

A Chronicle
of
Communal Incidents
in the
Coastal Districts of Karnataka

UPDATE - 2024

Summary

Total number of communal incidents:		48
Out of these,		
Incidents of moral policing -		
Allegedly by Hindu vigilantes:	10	
Allegedly by Muslim vigilantes:	0	
Unidentified	3	
Sub-total:		13
Incidents related to allegations of religious conversion etc -		
Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	1	
Sub-total:		1
Incidents of cattle vigilantism-		
Allegedly by Hindu vigilantes:	2	
Sub-total:		2

Incidents of hate speech/crime -

Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	15	
Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists:		
Allegedly by Christian Fundamentalists:		
In Social Media:		
Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	10	
Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists:	2	
Sub-total:		27

Incidents of Attacks/Desecration of Places of Worship:

Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	1	
Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists:	0	
By Others	0	
Sub-total:		1

Other communal incidents:

Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	3	
Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists:	1	
Unidentified:	1	
Allegedly by Police:		
Sub-total:		4

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ENGINEERING COMMUNAL POLARISATION

Moral Policing

1) Allegedly by Hindu Vigilantes

16.1.2024. Dharmasthala.

Finding that an inter-faith couple - a Muslim boy and a Hindu girl - from Bengaluru was roaming around in Dharmasthala, some local persons stopped and questioned them and took them to task for being together. This was noticed by some local autorickshaw drivers who then informed the matter to the Dharmasthala police. The police rushed to the spot and brought the couple to the police station and made inquiries. 'The boy and girl both are adults. We have made sure that they have not been assaulted by obtaining a statement from them. Both have been sent back to their native place' said the police. – *Prajavani*, 17th.

19.1.2024. Mangaluru.

Three teenagers including a minor were arrested in connection with a moral policing incident that reportedly took place in Kadri Park on Friday [January 19]. A 20-year-old student pursuing a nursing degree had come to meet a friend, another nursing student from a different college, in Kadri Park. The trio confronted the students, questioned the purpose of their visit to the park and took pictures and videographs of the students. The teenagers also assaulted the male student. Based on a complaint, the Kadri police registered a case under sections 341 (punishment for wrongful restraint), 504 (provocation to break public peace), 509 (outraging the modesty of a woman), 354 (b) (for using criminal force on a woman), 354(d) (stalking) r/w 34 IPC. Mangaluru Commissioner of Police Anupam Agrawal said the accused teenagers Nithin (18), and Harsha (18) had been arrested. Another accused, a 17-year-old minor was sent to a correction home for boys. – *Deccan Herald*, 20th.

The students belonged to different religious communities. The attackers were members of a Hindu organisation. – *Karavali Ale*, 20th.

28.1.2024. Puttur.

A minor girl who had come to watch the *Kambala* [bull race] was harassed by a youth belonging to a different faith. The Puttur police arrested the young man called Shakir and booked him under the POCSO Act. When activists of a Hindutva organization came to know this they gathered in front of the police station and created a ruckus. They demanded that the accused be handed over to them. The police managed to control the situation with great difficulty. However the activists dispersed when the leader of the organisation, Arun Kumar Puthila came to the spot and pacified them. – *Karavali Ale*, 29th.

4.2.2024. Mangaluru.

The Panambur police arrested four youths allegedly from a Hindutva outfit, in a moral policing case reported at Panambur beach on February 4. Mangaluru Commissioner of Police Anupam Agrawal said that the arrested youth are Prashanth Bhandary (38) from Pilathabettu, Umesh P (23) from Karaya in Belthangady, Sudheer (26) from Puthila and Keerthan Poojary (20) from Macchina in Belthangady. After taking suitable action, the suspects have been served notice and directed to visit the station when called for inquiry. In a complaint, a 28-year-old woman said that she was working in Bengaluru and was on her way to Malpe for some work. Enroute, she stopped at Panambur beach to congratulate a friend who had won a literary award. When the duo were at the beach, a few youths stopped them and allegedly scolded them for being together. Some even recorded a video of the incident. Immediately, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control by taking the youth into custody. The woman urged the police to ensure that her privacy was not affected and demanded legal action against the suspects. The police have booked a case under IPC Sections 143, 341, 504 and 149. The Commissioner said that additional police personnel have been deployed at Panambur beach, Tannirbavi beach and tree park area to ensure that such incidents do not recur. – **Deccan Herald, 6th**.

22.2.2024. Kadaba.

The Kadaba police have arrested four people in connection with an instance of goondaism at Mardala today. Fayaz of Shivajinagar was assaulted by the accused. According to complaint filed by Fayaz, in the evening on Thursday [Feb 22] a stranger woman came to their home with a small kid and asked for the house of Riyaz. She was told that this wasn't Riyaz's house and asked to move on. But the woman kept crying and stood near their home. Fayaz's mother consoled her and asked a neighbourhood boy to drop her at the Mardala bus stand. While he returned after dropping the woman at the bus stand, 10 to 15 people, including accused Jinit Kumar, Umesh, Vinut, Nagesh and Srikara, arrived there and enquired about the woman who was dropped at the bus stand and abused Fayaz and assaulted him and assaulted his mother too when she tried to intervene. The gang also threatened to kill her. A case in this connection is registered at the Kadaba police station. – **Vartha Bharati, 24th**.

22.2.2024. Mangaluru.

The Ullal police station has initiated an investigation into the case of Chaithra (27), a resident of Puttur and a dedicated PhD researcher focusing on food security, who has been reported missing. Chaithra, who had previously completed her MSc studies, was residing in a PG accommodation in Madoor while pursuing her research. Having lost her father earlier, Chaithra had been under the care of her paternal uncle in Mangaluru until she completed her MSc. Subsequently, due to her research commitments, she had relocated to a PG accommodation in Madoor. On the morning of February 17, Chaithra left her PG accommodation on a scooter and failed to return as expected. Concerns escalated when her whereabouts remained unknown, compounded by the fact that her mobile phone has been switched off. The Ullal police are investigating the case. – **Daijiworld, 22nd**.

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A team of police, including personnel from the Ullal police station, has intensified their search in Bengaluru for the missing PhD student, Chaithra. Ullal VHP [Vishwa Hindu Parishat] and BD [Bajrang Dal] leaders have submitted an appeal to ACP Dhanya Nayak, urging her to consider the missing case as serious. Chaithra went missing on February 17 from her rented accommodation in Madoor. She left her scooter in Suratkal. Initially, the police treated the case as a usual missing person's case and began searching for Chaithra. However, Hindu organizations pressured the police, threatening to hold protests, accusing a youth suspected of drug peddling of involvement in Chaithra's disappearance. Police obtained information suggesting that Chaithra was in Bengaluru based on her mobile phone's location data. CCTV footage from the Majestic bus stand in Bengaluru showed her disembarking from a bus there. The police express confidence in locating Chaithra

within the next two days. Meanwhile, the young man from Puttur, accused of being involved in drug peddling and having contact with Chaithra, is also missing. His mobile phone is switched off. It remains uncertain whether Chaithra and the young man are together or in different locations. The Ullal police are continuing their investigation. Hindu organisation leaders met with ACP Dhanya Nayak, alleging that Chaithra was kidnapped under the influence of drugs by Love Jihad forces. They urged the police to swiftly apprehend the culprits. – **Daijiworld, March 1.**

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Ullal police are investigating the missing case of PhD student Chaithra Hebbar. They have apprehended Shahrukh, the main accused in the case which is said to be a love jihad by right wing Hindu organizations. During the interrogation it has come to light that Chaithra and Shahrukh were having an affair. It has been confirmed that Chaithra has left for Qatar on a visitors visa. She has sent an email to the Ullal police from Qatar in which she said that she is matured enough to lead her life and has the right to love someone of her choice. “I am not under any pressure. I have come to Qatar on my own will. Don't I have the right to live? I am a matured adult. Don't I have right to love,” questioned Chaithra in her email to the personnel of Ullal police station. It has also confirmed that Chaithra went to Himachal Pradesh with Shahrukh from Bengaluru via Mumbai and Goa and then flew to Qatar from Delhi airport. Shahrukh had made all arrangements for her travel to Qatar, it is believed. **Daijiworld, March 4.**

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12.6.2024. Mangaluru.

A Hindu girl was allegedly found with two students of a different faith at Mukka beach. The trio along with the BMW car in which they were travelling was handed over to the Suratkal police by the public [? - compiler]. The trio was students of a private educational institution. Their car had dashed against a school bus. While a heated argument was going on between the occupants of the car and the driver of the school bus, public gathered to watch. Seeing this, the trio tried to escape in their car but it wouldn't start. The public noticed this and upon inquiries it came to light that they belonged to different faiths. The Suratkal police came to the spot and took the trio into custody. The girl's parents were called and she was handed over to them. – **Karavali Ale, 13th.**

19.6.2024. Sullia.

Thinking that a Hindu girl had fought with her parents and was going to Bengaluru with a Muslim boy, Hindu[tva] activists of Sullia stopped the Maruti Swift car in which the inter-faith couple from Kerala was travelling to Bengaluru via Sullia and handed them over to the police. But during the course of inquiry by the police it was found that they were a married couple. It is learnt that they showed the relevant papers which proved that they had got married two years ago. According to sources, they were allowed to proceed to Bengaluru under police protection upto Sampaje. – **Karavali Ale, 19th.**

10.7.2024. Mangaluru.

An incident of parents and the VHP alleging 'love jihad' after the police traced a missing girl and found her staying with a youth from another community, was reported from the communally-sensitive Dakshina Kannada District in Karnataka on Wednesday [July 10]. The father of the girl has lodged a fresh complaint with the Mangaluru Police Commissioner alleging that his college-going daughter was kidnapped and converted by the youth.

