized a packet addressed to him containing copies of a 'seditious' leaflet.
2010	Piyush Sethia, Environmentalist	Tamil Nadu	M Karunanidhi (DMK)	Arrested for circulating pamphlets as a representative of the Campaign for Justice and Peace, a nationwide campaign started by people concerned about human rights violations in Chhattisgarh and in particular, the central government's Operation Green Hunt.
2010	T J Joseph, Professor	Kerala	V S Achuthanandan (CPI-M)	Arrested following furore over a controversial examination question set by him, allegedly containing disparaging remarks about the Prophet Mohammad.
2010	Noor Mohammad Bhat, Professor	Jammu and Kashmir	Omar Abdullah (National Conference)	Arrested for setting an 'anti-national' and 'anti-establishment' examination question paper that asked students to write an essay on "Are stone-pelters real heroes?"
2011	Sudhir Dhawale, Dalit Rights Activist and Editor	Maharashtra	Prithviraj Chavan (INC)	Arrested for alleged involvement in Naxal activities (since acquitted for lack of evidence).
2012	Aseem Trivedi, Cartoonist	Maharashtra	Prithviraj Chavan (INC)	Arrested upon charges of posting seditious and obscene content on his website, and for mocking the Indian constitution at an Anna Hazare rally.
2012	Ambikesh Mahapatra, Professor	West Bengal	Mamata Banerjee (Trinamool Congress)	Arrested for circulating a cartoon strip featuring the Chief Minister in a parody of a cult movie dialogue.

2012	Shaheen Dhada and Rinu Shrinivasan, students	Maharashtra	Prithviraj Chavan (INC)	Arrested for questioning and criticizing the shutdown in Mumbai on the day of Shiv Sena supremo Bal Thackeray's funeral.
2012	Ravi Srinivasan, Businessman	Puducherry	N Rangaswamy (All India N R Congress)	Arrested upon complaint of erstwhile Union Minister P. Chidambaram's son Karti, for tweeting about reported corruption with references to the Chidambarams.
2012	Mayank Mohan Sharma and KVJ Rao, Air India employees	Maharashtra	Prithviraj Chavan (INC)	Arrested for sharing, on Facebook, posts that allegedly contained lewd jokes about politicians, made derogatory comments against the Prime Minister and insulted the national flag.
2012	Kishori Sharma, Bansi Lal, Kriti Sharma	Jammu and Kashmir	Omar Abdullah (National Conference)	Arrested because they were 'tagged' in an allegedly blasphemous video on Facebook and charged with desecrating religious symbols, and inciting communal hatred. There was no evidence that any of them had uploaded the video.
2013	Sheetal Sathe, Sachin Mali, and other Kabir Kala Manch members	Maharashtra	Prithviraj Chavan (INC)	Kabir Kala Manch was an inconspicuous troupe that went around Maharashtra singing folk songs against social and political injustice. During a peaceful satyagraha, its members, including a pregnant Sheetal and her husband Sachin, were arrested under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act and accused of being Naxal sympathisers.
2013	Kanwal Bharti, Dalit writer	Uttar Pradesh	Akhilesh Yadav (SP)	Arrested for a Facebook post criticizing the Samajwadi Party government's suspension of IAS officer Durga Shakti Nagpal.
2014	Devu Chodankar, Shipping executive	Goa	Manohar Parrikar (BJP)	Arrested for Facebook post that said if Modi comes to power, he would unleash a 'holocaust'.

2014	Principal and 11 students of the Sree Krishnan Polytechnic College at Guruvayur	Kerala	Oommen Chandy (INC)	Arrested for featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi in its campus magazine as a "negative face" and for alleged use of "unsavoury and objectionable" language against him.
2014	G N Saibaba, Professor	Maharashtra		Arrested on charges of direct links and connivance with members of the banned CPI-Maoist group. Saibaba was a vocal critic of Operation Green Hunt and mobilised public intellectuals under a group named Forum Against War on People.
2014	M Salman	Kerala	Oommen Chandy (INC)	Arrested and charged under section 124A of the IPC (sedition) for allegedly "sitting and hooting" when the national anthem was being played at a movie theatre.
2014	Sayed Waqas, MBA student	Karnataka	Siddaramaiah (INC)	Arrested for circulating offensive message against PM-elect Narendra Modi on WhatsApp.
2014	Rajeesh Kumar, CPI-M activist	Kerala	Oommen Chandy (INC)	Arrested for allegedly defaming Prime Minister Narendra Modi on social media.
2015	S Kovan, Folk Singer	Tamil Nadu	J Jayalithaa (AIADMK)	Arrested on sedition charges for songs that he penned against the J Jayalithaa-led Tamil Nadu government and its liquor policy.
2015	Gulrez Khan	Uttar Pradesh	Akhilesh Yadav (SP)	Arrested for allegedly posting a statement on FB, attributed to Uttar Pradesh Minister Azam Khan. Subsequently the government was asked to explain the arrest by the Supreme Court, after a senior advocate submitted a petition to the effect that "there has been an abuse of power" despite advisory issued by the Centre to all States against such arrests.

2015	Kamlesh Tiwary	Uttar Pradesh	Akhilesh Yadav (SP)	Arrested following protests by students of the Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband against Tiwary's alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Mohammad.
2016	Kanhaiya Kumar, Umar Khalid and Anirban Bhattacharya, students	Delhi	Arvind Kejriwal (AAP) ** The Delhi Police is under the jurisdiction of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs	Arrested on charges of sedition after organising a campus event protesting the execution of Afzal Guru and allegedly raising anti-India slogans at the event.