



Quarterly Review **April - June 2023**

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Increase in Hate Crimes Against Dalits and Muslims

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Madhya Pradesh: Hindutva groups vandalise Christian management school

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Video: Vigilantes force Muslim man to wear skull cap, bow before cow in Maha

Atrai Qureshi, a local activist, has reportedly filed a police complaint asking that action be taken against the mob persons witnessed assaulting the driver.

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TRENDING NEWS

Mahesh Babu's Louis Vuitton bag at Hyderabad airport turns headline, it is worth Rs...

Hyderabad restaurant fined 20K after cockroach found in biryani

John Ambani's Chanel bag at Met Gala 2023 is worth Rs...

Mahesh Babu buys new property in Dubai?

Telangana election 2023: Raja Singh unlikely to get BJP ticket

UAE Ed Al Adha 2023: Expected 6-day weekend revealed

UP: 9-year-old Dalit boy thrashed by teacher for drinking water

When the boy's mother questioned the teacher, he remained unapologetic about his actions and even allegedly threatened her.

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Bemetara Incident: हिंदू संगठनों ने दिलाई विशेष समुदाय के आर्थिक बहिष्कार की शपथ, ये BJP नेता भी रहे मौजूद

Chhattisgarh Viral Video: बेंमेटारा की घटना को लेकर खगड़वापुर में बुलाया गया बंद के दौरान हिंदू संगठनों ने भाजपा नेताओं की मौजूदगी में विशेष धर्म के लोगों का आर्थिक बहिष्कार करने की शपथ दिलाई. भाजपा नेताओं ने भी उसी शपथ कायम कर ली और रद्द हो रहा है.

Written By: Anshu Pandey | Last Updated: Apr 11, 2023, 07:21 PM IST



Telangana: Amit Shah Asks for Votes in the Name of Nixing 'Anti-Constitution' Muslim Quota

Shah's public utterances at a party rally in Rangareddy district are factually, morally and more crucially, in the eyes of the law and code of conduct for elections, flawed, divisive and dangerous.



Gujarat: Communal Tensions Grip Town After Accusation of 'Hate Speech' At Ram Navami Event

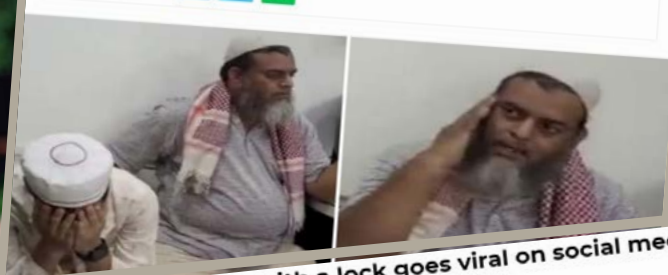
The tensions are rooted in the speech of Kajal Hindustani, a political and social activist, at a Ram Navami event on Thursday. The event was organised by Hindu right-wing organisation Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP).



मध्य प्रदेश: खंडवा में नमाज पढ़कर लौट रहे दो मुस्लिम युवकों को कट्टरपंथियों के एक समूह ने पीटा, पुलिस ने FIR दर्ज की

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Viral photo of a grave with a lock goes viral on social media video is from India not Pakistan!

By: TIMESOFINDIA.COM | Created: May 1, 2023, 10:33 IST



Rajasthan: Muslim student dies by suicide after being called "terrorist" by teachers; family demands justice

A Muslim student, who was studying at 12th standard, has died by suicide after facing Islamophobic abuse from his teachers. One teacher allegedly told him, 'You will become a terrorist.' The family of Razaq has been waiting for justice for two months.





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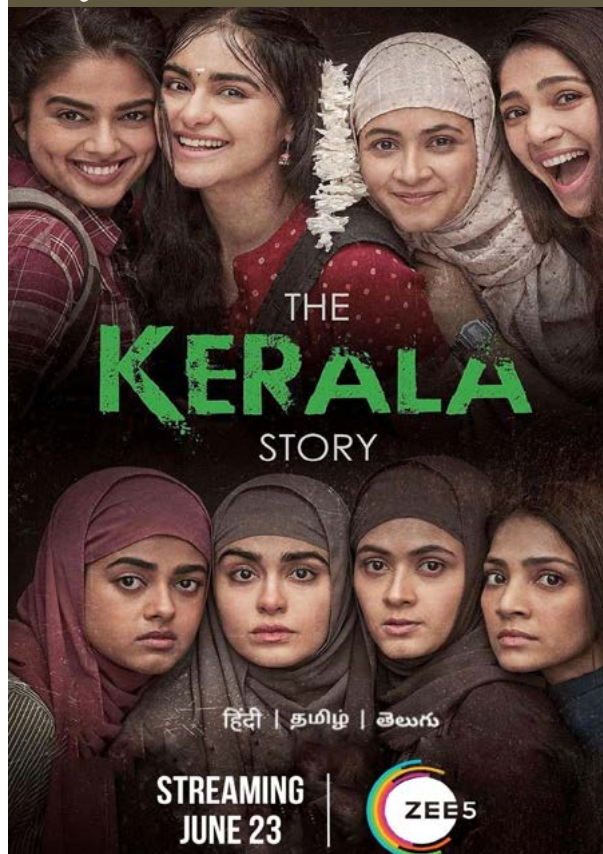
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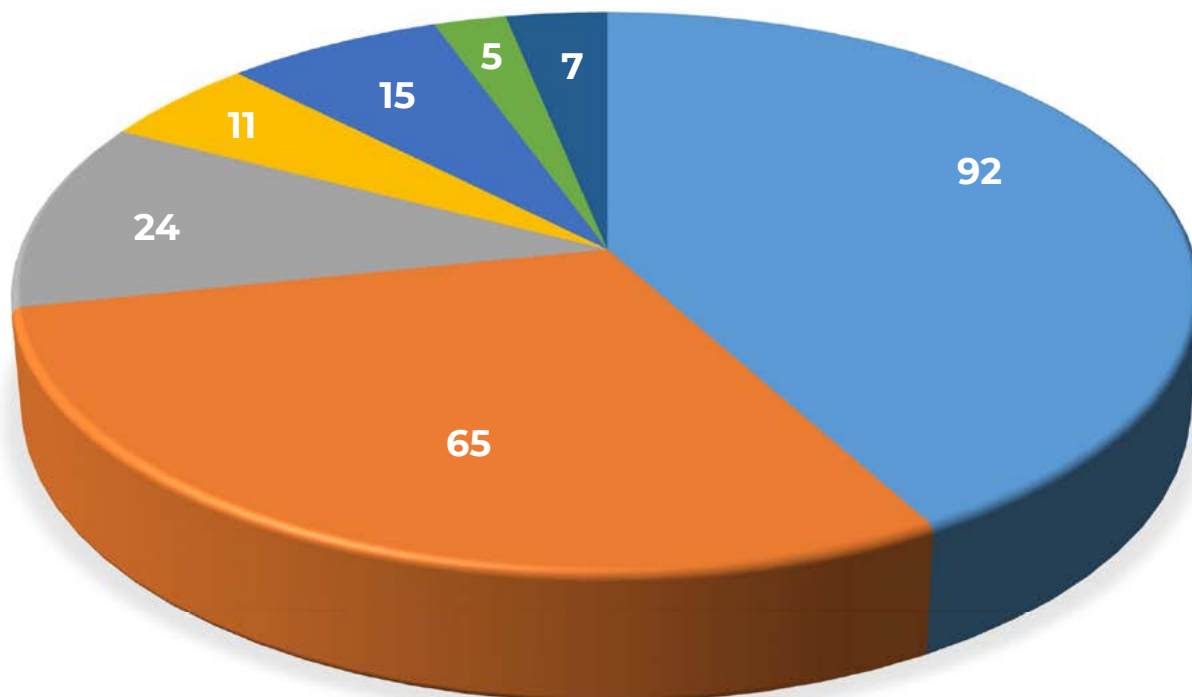


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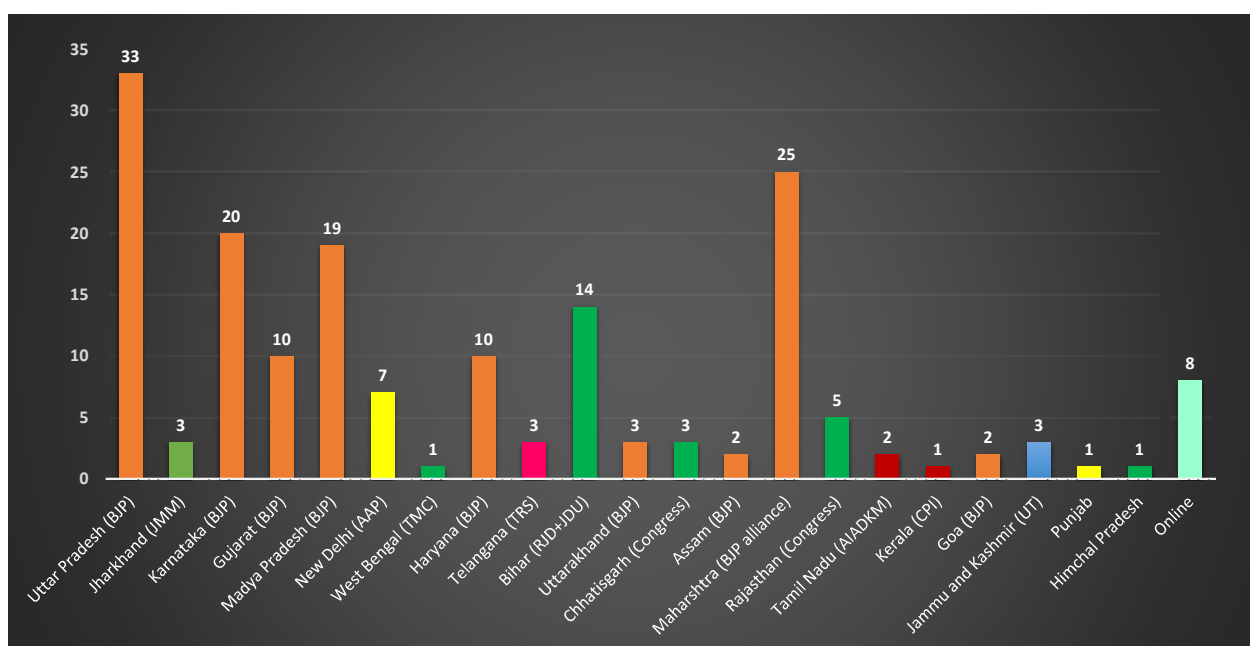
Hate Crime cases reported in April - June 2023 Total Cases: 219



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All India Hate Crime Cases state wise: April - June 2023

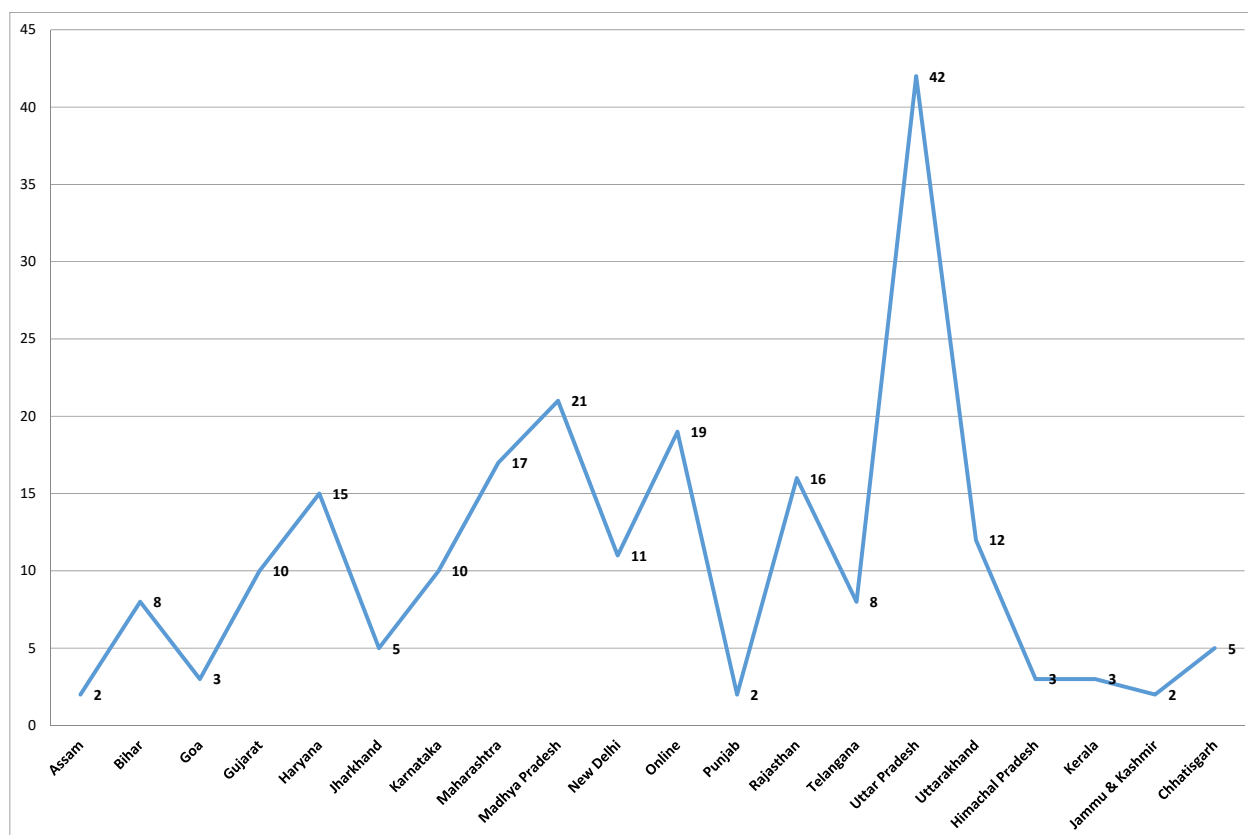




Executive Summary

The second quarter of 2023 saw unabated scenes of anti-minorities violence and propaganda and raising of inconsequential issues against minorities. The quarter saw a report from United Christian Friends (UCF), which stated that in the first 190 days of the year, 400 Hate crimes were committed against Christians in India, and ironically in most of the cases, instead of being treated as victims, Police cases were lodged against them using many recently introduced controversial laws related to anti-conversion. In its defence in a case related to the Christian community in Tamil Nadu High Court, the central government claimed most of these figures as fictitious. Similarly, Dalits also saw an increase in cases of atrocities against them. During the period USCIRF released its annual report targeting the Indian government for its poor track record on human rights and targeting the minorities particularly, in its defence the Indian government claimed the report as being partisan. However, the same sentiments were expressed by the former US president Barrack Obama urging President Biden to raise India's track record towards minorities particularly the Muslims during the forthcoming visit of the Indian prime minister to the US. The quarter also saw unwarranted controversies against the oldest seminary of India, Darul Uloom (DU), Deoband, alleging falsely that the institute was not open to teaching English language to its students, though DU had only asked its students not to enrol at privately-run coaching centres to learn English. The debate which started last year on changing the school curriculum particularly the books related to Indian History and Political Science for school level students, was refreshed again as the central government issued new directives to delete more chapters related to events and personalities anathema to it. The quarter also saw start of new controversy on implementing a Uniform Civil Code in the country, bypassing the Personal Laws of several religious minorities like Sikhs, Parsis, Jains, Buddhists and in particular the Muslims.