The VHP has alleged that it is a case of 'love jihad.' According to police, the girl was studying at a private college in Mangaluru and her parents had registered a missing complaint in Pandeshwar police station recently after she went incommunicado. Police tracked the missing girl and found that she was with a man called Mohammad Ashfaq. The police checked his background and found that he is already married and has eight criminal cases against him in Vidyanagar police station in neighbouring Kasaragod city in Kerala. Senior VHP leader, Sharan Pumpwell alleged that 'love jihad' is becoming rampant in coastal Karnataka and the Hindu community needs to wake up. Police said that they would record the woman's statement, and investigate the matter to find out whether she was forced to go with the man or went on her own. More details are yet to emerge regarding the incident. – **Daijiworld, July 10.**

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30.7.2024. Mangaluru.

Vismaya, a college student from the city, recently married Ashfaq, a resident of Kasargod, Kerala. The marriage has sparked controversy, with some organizations alleging coercion. Vismaya's father, Vinod, filed a complaint on June 30 at Ullal police station, accusing Mohammed Ashfaq of kidnapping his daughter. In the complaint, Vinod alleged that Ashfaq, who is reportedly already married and has over 15 criminal cases registered against him, abducted Vismaya with the intention of converting her. Following the complaint, Vinod reached out to Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) for assistance in locating his daughter. The situation was characterized by these groups as a case of coercion or 'LOve Jihad' , urging a thorough investigation. Police located Vismaya and initially sent her to a counseling center. However, Vismaya declined to return to her parents and instead chose to stay with a relative.

Amidst the ongoing situation, Ashfaq filed a Habeas Corpus petition, requesting the court's assistance in locating Vismaya. In response, Kerala police produced Vismaya in court, where she expressed her desire to live with Ashfaq. Their marriage photo has since circulated widely on social media.

Vismaya, originally from Vidyanagar in Kasargod, was a student in Mangaluru before leaving college after a year to work in a shop in Kasargod. It is reported that she met Ashfaq near the shop.

A local VHP leader, Sharan Pumpwell, commented on social media, stating, "Ashfaq, who has a criminal history, married Vismaya. We are sorry, Vinod; we couldn't rescue your daughter. Vismaya's case is a clear example of 'Love Jihad.' Despite our efforts to help her, she was influenced to such an extent that she chose not to listen to her parents." – **Daijiworld, August 11.**

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13.8.2024. Puttur.

Leaders of [certain] organisations in Puttur got the information that an inter-faith couple was staying at a local lodge and they in turn, informed the police. By this time activists of those organisations had gathered in front of the lodge. The police arrived the spot, took the couple with them and did some inquiries. It is learnt that they told the police that they had come from Bengaluru in connection with purchase of land. When the police checked the records of the lodge it was found that the couple had booked the room without providing any address. The lodge manager and the couple were questioned about this. – **Vijaya Karnataka, 14th.**

Similar to the 2009 bar attack, Mangaluru homestay attack case too fails to get support of witnesses

The judge says there was no material whatsoever to connect the accused persons with the alleged offences. The injured persons have not implicated the accused persons in any manner in homestay attack case

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Failure on the part of eye-witnesses to support the case of prosecution has led to the acquittal of all the accused in the 2009 bar attack case (also called as pub attack) and in 2013 homestay attack case in Mangaluru.

These two cases involving right-wing activists were prominent among the cases of moral policing registered against the activists in Dakshina Kannada. Subhash Padil, an activist of the Hindu Jagarn Vedike, was accused number one in both the cases while eight other activists of the vedike were also accused in both the cases.

All the 26 accused in the attack on boys and girls at Amnesia Bar and Restaurant in the city on January 24, 2009, were acquitted by the magistrate of Second Judicial Magistrate First Class Court, Mangaluru, R. Manjunatha, on March 12, 2018. The 6th Additional District and Sessions Court Judge, Mangaluru, K.M. Radhakrishna, upheld the order of the JMFC Court on November 11, 2021.

S.V. Kantharaju, the 6th Additional District and Sessions Court Judge, on August 6, 2024 acquitted all the 39 accused in the case of assault and sexual harassment on 13 boys and girls partying at Morning Mist Homestay, near Padil, on July 28, 2012.

Bar attack case

While pointing out the failure of customers and staff of the bar, who were eyewitnesses to the alleged assault on students, in supporting the case of the prosecution in the bar attack case, the magistrate took strong exception to the failure of the investigation officer (IO) Vinay Gaonkar in examining the girls, who were victims of the attack. Non-securing victims is fatal to the prosecution, the magistrate observed.

The District Sessions Judge, who upheld the order of the magistrate, went a step further and observed that the blunder by the IO can be said as an indirect attempt by the officer to protect the real culprits. The judge took strong exception to the officer ignoring the video footage of the incident, which was telecast on different media channels.

Homestay attack case

Though all 13 victims of the homestay attack were deposed about the incident, they failed to identify the accused before the court. The complainant Vijay, who had organised the party, told the court that it was dark at the time of the attack and hence he could not say which of the accused did what. While stating that he did not know how many accused persons were there in the group that attacked, he said tahsildar did not do a test identification parade of accused persons.

Gurudutt Kamath, the co-organiser of the party, said that 40 persons trooped inside the homestay. He said that as the incident occurred in a fraction of a second, he couldn't identify the attackers. Similarly, other victims, including three girls who were injured and sexually harassed, failed to identify the accused. One victim told the court that the media showed the incident badly and it was telecast by hiding its originality. These admissions go to the root of the case, the judge observed. The judge further pointed out that five media persons, who are material witnesses, failed to support the case of the prosecution.

The judge said there was no material whatsoever to connect the accused persons with the alleged offences. The injured persons have not implicated the accused persons in any manner, the judge observed while acquitting the 39 accused persons. – **The Hindu, August 11.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Mangalore/like-the-2009-bar-attack-mangaluru-homestay-attack-case-too-fails-to-get-support-of-witnesses/...>

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Allegedly by Muslim Vigilantes

Unidentified

12.1.2024. Sullia.

Reports have come in about a young man being beaten up by a group of persons at the Sullia temple fair on Friday [January 12]. The victim, Jostin Babu, is a resident of Guttigaru and is studying at a college in Sullia. He had come to see the fair along with his friends. It is said that at the fair he met some senior girl students of his college and was talking to them. Some youths objected to this and assaulted him. In this connection a complaint has been registered at the Sullia police station. – **Vartha Bharati, 14th**.

20.8.2024. Puttur.

A minor girl sustained injuries after being attacked by a youth who allegedly stabbed her following her rejection of his advances. The incident occurred on the morning of Tuesday, August 20, while the girl was on her way to college in town. The victim and assailant, reportedly belong to different communities. According to the complaint filed, the youth, known to the victim and with a history of conflicts with the law, followed her and attempted to express his feelings for her. When she refused, the enraged youth reportedly used a sharp object to stab her hand before fleeing the scene. The injured girl received treatment at Puttur government hospital. The Dakshina Kannada women's police station has registered a case under FIR No 42/2024, with sections 78, 126(2), 118(1), and 238 of the BNS 2023 Act, along with Section 12 of the POCSO Act. An investigation is ongoing. – **Daijiworld, August 20**.

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A shocking incident occurred in Puttur on Tuesday, where a first-year PUC student of Kombettu Government Pre-University College was allegedly stabbed by a fellow student from the same college using a sharp weapon. Both students belong to different communities, which led to a tense situation as leaders from both sides gathered in front of the hospital where the injured girl was admitted.

The injured student is from Bannur, while the accused student is from a village near Kabaka. Although they attended the same college, it is reported that they were not well-acquainted. The exact motive behind the incident is still unclear and is under investigation.

Both students were first-year PUC students in the commerce and arts streams, respectively, and were classmates in the history subject. A minor argument between them reportedly escalated into the stabbing.

The incident is said to have occurred early in the morning, before college hours, on the road leading to the Puttur main post office. Some reports suggest that the altercation continued into the classroom, where the

stabbing took place. However, some students have disputed this version, saying the cause of the injury remains unclear.

Following a complaint from the injured girl's mother, the city police arrived at the college and reviewed CCTV footage. They also collected information from other students who were present. The police have taken the accused student into custody for further interrogation and are gathering details from their classmates to understand the true sequence of events.

As news spread that the students involved were from different religious communities, hundreds of people from one community gathered at the hospital, condemning the incident. The police implemented strict security measures outside the hospital to maintain peace and urged community leaders to remain calm. The incident has also sparked concerns of communal tension, exacerbated by discussions on social media.

The injured girl has accused a college lecturer of trying to downplay the incident by telling the police that her injury was caused by broken glass. This has led to further outrage, with several people present at the hospital demanding that the lecturer be suspended and a case be filed against her.

"We received information about the incident in the morning. The police are investigating, and the truth will emerge after a thorough inquiry. It appears that the incident did not take place within the college premises," said Gopal, the college principal. – **Daijiworld, August 21.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1219236>

A police investigation has revealed that the reported stabbing of a girl student at Kombettu Government PU College by a boy from a different community is likely a fabricated story. The police are now searching for the person who may have instigated the incident.

