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From the Director's Desk

In the wake of recent events surrounding the consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya on January 22, 2024, the country has found itself grappling with an alarming surge in hate crimes against minorities. The JEM Team has diligently reported 62 verified cases of hate crimes this month alone, signaling a significant escalation from previous months. The Ram Mandir Consecration, intended to symbolize peace and unity, unfortunately, unfolded against a backdrop of controversy and discord. Despite the Prime Minister of India's emphasis on harmony, ground realities tell a different story. Incidents of violence, disruptions, and communal clashes have marred the post-consecration landscape in Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana.

These unsettling incidents not only challenge the spirit of the consecration ceremony but also raise serious concerns about the maintenance of law and order in our society. The clashes, attacks, and disruptions demand urgent and strict action to hold those responsible accountable and ensure the safety and harmony of all communities. It is crucial for authorities to conduct thorough investigations into these incidents, prosecute the perpetrators, and

implement measures to prevent further escalations of communal tensions.

We are committed to detailing the incidents of unrest that transpired in January, specifically surrounding the period before and after the consecration ceremony of the 'Ram Mandir.' We emphasize the urgent need for decisive and stringent measures to uphold law and order. Furthermore, we urge authorities to address the dissemination of false information about Halal products. Taking strong action against those spreading misinformation is crucial not only to safeguard the industry but also to preserve communal harmony.

In these challenging periods, fostering harmony and understanding among diverse communities is of utmost importance. We call upon citizens of this beautiful nation to stand united against hatred and violence, advocating for a society that embraces diversity and upholds the principles of peace and coexistence. Let us work together to build a nation where every citizen feels safe, valued, and included.

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Hate Crime and Hate Speech Cases, January 2024



On January 1st, 2024, [The Print](#) reported that three individuals linked to the BJP IT Cell, identified as Kunal Pandey, Saksham Patel, and Anand alias Abhishek Chauhan, were apprehended on charges related to the alleged gang-rape of a Dalit student at IIT-BHU, Banaras, Uttar Pradesh, on November 2, 2023. The survivor positively identified the suspects through CCTV footage on November 5. The accused, who have Facebook profiles showcasing pictures alongside prominent BJP leaders, are now facing charges under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the IT Act.

Simultaneously, in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar, members affiliated with the Hindu

Mahasabha were involved in an incident reported by [The Caravan](#). They attempted to install a Sarasvati idol in the

Kamal Maula Masjid, claiming it manifested spontaneously. This event drew parallels with historical tensions, notably the Babri Masjid incident in 1949. The situation in Dhar reflects a broader trend of Hindutva mobilization, with Hindu groups asserting claims

over religious sites, leading to ongoing standoffs.

In New Delhi, on the same day, a case of hate speech came to light as reported by [Deccan Herald](#). RSS leader Indresh Kumar, during an event organized for the launch of the book "Ram Mandir, Rashtra Mandir - A Common Heritage," urged Muslims to recite 'Shri Ram,





leading to the arrest of the main accused, the owner of the unit, and an accomplice on charges including assault, intentional insult, attempt to murder, and relevant sections of the SC/ST Act.

On January 2nd, a violent and tragic incident unfolded in

Jai Ram, Jai Jai Ram’ at their places of worship during the upcoming consecration ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya. Kumar emphasized the shared ancestry of people in India and encouraged individuals from all religious backgrounds to actively participate, expressing prayers for peace and harmony.

Tragically, the day also witnessed a disturbing incident in Dhanaura village, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh, where an 18-year-old Dalit girl suffered severe burns. According to *The Times of India*, an 18-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly pushed into boiling sugarcane juice by a 22-year-old man and two accomplices after she resisted molestation attempts at a jaggery unit. Suffering 50% burns, the victim was transported to Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital in Delhi. The assault occurred in Dhanaura village,

Lilong Chingjao, a Meitei Pangal (Muslim) area in Thoubal district, Manipur, as reported by *The Print*. Armed miscreants, disguised in police uniforms and arriving in four vehicles, initiated a brutal attack. The assailants opened fire, resulting in four fatalities and leaving 14 individuals injured. In response to the escalating situation, an indefinite curfew was imposed in Valley districts. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh appealed for calm, pledging government intervention to identify and prosecute those responsible for the heinous assault.





as a manifestation of Hindu self-esteem. Eshwarappa's comments, including plans to build a Sri Krishna temple in Mathura and suggesting similar actions in Kashi, ignited debates surrounding their religious and political implications.

