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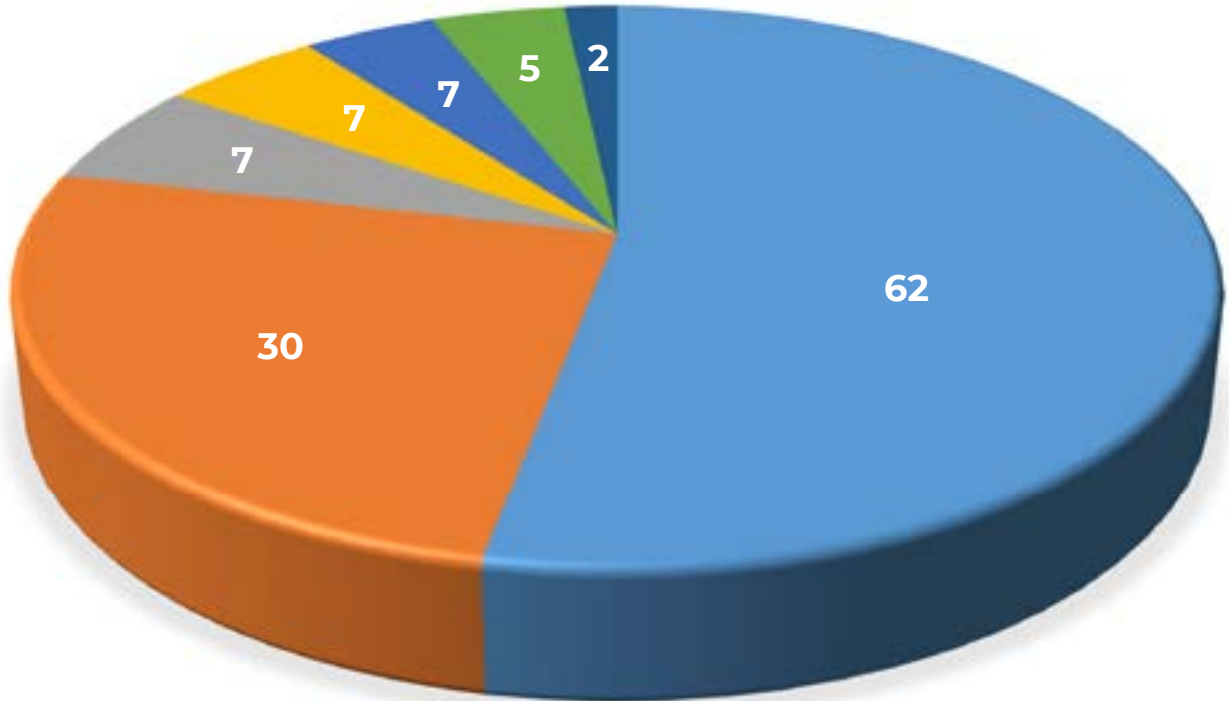
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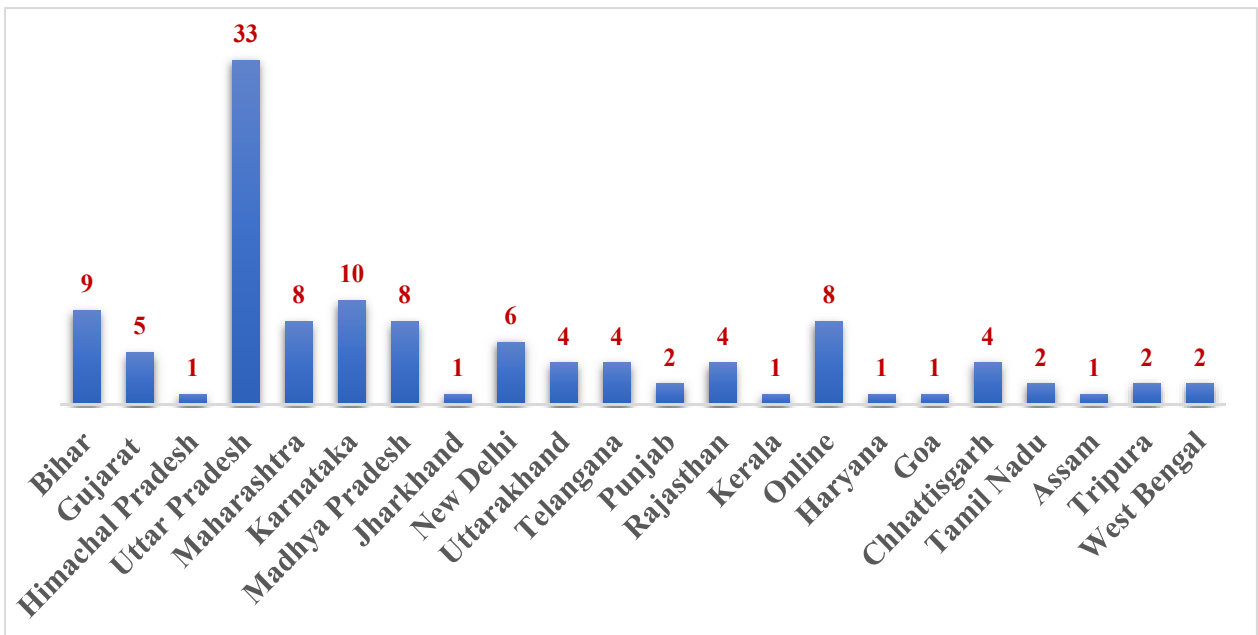
Total Cases: 117



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All-India Hate Crime Cases state-wise: October - December 2023





Executive Summary

The period from October to December 2023 has unfolded a narrative of both hope and concern in our societal landscape. Notably, the Justice and Empowerment of Minorities (JEM) Team reported a decline in hate crimes against minorities, with only 117 verified cases, offering a brief respite from the persistent threat of hatred.

However, our relief is shadowed by the unfolding tragedy in the Middle East. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ignited by Hamas strikes on Israel, triggered an extensive Israeli offensive against Palestinians in Gaza. This global crisis took a disconcerting turn in the Indian context as right-wing Hindu elements appeared to align with the Israeli government, fueling a disturbing surge of anti-Muslim sentiments on social media.

Moving into November, the decline in hate crimes took a backseat as a new controversy emerged surrounding Halal Certification. The Uttar Pradesh government's actions against entities accused of exploiting religious sentiments opened a Pandora's Box. Regrettably, certain news channels exacerbated the situation by framing it as a conflict between Hindu and Muslim communities. The government's response, seemingly justifying its actions without addressing misinformation, raises concerns about the authenticity of Halal certification.

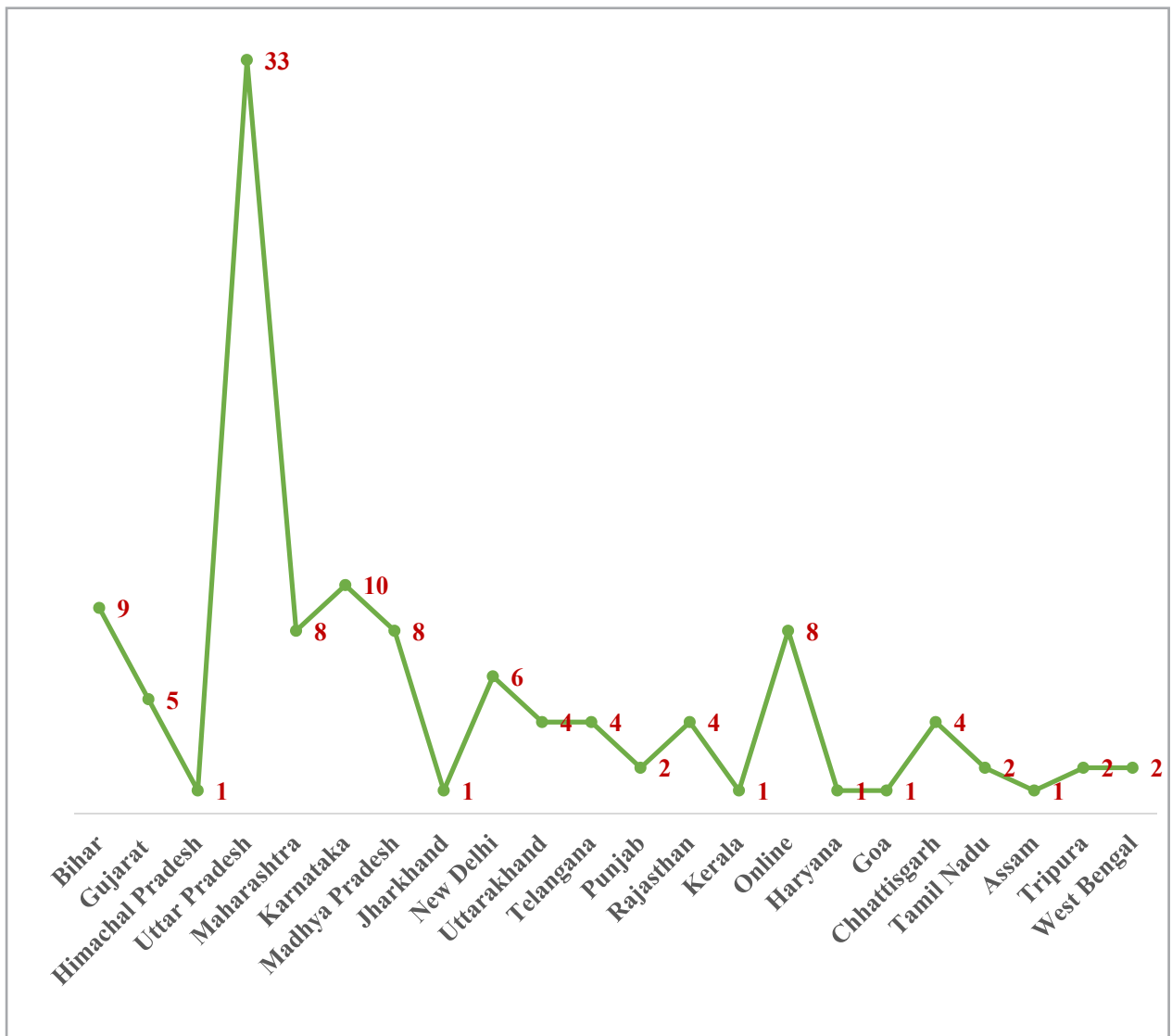
Delving into the state of hate speech, the National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) December report for 2022 revealed a troubling 45% increase over the past two years. Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Maharashtra reported the highest numbers, while the North-eastern states exhibited the highest rates per lakh of population. Political polarization and varied definitions of hate speech contributed to concerns of underreporting in extreme cases.

On the legislative front, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced provisions for the death penalty in cases of mob lynching in the Lok Sabha on December 6, 2023. While aimed at combating mob violence, concerns linger about potential impacts on minorities and the need for vigilance to prevent misuse or selective enforcement.