Trends of Hate Crime Cases during the second quarter of 2023

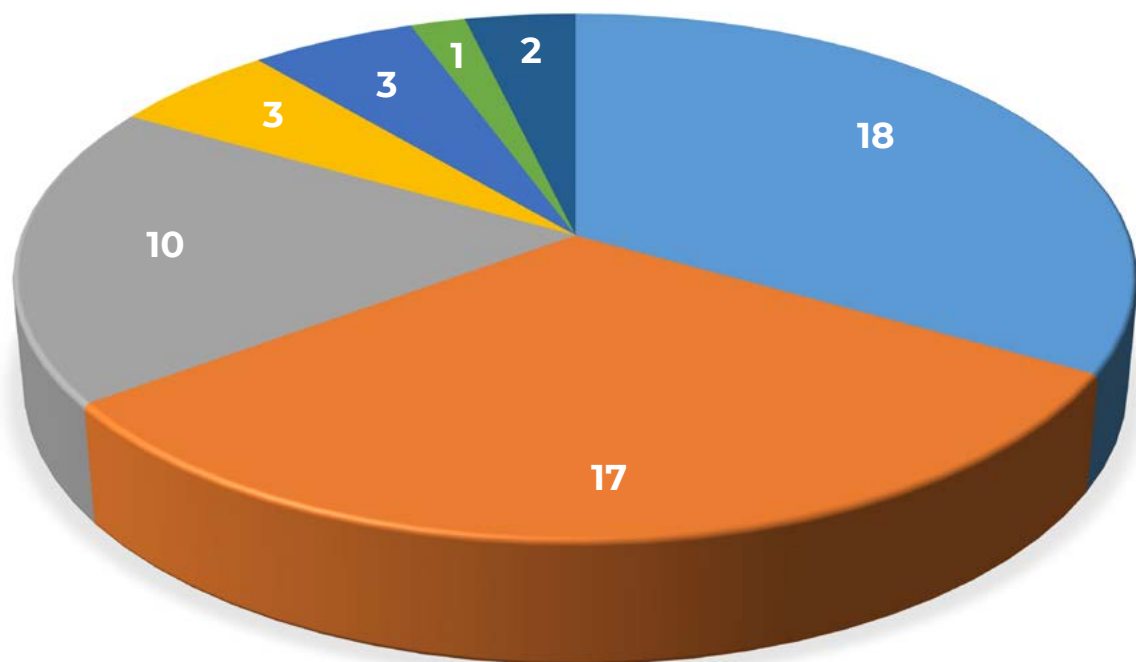


April-June 2023 Quarterly Summary

April saw the birth of a new controversy taking shape, which would be responsible for moulding the minds of the younger generation as per the saffron or right-wing interpretation of history by deleting those parts of history from the textbooks, which relate to the so-called secular history of India. Slamming the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for making changes in its textbooks, about 250 academics and historians issued a statement alleging that the move was “guided by a divisive and partisan agenda” and demanded “the deletions be immediately withdrawn.” “The selective dropping of NCERT book chapters which do not fit into the larger ideological orientation of the present ruling dispensation exposes the non-academic, partisan agenda of the



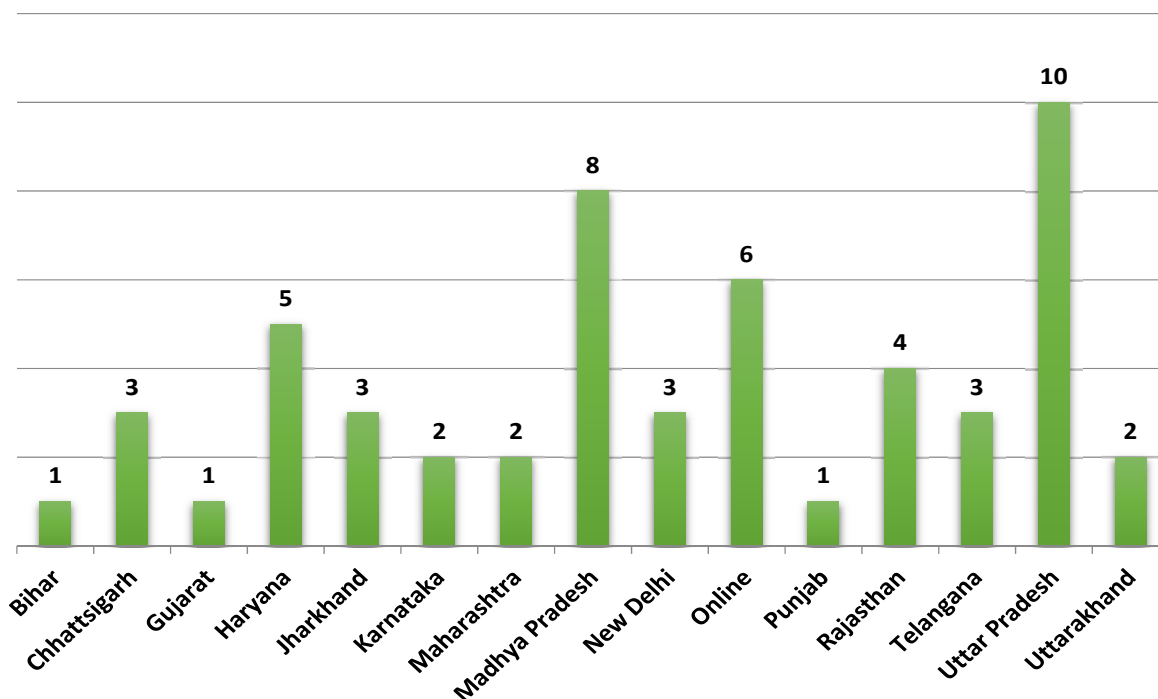
54 Hate Crime cases reported during April 2023



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State wise Number of Hate Crime Cases reported in April 2023



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regime in pushing through amendments to school textbooks,” the statement further read. Last year, NCERT had removed chapters on Mughal courts, 2002 Gujarat riots, the Cold war, references to Mughal emperors and Emergency, among other topics, to reduce students’ ‘burden’ amid the COVID-19 pandemic. *The Hindu* mapped the changes in the Class 11 sociology textbook, *Understanding Society*, which revealed multiple instances of dropped topics. The culling of these topics was not declared in the public domain when the NCERT released the list of rationalised content last year. Last year, NCERT had rationalised textbooks for all subjects to reduce curriculum load further to help students make a “speedy recovery” in learning, which has been hit by Covid-19 disruptions.

- He (Gandhi) was particularly disliked by those who wanted Hindus to take revenge or who wanted India to become a country for the Hindus, just as Pakistan was for Muslims...
- His steadfast pursuit of Hindu-Muslim unity provoked Hindu extremists so much that they made several attempts to assassinate Gandhiji...
- Gandhiji’s death had an almost magical effect on the communal situation in the country... The Government of India cracked down on organisations that were spreading communal hatred. Organisations like the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) were banned for some time...

The above-mentioned sentences have been taught to Class 12 students for more than 15 years as part of their Political Science curriculum now stand deleted from NCERT textbooks. So does the reference to Gandhi’s assassin Nathuram Godse as



“a Brahmin from Pune” and “the editor of an extremist Hindu newspaper who had denounced Gandhiji as ‘an appeaser of Muslims’” from a Class 12 History textbook. Significantly, the above deletions did not figure in the “list of rationalised content” officially released by the NCERT in June last year.

After receiving a large number of complaints against her, the right-wing activist Kajal Hindustani was arrested on Sunday in Gujarat’s Gir Somnath district for allegedly delivering a “hate speech” on Ram Navami that caused a communal clash in Una town on 1st April, the Police said. Hindustani surrendered before the police in Una on Sunday morning following which she was arrested and produced before a court, which remanded her in judicial custody, a police officer said.

Hindustani, who identifies herself as an entrepreneur, research analyst, social activist, nationalist, and a “proud Indian” on her Twitter bio and has more than 92,000 followers including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is a regular at events organised by Vishwa Hindu Parishad.

The Supreme Court asked a Delhi Metropolitan Magistrate to proceed in terms of the Criminal Procedure Code with regard to a charge sheet filed by the Delhi Police on 4th April after

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an investigation into hate speeches allegedly made in a *Hindu Yuva Vahini* event in December 2021. “The Metropolitan Magistrate, Saket, has liberty to proceed in terms of the governing provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code,” a Bench comprising Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice J.B. Paridwala observed.

With the Yogi government notifying that U.P. board schools will fully teach NCERT’s ‘rationalised’ syllabi from the 2023-24 session, these ‘rationalisations’ made last year have come under the spotlight again. Unfortunately, the feature that is standing out is lack of reason. When quizzed about the deletion of content on Mughal rulers or how RSS was banned after Gandhi’s assassination or the Emergency’s abuses of power or the 2002 Gujarat riots, the NCERT director has tried to offload all charges onto the ‘expert committees’ and called the debate itself ‘unnecessary’. But BJP leaders have done this defence no favours by welcoming how NCERT has moved ‘Akbar, Babar, Shahjahan, Aurangzeb’ from the history books to the ‘dustbin’.

Interpretations change with time and with different social movements and political dispensations. This happens everywhere. As do changes in emphasis. In the US the critical race theory controversy has highlighted how differently different states teach the Jim Crow laws and the civil rights movement. The UK continues to be embattled in how much of the Empire’s depredations to acknowledge inside the classrooms. Writing fresh narratives advances discourse. Simply deleting facts creates epistemic fractures that wound and ultimately disable conversation.



India's finance minister made a controversial statement against Muslims in India, while on a tour of the US. Nirmala Sitharaman speaking at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington DC said that Muslim population has grown in India, minorities decimated in Pakistan. Rebutting the perception of violence against Muslims in India, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the Muslim population in India has grown since 1947 even as minorities of all kinds have been “decimated” in Pakistan.

During April, another contentious issue came up before the Supreme Court, as it sought to examine whether the 2007 report of the former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranganath Mishra Commission and the empirical data forming the basis to recommend scheduled caste (SC) status for Dalit Christians and Muslims can be relied upon if the Centre has refused to accept the same. The petitioners, on the other hand, wanted the court to proceed with the matter as the issues raised were purely in the constitutional realm.

With the government forming a fresh commission of inquiry in October last to examine this aspect under the chairmanship of ex-CJI KG Balakrishnan, the Centre had urged the court not to proceed with the matter till a report by the new panel, expected in two years, is made available. It had refused to go by the 2007 Ranganath Mishra Commission alleging that the report was “flawed” as its findings were made without conducting

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any field studies. The bench, comprising justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Aravind Kumar, said, “There is no difficulty in examining the constitutional questions. The Ranganath Mishra Commission report may or may not be accepted by the government. But how do we look into the report which they (the Centre) do not accept.” Advocate Prashant Bhushan, who appeared for NGO Centre for Public Interest Litigation (CPIL), told the court that the 2007 report had sufficient material for the court to decide whether excluding Dalit Muslims and Christians from the ambit of SCs can be justified under the Constitution. He said that the petitions do not seek to add to the Presidential Order of 1950 but question the exclusion of Dalits of some religions, as backwardness cannot be linked with any religion. He further stated that awaiting the Balakrishnan Commission report will make it an unending exercise.

Members of the Bharatiya Janata Party and Hindutva group Vishwa Hindu Parishad on 10th April pledged the economic boycott of Muslims and Christians in Chhattisgarh's Jagdalpur days after communal clashes took place in the state, reported *The Hindu* on Wednesday. In a video circulating on social media, Mukesh Chandak, a Vishwa Hindu Parishad member, can be heard saying that all Hindus should have signboards in their shops and business institutions indicating that they belong to Hindu owners, *The Hindu* reported. This is not the first time that BJP or RSS-affiliated right-wing organisations have called for an Economic Boycott of the Muslims, prior to this after the riots in north-east Delhi in 2020, many Muslim traders and daily wage earners had reported about this.



Indian government has denied allegations of targeted attacks against Christians, stating that less than a third of the incidents alleged were true. The Union government rebuffed allegations of targeted attacks against Christians in the country, informing the Supreme Court that less than a third of the incidents alleged by some Christian organisations and individuals were found to be true. While the petitioners in the top court claimed that 2021-2022 witnessed as many as 495 incidents of targeted attacks against Christians across eight states, the Centre said that only 155 incidents warranted registration of first information reports (FIRs). Citing the records furnished by the states of Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Haryana, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha that allegedly had the highest number of such incidents, the central government said that there were no reports regarding 263 out of 495 incidents. According to the affidavit, 44 FIRs out of 70 reported incidents were registered in Uttar Pradesh; 31 FIRs out of 34 reported incidents were lodged in Karnataka; 24 FIRs out of 36 reported incidents were registered in Chhattisgarh and 22 FIRs out of 26 reported incidents were lodged in Madhya Pradesh. In September last, the Supreme Court directed the Union government to verify allegations of attacks on Christians levelled in the PIL, asking the chief secretaries of eight states, alleged to have the highest number of such incidents, to submit a report on the action taken. These alleged incidents involved demolition of churches, murder, forced conversions, physical

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The killings of Atiq and Ashraf Ahmed, accused in over 100 cases, and encounter killing of Atiq's son, just days after, left the town of Allahabad in U.P., particularly its Muslim residents dazed. Commenting on the incident *Times of India* in one of its editorials commented that the killings have left U.P. police's reputation, never great to begin with, in shreds. Forget celebratory social media frenzy. The killings are a massive failure and there should be accountability fixed in the upper echelons of U.P. police, the edit commented. Atiq's long career as a politician who flitted through different political parties speaks of the nexus between criminals and politicians in the state. This, therefore, leads to the suspicion that his killing may be a bit convenient. Since the killing in February of criminal don Umesh Pal, along with two policemen, there have been other killings linked to it.

In its editorial on the same issue *The Hindu* opined that in life and in death, former lawmaker Atiq Ahmed typified the collapse of the rule of law in Uttar Pradesh. According to the U.P. police, 183 alleged criminals have been gunned down in encounters in the last six years. More than 10,900 police encounters have taken place since March 2017. Due process is central to any rule of law, and once that is allowed to be short-circuited, the result is chaos. The U.P. police and administration have stretched the limits of its legitimate power by the dubious and discriminatory



application of law and processes. The demolition of properties of people suspected of crime or participating in political protest has become routine. It appears that this practice is popular among the supporters of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and that makes this trend not merely lawlessness but also a social pathology. Several political parties have sought accountability in the double murder that took place under the watch of the U.P. police. The State has announced a three-member commission headed by a former High Court judge to inquire into the lapses. Considering the serious charges that the State government and its police face of discrimination based on religion and caste, and scant regard for due process, an inquiry of a demonstrably independent nature is required.

Sudheendra Kulkarni in an article in *The Indian Express* comprehensively dissected the social media industry of the BJP and RSS. He wrote: A friend of mine, who teaches at a Delhi college, said the BJP's centralised system of social media communication is super-efficient in spreading misinformation. "A message sent from Delhi goes viral nationwide through thousands of WhatsApp groups." For example, he said, "I once asked people in my village in Bihar to name the leader who is supposed to have said 'I am an Englishman by education, Muslim by culture and Hindu only by accident'. Pat came the answer: 'Nehru.'" The Hindu Mahasabha, a foe of India's first prime minister, first popularised this line in 1950 - "Nehru is an Englishman by education, Muslim by culture and Hindu only

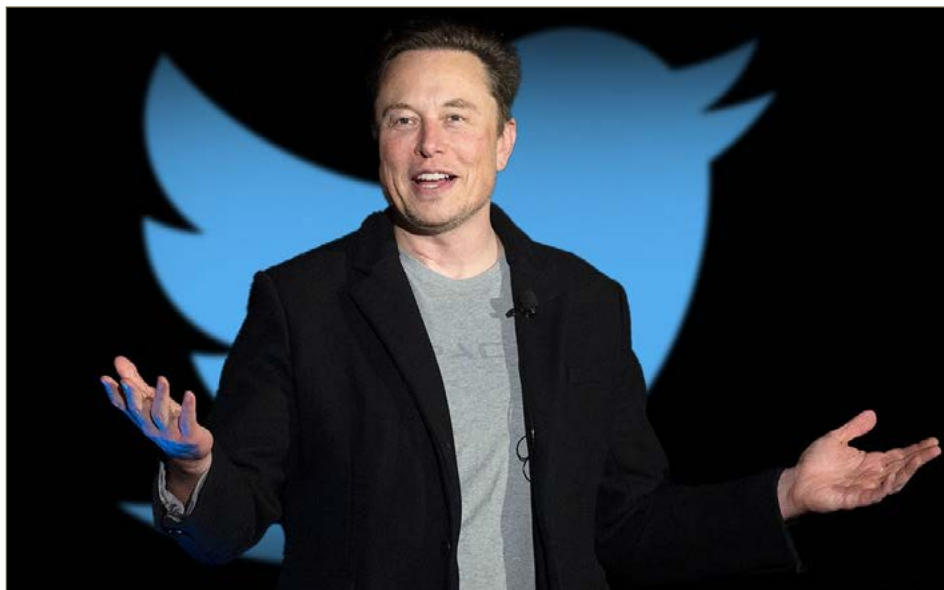
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by accident.” Subsequently, his haters attributed it to him so as to make it sound authentic. The deliberate misattribution received renewed traction when Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, speaking at an election rally early last year, took a dig at Rahul Gandhi saying, “People whose ancestors called themselves ‘accidental Hindus’ cannot call themselves Hindus.” Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s followers have mounted a systematic campaign to project Jawaharlal Nehru as someone who was not only a non-Hindu but also anti-Hindu. Maligning his sterling contribution to India’s freedom struggle and to the building of a modern India in the post-1947 era is one part of this campaign. The other is to erase his name from national memory. In the official celebration of the 75th anniversary of India’s Independence, images of our longest-serving prime minister were mostly missing. In comparison, Sardar Patel and Savarkar received far greater prominence.

End-April witnessed a meeting of right-wing ideologue RSS in Mathura, which focused on how to make inroads in the state of Punjab and how to spread Hindutva further. Members of the right-wing organisation brainstormed over issues it considers topical, including the ‘anti-India sentiment in Punjab’, which an attendee said, ‘not only weakens the country but also portrays India in a bad light abroad’. From inculcating a sense of ‘Bharatiyata’ (Indianism) among people in Punjab to laying more emphasis on the expression of Hindutva, members of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) brainstormed over the right-wing organisation’s topical issues at its ongoing Akhil Bharatiya Baudhik Varg (all India intellectual



group meet) in Mathura. Speaking of the meeting at Mathura's Keshav Dham, attended by over 300 people associated with various Sangh affiliates, one of the attendees told *The Hindu* that participants on the first day discussed at length the rising separatist call for Khalistan in Punjab.

In May another player responsible for promoting online Hate Speech, came into the picture and this was none other than Twitter. Recently, there have been many spelling mistakes in the tweets of Twitter users debating controversial subjects like religion, terrorism, crime, and yes, even Indian history. These are not errors made in the heat of the moment, but careful distortions meant to keep the tweet from being flagged or deleted for hateful content. For example, a tweet posted in November 2022 that singled out people with Muslim names from a series of random crime news reports did not refer to the perpetrators as "Muslims" but instead used the phrase "Ola ke Bande" (Ola's group/Ola's gang). The word "Ola," which refers to the Indian ride-hailing cab service, was used in place of "Allah." The tweet was posted after CEO Elon Musk's \$44 billion takeover of Twitter. The tweet author currently has close to 7,00,000 followers.

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nothing illegal about missionaries spreading Christianity unless they employ unlawful means to do so, the Tamil Nadu government has told the Supreme Court, stressing that the Constitution of India gives people a right to “spread their religion peacefully” and “change their beliefs”.

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It further sought dismissal of a plea for action against forcible and fraudulent religious conversions across the country; the Tamil Nadu government has told the Supreme Court that there are no such conversions in the state. “There are no incidents of forceful religious conversion in the past few years,” the state said in an affidavit filed before the top court. It stated that claims of the petitioner — advocate Ashwini Upadhyay — on such conversions are “without any basis or proof”.