Concurrently, *The New Indian Express* yet another distressing case of violence in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, on the same day. A 25-year-old Dalit man named P Muthu Perumal was brutally hacked to death by three individuals from a dominant caste. The reported motive behind the gruesome murder was Perumal's relationship with a woman from the dominant community, escalating longstanding conflicts between the two groups.

In Karnataka, specifically Shivamogga city, *Muslim Mirror* reported an instance of anti-Muslim hate speech on January 2nd. Senior BJP leader KS Eshwarappa stirred controversy by asserting that the Ayodhya mosque, described as a symbol of 'slavery,' was demolished to make way for the Ram temple, which he characterized

Meanwhile, in Bhadurpur, Nawada, Bihar, *HindutvaWatch* reported another disturbing incident of hate speech on the same day. Muslim men faced harassment and verbal abuse from Hindu extremists solely based on their religious identity, shedding light on an alarming trend of religious-based discrimination and hostility in the region.

NDTV reported another distressing incident occurred on January 2nd, this time from Belanganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh.





A 25-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly raped and strangled by Uttar Pradesh Police Constable Raghvendra Singh in his rented room. Her lifeless body was discovered hanging from the ceiling on December 29, 2023. The police promptly arrested Constable Raghvendra Singh, who is stationed in Agra, in connection with the murder. He has been charged under sections 306, 376, and the SC/ST Act of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).



On January 3rd, *The Indian Express* reported another incident of potentially divisive rhetoric from Thane district, Maharashtra, India. According to the Express report, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, addressing the “Malanggad Harinam Mahotsav” in Thane district, expressed a commitment to the

“liberation” of Haji Malang Dargah. This religious site, located on a hill south of Kalyan, has been a source of contention between right-wing groups, who assert it as a Hindu temple (Malanggad), and its historical identity as a Sufi shrine named after Haji Abd-ul-Rahman, also known as Haji Malang Baba. The statement adds to the ongoing debate surrounding the site’s religious and cultural significance.

Hindustan Times reported a case of physical assault against a Dalit individual from Geramaaradi village in the Chikkamagaluru district of Karnataka on January 2nd. The incident occurred following an alleged assault on Maruthi, a 34-year-old Dalit man, on New Year’s Day. The residents of Golla Street reportedly attacked Maruthi after a cable was cut by his JCB. The situation escalated





completed her PhD, Dr. Padmaja claims to be facing ongoing discrimination, incidents of police custody, and attacks orchestrated by the university. The situation sheds light on the persistence of issues related to discrimination within academic

when the protesters attempted to enter a village temple, resulting in tension. However, the intervention of elders and the police helped diffuse the situation. The police have filed cases against 30-35 individuals under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Prevention of Atrocities on SC/ST Act.

The web portal [edexLive](http://edexlive.com), on the same day, reported an incident of discrimination and exclusion from Hyderabad, Telangana. Dr. J Padmaja, a PhD holder, has been engaged in a protest for over 50 days, accusing Osmania University (OU) of caste and gender discrimination. The allegations include biased PhD admissions, harassment, and sexual harassment during her research. Despite having

institutions.

In addition, *The Siasat Daily* reported another disturbing incident, this time involving a case of physical assault from Bharuch district, Gujarat on January 3rd. A young man named Aslam was brutally attacked by cow vigilantes associated with far-right groups in the region. The assailants accused him of transporting cattle. Aslam suffered severe injuries and was allegedly abandoned in the jungles before being taken to a hospital.





‘zubairkhanisi199@gmail.com,’ to send the threatening messages. The arrest brings attention to the misuse of online platforms for spreading threats, and notably, the individuals involved were residents of Gonda and worked in a paramedical

The latest updates suggest that Aslam is in critical condition, highlighting the alarming consequences of vigilante actions.

On January 4th, [Maktoob Media](#) reported a distinctive incident of anti-Muslim propaganda from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. According to the Maktoob report, two Hindu individuals, Tahar Singh and Omprakash Mishra, were apprehended by the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force in Lucknow for disseminating a fake bomb threat on social media. The threat specifically targeted Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Ayodhya’s Ram temple. The suspects utilized fake Muslim email accounts, ‘alamansarikhan608@gmail.com’ and

institute.