As we traverse these complex challenges, it is imperative for political leadership to address underlying issues, educate the masses, and foster an environment that upholds inclusivity and understanding. Only through collective efforts can we hope to build a society free from the shackles of hate and misinformation.

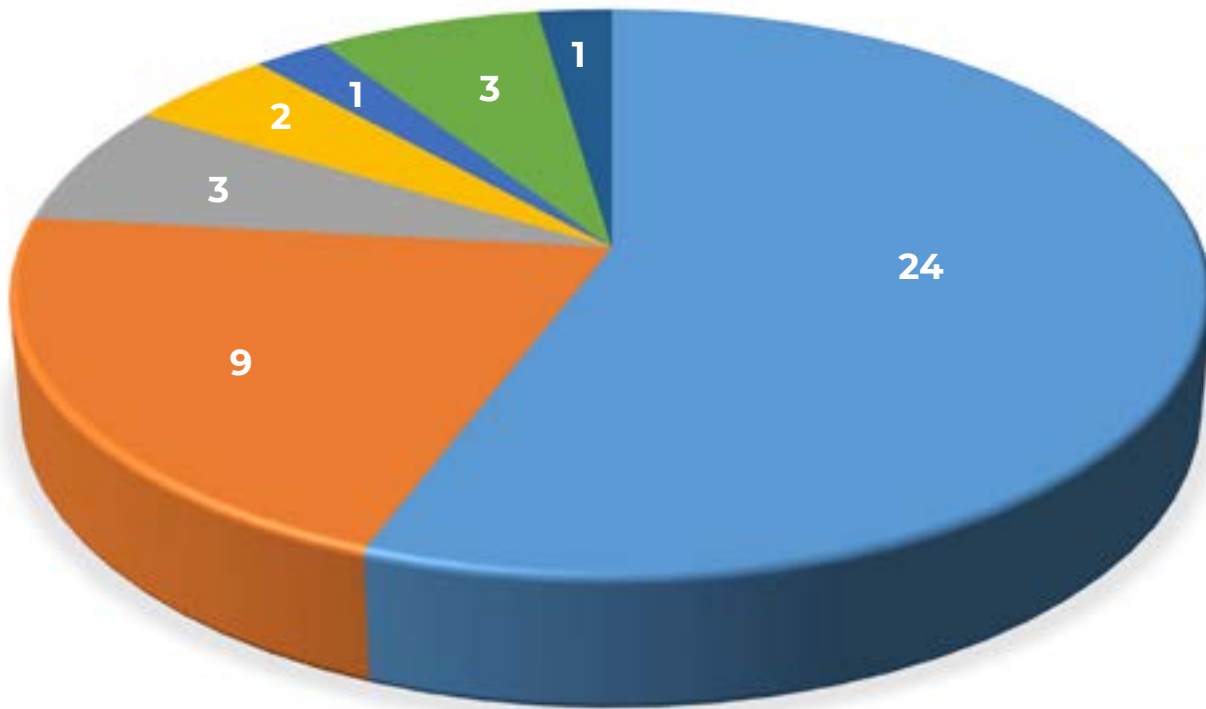
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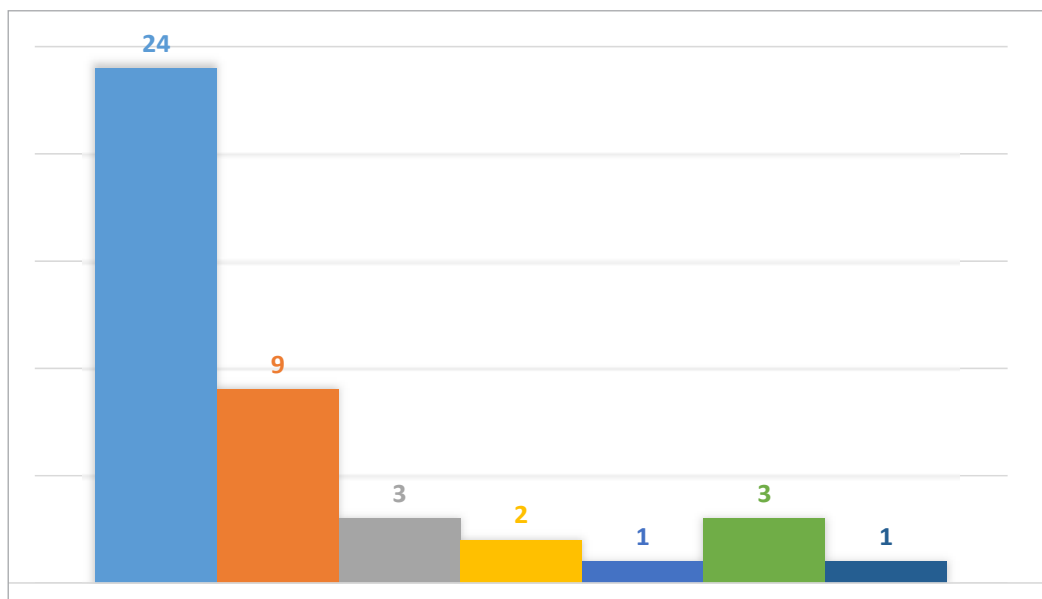


43 Hate Crime cases reported during October 2023



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A Bar Graph Analysis of 43 Reported Cases in October 2023





8 Hate Crime and Hate Speech Cases reported in October 2023

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 1st October reported a case of religious conversion from Maharajpur, Ghaziabad, UP. Hindu Raksha Dal leader Pinky Chaudhry conducted a religious conversion ceremony for two Muslim families, but no action was taken against either the organisers or those involved in the incident.

On 1st October, a Muslim man [Altaf Ansari](#) while returning from his in-law's home was accosted by 4 Hindu men, who after starting an altercation with Altaf started beating him mercilessly. After days of battling for life in a hospital in Patna, he succumbed to injury. A complaint was submitted at the local police station about the incident, but no action has been taken by the police to nab these men, so far. However, police denied the charge of mob lynching by the family. As per the police, the deceased died due to the accident.

On 1st October, the web portal hindutvawatch.org shared a video of a Hate Speech delivered by a VHP leader at an event in Bihar's Hajipur. VHP's general secretary Milind Parand used disinformation and conspiracy theories to target Muslims in his speech.



On 2nd October, web portal siasat.com reported an incident from Chandigarh's Indra Colony, Punjab where a group of cow vigilante Gau Raksha Dal, accompanied by police personnel, allegedly raided a house in Chandigarh on suspicion of storing and selling beef. The video of the incident, in which members of a cow vigilante group were seen entering the house and taking out a refrigerator, was widely shared on social media. The incident prompted many social media users to question the authority of cow vigilantes raiding a house. Many expressed concerns over the incident, as the police accompanied the cow vigilantes in raiding the house.

On 2nd October Shahzad [Palanpuri's X](#) handle reported a tragic mob lynching incident that took place in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, where a Muslim man Mohammad Shahroz was waylaid by the right-wing goons and asked to chant Jai Shree Ram. When he refused to chant, they started chasing him till he reached the factory, but they did not stop there, they entered the factory forcefully and attacked him with a knife and stick. As shown in the video, a Policeman was seen taking statements from the victim before initiating an investigation to nab the culprits.

Web portal siasat.com on 3rd October reported yet another incident highlighting the growing Islamophobia and hate against minorities, as per reports, a few radically motivated men allegedly barged into a wedding function and tore pages of the Holy Quran in Jaipur, Rajasthan. According to the report, at least five men, raising Jai Shree Ram slogans, barged into the venue.



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On 6th October, web portal cjp.org.in reported a case of Hate Speech delivered by a VHP leader at an event in Uttarakhand's Khatima city, of Udham Singh Nagar district. An unidentified VHP leader was witnessed peddling conspiracy theories against Muslims and openly advocating for violence against them. To jubilant shrieks and calls of the crowd, the leader said, "Coming generations will ask us, when this Devbhumi (god's land) would be freed of rakshasas (demons), love jihadi, land jihadi – the future generation will ask us what we were doing. If the future generation asks us about love jihadis, those who do forced religious conversion, we should be able to answer all these questions expected from the future generation. We should be able to tell them that we were involved in kicking out those who eat cow meat, and those who convert our brothers and sisters."

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 6th October reported another case of Hate speech from UP's Katra Kutti Ayodhya Dham. In a video shared on X by HW, A Bajrang Dal leader can be seen delivering hate speech, demonizing Muslims, and advocating violence.

On 6th October, a video went viral on [social media](#) where a Bajrang Dal worker from Bihar's Motihari district was seen openly delivering hate speech and demonises Madrassas.



On 6th October, web portal sabrangindia.in reported a case of caste discrimination and humiliation from Thangad, Gujarat. As per reports, four Dalits were forced to dig a well at a village, when they refused to oblige they were chained, beaten, and abused, for refusing to work in inhuman conditions. A young boy and his family were also beaten for having taken a stand against caste abuse against Dalits. The authorities taking swift action apprehended the culprits Kathat and Vanraj, the owner of a coalmine in the same village and his accomplice. The police have so far booked three accused in relation to the incident on charges including voluntarily causing harm, wrongful confinement, and sections of the ST&SC (Prevention of Atrocities) Act of the Indian Penal Code.

On 6th October a video was shared on [X](#) in which a Muslim woman from Gujarat's Selamba was seen giving an interview to a local journalist, claiming that a few days ago, violence broke out during a procession organised by Hindutva groups, she recorded a video of Bajrang Dal members pelting stones. Later, these rioters looted her husband's shop and set it on fire, and the local police arrived at her home in the dead of night to get that video clip deleted from her phone in a very intimidating manner.

Web portal cjp.org.in on 9th October reported another case of Hate Speech from U.P.'s Sandila, Hardoi. In a video, a far-right leader delivered an incendiary



speech and gave threats to take over the revered Dargah at Ajmer. During the speech, the leader was also seen chanting Jai Shree Ram, and said, ‘If you become Raheem, then they will call you Krishna Kanhaiya and sing. But here, children of Mohammed, you will be drowned in Yamuna.’ And ended with saying, “This country is not of Babur, Ghoris, and Ghaznis, it belongs to the Hindus.”

Web portal sabrangindia.in, reported on 9th October, that Deputy Collector Nisha Bangre who resigned earlier this year due to facing discrimination being a Dalit, began a 300 km march to protest the non-acceptance of her resignation, as she wanted to contest the Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections, after being relieved of her duties. However, Nisha was detained by the police, Nisha took to X and posted a picture from the police station holding a torn picture of Dr BR Ambedkar. The photo caption stated that Nisha alleged that her clothes and the photo of Dr B R Ambedkar were torn during the confrontation with the police.