The month of April also saw a rather unsavoury controversy over Namaaz when the Jharkhand High Court pulled up the state government over a namaz room in the state assembly building. The state government had allotted a separate room for Namaz in the Jharkhand Assembly in 2021 after the room was allotted for namaz in Jharkhand Assembly in 2021, the BJP protested against the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha



(JMM)-led state government demanding a similar allotment of rooms in the assembly building for people hailing from all other religions, including Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism and so on. The Jharkhand Assembly informed the High Court that a seven-member legislators' committee has been formed to give a report on the allocation of a Namaz room in the assembly. The committee is gathering inputs from other states with regard to similar allotment of rooms to members of a community for offering prayers.

In another scathing comment on the Gujarat government on cases relating to 2002 riots in the state, Supreme Court judge Justice K.M. Joseph, while hearing the Bilkis Bano case, said that it was "more than obvious" that the men released early from life imprisonment for gang raping Bilkis Bano and murdering her family during the 2002 Gujarat riots were raising a maze of procedural objections in successive court hearings to avoid his Bench.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Indian government has expressed outrage and rejected the recommendations of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom's (USCIRF) latest report, calling it "biased and motivated". In its report, the independent congressional body called for India to be designated a "Country of Particular Concern" (CPC) for

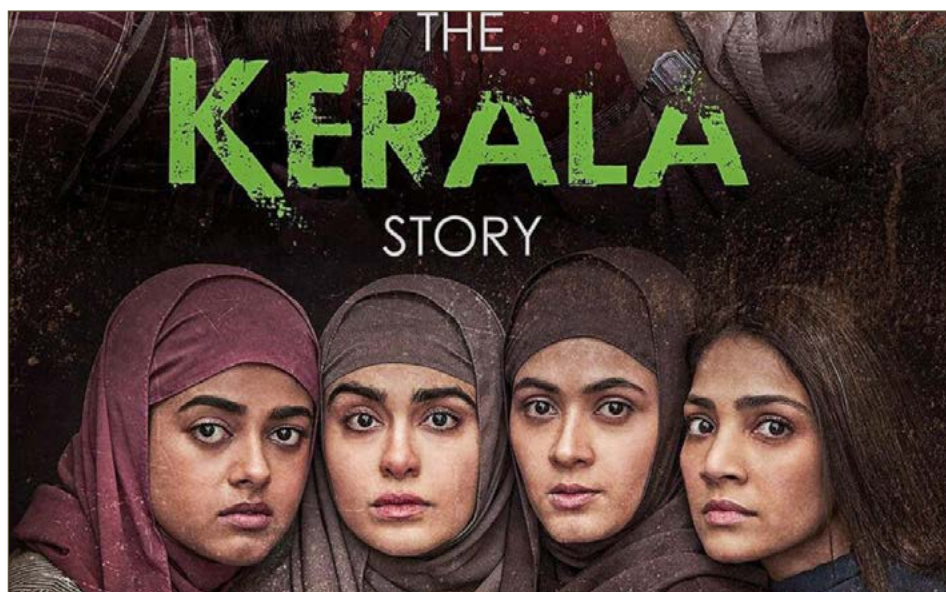
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its “worsening” record on religious freedoms. The report has targeted the Indian government for “promoting and enforcing religiously discriminatory policies”, naming laws that deal with conversion, interfaith relationships, wearing the hijab and cow slaughter, as well as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the National Register of Citizens. All of these, it alleges, have impacted minorities including Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Dalits, and Adivasis (indigenous people) and Scheduled Tribes negatively. The USCIRF has also catalogued acts of violence and the vilification of minorities and criticised the “suppression of critical voices” by intimidation that includes surveillance, demolition of property, detentions and the targeting of NGOs through laws curtailing foreign donations.

Another issue which rose during April was whether or not to impose a ban on the controversial anti-Muslim film, ‘The Kerala Story’. *The Hindu* in an editorial commented that the demand for a ban on *The Kerala Story*, a film apparently based on the instances of a few women joining the Islamic State, is ill-conceived. It is to the credit of the Supreme Court and the High Courts of Kerala and Madras that they did not yield to the clamour for proscribing the movie. It garnered adverse publicity because of a teaser that made an exaggerated claim that 32,000 girls have gone missing in Kerala, presumably to join the terrorist group. However, the film-makers have



agreed to withdraw the teaser and carry a disclaimer that the film's content is fictional. The film's more notable feature is that it has been denounced as undisguised propaganda. The Prime Minister himself has alleged that only those who support terrorism will criticise such a movie. It does not behove high constitutional functionaries to communalise the debate over the film.

Christophe Jaffrelot and Kalaiyarasan A in an article for *The Indian Express* commenting on the recently released All India Survey on Higher Education 2020–21 highlighted the poor performance of Indian Muslims in the Education sector. The Sachhar Committee Report (SCR) submitted in 2006 showed that the condition of Muslims in education was comparable to, or even worse than, the country's most backward communities. However, the recently released All India Survey on Higher Education 2020–21 shows some contrasting trends. On the one hand, enrollment of Dalits, Adivasis and OBCs in higher education has increased by 4.2 per cent, 11.9 per cent and 4 per cent respectively compared to 2019-20. On the other hand, the enrollment of Muslim students dropped by 8 per cent from 2019-20 – that is, by 1,79,147 students. This level of absolute decline has never happened in the recent past for any group.

In an editorial on the status of Polygamy in India, *The Hindustan Times* commented

The Kerala Story has been denounced as undisguised propaganda. However, it does not behove high constitutional functionaries to communalise the debate over the film: The Hindu

The data from the census and National Family Health Survey (NFHS) makes it eminently clear that the practice of polygamy cuts across communities, however Assam's chief minister has tried to communalise the issue: HT



that a look at the data from the census and National Family Health Survey (NFHS) makes it eminently clear that the practice of polygamy cuts across communities. Assam's decision to set up an expert committee to examine if the state legislature is empowered to bring about a law to ban polygamy has stoked a row because of the perception that the move may be targeted at minority populations. Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the committee will examine the provisions of the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Act, 1937 read with Article 25 of the Constitution of India, and consult Islamic scholars and intellectuals, to move towards banning polygamy. Though the CM stressed that his aim was to stop anyone, Hindu or Muslim, from indulging in the practice, Opposition parties have alleged that – just like the earlier drive against child marriage – the new move may be used by the authorities to target minority populations.

Amid the ongoing controversy over *The Kerala Story* movie, the Uttar Pradesh government has released figures regarding the Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, which came into effect from November 27, 2020. The government said 427 conversion-related cases were reported between January 1, 2021, and April 30, 2023. In this, more than 833 arrests had been made between January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023. "In 185 cases, the victims have even confessed before the court that they were forcibly converted. Simultaneously, 65 cases of conversion of minors have been registered so far," reads a State government press release. The Bareilly zone reported a maximum of 86 cases, while 59 cases were registered in Gorakhpur, 53



in Lucknow, 47 in Meerut, 46 in Prayagraj, and 39 in Varanasi. Also, 137 arrests were made in Bareilly, 124 in Lucknow, 101 in Varanasi, 81 in Gorakhpur, 65 in Meerut, 37 in the Agra zone and 21 in Kanpur. *The Kerala Story*, a controversial film whose plot is based on the religious conversion of Hindu women in Kerala and their subsequent involvement in terrorist activities by joining the Islamic State (IS), has been declared 'tax-free' in Uttar Pradesh with the whole State Cabinet set to watch the movie on 12th May. Critics have called the movie a 'propaganda' aimed at promoting the 'love jihad' conspiracy theory, and the agenda of the Sangh Parivar.

In an editorial on the continuing controversies related to different mosques across India being built on demolished temples, *Hindustan Times* in an editorial commented that to maintain communal amity, the government should consider taking a clear stance on the Places of Worship Act. A new petition filed by an Hindu organisation in a local court in Agra - asking for authorities to excavate under a mosque on the premises of the Agra Fort - has, once again, shown why the government needs to make its stance clear on the 1991 Places of Worship Act and the Supreme Court to take a call on the issue. The Agra petition is the latest in a flurry of similar petitions filed by Hindu individuals and groups in Varanasi, Mathura and Agra, all arguing that some prominent Muslim sites of worship were built after demolishing old temples, and, therefore, Hindus must be given the right to worship at these sites. Coincidentally, it comes exactly a year after a controversial

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survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi unearthed a structure that the Hindu side claimed as a shivling - Muslim groups say it is part of a ritual ablution fountain - and marked the beginning of what has come to be seen as the new *temple movement*, where some Hindu groups have turned to the courts to claim worshipping rights at Islamic holy sites.

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The thin line between culpable homicide and murder under Indian penal law is a subject of endless analysis, but it is not easy to accept this nuanced distinction in a case of mob lynching. A Sessions Court in Alwar district of Rajasthan sentenced four men to a prison term of seven years for the lynching of a Muslim dairy farmer



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Amidst the fear created by a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the country, there have also been demands to conduct a caste census in the country. However, in an interview to *The Hindu* Chhattisgarh’s Congress Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that BJP will never conduct a caste census due to the fear that it will disturb its Hindutva campaign. He further said that the BJP’s electoral successes depend on playing up religious differences; they fear that once the caste census data is out, they will not be able to corral voters under the larger Hindutva umbrella.

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Amid the continued sectarian violence in Manipur, reports have emerged which says that 121 churches and buildings belonging to 15 denominations were torched or destroyed in the ethnic violence between majority Meities and minority Kuki tribals that began on May 3 across Manipur. Meities are mostly Hindus and Kuki tribals are mostly Christians. The violence has claimed more than 70 lives and wounded 200 people. According to an official record, some 30,000 people have been displaced.

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The month of June saw the highhandedness of the right-wing Hindu organisations, when some local Hindu outfits ordered the Muslim traders of Purolia, in Uttarakashi



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district of Uttarakhand to move out of the city and shut down their businesses. This found even covert support of the BJP from the top. Though the Hindus have always believed the Himalayas to be the abodes of their several gods and goddesses, yet in some parts of the region, Muslims have also cohabited with their majority Hindu neighbours. However, now the hardliners have declared the state of Uttarakashi as the “Dev Bhoomi” or the Land of Gods and have launched a campaign, ‘Dev Bhoomi Raksha Abhiyan’ to get the state cleared of its Muslim residents particularly. This call resulted in tough postures being adopted by both sides. Both called for a ‘Maha Panchayat’ or a Grand Assembly of leaders to discuss the issue. However, the Muslims later withdrew the call and the Hindu group was restrained by the state High Court to organise it. Commenting on the issue, *Hindustan Times* in its editorial opined that this is the kind of situation, which a modern secular democracy should strive to avoid, commenting on the Hate Speeches delivered during the campaign the editorial observed that such speeches doesn’t bode well for the society and the country’s top court should urgently look into how to tame the hate preachers.

June also saw birth of an unwarranted controversy and media slant and distortion of facts. In month’s beginning some Hindi newspapers reported that the oldest Islamic seminary in the country, Darul Uloom, Deoband has ordained students not to study English language, the issue was picked-up by the English media and various TV channels and a huge hue and cry was made of the matter. No media channel sought to get the Darul Uloom’s response and instead quoted various circulars and *Fatwas* earlier issued by Darul Uloom. After a huge effort, some sensible media outlets carried

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the Darul Uloom's version clarifying that it had asked students not to study English at private coaching centres running outside the seminary's premises, and as regards to the issue of students not studying the English language is considered the seminary itself offers English as a subject for its senior students and an English department has been functioning in the seminary since 2002.

A report by United Christian Forum (UCF), released in early July shows that the first 190 days of the current year has already witnessed 400 incidents of violence against Christians across 23 states in India with Uttar Pradesh leading the chart with 155 incidents.

The report further stated that the month of June in 2023 has witnessed the highest number of incidents against Christians with 88 incidents (almost 3 incidents a day) followed by 66 incidents in March, 63 in February, 62 in January, 50 in May and 47 in April. All these 400 incidents of violence against Christians are spread across the length and breadth of the country, irrespective of which political party is in power. There are twenty three (23) states, which are witnessing incidents of violence against Christians. Uttar Pradesh – leading with 155 incidents, followed by Chhattisgarh with 84 incidents, Jharkhand – 35, Haryana – 32, Madhya Pradesh – 21, Punjab – 12, Karnataka – 10, Bihar – 9, Jammu & Kashmir – 8, Gujarat – 7, Uttarakhand – 4, Tamil Nadu – 3, West Bengal – 3, Himachal Pradesh – 3, Maharashtra – 3, Odisha – 2, Delhi – 2, Andhra Pradesh – 1, Assam – 1, Chandigarh – 1, and Goa – 1.

The report also states that ironically, despite being the victims in all these atrocities, it is the Christians who are facing more FIRs than the accused, as the police fail to



investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of such mob violence. There are 63 FIRs lodged against Christians on false allegations of conversions under the Freedom of Religion Act.

Former US President Barack Obama expressed concerns over the protection of rights of ethnic minorities in India during a media interview with CNN's Christiane Amanpour. The interview came just before the US trip of PM Modi. He also said that if a US president meets with PM Modi, 'then protection of the Muslim minority in a majority-Hindu India, is worth mentioning'.

In addition to this, 75 US Senators and Congressional representatives of the Democratic Party wrote a letter to President Biden regarding specifically 'the shrinking of political space, the rise of religious intolerance, the targeting of civil society organisations and journalists', further reminding Biden that his administration has made 'respect for human rights, press freedom, religious freedom and tolerance core tenets of American foreign policy' and these should be applied equally to friends and foes.

June also saw intensification of the debate over proposed UCC, *Hindustan Times* commenting editorially on the issue commented that UCC is a political issue and one that has been on the agenda of the BJP for decades. Against that backdrop, the new announcement, made just months before the 2024 general elections assumes importance, and it shows the explicitly political and ideological aspect of the debate.

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Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 1st April reported from Indore that a group of Hindu far-right activists forcefully entered a home of a Christian and disrupted a prayer meeting being held there, over allegations of religious conversions. These activists resorted to vandalism and violence, resulting in injuries to members of the Christian community.

The Times of India on 1st April reported that in a clash between two groups in Charminar area of Hyderabad on 30th March, few people belonging to one community attacked people from another community and also raised slogans on Ram Navami's occasion during Ramadan evening prayers. The local Police filed a case taking suo-moto cognizance of the matter.

Deccan Herald and *hindutvawatch.org* on 1st April reported from Kargali Bazar, Bokaro, Jharkhand that the right-wing Hindu leader Sadhvi Prachi delivered yet another hate speech, full of anti-Muslim slurs and promised that India would soon be declared a Hindu nation.

Web portal *outlookindia.com* on 1st April reported from Una, Gujarat that communal tension gripped the town after right-wing female activist Kajal Hindustani delivered



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a 'Hate Speech' at a Ram Navami event in the city. The event was organised by the Hindu right-wing organisation, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). Superintendent of Police Sripal Sheshma in a statement said that an FIR will be registered against Kajal if the aggrieved community lodges a police complaint against her.

Web portals *thequint.com* and *altnews.in* on 1st April reported from Bulandshahar, U.P., that the controversial TV channel *Sudarshan News* on its Twitter account reported false news and gave communal angle to a case of a blast in a factory on the outskirts of the city, alleging that the blast occurred in a house adjacent to a masjid, owned by a Muslim named Shafiq. But the *Quint's* team when contacted the local Police they said that the factory was owned by one Rajkumar and the workers working in the factory were both Hindus and Muslims, as reported earlier by the Hindi newspaper *Dainik Jagran*, and the factory was located in the fields outside the village and was manufacturing chemical products illegally, and no Muslim was responsible for the incident.

The Indian Express and web portal *thekashmiriyat.net* on 1st April reported that a cattle trader was allegedly lynched by a mob in the Ramanagara district of Karnataka. Identified as Idrees Pasha, the 26-years-old, as per media reports, was allegedly asked to go back to Pakistan and later chased and assaulted, leading to his death. Pasha's two associates were also injured in the incident.

The Hindu and webportals *muslimmirror.com* and *siasat.com* on 1st April reported from Noida, U.P., that Yati Narsinghanand, a well-known Hindu right-wing leader,

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Hindi newspaper *Nav Bharat Times* on 1st April reported from Mumbai, Maharashtra that in the continuing online spat between two communities, the latest incident relates to bike stunts being performed by a Muslim boy named Faiyaz Qadri, along with his two female Hindu friends. A video of the stunts was shared by Radharaman Das on Twitter labelling the stunts as ‘Stunts Jihad’, later the Police taking *suo-motto* notice of the matter arrested Faiyaz and both the girls under Sections 279 and 336 of the IPC.

Web portal *indiatoday.in* on 2nd April reported from Gurugram, Haryana that a Hindu outfit took out a procession in Haryana’s Gurugram without Police’s permission. The processionists raised Hindu religious slogans and brandished swords. Gurugram Police has registered a case under Sections 144, 153-A and 504 (intentional insult, with intent to provoke breach of the peace) of the IPC, against unknown persons, but so far no one has been arrested.

Web portals *beyondheadlines.in* and *hindutvawatch.org* besides scores of twitterati on 4th April reported that in Moradabad, U.P., the right-wing Hindu organisations Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal organised a massive ‘Shoba Yatra’ on Ram Navami’s occasion, at which provocative slogans like “Ayodhya Toh Jhanki



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Hai, Mathura Mandir Baki Hai” (Ayodhya was a mere trailer, Mathura Mandir is still left), were raised and the local Police took no action against the organisers.

TV channel *NDTV* on its Twitter account and web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 4th April reported from Nawabgunj, Gonda, U.P., that at Vishwa Sanatan Mahasangh Hindu Sammelan, a Hindu monk Mohit Raj ji Maharaj, called for establishing a Hindu nation in India and said Muslims can go and stay in any of their 56 Islamic countries.