The incident came to light when a first-year PU student was admitted to the government hospital on August 20, claiming that she was attacked with a knife around 8:45 am by a classmate. The girl, accused a boy from a different community of attacking her, which quickly led to tensions and gatherings of people from both communities. The police detained the minor boy and his friend for questioning.

According to the girl's statement, she was walking on Sridhar Bhat Shop Road when a boy, a fellow student, followed her and her friends. Frightened, she started running, but the boy allegedly approached her, professed his love, and, when she objected, slashed her with a blade. Initially, it was reported that a knife was used, but later, it was clarified that it was a blade.

However, police surveillance of CCTV footage from Sridhar Bhat Shop Road and the connecting road to Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple showed no trace of the girl's movements as described in her statement. Instead, footage showed the girl getting out of an auto-rickshaw at Boluvaru and walking to the college. The accused boy was seen with his friend on Nellikatte Road, but there was no footage of the two being together at any point. This led the police to suspect that the attack story might be fabricated.

When confronted with the conflicting CCTV evidence, the girl claimed that the footage had been edited. Furthermore, some students reported that the girl did not have any injuries on her hand when she arrived at college in the morning, raising suspicion that the injury might have been self-inflicted later. The police are now trying to determine who inflicted the injury and why.

The boy has been released as no evidence supports the girl's claim, though a case under the POCSO Act has been registered against him. Some have questioned the fairness of filing a case against the boy. Leaders of a right-wing organization have visited the boy's family to offer support.

SP Yathish N stated that a thorough investigation is being conducted, and a report will be submitted to the court. He refrained from disclosing further details as the investigation is ongoing.

There are also allegations that the incident has been given a communal angle by certain vested interests, and the police are investigating whether any organization was involved in the act. – **Daijiworld, August 22.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1219548>

A student organization from Kombettu Government PU College has appealed to the principal and the Puttur city police station to suspend a girl student who falsely accused a boy student from the same college of stabbing her.

The organization has also warned of protests if the girl is not dismissed from the institution. Additionally, they have called for action against those responsible for making the photo of the falsely accused boy go viral on social media.

Students from various colleges in Puttur held a meeting to condemn the false accusation. They demanded the suspension of the girl student and urged authorities to take action against those spreading the boy's photo online, which has tarnished his reputation.

The girl, who was admitted to the hospital, has since been discharged and returned home. The truth is expected to come out after the girl is interrogated, with the police set to submit a report to the court once the investigation is complete. – **Daijiworld, August 23.**

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Karnataka right-wing group Sri Ram Sena launches helpline to tackle 'love jihad' cases

Mangaluru: Right-wing Hindutva organisation Sri Ram Sena Karnataka has launched a helpline to 'tackle love jihad' cases.

"The helpline became operational from Wednesday onwards", said State general secretary Anand Shetty Adyar. The helpline—9090443444— was launched from six places —Bengaluru, Kalburgi, Bagalkote, Davangere and Hubballi-Dharwad. The helpline will be based at Hubballi as headquarters, he told mediapersons.

'Love jihad' is a term used by right-wing organisations for inter-caste marriages between Hindus and Muslims. They allege that Muslim men lure Hindu women into relationships and convert them into Islam religion.

Shetty claimed that there has been a rise in 'love jihad' cases in the country and in Karnataka. "Young women have fallen prey to 'love jihad' and lost their lives and some of the women were pushed to illegal activities like drug peddling, terrorism as well. On many occasions, women and young girls are unable to share their distress with their family members. This helpline will help them to reveal their woes and get guidance from the helpline team", he said.

Giving out statistics on 'love jihad' murders based on report by a right-wing news website, *OPIndia*, he said 153 women have lost their lives between 2020-23 in North India. This includes 69 in Uttar Pradesh, 22 in Madhya

Pradesh. Of the victims, 27.5 per cent were minors and 15 per cent were dalits. Identities of Muslim men were hidden in 62 per cent of the cases, he said, quoting the said report.

Shetty further claimed that 172 women go missing in the country daily. The helpline team will have advisors, counsellors, former police personnel, advocates. "Once the call is received, our team will look into genuineness of the case. The women in distress will be counselled and provided with all assistance. The caller's identity will not be revealed," he said. The helpline will function round the clock, he said and added that the Sri Ram Sena will not take law into hands at any cost and will seek the assistance of the police. "We will not engage in moral policing in the name of helpline. We believe in the constitution of the country. In case if a Muslim woman wishes to get converted to Hindu voluntarily, we will welcome her and protect her," Shetty said. —

deccanherald.com, May 29.

'Religious Vigilantism'

Allegedly by Hindu Vigilantes

29.6.2024. Puttur.

In a significant development, seven families from Panja and Pallodi in Kadaba taluk, who had converted to Christianity over two decades ago, have returned to Hinduism. This reconversion was facilitated by Hindu organizations who expressed concern about the alleged inducement and coercion leading to the initial conversions.

These families, who belong to the Scheduled Caste and were living in extreme poverty, were converted to Christianity years ago under promises of better living conditions. The Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad

(VHP) have been working with these families for the past two years to raise religious awareness and encourage them to return to their ancestral faith.

In total, 25 individuals (15 men and 10 women) were ceremoniously welcomed back into Hinduism. The conversion ceremony took place at the Sri Panchalingeshwara Temple in Panja, where a Dharma Raksha Yajna (religious ceremony) was organized by the VHP's Panja section under the leadership of Surya Narayana, the VHP Pramukh.

Naveen Neriya, the district secretary of VHP Puttur, and Toli Pramod Rai, from the Puttur Dharma Prachara department of VHP, played key roles in convincing the families. The reconversion ceremony involved traditional rituals, and the families were given clothes, groceries, photos of various deities, and other household items to help them settle back into their previous religious practices.

According to Pramod Rai Nanduguri, "The lives of these 25 Scheduled Caste individuals, who had converted to Christianity, were in a dire state. VHP and Bajrang Dal worked hard to convince them to return to their original faith. By the next Deepavali, we plan to build five houses for these seven families."

One of the reconverts, Ramesh, shared his experience: "We converted to Christianity because the church promised us facilities and built a house for us. However, over time, they stopped providing support, and we continued to live in poverty. This led us to return to Hinduism." – ***Daijiworld, June 29.***

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Cattle Vigilantism

Allegedly by Hindu Vigilantes

25.2.2024. Sullia.

It is reported that one person has been arrested at Sullia on the charge of illegal transportation of cattle and the vehicle along with the cattle has been impounded. When activists of Bajrang Dal got the information at night that cattle were being transported illegally they swung into action and intercepted the vehicle at Jyothi Circle. Sub-Inspector Eerayya Doonturu and his staff of Sullia Police Station rushed to the spot and arrested one Bibin Paulose of Sultan Battery. A case has been registered. – ***Vartha Bharati, 27th.***

25.3.2024. Puttur.

Acting on information that cattle were being transported in a *SWIFT* car at late night, Bajrang Dal activists tried to intercept it at Pamadka in Kabaka of Puttur taluk. But the driver lost control of the vehicle and it fell into a ditch. The driver managed to escape. The Puttur town police visited the spot and took into custody the said car with four cows inside. – **Karavali Ale, 26th**.

10.4.2024. Mulky.

Upon receiving a tip-off from Bajrang Dal activists about cattle being transported from Muchuru Neerude near Kinnigoli to an illegal slaughterhouse at Guttakadu, Mulky police intercepted a pick-up vehicle at Kammaje near Moorukaveri and took two cows into custody. While the driver, Jaya, a resident of Elinje, has been arrested, the prime accused Ashraf managed to escape. Police have started a search for him. Bajrang Dal leaders, activists and local people have urged the Mulky police to arrest the accused at the earliest and take necessary legal action against them. – **Karavali Ale, 11th**.

22.5.2024. Mudubidri.

It is reported that three men allegedly transporting cattle were assaulted by a group of eight youths at Kallamundkur under the jurisdiction of Mudubidri police at around 11:30 pm on May 22. The victims Badru Muneer(32), Muhammed Zian(18) and his brother Muhammed Sinan(28) are residents of Pakshikere. In his complaint to the police, Sinan has alleged that a group comprising Avinash, Vijesh, Sanjay and others had assaulted them. According to him, they were transporting in their vehicle two male oxens shown by Vittala of Kodyadka to Pakshikere via Kallamundkur. Around seven to eight youths trailing the vehicle intercepted them at the Niddodi Junction. The eight accused youths reportedly assaulted the three cattle traders and even damaged the vehicle. Zian was also stabbed in the back. Based on the complaint, the Mudubidri police have filed a case against Avinash, Vijesh, Sanjay and others. A case of illegal cattle transport has been booked against Badru Muneer, Muhammed Zian and his brother Muhammed Sinan. The vehicle has been seized. – **Vartha Bharati, 24th**.

16.10.2024. Puttur.

A group of Bajrang Dal activists on Wednesday [October 16] saw a calf being transported in an autorickshaw on the Puttur by-pass road. The activists followed the autorickshaw and reported it to the police. The Puttur Town police waylaid the autorickshaw and took the driver and the women into custody. The Bajrang Dal activists untied the one year old calf that had been placed in the foot rest space in the vehicle. The police said the driver and the women were booked under provisions of Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act and also under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. – **The Hindu, 17th**.