Web portal thehindustangazette.com reported on 10th October, yet another incident of Hate Speech from Maharashtra’s Vasia, Palgarh. BJP Member of Parliament, Pragya Singh Thakur delivered the Hate Speech and targeted the non-Hindus, especially the Muslim community. She was seen targeting the Muslim community by mocking Emperor Akbar and discussing the



achievements of Maharana Pratap and other Hindu kings and warriors. She concluded her speech by threatening the community while saying: “If our daughters are not safe, then yours won’t be safe either.”

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Web portal hindutvawatch.org reported on 10th October, a Hate Speech case from Dhruva, Ranchi, Jharkhand. At the VHP-Bajrang Dal event, a right-wing leader was seen peddling anti-Muslim propaganda. He said, “If you want to live in this country, you have to say Bharat Mata Ki Jai.”

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 11th October reported yet another case of provocation from U.P.’s Khaga, Fatehpur district, where a right-wing leader delivered a provocative speech targeting the Muslim community at an event jointly organised by the VHP and Bajrang Dal. He said, “This country doesn’t belong to those who give Azaan i.e. Muslims.”

Web portal sabrangindia.in, on 11th October, reported an incident of religious attack from U.P.’s Jaunpur district, where the largest church of Jaunpur, Jeevan Jyoti Church, was demolished by the local administration. The famous Jeevan Jyoti Christian Religious Prayer Centre, located in Bhulandih village in Jaunpur district, has been a sore point with the state government. During a recent survey by the state’s Revenue Department, some illegal construction on encroached land was confirmed on the land of the village society and a



mausoleum. Pursuant to this, the local administration pasted a Demolition Notice at the property deeming it to be an ‘illegally constructed prayer hall’. As per another report of Tejas Today, a local Hindi newspaper, the notice claimed that the Christian Prayer Centre carried out the said construction by encroaching on government land.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 12th October, reported yet another hate-filled speech from Karnataka’s Bantwal. Sadhvi Saraswati one of the right-wing leaders, in a video, was seen propagating conspiracy theories against Muslims, calling for arming Hindus, and advocating violence. She was heard saying “anyone who dares to harm the existence of Hindus, we will wipe off their colonies.”.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 12th October reported another Hate Speech from Bihar’s Motihari district. A video that was shared by HW on X showed a VHP-Bajrang Dal leader delivering a Hate Speech demonising Muslims and Christians. He was also heard propagating violence against them.

Web portal siasat.com on 12th October reported a provocative video that was uploaded on social media from Telangana’s Hyderabad. With elections approaching Telangana, cow vigilantes have increased their activities and are indirectly campaigning for the saffron party. Kalu Singh, president of



Telangana Gau Raksha Dal, in the past two days, waylaid and caught four trucks for allegedly illegally transporting the cattle to the slaughterhouse. In the video, Kalu Singh said, “In coming days all gau rakshaks will unite and take measures to stop cow slaughter. I am warning the people who slaughter cows to stop it, else we will make them obey us through the language they understand.”

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Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 12th October, reported yet another case of Hate Speech at an event organised at Pathankot, Punjab. At the Vishwa Hindu Parishad event, a Hindu right-wing leader could be seen misinterpreting the Holy Qur’an to fulfill the malicious agenda and calling for replacing Muslim places of worship with temples.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 13th October reported yet another case of Hate Speech from Karnataka’s Udupi. In a video, a BJP leader and Madhya Pradesh Minister of State, Mahamandaleshwar Swami Akhileshwaranand Giri delivered a communal speech at the VHP-Bajrang Dal event.

The Free Press Journal on 13th October reported that a 20-year-old man from Karnataka’s Hospet district was arrested on 12th October for allegedly putting up a WhatsApp status “supporting” Palestine and using “provocative” slogans that he uploaded. The man identified as Alam Basha is a resident of the Hospet district.



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He was arrested by Vijayanagar Police for allegedly putting up “provocative” slogans in support of Palestine. The boy has been taken into custody and will be produced before the magistrate.

On 16th October, *The Times of India* reported a Hate Speech from U.P.’s Meerut city. According to TOI, former BJP MLA Sangeet Som while attending a gathering of Rajputs in the Saket colony of the city was seen targeting students of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) for supporting the Palestine cause. He said, “Students of AMU supported Hamas, an alleged terrorist organisation, in response to Israel’s retaliatory action. Such institutions only seem to react when a terrorist incident happens and which should be condemned.” He further alleged that Muslim vendors in the local market in the area were forced to pay Rs. 100 to Muslim collectors who support and give these funds to promote terrorism.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 16th October reported an incident of incendiary remarks against the Muslim community from Himachal Pradesh’ Mandi district. A Hindutva leader, while addressing the Shaurya Jagran Yatra organised by VHP-Bajrang Dal, was allegedly reported peddling the conspiracy theories of land jihad and love jihad and promoting violence and fear amongst the attendees.



On 16th October, web portal hindutvawatch.org reported yet another case of hate-mongering from Delhi's Dwarka colony. The Joint General Secretary of VHP, Surendra Jain, was seen targeting the Muslim community in his speech by mentioning distorted and manipulative facts of Indian History during the Mughal period in India.

The Indian Express on 16th October reported another incident of state-sponsored practices from U.P.'s Hamirpur city, where an Imam was arrested for "promoting enmity" by allegedly supporting the Palestinian citizens on social media.

The arrested Imam has been identified as Suhail Ansari. On Friday, Ansari and another Imam, Atif Chowdhary, were booked under Sections 153-A (promoting enmity between two groups) and 505(2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill will between communities) of the IPC in the same case.

On 17th October, web portal hindutvawatch.org reported another incident of provocative Hate Speech from Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district. Suspended BJP MLA and repeated hate monger from Telangana, T Raja Singh was once again seen instigating the crowd for violence by saying that if you want to defeat and teach a lesson to Jihadis and Cow smugglers, then join Bajrang Dal.



The Hindustan Times on 18th October reported a case of stigmatising Muslims from M.P.'s Ujjain where the local organisers of the Garba dance banned the participation of non-Hindus in the event to allegedly “prevent love jihad”. Members of the organising committee defended their decision, claiming that they are “not against any religion but want to put an end to love jihad and restrict entry to those trying to spread animosity”. The local police S.P. Sachin Sharma said, “It is their private function and they have issued passes for entry to the event. What is the objection on this?”

On 19th October, *Mid-Day* reported a shocking incident of alleged hate crime from Maharashtra's Padgha in Thane district, which occurred on 15th October. As per the report, two Muslim men Azim Sayyed and Shaikh from Virar were going to Malegaon on a bike when a masked man, later identified as Suraj Devram Dhokare - a Maharashtra Police constable, riding a motorcycle asked them for the route to Padgha. Since the cousins were headed in that direction, they asked him to follow them. According to Wasim (the deceased's brother), after following the duo for nearly 12 km, Dhokare asked them to stop their two-wheeler, as he wanted to answer nature's call, and soon after, he opened fire on them. Before his death on Sunday afternoon, Azim stated to Padgha police that as soon as they stopped, the masked man came closer to them and asked for their names. After hearing their names he took out a pistol tucked in his trousers and opened fire on them. The Police formed



multiple teams to track down the assailant, Suraj Dhokare (37), and arrested him later in the day.

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On 21st October 2023, the Urdu Daily Inquilab reported an incident of mob lynching from New Delhi's Karala Village. A Muslim man Mohammad Salman was attacked by a group of radical individuals when he went to Karala Village for some business. As per the victim's account, when the group confirmed my identity, they started beating me and forced me to drink urine and chant Jai Shree Ram. When the victim fell unconscious, the culprits thought he had died and left the spot after taking away 90 thousand rupees, from his pocket. A police complaint has been filed, but the police did not register an FIR. So far no arrest has been Local Jamiat Unit president contacted the victim and assured him of assistance.

The Indian Express on 22nd October reported a case of state-sponsored discriminatory practice from U.P.'s Lucknow. As per the report, the headmistress of a government school was suspended and departmental action was ordered against two teachers after some Hindu outfit leaders protested at the school over students offering namaaz inside the "prayer area" of the school. According to officials, Hindu outfit leaders allegedly created a ruckus at the school and argued with the headmistress. The majority of students at the primary government school for Classes 1-5 belong to the Muslim community.



An official letter, issued by Lucknow Basic Shiksha Adhikari Arun Kumar, said headmistress Meera Yadav was suspended, while departmental action would be taken against two teachers – Mamta Mishra and Tehzeeb Fatima.

On 23rd October, the web portal hindutvawatch.org reported an incident in Gujarat, per which a cow vigilante group was seen harassing an elderly Muslim man on the allegation of carrying beef in front of his two daughters.

Web portal theobserverpost.com on 23rd October recorded an incident of physical attack carried out by the police in Hyderabad's Rasoolpura locality. As per the details, a police patrol team conducting a routine round around the locality, found the victim, Sami Khan, sitting at a lonely spot, and without asking anything the police team thrashed him brutally. His family later took the victim to Osmania Hospital for medical treatment and demanded strict action against the police constable responsible for the incident.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 24th October reported that members of Bajrang Dal forcibly got the shops owned by Muslims shut on the occasion of Navratri in Bihar's Raxaul District.

Web portal thequint.com on 25th October reported a case of media manipulation



and fact distortion from Uttarakhand's Haridwar. A video that was shared by Sudarshan News' journalist Sagar Kumar on X, showed a man identifying himself as Javed Hussain and passing communally charged remarks against the Hindu community to disturb the communal harmony. Later, the person in the video was identified as Dilip Baghel, a resident of Agra, U.P., who was seen passing communal remarks in the video. As per the Quint's report, Sagar Kumar, a journalist with Sudarshan News – a channel that has been called out multiple times for spreading misinformation – shared the video with a caption saying, "Save my Uttarakhand." According to the Police the person was a Hindu and not a Muslim and had been arrested as the matter was sensitive and could disrupt peace in the state.

Web portal scroll.in on 26th October reported yet another horrifying incident of mob lynching from U.P.'s Hapur city. Irshad Mohammad was beaten to death after his motorbike hit a person who was part of a group attending Dussehra festivities near Luhari village in the city. The accident led to a heated argument, after which the attendees assaulted Mohammad with a stone. According to the Police, another man named Wasim, who tried to save Mohammed, was also injured. Mohammed was later taken to the hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. The police registered an FIR against six persons under sections 302 and 148 of the IPC, based on a complaint by Irshad Mohammad's father Imam Uddin Mohammed.



Web portal theobserverpost.com on 27th October reported a controversial statement given by BJP's union Minister Giriraj Singh from Begusarai, Bihar. Singh stated, "Our ancestors made a grave mistake for which we are paying a heavy price today. I spent 28 days in prison during the 1992 Ayodhya movement. If all the Muslims had chosen to go to Pakistan at that time (i.e. 1947), India would not have been in this position, today." He further said "Even today, the Bihar government is implementing appeasement policies. They are favouring one community over the others. It is a matter of grave concern for the Hindus".