Web portals *sabrangindia.in* and *hindutvawatch.org* on 4th April reported from Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh that at a VHP event, a far-right Hindu leader Durgesh Devangan called for a ban on entering of Christian pastors into villages and encouraged violent action to be taken against them.

Web portals *Siasat.com* and *indutvawatch.org* on 4th April reported from Jalun, U.P., that a nine-years-old Dalit boy was thrashed by his teacher for drinking water from the village pond. According to the FIR lodged by the boy’s parents, their child was suffering from stomach pain for quite a few days. On 21st March, when the child felt the pain again while in school, he drank some water from the water pot and was thrashed by the teacher for doing so. An FIR has been lodged against the school teacher.

We portal *scroll.in* on 4th April reported from Haldwani, U.P., that a Hindutva mob stopped Muslims from offering namaz in Uttarakhand’s Haldwani city and also attacked the Imam. The local police officials were present during the attack and residents accused the administration of supporting the mob, which was led by local

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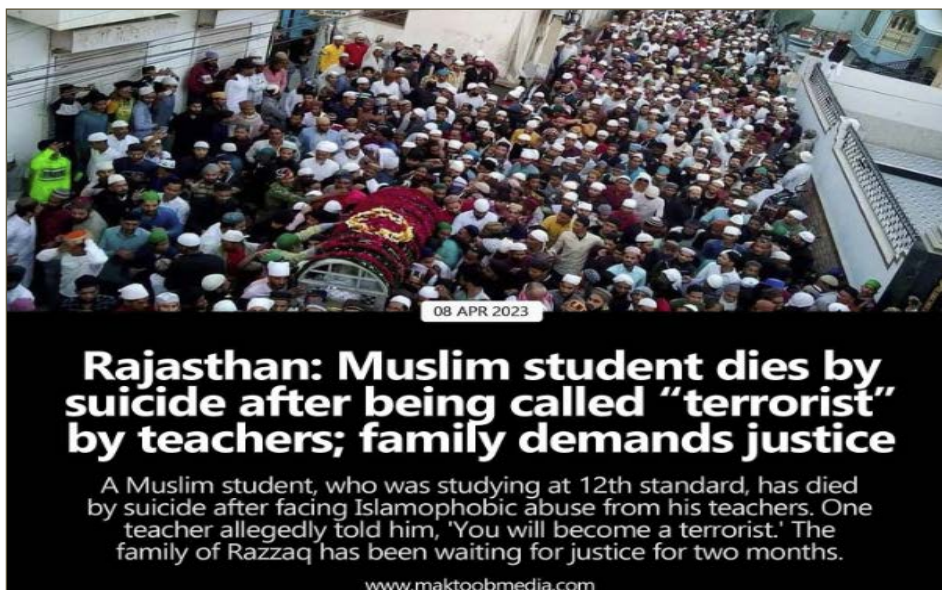
Hindutva leader Mukesh Bhat. A complaint has been filed against those who opposed Namaz under Sections 147 and 323 of the IPC.

Web portal *indiatoday.in* on 5th April reported from Ujire, Dakshina Kannada, that a Muslim man was assaulted in the city for speaking to a Hindu woman on a public bus. While the woman got down from the bus in the Belthangady area, Zaheer continued his journey. Later, the bus was intercepted by the group in Ujire, and then the goons allegedly dragged Zaheer out and thrashed him. A case has been registered against all four accused under Sections 323, 341 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Police have arrested all the accused and further investigation is on.

Ahmed Khabeer posted on 4th April on Twitter that Hindutva extremists attacked a mosque and tried to break its gate in Indrapuri Chowk Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.

The New Indian Express of 5th April reported from Udaipur, Rajasthan that a 9-year-old Tribal girl was raped by a Hindu man, after protests by the tribals in front of the police station, the police arrested the culprit and has filed a case against him.

Hindi daily *Amar Ujala* of 7th April, reported from Agra, U.P., that right-wing organisation Hindu Mahasabha's members slaughtered cows themselves to incite communal violence in the city, the UP Police has accused the Hindu Mahasabha officials for plans to incite communal violence but so far it has made no arrests.



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Web portals *clarionindia.net* and *muslimmirror.com* reported on 10th April that on 31st January '23 a 12th class Muslim student named Razzaq, resident of Noornagar of Sujangarh in Churu district of Rajasthan, committed suicide after being fed up with the harassment and Islamophobic abuses from his teachers. Although the tragic incident occurred on January 31st, but the police has not registered an FIR under Section 306, naming the three teachers named by the deceased's parents, but no action has been taken against the culprits, as the police claims that investigation has not been completed yet.

Hindi newspaper *Dainik Bhaskar* reported on 10th April that in Hastinapur, Meerut, U.P., a Hindu youth was shot dead by some unknown assailants. The deceased's family along with other villagers targeted Muslims on suspicion of murdering 24 years old Vishu, the mob burnt their homes and crops. The Police have arrested four people in connection with this incident.

The Indian Express on 10th April reported from Sandhal Kalan village, Sonipat, Haryana that armed men assaulted Muslims inside a mosque in the village. Six Muslims praying in the mosque were attacked by a group of armed men on Sunday evening. One of the victims said, "Even children and women were also not spared by the group who were armed with hockey sticks, swords, and other sticks. Some of the injured people were admitted to Sonipat government hospital." An FIR was lodged against 19 people involved in the violence. Subsequently, police arrested five people in connection with this incident.

The boundary wall of a mosque in the Bengali Market locality of New Delhi was demolished over encroachment charges, the Masjid committee says it received no prior notice about the action. The Police claims that only the illegal structure was demolished



The Telegraph on its web portal on 12th April reported that a 20-years-old Muslim youth was tied to an electric pole in Ranchi, Jharkhand and was beaten to death by a Hindu mob over suspicion of theft. Police have arrested 3 main accused from Pandari village in Chanhoo block, involved in the incident

Hindidaily *Dainik Bhaskar* and webportal *thehindustangazette.com* of 11th April reported from Gandhi Nagar, Ujjain, M.P., that a 30-year-old Muslim man, Asif Painter, was burnt to death on the night of 8th April, in Ujjain. Before his death,

Asif in his Police statement accused 4 policemen of setting him on fire by pouring petrol. He died in Indore while being treated at a hospital. The matter is being investigated, the ASP, Ujjain assured of taking strong action against the accused police constables.

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Web portals *bnnnetwork.com*, *thehindustangazette.com* and *hindutvawatch.org* on 12th April reported from Indore, M.P., that a group of Bajrang Dal members brutally attacked and thrashed a Hindu woman and her Muslim friend when they were taking a stroll in Mhow Town, Indore.



The Daily Guardian and web portal *hindutvawatch.org* reported on 11th April that in Gopalganj, allegedly right-wing Hindu groups disrupted an event organised by Christian community members over accusations of religious conversions.

Webportals *zeenews.india.com* and *hindutvawatch.org* on 11th April reported from Bastar, Chhattisgarh that in the presence of senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, Hindu community members administered an oath to the assembled to economically boycott Muslims and Christians.

Web portals *cjp.org.in* and *hindutvawatch.org* reported on 10th April that in Khandwa, M.P., two Muslim men, named Adnan and Afzal, were attacked by assailants, who threw chili powder in their eyes and tried to stab them. According to the information provided by the victims in a video, the two men had gone to a petrol pump to get petrol for their vehicle. As they were leaving, a group of 4-5 men attacked them and threw chili powder in their eyes.

Web portal *theprint.in* and various Urdu newspapers of Delhi reported on 7th April that in Lutyen's Delhi, two mazars located outside the Sunehri Bagh mosque near Udyog Bhawan, were demolished as part of a drive being conducted by the NDMC against encroachments on footpaths in the city.

TV Channel *Times Now* reported on 14th April that on 13th April at Nipani in Indore, M.P., an 11-year-old boy was allegedly thrashed and stripped to chant religious

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In Indore, M.P., an 11-year-old Muslim boy was allegedly thrashed and stripped to chant religious slogans, by a group of minor Hindu boys, showing the level of hate distilled amongst all age groups across the nation

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slogans. A video of the incident emerged on the social media where the victim can be heard writhing in pain while the accused, also minors, force him to take off his clothes and chant 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Pakistan Murdabad'. An FIR has been lodged and an investigation has been launched. The accused minors have been booked for kidnapping, voluntarily causing hurt and criminal intimidation.

The Indian Express of 13th April reported that the Delhi Police Commissioner has issued an order directing police staff not to use complex Urdu and Persian words while registering FIRs, diaries or charge sheets. The police chief has asked the force to use simple words easily understood by the complainant and all parties involved, meaning using Hindi words. A list of 383 complex words with simpler alternatives in Hindi and English has been prepared by the department and shared with officers. Police commissioner Sanjay Arora issued an order saying the police has followed a Delhi HC order and sent a list to all the DCPs and investigating units. The list included Persian and Urdu words commonly used by the police personnel, so far .

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* reported on 13th April that in Kurukshetra, Haryana, Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal members staged a protest against construction of two churches in Pehowa town.

On 15th April *The Times of India* and web portal *thehindustangazette.com* and several YouTube channels uploaded a video in which it was shown how cow vigilantes chase



TV anchor Sudhir Chaudhary, invented a new term 'Mazaar Jihad' alleging that the Muslim community can construct Mazaars anywhere, by breaking all laws

trucks and men transporting the cattle. The video showed a high-speed chase to stop a car over suspicion of transporting beef. The driver lost control of the wheels resulting in an accident.

The Hindustan Times on 14th April reported from Biranpur, Chhattisgarh that the Police is yet to arrest the murder accused of the father-son duo identified as Rahim Mohammad (55) and his son Idul Mohammad (35), residents of Biranpur, who were allegedly hacked to death following a communal clash in Bemetara's Biranpur village in which one Bhuneshwar Sahu (22) was also killed, officials said. Police have registered a case against unknown assailants. No arrest has been made so far

Web portal *cjp.org.in* reported on 13th April that TV channel *Aaj Tak*'s Sudhir Chaudhary, has once again, invented a term with the infamously perilous 'jihad' suffix and has called it "Mazaar Jihad" by constructing mazaars any where. Thus, demonising the Muslim community by calling "Mazar Jihad" CJP has written to News Broadcasting & Digital Standards Authority to take action against Aaj Tak and Sudhir Chaudhary.

Webportal *theprint.in* reported on 20th April that in Unnao, U.P., two infants suffered serious burns after a group of men set fire to the home of a girl, whom one of them had allegedly raped last year. An FIR under relevant sections was registered at the Maurawan police station and the accused have been arrested and sent to jail.

Webportal *hindutvatatch.org* reported on 19th April that at Mathania-Jodhpur, Rajasthan Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) senior leader Surendra Jain delivered a

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Hate Speech against Muslims at a Trishul Deeksha event. He peddled conspiracy theories and advocated violence against Muslims. The incident was reported by a large number of Twitterati, too.

Twitterati Ashok Swain on 22nd April reported on Twitter that in Haryana, cow vigilantes brutally attacked a Muslim truck driver in Haryana, in the name of protecting cow.

Webportal *shiawaves.com* and Meer Faisal on his Twitter handle reported on 26th April that on 23rd April, cow vigilantes attacked a Muslim family in Punjab on suspicion of cooking beef. The Police, instead of arresting cow vigilantes group for attacking the family, arrested three members of the family allegedly on charges of possessing beef.

Webportal *maktoobmedia.com* on 24th April reported that a Muslim student in Uttar Pradesh's Allahabad has alleged that *Times Now Nav Bharat* channel falsely portrayed him as a shooter and accused him of being involved in the Umesh Pal murder case. He claims that his photos and visuals were aired during prime time on the TV channel. However, no police complaint has been filed so far, but following numerous emails and legal notices, the channel took down the video but did not issue any clarifications.

Webportals *indiatoday.in*, *cjp.org.in* and *hindutvawatch.org* reported on 24th April that habitual hate monger Suresh Chavhanke indulged in fear-mongering while



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peddling the conspiracy theory that Muslims will outnumber Hindus in India soon and called for implementing a population control bill targeted explicitly at the Muslim community.

Webportals *journomirror.com* and *hindutvawatch.org.in* reported on 20th April that in Gandhi Nagar, Khandwa, M.P., two Muslim men returning home after offering prayers at a local masjid were attacked and beaten by a group of Hindu extremists. An FIR has been filed against the unknown perpetrators and the police has assured of taking immediate action.

Webportal *hindutvawatch.org* on 24th April that an ultra right-wing Hindu monk and Hindu Samaj Party's leader Mohit Raj Maharaj called for establishing a Hindu nation and using violence against those who "oppose Sanatan Dharma."

TV channel *News 18* reported on 24th April reported that in Jabalpur, M.P., members of the far-right Hindu Sewa Parishad thrashed a pastor over allegations of religious conversions, and later handed him over to the police accusing him of conducting illegal religious conversions.

Webportal *thewire.in* reported on 23rd April that at a public rally in Hyderabad, Telangana, Home Minister Amit Shah asked for votes in the name of nixing 'Anti-Constitution' Muslim Quota. Shah's public utterances at a party rally in Rangareddy district are factually and morally wrong and more crucially, in the eyes of the law and code of conduct for elections, flawed, divisive and dangerous.

Hindu Janjagruti Samiti (HJS) organised a 'Hindu Nation Awareness' event at Hyderabad, where speakers demonised Muslims and peddled conspiracy theories against Muslims and demanded ban on the sale of Halal products



Webportal *hindutvawatch.org* on 21st April reported that on 16th April, far right Hindu group, Hindu Janjagruti Samiti (HJS) organised a 'Hindu Nation Awareness' event at Hyderabad, Telangana, where speakers demonised Muslims and peddled conspiracy theories against Muslims, besides asking to ban the sale of Halal products which indirectly "supports terrorism", according to the speakers.

Hindustan Times on 24th April reported from Maudostpur village, Allahabad that Eid prayers were disrupted by miscreants in the village on Saturday. The police filed an FIR against Rahul Maurya, Yashwant, Atul, and 12 other unidentified miscreants. The incident was reported from Maudostpur village whereby stones were allegedly pelted by the miscreants during Eid prayers thus injuring one young man named Mohammed Ebaad.

The Indian Express reported on 29th April that in various cities of U.P., like Kanpur, Hapur and Aligarh, at least six FIRs were lodged over the past week over offering of namaz on the streets on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr on 22nd April. The FIRs were lodged against hundreds of unidentified people as well as local Eidgah committee members.

Times of India and webportal *cjp.org.in* reported on 25th April that in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, members of various Hindu far-right groups entered Sri Chaitanya Techo school and created a ruckus over teaching Urdu and organising an event



to celebrate Eid. The City Magistrate directed the District Education Officer to submit a report in this matter within 7 days. The school denied these allegations and said that only a skit presented by the students was performed and no students were asked to offer namaz.

Webportal *Hindutvawatch* on 26th April reported that in Nandurbar, Maharashtra, a right-wing Hindu monk while speaking at an event, engaged in rampant demonisation of Muslims, labelling them as enemies and peddling conspiracy theories at an event organised by the extremist Hindu Janjagruti Samiti (HJS) organisation.

Times of India and webportal *siasat.com* reported on 29th April that from Latur, Maharashtra, a video of cow vigilantes forcing a Muslim truck driver transporting cattle was forced to wear a skull cap and bow before a cow, in the presence of police personnel. The video of the incident surfaced on social media and stirred outrage and condemnation. The victim was also reportedly beaten up by the mob leading to injuries. Police have taken serious cognisance of the incident and attached the two constables seen in the video to the police headquarters and also initiated a departmental inquiry against them.