[The Hindu](#), the same day, reported another distressing incident, this time involving a physical attack against a Dalit man from Chikkamagaluru district, Karnataka. The assault allegedly occurred when the Dalit man entered a temple on January 1, 2024. Subsequently, temples across Gollarahatti, Gerumaradi village, Tarikere taluk, Karnataka, were closed in response to the incident. The





Pune, Maharashtra on January 4th. In an Instagram reel, Harle claims that she has been unfairly denied promotion and her salary has been stopped since November 2020, pushing her to contemplate a fast unto

alleged assault led to the filing of a police case under the SC-ST Act, and one person was arrested in connection with the attack. The Golla community in the area reportedly follows a tradition of not allowing Dalit entry into the temples and conducts purification rituals afterward. This incident draws parallels with a 2019 case involving Union Minister A. Narayanaswamy, who was denied entry due to his Dalit identity.

death. She points to systematic denial of resources, discrimination in teaching responsibilities, and a lack of intervention from higher authorities. Harle, facing severe financial strain and the possibility of homelessness, has made a desperate plea for justice, which remains unanswered by NCL as of the publication date.

Additionally, *Hindustan Times* on same day reported another incident where

Web portal *The Mooknayak* reported an incident of discrimination against a Dalit scientist. Dalit scientist Arti Harle, associated with CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), alleges experiencing caste discrimination, mental harassment, and financial distress from





a Dalit man named Hanumantha (28) and his sister-in-law were assaulted by upper-caste individuals in Kolar district, Karnataka. The assault occurred when Hanumantha requested repayment of a ₹50,000 loan given three years ago. The disagreement led to an attack by around 10



people, resulting in serious injuries. A complaint against ten individuals has been filed at Nangali police station. Five of them have been arrested, while the others are reportedly absconding. The charges include violations of the SC/ST Act and various IPC sections related to unlawful assembly, rioting, insult, threat to life, and assault with a weapon. The arrested accused have been remanded to judicial custody, and efforts are ongoing to apprehend the remaining accused.

On January 5th, *Clarion India* reported an incident of physical attack against a Muslim man from Badaun, Uttar Pradesh. The Muslim youth was allegedly tortured by the police on suspicion of cow slaughter, later revealed to be a case of mistaken identity. Social activist Kashif Arsalan exposed the incident, claiming inhumane treatment, including inserting a stick and electric shocks. The

victim, a 22-year-old vegetable vendor, was reportedly beaten overnight. After realizing the mistake, the police released him after two days, providing Rs 100. The victim suffered continuous seizures, with medical reports indicating asthma-related seizures. Senior Superintendent of Police O.P. Singh has ordered a thorough investigation, assigning Dataganj police official Prem Kumar Thapa for the inquiry.

On January 6th, *The Observer Post* reported an incident of police atrocity from Mecca Masjid area, Hindupuri, Jharkhand. A 12-year-old Madrassa student, Huzaifa Imtiyaz, was allegedly physically assaulted and verbally abused by police officials, SI Ajay Kumar, and Doctor Ajay. While on his way to a Quran Khwaani ceremony, Imtiyaz was forcibly taken into the police station, where he faced mistreatment. The police officers reportedly labeled them terrorists and subjected them to verbal abuse.



a notice to Darul Uloom, demanding clarification by January 10, 2024.

Deccan Herald reported that an FIR has been filed against BJP MLA Nitesh Rane, Telangana legislator T Raja Singh, and others for alleged hate speeches during a 'Hindu January Aakrosh' rally in Solapur, Maharashtra the same day. The rally, attended by leaders of the Sakal

On January 7th, *Amar Ujala* reported a case of Islamophobia from Deoband, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. In Deoband, Vikas Tyagi, the regional coordinator of Bajrang Dal, filed a complaint accusing Darul Uloom, an Islamic educational institution, of encroaching on government land and engaging in unauthorized construction. The complaint alleges the unlawful occupation of approximately 500 meters of government land along State Highway with survey. Responding to the complaint, District Magistrate Dr. Dinesh Chandra directed SDM Ankur Verma to halt construction and issued

Hindu Samaj, featured Rane discussing 'jihadis' and mosque demolitions, while Singh reportedly made objectionable statements on 'love jihad.' The FIR also includes Sakal Hindu Samaj office bearer Sudhakar Mahadev Bahirwade and others.