Web portal maktoobmedia.com on 27th October reported an incident of physical assault from Mumbai's Trombay locality. An Imam, Mohd Sharafat Khan, of the Masjid Islamiya has alleged that he was targeted, abused, and physically harassed by a Hindu mob during the Garba festivity in the city. The reported incident occurred on 22nd October. While speaking to Maktoob Media he said, "I called the police station and they sent two constables to escort me to pass through the area but even they failed in front of the mob and the police couldn't control them." He further added that "in front of the police, they started hurling Islamophobic slurs and raised slogans such as Kato Mullo ko, Mulley Katey Jayenge, and Jai Shree Ram and manhandled me, I was almost killed by them." The Police did not file an FIR even after family members including the victim registered a formal complaint at the Trombay Police Station.



On 27th October, *Deccan Herald* reported an anti-Muslim incident from Karnataka's Bengaluru city, where Adam Bidapa, son of Prasad Bidapa, a well-known fashion stylist, was booked for rash driving and abusing a Muslim cop. A video that went viral on social media, in which Adam can be heard saying "Hey, Ghouse, Ghouse Pasha, a Muslim, Musalmaan na...". A case has been registered against Bidapa under IPC's Sections 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way), 341 (wrongful restraint), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), and 506 (criminal intimidation). Further investigation is underway.

Web portal *altnews.in* on 28th October reported a case of an anti-Muslim communal campaign on social media by the right-wing forces using an incident that occurred in Kerala's Kasargod to fan communalism. A video of a group of women clad in burqa on a bus engaged in an altercation with a woman in a sari went viral with the claim that the Muslim women were forcing their religious views on a Hindu woman. Verification by altnews found that some students of the Khansa Women's College protested against buses not stopping at the bus stop near their college. A clip from the said protest went viral with users falsely claiming that some burqa-clad women were trying to impose Sharia laws on a Hindu woman.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 29th October reported another instance of Hate Speech from Bihar's Patna city. A video went viral on X showing habitual

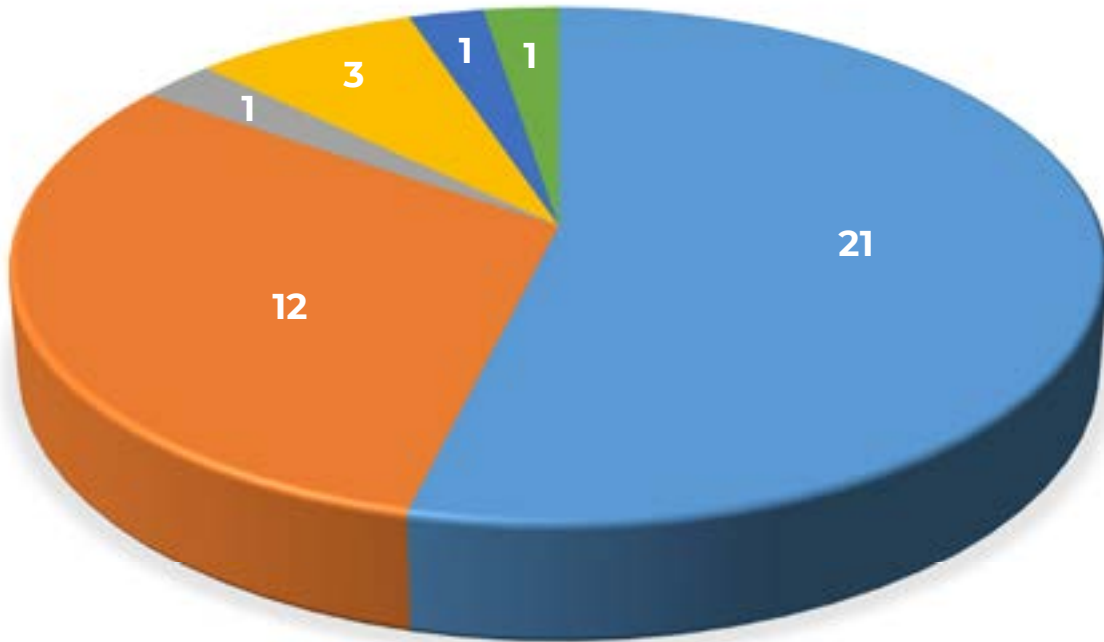


Hate Preacher Yati Narsinghanad addressing an event Hindu Swabhimani, where he could be saying, “These people (Muslims) if not stopped will enter your house and rape your sister and murder them the way these (Muslims) people are doing with Israelis.” Thus, linking two completely unrelated and false events to further his hate agenda.

Web portal theobserver-post.com on 31st October, reported yet another case of physical and verbal assault on a minor Muslim girl from Indian Oil Colony, Shivaji Nagar, Mumbai Maharashtra. As per the report, a 12-year-old Muslim girl, Mariam Fatima, and her family were allegedly assaulted by a group of Hindu assailants while making Islamophobic remarks. According to the victim, “I was playing in the compound when a woman and her son came and told me that her son wanted to play there. I gave them the space and asked them if it was free after half an hour or so, that’s when she started to abuse me, saying: You Muslims are bad; you should be fed pig meat.” The incident left Mariam and her family traumatised.

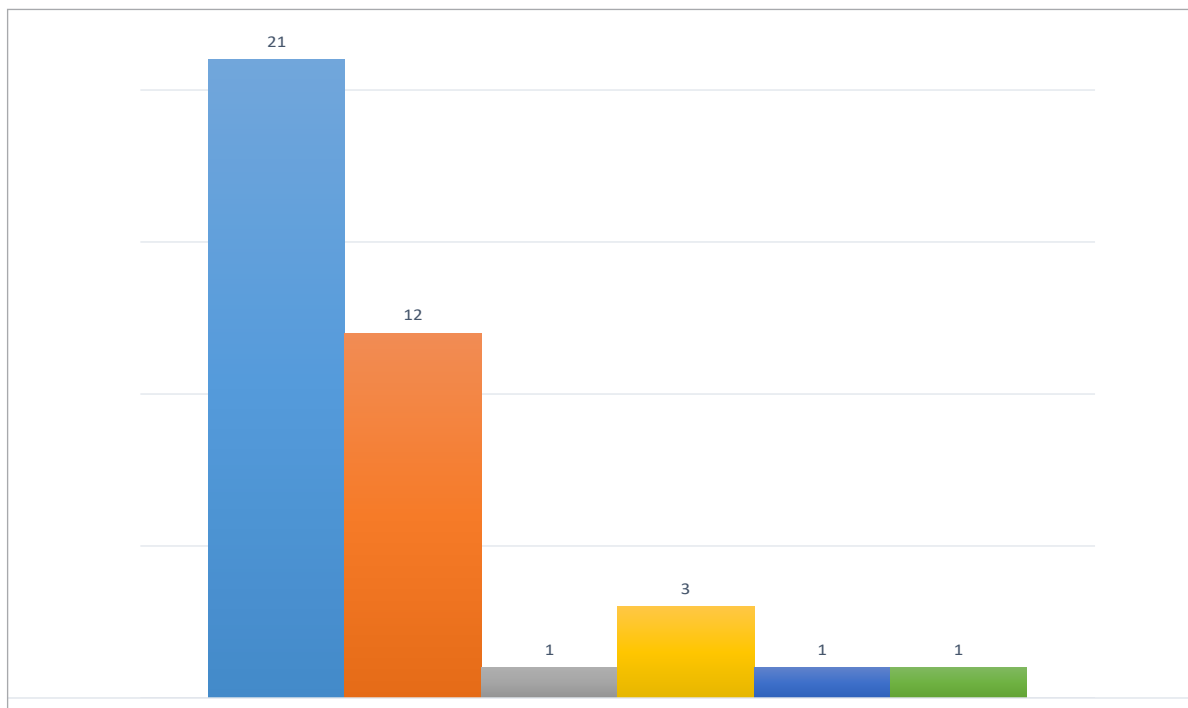


39 Hate Crime cases reported during November 2023



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26 Hate Crime and Hate Speech Cases reported in November 2023

On November 1st, according to a report by [Nav Bharat Times](#), an economic boycott targeting Muslim vendors in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, was brought to light. The news outlined that certain Hindutva organizations, including VHP and Bajrang Dal, issued a warning to Muslim youth, urging them not to apply henna on Hindu girls. The organizations also appealed to Hindu girls to visit designated henna camps in various locations in Muzaffarnagar for the application, where VHP and Bajrang Dal members were stationed to verify vendors' AADHAR cards and ensure the absence of Muslim individuals. While the state secretary of UP, Qari Zakir, acknowledged that they do not oppose the appeal made by VHP and Bajrang Dal, he emphasized that such appeals should not be rooted in religious animosity. Zakir stated that the tradition of applying henna on a girl should be observed by a female, irrespective of religious affiliations. Notably, the local police refrained from providing any comments on the matter when approached by the media.

On the 2nd of November, [Hindutvawatch.org](#) brought attention to an alarming incident in Betul, Madhya Pradesh, where members of a Cow Vigilante group were reported to have physically assaulted a Muslim truck driver. The attack was allegedly



motivated by accusations of the driver transporting cattle. The incident raises concern about the volatile situations arising from vigilantism and underscores the need to address such issues to maintain communal harmony. Authorities in Madhya Pradesh have yet to issue an official statement or comment regarding the reported incident. The incident also adds to the ongoing debates surrounding cow protection and vigilantism in various parts of the country.

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On November 2nd, Hindutvawatch.org reported an incident of hate speech and communal incitement originating from Gada, Chattarpur, Madhya Pradesh. A video shared by Hindutvawatch on X featured the notorious monk Dharendra Shastri and former BJP MLA and Hate Preacher T. Raja Singh delivering a provocative speech. In the video, the Hindu monk can be heard addressing the crowd, targeting Muslims with inflammatory language. He stated, “Agar tum chahte ho ki tumhare maa aur bahen ki 36 tukde na ho, aur tumhare mandiron par vidharmiyo ka kabza na ho to sanatani hinduon ka sath den chahiye” (If you want to ensure that your mother and sister are not torn into 36 pieces, and heretics (Muslims) do not take over your temples, then you should support Sanatani Hindus).

On November 3rd, NDTV reported a gruesome incident from Banda, Uttar Pradesh, where a 40-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly raped and brutally murdered, her body later dismembered. According to NDTV, the victim, who went to clean Rajkumar Shukla’s flour mill, was heard screaming by her daughter upon reaching the accused’s



house. When the locked room was finally opened, the daughter discovered her mother's body in three pieces. An FIR has been filed against Rajkumar Shukla, his brother Bauwa Shukla, and Ramakrishna Shukla. The accused individuals remain at large, and no arrests have been made in the case.

On November 3rd, Surdarshan News Editor-in-Chief Suresh Chavhanke made an anti-Muslim comment on his *X handle* regarding members of the Afghanistan cricket team offering Namaz during net practice. He questioned whether the BCCI was attempting to introduce Islam into cricket, followed by a statement noting the participation of three Afghan players in the practice. Such remarks raise concerns about religious insensitivity and discrimination within the sports community.