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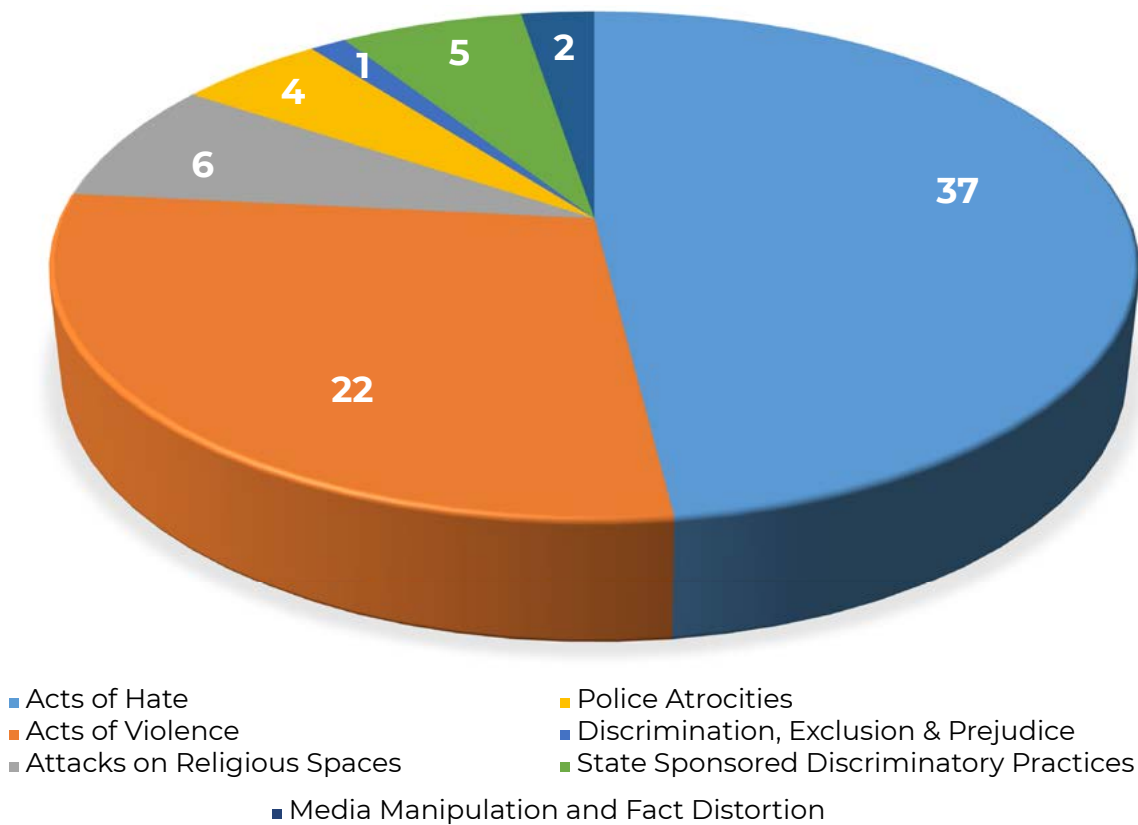


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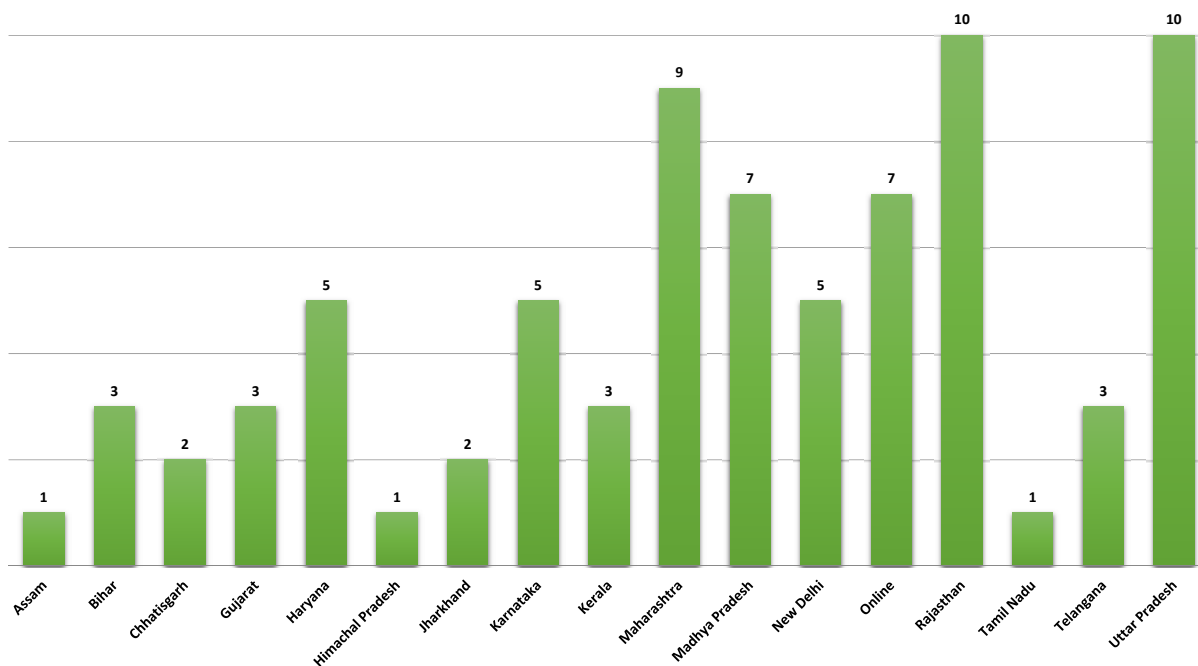
Tarannum Bano on her Twitter handle reported on 30th April that in Dablana, Rajasthan, Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal distributed Trishul at an open public forum among hundreds of Hindu men and forcing them to take an oath of converting India into a Hindu Rashtra. Event like these are organised regularly in Rajasthan but no action from the administration has ever been taken against VHP and Bajrang Dal people.



77 Hate Crime cases reported during May 2023



State wise Number of Hate Crime Cases reported in May 2023





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Alfia Tauseef's Twitter handle on 1st May reported that a Twitter handle with the user name Abhishek Godara twitted an outrageously Islamophobic comment wherein he was seeking contact details of another person so that he can supply a Muslim girl for sex.

Web portals *hindutvawatch.org* and *journomirror.com* reported on 1st May that in Mumbra, Thane, Maharashtra, Sakal Hindu Samaj organised yet another hate-fuelled Hindu *Janjagaran Dharmsabha*. In her speech on the occasion, Sadhvi Saraswati targeted Muslims, pitched for keeping swords and committing violence in the name of religion.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* and web portal of TV channel *sudarshannews.in* reported on 2nd May that at Loni, Ghaziabad, U.P., hatemonger Suresh Chavhanke made communal remarks and targeted minorities, yet again. He indulged in fear mongering by raising the bogey of Muslim population growth and said they (Muslims) live off Hindu taxpayers' money.

TV channel *Times Now* reported on 1st May that in Kerala a state organisation, Kerala State Committee of Muslim Youth League has announced a Rs 1 Crore reward, to



anyone who could provide proof behind the claims made in the movie *The Kerala Story*. Kerala's Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said in a statement that the movie was deliberately made with the aim of creating communal polarisation and to spread hate propaganda against Kerala Muslims. Apparently the news by the TV channel was presented in a manner, which supported the controversial movie, '*The Kerala Story*'.

Web portal *maktoobmedia.com* reported on 3rd May that a Muslim youth named Tarique was killed by a group of Hindu youth on the Balrampur Highway in U.P. The reason for killing is not known.

The Indian Express of 3rd May reported from Karnataka's Puttur that a Muslim youth Mohammed Faris alleged that he was brutally attacked by Bajrang Dal activists for hanging out with a Hindu female friend. Bajrang Dal members also threatened the youth not to report to the police. A video of the statement made by him in front of the media was also widely shared on Twitter.

Web portals *journomirror.com* and *hindutvawatch.org* reported on 3rd May from Rajasthan's Sananer that a video on social media was widely shared in which a right-wing Hindu leader delivered a Hate Speech against Muslims and Christians at a Bajrang Dal *Trishul Deeksha* (trident distribution) event.

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The Wire on 3rd May reported that on 30th April, Bajrang Dal members attacked some members of the Christian community, who congregated for Sunday prayers on 30th April at a house in Chhattisgarh’s Patan city. The attackers, chanting ‘Jai Shree Ram’, disrupted the prayers, alleging that they were forcing people to accept Christianity.

Web portal the *milligazette.com* reported on 5th May that on 4th May cow vigilantes led a high-speed chase to halt a pick-up truck on the suspicion of transporting cattle for slaughter, which resulted in a fatal accident. Both the truck driver and cow vigilantes suffered injuries. The incident took place at Nashik, Maharashtra.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* reported on 5th May that in Faridabad, Haryana, local Muslims accused senior Bajrang Dal leader Bittu Bajrangi of land encroachment and extorting money from meat shops in the city. No action has been taken on the complaint so far.



Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* reported on 6th May that in MP's Mahakoshal right-wing Hindu leaders demonised Muslims at a Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal training session.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 5th May reported from Kolhapur, Maharashtra that local municipal authorities demolished an under-construction masjid in the city after a *Sakal Hindu Samaj's* complaint. Complainants accused Muslims of illegally constructing the masjid.

Business Standard and webportal *siasat.com* on 4th May reported from Bengaluru that Alt News' Editor Mohammed Zubair has recently received death threats, leading to a police complaint and an FIR registration. Bengaluru police have registered an FIR against 15 twitter handles, based on the complaint filed by Mohammed Zubair, in which he alleged that several Twitter handles had threatened his safety and attacked his religious identity.

Web portal *indiatoday.in* on 6th May reported that the Madhya Pradesh government's order which had earlier given a Tax Free exemption to the controversial movie, '*The Kerala Story*' has been withdrawn.

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a protest at
Chhattisgarh's
Nandghat,
over the
construction of
a church in a
village**



Hindustan Times and *News24* on 6th May reported from Kodagu, Karnataka that Assam's Chief Minister Himanta Bisma Sarma, while electioneering in poll-bound Karnataka accused the opposition Congress party of trying to make the southern state a 'Popular Front of India valley' and aimed fresh barbs at Karnataka Congress leaders DK Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah. He also said that Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar are family members of Tipu Sultan.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 8th May reported from Karnataka that right-wing Hindu leader and repeated Hate Speech offender T Raja Singh delivered communal speeches while campaigning for BJP candidates in the poll bound Karnataka.

TV channel *Mirror Now* on 6th May reported from MP's Raigarh that five men after forcibly entering her home, gang-raped a Dalit girl and brutally thrashed her parents. The Police has filed a case of molestation against the accused and arrested four of them, the fifth accused is still absconding.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* and RSS mouthpiece *The Organiser* on 8th reported from Chhattisgarh's Nandghat, that former central minister and BJP leader Dayaldas Baghel and members of right-wing groups held a protest over the construction of a church in a village.



The Indian Express on 6th May reported from Ajmer, that self-styled cow vigilantes in Rajasthan's Ajmer district attacked a group of men transporting bulls to Madhya Pradesh for farming purposes. According to the police, the men sustained minor injuries in the attack.

Web portal *zeenewsindia.com* on 8th May reported from Jaipur, Rajasthan that Bajrang Dal members distributed Trishuls (tridents) among 550 Hindu men and administered an oath to protect the nation and their religion.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 8th May reported from Pali, Rajasthan that Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Durga Vahini members distributed Trishuls (tridents) among 1100 Hindu girls and administered an oath to protect their religion and turn India into a Hindu nation.

TV channel *TV9 Bharatvarsh* and web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 9th May reported from Nagpur, Maharashtra that Bajrang Dal members distributed Trishuls (tridents) among 1100 Hindu men and administered an oath to protect the nation and Hindu religion.

Deccan Herald of 10th May reported from Jagtial Town, Telangana that a sub-inspector of Telangana police

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Bajrang Dal organised an event at Connaught Place, New Delhi, where Hindu right-wing leaders spread Hate Speech against Muslims by focussing on 'Love-Jihad'



allegedly misbehaved with a Muslim woman and used foul language against her faith and religion. The incident took place on a bus traveling between Siddipet to Jagtial. Following a strong protest by the Muslim community in Jagtial demanding action against the sub-inspector, police filed a case against Inspector Anil Kumar and his wife.

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Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 11th May and several Twitter handles reported that Bageshwar Dham Sarkar while giving a Hate Speech invoked conspiracy theories like “love jihad, land jihad” to target the Muslim community across India. He further said India will soon be declared a Hindu nation.

Web portal *thehindustangazette.com* on 11th May reported from Delhi that in the commercial and tourist hub of Delhi, Connaught Place Bajrang Dal organised an event where Hindu right-wing leaders spread Hate Speech against Muslims by focussing on ‘Love-Jihad’. Hindu right-wing leaders, while delivering the Hate Speech, demonised Muslims by peddling conspiracy theories and threatening violence.

Web portals *hindutvawatch.org* and *sabrangindia.in* on 10th May reported from Sangavi, Pune, Maharashtra about a video surfacing on the social media wherein a cow vigilante group led a high-speed chase to stop a mini truck over suspicion of transporting cattle, which resulted in an accident. They also assaulted the truck driver.

Web portals *urduleaks.com* and *sabrangindia.in* on 11th May reported from Pratapgarh, U.P., that cops in Police custody allegedly beat a 19-year-old



polytechnic student ‘Danish’ after an argument, when he failed to provide Driver’s License during vehicle checking in the city. He was admitted to the hospital, and was stated to be in critical condition. A formal Police complaint was filed by Danish’s brother against the two unknown police officers and Inspector Ram Anuj Yadav under Sections 323, 504, of the Indian Penal Code at the Delhupur police station.

Web portal *The Dalit Voice* on 11th May reported from Gorakhpur, U.P., that in an unimaginable act, Gorakhpur Padri Bazar Chowki in-charge, an upper caste, SI Thakur Gaurav Singh entered the house of a Dalit Woman and brutally thrashed and abused Vimla Devi and her friends. The police officer also humiliated her with the casteist slur “she is a chamar, and what will she do against me?”

The Times of India reported on 11th May that on 4th May in a village near Agra U.P., a Dalit man’s wedding procession was attacked by a mob armed with rods and sticks, mostly comprising upper caste men, mainly Thakurs, and also molested women, saying “Dalits grooms in our village don’t ride horses, how dare you?”

Web portals *sabrangindia.in* and *hindutvawatch.org* on 12th May reported from Thrissur, Kerala that a video of hundreds of women donning an orange dupatta (head scarf) and marching with sticks on their shoulders, symbolising guns, has been

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doing the rounds on social media. These women can be seen parading on a road, walking with sticks and swords and raising pro-Hindu slogans. One wonders how could the Police allow such a procession?

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Fact checking portal *Alt News*' Twitter handle on 9th May reported a *Sudarshan News* tweet showing a video claiming that some Muslims were caught stealing children from Shivaji bus stand in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Later, Alt News found in their investigation that there was no communal or child-lifting angle in the case.

Web portals *clarionindia.net* and *hindutvawatch.org* on 11th May reported that in Rajasthan, a RSS pracharak and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader, Ishwar Lal has vowed to convert 30,000 mosques into temples and made Hate Speeches targeting Muslims at an event in Rajasthan.

Web portals *hindutvawatch.org* and *sabrangindia.in* on 16th May reported from Najafgarh, New Delhi, about a video circulating on social media in which members of Bajrang Dal members could be seen threatening a Muslim juice seller to change the name of his shop from 'Raju Juice' to 'Zaid Juice'. Allegedly, they said this would help Hindus to easily recognise Hindus businesses in the area and so they wouldn't buy from Muslim traders and vendors. The entire episode points to a socio-economic boycott of Muslim traders.

Hindi newspaper *Dainik Bhaskar* and TV channel *News 18* reported on 12th May that at Narmadapuram, M.P., Praveen Togadia, a staunch Hindutva ideologue,



said only Hindus will become PM, CM, and DM in this country, i.e. power will be controlled by Hindus only, Muslims with more than two children will be sent to jail and also said a legislation will soon be brought to ensure that those Muslims who have more than two children will not be given ration from government shops.

The Indian Express and *Mint* on 15th May reported from Akola, Maharashtra that at least one person was killed and eight others, including two policemen, were injured, in a clash in the sensitive Old City area of Akola over a religious post on social media. Members of the two groups hurled stones at each other and indulged in large-scale vandalism.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 15th May reported from Amravati, Maharashtra that Sakal Hindu Samaj organised a Hate event where Hindu leader Bharatanand Saraswati delivered a Hate Speech against Muslims. He falsely accused them of spreading COVID and called for bringing a population control bill to stop Muslim population in the country.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 14th May reported from Mewat, Haryana that a video surfaced on Twitter on 13th May showing a Bajrang Dal cow vigilante unit assaulting a Muslim man over the suspicion that he was

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demanding to
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allegedly buried
under the
stairs of Begum
Sahiba Masjid,
also known as
Shahi Masjid
inside Agra
Fort's Diwan-e-
Khas area***



transporting cattle for slaughter. The group also hassled the Muslim driver.

TV channel *Times Now* on 15th May showed the Chief Minister Himanta Sarma taking Majlis chief Asad Owaisi head-on at a public gathering at Karimnagar, Assam. He apparently said, “We’re working to stop Love jihad in Assam, and we’re also working towards closing down Madrassas in the state. After I became CM, I closed 600 Madrassas in Assam. I want to tell Owaisi that I will close 300 more Madrassas this year.”

Times of India on 16th May reported from Agra, U.P. that the Shri Krishna Janam Bhumi Sanrakshit Trust led by Vrindavan-based ‘katha vachak’ (religious orator) Devakinandan Thakur has moved a petition before the Agra civil court demanding to ‘dig out’ idols of Lord Krishna, allegedly buried under the stairs of Begum Sahiba Masjid, also known as Shahi Masjid inside Agra Fort’s *Diwan-e-Khas* area. The suit claimed that “jewel-studded idols from Mathura’s Keshav Dev temple were buried under the staircase of the mosque” by Mughal emperor Aurangzeb when he had allegedly destroyed the temple.

Web portal *millattimes.com* on 16th May reported from Nanpur, Sitamarhi, Bihar that a shameful gang rape case has come to light in Kurhar under Nanpur police station of Sitamarhi district. 30-years-old Pappu Kumar, along with three men, forcibly raped a 10-year-old minor girl, Annu Khatoon, the accused has been arrested by



the police. The condition of the girl remains critical; the local people say that Pappu Kumar used to call himself a member of the Bajrang Dal.

Hindi daily *Dainik Bhaskar* and web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 17th May reported from Rajasthan's Vidyadhar Nagar that the Hindu right-wing groups are using 'The Kerala Story' screenings to create hysteria against Muslims. A video was shared on social media in which it was seen that Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leaders first delivered a speech and then administered an oath to the attendees to fight the conspiracy theory of "love jihad."

On 17th May *Dainik Bhaskar* reported from Bareilly, U.P that a Pandit Shankhdhar has converted 78 Muslim Girls to Hinduism, and then got them married to their lovers. This work of conversion and marriage was done by Acharya Pandit KK Shankhdhar of Agastya Muni Ashram of Madinath. He claimed that, in the last 10 years, 78 girls have been converted to Hinduism and married as per Hindu rituals.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* reported on 17th May that in Faridabad, Haryana, Bajrang Dal members led by its senior leader Bittu Bajrangi manhandled and thrashed a Muslim youth who was found strolling around with a girl from the majority community. As per the video clip, the "accused" was

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Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 18th May reported about a video shared on Twitter, showing Vishwa Hindu Parishad's state president Kapil Khanna delivering a communal speech at Trilokpuri, New Delhi and saying that Rohingya refugees will not be allowed to live in Delhi.