Liang. Critics accused the Haryana Women's Commission of a politically motivated investigation, and the University of neglecting due process.

Besides, *The Week* reported incendiary remarks targeting Muslims while talking about the construction of the Ram Mandir.

On the same day, *Scroll.in* reported an incident of anti-Muslim hatred from OP Jindal University in Haryana. An FIR was filed against Prof. Sameena Dalwai, accusing her of harming the dignity of women and discriminating against students based on religious and ideological grounds. The controversy arose from a September 23 lecture on dating where Dalwai projected a dating app, causing discomfort among some students. Dalwai, who is Muslim, faced criticism on social media for her identity and political beliefs. She received support from over 500 academicians, including political scientist Achin Vanaik, historians Ramachandra Guha, Tanika Sarkar, and lawyer Lawrence

Jaibhan Singh Pawaiya, former Bajrang Dal president, views the Ram Mandir movement as surpassing the freedom struggle, attributing it to Lord Ram's significance in Indian hearts on January 7. Reflecting on the historical context dating back to 1528, he expresses joy at the temple's foundation stone-laying ceremony and recalls the spontaneous events of December 6th, 1992, attributing





and the jatra committee to exclude Muslim vendors from the fair. Yatnal is yet to respond to the plea.

On January 8th, *The Indian Express* reported a state-sponsored discriminatory practice from Kozhikode, Kerala. Six student activists from Farook College, affiliated with

the demolition to divine intervention. Proud of his contribution, Pawaiya emphasizes the movement's significance and hopes for the future.

The Hindu reported communal tension from Sri Siddeshwar Temple in Vijayapura, Belagavi, Karnataka. Tension arose as Hindutva activists attempted to display a banner seeking a ban on Muslim vendors during the temple's annual fair. The Sri Siddeshwar Society office-bearers thwarted the activists and removed the banner. The banner accused Muslim vendors of engaging in cow slaughter and Love Jihad, urging Hindus to avoid business relationships with them. Previously, a Hindu activist federation had appealed to BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal

the Fraternity Movement, were arrested and later released on bail for putting up pro-Palestine posters at a Starbucks outlet. The students displayed posters reading "Free Palestine" and "Caution, contents may fund genocide." The incident followed global calls to boycott Starbucks in protest against Israel's actions in Gaza. Starbucks responded, attributing actions against its outlets to misrepresentation on social media and affirming their stance for humanity.





On January 9th, *The Free Press Journal* covered an event in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, organized by Hindutva organizations. The Shree Akhand Vedant Sant Sammelan took place, where young girls participated in a pledge against ‘love jihad.’ A video of the event gained traction on social media, depicting

New Indian Express reported controversial remarks made by BJP leader KS Eshwarappa from Belagavi, Karnataka. Eshwarappa stirred controversy by suggesting that Muslims should voluntarily vacate mosques believed to have been built on disputed or demolished temple lands in Belagavi on the same day. Addressing a Hindu workers’ convention, the former Deputy Chief Minister warned of potential consequences if Muslims did not adhere to his request. Eshwarappa referred to pending court verdicts on contested lands, including those in Mathura, and emphasized that temples would be either willingly vacated by Muslims or potentially face demolition by devotees of Lord Rama.

the girls making a commitment not to marry outside their religion. They expressed their determination to safeguard their beliefs, culture, and religion with unwavering resolve.

English Jagran reported another incident of contentious statement made by Harish Poonja, a BJP MLA from Udupi, Karnataka. Poonja sparked controversy by suggesting during a religious event





teach various subjects in madarsas across the state. The decision has raised concerns among teachers, and the Minister of State for Minority Welfare has assured that a resolution to the issue will be addressed soon.

On January 11th, [Clarion India](#) reported a case of physical violence

in Belthangady taluk on January 7 that Hindus should have more children to prevent Muslims from becoming a majority in India. Poonja expressed concern about the current birth rate trend, stating that if it continues, the Hindu population might decrease to 20 crore, while the Muslim population could potentially rise to 80 crore.