On November 4th, *The Indian Express* covered an incident of hate speech in Alwar, Rajasthan. The report detailed that Sandeep Dayma, a former BJP candidate from Tijara, delivered inflammatory remarks during a rally in Tijara on the day of Balak Nath's nomination filing. The hate speech occurred in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. He said, "Kis tarah se itni masjid, kis tarah se gurdwara yahan par banakar chhodh diye! Ye aage chalkar hamare liye nasoor ban jayega. Isiliye hamara sabka dharam bhi banta hai ki is nasoor ko yahan se ukhad kar faink denge, aur Baba Balak Nathji ko bhari maton se jeetayenge (See how many mosques, gurdwaras have been built here! This will become an ulcer for us in the future. That is why it's our duty that this ulcer be



uprooted and thrown out, and Baba Balak Nathji wins by a huge majority).” Tijara SDO and Returning Officer Anoop Singh confirmed issuing a notice to Dayma for violating the model code of conduct, emphasizing the need for responsible political discourse.

On November 4th, *The Daily Siasat* reported a disturbing incident of physical assault against two Muslim men in Maharana Pratap Nagar, Madhya Pradesh. A viral video on social media captured members of the Bajrang Dal engaging in a physical attack on the two men. The assailants accused the victims of spending time with a female Hindu friend, and during the assault, they interrogated the men about the woman’s religious identity. The attackers used a belt to hit one of the victims and employed abusive language throughout the incident. According to the police, the incident took place on Friday, and they were alerted by Bajrang Dal members who claimed that the two young men were associating with a Hindu woman. Following an investigation, the police arrested both men involved in the assault. The charges pressed against them include invoking Section 151 of the Indian Penal Code.

On November 5th, *The Indian Express* reported an incident involving Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, addressing a poll rally in Chhattisgarh’s Kawardha Assembly seat. During his speech, Adityanath made remarks that raised concerns about the promotion of anti-Muslim propaganda. The Chief Minister asserted that once the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) comes to power in Chhattisgarh, action would



be taken against those causing disturbances in the name of “love jihad” and cow smuggling. He referred to the success of a similar policy in Uttar Pradesh, where he claimed that love jihad had been completely prohibited, and laws had been enacted against conversion. Yogi Adityanath also made an inflammatory comment targeting a Muslim Congress MLA during the rally. He stated that Kawardha is as sacred as Kashi (the ancient name for Varanasi), but alleged that the Congress had mischievously appointed a person like Akbar, referring to Mohammad Akbar, the sitting Congress MLA and minister. This remark seemed to carry a negative undertone, possibly aimed at creating a divisive narrative based on religious lines.

On November 5th, *Maktoob Media* reported an incident involving hate speech against Muslims in Faridabad, Haryana. Raj Kumar, a Bajrang Dal leader also known as Bittu Bajrangi, who had previously been arrested by Nuh police in connection with anti-Muslim violence and later released on bail, reportedly delivered a hate speech during an address to a gathering in Faridabad. In his speech, Bittu Bajrangi called for a boycott of Muslim businesses amid the Diwali celebrations. The reported comments suggest an attempt to promote animosity and discrimination against the Muslim community, particularly in the economic sphere.

On October 6th, *ETV Bharat* reported that Yati Narsinghanand delivered a hate speech in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, in response to a media inquiry about the current



challenges facing India, he said “समाज की समस्या कैंसर है. वे लोग जो हमास की विचारधारा के समर्थक हैं, समाज के लिए कैंसर हैं. बाकि समस्याएं इसके बाद हैं. जमीयत उलेमा हिंद के अध्यक्ष अरौद मदनी द्वारा हमास को स्वतंत्रता सेनानी बताने पर यति ने कहा कि मदनी दुनिदुनिया के सबसे बड़े जेहा दी हैं. कहा कि दारुल उलूम में वही शिक्षा दी जा ती है जो हमास वालों को दी जाती है. वही शिक्षा दी जाती है, जो तालिबान और दुनिया के जिहादियों को दी जा ती है” (“Society’s problem is like cancer. Those who support the ideology of Hamas are cancer for society. Other problems come after this. Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind’s president Arshad Madani, while calling Hamas freedom fighters, said that Madani has given the biggest jihad in the world. He said that the education given in Darul Uloom is the same as that given to Hamas supporters. The same education is given to the youth of Taliban and jihadists around the world.”).

On November 7th, a video surfaced on social media *platform X* featuring Yati Narsinghanad, a recurrent purveyor of hate speech. During a media address, he made Islamophobic remarks, associating the Holy Qur’an with terrorism, love jihad, rape, and violence. In the video, Narsinghanad was observed maligning the sacred text in a manner that drew connections between these sensitive issues.

On November 7th, *The Observer Post* covered another instance of hate speech originating from Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Dharendra Krishna Shastri, a self-proclaimed Godman also known as Bageshwar-Dham-Sarkar, stirred controversy yet again with a provocative statement concerning India’s identity and religious diversity. Shastri remarked, “When the human body cannot accept the blood



of another person, why should the human soul accept the religion of another person? India is not the country of Babar (Muslims) but of Raghuvir (Lord Rama), a Hindu god.”

On November 9th, *Hate Detector* brought to light another inflammatory incident against the Muslim community that took place at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi. Rajvardhan Singh Parmar, the National President of Maharana Partap Sena, was captured making divisive remarks, labeling Muslims as Jihadis and descendants of the Mughal King Babar. In his address, he urged people to refrain from visiting Dargahs or any locations associated with Muslims and advocated for an economic and social boycott against them.

On November 9th, *The Daily Siasat* reported a disturbing case of physical assault and sexual harassment in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. A school teacher is facing charges for allegedly sexually assaulting a Dalit female student in Class 9 and threatening her with severe consequences if she reported the incident. The Superintendent of Police (rural) stated, “Based on CCTV footage and the filed complaint, a case has been registered under section 376 (sexual assault), 504 (provocation), and 506 (criminal intimidation), as well as under provisions of POCSO Act and SC/ST Act at Kosi Kalan police station in Mathura district.” The authorities have taken action by registering a case under relevant sections to address the serious allegations.



On November 10th, *The Observer Post* reported on a case of alleged police atrocity in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh. A 55-year-old Muslim man named Salim passed away under mysterious circumstances after being taken into custody by the police from his residence in Jaleelpur village. According to the family of the deceased, a group of 15–16 policemen arrived at Salim’s house at 2 a.m., taking him and two or three others. The family claimed that Salim was subjected to severe beating by the police and was later found near a mosque, half an hour after being taken, in a critical state. The police refuted the allegations, asserting that Salim was a suspect in a theft case and was taken in for questioning. They stated that he fell ill during interrogation and was subsequently sent to a local government hospital, where he was declared dead. The police have registered a case of unnatural death and are awaiting the post-mortem report.

On November 10th, *Sabrang India* covered a tragic incident of suicide involving a Dalit boy from the Pudukkottai district in Tamil Nadu. The Dalit student took his own life on November 3, 2023, allegedly following an assault for talking to a girl from a different caste. The family of the deceased filed a police complaint under section 306 of the Indian Penal Code, claiming that he was harassed due to his caste and had faced physical assault from students belonging to the upper caste. The police have registered a complaint under section 306 of the IPC, signaling an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the student’s untimely death.



On November 11th, *The Siasat Daily* reported another instance of hate speech in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, by Suresh Chavhanke, the editor-in-chief of Sudarshan TV. Chavhanke delivered a speech that targeted the Muslim community, demonizing them by presenting distorted facts and using historical references to propagate hate. He was also seen saying, “Ek jhoot hai jo bataya jaatha hai ki Taj Mahal Shah Jahan ne banaya. Taj Mahal usne nahi banaya, who tho Tejo Mahal that. Rajasthan ke raja ne banaya tha (Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal is a lie often told. He did not build the Taj Mahal, which was Tejo Mahal. The king of Rajasthan built it.) When Siasat.com approached the Kanpur Police who denied hate elements towards the Muslim community in Chavhanke’s speech.

On November 11th, *Hindustan Times* reported another distressing case of rape involving a Dalit girl from Dausa, Rajasthan. The Rajasthan police took action on Saturday by suspending a 54-year-old police sub-inspector, who had been arrested on Friday for allegedly raping a 5-year-old Dalit girl. According to the police, “On Friday, he allegedly lured the minor into his neighborhood with 50 when she was playing outside her home and took her to his rented house where he was staying with ASI Chhotelal and raped the minor.” The police filed a case against the sub-inspector under sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 376 (rape) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and relevant sections of the POCSO and SC/ST Act.

On November 12th, the Editor-in-Chief of *Sudarshan News*, *Suresh Chavhanke*, once again



made inflammatory remarks, this time targeting the first education minister of India, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Chavhanke was observed presenting distorted and manipulated facts about Maulana Azad, falsely claiming that he was born in Makkah (the Holy Place of Muslims). He questioned how a (Muslim) person born in Makkah could become the first education minister in a country where Hindus hold a dominant position. Chavhanke further expressed discontent that, despite the presence of the BJP government, which he referred to as a Nationalist government, the celebration of Maulana Azad on National Education Day has not been halted.

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On November 13th, *The Observer Post* reported a disturbing incident of a mob attack in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. A Muslim man named Afzal lost his life after being assaulted with an iron rod filled with gunpowder on Diwali night in the Link Road police station area. The victim sustained severe injuries from the blast and was rushed to a hospital, where he ultimately succumbed to his wounds. The police stated that the incident occurred around 11 p.m. on Diwali night amid festive celebrations. An investigation is underway, and the police have formed a team to apprehend the accused, Pradeep, who is currently on the run.

On November 14th, the Editor-in-Chief of Sudarshan News, *Suresh Chavhanke*, retweeted a video shared by Sudarshan News UP with the communal caption “Milawat Jihad”. The video depicted a raid by SDM Sadar on Muslim vendors from Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, who were allegedly selling adulterated ghee during



Diwali. Chavhanke, a repeated offender known for such incidents, used the retweet to add a communal color to the situation on the *X* platform.

On November 14th, *X reported* another hate speech by BJP leader T Raja Singh. In the video, Singh can be heard appealing to Hindus “हिन्दू लड़कों से कहना चाहता हूँ तुम मुस्लिम लड़कियों को सौल मीडिया पर प्यार की जाल में फसाओ आर्थिक और कानूनी मदद मैं करूँगा” (I want to inform Hindu boys that if you engage in forming romantic relationships with Muslim girls on social media, I am willing to provide financial and legal assistance).

On November 15th, *Amar Ujala* reported an incident of religious discrimination in Ghasauli, Amroha, Uttar Pradesh. A case was filed against seven individuals, all Muslims, with three of them already in police custody. The incident occurred when a group was observed performing namaz outside a house owned by Jalaluddin. The police responded promptly after receiving a written complaint from resident Tarachand Saini, who alleged that the group was attempting to convert the house into a mosque. Subsequently, an FIR was registered against the seven individuals, leading to the arrest of three of them by the police.