Web portal *thenewsminute.com* on 17th May reported that in a significant development, Karnataka High Court granted bail to Puneeth Kerehalli, a Hindutva extremist and four others in the Idrees Pasha murder case. The bail order pertains to their alleged involvement in the murder of Idrees Pasha, a cattle transporter. The accused had evaded arrest for several days before being apprehended in Rajasthan on 5th April. Puneeth Kerehalli and his four associates were charged under Sections 302 (Murder), 341 (Wrongful Restraint), and 504 (Intentional Insult with Intent to Provoke Breach of Peace) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) based on a complaint filed by Pasha's family members.

On 18th May, news portal *muslimmirror.com* uploaded a video on its website, which shows a Delhi cow vigilante unit storming a slaughterhouse and brutally thrashing two Muslim men over allegations of cattle slaughter.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 18th May uploaded a video on its website, which



shows Hindutva cow vigilante unit members manhandling a Muslim cow trader in Shahpur, Himachal Pradesh.

News agency *ANI* reported on 18th May that in Sanganer, Jaipur, Rajasthan, Vishva Hindu Parishad and BJP workers held a protest outside the State Housing Board office against the allotment of land for a Muslim hostel in the Sanganer area of Jaipur. They submitted a memorandum to the Housing Board and demanded the cancellation of the order within 5 days. However, local administration and Housing Board officials did not give any immediate response, to their complaint.

Web portals *cjp.org.in* and *hindutvawatch.org* on 19th May uploaded a video from Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh showing Antar Rashtriya Hindu Parishad (AHP) president Pravin Togadia delivering yet another communal speech, targeting Muslims and Christians. He can be seen saying, “Even if you spell the name of a Hindu girl, we will not spare you... For the safety of women, make a law against love jihad. Make a law to curb the growing population of Muslims. People are watching *The Kerala Story*. But does even one person talk about bringing anti-love jihad law? You are just marketing humiliation of Hindu women.”

TV channel *Times Now* and web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 18th May reported that on 14th May that Sadhvi Prachi

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Sudarshan News tweeted a clip showing a Muslim woman abusing Lord Ram, however, police investigations found the woman to be a Hindu, named Shilpa Ramarao



delivered yet another Hate Speech at a Jaipur movie theatre showing *The Kerala Story*. The incident took place at Fun Star Cinema in Vidyadhar Nagar, Jaipur on May 14. The local police have now filed an FIR against the right-wing leader. There were also reports from the same Jaipur cinema hall that members of right-wing Hindu groups raised slogans like ‘Love jihad murdabad’ and ‘Jai Shree Ram’.

Fact checking website *altnews.in* on 20th May 23 reported a clip televised by the *Sudarshan News* of a woman throwing eggs at a poster of Hindu deity Lord Ram in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (Aurangabad), Maharashtra. The clip went viral on social media, and Hindu right-wing propaganda outlet *Sudarshan News* tweeted the clip while claiming that the woman seen in the video was a Muslim. The words “छत्रपति संभाजीनगर में जिहादी खातून” (Jihadi Khatun in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar) were superimposed on the visuals, another accompanying caption wondered “Why does the burqa-clad woman hate Lord Sri Ram so much?”. However, later the local police identified the woman as Shilpa Ramarao – a Hindu, and arrested her.

Fact-checking website *altnews.in* reported on 20th May about an old video of a street play staged in 2017, in which a woman was seen while being shot in public. However, the right-wing troll army widely shared this video and tried to communalise the situation by propagating the false claim that an “RSS woman leader was shot dead by Jihadis”.



A Twitter user Susheel Shinde on 20th May posted a video on Twitter, from U.P., which showed a pregnant Dalit woman delivering a baby behind the roadside bushes because she was not able to pay Rs. 1,000 demanded by the local government hospital staff.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 23rd May reported about yet another video circulating on Twitter which showed Antar Rashtriya Hindu Parishad leader, Pravin Todagia delivering yet another hate speech against Muslims and administering a hateful oath to the participants, this time in Vadodara, Gujarat.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 22nd May posted a video from Panipat, Haryana, which showed a Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader delivering a communal speech against Muslims, stoking fears about their increasing population.

TV channel *News24* on its webportal *news24online.com* posted a video on 22nd May, which showed Union Minister Giriraj Singh giving an Islamophobic statement saying, “If our elders had not erred 70 years ago then no one like Owaisi, Zakir Naik or Madani would have been born in India.”

Web portals *cjp.org.in* and *siasatdaily.com* reported on 24th May that notorious hate speaker T. Raja Singh delivered yet

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another Hate Speech at Kota in Rajasthan. A politician with many criminal cases against him has now targeted the state of Rajasthan to spread his communal hatred and an exclusionist ideology against the Muslim community. Singh also outlined the agenda of “protecting our Hindu daughters and sisters” to justify committing violence against the Muslim community. The Rajasthan Police has registered a case against the suspended BJP MLA T Raja Singh, charging him for hurting religious sentiments and promoting enmity.

Web portal *sabrangindia.in* and several YouTube channels on 24th May reported about Hate monger and serial hate speaker Suresh Chavhanke, editor-in-chief of Sudarshan TV, delivering yet another communal speech at NOIDA, U.P. In his speech, Chavhanke openly threatened to use force and violence against the minorities in order to make India an undivided Hindu nation. He also urged the government to change the name of the streets and roads in Delhi bearing Muslim names and rename them on Hindu leaders’ name.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 23rd May reported a video shared on Twitter and Instagram in which a Hindutva activist was seen defacing Christian symbols from a street wall in Karnataka.

Ashraf Hussian on 24th May reported a video from Barhariya, Siwan, Bihar where a Muslim cattle trader Amjad Ali gave a statement that some unknown Hindu



assailants attacked him mercilessly over his identity and later these assailants looted his money also.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* reported on 25th May that a right-wing Hindu mob while chanting “Jai Shri Ram” slogans brutally assaulted a Muslim hotel owner after he had an argument with a man over the delivery of a gas cylinder in Telangana’s Narsapur. During the assault, when his pregnant sister tried to intervene, she was also assaulted, resulting in her miscarriage.

Susheel Shinde on his Twitter handle posted an incident from Gurugram on 25th May reporting that a *Dharmshala* (community centre) belonging to the backward Valmiki community was illegally encroached on by some upper caste Hindus. On complaining about the issue, the SHO of the local police station instead of taking action against those responsible, asked the Dalit community people to leave the police station immediately, and also hurled casteist remarks and taunts on them.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 25th May shared a video from Sitapur, U.P., in which repeated hate offender Bajrang Muni once again can be seen delivering a Hate Speech and calling on Hindus to pick up arms against Muslims.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 26th May reported that a Senior Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader known as Amresh ji delivered a Hate Speech at Chakradharpur, Jharkhand

In Gurugram, Haryana, a Dharmshala (community centre) belonging to the backward Valmiki community was illegally encroached upon by some upper caste Hindus

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instigating Hindu youths against Muslims. He said, “We taught them (Muslims) a lesson for three days in Gujarat and they were crying around the world.”

Web portal *muslimmirror.com* on 27th May reported from Kota that in a video which went viral on social media, unidentified assailants could be seen pelting a bus full of Hajj pilgrims. A complaint has also been filed under sections 312 and 313.

On 28th May Twitter handles reported a case from Jamia Nagar locality of New Delhi, which showed a man named Shubham, taking photographs of a Muslim girl traveling with her family at the Jamia Metro Station. When the family of the girl objected to it and some of the passersby also intervened, the man, who later was found associated with a right-wing organisation, stopped taking photos. But by the time people intervened, he had already shared the photos on WhatsApp groups with a message “She is a Muslim, fit to be f***ed”. Later this man was handed over to the Police for further investigation.

Web portal *cjp.org.in* and several YouTube channels reported on 27th May about a Hate Speech delivered by repeated offender Kajal Hindustani at Kutch, Rajasthan, calling for establishing a Hindu nation. She further called “non-violence a delusion” and said “battlefield demands sacrifice.”



Web portal *zeenewsindia.com* on 27th May showed a video clip, in which a Home Guard could be seen brutally attacking a Muslim man at Ahmedabad railway station in Gujarat.

Hindi daily *Navbharat Times* on 24th May reported an incident from Kishanganj, Bihar. As per the details, a police officer along with the son of Gram Panchayat representative in Bihar's Kishanganj kidnapped a Dalit woman and raped her for 8 days. After escaping from their clutches, the victim visited the local SP's office and requested him to take action against them. The SP filed an FIR against the police officer and further investigating is on.

TV channel *NDTV* on 26th May aired a video clip showing a local BJP worker questioning a Hijab-wearing Doctor for not wearing the doctor's coat at a primary health centre in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu. Police registered three cases against party functionary Bhuvaneswar Ram, who hails from Thirupoondi in the district, for questioning the woman doctor.

Several Twitter handles on 28th May reported an incident from Gandhi Nagar, Bhopal where a Muslim man Imran was

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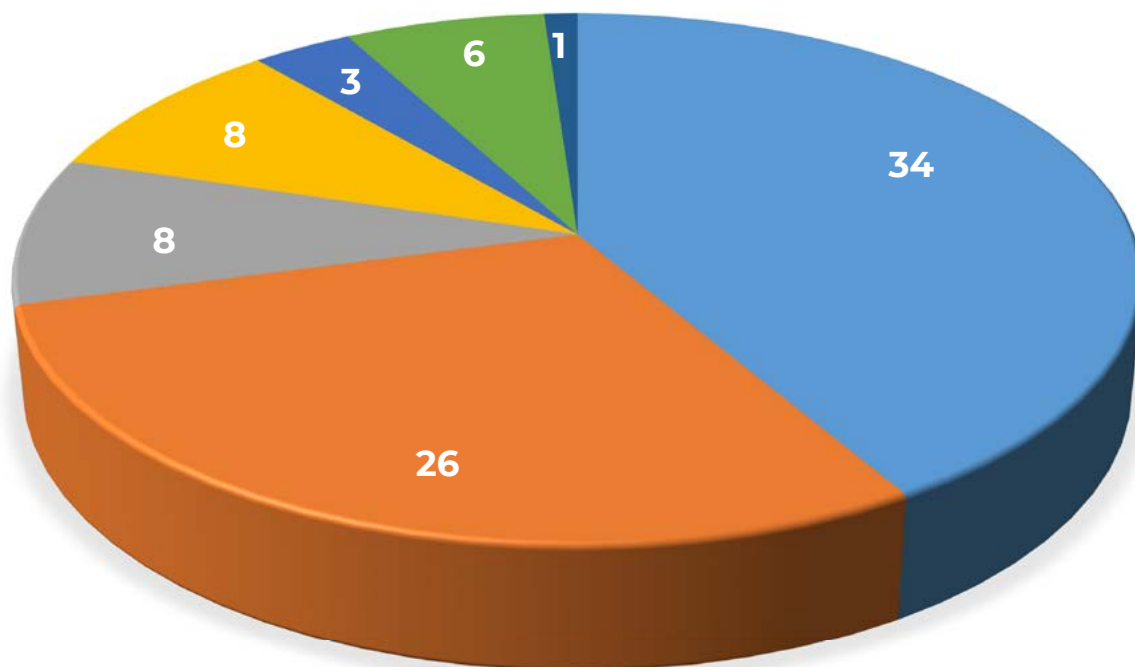


brutally beaten by the police on the allegation of misbehaving with a woman, Imran sustained severe injuries and his arms too were broken. However, the woman denied the allegation and said Imran was innocent.

Web portal *clarionindia.net* and several Twitter handles on 30th May reported about a Bajrang Dal leader delivering anti-Muslim Hate Speech, where he promoted conspiracy theories and called for economic boycott and violence, at an event organised at Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh. The video of arms training shows several men, wearing a particular uniform and saffron pagdi (headwear), carrying firearms jumping over leaping flames and taking positions of shooting and attacking. A few men are helping them in the training while a large number of people watched from a distance.

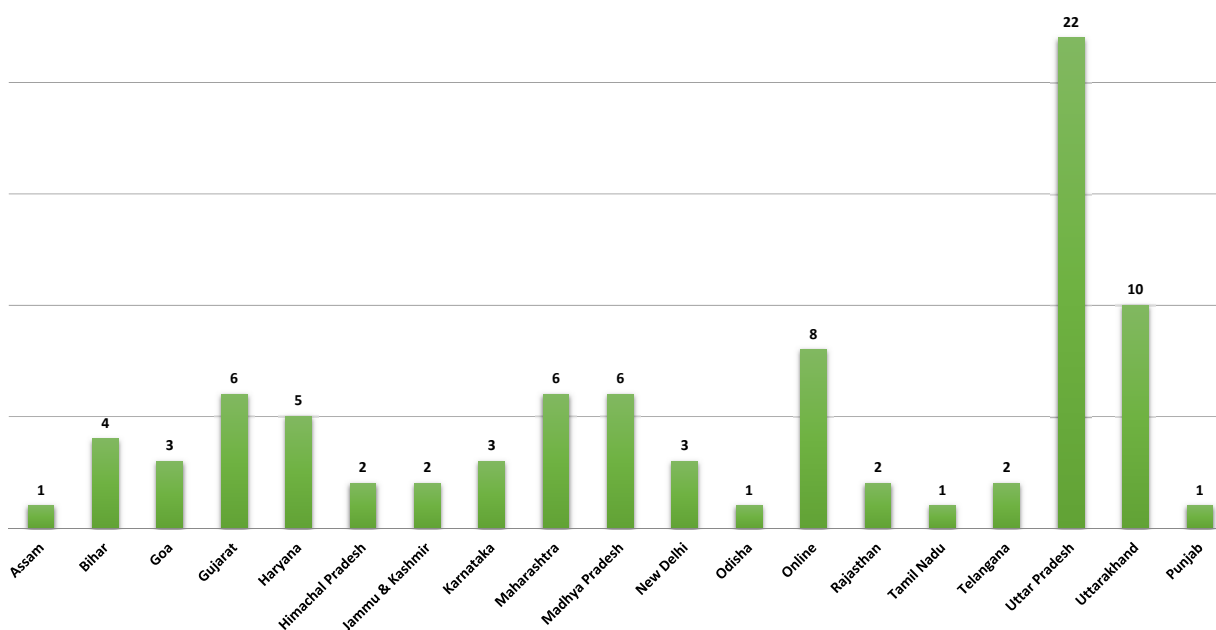


89 Hate Crime cases reported during June 2023



- Acts of Hate
- Acts of Violence
- Attacks on Religious Spaces
- Police Atrocities
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In an attempt to increase polarisation among Hindus and Muslims, a pro-Hindutva leader put up a contentious billboard outside a Mazaar in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, on 29th May. According to the Hindi daily *Dainik Bhaskar*, the banner asked Hindu followers to stop worshipping at the Mazaar near the Town Hall. When the local residents who were emotionally attached to the mazaar protested about the incident, authorities took down the divisive poster.

On 1st June, web portal *indiatoday.in* reported yet another case of physical attack from Mangalore, Karnataka where three Muslim boys were assaulted for hanging out with female Hindu friends. While walking with Hindu female friends, some miscreants approached them and started intimidating them. Following which, an argument broke out between them resulting in a physical attack. The miscreants assaulted the three Muslim youth and fled. As per the police, four people were arrested in connection with the above mentioned incident and a minor who was also part of the group was also taken into the Police custody.

On 2nd June, *The Indian Express* reported about a violent assault which took place at Mota town in Gujarat. Reportedly, a Dalit man was severely beaten for sporting sunglasses. Later Jigarbhai Kanubhai Shekhaliya, a Dalit, filed a FIR against the accused, and 7 persons were detained in connection with the incident.

Web portal *thewire.in* reported on 6th May about increasing communal tension, following allegations of 'Love Jihad' on two men, one Muslim and another a Hindu,



Purola town in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. A week before the incident, posters were put up in the town asking Muslim businessmen to close their shops by 15th June and move out of the town. This obviously created tension in the town, forcing Muslim shopkeepers to close their shops and move out with their families. Reportedly even a Muslim BJP functionary was also not spared during this forceful migration of Muslims.

On 3rd June, *Hindustan Times* reported yet another incident of Islamophobia that occurred in Lingasuguru, Raichur district of Karnataka, when a Raichur Police officer arrested an RSS worker who was reportedly making offensive social media remarks against Muslim women. The Police arrested Raju Tambak on charges of mental harassment.

Another case of Islamophobia was reported by *The Express Tribune* on 4th June, as per which, filmmaker and hate propagandist Ashok Pandit, while sharing the teaser of the movie “72 Hoorain” on his Twitter handle, commented, “As promised presenting to you the first look of our film 72 Hoorain. I am sure you will like it. What if you end up dying a brutal death instead of meeting 72 virgins, as assured by terrorist mentors?”

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Even a tragedy takes a communal colour in India nowadays. Right-wing trolls claimed the Balasore train accident took place near a masjid, thus speculating it as a saboatage case, but later on fact finding websites found that the building showed in various video clips was not a masjid but a Hindu temple



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Another case of media slanting came to the light on Twitter as reported by *The Quint* on 5th June, according to which a morphed photo with the false claim related to Balasore train accident was widely shared by right-wing activists on Twitter to communalise the tragedy. A twitter handle *Bharat Bhavsar* wrote "अभी तक 300 से ज्यादा को मौत की नींद सुलाने वाला और 900 से ज्यादा को गंभीर घायल करने वाला उड़ीसा का ट्रेन एक्सीडेंट जिस स्टेशन पर हुआ उसका नाम है बहानागा स्टेशन (इस स्टेशन के स्टेशन मास्टर का नाम है (मोहम्मद शरीफ अहमद) एक्सीडेंट की जाँच के आदेश के बाद फ़रार है!" The Balasore accident happened near Bahagan rail station, after the incident the Station Master Mohammed Sharif Ahmad is absconding', thus trying to communalise the accident.

