

A Chronicle
of
Communal Incidents
in the
Coastal Districts of Karnataka

UPDATE - 2025

Summary

Total number of communal incidents: **142**

Out of these,

Incidents of moral policing -

Allegedly by Hindu vigilantes:	7
Allegedly by Muslim vigilantes:	1
Sub-total:	8

**Incidents related to allegations of
religious conversion etc -**

Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	7
Sub-total:	7

Incidents of cattle vigilantism-

Allegedly by Hindu vigilantes:	10
Sub-total:	10

Incidents of hate speech/crime -

Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	33
Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists:	2
Unknown	1
Sub-total:	36

In Social Media:

Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	38
Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists:	32
Allegedly by Christian Fundamentalists:	1
Unknown	3
Sub-total:	74

Incidents of Attacks/Desecration of Places of Worship:

Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	0
Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists:	0
Unknown	0
Sub-total:	0

Other communal incidents:

Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists:	6
Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists:	1
Sub-total:	7

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ENGINEERING COMMUNAL POLARISATION

Moral Policing

1) Allegedly by Hindu Vigilantes

23.1.2025. Mangaluru.

The City Crime Branch (CCB) police have arrested Prasad Attavar, the leader of the right-wing group Sri Rama Sene, in connection with the recent attack on a unisex salon near Bejai in Mangaluru. The attack, which took place earlier this week, saw members of the right-wing group vandalizing the 'Colors' salon, located near the KSRTC bus stand. The activists alleged that the salon was involved in immoral and illegal activities, which led to their protest. The group reportedly caused extensive damage to the property, shattering glass and destroying furniture inside the establishment. Attavar, along with the other activists, also issued a demand for the immediate closure of all massage centers operating in the city, claiming that such businesses were involved in unethical practices.

Following the attack, the CCB police launched an investigation and swiftly arrested Attavar, who has been charged in connection with the vandalism and disruption of peace. Authorities are continuing to look into the matter, while the salon owner has filed a complaint seeking justice for the damages.

This incident has sparked concerns regarding the rise of vigilante actions in the region, with local authorities calling for calm and urging the public to respect legal processes. – **Daijiworld, 23rd.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1265057>

20.3.2025. Udupi.

A case has been registered against a youth in Udupi on charges of "kidnapping" a 20-year-old engineering student, based on a complaint filed by her father, police said on Saturday [March 22]. In the complaint lodged on March 20 at the Udupi Town police station, Godwin Devdas (53) stated that his daughter, who studies at an engineering college in Moodbidri, alighted from her college bus at Kukkikatte Junction, Udupi, at around 6 pm, on the same day. According to the complainant, while she was walking towards her aunt's house, a person identified as Akram Mohammed allegedly kidnapped her on his motorbike. A bus driver who witnessed the incident informed Devdas about it. Devdas mentioned that he had previously lodged a complaint against Mohammed, accusing him of harassing his daughter when she was a minor. He alleged that the recent incident was an act of revenge. Based on his complaint, the police registered the case under Section 140(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNS). Speaking to reporters in Udupi on Friday, Godwin Devdas alleged that his daughter was a victim of 'love jihad.' He claimed that Mohammed had been in contact with his daughter for the past five years through Instagram and had allegedly harassed her by threatening to release their intimate photos on social media. Devdas expressed dissatisfaction with the police, stating that they had not taken any action on his complaint filed a week ago. According to him, the police informed him that they could not intervene in a case involving consenting adults and even showed him a video of the couple living together voluntarily. "However, I am concerned about my daughter's safety," he said. In response, Devdas has filed a habeas corpus petition before the High Court, seeking directions for the Udupi Town Police to produce his daughter before the court. The petition was heard by a Division Bench on Friday and was adjourned to April

4. Meanwhile, Mohammed has submitted an application for the registration of their marriage under the Special Marriage Act. He has also filed an application under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), seeking anticipatory bail before the Udupi Principal District and Sessions Court. According to court officials, the hearing on Mohammed's petition has been posted for April 2 for objections from the public prosecutor. – **Deccanherald.com, 29th**.

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/love-jihad-case-engineering-student-kidnapped-man-booked-in-karnataka-3468728>

In the case of the alleged abduction of a girl from Udupi city, a habeas corpus petition filed by the girl's parents was heard in the high court on Friday. The girl and a youth appeared before the court through their lawyer. The girl's parents filed a complaint at the Udupi Town police station on March 20. A release from the Udupi SP's office stated that during the court proceedings, the girl informed the judge that she was not abducted and willingly went with the youth. When the girl's mother requested to speak with her, the judge arranged for them to converse privately in his chamber. Later, during the hearing, the mother requested the judge to send the girl with her, but the girl refused. The girl stated that she plans to have a registered marriage with the youth on April 19 and will meet her mother after the wedding. She also mentioned that she maintains a good relationship with her mother. The court scheduled the next hearing for April 22 and instructed them to appear in court on that date, the release stated. – **Timesofindia.com, 29th**.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/allegation-of-abduction-girl-youth-appear-before-hc/articleshowprint/119988786.cms>

8.4.2025. Kundapura.

Kundapura police on Thursday, April 10, arrested one person for allegedly assaulting a minor boy and abusing a minor girl, who were returning to their hometown after a visit to Manipal, on April 8. The police gave the name of the arrested person as Mahesh. In a complaint to Kundapura police on April 10, the girl's mother said her 15-year-old daughter, after finishing her examinations on April 8, had accompanied three classmates, all boys belonging to another community, to Manipal. While returning, they boarded a private bus in Udupi. Mahesh was following the children. The children got down at Shastri Circle in Kundapura and were waiting for a bus towards Shirur. Around 7 p.m., Mahesh came to the bus stop and confronted the three boys. After knowing the community to which the boys belong, Mahesh allegedly abused them and assaulted one of them. When the others tried to stop the assault, Mahesh questioned the girl and abused her in public for being in the company of classmates from another community. He threatened to kill the girl if she persisted with such behaviour, the girl's mother alleged. She sought action against Mahesh for creating discord among communities and provoking breach of peace. The police registered her complaint under Sections 126(2) (wrongful restraint), 115(2)(voluntarily causing hurt), 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 351 (2) (criminal intimidation) and 353(2) (statements conducive to public mischief) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and Section 75 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act. They arrested Mahesh.

Learning about the arrest, Byndoor MLA Gururaj Gantihole along with supporters held a protest demonstration in front of the police station on Thursday evening demanding immediate release of the accused. The MLA alleged that police were targeting Hindu activists. Superintendent of Police K. Arun said the girl's mother later visited the police station along with Mr. Gantihole and his supporters and filed a complaint against the three boys. As the boys are minors, no complaint was registered against them. However, her complaint was received as a petition, and further legal action will be taken, Dr. Arun said in a video statement. – **The Hindu, 12th**.

28.4.2025. Belthangady.

Police have arrested a youth for allegedly harassing a 17-year-old girl student by sending inappropriate messages. The accused, a volleyball player and coach at a private college, reportedly continued to send

unsolicited messages, prompting the girl's family to file a police complaint. He was arrested within the Belthangady police station limits and is a resident of Karkala town. Meanwhile, two Hindu activists who assaulted the accused before handing him over to the police have been booked. During the confrontation, the activists allegedly snatched his mobile phone, which reportedly contained hundreds of videos showing him in romantic situations with various girls. Following the assault, the accused filed a counter-complaint, and an FIR was registered against the two individuals. Police are investigating whether the accused had a pattern of harassing other students. – *Daijiworld, 28th*.

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1279026>

5.7.2025. Puttur.

'Moral policing' resurfaced in Dakshina Kannada with the incident of two persons allegedly waylaying two minors, a boy and a girl, insulting them in public and posting the video of the insult on social media in Puttur on Saturday [July 5]. The two persons— Purushottam of Kudmaru near Kadaba, 43, and Ramachandra of Aryapu in Puttur, 38 — were arrested by Puttur Town police for the abuse and insult of minors. In a press release, the police stated that the boy and girl went to Beeramale Betta in Puttur on Saturday and were talking to each other when the accused persons, thinking that the boy belonged to a different religion from the girl's, confronted him. The two men then abused the minors in public and recorded it on their mobile phones. In doing so, they attracted public attention and people assembled at the spot. Then, the accused posted a video of the abuse on Instagram and WhatsApp, said the police. Superintendent of Police K. Arun stated in a press release that during the investigation, the police discovered that the minors belonged to the same religion. In the complaint, the minor boy's father accused Purushottam and Ramachandra of falsely projecting his son's religion and maligning the two minors in public. He sought action against the accused persons who tried to "create communal tension". The police registered his complaint for offences under Sections 126(2), 352, 351(2), 353(1)(C), 57, 196(1)(a) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The two accused were being questioned, the police said. – *The Hindu, 7th*.

8.7.2025. Vittal.

The Vittal police have taken a man into custody in connection with an alleged moral policing incident wherein the man allegedly issued threats to a minor boy when he was conversing with his female schoolmate at the Vittal bus stand on Tuesday [July 8] evening. The arrested is Padmaraj from Enmakaje in Manjeshwara. In a complaint, the brother of the minor boy said his brother was speaking with his female schoolmate at the bus stand. The accused arrived at the spot and objected to the boy speaking with a Hindu girl. Padmaraj allegedly issued threats before leaving the spot. Following the complaint, the Vittal police have registered a case under Sections 126(2), 352, 351(3), 196(1)(a) of the BNS. – *Deccan Herald, 10th*.