On January 10th, [English Jagran](#) reported another development concerning state-sponsored measures in Uttar Pradesh. The Uttar Pradesh government's decision to discontinue additional honorarium for teachers under the Madarsa Modernisation Scheme is in line with the Centre's decision. This move impacts around 25,000 teachers who were hired to

against Muslims in Madhya Pradesh's Shajapur district. According to the news, targeted attacks by Hindutva forces on the Muslim minority community were reported. However, concerns were raised over the administration's one-sided step, as it unilaterally demolished Muslim houses. Accompanied by a substantial police force, the administration reportedly bulldozed the residence of Rahim Patel, who was accused of





innovation in the UCC model, with a focus on addressing issues such as child marriages and polygamy.

On 13th January, [Amar Ujala](#) reported Karni Sena workers have been arrested by the police for cow slaughter in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. The accused were

orchestrating a stone-pelting incident during the Ram Shyam Yatra. The lack of a prior hearing or legal procedure adds to the apprehensions. Calls for fair trials and transparent investigations echo as the situation unfolds.

On January 12th, [Hindustan Times](#) reported a case of state-sponsored discriminatory practice from Assam. The Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, announced the implementation of a modified Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state. According to the report, Assam aims to become the third state in India, following Uttarakhand and Gujarat, to introduce the UCC, with specific exemptions for the tribal community. Sarma emphasized the need for

allegedly involved in collecting extortion money by throwing cow remains in other people's fields after the slaughter. Two individuals involved in the incident are currently absconding, prompting an ongoing police search. The news coverage source is not specified. Karni Sena officials have been arrested, while efforts are underway to locate and apprehend two additional suspects who are currently absconding.





On January 14th, *Deccan Herald* reported an incident in Banaskantha, Gujarat, where a truck driver named Bachal Khan (37) was arrested for allegedly offering namaz on the side of a busy road without permission. The event came to light after a video went viral on social media, depicting Khan praying in front of his parked truck on a busy crossroad near Palanpur city. The Palanpur (west) police station registered a case against Khan under sections 283, 186, and 188 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), pertaining to endangering public safety, obstructing a public servant, and disobedience to orders.

On 15th January, *Hindustan Times* reported another incident of hate speech from Kumta, Uttara Kannada,

Karnataka. As per the report, MP Anant Kumar Hegde gave controversial statement on the destruction of Bhatkal's Chinnada Palli mosque. Hegde, undeterred by backlash, asserted Hindu community's resolve to reclaim converted structures. The timing aligns with Ram Temple's inauguration prep.

Hegde's return to the spotlight amid health rumors adds intrigue. CM Siddaramaiah criticized Hegde's statement, and Home Minister Parameshwara emphasized zero tolerance for peace disruption in the state. A case has been filed against BJP MP Anant Kumar Hegde under IPC Section 153(A).

On January 16th, *Aajtak* reported an inflammatory statement made by the controversial hate preacher Yati





consequences for the Hindu community. The remarks have sparked controversy and raised questions about the propagation of divisive narratives in public discourse.

On January 17th, *Zee Salam* reported a disturbing incident of a physical attack against

Narasimhanand Saraswati during a Sanatan Dharma Sabha organized by Sanatan Hindu Seva Sansthan in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh. Narasimhanand called on Hindus to produce more children during the religious gathering led by Annapurna Bharti. Various Hindu leaders, including Narasimhanand, Basic Education Minister Sandeep Singh, MLC Manvendra Pratap Singh, and MLC Rishipal Singh, were present at the event. Saraswati emphasized the need for Hindus to have more children as a measure to protect their homes, the Ram temple, and themselves, expressing concerns about the future. He also made predictions about the Prime Minister of India becoming a Muslim by 2034 and shared views on the potential

Muslim youths in Aurangabad, Bihar. According to the news, four Muslim youths from Japla, Jharkhand, were brutally beaten to death in a case of mob lynching. The incident occurred when five youths were standing with their car at Kesariya turn, and a firing incident took place, triggering the anger of the crowd. Subsequently, the mob attacked the five individuals, resulting in the death of four of them. One of the victims, identified as Mohit Sharma, revealed his





name, leading the mob to spare him. The incident raises serious concerns about the safety and security of individuals and underscores the need for addressing such acts of violence.

On January 21st, [Hindutvawatch](#) shared details of an anti-Muslim event organized in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh. The program, led by right-wing leaders, took a disturbing turn as they engaged in spreading fear against the Muslim community. The event, held in Khurja, witnessed the dissemination of inflammatory rhetoric, raising concerns about communal harmony in the region. The incident underscores the need for vigilance and efforts to promote understanding



and tolerance among different communities.