Web portal *The Quint* reported yet another instance of anti-Muslim prejudice from Kolhapur, Maharashtra, on 7th June. According to the report, hundreds of men from Hindutva organisations demonstrated in Kolhapur on 7th June against WhatsApp posts honouring Aurangzeb and Tipu Sultan despite official directives against mass gatherings. The unruly demonstrators carried posters with the slogans "*Love Jihad*" and *The Kerala Story* printed on them and were observed shouting hateful slogans against Muslims. They then began throwing stones, which caused damage to a few



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cars and other structures. In order to disperse the mob and control the situation, the police had to use lathi and tear gas; nonetheless, no arrests were made. Section 144 of the IPC was also enforced in the area.

Another video showing a physical assault on a Muslim cattle trader was posted on Twitter on 6th June, which showed a violent Bajrang Dal workers abusing and beating cattle traders while shouting “Jai Shri Ram.”

Web portal *scroll.in* on 4th June reported a dreadful incident from Palanpur district of Gujarat, where a group of seven ‘upper caste’ men allegedly chopped off a Dalit man’s thumb after his nephew picked-up a cricket ball during a match at a school playground. As per the FIR report, one of the accused persons, Kuldeepsinh Rajput, got angry and scolded the eight-year-old boy who had picked up the ball while watching a cricket match at the school playground in the village.

Web portal *outlookindia.com* on 6th June, reported about a communal altercation breaking out between members of two communities in Gujarat’s Panchmahal district’s Godhra town over right to use a road. As a result of the altercation on Monday night, one person suffered serious injuries. Ten people were detained by the police in relation to the event. In response to accusations from members of both communities, the police filed two different FIRs and detained five suspects under each FIR.

On 6th June, a video from Greater Noida’s Sector Beta 2 in U.P. surfaced showing a group of people hitting and abusing a 22-years-old Dalit boy. According to a report in

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the *Indian Express*, it was found that a couple of police officers attacked the boy. At the police station, the beating was captured on camera, and the footage was widely circulated online. In response to the video, the police detained Jitendra Kumar and filed a FIR against him under IPC sections 384 (extortion), 504 (intentional insult with intent to incite a breach of peace), and 506 (criminal intimidation).

The Wire reported another instance of hate speech from Adilabad, Telangana, on 7th June, as per the report, repeated hate offender T. Raja Singh once again delivered a provocative speech, bringing up the Burqa issue and advising female Hindus not to befriend Muslim girls who wear the burqa.

On 10th June, *The Hindu* published an article about a case of religious discrimination against Dalits in Tamil Nadu's Karur District, where a temple was locked because Dalits were not allowed inside the premises. Residents of Veeranampatti in the Karur district who belong to a lower caste took to road blocking as a form of protest. The rally was attended by more than 300 people, including women.

Reportedly Muslim girl students from the Vishwa Bharti School in Rainawari, Srinagar, Kashmir, staged a protest against the school administration on 10th June and claimed they were denied access to the campus because they were wearing headscarves (Hijab), according to a report in *The New Indian Express*. The administration of the school informed the students that they had been given the directive by a higher authority. According to the students, the order also said that if they wish to wear



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an abaya (head covering), they must enrol in a madrassa. They further alleged that they were informed by the management of the school that they were destroying the school’s atmosphere. The notice prohibiting female students wearing a Hijab, to attend the school was reportedly withdrawn by the school principal when protests started.

Web portal *scroll.in* and Urdu daily *Roznama Khabrein* on 8th June reported once again a case of Hate Speech delivered by Assam’s chief minister demonising Muslim community at an event organised in Guwahati, Assam. As per the report, the Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, speaking at a natural farming convention, warned against the use of fertilisers in farming. While addressing the crowd he said “When we started governing Assam, we informed the public that there is a rise in heart and kidney diseases in the state due to excessive use of fertilisers in various food items,” The state, he said, “was working “against fertiliser jihad”, thus inexplicably linking a natural phenomenon to Jihad and trying to involve the Muslims unnecessarily into the issue.

Twitter reported another instance of hate speech from Haridwar on 11th June. A video of a hardline Hindu priest spewing hate speech at a Dharam Sansad in Haridwar, Uttarakhand, went viral on social media. During the unrest in Purola, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, he was also seen advocating violence against the Muslim community. “Jihadi Bhagao, Devbhoomi Bachao,” the priest can be heard saying. The administration has not yet taken any action in response to the aforementioned hate speech.

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Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal jointly organised the “Shaurya Prakshishan Varg” camp, where participants received firearm training, in Chapra, Bihar, according to a video posted by web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 10th June. What is surprising is how these RSS-affiliated organisations get the permission by the local administration to organise such camps, where there is an open display of firearms.

Hindi newspaper *Dainik Bhaskar* on 11th June reported an incident related to police atrocity from Kokhraj, Kaushambi, U.P., where a Muslim man was thrashed by the Police at the local police station, when he asked the police personnel to take off their shoes before entering a masjid in Kokhraj. As per the report, a complaint has been filed by the victim at the SP office.

On 10th June, a video of a right-wing priest spewing hate speech at an event honouring Chattarapati Shivaji Maharaj in Kurukshetra, Haryana, was posted on Twitter. In the video, he provoked Hindus to purchase firearms and endorsed violence against non-Hindus, specifically Muslims.

On 13th June, *hindutvawatch.in* shared a video of a hate preacher Kajal Shingala aka Kajal Hindustani, posted earlier on Twitter, in which she was seen giving provocative speech against Muslims at an event organised by *Hindu Raksha Manch* in Surat, Gujarat. She spoke about Ghazwa-i Hind issue to justify social and economic boycott of the Muslim community in India and could be seen glorifying violence against Muslims in the video..



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TV channel *ETV Bharat* on 9th June reported news related to the shifting of Dargah from Piran Kaliyar, Uttarakhand. A notice from the Irrigation Department of Uttar Pradesh was issued to the more than 100 years old Dargah committee to relocate the Dargah within 24 hours. An issue which preplexes everyone is that how can you relocate a mausoleum, without hurting the feelings of the devotees, so this just seems to be an act to mentally torture Muslims.

Hindi newspaper *Dainik Bhaskar* on 13th June reported news of a hate speech delivered by the U.P. cabinet minister, Sanjay Nishad, at U.P.'s Nishadraj. In the video, he was once again seen making a controversial statement against a Masjid situated at the Nishadraj Fort. He further requested the U.P. government to remove the masjid from Nishadraj Fort so the fort could be further expanded the way Babri Masjid was removed from Ayodhya for building a Ram temple.

On 12th June, *altnews.in* a fact-checking website, yet again recorded a case of misleading information and propaganda being spread by *Sudarshan News*, a news channel linked to the right-wing. According to reports, *Sudarhsan News* posted a video on Twitter with deceptive claims in an effort to create animosity against Muslims. The 33-second-long video, which was shot in New Delhi and posted by *Sudarshan News*, shows a mob physically abusing a young man, as a woman with her wrists slashed stands next to him. It quickly gained popularity on social media on the false pretence that this is an instance of "Love Jihad."

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Altnews' inquiry into the event, however, revealed that the girl cut her own wrist during a fight with her boyfriend.

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A right-wing Hindu saint can be seen in a video posted by *hindutvawatch.in* on 13th June spewing hate speech at a *Hindu Janakrosh Mahasabha* event held at Shahbad Dairy in Delhi in the wake of the horrific murder of a young Hindu girl. A video of the incident was also widely shared on social media.

News channel *TV9 Bharatvarsh* on 13th June reported an Islamophobic incident showing levels of hatred against Muslims, from Madhya Pradesh. The highly condemnable and shameful incident that was captured on CCTV shows, some extremists while travelling in a car, stopped near Chhoti Kharana masjid near ITM police station area of Indore, and started throwing empty liquor bottle and waste at the masjid intending to disturb communal peace in the area. Upon hearing about the incident, Police registered an FIR against unknown persons and promised to arrest them soon. As per the latest report, Police is investigating and analysing the case using CCTV footage.

Web portal *organiser.org* on 14th June shared a disturbing video of a Muslim boy, Mohammed Nafees, who was targeted by a violent crowd linked to a right-wing organisation. In the said video, he (Muslim boy) can be seen being physically harassed by these goons, who tonsured his head and painted his face with black colour on allegation of raping a cow in Haldwani, Uttarakhand. Later these right-wing people handed the boy to the police. Another video related to the incident, posted



by the webportal *cpj.org.in*, a right-wing Hindutva group attacked Muslim homes and businesses in Kamaluaganja, Haldwani, Uttarakhand, on 15th June. Citing the alleged incident involving a Muslim boy sexually assaulting a cow, the video shows an incensed crowd engaging in destruction of Muslim property. The assault occurred with the Police present at the spot, but due to their unwillingness to take any preventative action, the incident was followed by fringe organisations terrorising the local Muslims.

On 14th June, *The Indian Express* published a shocking story of a 33-years-old Muslim man named Dilshad Khan who passed away while being held by the police in Ghaziabad, U.P. According to a report, the deceased's relatives claimed that in police custody, the police severely assaulted him; however, the police have rejected the claim. In response to a complaint submitted by the relatives of the deceased, police said an FIR under IPC section 302 has been lodged against police official and unidentified individuals.

On 15th June, the webportal *indianobserverpost.in* reported another mob lynching case, which occurred on 10th June in Maharashtra's Nashik area. A Muslim man named Lukman Ansari was reportedly lynched to death and his body was buried in a gorge near Ghatandevi in the Igatpuri area by self-described cow vigilantes (Gau Rakshak) affiliated with the

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College Principal Booked by Police for Starting Event With Islamic Prayer

right-wing group Bajrang Dal. Six people were detained by the police in connection with this lynching, and more suspects are being pursued.

The Indian Express reported on 14th June that Dr. Subhash Nikam, a college's principal, has been suspended following the recitation of verses from the Qur'an during a seminar on career development that the college had organised in Malegaon, Maharashtra. A right-wing Hindu group opposed the event, claiming that it was held to lure students to Islam, and as a result, an FIR was filed against the principal. The principal was detained by the police, and an inquiry is ongoing.

On 13th June, *The Hindu* reported a case from Geeta Colony, New Delhi in which a five-years-old Muslim boy was attacked by a pet dog which left him with an elbow fracture. The incident led to communal tension as the dog owner Yash Pal and his relatives started hurling communal insults and abuses on the victim's family. After a complaint was filed, the Police arrested the dog-owner but soon released him on bail.

The Quint on 15th June reported another incident of discrimination at work place that led a unemployed educated Dalit man to commit suicide in Bengaluru, Karnataka. In a video shot before his death, Vivek Raj, indicated that he wanted his suicide to lead to societal reform. He wrote in the suicide note that "Unable to fight it anymore...This entire corporate system is (uses an expletive). To bring some change, someone needs to do something. As Bhagat Singh said, "If the deaf are to hear, the sound has to be loud.' I have tried making that sound."



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The Uttarakhand head of the Bajrang Dal, Arun Walia, allegedly made anti-Muslim remarks at a gathering, according to a report on web portal *hindutvawatch.in* on 15th June. He announced plans to convene a *Mahapanchayat* shortly while addressing the Bajrang Dal cadres to handle the Muslims. He also brought up the contentious issues of Love Jihad and Ghazwa-e Hind to further add fire to his speech.

Suresh Chavankhe, a notorious hate-monger, once again denigrated Muslims in Uttarakhand on his Twitter account on 14th June. In a Tweet targeting Muslim community of Uttarakhand, he said, दैत्यों, देवभूमि खाली करो। उत्तराखंड से घुसपैठियों को भगाओ। महापंचायत का विरोध क्यों? बिंदस बोल रात 8 बजे और रात 11 बजे। विस्तार से देखे समूचे भाड्यंत्र का पर्दाफाश (leave the land of gods, demons. Drive the infiltrators out of Uttarakhand. Why the opposition to the Mahapanchayat? Bindas Bol at 8 PM and 11 PM. Watch in detail the whole conspiracy exposed). However, the government has not taken any action against him, so far.

An unidentified group of assailants attacked a Dalit family in Chainpur, Bareilly district of U.P., on 13th June before setting their home on fire. *Amrit Vichar*, a local web portal, revealed this horrific news. According to the report, the police failed to make any arrests related to this event even after receiving a complaint.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.in* reported another mob lynching incident which occurred in Jaunpur, U.P., on 16th June. On Twitter, a video of the incident where two Muslim males were violently attacked by “cow vigilantes” was shared. Later they were

A Hindutva activist in Jabalpur, M.P. delivered a provocative speech asking Hindu youths to marry Muslim girls and convert them to Hinduism and get a reward of Rs. 11,000 after marrying a Muslim girl



admitted to the hospital due to suffering considerable injuries. The Police started looking into the situation after receiving a complaint, although it has not yet arrested anyone in this regard.

A Hindutva activist associated with the Hindu Religious Army in Jabalpur, M.P. was seen in a video shared on *Twitter* reported *India Today* on 16th June, delivering a provocative speech asking Hindu youths to marry Muslim girls and convert them to Hinduism and get a reward of Rs. 11,000 after marrying a Muslim girl.

Another case of caste discrimination and institutional casteism in the society was reported by web portal *AKO News* on 16th June from Jaunpur, U.P. where a minor Dalit girl shared her painful story of caste discrimination in a video. In the video, she is heard complaining about upper caste teachers thus: “(Sir [teacher] refers to us as *Chamar* - a lower caste (and a word which is forbidden to be used under the law), children from lower castes are often reminded that even if the sewage gets clean often its filthiness remains the same, so is your caste).

On 17th June, web portal *thescroll.in* reported yet another instance of religious prejudice at the Kapol Vidyanidhi International School in Kandivali, Mumbai. A Muslim educator was dismissed for allegedly reciting *Azaan* during the morning assembly at the school. However, according to the school principal, reciting *Azaan* during group prayers is part of a campaign to educate children about the various fundamentals related to different religions. An investigation was initiated following a complaint made about this to the Deputy Commissioner of Police’s office.



Ranjit Savarkar, the grandson of RSS ideologue V.D. Savarkar, urged people to give mandate to the parties which “promote the interest of Hindus” and called for an economic boycott of the Muslim community

The Indian Express reported a disturbing event from Junagadh, Gujarat, on 17th June. A video showed seven Muslims allegedly staging a protest against a notice issued by the Junagadh Municipal Corporation to demolish the Geban Shah Masjid by two police officers in plain clothes, which went viral on social media. As per the *IE* report, no action has been taken against the police officers involved in serving the notice.

At the inauguration of a six-day “Vaishvik Hindu Rashtra Mahotsav” – ‘Global Hindu Festival’ at Ponda, Goa, on 17th June, *The Indian Express* reported an incidence of hate speech delivered by Ranjit Savarkar, the grandson of V.D. Savarkar. In a video Ranjit could be seen requesting people to give mandate to the parties which “promote the interest of Hindus” and called for an economic boycott of the Muslim community and exhorted Hindus to carry out “only Hindu-to-Hindu” trade.

On 18th June, *The New Indian Express* published a shocking account of a physical assault which occurred on 15th June in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, where a Muslim daily wage worker named Sahil Khan was tied to a tree, tortured, beaten, his head tonsured, and forced to chant “Jai Shri Ram” by three radical Hindu men named Saurabh Thakur, Gajendra, and Dhanil Pandit over a false theft claim. Police arrested the victim and imprisoned him instead of taking action against the perpetrators. The victim’s family complained to the SSP, who then ordered an investigation into the incident. In the meantime, the SHO of the Kakod Police Station was suspended for reportedly sending the victim to jail rather than arresting the perpetrators.

A Muslim family present at the Maharaja Agrasen Ghat at Haridwar, was asked to leave the Ghat by a group of Hindu activists telling them that this Ganga Ghat is meant only for Hindus, not for Muslims

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On 17th June, Hindi newspaper *Amar Ujala* reported yet another case of economic boycott from Kaalsi, Uttarakhand. It was reported that a Muslim youth who was selling Pooja material at a local market was forced to shut the shop after *Rudra Sena* led by Rakesh Tomar and Bajrang Dal members' together targetted Muslim traders plying their trade in the town. Later, the Police arrested *Rudra Sena* founder Rakesh Tomar.

Web portal *theprint.in* on 19th June reported an incident of discrimination and exclusion based on religious identity from Haridwar, Uttarakhand, where a group of radical Hindu youth asked the Muslim family which was present at the Maharaja Agrasen Ghat Haridwar, to leave the Ghat. A video circulating on social media shows the Hindu youth threatening and asking Muslims to leave the Ghat immediately or else they will be driven away forcefully. The man said that this Ganga Ghat is meant only for Hindus, not for Muslims. Police said an investigation into the matter has already been initiated and after the investigation is completed, action will be taken in accordance with the rules.

Web portal *dalittimes.in* on 19th June shared a video circulating on social media, showing atrocities against Dalits from Sangareddy area of Telangana. A Dalit family - husband and wife, were badly beaten, tied with chains and hanged on a tree on suspicion of carrying out witchcraft.

On 21st June, *zeenewsindia.com* reported another incident of a physical attack from U.P.'s Sharanpur district. As per the *Zee News* report, a video of manhandling a Muslim



boy who was walking with a Hindu female friend was reported. In a video shared on social media, Bajrang Dal people can be seen harassing both Muslim youth and the Hindu girl by using ‘Love Jihad’ as an instrument to justify attack on Muslims.

On 21st June repeated hate preacher Yati Narsinghanand was once again seen delivering a hate speech against Muslims at an event organised at Dasna, Ghaziabad, U.P. A video in connection with the Hate Speech delivered by the said anti-Muslim priest was shared on Twitter.

On 19th June, *The Times of India* reported a case of open display of muscle power, while enjoying state patronage by Bajrang Dal activists. The report quoted a video posted on social media, in which BD activists could be seen dancing to the tunes of a religious song while openly displaying arms during a seven days training workshop organised at Dhuri, in Punjab’s Sangrur District. However, Sangrur SSP Surendra Lamba said, “As per verification, air guns were used for training. we will further verify it.” But the moot question is whether the Police anywhere in India would allow the religious minorities to organise such arms training camps or not?