11.8.2025. Mangaluru.

Police arrested six persons on charges of moral policing. The arrested are Ganesh, Shreyas, Chintu, Chandan, Nagaraj, and Ramachandra. Police said the incident occurred on August 11 when a young man and a girl student from different faiths were walking together. The accused stopped them and questioned the girl for being with a man from another religion. The arrests followed a complaint by the student. The complainant, a PU student, had gone to a service bus stand with her friend after the college hours. Her friend then left by bus. Around 3.30 pm, when the student was walking and talking with a male relative of her friend, a group of about 7-8 unidentified men confronted them, hurled abuses, and threatened her, asking why she was with a man from a different faith. The group also issued further threats, after which the young man left the spot. – *Deccan Herald, 14th*.

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## **Allegedly by Muslim Vigilantes**

### **6.11.2025. *Uppinangady*.**

'Moral policing' resurfaced in Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka after a gap of four months with the arrest of two persons on the charge of abusing a group of students from different religions for being together and allegedly assaulting a student on November 6. The Uppinangady police gave the names of the arrested persons as Mustafa and Mustafa Periyadka. According to police, the alleged abuse and attack took place at Periyadka when a group of 10 under-graduate students were on their way to the house of their ailing classmate. They left the college on November 6 morning in a bus. They got down at a bus stop and started to walk towards their classmate's house in Periyadka when Mustafa and Mustafa Periyadka came in a motorcycle and blocked the way of the group. After ascertaining the names of the students, native places and college, they allegedly abused the girls in the group for hobnobbing with boys from another religion before assaulting one of the boys in the group. On a complaint by the victim, the Uppinangady police registered a case under Sections 126(2), 352, 351(2), 115(2), and 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sahita against the two accused persons. Earlier in July, Puttur police had arrested two persons in connection with a 'moral policing' incident at Beeramale Betta in Puttur. A boy and a girl were talking to each other at Beeramale Betta when the duo confronted them. The duo allegedly insulted the boy and the girl in public and posted a video of the incident on social media. The accused had assumed that the boy and the girl were from different religions. But police learnt that they are from the same religion. – *The Hindu*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Steady decline in number of moral policing incidents in Mangaluru**

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Mangaluru: The incidents of moral policing has come down in Mangaluru Commissionerate limits, as per data. According to statistics compiled by police department, one case was registered in Mangaluru Commissionerate limits in 2025, while it was four cases in 2024 and seven cases in 2023. In Dakshina Kannada police limits, four cases were registered in 2024 and eight cases in 2023. Mangaluru Commissioner of Police Anupam Agrawal told DH that collective efforts by officials had helped in checking moral policing incidents. Officers under anti communal wing are working on field gathering inputs, maintaining data on habitual offenders and keeping a watch on their movements. Officials are also reviewing whether suspects who had been involved in previous cases should be taken into preventive custody. Anti-Communal Wing has been operating silently in these efforts, added the Commissioner. It may be recalled that anti communal wing, under the supervision of Central Crime Branch ACP, was constituted on June 13, 2023, following directions from Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara. Later, the wing was strengthened with anti communal wing functioning under ACPs of Mangaluru Central, Mangaluru South and Mangaluru North sub division on the lines of Anti-Narcotics

Squad functioning in city. DCP (law and order) Sidharth Goyal said 195 offenders including those involved in moral policing have been externed in Mangaluru police commissionerate limits since 2016 till date. In 2023, 50 were externed, which increased to 103 in 2024. One offender was externed in 2025. The DCP had received a total of 217 proposals from stations for externment since 2016. Commissioner of police had passed Goonda Act against 40 persons including those involved in moral policing since 2016 till date. High Court advisory had confirmed Goonda act against 15 including five in 2024 and one in 2025. Replying to a unstarred question on moral policing in the legislative council by MLA Ivan D'Souza, Parameshwara said the police had taken stern measures to check moral policing incidents in Mangaluru. While replying to the steps taken to prevent people from taking law into hands, Parameshwara said to curb moral policing, the e-beat system was effectively implemented across the district police jurisdiction. All subordinate officers, beat personnel, and intelligence staff had been instructed to monitor individuals involved in such activities. The department treats all moral policing incidents with utmost seriousness and will take strict legal action against those involved, ensuring law and order had been maintained. — **deccanherald.com, March 26.**

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/steady-decline-in-number-of-moral-policing-incidents-in-mangaluru-3464289>

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## **'Religious Vigilantism'**

### **Allegedly by Hindu Vigilantes**

#### **2.1.2025. Gangolli.**

A controversy has erupted in Gangolli gram panchayat of Kundapura taluk after religious prayers were conducted by a Muslim cleric, along with 'Homa' by the Hindu elected members, during an oathtaking ceremony. Condemning the prayers offered by the Moulvi, Byndoor MLA Gururaj Gantihole, in association with the Hindu Hitha Rakshana Samiti, led a protest outside the Panchayat office here on Friday [January 3]. During the oath-taking ceremony on Thursday [January 2], the designated president and the vice-president allegedly held religious prayers -- "Homa" ritual and a Muslim prayer -- on the gram panchayat premises. Videos of the prayers have gone viral on social media.

Gantihole accused the Congress for entering into an alliance with the SDPI. He demanded action against the SDPI for conducting religious prayers within the Panchayat building. "We oppose the Congress which lacks any ideological commitment, for facilitating illegal activities in government buildings for their political gain. On one hand, the Congress calls for banning the SDPI. On the other hand, it has entered into an alliance with the SDPI for coming to power. By compromising their principles for power, the Congress has shown that their priority lies solely in authority," said Gantihole. In the elections held on December 8 for the 33 seats in the Gram Panchayat, the Congress-supported candidates secured 12 seats, BJP-supported candidates won 12, and the SDPI-backed candidates won six seats. With the SDPI's support, the Congress came to power in the

Panchayat. Accordingly, the Congress supported candidate Jayanthi Kharvi became the president and the SDPI supported member Mohammed Tabraz was elected as the vice-president. Mohammed Tabraz said, "While president Jayanthi Kharvi held a 'Homa', our religious leader offered a 'Dua' for the welfare of the village. However, BJP leaders raised an objection for offering 'Dua'". – **Deccan Herald, 4<sup>th</sup>**.

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/row-over-religious-prayers-on-gangolli-gram-panchayat-premises-mla-protests-3341376>

#### **21.2.2025. Shirva.**

A cross consecrated at a private land on a hillock in Kattingeri-Kudremale of Moodubelle village under Shirva Police station limits in Udupi district was found destroyed on Friday [Feb 21]. The Udupi Superintendent of Police K. Arun said there are no houses around the cross. nearest house is about 1 km down the hillock. People have to trek about 10 minutes from the base to reach the top and pray before the cross. It was intact about 15 days ago. When people went atop the hill on Friday to offer prayers, they noticed that some miscreants had destroyed the cross. Efforts are being made to trace those allegedly involved in the crime. The Shirva police have registered a case in this connection under Sections 299 (Deliberate and malicious acts that insult or attempt to insult the religious beliefs) and 353 (2) (Statements conducing to public mischief) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Prashanth Jathana, State president of Indian Christian Federation, while speaking to reporters in Udupi condemned the incident. He said that about 30 families offered prayers at the site annually that belonged to Joseph Valerian Lobo. "Someone must have done this to vitiate communal harmony, he said, adding that Flalevan Fernandes, a resident of the area, had filed a complaint on the same with police. – **The Hindu, 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Mangalore/cross-found-destroyed-near-shirva-in-udipi/article69251076.ece>

#### **14.4.2025. Belthangady.**

Allegedly Islam, prophet Mohammed and Azaan were insulted during a program known as 'Purusha Kattuna' held on the night of April 14 near Peradi village which comes under the jurisdiction of Venur Police. Based on a complaint made by one Mohammed Rafiq of Padangadi village, a case has been registered against 20 to 30 persons for having widely circulated a video of the said program on social media with the intention of causing enmity between Hindu and Muslim communities. – **Vartha Bharati, 18<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **6.5.2025. Gangolli.**

Miscreants damaged eight granite tombstones in a graveyard which belonged to Juma Masjid, in the Gangolli police station limits on Tuesday [May 6]. President of the Manikolalu Badria Juma Masjid M Ibrahim said, "the graveyard contains around 23 tombstones. On May 2, at 2 p.m., the complainant had visited the site for his usual prayers and returned. When he visited on May 6 he noticed eight tombstones vandalised by miscreants. A case has been registered. – **Deccan Herald, 8<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **15.7.2025. Mangaluru.**

Rajesh Kulai had lodged a complaint with the Suratkal police against Ramaprasad alias Pocha (42) and Lokesh that they have circulated on WhatsApp pages false allegations and hate messages regarding him. In his complaint, Rajesh had stated that 'the duo said Rajesh had converted more than twenty girls to Christianity and is now engaged in converting more girls in his office.... etc etc.' The police had registered a case against the duo. – **Karavali Ale, 16<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **4.8.2025. Belthangady.**

**(2 incidents)**

The police have booked two X account holders on the charge of posting inflammatory content in connection with the ongoing investigation by the Special Investigation Team into the alleged burial of bodies in Dharmasthala village. The Belthangady police suo motu registered a case against the holder of the X account 'TA\_backup\_2nd'. Considering that the post hurts religious sentiments and incites communal tension, the Belthangady police registered a case under section 353 (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) on Monday [August 4].

The Belthangady police, on the same day, registered another case against the holder of the X account 'love\_for\_U\_K @ secreat\_boy\_234' for an alleged post derogating Lord Manjunatha Swamy by referring to the complaint of mass burial of bodies. This case too was registered for the offence punishable under Section 353 (2) of BNS. – ***The Hindu, 6<sup>th</sup>***.