On November 16th, *The Times of India* reported an instance of Islamophobia from Bemetara, Chhattisgarh. During a rally in Bemetara, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in an attempt to polarize the election, made disparaging remarks about Muslims by



discussing the controversial ‘Love Jihad’ issue while targeting the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh. He claimed that Bemetara in Chhattisgarh had turned into a center for ‘love jihad’.

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On November 18th, *Sabrang India* reported several instances of hate speeches delivered in the poll-bound states of Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. Leaders from the BJP were observed delivering speeches ahead of the elections, with a common theme of targeting the minority Muslim community and promoting divisive policies. The speeches included anti-Muslim narratives related to forced religious conversions, Love Jihad, the demolition of Hindu religious structures, and the alleged illegal migration of Rohingyas. These communal speeches were in violation of the guidelines outlined under the Model Code of Conduct, particularly clause 3, which prohibits appeals to caste or communal feelings for securing votes and prohibits the use of places of worship for election propaganda.

On November 19th *Sudarshan News* Channel hosted another communal and Islaophobic debate with the caption, “गैर कानूनी संस्थाएं बांट रही हलाल सर्टिफिकेट्स... अब उनपर चलेगा योगी का बुलडोजर.” (Illegal company distributes halal certificates, and now Yogi’s bulldozer runs over them). The Editor in Chief of Sudarshan News, Suresh Chavhanke while hosting the show was seen misrepresenting the halal certification with distorted facts to serve its agenda of TRP.”



On November 20th, *Maktoob Media* and *english.jagran.com* reported an incident of police atrocity in Rampur district, Uttar Pradesh. According to the reports, Uttar Pradesh Police allegedly killed a 23-year-old Muslim man in the Patwai area of Rampur district, and another Muslim youth was injured in the police firing. The deceased was identified as Sajid Qureshi, while his associate was identified as Babloo (30). A case has been registered against the accused under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

On November 20th, *The Print* reported instances of hate speech against Muslims delivered by various right-wing leaders during an event organized at Delhi's Ram Lila Maidan. A cow vigilante group conducted a rally at the Ramlila Maidan, advocating for the declaration of the cow as the “mother of the nation” and urging an immediate ban on its slaughter. However, some of the speakers at the event not only demanded these measures from the government but were also observed delivering hate speech, issuing threats that if Muslims were to slaughter cows, they would be burned alive.

On November 20th, *Muslim Mirror* reported on a protest organized against Halal-certified products in Goa. A delegation consisting of Bajrang Dal, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, and Hindu Janajagruti Samiti demanded a ban on the sale of Halal-certified products in Goa, following the decision made by the Uttar Pradesh government. The representatives of these organizations submitted a memorandum



at Ponda police station in South Goa, urging the prohibition of the production, storage, and sale of Halal-certified products in the state. Satyavijaya Naik of the Hindu Janajagruti Samiti stated, “Products with halal tags are sold everywhere openly. In Goa, too, we can see the same situation. Hence, we have also demanded that the government take action.”

On November 23rd, [Zeeneews](#) reported another hate crime incident involving a Muslim youth in Haridwar, Uttarakhand. In a video circulating on social media, a group of radical Hindu men were observed physically harassing a Muslim man who was walking with his Hindu female friend. The perpetrators went on to shave his head and subjected him to a public parade. In response to the incident, the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) instructed the local police station to register a First Information Report (FIR) against those involved.

On November 23rd, [Sabrang India](#) reported a case of physical attack against the Dalit community by members of the upper caste over tree-cutting in Morena, Madhya Pradesh. The incident unfolded on November 20 when individuals from the upper caste arrived in the locality to cut trees. Tensions escalated when a Dalit man objected to the tree-cutting, leading to a violent confrontation with sticks and axes. The situation intensified, and Ramavtar, the Dalit man who raised objections, was attacked, sustaining injuries to his head from an axe. Gajraj Mahor, Mayadevi Mahor, Ramavati Mahor, along with their father, Ramabai



Mahor, and Keshavati Mahor, were among those seriously injured in the assault. The Civil Lines police station has registered a case against both parties involved in the inside.

On November 24th, a video widely circulated on *X* depicted a member of Bajrang Dal, a Hindutva outfit, issuing threats to Indian Muslims while using abusive language against Islam. This incident raises concerns, especially considering the Supreme Court’s guidelines regarding hate speech. According to these guidelines, an FIR should be promptly filed, and the accused individuals must be arrested immediately.

On November 24th, *The Wire* reported a case of physical assault against a Dalit wage laborer from Morbi, Gujarat. Nilesh Dalsaniya, a Dalit man who had recently joined a private firm with a promised monthly salary of Rs 12,000, faced termination on October 18. On November 24, Dalsaniya, accompanied by his elder brother Mehul and their neighbor Bhavesh Makwana, visited the office of Raniba Industries on Ravapar Road to demand his salary and was allegedly assaulted by the firm owner and associates. In his complaint, Dalsaniya stated, “Vibhuti Patel forced me to take her chappal in my mouth and made me apologize. She threatened to kill me if I came to Ravapar Road or dared to file a complaint.” An FIR has been registered against the businesswoman and her employees under Sections 323, 504, 506(2) 143, 147, and 149. Additionally, the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act has been invoked in this case.



On November 26th, *The Times of India* reported a case of caste-based discrimination and physical assault against a Dalit boy in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Allegedly, two upper-caste men from the same village assaulted the teenage Dalit boy, forcing him to drink urine and shaving his eyebrows. The attack was purportedly in response to an accusation of sexual harassment against the boy involving a girl from the assailants' family. Following the incident, the Superintendent of Police (SP) in Jaunpur took prompt action, and an FIR (First Information Report) was filed against the two men involved in the assault.

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On November 28th, *Hindustan Times* reported another case of physical attack against a Dalit woman in Bhavnagar, Gujarat. The 45-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly killed by four men who assaulted her because she refused to have her son withdraw a case registered against them under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act three years ago. An FIR has been registered against the four individuals involved in the assault, and they are now booked for murder, assault, and criminal intimidation under the Indian Penal Code and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

On November 28th, Suresh Chavhanke, the editor-in-chief of Sudarshan News, shared another Islamophobic post on his *X handle*. The post conveyed the sentiment that those Indian Muslims who believe Islam is superior to India should leave the country and go to another Islamic nation.



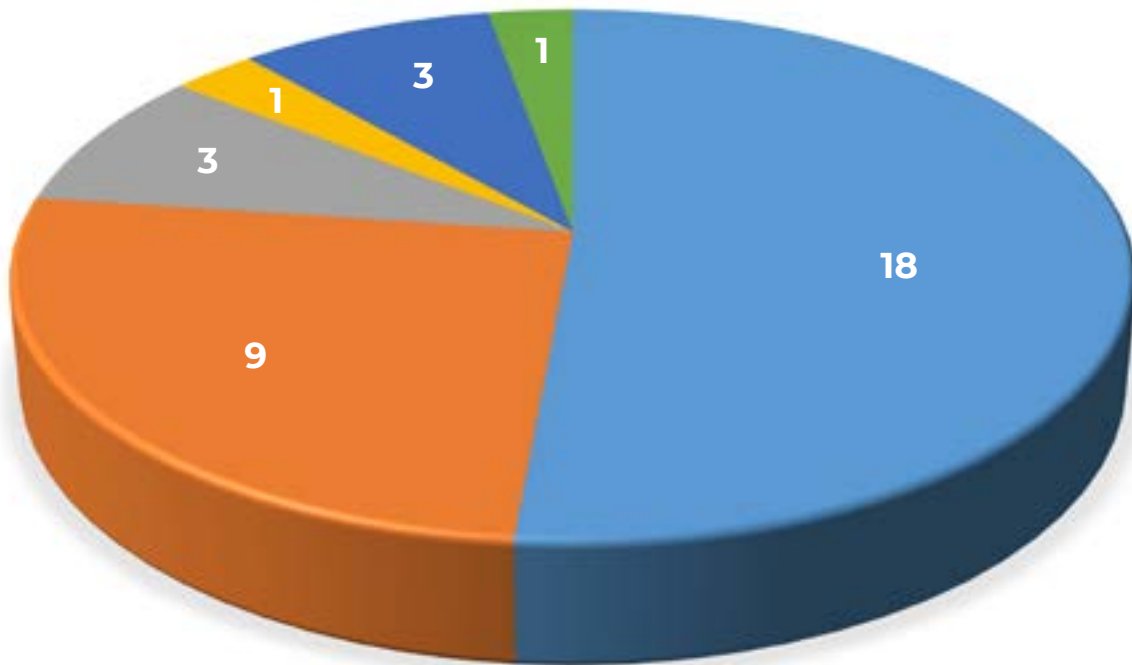
On November 29th, Hindutvawatch.org reported another hate speech delivered by BJP leader T. Raja Singh in Hyderabad, Telangana. During his address at an event, he declared a resolution to make India a Hindu Rashtra. Singh, referring to Muslims, issued a warning that if elected, he would not permit people wearing skull caps and black clothes to move freely in his constituency. Additionally, he was observed inciting the crowd by invoking the Babri Masjid and Ram Janambhoomi issues, urging Ram bhakts (devotees) to prevent any targeting of Lord Ram and to teach a lesson to those who attempt it.

On November 29th, The Times of India reported an incident of arson and tension in Satna District, Madhya Pradesh, following an alleged rape of a 15-year-old girl by a Muslim man. According to the FIR, the accused kidnapped the minor girl, allegedly raped her, and attempted to forcibly convert her to another religion. Upon learning of the incident, some Hindutva outfits staged demonstrations at the police station, demanding strong action. During the protests, some miscreants set the accused's father's shop on fire, leading to communal tension in the area. Notably, no action was taken against those involved in the arson.