And it's not just Muslims who are engaged in cattle transport:

(A) Incidents Involving Non- Muslims

Some Examples:

27.6.2024. Vittal.

Following a tip-off, activists of the Bajrang Dal swooped down on a pick-up vehicle carrying one bull and handed over the same to the Vittal police along with the driver Moidu, Purushottama and Yogish. – **Vijaya Karnataka, 28th.**

(B) Incidents Involving *Hindutvavaadis*

4.10.2024. Belthangady.

Acting on a tip-off about illegal transportation of cattle, the Belthangady police rushed to the Dhidupe road near Elaniru of Malavantige village and seized two pick-up vehicles and five cows. The four men involved in the transportation were arrested. It is found that two of them, viz., Yathindra (24) of Periadka and Aravinda (30) of Bendrala are activists of the BJP. The other two are Muslim youth - Usman (36) of Charmadi and Arif (27) of Chibidre. – **Karavali Ale, 5th.**

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19.10.2024. Belthangady.

Upon receiving definite information about cattle being transported without any permit, the Belthangady police seized a pick-up vehicle (KA D6960) with two cows, a calf and a . at Maddadka. The driver and another person have been arrested. They are Ashwath (34) and Sachin (27) both hailing from Kottigehara of Mudigere taluk. They had written "*tatvamasii*" an "*Jai Sri Ram*" apparently to hoodwink activists of Bajrang Dal. A case has been registered and further investigations are on. – **Karavali Ale, 20th.**

Hate Speech/Crime

Allegedly by *Hindutvavadis*

12.2.2024. Mangaluru.

Mangaluru City North MLA Y. Bharat Shetty has said that time is ripe for parents to consider not admitting their children to schools managed by Christian missionaries as these schools have been hurting "sentiments of Hindus", The MLA said in a statement that he **condemned the conduct of a teacher at St. Gerosa English Medium Higher Primary School, Jeppu, Mangaluru.** She made derogatory remarks about Ram inside the classroom recently. The school said in a release on Monday that the teacher in question has been suspended. Dr. Shetty said that there are instances of schools managed by Christian missionaries taking an "anti-Hindu stand." A school in Krishnapura in Mangaluru sometime ago made students remove "rakhis". Schools

managed by the missionaries are not allowing Hindu girls to wear bangles, sport 'tilak' or flowers. "Now they are into a conspiracy against the Ram Mandir," he alleged.' The MLA said that there should be a consensus among parents on admitting their children to schools that respected Hindu tradition and not "anti-Hindu schools." He said that Congress leaders too have exhibited an anti-Hindu stand by not speaking on the matter related to Georsa school. Mangaluru City South MLA D. Vedavyasa Kamath said in a statement that he condemned the alleged conduct of the teacher at the school. He said that the teacher allegedly made derogatory remarks against the Hindu religion and Prime Minister Narendra Modi thus trying to pollute the minds of students. No school should humiliate any religion, the MLA said. – **The Hindu, 13th**.

12.2.2024. Mangaluru.

The Mangaluru City police filed a case against D. Vedavyas Kamath and Y. Bharath Shetty, MLAs, VHP leader Sharan Pumpwell, and two councillors of Mangaluru City Corporation, Sandeep Garodi and Bharath Kumar, on charges of inciting communal hatred during the protest outside the St. Gerosa School in Jeppu on February 12. The Mangaluru South Police registered the case late on Wednesday, February 14, for offences punishable under Sections 143, 149 (unlawful assembly), 153 (A) (promoting enmity between different groups on ground religion), 295 (A) (deliberate and malicious act intended to outrage religious feelings), 505(2) (statements creating or promoting enmity hatred or ill-will between classes) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of Indian Penal Code. In the police complaint, Anil Gerald Lobo, a resident of a house behind the school, said that Mr. Kamath did not get it clarified from the school on the allegations against English teacher Sister Prabha as alleged in the two audio clippings that were in circulation across social media. On February 12. the two MLAs, Mr. Pumpwell, Mangaluru Prantha Saha Karyadarshi, two councillors, and others held a snap protest in front of the school. They raised "Jai Shri Ram" slogans and spoke against the Christian religion. Accusing them of instigating school students to violate the rules of the school management, Mr. Lobo alleged that the two MLAs and others spoke ill about the institution and also threatened representatives of school management. Mr. Lobo accused the two MLAs of speaking in a way that would instigate a clash between Hindu and Christian communities and also attempting to disturb peace in the communally sensitive Dakshina Kannada region. He was accompanied by several Congress activists including Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee Spokesperson Ivan D'Souza, former MLA J.R. Lobo and NSUI District President Suhan Alva while filing the complaint at the police station. – **The Hindu, 15th**.

10.3.2024. Mangaluru.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Karnataka Dakshina prantha joint secretary Sharan Pumpwell has urged the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and police that are investigating the Rameshwaram Cafe blast in Bengaluru to conduct raids on all madrassas and masjids to get a clue on the suspect involved in the blast. To a query from reporters he said: "the NIA investigation has revealed that the suspect involved in the blast had offered namaz, changed his clothes and moved around Ballari. In spite of it he could not be traced so far." Why the NIA and police can't go inside madrasas to conduct an inquiry, he asked. Pumpwell said they are ready to extend all help to NIA and police and added that they have shared the pictures of the suspected bomber on their social media handles and cooperate with police or NIA if they come across him. – **Deccan Herald, 11th**.

24.5.2024. Mangaluru.

The Mangaluru City Police on Wednesday [May 29] took a *suo motu* case against unidentified persons who offered Friday prayer on a public road in front of a mosque at Kankanady in Mangaluru city. The case was registered after a video of the incident had gone viral, drawing anger from the right-wing groups. The case is registered under various sections of the IPC related to wrongful restraint, obstructing public way, unlawful assembly etc. The Friday congregational prayers caused traffic disruption for some time and many vehicles

were forced to take alternative routes. A statement from Mangaluru City Police Commissioner Anupam Agarwal said an investigation into the incident on May 24 is underway. After the video went viral, right-wing organisations threatened to hold Hanuman Chalisa recitations on public roads. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad condemned the act of offering namaz in a public place. Its leader Sharan Pumpwell warned that the outfit would conduct mass Hanuman Chalisa recitations at the same place. A memorandum seeking action was also submitted to the police. Former BJP minister K S Eshwarappa said that Hindu society would not tolerate such activities and that any inaction by the police could lead to riots. (With Agencies Inputs) – **Muslim Mirror, 29th**.

<https://muslimmirror.com/eng/mangaluru-police-register-case-against-muslims-offering-prayer-on-road/>

The city police have filed the 'B' report and have closed a *suo motu* case registered against a group of persons accused of offering namaz on a public road in Kankanady recently. Mangaluru East Police Inspector Someshekar on Tuesday [May 28] registered the *suo motu* case against a group of 10 persons, after a video clip of the group offering namaz on Balikashrama Road, Kankanady on May 24 afternoon went viral on social media. The group was accused of causing inconvenience to the public and obstructing the movement of vehicles. The case was registered for offences punishable under Sections 341, 283, 143 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code.

In a statement on Thursday, Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal said there was no intention of the group to cause inconvenience to people and obstruct the movement of vehicles. Hence the case has been closed by filing the 'B' report. As the Inspector filed the *suo motu* case without bringing it to the notice of his higher-ups, he has been sent on compulsory leave. An inquiry will be conducted by an officer of the rank of the Assistant Commissioner of Police. Further, Mr. Agrawal said a case has been registered at the CEN police station against the Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Sharan Pumpwell for releasing a statement on social media that the Bajrang Dal will take direct action if the group continues to offer namaz on the road. Mr. Pumpwell is accused of creating fear in society and threatening to take the law in his hands, Mr. Agrawal said. Mr. Pumpwell is the VHP South Karnataka region joint secretary. – **The Hindu, 31st**.

Mangaluru: Mosque committee assures action against recurrence of namaz on public road

Daijiworld Media Network – Mangaluru (MS)

Mangaluru, May 30: In response to the viral video showing people offering namaz on a public road near the Kankanady mosque, the mosque administration has taken steps to ensure such incidents do not happen again. Abdul Samad clarified the situation, stating, "We will not allow anyone to offer namaz on public roads in the future. We will hire security guards to prevent such occurrences." The police have filed a *suo moto* case against those who offered namaz on the road after the video gained attention on social media.

Addressing the issue, Abdul Samad explained, "Some outsiders, possibly visiting the hospital or migrant labourers from other states, offered namaz on the road. As we were inside the mosque offering namaz, we were not aware of this incident initially.

"On Friday evening, the matter was brought to our attention. On Saturday, the mosque's administration committee discussed the issue and took action. We clarified the situation with the Kadri police station before it was reported in the media. We have assured the police that it is our responsibility to prevent such incidents from recurring.