#### **30.8.2025. Belthangady.**

The Belthangady police have registered a case against activists Girish Mattannavar and Mahesh Shetty Thimarody for allegedly spreading false information on social media with the intent to disturb communal harmony and hurt religious sentiments. The complaint was filed by Praveen K R, a resident of Dharmasthala. He stated that while in Belthangady on August 30, he saw a video on YouTube where Girish Mattannavar was addressing the media along with a person identified as Madan Bugudi. According to the complaint, Mattannavar and Thimarody had been engaging in activities aimed at disrupting peace and harmony and hurting sentiments. It was further alleged that the duo had been involving bloggers and other individuals over the past several days to circulate misleading content on social media. Based on the complaint, Belthangady Police have registered a case under Sections 204, 319(2), 353(2), and 3(5) of the BNS. – ***Deccan Herald, September 2.***

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## **Cattle Vigilantism**

### **Allegedly by Hindu Vigilantes**

#### **4.1.2025. Mudubidri.**

Having got the information that two old cows were being transported in a pick-up vehicle, activists of Bajrang Dal lodged a complaint with the police. Police intercepted the vehicle, arrested two persons Bhasker Shetty and Praveen D'Souza. After necessary legal action both have been released on bail. It is learnt that Bhasker

Shetty is engaged in cattle rearing and he wanted to sell off his two old cows and buy two young cows in exchange from a cattle trader at Thodaru Handael. – **Karavali Ale, 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### **15.2.2025. Sullia.**

Following a tip-off about six calves of Malnad Gidda variety being transported from Sullia towards Mysore, activists of the Hindu Jagran Vedike intercepted the goods vehicle at Gadikallu of Sampaje village and informed the police. The police arrived at the spot, made inquiries. When they found that the calves were being taken for rearing the vehicle was allowed to proceed. – **Vartha Bharati, 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### **23.2.2025. Kadaba.**

Acting on a tip-off by members of [Hinutva] organisation the Subrahmanya police intercepted a white car of Kerala registration at Boodipalla in Yenekallu village of Kadaba taluk and took into custody the car, its driver and a cow. It was found that the cow was purchased for Rs 2500 from a person in Kadaba and was being transported in an inhuman condition to Kasargod in Kerala state . – **Karavali Ale, 25<sup>th</sup>**.

### **10.3.2025. Mangaluru.**

Activists of a right-wing organisation thwarted an attempt to illegally transport beef and handed over the suspects to the police near the entrance of Kadri Temple in Mangaluru on Monday March 10. Acting on a tip-off about beef being illegally transported in a tempo, the activists intercepted the vehicle near Kadri Temple. Upon inspection, they discovered the presence of beef in the vehicle. The activists immediately informed the Kadri police. The police arrived at the scene and conducted a thorough search of the vehicle, finding over 100 kg of beef. The officers seized both the beef and the vehicle involved. A case has been registered at the Kadri police station, and an investigation is underway. – **Daijiworld, 10<sup>th</sup>**.

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1274716>

### **15.3.2025. Mangaluru.**

Right-wing activists intercepted a scooter transporting illegal beef near Kaikamba in Kulshekar. Upon being stopped, the rider managed to escape, leaving behind the vehicle and the consignment. Authorities confirmed that around 200 kg of beef was being transported illegally. The activists alerted the police, who arrived at the scene and seized the meat. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway to trace the rider and determine the source of the beef. Further details are awaited as officials continue their probe. – **Daijiworld, 15<sup>th</sup>**.

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1275105>

### **21.3.2025. Mangaluru.**

Activists of some right-wing organisations intercepted at Pandeshwar an autorickshaw illegally transporting beef. When they wanted to examine the meat, there was an altercation between them and the driver. The police were informed and they discovered some 200kg of meat hidden in the vehicle. – **Karavali Ale, 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

### **28.3.2025. Mangaluru.**

The police have booked cases against three persons for transporting cattle illegally for slaughter at Suralpady mosque, in Bajpe police station limits, in the wee hours of Friday. Commissioner of Police Anupam Agrawal

said acting on tip off, the police intercepted a white mini goods vehicle. Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver and two others attempted to flee, abandoning the vehicle at the scene. On inspection, the police found that the vehicle did not have a number plate. Inside, approximately 15-20 cattle were found tied in a cruel manner. The police secured the vehicle and transported it to the station. Veterinary officials were called to examine the animals, and two were found to have succumbed to injuries. The surviving cattle were given necessary medical care. The Commissioner said preliminary investigations revealed that the vehicle's original registration number was KA 19 AF 1399. The suspected individuals involved in the transport have been identified as Tauseef Peradi and Harine Peradi, while one more person is yet to be identified.

During the investigation of the illegal cattle transport case, it was reported that the vehicle (without a number plate) used for cattle transportation, was allegedly followed by an Innova vehicle between Yedapadavu and Suralpady. Chandan, the driver of the Innova vehicle alleged that the driver of the vehicle used for cattle transport threatened him by showing a firearm. Upon police inspection of the scene, no visible evidence of firearm was found. Further examination of the Innova vehicle also did not reveal any signs of gunfire damage. Also, CCTV footage at the scene also did not show any such firearm being used at the spot. Further investigation is underway.

Condemning the incident of illegal transportation of cattle, Mangalore City North MLA Dr Y Bharath Shetty alleged that cases of illegal cattle slaughter and smuggling are on the rise in Dakshina Kannada district. This apathy has forced the organisations such as Bajrang Dal, to do police's work of tracking and expose such activities. Criminals are fearlessly transporting cattle in broad daylight, raising doubts about the enforcement of law and order in the state. Neglecting illegal cattle slaughter and smuggling cases could disrupt social stability and law enforcement, he warned. During the BJP government's tenure, strict legal action was taken against illegal slaughterhouses and cattle smuggling, including property seizures, which had effectively curbed illegal cattle trade and slaughter in the region. However, after the Congress government came to power, illegal slaughterhouses have begun operating openly within residential areas, and cattle thefts have resumed unchecked, he said. To appease a particular community, the government is turning a blind eye to such cases, indirectly encouraging cattle thieves and illegal slaughterhouses. The MLA warned that if Hindu organisations take the law into their hands against these offenders in future, then the government will be held responsible. – *deccanherald.com, 28<sup>th</sup>.*

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/mangaluru-3-booked-for-illegal-transportation-of-cattle-2-cows-succumb-to-injuries-3467243>

### **28.3.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Mangaluru City police have arrested two persons, said to be associated with rightwing groups, on the charge of assaulting a farmer and the driver of a pick-up vehicle in which an oxen was being transported on Friday. The incident occurred on Friday evening in Kantavara Cross of Beluvai village in Moodbidri taluk, which is about 8 km away from Moodbidri police station. The police identified the arrested as Sudheer Shetty Kadndale and Dhanraj alias Dhanu. In the complaint to police, 56-year-old farmer Koosu Poojary said he rears cattle in his farm in Karinje village in Bantwal taluk. He and the driver, Abdul Rehman, were assaulted when bringing an oxen from Ajekar in Karkala taluk of Udupi district in the vehicle Mr. Rehman is from Sangabettu village of Bantwal taluk. The vehicle was waylaid around 4.15 p.m. near Kantavara Cross by nine persons who had come in two vehicles. Suspected to be from right-wing groups, the accused abused the farmer and the driver before assaulting them. They also damaged the windshield of their vehicle. The Moodbidri police registered a complaint for offences punishable under sections 109 (Attempt to murder), 189 (2) (Unlawful assembly), 191 (2), 191 (3) (Rioting), 126 (2) (Wrongful restraint), 324(4) (Mischief), 352 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) and 351(3) (Criminal intimidation) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The police arrested two persons and are searching for the others involved in the incident. This assault occurred a few hours after alleged Bajrang Dal activists stopped a vehicle near Suralpady Mosque that falls under Bajpe

police station limits on Friday morning. The police intervened immediately and rescued 20 head of cattle. The police said there were no evidence of the accused firing at the activists who had chased the vehicle on Friday morning. Meanwhile, the Mangaluru East police on Saturday arrested Jayaprakash in connection with assaulting a person transporting beef near Kadri temple on March 10. To check illegal transportation of cattle and also attempts by right-wing activists to take the law in their hands, the city police have setup 20 check-posts across Mangaluru, a senior city police official told The Hindu. – ***The Hindu, August 11.***

#### **4.4.2025. Beltangady.**

A vehicle illegally transporting cattle to Mangaluru was intercepted early in the morning on Friday [Apr 4] near Jarigebailu in Kaliya Nayatarpu. The vehicle, which was purportedly meant for vegetable transportation, was found carrying around 10 to 15 cows, allegedly for slaughter. Acting on a tip-off, members of a right-wing organization pursued the vehicle and stopped it. However, the driver managed to flee the scene before he could be apprehended. Following a complaint, Beltangady police took the vehicle and more than 15 cattle into custody for further investigation and legal action. – ***Daijiworld, 4<sup>th</sup>.***

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#### **26.12.2025. Mangaluru.**

Bajpe police have registered a suo motu case for the illegal transport of beef and filed an FIR against two youths for alleged moral policing following an incident on Malali–Narlapadavi Road on Friday morning that left an 11-year-old girl injured. According to the FIR and findings of the preliminary enquiry, Abdul Sattar of Mullarpadna was travelling on a motorcycle with his minor daughter at around 10 am, allegedly carrying approximately 19 kg of beef packed into 35 packets, without valid bills or authorisation. The incident occurred within the limits of Bajpe police station. Police said that a Tata Sumo carrying Sumit Bhandari (21) and Rajat Naik (30), both residents of Yedapadavu, intercepted Sattar's motorcycle. During the confrontation, the motorcycle reportedly toppled, causing the child to suffer a burn injury to her leg after coming into contact with the silencer. Sattar is said to have abandoned the vehicle and fled the spot, while local residents rushed the injured girl to hospital. "The child's statement was recorded at the hospital. She stated that their vehicle was blocked and that her father was beaten with hands," a police officer said, adding that the exact nature and extent of the alleged assault are still under verification. Bhandari and Naik were later summoned to the police station for enquiry and questioned separately. During questioning, Naik, who identified himself as a medical representative, claimed that the duo had gone to Maharshi Clinic to deliver medicines. However, police said the claim did not hold up. "On verification, the doctor concerned stated that no medicines were delivered at the clinic," the officer said. The two men also told investigators that they were on their way to a temple and had stopped to ask for directions. "When questioned separately, they were unable to name the temple they intended to visit," police said. Based on the facts gathered so far, police have booked a case of moral policing against Bhandari and Naik. Simultaneously, a suo motu case has been registered for transporting beef without proper documentation, which is an offence under applicable laws. "**It is the duty of the police—not private individuals—to act against illegal transport of beef from unauthorised sources,**" [emphasis mine – compiler] the officer added. Investigators believe Sattar had been delivering beef regularly in the area. Efforts are under way to trace him to ascertain the source of the meat and whether it was procured from an authorised facility. "Once Sattar is apprehended, we will be able to establish where the meat was brought from," police said. Police also clarified that there is, at present, no evidence linking any other individual to the incident. "We do not know anything about the involvement of Avinash Suvarna at this stage. If the investigation finds he is not involved, action will be taken against those who spread unverified information," the officer warned. Further investigation is ongoing, and police said additional details, including confirmation of injuries, will be placed on record as the case progresses.