On January 22nd, a disturbing incident unfolded in Punardarpur, a locality situated within the Goreyakothi Assembly Constituency No. 111 of Bihar's Siwan district. An anti-Muslim song posted on [social media](#) led to tensions in the Muslim-dominated area known as Miya Ke Na Dal Gali. The provocative song, titled "Hindu ke Raj Chali," with communal undertones, incited concerns about communal harmony. The incident allegedly instigated Muslims in the locality, raising fears of potential communal unrest. The situation highlights the impact of provocative content on social media and the need for measures to



prevent the escalation of tensions along communal lines.

On January 22nd, a disturbing incident occurred at the boys' hostel of Pranveer Singh Institute of Technology in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, as reported by [India Today](#). A group of students allegedly engaged in the abusive chanting of “Jai Shri Ram” while simultaneously using derogatory language against Allah. The incident has sparked outrage, especially among Muslim students, who claim that no substantial action has been taken in response to their grievances. The situation underscores the importance of addressing religious sensitivity on educational campuses and ensuring a safe and inclusive environment for all students.



On the same day, [tindposting.com](#) reported another incident of communal tension from Bihar's Darbhanga district. A procession celebrating the inauguration of the Ram temple at the Pathra graveyard in Darbhanga took a distressing turn as the graveyard caught fire. The incident occurred amidst the festivities at Khirma Panchayat, leading to a significant and unfortunate incident.

In addition, [Waqar Hasan](#) shared a disturbing episode on January 22nd of communal unrest when a mob, brandishing saffron flags, gathered in front of a mosque to perform a dance in Telangana's Sangareddy area. The incident, captured in a video shared



and underscores the need for immediate intervention to prevent further escalation. The video captures the intensity of the situation, emphasizing the importance of addressing such incidents promptly to maintain peace in the community.

The Indian Express

reported another

on his social media handle, has raised concerns about the potential for heightened tensions and underscores the need for immediate intervention to maintain communal harmony. Additionally, a fruit seller shop owned by a Muslim was reportedly set on fire during the unrest, further highlighting the severity of the situation.

incident of an attack on a mosque in Tajganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh the same day. Agra police arrested eleven individuals, including Sunny (24) and Himanshu (19), for hoisting saffron flags atop a mosque during a shobha yatra in Tajganj. The incident, which marked the opening of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, was captured in a viral video showing the group forcibly entering the Shahi Masjid

Simultaneously, the *Observerpost* X account shared a video depicting communal tensions that erupted in Jaitpur, Delhi. Hindu groups allegedly raised objectionable slogans, vandalized a Muslim locality, and engaged in scuffles with local residents. The incident has heightened concerns about communal harmony in the area





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The Wire reported another disturbing incident on January 23rd that was unfolded in Sheetal Naga, Mira Road, Maharashtra, where a mob allegedly looted ₹2 lakh in cash from a shop and vandalized Nagori Tea Shop. The

perpetrators reportedly targeted the shop owner based on his attire, wearing a ‘topi’ (skullcap) and Kurta Pyjama. The incident has raised concerns about targeted violence and the safety of individuals based on their appearance. Such incidents underscore the need for efforts to promote tolerance and discourage violence based on religious or cultural identity.

and raising saffron flags. An FIR, filed based on the mosque caretaker Zahir Uddin’s complaint, cites charges under IPC sections 147, 148, 452, and 505(2). On January 23rd, *The Observerpost X* handle reported a distressing incident in Mumbai, Maharashtra, where Muslim women alleged harassment by a mob chanting #JaiShriRam. Reports suggest that the police took no immediate action, adding to the grievances of the victims. Locals claim that Hindu groups stoked tensions by chanting slogans such as ‘Bharat mein rehna hoga Jai Shri Ram kehna hoga’ near mosques, further contributing to the atmosphere of unease. The incident underscores the need for swift action to address such cases of harassment and maintain

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caused extensive damage to the house and left several family members seriously injured.