“There is no controversy now. We do not intend to create any controversy regarding namaz. It is our duty to prevent any public inconvenience due to namaz.” – **Daijiworld, May 30.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1195734>

14.6.2024. Mangaluru.

The Vittal Hobli Jamaat Federation has lodged a complaint with Inspector H E Nagaraj at the Vittal Police Station, demanding appropriate action against Belthangady MLA Harish Poonja. They accuse him of making derogatory remarks about mosques. M S Muhammad, president of the Periyaltadka Jumma Masjid, stated that MLA Harish Poonja recently made a condemnable statement during a media interaction, alleging that weapons are hidden in mosques and calling for raids on such mosques. Ashraf Muhammad Ponnatto, president of the Vittal Central Jumma Masjid, emphasized that mosques are centers of peace and invited the police to conduct inspections to prove the allegations false. He demanded action against Harish Poonja for his false statements. – **Daijiworld, June 14.**

<https://daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1199869>

13.7.2024. Udupi.

The Udupi Town police booked a suo motu case against the handler of an X (formerly Twitter) account for allegedly posting a derogatory comment. The handler of the account is suspected to be a doctor working at a hospital at Brahmavara in Udupi district.

A post on X by social media influencers Abhi and Niyu on July 13 read: “If you could delete one thing from the planet today – what would it be.” Responding to it, Dr. Upadhya having the X account @lonelystranger replied: “Muslim community”.

Many on X said that the reply was by a laparoscopic surgeon working at a hospital in Brahmavar and asked the Director General and Inspector General of Police to take action against the “suspected” doctor.

Udupi Superintendent of Police K. Arun told The Hindu that a suo motu case was registered against the person holding the X handle @lonelystranger. The case is registered for offences punishable under Sections 196 (promoting enmity between groups on grounds of religion, race, and place of birth) and 353 (Statements conducive to public mischief) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. “We are verifying whether this X account is of the doctor from Brahmavar,” Dr. Arun said.

Meanwhile, activist Mohammed Zubair in his post on Sunday, July 14, said that the holder of X account @lonelystranger has deleted his tweet and changed the account name to @Stranger_Solo. He has protected his tweets in the changed account after getting exposed for his earlier comment, Mr. Zubair posted.

The activist also posted the image of the post of @Stranger_Solo that states: “The funny thing is there was a post in my account today. I had stopped using Twitter a few months back. Realised something unwanted was posted. Someone was using my account. I have changed password login details and everything related to the account. Account was hacked. Apologies to all here”.

When checked by The Hindu on Monday, July 15, the account @lonelystranger gave the name as solo stranger. It said, “this account does not exist.”

– **The Hindu, 16th.**

22.8.2024. Sullia.

In a complaint lodged at the Subrahmanya police station, the Elimale Juma Masjid Committee has alleged that at around 11 pm on 22nd two men came inside the mosque compound, shouted at the students, threatened

them and left. The miscreants have been identified as Satish Guddanamane and others. It is also alleged that the accused confronted the students on the road two days ago and threatened them for wearing such type of caps. The police have registered a case and are investigating. – **Vartha Bharati, 24th**.

24.8.2024. Mangaluru.

The BJP leaders on Saturday, August 24, condemned what they called a gang-rape of a Hindu woman and said a West Bengal-like situation appears to prevail in Karnataka with the government utterly failing to maintain law and order in the State.

Karkala MLA and former Minister V. Sunil Kumar in a statement said two-three young men from another community raping a Hindu woman was a pre-planned one and there appeared a system behind such incidents. The substance was procured before committing the offence.

The government should take stern action against the accused, the MLA demanded. The BJP would also launch a massive sensitisation campaign to keep the community alert against possible 'Love Jihad' attempts and other inducing methods being used against Hindus. Young women would have to be sensitised against becoming preys to inducements, he said.

Curb drugs mafia

Stating that the incident highlighted the State government's failure to maintain law and order, Dakshina Kannada Member of Parliament Capt. Brijesh Chowta demanded immediate actions to curb the drug mafia. The incident has put the entire State under shame and exhibits that the drug menace has crossed all limits on the coast.

Capt. Chowta in a statement said there was no protection for Hindu women under the Congress rule. The Home Department should ensure the accused were given the maximum punishment.

Demanding capital punishment for the rape accused, D. Vedavyasa Kamath, Mangaluru Cty South MLA, alleged that corruption, murders, dacoity, rape, etc., have become the order of the day in Karnataka during the Congress rule. Regrettably, the Hindu community is the victim in a majority of the cases. With the government itself indulging in appeasing politics, the 'Jihadi' forces have no fear of law, he alleged.

Muslim Okkoota condemns the incident

Stating that the rape against a Hindu woman in Karkala was a heinous offense against humanity, the Karkala taluk unit of Udupi District Muslim Okkoota demanded stern action against the accused. Muslim leader Mohammed Sharief told reporters at Karkala on Saturday that accused Altaf was not a real Muslim as he never visited a Mosque. Hindus and Muslim were living in harmony in Karkala while the rape has put a black mark on the Muslim community. The community would never support such incidents. He said the accused had earlier too was beaten up by the public for indulging in similar activities.

Mr. Sharief said the incident highlights the presence of drug mafia in the region and demanded the police to curb the same. Congratulating the police for arresting the accused swiftly, he said the community lawyers not to represent the accused in courts.

Karkala taluk president of the Okkoota Mohammed Gouse, Karkala Muslim Jamath president Ashpaqa Ahmed, Muslim Federation President Shabeer Ahmed and others were present. – **The Hindu, 25th**.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Mangalore/bjp-demands-stern-action-against-perpetrators-of-karkala-rape-case/article68562561.ece>

Police on Tuesday [August 27] arrested a BJP worker in connection with the alleged 'love jihad' case here. The BJP had run a campaign over the abduction and rape case and slammed the Karnataka government alleging a 'love jihad' angle. The arrested BJP worker identified as Abhay is the third accused to be arrested in the case.

Police stated that Abhay had helped the main accused Altaf to escape after the incident. The Karkala town police have also slapped the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act) against him as investigation has revealed that Abhay had provided drugs to Altaf. The accused had posted BJP MLA and Karnataka General Secretary, V Sunil Kumar's photo in his social media account and also identified with Hindu organisations, police said.

A probe has revealed that Abhay was close to Altaf. The development has triggered a debate on social media.

Abhay had also taken part in the campaign against drugs organised by the Bajrang Dal and he was also a part of the team which submitted a memorandum to the Deputy SP of Karkala. More details are yet to emerge regarding the incident.

The police department is yet to give an official statement regarding the development. An incident of an Instagram friend kidnapping and raping a 21-year-old woman had come to light on last Saturday from Karkala town of Udupi district. The police had arrested two persons in this connection and the victim was admitted to hospital. The case had taken a twist with Hindu organisations alleging 'love jihad' and claiming that the victim was gang-raped. The police had warned of strict action against those spreading rumours.

The arrested persons were identified as Altaf and Xavier Richard Quadros. Udupi SP, Dr Arun Kumar had stated, "We received a complaint on Friday evening regarding the kidnap and rape of a young woman. The victim and accused were friends on Instagram for three months. The accused and the victim belong to the same place."

The accused Altaf, who was the woman's Instagram friend, had called the victim and asked her to come to a particular spot near her work place on Friday noon. When the victim reached a particular spot, she was kidnapped from there, he stated. The victim claims that she was forced to consume a drink laced with some sedative substances and the accused then raped her, SP Arun Kumar had stated. After committing the crime, the accused had dropped the victim home, he had said.

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1220931>

2.9.2024. Karkala.

A banner with derogatory comments on Muslims was found put up today at Muratangadi Kamalaksha Nagar of Sanur village. A case was registered at the Karkala Police Station. On September 3 the Karkala police arrested a local person Satish Devadiga whose name was mentioned in the banner and Pushpalatha, the owner of Amulya Graphics who had printed it. Amulya Graphics is situated on the Market Road in Karkala. In the said banner, Satish Devadiga had described himself as a freedom fighter. The arrested duo were produced before the Karkala court. The court has remanded Satish Devadiga to judicial custody. Pushpalatha has been released on conditional bail. – **Vartha Bharati, 4th**.

9.9.2024. Bantwal.

A letter from Sri Siddivinayaka Vishwasta Mandali, Tulasivana in Bolanthur in Bantwal taluk, requesting the Masjid president and members not to distribute eatables and beverages during the Ganeshotsava Shobhayatre went viral on social media. The letter claimed that after consuming the sweets distributed during the previous procession, a few children had fallen sick. "Thus the members of the Muslim community should co-operate with the Mandali by avoiding the distribution of eatables during the procession this year."

N.Mohammed, president, Bolanthur Kendra Jumma Masjid confirmed that they had received a letter from the Mandali. "The letter that is shared on the social media is not the one we have received. But the content is same" he told **DH**. He said the religious head of the masjid had appealed to the members to avoid distributing eatables or beverages during the Ganeshotsava procession. Mohammed said that children falling sick during the previous procession was far from the truth. "A year ago the youth from the Masjid had raised money and distributed packaged juice and ice-cream. We have decided to respect their requests" he added. Even during the Eid Milad celebrations many give us sweets and juices, he said. – **Deccan Herald, 10th**.

16.9.2024. Mangaluru.

Tension prevailed in BC Road on September 16, Monday morning, over the issue of provocative statements made by VHP leader Sharan Pumpwell and Bantwal TMC's former president Mohammad Sharief. Hundreds of Sangh Parivar activists gathered in front of the Rakteshwari Temple at BC Road. There is heavy police presence in the area. A fracas also took place between the police and the Hindu activists when the latter tried to move forward. Later police prevented the activists by placing the police vehicle on the middle of the road. The activists also shouted slogans against Mohammad Sharief. – **Mangalore Today, 18th**.