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## **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, 28<sup>th</sup>.*

#### **29.6.2024. Brahmavar.**

In a shocking incident that has stirred public sentiment and raised suspicions of illegal cattle trafficking, the severed head and skin of a cow were found discarded by the roadside near Kunjalu Junction in Aroor village under Brahmavar taluk late Saturday night.

The grisly discovery was made by Pradeep (38), a resident of Chantaru in Brahmavar, who was returning home after work. At around 11:30 pm, while passing the rickshaw stand near Kunjalu Junction, he was alarmed to find what appeared to be a cow's severed head and hide lying in the middle of the road.

Suspecting foul play, Pradeep immediately informed local authorities. In his formal complaint, he alleged that unidentified miscreants may have stolen a cow from an unknown location, slaughtered it cruelly, and dumped the remains in a public place, possibly as part of an illegal cattle trafficking operation.

Based on the complaint, Brahmavar police registered a case under Sections 4, 5, and 12 of the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act, along with Section 303(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Investigations are underway.

Taking swift cognizance of the matter, Udupi MLA Yashpal Suvarna visited the scene on Sunday. He interacted with local residents and party workers, expressing concern over the disturbing act.

Addressing the gathering, Suvarna urged police authorities to treat the case with utmost seriousness and ensure a transparent and thorough probe. He emphasised the need to crack down on illegal cattle trafficking and bring the perpetrators to justice.

The incident has sparked anger among locals, who have demanded stringent action against those behind the heinous act. Security has been stepped up in the region to prevent any untoward incidents. – *Daijiworld, 29<sup>th</sup>.*

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In a major development, Udupi district police have arrested six individuals in connection with a cow slaughter incident near Kunjalu Junction in Brahmavar taluk. One more accused is currently on the run, police confirmed.

Superintendent of Police Hariam Shankar, told reporters that swift action was taken after the case came to light. Four special teams were formed under the leadership of the Brahmavar circle inspector to investigate the

incident from multiple angles. CCTV footage and vehicle movement analysis played a crucial role in tracking down the suspects.

The arrested have been identified as Ram (49), Prasad (21), Sandesh (35), and Rajesh (28), all residents of Kunjalu in Brahmavar taluk; Naveen (35), from Matapadi in Handadi village; and Keshav Naik (50), from Adjila in Kunjalu.

According to police, Keshav Naik had handed over a 1.5-year-old cow to the other accused, claiming he was unable to look after the animal. The group then allegedly slaughtered the cow for consumption purposes.

The case came to light when parts of the cow's remains reportedly fell onto the road while being transported in a vehicle. This led to public suspicion and ultimately triggered the investigation. Based on the leads gathered, police managed to piece together the sequence of events and nab the accused involved.

Two vehicles used in the transportation of the cow's remains — a Honda Activa (KA20 EV 6377) and a Maruti Swift (KA21 M 8071) — have been seized as evidence.

All six accused are currently in custody and are expected to be produced before the court shortly. Efforts are ongoing to apprehend the absconding suspect, and police have assured that stringent legal action will be taken against all those involved.

SP Shankar commended the investigation teams for their prompt response and professionalism in handling the sensitive case. — *Daijiworld*, 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## **(B) Incidents Involving Hindutvavaadis**

### **10.12.2025. Karkala.**

Police have arrested a local worker of a right wing outfit on charges of selling a cow and a calf to an illegal slaughterhouse operating at Nalloor in the Karkala rural police limits. The arrested person has been identified as Shivaprasad alias Annu Madivala, 28, a resident of Nalloor. On November 12, Karkala rural police had raided a house in Nalloor and arrested Ashraf Ali and his wife for allegedly running an illegal slaughterhouse. Following the arrests, members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal had staged a protest claiming that the cow and calf had been stolen and slaughtered there, and had demanded that the government seize the house where the illegal activity was taking place. Police intensified the investigation and interrogated the arrested couple. During questioning, they reportedly told the police that the cow and calf had been sold to them by Shivaprasad, a worker associated with a right wing organisation. Acting on this information, police arrested Shivaprasad and produced him before the court. Police said he had purchased the animals from others and later sold them to Ashraf Ali. — *Daijiworld*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Hate Speech/Crime**

### **Allegedly by *Hindutvavadis***

#### **4.1.2025. Udupi.**

The Udupi police have booked Meenakshi Sehrawat, a speaker from North India, on charges of making a provocative speech at a programme held in Poornaprajnya auditorium in Udupi on Saturday [Jan 4]. Govindaraju, Administrative Manager of Admaru Mutt, has been named second accused for organising the programme. In the complaint, B.E. Punith Kumar, Police Sub Inspector (Law and Order) of Udupi city police station, alleged that Ms. Sehrawat was speaking on "Bangla Patha" topic in Hindi at the "Vishwarpanam" programme. In the speech, she mentioned that if children are not properly informed about history, then girls will fall in traps of 'Asifs' and convert into 'Asifas'. She also said that Mahatma Gandhi cannot be called the 'Father of the Nation' as he supported Mohammed Ali Jinnah in creating Pakistan. To favour 20% of the population, Mahatma Gandhi favoured a ban on Shiva Bhavani poem based on Shivaji Maharaj. She added that Vande Mataram was banned and Gandhi advocated the principle of non-violence or Ahimsa Paramodharma to weaken Hindus, the principle of non-violence or Ahimsa Paramodharma to weaken Hindus, the Police Sub Inspector alleged. The speaker spoke in a manner that fueled differences among communities by creating unrest in society and by being provocative, he alleged. His complaint was registered for offences punishable under Sections 353 (2) and 3 (5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sahita. – *The Hindu*, 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **1.3.2025. Bantwal.**

A bandh was observed in Farangipete, near Bantwal in Dakshina Kannada district, on Saturday, March 1, led by Hindu organisations and the BJP, protesting the alleged inaction of the police in the case of a missing second-year Pre-University (PUC) student, Diganth. The student, who disappeared on February 25, has left his family and local residents frustrated by the lack of progress in the investigation. In response to growing public pressure, the police have deployed two platoons of the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) and more than 500 personnel to maintain law and order in the region. Workers from the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Bajrang Dal, and the BJP, including many women, joined the protest in large numbers, with several commercial establishments voluntarily closing in solidarity with the bandh. The protesters have raised concerns that Diganth's disappearance may be linked to a "ganja gang" and are calling for the police to take stronger action against drug peddlers. They allege that the police have not sufficiently pursued this angle.

Diganth, a student at a private PUC college in Mangaluru, was last seen on the evening of February 25 after collecting his hall ticket for the board exams. Later that evening, he went to Anjaneya Vyayama Shala but did not return home.

A bloodstained sandal belonging to Diganth was found near the railway tracks, along with his mobile phone, raising suspicions of foul play. Additionally, CCTV footage from near the Anjaneya temple captured a suspicious black car in the vicinity around the time of his disappearance. The protesters believe the car could be linked to the case, adding further mystery to the situation.

The Bantwal rural police have formed three special teams to investigate the case, but protests have intensified due to what the demonstrators claim was the police's initial assumption that Diganth's disappearance could be attributed to exam-related stress. The protesters argue that Diganth's family confirmed he was not anxious

about the exams, and they feel the police's reasoning is insufficient. Additionally, there are concerns that the police have not adequately followed up on the lead involving the black car.

The MP for Mangaluru Capt K Brijesh Chowta, speaking at the protest, expressed concern, stating, "Every parent should be worried under these circumstances. I have spoken with senior police officials, and they must continue their investigation into the ganja mafia. If the police take strict legal action against drug traffickers, such incidents can be prevented."

MLA Bharat Shetty also addressed the gathering, saying, "Many women have complained about not being able to walk freely on the streets due to the increasing presence of criminals. However, the police have not responded to these concerns. The police force has lost its credibility, and it has become necessary for the youth to take a stand against these issues." He warned that if the police remained silent, they would be forced to take action themselves, emphasising, "If Hindu youths go on the streets, the consequences may be dire for the police," he said.

MLC Kishore Kumar visited the protest and called on the police to act quickly to find the missing student. He stated, "The police were informed immediately after the child went missing, but they were slow to act. Five days later, the child has still not been found. The law and order situation in the state is deteriorating, and the drug mafia in Dakshina Kannada is out of control."