On the same day, *The Quint* reported a series of disturbing incidents leading to communal tension and violence in Mira Road, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Extremist

On January 23rd, *The Observerpost X* handle shared a concerning post involving a controversial statement against Muslims. An Instagram user, Mbalniki, a self-proclaimed BJP supporter, is seen abusing “Allah and Muslims” through reels. A resident of Patna, Bihar, Mbalniki, with over 1600 followers, has used derogatory language against Muslims following the Ram Mandir construction event.

mobs have persistently targeted Muslims and their properties, as reported by local residents. In response to the escalating situation, the police, along with riot control and rapid action forces, have set up barricades in Naya Nagar. To address the incidents and restore peace, 13 individuals have been arrested for their alleged involvement in disturbing the peace. The situation underscores the need for swift and decisive action to maintain communal harmony and ensure the safety of residents in the area.

Simultaneously, *The Observerpost X* account recorded another distressing incident of physical attack and vandalism in Yashodhara Nagar, Nagpur, Maharashtra. Hindu extremists allegedly entered a Muslim family’s home, engaging in vandalism and physical assault. The attackers reportedly





On January 24th, *The Wire* reported a state-sponsored discriminatory practice from Rajasthan's Jaipur, where the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government, under the leadership of Education Minister Madan Dilawar, issued a directive to all

Additionally, on January 23rd, *The Indian Express* reported a case of religious desecration leading to an attack on a mosque in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur district. Three individuals with radical motivations were arrested for replacing a mosque's green flag with a saffron flag while chanting provocative slogans like "Jai Shri Ram." The accused, identified as Ankit Katheria, Rohit Joshi, and Rohit Saxena (all 20), face charges under IPC Section 295. In a separate incident in the same district, four individuals are under suspicion for the desecration of a saffron flag in the Katra area, raising doubts about their involvement. The incidents highlight the need to address religious desecration and maintain communal harmony in the region.

government schools in the state. The directive mandated the organization of collective performances of the Surya Namaskar, a traditional Hindu sun salutation, on the occasion of Surya Saptami scheduled for February 15. The directive required the participation of students, teachers/staff, parents, and local villagers, raising concerns about the imposition of religious practices in educational institutions.





On the same day, *Maktoob Media* reported a case of alleged state-sponsored discriminatory practices in Trivandrum, Kerala. The incident involved a 62-year-old Muslim activist, Muhammad Salim, widely known as Ottayal Salim, who conducted a lone demonstration against the demolition of Babri

On January 25th, the web portal *Kamudi Online* reported a case of physical attack against a Muslim youth from Sangareddy, Telangana. The incident involved the brutal assault, parading naked, and an attempt to set fire to the private parts of the Muslim youth. This horrifying act was in reaction to an alleged social media post where the youth posted a reel insulting the saffron flag and inserting the religious symbol “OM” inside his pants with a smile. The assaulted youth, in response, filed a complaint against the villagers for their brutal attack. However, as of the report, there is no information about any arrests being made. A case has been registered against the Muslim youth based on a complaint filed by villagers, accusing him of hurting the sentiments of Hindus.

Masjid concurrent with the live telecast of the Ram Temple consecration ceremony in Ayodhya. Draped in a black shirt, dhoti, and headscarf, Salim stood at Vazhimukku Junction in Athiyannoor village, brandishing a placard bearing the image of Babri Masjid. Using a megaphone, he addressed the public, expressing his protest. The Kerala Police responded by registering a case against Salim under IPC Section 153, which pertains to wantonly giving provocation





with the intent to cause a riot. The police asserted that Salim's speech during the demonstration was intended to foster enmity between two groups. The investigation into the case is being led by Sub-Inspector Sylus D of the Neyyattinkara police station.

Moreover, on January 25th, [Sabrang India](#) reported an incident of a mob attack in Pune, Maharashtra, at the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) campus.



Approximately 25 individuals, reportedly affiliated with extremist right-wing Hindutva groups, forcibly entered the campus. The incident occurred one day after the inauguration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. The mob engaged in acts of vandalism, burning a banner inside the campus that bore the message 'Remember Babri, Death of Constitution.' Several students, including women, were assaulted during the attack. Mankap Nokwoham, the president of the FTIISA (Film & Television Institute of India Student Association), was reportedly brutally attacked. The institute filed an FIR against the mob, invoking sections of the Indian Penal Code related to unlawful assembly, rioting, causing hurt, trespassing, damage to property, and criminal intimidation.