<https://www.mangaloretoday.com/main/Provocative-remarks-Tension-in-BC-Road-as-Hindu-activists-gather-in-large-numbers.html>

16.9.2024. Mangaluru.

A case has been registered against VHP Dakshina Prantha joint secretary Sharan Pumpwell and leader Bharat Kumdelu in connection with a hate speech. The complainant Mohammed Rafiq has alleged that Sharan and Kumdelu delivered hate speech in front of the Rakteshwari Temple at BC Road on September 16 during the BC Road Chalo protest. The complainant alleged that the duo had insulted Islam and TMC former president Mohammed Sharief and they hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims. The video of their speech was shared on social media. Based on the complaint, a case has been registered at the Bantwal Town Station. – **Deccan Herald, 18th**.

5.10.2024. Mangaluru.

CEN [*Cyber Economic and Narcotics Crime*] police of Mangaluru City have registered a case against Arun Ullal, a teacher, for allegedly delivering a hate speech inciting religious animosity. The case has been registered under Section 66(C) of the IT Act and 196 [*promoting enmity and hatred between different groups*], 351 [*criminal intimidation*] (BNS). It is learnt that the teacher, working with a private college in Mangaluru, advised Hindus to refrain from sending their children to educational institutions run by a minority community, and also not to conduct marriages in halls owned by that community. The video of the incident is being widely shared on social media, drawing sharp criticism from netizens. In his speech, Ullal alleged that a part of the revenue that the minority community earns from schools and marriage halls is sent abroad, and advises Hindus to be cautious about it. Further, he said that many popular Hindu educational institutions are suffering from a lack of students in Mangaluru, while on the other hand, those belonging to the minority community are brimming with students. – **Times of India, 5th**.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/mangaluru-teacher-faces-legal-action-for-alleged-hate-speech-against-minority-education-instit...>

9.11.2024. Puttur.

An alleged derogatory writing about a particular religion on a white sheet of paper was found posted on the walls of a bus stop at Pulittadi in Nettanige Mudnur village of Puttur taluk. Another sheet had obscene drawings and offensive words. The Eshwaramangala Outpost police have seized the papers. A case has been registered at the Sampya police station following a complaint. "We have registered a case under Section 299 of the BSN (for acts committed with the deliberate intention of offending religious sentiments and beliefs) Measures are being taken to identify those responsible for this act" SP N.Yatish said. – **Deccan Herald, 10th**.

12.11.2024. Karkala.

The Karkala police have registered a non-bailable *suo motu* case against Ramesh Shetty Tellaru for hatred against minorities. Ramesh, an activist of a hindutva organisation, is accused of asking that only Hindu sellers be allowed during the *deepotsava* of the local Laxmi Vekatramana Temple. This has roused the ire of BJP and other hindutva organisations. They have asked for withdrawal of the case and have warned of a protest meet if their demand is not met. – **Karavali Ale, 19th**.

23.11.2024. Karkala.

The Karkala police have registered a non-bailable *suo motu* case against Srikanth Shetty for making a videograph that would disturb societal peace and then making it viral on social media. Srikanth Shetty is the leader of local Hindu Jagran Vedike and his video is in connection with the *deepotsava* of the local Laxmi Vekatramana Temple and the case registered against Ramesh Shetty Telaru. He had also threatened to gherao the Police Superintendent's office. – **Vartha Bharati, 24th**.

Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists

13.7.2023. Mangaluru.

In Social Media

12.2.2024. Mangaluru.

Two-time BJP MLA from Belthangady in Dakshina Kannada Harish Poonja on Friday [Feb 9] justified his controversial remark that “from the current financial year, the tax paid by Hindus should be used only for the welfare of Hindus.” On Wednesday, Mr. Poonja wrote on the X (erstwhile Twitter) that using the tax paid by Hindus for the welfare of other religious people is an injustice to Hindus. “Hindus’ tax, Hindus’ right,” he wrote. Replying to it, a person named Ravooof from Mangaluru wrote that Mr. Poonja should not forget that he is an MLA. “He (Mr. Poonja) is unfit to continue as MLA as he has made an anti-Constitutional statement,” Mr. Ravooof wrote. Meanwhile, speaking to presspersons in Mangaluru on Friday, the MLA said that when the Congress Member of Parliament D.K. Suresh wants to divide North and South through his remark that the southern states would breakaway to form a separate nation, why he (Mr. Poonja) couldn’t make such a demand. The MLA said that the Congress is trying to divide the nation over a silly matter relating to distribution of funds. Mr. Poonja said that as Mr. Suresh will not be able to understand if he (the MLA) condemned his statement in plain words, he chose to react by raising the matter of tax paid by Hindus. Responding to the statement of MLA, the Minister in-charge of Dakshina Kannada and Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundu Rao told presspersons in Mangaluru on Friday that Mr. Poonja should accept the fact that injustice is being done to Kamataka in allocation of funds. “If the MLA is hell-bent on accepting the fact, nothing can be done,” the Minister said. “It is unfortunate that the MLA is trying to divide the people in this matter. The intention of Mr. Poonja appears to be something different,” Mr. Rao said. – **The Hindu, 10th**.

14.2.2024. Mangaluru.

In a complaint to the CEN police station Ms. Appi, a former Corporator of Mangaluru, has said that some unknown persons are spreading fake news and fake voice messages on WhatsApp regarding the incident at St Gerosa School wherein a teacher is alleged to have derided the Hindu religion. She has asked for an investigation and necessary legal action against the culprits. – **Vartha Bharati, 15th**.

30.4.2024. Sullia.

Miscreants with perverted minds are busy on the social media maligning the newly appointed AEO of Kukke Subrahmanya temple, Mr. Yesuraj. Just because his name contains the word 'Yesu' [Jesus]. Actually Yesuraj is not a Christian but belongs to a scheduled caste. These miscreants without any common sense are trying to create wrong impressions on people and disturb communal harmony – **Karavali Ale, 5th May.**

9.6.2024. Bantwal.

A video has gone viral on social media showing BJP workers raising slogans of "Jai Sri Ram" and "Jai Modi" in a provocative manner while celebrating the victory of Captain Brijesh Chowta in the recent Lok Sabha elections for the Dakshina Kannada constituency, in front of the Karopadi mosque. This act has caused significant distress among the local community. The BJP workers of Karopadi village were celebrating the victory of BJP candidate Captain Brijesh Chowta in the Lok Sabha elections. The video, which depicts activists dancing and raising slogans in front of the Karopadi mosque, has quickly spread across social media platforms.

Netizens have questioned why the police did not file a suo moto case in this instance, while they did so for offering namaz on the road near a mosque in Kankanady, Mangaluru. This perceived inconsistency in police action has sparked further debate and concern among the public. – **Daijiworld, 22nd.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1198445>

3.9.2024. Bantwal.

The Bantwal Rural Police Station has registered a *suo motu* case against a youth for his derogatory post on the social media about Mecca, the holy site of Muslims. According to the police he had created the said post on his Instagram account and circulated it with the intention of provoking religious feelings. The police said this might hurt and provoke the Muslim community, inflame passions between religions and create unrest. The youth has been arrested and produced before the court. The court has sent him to judicial custody. – **Vartha Bharati, 4th.**

14.9.2024. Bantwal.

On September 14, Bantwal Town Police had registered a case against operators of some Instagram handles for posts defaming revered spirits and also VHP leaders Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat and Sharan Pumpwell. In the complaint, Santosh Poovappa, a businessman from Maninalkoooru village of Bantwal taluk, said videos defaming Jumadibanta Koragajja daiva, Mr. Bhat and Mr. Pumpwell had been posted on the following Instagram handles — beary ghost and beary jigar, cobra and bengaren troll 313. Claiming that these videos have hurt religious feelings and have the potential to disturb law and order, Mr. Poovappa sought action against the handlers of the Instagram handles. The police registered the complaint for the offence punishable under Section 299 of BNS. – **The Hindu, 17th.**

16.9.2024. Mangaluru.

Mangaluru city Cyber Economic and Narcotics Crime (CEN) police booked a case against VHP Dakshina Prantha joint secretary Sharan Pumpwell and Bajrang Dal divisional co-convenor Puneeth Attavar for issuing provocative statements. Countering the voice message of Bantwal TMC former president Mohammed Sharif challenging Sharan Pumpwell to face them while holding an Eid Milad procession at Kaikamba at BC Road, Puneeth Attavar in a FB post had said, "We are accepting the challenges of *Jihadis*. We will arrive at the spot." – **Deccan Herald, 17th.**

15.9.2024. Mangaluru.

Based on a complaint by one Mohammed Sarfraz Nawaz, a case had been registered against Yashodhar Karbettu, BJP Balthila Mahashakti Kendra former president "for releasing a provocative voice message insulting Islam and Mohammed Sharif on September 15." A case has been registered under Sections 192, 352 of the BNS Act. On the other hand, normalcy prevailed at BC Road on Tuesday [September 17] amidst strengthened police security. – **Deccan Herald, 18th**.

9.12.2024. Bantwal.

A man who posted a derogatory and provocative communally sensitive message on Facebook has been arrested by the police. Jaya Poojary, a resident of Navagrama Site in Arala village, is the accused now in police custody. His Facebook post reportedly contained derogatory references to a particular community and included content insulting women. As the post went viral on social media, Bantwal rural police registered a suo motu case against him. He was subsequently arrested, produced in court, and remanded to 15 days of judicial custody, according to sources. – **Daijiworld, 9th**.