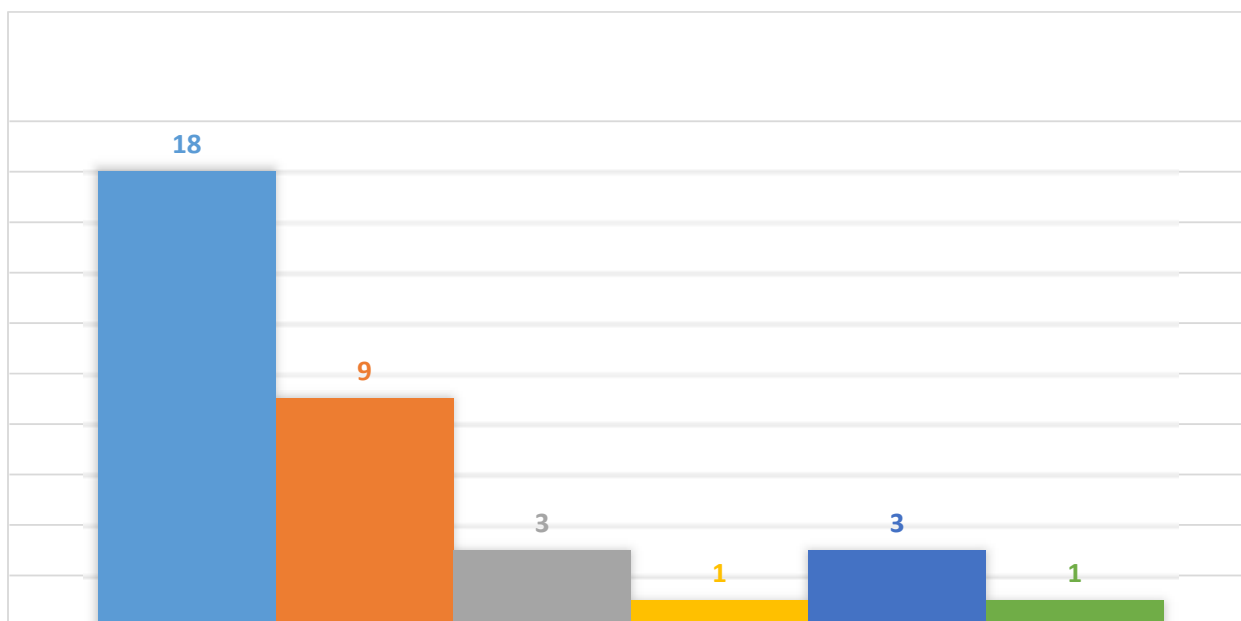
On November 30th, *Sabrang India* reported another case of physical attack against Dalits in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. According to the reports, two dominant caste men severely attacked five Dalits, including a five-year-old boy, in Perungudi of Madurai district on Monday. The victims were identified as Ganapathy Kumar, Ajith, Vijayakumar, Periyasamy, and his grandson. According to The News Minute, the survivors were engaged in a conversation at a playground when two men from the dominant caste approached them, making casteist slurs. A scuffle ensued, leading to a violent attack by the upper-caste men. An FIR has been registered, and an investigation is underway to apprehend the culprits.

35 Hate Crime cases reported during December 2023



- Acts of Hate
- Acts of Violence
- Attacks on Religious Spaces
- Media Manipulation and Fact Distortion
- Police Atrocities
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- State Sponsored Discriminatory Practices

A Bar Graph Analysis of 35 Reported Cases in December 2023





Hate Crime and Hate Speech Cases reported in December 2023

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On December 1st, a video surfaced on various *social media* platforms featuring Khushboo Panday, also known as “Hindu Sherni,” delivering an incendiary speech against the Muslim community in the Jamui district of Bihar. In the video, Panday can be heard shouting slogans that incite crowds, making calls to arms, and specifically targeting Muslim places of worship. She was quoted as saying, “If Israel could destroy 1000 Masjids, why can’t we? We are as capable as they are,” referring to the Muslim community. Despite the provocative nature of the speech, as of now, there has been no reported action taken by the Bihar Police against Khushboo Panday. The incident raises concerns about the potential consequences of such inflammatory rhetoric and the need for authorities to address the situation promptly.

On December 1st, *Maktoob Media* reported a distressing incident in Gangavathi, Karnataka, where an elderly Muslim man, Hussain Sahab, was allegedly brutally attacked by individuals associated with Hindutva groups for refusing to chant “Jai Shri Ram.” Despite attempts by the Social Democratic Party of India to file a complaint, both the Town and rural police stations refused, citing jurisdictional



issues. The case underscores the growing concern of religiously motivated assaults and the challenges victims face when seeking justice amid bureaucratic obstacles. Authorities are called upon to thoroughly investigate and address the situation promptly.

On December 2nd, *India Today* reported an incident of economic boycott and discrimination against Muslim shop owners in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Following the BJP's decisive victory in the state, elected BJP MLA Balmukund Acharya, who secured the Hawa Mahal seat in Jaipur, issued a directive to close all non-vegetarian food stalls in the area. In a viral video on social media, the MLA is seen instructing an officer to shut down roadside non-vegetarian eateries, predominantly owned by Muslims, by evening. He stated, "Can non-veg be sold openly on the road? Answer yes or no. All roadside non-veg stalls should be shut down immediately. I will take the report from you in the evening. I don't care who the officer is."

On December 4th, *Republic TV* covered a case of religious discrimination in Tumakuru, Karnataka. According to the report, Muslim women wearing Burqa faced denial of entry by the security guard at Sidharth Engineering College, despite a government order permitting the wearing of Hijab during exams. Notably, the police have yet to take any action in response to the reported incident, raising concerns about the enforcement of regulations safeguarding religious freedoms in educational institutions.



On December 4th, *Maktoob Media* reported an incident involving hate against Dr. Kafeel, a Muslim man from Krishna Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. According to the report, a Hindu right-wing businessman filed a complaint against Dr. Kafeel's recently published book, alleging that certain contents criticize the Uttar Pradesh government. The complainant asserted that the book was distributed among supporters as a means of fundraising, establishing innocence, and influencing political outcomes, including preventing the central government, described as pro-Hindu, from forming in 2024. Consequently, an FIR has been registered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including 420, 467, 468, 465, 471, 504, 505, 295, 295-A, and 153-B.

On December 6th, *HindutvaWatch* reported a case of hate speech in Mumbai, Maharashtra. During an event organized by Antarashtriya Bajrang Dal, right-wing Monk Jagadguru Paramhans delivered an inflammatory speech targeting Muslims and Christians. He advocated for the immediate revocation of citizenship for all Muslims and Christians residing in India, declaring the nation as a Hindu Rashtra. The comments made by Jagadguru Paramhans raise concerns about the propagation of discriminatory ideologies and the potential impact on social harmony.

On December 6th, *HindutvaWatch* documented a case of state-sponsored discriminatory practice in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Following the BJP's victory in the



election, a video circulated on social media showing local authorities, allegedly acting on the directives of BJP MLA Brijmohan Agarwal, using bulldozers to demolish predominantly Muslim-owned shops under the pretext of encroachment. The incident raises concerns about the potential misuse of state power for discriminatory actions, prompting discussions on the need for fair and unbiased governance.

On December 6th, *Deccan Herald* reported on a rally organized by right-wing groups in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura, heading towards the controversial Shahi Idgah. Earlier in the week, several right-wing groups had announced various programs in Mathura in commemoration of the Babri Masjid demolition, but these were subsequently canceled following intervention by the local administration. Sailesh Kumar Pandey, SSP, stated, "Prohibitory orders are in place across the city; some people who tried to violate it were detained for a few hours to ensure law and order." Additional police forces were deployed across the city to prevent any untoward incidents on the day.

On December 7th, *Times of India* reported a disturbing case of physical assault against a 17-year-old Dalit boy in Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh. Meerut police arrested two individuals for brutally attacking the victim after he shared social media reels. The incident unfolded when the boy was abducted near his village home and subjected to a savage beating in a nearby village. The assailants not only demanded the deletion



of the boy's social media account but also hurled casteist slurs at him. The incident prompted outrage within the Dalit community, leading to protests and marches to express frustration over the initial lack of action by authorities. Thankfully, the two main suspects were apprehended, and the police are actively searching for others involved in the assault.

On December 8th, *Times of India* reported an Islamophobic incident from Hathras, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh. At Saiema Mansoor Public School, a controversy ensued over a 'Ram Ram' greeting incident involving a Class XI student and teacher Mohammad Adnan. Allegedly, the teacher's complaint led to protests by right-wing groups at the school gates, reciting Hanuman Chalisa. In response, School Principal Salman Kidwai promptly dismissed Adnan, issued an apology, and pledged preventive measures. District Magistrate Archana Verma initiated an inquiry committee to investigate the matter, with a report expected within two days.

On December 10th, *Times of India* reported an incident in Dimatali, South Tripura, where a group of Hindus obstructed Muslims from offering namaz at a mosque. The dispute arises from the Hindus' claim that a temple previously occupied the site before the mosque was constructed. The Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind, a Muslim organization, has appealed to the Tripura Chief Minister to intervene and facilitate the resumption of namaz at the mosque. Simultaneously, the Hindu Jagaran Manch, a right-wing Hindu group, submitted a memorandum to the Chief



Minister, urging the reclamation of the site for an old shrine of Lord Jagannath, believed to have existed there previously. This incident contributes to the ongoing debate surrounding the Places of Worship Act (Special Provisions) Act of 1991, which prohibits altering the character of religious structures as they stood on August 15, 1947.

On December 11th, *India Today NE* reported a case of State-Sponsored Discriminatory Practice from Goalpara, Assam, where Forest department authorities demolished an ‘unauthorized’ mosque as part of an anti-encroachment drive aimed at reclaiming land and conserving the forest. Despite local appeals asserting minority community status for the mosque, forest officials proceeded with the demolition. This action has raised concerns among locals and activists regarding displacement and the potential for violence during such drives. Chief Minister Sarma has reiterated the government’s commitment to continue such actions under the banner of environmental protection.

On December 12th, *Maktoob Media* reported an alarming incident of anti-Muslim sentiment from Uttar Pradesh’s Kanpur. The Huddard High School faced controversy as a debate competition compelled students to defend Israel’s actions against Palestinians, framing the debate in a manner perceived to support a genocide narrative. Students who raised objections were reportedly labeled as terrorists and faced threats of expulsion. Despite protests, the school administration, led



by Principal Sunny Verghese, defended the debate’s framing, emphasizing it as an exercise in free expression. The incident sparked outrage on social media, leading students to demand accountability and an apology. In response, the school administration suspended classes, citing study leaves, further intensifying the situation.

On December 12th, *Clarion India* reported an incident of State-Sponsored Discriminatory Practice from Maharashtra’s Nagpur. Dr. Manisha Kayande urged Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde to follow Uttar Pradesh’s example and ban illegal Halal Certificates. In response, CM Shinde ordered an inquiry after learning about the issue, expressing concerns over potential misuse and misleading information on product packaging. The Hindu Janajagruti Samiti provided detailed information during the legislative session, emphasizing the need for action against organizations issuing illegal certificates. The CM acknowledged the seriousness of the issue, expressing intent to conduct a thorough investigation and address the problem comprehensively, including concerns about illegal funding of terrorist activities through Halal certification.

On December 14th, *Clarion India* reported a case of physical assault in Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh. Salman, a Muslim councillor, alleged being assaulted by members of the right-wing group Hindu Yuva Vahini for affixing “Shri” before his name on his residence’s nameplate. Salman claimed that the municipality had installed the nameplate and he



had received threats from the group to remove “Shri.” The situation escalated at the Municipal Council office, resulting in an altercation between councillors and Hindu Yuva Vahini members. This led to Salman being forcibly taken, beaten, and a clash between the two groups. Both parties filed police complaints accusing each other of assault, prompting an investigation by the ASP, with assurances of strict action against the guilty party.