Satish Kumpala, president of the BJP in Dakshina Kannada district, also joined the protest and demanded that the police locate the missing student immediately. He accused the Congress government of creating an atmosphere of insecurity for Hindu leaders and BJP workers since taking office. "The drug mafia in the area has intensified, and just a few days ago, a BJP leader was attacked. Now, five days have passed since the student went missing," he said. "If the police don't solve this case in two days, we will intensify the protests."

Beltangady MLA Harish Poonja also spoke at the protest, urging the police to act swiftly. He said, "We have faith in the police department, and we trust they have the capability to handle this case. However, if Hindu organisations are forced to take to the streets, it could lead to a situation that no one wants." He also warned that the police should not provoke Hindu organisations further, as their protests could escalate.

Other leaders, including Prasad Kumar Rai, Ravindra Kambli, Bharat Kumdal, Umesh Shetty, Tarannath Kottari, and others, participated in the protest. Following a call from Hindu organisations, businesses across Farangipete voluntarily closed in support of the bandh.

#### SP Yathish N promises intense probe into missing student case

Superintendent of police Yathish N visited the protest site and assured the public that the investigation into Diganth's disappearance would be intensified. "This case should not have reached this point of protest. However, complex cases take time to solve. We have called in expert officers from various stations, and we are making honest efforts to resolve the case. We will not rest until Diganth is found," he said.

He appealed to the public for assistance, stating, "Please continue to trust us and provide any information you may have. We need your cooperation to move forward." – **Daijiworld, March 1.**

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### **11.3.2025. Mangaluru.**

Orator Chakravarthy Sulibebe has found himself at the center of a controversy following his recent speech in Mangaluru. His remarks at a Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) event have drawn sharp criticism from progressive thinkers, who are now demanding legal action against him. Sulibebe was the keynote speaker at a programme organised by the VHP at the Sri Koragajja Shrine in Kuthar, near Mangaluru. During his address, he reportedly urged unmarried Hindu youths to look beyond their community when choosing a life. His statement has sparked outrage among progressive circles, with critics questioning its implications. "Hindu outfits are quick to cry 'Love Jihad' when a Hindu girl marries a Muslim man. How, then, do they justify Chakravarthy Sulibebe's call for Hindu boys to marry Muslim girls?" asked CPI (M) Ullal Division Secretary Sunil Kumar Bajal while speaking to Deccan Chronicle. Bajal also took issue with the venue of the speech. "This was supposed to be a religious event at the Sri Koragajja temple. What relevance does Koragajja have to such political or communal issues? If they wanted to discuss these matters, they should have held a BJP event instead," he said. He further criticized the speech, calling it divisive and patriarchal. "His remarks are in poor taste and under reflect a regressive mindset and an endorsement of 'Manuvad.' The temple administration must take a stan suo motu case. Like-minded organizations are also exploring legal options," he added. However, the VHP has dismissed the controversy, asserting that Sulibebe's remarks were misinterpreted. "He simply stated that Hindu boys are free to marry anyone. His message was about valuing life over Jihad questioned VHP South Zone Joint Secretary Sharan Pumpwell. Pumpwell further argued that the outrage was unwarranted. "The so-called progressive thinkers claim his remarks contradict our stance on 'Love Jihad.' Does this mean they acknowledge that 'Love Jihad' is real? They have no real issues to raise, so they are manufacturing this controversy," he claimed. – **Deccan Chronicle, 11<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://www.deccanchronicle.com/southern-states/karnataka/chakravarty-sulibeles-speech-sparks-controversy-calls-for-legal-action-intensify-1866268>

An FIR has been registered at the Ullal police station against orator Chakravarthy Sulibebe for allegedly making a provocative statement against a different faith, recently at the Koragajja Kshethra at Kuthar. – **Deccan Herald, 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### **27.4.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Mangaluru police have invoked the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita provision on mob lynching and arrested 20 persons who allegedly assaulted a man resulting in his death at Kudupu under Mangaluru Rural police limits on Sunday [April 27]. T. Sachin, 26, an autorickshaw driver and resident of Kudupu, is believed to have initiated the assault, City Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal told reporters on Tuesday. The police suspect at least 25 persons to be involved in the assault. Though the police registered a case of unnatural death under suspicious circumstances on Sunday, they converted it into a case of mob lynching after the autopsy report confirmed that the death was owing to internal injuries caused by multiple strong blows, shock, and non-availability of immediate medical attention.

The victim, aged between 35 and 40, has been preliminarily identified as Ashraf, a resident of Pulpalli village, Sultan Bathery taluk, Wayanad district, Kerala. His family members have been informed and are en route to Mangaluru for in-person identification and completion of formalities. The police said the victim had gone to the venue of a local cricket match near Bhatra Kallurti temple in Kudupu. A scuffle broke out and it led to him being assaulted by a group of men, the Commissioner said. The Congress, the Communist Party of India (Marxist), and the Democratic Youth Federation of India claim that the victim was assaulted for uttering certain slogans. The FIR was registered on a complaint by Deepak Kumar, resident of Kulashkara, under Sections 103(2), 115(2), 189(2), 190, 191(1), 191(3) and 240 of the BNS. Mr. Agrawal said several teams were formed to talk to witnesses and identify suspects, to collect and analyse CCTV camera footage from the vicinity, as well as mobile tower dump data. Other than Sachin, the accused who were arrested by the police are

Devadas; Manjunath; Saideep; Nitesh Kumar; Dheekshith Kumar; Sandeep; Vivian Alvares; Sridatta; Rahul; Pradeep Kumar; Manish Shetty; Dhanush; Dheekshith; Kishore Kumar; Yathiraj; Sachin; Anil; Sushanth, and Adarsh. – ***The Hindu, 30<sup>th</sup>.***

### **01.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

A 30-year-old man, who was a main accused in a murder in Surathkal in 2022, was hacked to death in Bajpe in Mangaluru on Thursday night [May 1]. City police have set up checkposts and have intensified patrolling after the incident.

#### **Fazil's death**

The police gave the name of the victim as Suhas Shetty. He was the main accused in the murder of 23-year-old Mohammed Fazil, a resident of Mangalwarpete in Katipalla, who was killed in front of a shop in Surathkal on July 28, 2022. Fazil was murdered two days after the killing of BJP worker Praveen Nettaru. In a statement, police said on Thursday night Suhas Shetty was travelling in a vehicle along with his friends, Sanjay, Prajwal, Anvith, Latheesh, and Shashank. Around 8.30p.m. the vehicle was intercepted by group of assailants who came in a car and a pickup vehicle. The assailants, around six persons, attacked Shetty with sharp weapons, which caused grievous injury. He was rushed to a nearby hospital where Shetty succumbed. A case was registered at Bajpe Police Station. Multiple teams were formed to nab the accused. Mangaluru City Police is committed to ensuring swift justice and maintaining law and order, the police said.

Large number of people, including former MP Nalin Kumar Kateel, visited the mortuary of the hospital, where the Shetty's body was kept. Accused in many cases Shetty was an accused in a total of five criminal cases, including two murder cases, in Mangaluru City and Dakshina Kannada district police limits. Of the five cases, he was convicted in one case and acquitted in two cases. Trial was on in the two murder cases, the police said. – ***The Hindu, 2<sup>nd</sup>.***

Mangaluru city police arrested eight persons in connection with the murder of 30-year-old Suhas Shetty, former Bajrang Dal activist who is an accused in two murder cases. Suhas Shetty, a rowdy-sheeter and Hindutva activist, was murdered by a group of persons late on May 1 within Bajpe police station limits, near Mangaluru city. Following the murder, the VHP had called for a bandh on May 2 and shops were shut in Mangaluru city. On May 3, Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal told reporters in Mangaluru that the eight arrested persons include Adil Mehroof, brother of Mohammed Fazil, who was murdered in Surathkal in July 2022. Suhas Shetty is the prime accused in the murder of Fazil. Mehroof is a resident of Bala village near Mangaluru. He had paid ₹3 lakh of the ₹5 lakh demanded by the seven assailants for murdering Suhas Shetty, Mr. Agrawal said. Apart from Mehroof, the police arrested Abdul Safwan, 29, Niyaz, 25, and Mohammed Mussammir, 32, all from Shantiguppe at Bajpe; Kalandar Shafi, 29, from Bala village; Mohammed Rizwan, 28, of Jokatte village in Mangaluru; M. Nagaraj, 20, and Ranjith, 19, both from Kalasa taluk of Chikkamagaluru district. The police Commissioner insisted that the murder was not revenge for the mob lynching of 35-year-old Ashraf at Kudupu, during a cricket match between local teams, on April 27. The investigation had revealed that the murder was a result of the threat perceived by Abdul Safwan from Suhas Shetty and his associates.

Mr. Agrawal said Shetty's associates Dhanraj, Puneet and Prashant had attacked Abdul Safwan in 2023. Since then, Abdul Safwan feared a threat to his life from Suhas Shetty and his associates. In order to thwart Suhas Shetty, Abdul Safwan formed a group that included Nagaraj and Ranjith from Kalasa. He also got in touch with Mehroof, who paid ₹3 lakh, for the murder of Suhas Shetty. Over the last 15 days, the group had been tracking the movement of Suhas Shetty, and had attempted to attack him twice. On May 1, Safwan and six other assailants hired a car and a pick-up vehicle. They blocked the path of Suhas Shetty, who was travelling in a car along with five friends, at Kinnipadavu. They attacked Suhas Shetty and one of his friends. Grievously injured, Suhas Shetty succumbed in a private hospital in Mangaluru. Following the attack, the assailants

abandoned the pick-up vehicle and travelled in the car for some distance. They were holed up in a house near Bajpe as police had increased checking of vehicles across the city.