The Indian Express on 21st June reported about a gruesome murder of a Dalit girl. According to the report, a 21-years-old Dalit girl from Bikaner, Rajasthan was raped and murdered by

BD activists danced to the tunes of a religious song while openly displaying arms during a seven days training workshop organised at Dhuri, in Punjab’s Sangrur District

A BJP leader, erstwhile unit head of BJP's Alwar city unit, led a mob chanting 'Jai Shree Ram' and set fire to a 300-years old Masjid at Bahadurpur, Alwar district of Rajasthan



two police personnel and an unknown assailant. Prima Facie evidence revealed that the trio was involved in the gruesome murder. The two constables are suspended now and third accused is absconding, so far, no arrest has been made. Police stated that they are investigating the case.

On 20th June, *Twitter* shared a video of mob lynching from Akkalkot, Maharashtra where a group of radical Hindu men brutally thrashed and abused a Muslim youth on allegation of insulting Shivaji Maharaj. It has been alleged that the Muslim boy posted an offensive status about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on Twitter.

A video surfaced on Twitter on 21st June in which an unidentified Hindu man is seen demonising Muslim community and presenting distorted facts about Islam and Muslim rulers claiming that Arabs used to rape dead bodies of non-believer women.

Web portal *thewire.in* on 22nd June reported a case of desecration of a Masjid at Bahadurpur, Alwar district of Rajasthan by some radically motivated individuals. A video of the incident shared on social media shows a group of individuals and a BJP leader who was also a former sub-district head of BJP's Alwar division setting the Masjid on fire while chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' slogans. Police registered a first information report against 50 local men, mentioning Sections 143, 153-A, 295-A, 427, 436, 504, and 506 and named 14 people in the FIR.

A video was posted on *Instagram* by Monu Manesar, a radical anti-Muslim activist associated with Bajrang Dal and a self-proclaimed cow vigilante on 22nd June, in which



he and his anti-Muslim gang members can be seen mercilessly beating a Muslim youth at an undisclosed location. Prior to this several videos of Monu and his gang members openly carrying sophisticated weapons including AK-47 rifles were posted, but so far the Police has been unable to nab him or issue a warrant against him.

The Indian Express on 23rd June reported an incident where houses of Dalits were bulldozed in M.P.'s Sagar district. As per the report, seven homes belonging to Dalits built under the PM Awas Yojana scheme were allegedly demolished after some new illegal construction activity was spotted, the local administration immediately swung into action claiming the houses were built on forest land, but then how they received funds under the PM Awas Yojana remains unanswered. However, the district administration claims that notices were served to the residents a year ago.

Web portal *cjp.org.in* on 26th June shared a video in which a radical Hindu monk Shivanand Maharaj could be seen delivering a hate speech at an event organised by Bajrang Dal at Indri, Haryana. In the video, he can be heard saying “killing thousands for the sake of religion, women, and cows is justified by Hindu scriptures.”

On 22nd June, news channel *Aaj Tak* reported another painful incident from U.P.'s Barabanki district, where a minor Dalit

Monu Manesar, an absconding cow vigilante could be seen brutally assaulting a Muslim youth with his gang members in a video on Instagram, but the Police is unable to trace him

An interfaith couple was allegedly harassed and assaulted by hardline Hindutva activists at Nehru Colony, Dehradun, Uttarakhand



girl committed suicide after being raped by Shivam and Sonu, belonging to an upper caste. The minor committed suicide because police could not take strong action against the named culprits. As per the report, the victim also received death threats by the culprits. After the suicide, police hurriedly arrested both of them on 17th June and filed an FIR.

Hindustan Times on 18th June reported a case of forced conversion in Uttarakhand's Dehradun city. A 35-year-old man Rajendra Panwar resident of Jogiwalla was booked under Uttarakhand's Anti-conversion Law, for allegedly coercing a Muslim woman and her two children to convert to Hinduism. A case under relevant sections of the Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act and Section 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at the Nehru Colony police station on 15th June against the accused.

An interfaith couple was allegedly harassed and assaulted by hardline Hindutva activists at Nehru Colony, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, according to a video posted on social media on 24th June. Hateful slogans being raised by the activists could also be observed in the video.

A Muslim man named Saddam was found dead inside a Police Station on 23rd June, after being detained in an alleged "Love Jihad case," according to a report from Sawarkundla, Amreli, Gujarat, as per *DeshLive*, a YouTube channel. According to reports, Saddam went on a trip with three Hindu male friends and a Hindu female friend. On learning this, the father of the girl filed an FIR, accusing



Saddam of engaging in “love jihad.” He was found dead in police custody two days after being arrested.

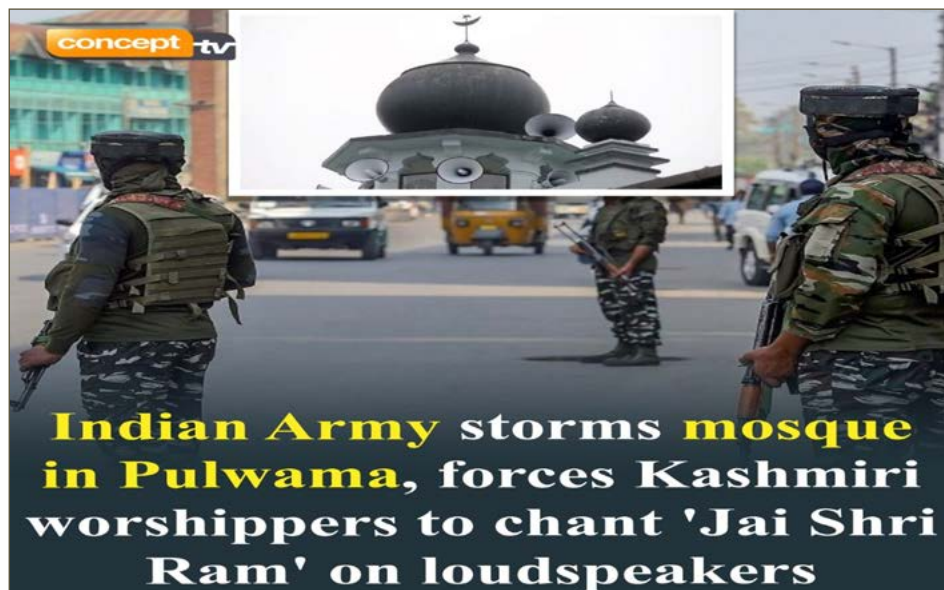
News channel *Etvbharat* on 25th June reported a case of vandalism and destruction of a Church inside a convent school by Bajrang Dal workers at Akbarpur police station area of Kanpur Dehat, U.P.. A case has been filed against 93 people involved in the desecration of the church.

Another very disturbing visual was reported on Twitter on 24th June from a village under Maharaj Ganj Police Station area of U.P. Allegedly, one Sonu Panday and his friend raped and murdered a Dalit girl. Sonu Pandey, the prime accused shot a video while raping Pooja and threatened her that if she does not agree to engage in sex, he will upload this video on social media. Police assured the family of immediate action; however, the family accused the police of converting this incident into a suicide case.

The Indian Express on 24th June reported that the houses of two men, who have been accused of cow slaughter, among several other charges, were razed in Haryana’s Nuh district. The police stated that it was “a warning from the Nuh police to the cow slaughterers”. While Nuh SP Varun Singla said that the action was part of a special campaign launched by the government against “miscreants involved in crime and illegal activities”.

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Web portal *zeenewsindia.com* on 25th June reported a case of Islamophobia from Khoda, Ghaziabad, U.P. where a Muslim cleric named Shaukat Ali was arrested by the Police on allegation of religious conversion at a coaching centre-cum-Maktab. Police, despite knowing that all the students who were studying at the coaching centre belonged to the Muslim community arrested the Muslim cleric and a police complaint was also filed against him, on unsubstantiated charges.

Web portal *sabrangindia.in* reported that, a video was circulated on social media on 24th June showing renowned hate preacher and all time Muslim hater Kapil Mishra at an event organised at Panaji, Goa delivering yet another provocative speech against Muslims. In the video, he was also seen promoting a vicious campaign against Halal Certification and attacked Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind by accusing the organisation of protecting terrorists and criminals without any authentic claim to substantiate his accusations.

Web portal *indiatoday.in* on 25th June reported another case of provocation and intimidation from Kashmir where Indian Army stormed into a Masjid in Pulwama, Kashmir, and forced Muslims to chant 'Jai Shree Ram'. Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Mehbooba Mufti claimed that the Army troops from 50 RR entered a masjid in Pulwama and forced Muslims there to chant 'Jai Shree Ram'. She requested Lt General Rajiv Ghai to initiate an



investigation into the matter; however no action has been taken against the accused soldiers, so far.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.in* on 25th June reported a disturbing incident from Badsar, Uttarakhand where a group of Bajrang Dal people took out a rally against Muslims. They were seen raising hateful communal slogans against the Muslim community, calling for their social and economic boycott and expulsion of the entire Muslim community from the state.

Punjab Kesari on 25th June reported a case of physical attack from U.P.'s Kaushambi District where a Dalit boy was first abducted from his home by 4 miscreants and who assaulted him on suspicion of theft. When the condition of the boy got serious, they threw him in front of his house and left the area. Police, after seeing the video registered a case against culprits and started investigating the matter, subsequently; police have registered a case against all four persons in connection with this incident and began investigation.

On 23rd June, *Hindustan Times* reported another case of institutional discrimination from Chhatarpur, M.P. where a deputy collector Nisha Bhangre (a Buddhist by religion), resigned after being denied leave to attend a religious

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Right-wing organisations in Himachal Pradesh issued a 30 days ultimatum to 'jihadis' i.e. Muslims, in the state to leave Himachal Pradesh within 30 days



ceremony at her home. She alleged in her resignation letter that, "I would like to inform you that I am deeply hurt by the letter under the subject of the department not allowing me to be present at the inauguration program of my own house."

NDTV on 26th June reported another case of mob lynching from Maharashtra's Nashik District where two Muslim men were brutally attacked by self-styled cow vigilantes. Affan Ansari - the 32-years-old victim from Mumbai's Kurla - along with his aide Nasir Sheikh was transporting meat in a car when they were allegedly intercepted and thrashed by cow vigilantes. Police said, both of them were admitted to a hospital where one person died during treatment. A complaint has been filed against the perpetrators, and one of them has been detained by the Police.

Hindustan Times on 23rd June reported an incident of communal tension being created by right-wing organisations in Himachal Pradesh's Chamba. They held a massive protest over one Manohar Lal's murder. Members of various Hindu organisations came to the street and staged protests giving an ultimatum of 30 days to 'jihadis, i.e. Muslims', in the state to leave the state. As per reports, police has imposed Section 144 in the area to control increasing tension between the two communities.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.in* on 25th June reported another case of hate speech delivered at an event organised at Panaji, Goa. At Hindu Janjagruti Samiti's event,



right-wing lawyer Hari Shankar Jain demonised Muslims and sought the removal of Article 14 (Right to Equality), Articles 15, 29 & 30 of the Indian constitution. He further asked the government to ensure that only those who have knowledge of Hindu religious text be appointed as judges of various High Courts and the Supreme Court.

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On 27th June, Hindi newspaper *Dainik Bhaskar* reported an incident from Muzaffarpur, Bihar where VHP and Bajrang Dal organised a protest against meat shops located near a temple. While protesting, they also demanded the administration to close all meat shops near the vicinity of any temples across the city immediately.

Amrit Vichar, a regional news portal, on 26th June reported another case of Islamophobia and economic boycott from U.P.'s Moradabad city. As per details a Police Station in-charge Ekta Vihar Colony, warned Muslims not to sell and buy cattle within the colony's premises. Police personnel were also deployed to monitor the situation. A complaint against cattle market being organised on every Eid-ul Adha at the colony was registered by the non-Muslim residents of the colony.

On 27th June, News portal *journomirror.com* reported yet another incident of Hate Crime from Faridabad, Haryana. As per reports some radical Hindus entered a Masjid and started vandalising the masjid, beating the Imam and his children.

At Ekta Vihar Colony, Moradabad, U.P., the local police warned Muslims not to sell and buy cattle within the colony's premises, based on a complaint by non-Muslim residents of the colony

For cutting down a tree, private parts of a Dalit man were slashed and notices of “House for Sale” pasted on houses of Dalits in Etah, U.P.



The goons also warned the entire Muslim community of the area that they would soon build a Temple on this land. The Police, even after receiving a complaint about the incident, did not take action against the perpetrators.

A video surfaced on social media on 26th June in which a radical Hindu was seen questioning a Muslim vendor who was selling cloths on his motor cycle to show whether he had any authorisation from the local pradhan (headman) to do business in this locality or not. The Muslim was also asked to show his Aadhar card and other identity papers.

Etvbharat on 28th June reported another case of hatred and Islamophobia from Loni, Ghaziabad, UP. where a BJP MLA Nanadkihsor Gurjar in a letter, sighting cleanliness, asked the DM to ban Qurbani (sacrifice) on the occasion of Eid-Ul Adha in the locality as it may create a deadly pandemic like situation.

Times of India on 27th June reported that days after a 32-year-old Dalit man was allegedly beaten and his private parts ‘slashed’ by upper caste men for “objecting” to tree felling on his land in Etah district of U.P., four out of seven Dalit families have left their homes located at Hasanpur, under Kotwali Dehat police limits of Etah city. On Monday, they found “this house is for sale” slogan written on their doors. The families said they left the locality “fearing for their lives” as the accused men are still at large.



An intimidating video was shared by *IAMC.com* on 28th June in which it was observed that fire training is being provided to Bajrang Dal workers in Delhi. After watching the video, many people and activists questioned why is fire training being given to Bajrang Dal workers in Delhi? What is the purpose and rationale behind this? No convincing answers have come forth so far, but it could be surmised that this would not be for self-protection but definitely will have an evil angle attached to it.

On 28th June, a twitter handle shared a news clip reported by *Twitter*, in which it was reported that few radical Hindu groups vandalised a Madrassa in Bihar's Betiya. Later, instead of taking action against these miscreants, Bihar police not only booked the complainants but also misbehaved with them.

The Telegraph on 30th June reported another gruesome murder of a Muslim truck driver by a radical Hindu mob, disguising as cow vigilantes, on suspicion of transporting beef in Bihar's Saran District. The deceased has been identified as 55-years-old Muhammad Zahiruddin. It was reported that, he was transporting cattle bones to a factory at Marhaura in the district that manufactures pharmaceutical ingredients. Cattle bones are used to make gelatine for the pharmaceutical industry. Factory owner Muhammad Haider told reporters that the lynching took place in front of some police personnel from Jalalpur police station who had

Bajrang Dal workers in Delhi given fire training. Leading to questioning the purpose and rationale behind this? It could be surmised that this would not be for self-protection but definitely will have an evil angle attached to it

On the occasion of a Hindu Jan Jagran Yatra in Sehore, M.P., on 25th June against “conversions” and “love jihad” organised by Bajrang Dal a local activist said that all mosques in the district would be converted into Bajrang Dal offices, very soon



reached there. So far, seven people in connection with this murder have been arrested.

Hindi newspaper *Jansatta* on 30th June reported another conspiracy to defame and malign the image of the entire Muslim community. The incident was reported from Solapur, Maharashtra where an unidentified vendor was caught selling balloon on which “love Pakistan” was written to disturb the communal harmony and trying to spread violence between two communities on the occasion of Eid-ul Adha. Local people caught the person who was selling the balloons and handed over to police. A complaint has been registered against three people who were selling ‘Love Pakistan’ balloons.

News channel *Times Now* on 29th June reported a controversial video of an alleged Bajrang Dal worker from M.P.’s Sehore district, which went viral on social media, showing a man saying that all mosques in the district would be converted into Bajrang Dal offices. Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal organised Hindu Jan Jagran Yatra in Sehore on 25th June against “conversions” and “love jihad”.

The Telegraph on 28th June reported an incident of physical attack, a Dalit leader and Bhim Army chief Chandra Shekhar Azad, who was attacked by some unidentified assailants who opened fire on his car in Deoband, U.P. According to the Superintendent of Police (City), “the assailants were in a car and opened fire on Azad’s SUV from the right side. A bullet grazed his abdomen. He has been admitted to a hospital and his condition is stable.” Police is still investigating the case.



Twitter reported an incident of moral policing from Faridabad, Haryana on 28th June, as per which a radical Hindu named Bittu Bajranghi manhandled and abused an interfaith couple who was staying in a hotel. Later, the couple was handed over to the police.

On 1st July, web portal *thelallantop.com* reported a case of hate crime against two Muslim men from Khandwa, M.P., which took place on 29th June. It was reported that the two men, who were carrying meat on the occasion of Eid-ul Adha were physically attacked by the Bajrang Dal activist. As per the report, it was not clear whether the alleged meat was chicken, beef or buff meat. Police, instead of taking action against assailants, booked those (Muslims) under the Cow Smuggling Act.

Hindi newspaper *Dainik Bhaskar* on 30th June reported a case of hate speech from U.P.'s Saharanpur city. In the video, a controversial priest and National president of Hindu Raksha Sena once again made a Hate Speech by raising controversial issues like 'love jihad' and 'land jihad' at an event organised in Saharanpur.

Twitter on 30th June reported a case where repeated Hate preacher Kajal Hindustani shared another hateful post against the Muslim community on her Twitter account. She brought the conspiracy theory of 'Love Jihad' and shared a list of alleged love jihad cases on her twitter handle, to further the right-wing agenda of demonising and criminalising the entire Muslim community.

Two Muslim men from Khandwa, M.P., carrying meat on the occasion of Eid-ul Adha were physically attacked by the Bajrang Dal activists

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