On December 14th in Madhya Pradesh, a video circulated on *social media* depicting a man being assaulted by members of Bajrang Dal for allegedly damaging a Ganesh idol in a temple at Nehru Park, Indore. Bajrang Dal claimed that the man was a Muslim. However, following a police investigation, it was revealed that the individual was not only mentally unstable but also a Hindu. This incident underscores the importance of verifying information before taking any action and the potential consequences of making assumptions based on religion.

On December 15th, a video circulated on *social media* recording a case of a physical attack on a Muslim man in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh. The victim, Shehzad, was reportedly taken hostage and assaulted by a mob, accusing him of molesting a 55-year-old woman. Police intervened, filed a case against the accused, and are considering legal action against the assailants. Notably, the police mentioned Shehzad’s mental health issues and ongoing treatment. The incident underscores



heightened tensions, with reactions from the crowd seemingly influenced by the individual's Muslim name.

On December 18th, *The Quint* reported a disturbing incident in Malur taluk, Kolar district, Karnataka, where a group of Dalit students was allegedly forced to clean a septic tank by their school principal and teacher. The principal and teacher have been arrested, while three other school employees are reportedly absconding. The accused individuals have been booked under the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The incident gained public attention after a video of the students cleaning the septic tank surfaced on social media. The video, recorded approximately a month ago, led to widespread outrage, with calls for justice against the perpetrators. The school, managed by the minority welfare department, aims to address school drop-out rates among rural students, particularly those from SC/ST or minority communities. The Karnataka government has committed to taking action against those responsible for the incident.

On December 18th, *Republic World* reported that members of the women's wing of Hindu Raksha Dal, an organization advocating Hindutva ideology, engaged in defacing signboards in Ghaziabad, demanding the renaming of the district after the Dudeshwar temple. The women affixed posters reading "Dudheswar Nagar" on several Ghaziabad signboards, symbolically urging the name change. This



act followed their previous appeals to local authorities for the renaming, which allegedly went unanswered. According to reports, more than a dozen signboards were defaced, some with black paint. Pinki Chaudhary, the chief of Hindu Raksha Dal, confirmed their involvement, expressing the desire to remove the “Mughal” association with Ghaziabad.

On December 19th, a video circulated on social media by HindutvaWatch, and a report by *The Observer Post* highlighted inflammatory remarks made by Hindu monk Swami Sachchidanand against Islam and Christianity. Speaking in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Swami Sachchidanand labeled Islam and Christianity as the “top enemies of Hinduism” and called for a social and economic boycott of Muslims. The monk made false and inflammatory claims, accusing Muslims of engaging in practices such as “Love Jihad” and “Food Jihad” to allegedly harm Hindus. He urged Hindus to be cautious about forming friendships with Muslims and warned against using online food delivery services as part of a supposed Muslim conspiracy. The speech garnered widespread criticism online for its hateful and Islamophobic content.

On December 19th, *India Today* reported an incident of an attack on religious spaces in Kanpur District, Uttar Pradesh. According to the report, unidentified miscreants vandalized and opened fire at a ‘Buddhist Katha’ program organized by the Dalit community in Pahewa village. The attack resulted in one person being injured and significant damage to the event. Pintu Kushwaha, who protested the



attack, was severely injured with a sabre on his head and subsequently admitted to the hospital. The assailants damaged or destroyed the tent, chairs, pictures of Ambedkar and Buddha, and a statue of Saint Ravidas during the incident.

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On December 20th, *Zeeyan News Express* reported a dispute that erupted in New Delhi's Amar Colony market between Hindu and Muslim shopkeepers over space allocation. The Muslim shopkeeper, asserting 20 years of business, alleges unfair treatment, while Hindu shopkeepers, who have struggled for 25 years to secure space, insist on their rights. Tensions are escalating, with some individuals threatening to occupy the contested space. This conflict not only jeopardizes the harmony of the market but also raises concerns about equitable resource allocation. Urgent intervention by local authorities is necessary for a resolution to prevent further escalation of the situation.

On December 20th, *Pune News* reported a case of economic boycott and an anti-Muslim campaign in Vijayapura, Karnataka. Members of Hindu groups and the Sri Ram Sena demanded a ban on Muslim vendors from conducting business at the famous historical Sri Siddeshwara Sankramana religious fair. They asserted that Muslim vendors should not be allowed to operate at Hindu temple premises and religious fairs in the state, advocating for a similar decision at the Siddeshwara Sankramana fair. This incident reflects a concerning trend of economic discrimination and exclusion based on religious identity, raising questions about religious tolerance and inclusivity.



On December 21st, *Clarion India* reported an incident of anti-Muslim propaganda at New Delhi's Jantar Mantar. Rajvardhan Singh Parmar, chief of the Maharana Pratap Sena and a proponent of Hindutva ideology, sparked controversy by calling for a "Muslim-free Delhi" at an event. Parmar's statement drew criticism on social media, with users questioning the lack of action against him and expressing concern about the rise in hate speeches in India. Parmar further demanded a "madrassa-free" and "mazar-free" Delhi, suggesting the renaming of streets honoring Muslim rulers and proposing a "Santan Jan Jagran Yatra" with similar demands. Concerns were raised about Parmar's past arrest for rape in June and the apparent impunity for making inflammatory remarks.

On December 21st, *The Observer Post* reported a disturbing incident in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, where police allegedly engaged in brutality. Tensions flared in Mudhapande as the police reportedly assaulted and lathi-charged members of the Muslim community protesting construction near a Hindu shrine. The clash ensued when Muslims objected to the expansion of the temple, leading to forceful police intervention and subsequent FIRs against 34 individuals. A lawyer representing the Muslim faction acknowledged the temple's existence but contested ongoing expansion. On December 22nd, *Muslim Mirror* reported an incident of Islamophobia in Parigi, Vikarabad district of Telangana. The State government's approval for Tablighi Jamaat to organize an Islamic congregation from January 6 to 8 sparked criticism



from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Bandi Sanjay Kumar, BJP's National General Secretary and Karimnagar Member of Parliament, expressed concerns about the event and criticized the allocation of over Rs 2.40 crore for essential infrastructure. The opposition from BJP highlights the ongoing tensions surrounding religious events and resource allocation, underscoring the complex interplay of politics and religious sentiments in the region.

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On December 23rd, *The Observer Post* covered a series of anti-discrimination incidents based on Muslim identity across the country. Mohammed Azhan, a resident of Mangalore, revealed his struggle as landlords denied him accommodation upon discovering his Muslim background. Raziq Basrur and his friends faced similar discrimination while seeking an apartment. In Noida, tech influencer Shahrukh experienced explicit refusals from brokers citing his Muslim identity as the reason for denying property options. These incidents shed light on the alarming trend of religious discrimination in housing, raising concerns about the need for societal inclusivity and fair treatment regardless of one's religious affiliation.

On December 24th, *The Observer Post* reported a tragic incident of mob lynching in the Murshidabad district of West Bengal. Ruhul Amin Sheikh, a 45-year-old Muslim man, fell victim to an enraged mob's violence on the night of December 24. The mob accused him of theft, particularly attempting to steal goats from a residence along with two others. While the other two alleged thieves managed to escape, Sheikh was captured,



tyed to a tree, and brutally beaten by villagers. As of now, no formal complaint has been lodged. Domkal's SDPO SK Samsuddin stated that an investigation will be initiated if a complaint is filed.

On December 24th, *Maktoob Media* reported another incident of mob lynching in the Bardhaman district of West Bengal. According to the report, two Muslim men, suspected of stealing cows, were brutally beaten by a mob. The victims tragically lost their lives due to the injuries sustained, and they succumbed to their injuries at Vardhaman Medical College Hospital on Saturday morning. According to the police, "Two bodies have been recovered and sent to Burdwan Medical College Hospital morgue for post-mortem. The individuals are reported to be residents of South 24 Parganas. An investigation is underway, and preliminary findings suggest that certain people entered the village with a cargo vehicle. Efforts are ongoing to locate the vehicle and those involved."

On December 24th, *The Hindu* covered an incident of property damage targeting the Muslim community in Rajyabari, Gomati district of Tripura. According to the report, individuals affiliated with a Right Wing organization initiated attacks on properties owned by the Muslim community, including houses and rubber plantations. The incident unfolded on December 23, leading to the setting ablaze of one house, though no casualties were reported. The episode highlights tensions and concerns over communal harmony, emphasizing the need for swift action to address such



acts of violence and safeguard the rights and safety of affected communities.

On December 24th, [Deccan Herald](#) reported an incident of Islamophobia from Srirangapatna taluk, Mandya district, Karnataka. Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat, a leader from RSS, contested the state government's proposal to revoke orders on 'hijab' during the 'Sankeerthana Yatra,' part of Hanuman Jayanti celebrations. Expressing his views on Bibi Muskan, a Muslim girl gaining popularity for praising Allah at an educational institution in Mandya, Prabhakar remarked, "If you want to say 'Allah hu Akbar,' say it in your house or at the mosque. If you want to be here, you should chant 'Jai Sri Ram.'" This incident underscores the challenges surrounding religious freedom and diversity.

On December 25th, [HindutvaWatch](#) documented an instance of anti-Muslim sentiment and hatred originating from Bansdih, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. Swami Anand Swaroop, a monk associated with RSS, made disturbing remarks during an event, openly bragging about advocating violence and promoting the ethnic cleansing of Muslims from the village of Dada Jalalpur in Haridwar, Uttarakhand.

On December 25th, [HindutvaWatch](#) reported another incident of hate speech from Nandgaon Peth, Amravati, Maharashtra. The notorious hate preacher Kajal Hindustani delivered an inflammatory speech at an event, filled with conspiracy theories targeting Muslims. Hindustani advocated anti-Muslim sentiments, attempting to undermine brotherhood and social harmony between the two



communities. This incident highlights the concerning trend of hate speech and the potential impact on communal relations, underscoring the importance of addressing such rhetoric to maintain a peaceful and inclusive society.

On 28th December, a video that was posted on [X](#) in which Monger Yati Narsinghanand delivered hate speech against Muslims at an even in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. He. While addressing the crowd, was seen spreading fear among Hindus by saying that, if situations the same, Hindus will be wiped about from this land, they (referring to Muslims) will kill us first and then they will fight amongst themselves and kill each other. While referring to recently released ‘Animal’ movie, he said in the movie there are characters; a Hindu, a Shikh and a Muslim. The objective of the Muslim in the movie is to single out Hindus and kill them.

On December 29th, [The Observer Post](#) documented a fresh case of a physical assault on Muslim teenagers by a group of ideologically motivated men in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh. According to the report, one of the victims was subjected to a violent beating and forced to strip, while the other was compelled into a cold pond, endangering his life. The attackers, allegedly motivated by radical beliefs, issued threats to falsely implicate the teenagers in an alleged molestation of Nitin’s sister. Despite the victim’s father filing a complaint on December 27, the initial police response was reportedly indifferent.



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