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1251822>

Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists

3.6.2024. Mangaluru.

A case has been registered under IPC sections 153a, 120b, 504 and 506 at the CEN Crime Police Station against Soji Altaf Ullal for his communally provocative post on the social media. It is alleged that Soji has posted a voice message with the intention of spreading feelings of hate between communities and to commit misdeeds. – **Vartha Bharati, 4th**.

16.9.2024. Bantwal.

Bantwal Town police have registered a case against Hussainer, a councillor of Bantwal Town Municipal Council, and Mohammed Sharief, a former president of the Bantwal Town Municipal Council, for allegedly posting inflammatory post on social media in connection with Eid Milad procession. In response to a recent statement of VHP South Karnataka Joint Secretary Sharan Pumpwell regarding communal violence in Nagamangala, Sharief allegedly posted an audio message on Whatsapp challenging Mr. Pumpwell and other VHP activists to stop Eid procession scheduled at B. C. Road Kaikamba on September 16. Bantwal MLA U. Rajesh Naik told Dakshina Kananda Superintendent of Police N. Yathish to take against Sharief for his alleged attempt to incite violence. The MLA described Sharief as a rowdy, as he is accused in some criminal cases. Bantwal Town police registered a case against Sharief and Hussainer for the offence punishable under Section 299 of Bharatiya Nyana Sanhita. – **The Hindu, 17th**.

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12.9.2024. Mangaluru.

Members of the Hindu Janajagruti Vedike(HJV) have lodged a complaint at the Urva Police Station alleging defamation of Hindu gods on a Facebook page 'fact with'. The complaint alleges that using AI technology, indecent pictures showing gods with women etc., are being circulated drawing vulgar comments from non-Hindus. The delegation included, among others, Ishwara Kottari, Yatish, Vijay Kumar, Sushma, Dinesh MP, Chandrakant Kamath, Prashant and Balagangadhar. Vijay Kumar, the co-ordinator of HJV, has urged the police to take strong action against the administrator of the said Facebook page. Based on the complaint, an FIR has been registered. – **Karavali Ale, 13th** .

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Attacks on / Desecration of Places of Worship

Allegedly by Hindutvavadis

15.9.2024. Mangaluru.

Six individuals have been arrested in connection with an incident of stone pelting at the Majidulla Hudajumma Mosque in Katipalla, reportedly aimed at inciting communal tensions in the area.

The incident occurred on the evening of September 15 at the mosque located in Katipalla 3rd Block. The mosque had been decorated with lights in celebration of Eid Milad. While workers were engaged inside, at around 9:50 p.m., unknown miscreants arrived on two bikes from the direction of the Janatha Colony cemetery and threw stones at the mosque, breaking the glass windows at the back of the building. The accused allegedly aimed to create discord between the Hindu and Muslim communities by damaging the mosque, as stated in the complaint lodged by mosque president K H Abdul Rahiman.

Under the guidance of police commissioner Anupam Agarwal, deputy commissioner of police (law and order) Siddharth Goel, deputy commissioner of police (crime and traffic) Dinesh Kumar, and assistant commissioner

of police Srikant K from Mangaluru North sub-division, a special team was formed. Led by Surathkal police inspector Mahesh Prasad, the team, including sub-inspectors Raghavendra and Janardhan Naik, head constables Umesh Kottari, Annappa Vandes, Dileep Raj, and police constables Karthik Kulal, Vinod Kumar, and Manjunath Ayatti, investigated the case and arrested the accused near the Kadri Sri Manjunath Temple Road in the jurisdiction of Mangaluru East Police Station on September 16.

The arrested individuals have been identified as

Bharat Shetty (26), son of Raviraj R Shetty, residing in Durga Nilaya, Ashraya Colony, Kanakatla, Surathkal,
Chennappa Shivananad Chalavadi alias Muttu (19), son of Shivanand Chalavadi, residing in Ashraya Colony, Kanakatla, Surathkal,

Nitin Hadap (22), son of Yogesh, residing in Kandige Padi, Chelaru village, Surathkal,

Sujit Shetty (23), son of Satish, residing in Kodipadi, Munchuru, Surathkal,

Anappa alias Manu (24), son of Hanumanta, residing in Eshwar Nagar, 3rd Cross, Hosabettu village, Mangaluru,

Preetham Shetty (34), son of Jay Shetty, residing in Katipalla 3rd Block, Mangaluru.

Bharat Shetty has 12 criminal cases registered against him, Chennappa Shivananad Chalavadi has five cases, Nitin Hadap has one case, Anappa has two cases, and Preetham Shetty also has two cases against him. The police have seized a Swift car, two bikes, and four mobile phones used in the crime. The accused were presented before the court on September 16. – ***Daijiworld, 16th***.

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Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists

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Other incidents of communalism

Allegedly by Hindutvavadis

10.2.2024. Mangaluru.

Tension prevailed at a City school when members of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and parents gathered at the school demanding action against a private School, Jeppu, Mangaluru teacher for making 'derogatory' remarks on PM, Ram Mandir, after the incident came to light after an audio clip, reportedly by a parent, addressed to a VHP leader went viral on social media, which claimed that the class seven teacher had made derogatory remarks against PM Modi and Ram Mandir in the class. Police security has been still provided at the school in order to prevent any further untoward incidents.

Commotion prevailed at the school campus for some time when parents gheroad former MLC Ivan D'Souza who had visited the school. Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) Dayananda R Nayak on being informed about derogatory remarks of the teacher had sent the Block Resource Centre (BRC) Coordinator Prashanth to the school to conduct an inquiry. The parent in the audio clip claimed that a class seven teacher had made derogatory remarks while teaching a lesson on "Work is worship". The teacher had allegedly spoken about Ram Mandir and Prime Minister Modi in a derogatory manner in the classroom.

The parent claimed that the teacher had made such remarks in the past too. As per DDPI, a few parents had visited the school in the morning to enquire about the teacher's derogatory statements. However, the Headmistress had reportedly defended the teacher and told the parents that the teacher, who has been teaching in the school for many years, would not have made such derogatory remarks. While quite a few parents supported the teacher saying that the issue had been created to start a controversy, while quite a few other parents were against the teacher.

Meanwhile, VHP Paratha Sahakaryadarshi Sharan Pumpwell urged Dakshina Kannada DDPI to take action against the teacher for the alleged derogatory remarks aimed at sowing anti-religious thoughts in the minds of children. DDPI has asked Mangaluru South Block Education Officer (BEO) Ishwar to visit the school on Monday and submit a detailed report on the incident. Mangaluru Commissioner of Police Anupam Agrawal said BEO is looking into the issue. DDPI DR Naik who was quick to act, sent block resource centre coordinator Prashanth to the spot to look into the issue. However, the parents were not convinced by the answers of the headmistress.

The DDPI said that he has asked the Mangaluru South BEO and BRC coordinator to visit the school on Monday and submit a detailed report on the incident. The parent claimed that a Class VII teacher had made derogatory remarks that hurt religious sentiments when teaching a lesson on work is worship. The parent also alleged that the teacher had made such remarks in the past too. City police commissioner Anupam Agrawal who visited the school said that the BEO is inquiring into the matter. Policemen were deployed at the school. –

The Mangalorean, Feb 11.

<https://www.mangalorean.com/vhp-parents-demand-action-against-teachers-derogatory-comments-made-on-pm-ram-mandir/>

After the parents staged a protest and demanded to suspend the teacher, who allegedly made derogatory remarks against Hindu Gods, the management suspended the teacher with immediate effect. Prabha, a teacher of a private school in Mangaluru has been suspended by the school management following the allegations of making derogatory remarks about Hindu gods during the moral education hour.

The controversy began on February 8 after a complaint was lodged at the Mangaluru South Police Station, accusing teacher Prabha of insulting the Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir and Lord Rama while teaching the subject 'Work is Worship' at School.

DK Deputy Commissioner Mullai Muhilan visited the school on February 12, evening to conduct an inquiry into the matter. Education officers and police officials were present during the investigation.

Amid growing tensions, MLA Vedavyas Kamath visited the school, demanding appropriate legal action against the teacher. Under his leadership, hundreds of parents and activists attempted to gherao the school. However, the police intervened, preventing MLA Kamath and parents from approaching the school gate.

In response to the incident, the headmistress of the school HM also assured the parents that the management has already appointed another teacher in her place. The headmistress emphasized the commitment to constitutional principles, religious tolerance, and equal respect for all beliefs. She acknowledged the temporary mistrust created by the incident and called for cooperation to rebuild trust for the better future of the students.

The decision to suspend teacher Prabha has been made to ensure transparency in the ongoing investigation by the district authorities. The school expects cooperation from parents and stakeholders throughout the inquiry process, she added. In the history of 60 years, the school has delivered good education and instilled discipline among students. Such situations were not witnessed before, and the administration is keen on maintaining a positive educational environment. She added while appealing to the parents for collective efforts to work towards the bright future of the students. – **The Mangalorean, Feb 12.**

<https://www.mangalorean.com/management-suspends-teacher-after-alleged-derogatory-remarks-on-hindu-gods-at-private-school/>

The controversy erupted on Saturday [February 10], after a voice message of a parent of the school got circulated on social media alleging that the teacher had spoken lightly about Hinduism, Lord Rama etc., while teaching Class 7 students. Soon, Hindutva organisations, including the Vishwa Hindu Parishad-Bajrang Dal and the Hindu Jagarana Vedike and Mangaluru City North MLA Y. Bharath Shetty took up the issue and demanded action against the teacher.