Police had a close look at the two videos of the murder, which are circulating on social media, to identify the assailants. Using human intelligence and technical tools, the police tracked down the assailants to their house in Bajpe, and arrested them. The police are on the lookout for two more persons, who are suspected of helping the assailants, Mr. Agrawal said. Asked about two women in 'burka', who were seen in the video, the officer said they have been identified and will be called for questioning. – **The Hindu, 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **02.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

In the wake of the murder of rowdy-sheeter Suhas Shetty in Bajpe, the city police commissioner has issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC across the commissionerate limits. The restrictions will be in force from 6 am on May 2 to 6 am on May 6 as a preventive measure to maintain law and order. Deputy commissioner Mullai Muhilan has issued an order enforcing prohibitory orders across Dakshina Kannada district to maintain law and order until May 5. Additional director general of police (Law and Order) R Hithendra arrived in Mangaluru to assess the situation and oversee security arrangements in light of the incident. Meanwhile, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has called for a Mangaluru bandh on May 2 from 6 am to 6 pm, condemning the murder and demanding justice. Police have heightened security across sensitive areas, and additional forces have been deployed to prevent any untoward incidents. – **Daijiworld, May 2.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1279359>

### **01.5.2025. Udupi.**

It is reported that at around midnight on May 1, two men riding a bike came close to one Mustafa's residence at Perdur, shouted swear words and threw empty glass bottles damaging a window glass. The Hiriadka police have registered a case. – **Vartha Bharati, 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **01.5.2025. Udupi.**

An attempt to murder was made on an auto-rickshaw driver, Abubakkar (50), a resident of Badagabettu, Udupi, on May 1. According to the complaint, Abubakkar received a phone call from an acquaintance named Dinesh, requesting a ride from Madaga to Athradi. Acting on the request, Abubakkar set out in his auto-rickshaw and was returning from Athradi towards Madaga. At around 11:15 pm, while he was near the Athradi Gas Petrol Bunk on the main road, two individuals on a motorcycle began following him. The accused reportedly abused Abubakkar using foul language and tried to stop his vehicle. When he did not stop and continued driving, one of the two men, who was seated on the back of the motorcycle, brandished a sword-like weapon. He allegedly threatened the driver, shouting, 'Ayan kaduppu budochchi' (a threatening phrase in the local dialect implying serious harm). Fearing for his life, Abubakkar stopped the auto near Shediguppe, close to the residence of a local bus owner, and attempted to flee. At that moment, one of the accused swung the sword at him, but Abubakkar narrowly escaped. The other attacker allegedly smashed a bottle on the front glass of the auto-rickshaw. The attackers appeared to have a clear intent to kill the victim, who managed to escape by jumping over a nearby compound wall and fleeing the scene.

Superintendent of police Dr Arun K stated that the incident was related to the recent murder case in Mangaluru, as revealed by the accused during interrogation. Based on the complaint, a case has been registered at the Hiriadka police station. The police have arrested the accused, Sandesh (31), a resident of Bommara Bettu, and Sushanth (32), from Bapuji Dharkas, both from Hiriadka. They have been produced before the court. Investigation is ongoing. – **Daijiworld, May 2.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1279387>

### **02.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

A youth was attacked with a lethal weapon in a late-night incident near the May Bar in Thokkottu. The victim has been identified as Faizal, a resident of Alekala. The incident occurred when he was riding his bike from his wife's house in Someshwara to the Global Market in Kallapur. Unknown assailants attacked him near Thokkottu. A case has been registered at the Ullal police station. – **Daijiworld, May 2.**

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### **02.5.2025. Mangaluru. (2 incidents)**

Mangaluru city police arrested a total of seven persons in connection with the stabbing and assault incidents reported in Ullal, Kankanady Town and Kavoor police station limits on Friday [May 2]. City police commissioner Anupam Agrawal said that on Friday at around 3.30am, a stabbing incident was reported at Kannur under Kankanady Town police station limits. Victim Naushad, 39, was admitted to a private hospital immediately, and a case was registered. In this connection, three accused, including Lohitashwa, 32, from Mudipu, Puneet, 28, from Veeranagar, and Ganesh Prasad, 23, from Kuttar, were arrested. The commissioner said that the accused also admitted to their involvement in another stabbing incident committed earlier on the same day, at around 12.30am near Thokkottu. In this regard, an FIR was already registered in Ullal police station limits. The victim in this case is Faizal, 40, a resident of Ullal.

Meanwhile, police also arrested four persons in an assault case reported at Kavoor police station. A case was registered on Friday based on a complaint by Mohammed Luqman, a fish vendor. According to the complainant, at around 6.45am near Derebail Konchadi, a group of 5–6 persons arrived in a black SUV and assaulted him using a helmet and by kicking and hitting, following an argument over taking photos. The assailants fled the scene in the same vehicle. The accused are Likhith, 29, from Bajpe, Rakesh, 34, from Kuttar, Dhanaraj alias Dhanu, 24, from Surathkal, and Prashanth Shetty, 26, hailing from Belthangady and staying in Moodbidri. The accused have been produced before the court. – **Times of India, May 3.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/7-held-in-stabbing-assault-cases-in-mangaluru/articleshowprint/120856757.cms>

### **02.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

Two cases of intimidation have been reported in the evening from two persons under the jurisdiction of Kavoor Police Station - Moidinabba of Panjimogaru (37) and Nasir (38) of Shantinagara. Both have complained that while they were walking two miscreants wearing helmets came on a bike, threatened them with swords and ran away. – **Vartha Bharati, 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

The Kavoor police have registered a case against two youths for brandishing swords in Panjimogaru and Shantinagara for causing fear and panic among the general public. The accused were identified as Vishnu (19) a resident of Bejai and Venugopal (19) a resident of Kapikad. Both the accused were already arrested in connection with an attempt to murder case registered at the Ullal police station and were in police custody. Body warrants will be obtained to secure their custody for further investigation in the present case. The police booked a case under sections 109, 62, 352, 351(2) r/w section 3 and 5 of BNS. – **Deccan Herald, 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **02.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

A case was registered against Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Sharan Pumpwell for allegedly instigating unrest following a bandh call in Dakshina Kannada on May 2, said police. Police said that following the murder of

Hindutva activist Suhas Shetty on May 1, Pumpwell's followers allegedly resorted to stone-pelting at government buses in various areas, leading to public unrest and damage to public property. Pumpwell had issued a bandh call during a press conference late on the night of May 1. While normal vehicular movement continued, a few shops across the city were shut, according to a police statement. The incident reportedly triggered communal tension and disturbed public peace in the city. An FIR has been registered at the Mangaluru East Police Station under sections, including 353(2) (statements conduced to public mischief), 196(1)(b) (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc), and 324 (mischief) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, police said, adding that further investigation is underway. – **Vartha Bharati, May 5.**

<https://english.varthabharati.in/karavali/vhp-leader-sharan-pumpwell-booked-for-instigating-unrest-after-dk-bandh-over-activists-murder>

The city police on Tuesday (May 27, 2025), arrested Sharan Pumpwell, joint secretary of South Karnataka wing of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). According to the police, the arrest was made as Mr. Pumpwell had called for a bandh across Dakshina Kannada on May 2, in protest against the murder of Suhas Shetty, a murder accused and a Hindutva activist, near Bajpe on May 1. Mr. Pumpwell also did not appear before police for inquiry in a case registered against him.

However, Kishore Kumar, advocate of Mr. Pumpwell told *The Hindu* that a magistrate released Mr. Pumpwell on bail. "Following medical examination, Mr. Pumpwell was produced before the jurisdictional magistrate at his home office. The magistrate accepted the bail application and released Mr. Pumpwell," the advocate said.

A police release said that the post-mortem of Shetty was conducted at the AJ Hospital in the city in the early hours of May 2. During that night, outside the hospital premises, the VHP leader addressed the media alleging that Shetty was murdered by "Jihadislamic terrorists." He further claimed that the banned organisation PFI was directly involved. He also announced that the VHP and other Hindu groups would observe a district-wide bandh from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 2, asking people to shut down shops, offices, and other establishments in protest. Subsequently, when the public did not respond to the bandh, followers of Mr. Pumpwell, allegedly incited by his statement, created unrest in various parts of Mangaluru. This led to damage to public property, communal tension, and disruption of public peace. A suo moto case was registered in this connection against Pumpwell at Mangaluru East Police Station in Crime No. 75/2025 under Sections 49, 196(1), 324(2), 324(4), 324(5), and 353(2) of the BNS. During the investigation, necessary evidence was collected. The accused was served two notices under the BNSS to appear for an inquiry, but failed to comply and did not cooperate. Therefore, he was taken into custody, interrogated, and is being produced before the court, the release said.

– **The Hindu, 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### **03.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Kadri police have arrested Balachandra (31) and Akshay (21) of Babugudda in Attavara; Shabin Padikkal (38) of jappina mogaru and Rakesh M (26) of Manjanady in connection with stone-pelting on five KSRTC buses at Pumpwell on the morning of May 2. The police seized two scooters that were used by the accused. It may be recalled that VHP had given a call for a district-wide bandh on May 2 condemning the murder of Suhas Shetty on May 1. – **Vartha Bharati, 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **03.5.2025. Belthangady.**

The Belthangady police registered a case against Kuvettu *gram panchayat* president Bharati Shetty for allegedly making derogatory remarks against Muslim community. A video clipping of Bharati making 'derogatory comments' about Muslims during a condolence meeting held for Suhas Shetty who was murdered in Bajpe went viral on social media. The event was organised by Sairam Friends. Hariprasad Irvathur, raising objections, filed a complaint at the Belthangady police station. He alleged that her speech was aimed at

disturbing peace in society and inciting communal tensions. The Belthangady police registered a case against Bharati under Section 196 (1)(a) of the BNS. – *Deccan Herald*, 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **12.5.2025. Bantwal .**

Bantwal Rural police booked Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat on June 2 for allegedly delivering a hate speech with an intention to create enmity between communities. According to the police, Mr. Bhat had delivered the speech at the Madhwa Palace marriage hall in Kavalapadur village of Bantwal taluk, in Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka, on May 12 at a programme to condole the murder of Suhas Shetty at Bajpe. While addressing about 500 persons at the meeting, Mr. Bhat had delivered an inciting address that could spoil social health and create enmity between communities, police said. As the speech could affect the law and order situation in the district, police booked Mr. Bhat under Section 353 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita. The provision prescribes upto three years' imprisonment and fine for a person making, publishing or circulating any statement or report containing false information, rumour or alarming news, which could create or promote hatred or ill-will between communities.