On January 26th, [The Muslim X](#) handle shared a video depicting a physical attack in Chhapra, Bihar. A Muslim boy was reportedly brutally beaten by a Hindutva fanatic, who forced the victim to shout slogans of "Jai Shri Ram" during the assault.

Furthermore, [News IndiaTC](#) shared a YouTube video depicting a mob lynching incident from Raipur district, Chhattisgarh on January 26. The video showed a Hindu mob reportedly beating Imam Saheb mercilessly in front of a police post, while raising objectionable slogans such as 'Hindustan mein rehna hoga JSR kehna hoga.' Shockingly, an FIR was registered against Imam Saheb, while no FIR was filed against the members of the Hindu mob involved in the assault.

On January 27th, [Maktoob Media](#)



a general diary report (GDR) receipt. The family insists that Matin's death was the result of a fake encounter, highlighting the need for a thorough and impartial investigation into the circumstances surrounding his demise.

On January 28th, *The Siyasat Daily* covered an incident of assault against a Christian

couple, Vijayalakshmi and Ashok Chavan, in Bijapur district, Karnataka. According to the report, the couple fell victim to an assault perpetrated by a mob associated with Hindutva forces. The attackers accused them of engaging in forceful religious conversion, triggering a campaign against the couple on various social media platforms. In response to

reported an incident of police brutality in Khatauli, district Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh. The incident in question took place on January 16, 2024, involving the alleged killing of a 23-year-old Muslim man named Matin in Uttar Pradesh. According to the police, Matin was killed in a confrontation as he was supposedly involved in a car theft and attempted to shoot at them. However, Matin's family disputes these claims, asserting that he was not involved in any theft and was unlawfully killed by the police. Despite the family's efforts to seek justice, their filed police complaint challenging the authenticity of the encounter has not been officially registered. Instead, the police provided the family with





was subjected to a brutal attack, resulting in his death. The assailants, identified as Mukesh Gurjar, Sohan, and Suraj, allegedly beat him with sticks and rods, accusing him of theft.

On January 30th, *The Wire* reported another instance of discriminatory practices allegedly endorsed

the assault, the victims promptly filed a complaint, resulting in the registration of a First Information Report (FIR). The FIR includes the names of individuals allegedly involved in the attack. The accused are now facing charges under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, encompassing offenses such as unlawful assembly, rioting, insulting a woman's modesty, causing hurt, criminal intimidation, among others.

On January 29th, *Dalit Times* covered a disturbing incident involving a physical assault against a Dalit man in Warani, within the Ghasa police station area in Udaipur, Rajasthan. Bholi Ram, a 40-year-old tribal youth,

by the state, this time occurring at Government Senior Secondary Girls School in Gangapol, Jaipur, Rajasthan. Muslim girls in Jaipur staged a protest in response to comments made by MLA 'Baba' Balmukund Acharya, who criticized the wearing of hijab during a Republic Day event at the aforementioned school. The MLA asserted that the hijab was detrimental





to the school environment, leading to accusations of targeting Muslim students. In defense of their right to wear the hijab for educational purposes, the protesting girls expressed their dissent. Jaipur Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph mentioned that the demonstrators submitted a memorandum to the district collector, and if any complaints are received, the police will conduct an investigation. As of the reporting, no First Information Report (FIR) had been lodged.

On January 31st, *The Muslim X* handle account disseminated a distressing video from Byculla, Mumbai, Maharashtra, revealing a troubling incident. Hindu extremists forcibly halted two Muslim individuals, a

15-year-old Muslim girl, and her mother, upon noticing them wearing Dadi Topi. The extremists insisted that the victims chant “Jai Shri Ram” and proceeded to physically assault them.

On January 31st, *Maktoob Media* reported an incident of state-sponsored discriminatory practice in Mehrauli, Delhi. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) conducted an arbitrary demolition of Masjid Akhonji, a mosque with a 600-year-old history. The mosque, which also housed Madrasa Bahrul Uloom and contained the graves of revered figures, was demolished at 6 am, just before the Azan for Fajr Namaz. Imam Zakir Hussain alleges that the demolition of the 600-year-old mosque in Mehrauli, Delhi, occurred without prior notice. According to him, officials, accompanied by the police, confiscated phones, hindered the retrieval of the Quran, and clandestinely removed debris to conceal the demolition.