On Monday morning, VHP held a demonstration in front of the zilla panchayat office and demanded DDPI D.R. Naik initiate disciplinary action against the teacher concerned, latest by Wednesday. They later gathered near the school and were joined by Mangaluru City South MLA D. Vedavyasa Kamath, school alumni and parents of students. Raising slogans against the school, they demanded against the teacher Sr. Prabha. Nearly three hours into the protest, the school authorities informed the MLA and others that the teacher was under suspension. However, the MLA insisted the management also bring on record the incident. As students began emerging out of the school after school hours, the MLA also came out and joined them in raising “Jai Shri Ram” slogans. A section of students expressed anguish over the alleged “anti-Hindu” conduct of the teacher. On the arrival of Mr. Muhilan and Mr. Agrawal, Mr. Kamath refused to join them and asked the officers to initiate strict inquiry. The officers urged Mr. Kamath to get students dispersed. – **The Hindu, 13th.**

The St Gerosa Higher Primary School has clarified that it witnessed an unfortunate and sad event on February 8, which was unprecedented in its 60 years of existence. In a press statement, headmistress of the school Sr Anitha said that on February 10 four persons had approached her with the complaint that Sr Prabha had made some derogatory statements against the Hindu religion and the prime minister while teaching the poem ‘Work is Worship’ authored by Rabindranath Tagore. The headmistress said she had then assured them that she would look into the matter and take appropriate action. On enquiry, she said the teacher concerned had completely denied the allegations. Here is the poem for perusal:

Work is Worship

Leave this chanting and singing
and telling of beads! Whom dost thou

worship in this lonely dark corner of a temple with doors all shut? Open thine eyes and see thy God is not before thee He is there the tiller is tilling the hard ground and where the path-maker is breaking stones. He is with them in sun and shower, and his garment is covered with dust. Put off thy holy mantle and even like him come down on the dusty soil! Deliverance? Where is this deliverance to be found? Our master himself has joyfully taken upon him the bonds of creation; he is bound with us all forever. Come out of thy meditations and leave aside thy flowers and incense! What harm is there if thy clothes become tattered and stained? Meet him and stand by him in toil and in sweat of thy brow.

– *Daijiworld*, 15th.

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1168003>

10.6.2024. Mangaluru.

Mangaluru city Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal on Tuesday [June 11] said a provocative statement referring to Pakistan by those celebrating the Narendra Modi swearing-in ceremony sparked tension leading to stabbing of two BJP workers at Boliyar near here on Sunday night. Mr. Agrawal told reporters here that those in the victory procession raised slogans: “You people belong to Pakistan and the arrival of Modi has scared you,” near an autorickshaw stand at Boliyar. Following the provocative slogans, people gathered near the Boliyar Masjid. The provocation was not from “Bharat Maata Ki Jai” slogan, he said. Meanwhile, some individuals riding two-wheelers arrived in front of the Masjid after the procession dispersed. As they continued the celebrations there too, the individuals were chased culminating in the stabbing incident, the Commissioner said. In this regard, the Masjid committee president has filed a complaint against certain individuals of shouting provocative slogans in front of the Masjid and abusing people standing outside. The Konaje police have registered a case, he said. Mr. Agrawal said the police had secured 20 people in connection with the stabbing incident and arrested six of them. The individual who allegedly stabbed the two is a rowdy-sheeter and still at large, he said. Three teams have been formed to investigate the case even as he conducted a peace committee meeting in Konaje police station, the Commissioner said. Peace committee meetings will be called in every police station in the coming days, he added. Mr. Agrawal said the police will keep close watch on social media sites too.

He said the anti-communal wing is doing exceptionally well and during the poll process, it had identified about 300 trouble-makers out of which 75 were externed and eight were booked under the Goonda Act. – *The Hindu*, 12th.

16.7.2024. Sullia.

Allegations have surfaced that an RSS-organized gurupooja took place at a government school here. A complaint has been filed with the education department regarding the incident, and photos of the event have gone viral on social media.

It is alleged that the gurupooja was conducted by the RSS at the Karimbila Government Lower Primary School in Edamangala village, Kadaba taluk. The ceremony was held inside a classroom, with the school's name visible on the blackboard. The event became public when some participants shared photos as their WhatsApp status.

It is reported that a complaint has been filed with the education department and the deputy commissioner regarding the RSS programme held on school premises, despite a government circular prohibiting public events in government schools. An explanation has also been requested from the school's head teacher. – **Daijiworld, 16th**.

15.9.2024. Udupi.

When Malpe PSI Praveen Kumar was patrolling near Kalmadi on the 15th, he received information about a scuffle near a petrol bunk on Vadabhandeshwara Road in Malpe. When enquired, one Ijad Ahmed said when he was riding on his scooter from Manipal to Malpe Padukere, six men on three scooters followed him and abused him in filthy language and also assaulted him. Police have registered a case and arrested seven men- Sushanth S Salian, Sumith Kumar, Ranjith, Ujwal, Srikanth J, Kiran Tingalaya and Ijad Ahmed. – **Deccan Herald, 17th**.

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Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists

10.6.2024. Mangaluru.

Two BJP followers were stabbed, and another was beaten by a group of 20 to 25 Muslim youths late night on Sunday [June 10], following an altercation in Karnataka's Boliyar in Konaje police station limits. It is said that the incident took place after the BJP workers observed *vijayotsava* to mark swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the third term. Commissioner of police Anupam Agrawal said Harish (41) and Nandakumar (24) were injured, both hailing from Innoli while Krishna Kumar was also beaten up by the group. The BJP followers were passing a masjid in Boliyar and allegedly shouted slogans, the commissioner said. They were then followed by a group of 20-25 Muslim youths on bikes. The commissioner said all three BJP followers were passing a masjid in Boliyar and allegedly shouted slogans. They were then followed by a group of 20-25 Muslim youths on bikes. The three stopped in front of a bar situated 2-km ahead of masjid, when the group got into an altercation, resulting in stabbing two and thrashing another one. One of the stabbed victims is out of danger while another has undergone a surgery at a private hospital in Deralakatte. The police have strengthened security following the incident. BJP leaders including Dakshina Kannada BJP President Sathish Kumpala rushed to hospital. A large number of BJP workers also gathered in front of Konaje police station demanding arrest of the suspects. Konaje police have registered a case and investigation is under way. – **deccanherald.com, 10th**.

The police on Monday have arrested five persons in connection with the stabbing of two BJP workers by a group of 20 to 25 Muslim youths following an altercation at Boliyar in Konaje police station limits, located in Mangalore taluka of Dakshina Kannada district in Karnataka. Commissioner of police Anupam Agrawal said the arrested are Mohammed Shakir (28), Abdul Razak (40), Aboobakar Siddique (35), Sawad (18) and Monu alias Hafeez (24). Those who were injured in the stabbing are Harish (41) and Nandakumar (24), both hailing from Innoli. One of the stab victims is out of danger while another has undergone a surgery at a private hospital in Deralakatte. A third BJP worker, Krishna Kumar, was also beaten up by the group of Muslim youths but not stabbed. The attack occurred late on Sunday night when three BJP supporters were passing a masjid in Boliyar and allegedly shouted slogans. They were apparently observing 'Vijayotsava' to celebrate the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the third term and were on their way home. The CCTV footage of the area was collected by the police as a part of the investigation. The police have strengthened security following the incident. BJP leaders, including DK BJP president Sathish Kumpala, rushed to hospital. A large number of BJP workers had gathered in front of Konaje police station demanding arrest of suspects on Sunday [June 10] night. The Commissioner said that based on a complaint by P K Abdulla, president of Boliyar Jumma Masjid, a case has been registered against a few youths who shouted provocative slogans in front of the masjid and abused a few people who were standing outside the masjid. The complainant has accused Suresh, Vinay, Subhash, Ranjit, Dhanajaya of creating nuisance. A case has been registered under IPC sections 143, 147, 148, 153A, 504, 506, 149. – deccanherald.com, 10th.

Unidentified

8.2.2023. Mangaluru.

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Extermment Order Issued

Uppinangady, Jan 23 (IANS): Dakshina Kannada District authorities have issued an order of externment to Avinash Purusharakatte of the Hindu Jagaran Vedike on Tuesday for disrupting law and order and directed him to appear before a court.

The notice has been issued in the backdrop of Avinash Purusharakatte's involvement in various activities and protests which affected law and order in the communally-sensitive region.

The notice has been issued from the Uppinangady Rural police station and Avinash Purusharakatte has been directed to appear before the court of the Puttur Assistant Commissioner on Wednesday with regard to the order of externment.

The notice has warned that in case if he doesn't appear before the court, he will be externed to Bidar District from Dakshina Kannada district.

Avinash Purusharakatte is a resident of Purusharakatte near Narimogaru Village. He has asked to be present in connection with externment order issued under the 55 (A) and (B) of the Karnataka Police Act – 1963. The authorities have claimed that the action has been taken in connection with maintenance of law and order. –

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Note: 1) All data are based on available local media reports. It is likely that there could be quite a number of unreported cases too.

2) **Highlighted** reports, containing relevant information but where the identity of perpetrators is not known, are not counted.