#### **12 persons booked for unlawful assembly**

On June 1, the Kadaba police booked 12 persons for holding a protest in front of the police station without necessary permission, for the offence of unlawful assembly. According to Dakshina Kannada Superintendent of Police K. Arun, the police were contacting and meeting leaders of various organisations as part of efforts to maintain law and order in the district. Among other things, they are keeping tabs on the movement and activities of various persons of interest. Opposing the police action, Pramod Rai, Sharath, Shreyath and Tilak from Nandugiri, Mohan from Kerekodi, Chandrashekhar, Umesh and Deekaiah from Noojibalthila, Mahesh and Sujith from Kutrupady, K. Radhakrishna, Jayanth, and three others, held a protest in front of the police station, according to the police.

#### **BJP MLA's warning about 'Police Raj'**

Taking serious objections to the police booking Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat for hate speech, former minister and Karkala MLA V. Sunil Kumar accused the government of attempting to introduce 'Police Raj' in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts. "This is not acceptable," Mr. Kumar said in a statement urging the government to build confidence among all sections of society instead. "The government has been targeting only Hindu leaders, including Mr. Bhat, in the guise of containing hate speech by booking frivolous cases. While the government itself is indulging in hate mongering, the merciless action is targeted only against Hindu organisations." He asked who was responsible for fomenting violence and enmity in Dakshina Kannada. "Why are the police not touching those brandishing lethal weapons and talking of murder? Is the police action confined to those protesting police atrocities or sending dissent messages across social media. "The latest police action will only escalate the tension in Dakshina Kannada district," Mr. Kumar said. He cautioned the government not to be under the illusion of restoring peace by filing FIRs. "The need of the hour is confidence-building measures," he added. – *The Hindu*, June 3.

#### **15.5.2025. Puttur.**

The Puttur police have booked a *suo motu* case against Bharat Kumdelu for his speech inciting hatred between communities which has the potential to disturb peace and tranquility. Bharat had made a speech on the occasion of condolence meeting for the recently slain Suhhas Shetty held at Jain Bhavan at Bypass in Kasba village on the evening of May 15. Investigations are in progress. – *Vartha Bharati*, 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **16.5.2025. Bantwal.**

In a shocking incident near the Akkarangadi bus stop, close to Panemangalore, a young man was attacked with a knife by a group of four individuals on Friday [May 16] night. The attackers fled the scene after injuring the victim. The injured person has been identified as Hameed, also known as Ammi, who works as a painter. He sustained serious injuries to his hand and was immediately rushed to a private hospital in Mangaluru by local residents for urgent treatment. This incident has raised concerns in Dakshina Kannada, which had just started returning to normalcy after the recent Suhas Shetty murder case. The motive behind the attack is still unclear, and local authorities are conducting a preliminary investigation to determine the reasons behind it. The Bantwal police arrived at the location and are thoroughly examining the situation. As the investigation unfolds, authorities are looking for clues to understand what led to this violent episode in the otherwise peaceful region.

– **Daijiworld, May 16**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1280750>

### **27.5.2025. Bantwal.**

A youth died and another was injured when two motorcycle-borne miscreants allegedly stabbed them near Kolttamajalu under Bantwal rural police station limits in Dakshina Kannada on Tuesday [May 27]. The police identified the deceased as Abdul Rehman. Injured Kalandar Shafi was admitted to a private hospital, the police said.

According to eyewitnesses, the assailants attacked the youths while they were unloading sand from a four-wheeler. The assailants also damaged the windshield of the four-wheeler. Condemning the attack, Minister in charge of Dakshina Kannada, Dinesh Gundu Rao, stated that he had spoken to Director General and Inspector General of Police M.A.Saleem and Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) R. Hithendra, and asked them to take strict legal action against the attackers. The in-charge Deputy Commissioner of Dakshina Kannada, K. Anandh, and Superintendent of Police, N. Yathish, were asked to take necessary steps to maintain law and order. Officials were told to keep a closer vigil in sensitive areas, Mr. Rao stated.

While asking people not to get carried away by provocative statements, Dakshina Kannada district secretary of Communist Party of India (Marxist) Muneer Katipalla, in a statement, held the State government responsible for the murder. The government has not taken effective action against BJP MLAs and Sangh Parivar activists for their inflammatory speeches, which led to Rehman's murder, Mr. Katipalla alleged.

#### **Third murder in a month**

The murder on Tuesday occurred a month after the mob lynching of a 38-year-old ragpicker, Ashraf of Kerala, near Kudupu in Mangaluru, on April 27. Four days later, 30-year-old double-murder accused and former Bajrang Dal activist Suhas Shetty was hacked to death by a group of assailants near Bajpe on May 1. As many as 20 persons were arrested in connection with the mob lynching, while 11 were arrested in connection with the murder of Suhas Shetty. – **The Hindu, 28<sup>th</sup>**.

### **25.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Mangaluru city police have registered a case against Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) for organising a public meeting in Bajpe on Sunday, May 25, demanding National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe into the murder of murder-accused and former Hindutva Bajrang Dal activist Suhas Shetty near Bajpe on May 1. The police have also booked a speaker in the event for making inflammatory speech.

In a press note, the police said VHP and Bajrang Dal activists held public meeting near Sharada Mantap in Bajpe on May 25. Around 3,000 people participated in the meeting held between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. They unlawfully assembled at and around Bajpe bus stand. They deliberately occupied entry and exit routes and also portions of State Highway 67 and thus obstructing vehicular movement and public access. The event was held without obtaining permission of the police.

During the protest, a speaker made provocative speech in reference to Suhas Shetty murder, which was in a manner inciting communal disharmony and public peace. The Bajpe police registered a case for offences under Sections 189(2) (unlawful assembly), 190, 191(2) (rioting), 285 (danger or obstruction in public way or navigation), 192 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot), 351(2) (criminal intimidation) and 351(3) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and sections 107 and 109 of Karnataka Police Act, against organisers and speakers in the event, the police stated. They will analyse speeches of all speakers and book those who were found making inflammatory speech, the police said. The VHP held 'Janagraha Sabhe' in Bajpe on Sunday, May 25, in which orator Srikant Shetty and several VHP leaders spoke. – ***The Hindu, 28<sup>th</sup>.***

**T**he city police on Tuesday [May 27] arrested VHP activist Bhujang Kulal in connection with a case registered in Bajpe police station accusing him of making inflammatory speech during the public meeting held by the VHP in Bajpe on May 25. After mandatory medical examination, the police produced Mr. Kulal before the jurisdictional magistrate at his home office late on Tuesday night. Mr. Kulal's counsel Kishore Kumar told The Hindu that application was filed before the magistrate for releasing Mr. Kulal on bail.

The VHP held a public meeting on May 25 demanding a probe by the National Investigation Agency into the May 1 murder of double-murder accused and former Bajrang Dal activist Suhas Shetty. The Bajpe police, *suo moto*, registered a case on May 25 against the programme organisers for holding the programme without necessary police clearance. Speakers at the public meeting, including Kulal and orator Shrikant Shetty, were booked for inflammatory speeches. The case was registered for offences under sections 189(2) (unlawful assembly), 190, 191(2) (rioting), 285 (danger or obstruction in public way or navigation), 192 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot), 351(2) (criminal intimidation) and 351(3) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and sections 107 and 109 of Karnataka Police Act. After issuing notices to appear for investigation, Mr. Kulal was arrested. Search is on for Shrikant Shetty, the police said. – ***The Hindu, 28<sup>th</sup>.***

## History of communal violence in Dakshina Kannada

Harsha

Mangaluru: Since 1976, Dakshina Kannada district has witnessed 49 murders that led to unrest in society, clashes between communities forcing police to implement prohibitory orders.

A popular news agent Ismail was found strangled to death in Kalladka, around 37 kms from Mangaluru, in 1976. The rumours that leaders of Jan Sangh were behind the murder of Ismail had triggered unrest and wide-spread vandalism.

In 1978, editor of a *Kannada Daily*, Raghavendra M Nagori was stabbed to death near his printing press in Hampankatta over a rivalry between two gangs.

But the murder triggered rumours that Raghavendra from Kalladka was murdered in retaliation to murder of Ismail. To prevent any loss of lives and destruction to property, police enforced a week-long curfew. In 1998 three people were murdered in Suratkal.

In the same year, a scrap trader was murdered due to a tiff while playing cricket in Polali. In 2001 an autorickshaw driver in Kandavar and a carpenter in Kudroli in 2002 were murdered.

In the worst ever communal violence that erupted over eve teasing in 2003, seven people from one community and two people from another were murdered. A police constable was also murdered near clock tower. In 2005, Mangaluru Taluk Panchayat President Jabbar, rickshaw driver and unidentified labourer from Uttarkannada district were murdered.

In 2006, three murders were witnessed over the issue of illegal cattle trafficking. In 2006, the murder of Mulki Sukhanand Shetty ended with police resorting to Golibar in order to disperse the violent mob. Two protestors lost their lives in the Golibar incident. Close on the heels of Mulki Rafiq encounter by police, a popular Hindu leader Ananthu was murdered in 2008. In 2016, Maduru Isubu and Ganesh Shetty were murdered within the barracks of district jail.

Between 2017-18, Prashant Poojary (Moodbidri), Harish (Bantwal), Sharath Madivala (B C road), Deepak Rao (Suratkal), Basheer (Kottarachowki) and Ashraf Kalai (Benjanpadavu). In 2020, a protest by muslims against CAA in Bunder resulted in police ordering a golibar.

Two youth lost their lives in the Golibar incident. The murder of Praveen Nettar in Sullia taluk in 2022 was followed with the murder of Fazil in Suratkal.

In 2025 within a span of one month, three murders were witnessed. Sunil Kumar S in his research (The emergence and consolidation of rightist ideology and politics in Karnataka with special reference to coastal districts of Udupi and Dakshina Kannada a critical study, awarded doctoral degree by Mysore University) said; "The right wing political forces promoted communal violence in the region mainly to gain political mileage in Coastal Karnataka."

Coastal Karnataka should not remain as 'Hindutva Laboratory' since it would jeopardize the lives of the marginalized sections of society. It should be converted into a land of secularism, multiculturalism and Indian nationalism, Sunil had said

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/history-of-communal-violence-in-dakshina-kannada-3561559>

## Externment notice served on Hindutva activist and BJP leader Arun Kumar Puttila

Stella Varghese, Puttur Assistant Commissioner and Sub-Divisional Magistrate, served a notice on Hindutva activist and BJP leader Arun Kumar Puttila, asking him to show cause why he should not be extened to Shahabad police limits in Kalaburagi district.

The notice issued on May 28, under Section 55 of the Karnataka Police Act, 1963, did not mention any reasons for the move. It stated that if Mr. Puttila fails to appear before the officer by June 6 to present his case, the issue would be decided based on the available material. Section 55 of the Act deals with the removal of persons who were about to commit any offence.

A resident of Mundur village in Puttur taluk, 54-year-old Mr. Puttila had unsuccessfully contested the 2023 Assembly elections from Puttur as an Independent, losing to incumbent Ashok Kumar Rai of the Congress by a margin of 4,149 votes. He entered the fray as a rebel candidate after the BJP refused him the party ticket. While Mr. Rai polled 66,607 votes, Mr. Puttila polled 62,458 votes, and the BJP's Asha Thimmappa secured 37,558 votes at that time.

### Notices to 23 persons

Asked about the reasons for the extenment notice, Puttur AC Stella Varghese said it was based on the recommendations of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Puttur sub-division, who had listed several cases against Mr. Puttila. "I will hold a court of inquiry and hear both sides before passing orders—either accepting or rejecting the plea. The reasons were communicated to the person concerned, she said."

Ms. Varghese also said that she has received similar requests for extemnt from the police against 22 persons, and notices were issued to them as well. – ***The Hindu, June 3.***

#### **04.6.2025. Kadaba.**

A case has been registered against Naveen Neriya for allegedly delivering a hate speech and making provocative statements targeting the police and the public near the Kadaba police station. On the evening of June 4, leaders of various religious organizations had gathered near the road connecting Kadaba-Subrahmanya road to the Kadaba police station. During this time, Naveen Neriya reportedly made inflammatory remarks directed at the police and incited the public present at the spot through his speech. Considering the potential threat to law and order, the Kadaba police registered a case against him under IPC Section 353(2) (punishment for spreading false information, rumours or alarming news with intent to create hatred among different groups) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023. The case has been filed under FIR number 42/2025. An investigation is currently underway, and further legal action will be taken accordingly. –

***Daijiworld, June 5.***

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1282535>

#### **22.8.2025. Udupi.**

#### **(2 incidents)**

The Udupi district police booked two persons in separate cases for their social media posts terming government's decision to invite writer Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate this year's Mysuru Dasara. While monitoring Facebook on Friday [August 22], police personnel Santosh Kulal attached to the media monitoring cell of the Kollur police station came across a post from one Jagadish Udupa. The post questioned the government's decision to invite Ms. Mushtaq to inaugurate the celebrations, and termed it an insult to Hindu traditions. The post read that such an act was 'wrong, appeasement of one community, and an affront to Hindu religious sentiments,' further warning that there would be consequences. Stating that the post was provocative in nature and had the potential to disturb communal peace, the Kollur police registered the case under section 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against Udupa.

In another incident, the Karkala rural police sub-inspector Sundar, while monitoring social media on Friday, saw a post on the Facebook page "Sudeep Shetty Nitte." The user, identified as Sudeep Shetty of Nitte in Karkala taluk, had commented on a poster regarding Chief Minister's announcement that author Ms. Mushtaq would inaugurate Dasara. His post claimed that Dasara is a Hindu cultural festival and accused the Congress government of repeatedly hurting Hindu sentiments by involving someone who 'does not accept Hindu traditions.' The police said the remarks were aimed at creating enmity between communities. Accordingly, the Karkala rural police registered the case under section 353(2) of the BNS. – ***The Hindu, 24<sup>th</sup>.***

#### **29.8.2025. Puttur.**

A college lecturer has filed a police complaint against an Instagram account for allegedly sharing content that could provoke communal disharmony. The complainant, Johnson David Sequeira, a lecturer at a Puttur-based college, said he came across a post on Friday [August 29] from the handle @tm\_bad\_karma\_990. The post allegedly objected to the participation of students from a particular community in a cultural dance program held at the college on August 19. Sequeira further claimed the post contained abusive language, misleading allegations and even threats directed at students who performed at the event. Acting on his complaint, Puttur Town Police registered a case under sections 196(1)(a)(b), 351(2) and 352 of the BNS. Investigation is under way. – ***Deccan Herald, 30<sup>th</sup>.***

### **29.8.2025. Mangaluru.**

NSUI Dakshina Kannada district president Suhan Alva lodged a complaint with the Barke police against Facebook pages BJP Karnataka and BJP Dakshina Kannada. Alva alleged that posts published on these pages were aimed at inciting communal tension. He claimed the posts carried the image of Chief Minister Siddaramiah with the caption "Anti-Hindu". He also alleged that restrictions on DJ music during Ganesh Chaturthi and Eid Milad were being misrepresented. Barke Police said a case has been filed under Section 353(2) of the BNS. – **Deccan Herald, 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### **6.9.2025. Bantwal.**

Uppinangady police have registered a case against Ganaraj Bhat for making a hate speech during a protest meet held at Perne on September 6 to protest cattle slaughter. – **Karavali Ale, 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### **10.9.2025. Karkala.**

The Karkala Town police on Thursday [September 11] booked Ravisha Tantri Kuntar for his alleged inflammatory speech at a public meeting organised by Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Abhimani Vedike in Kukkundur village of Karkala taluk on Wednesday. While expressing anguish over the alleged conspiracy to defame Pattadhikari of Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala D. Veerendra Heggade in connection with the Dharmasthala case, Mr Kuntar reportedly made an inflammatory statement. The police took *suo motu* note of the statement and booked the case accusing Mr Kuntar of intentionally trying to disturb peace. – **The Hindu, 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### **9.10.2025. Mangaluru.**

A cab driver in Mangaluru lodged a police complaint after allegedly being subjected to communal abuse by three passengers from Kerala. DCP (law and order) Mithun HN confirmed that two persons, including actor Jayakrishnan, were detained for questioning. According to Mithun, on the night of Oct 9, three individuals identified as Santhosh Abraham, Jayakrishnan, and Vimal, all natives of Kerala, booked a cab through app-based providers, providing a pickup address at Bejai New Road, Mangaluru. According to the complaint, when cab driver Ahmed Shafiq contacted them through the app to confirm the pickup location, the individuals allegedly spoke to him in Hindi, using derogatory language and calling him a "Muslim extremist" and "terrorist." They also shouted the same slurs in Hindi and abused his mother in Malayalam, police said. Based on the complaint filed by the cab driver, a case was registered at the Urwa police station on Friday for offences punishable under Sections 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke) and 353(2) (statements conducing to public mischief) of the BNS. The case is under investigation. – **timesofindia.indiatimes.com**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/cab-driver-alleges-communal-abuse-actor-detained/articleshowprint/124485042.cms>

### **20.10.2025. Puttur.**

A case has been registered against RSS representative Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat for allegedly making a speech that incited religious hatred, insulted women's dignity, and posed a threat to public peace during the Deepotsava programme held at Uppalige on October 20. According to the complaint filed by Ishwari Padmunja, a resident of Puttur taluk, Bhat made derogatory remarks against Hindu and Muslim communities,

referring to their population numbers in a manner that could provoke religious enmity. The speech was reportedly broadcast on the 'Kahale News' YouTube channel, the complaint stated. Based on this complaint, the Puttur Rural police station registered a case on October 25, under Crime No. 118/2025, invoking sections 79, 196, 299, 302, and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against Prabhakar Bhat and the event organisers. The police have begun an investigation into the matter. – **Daijiworld, 26<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1296180>

### **15.11.2025. Udupi.**

A right-wing organisation leader, Ajekar resident Ratnakar Ameen (49) was arrested after a case was registered against him on charges of delivering a hate speech. On November 15, during a protest held near the city's Jatka Stand by Hindu Jagarana Vedike, Udupi taluk, condemning the Islamic terror act related to the New Delhi bomb blast, he had allegedly delivered a provocative speech that created hatred between religions. Udupi town police had registered a suo motu case in this regard. On November 18, a special team led by town police inspector Manjunath V Badiger took him into custody at Mangaluru Central railway station and produced him before the court. – **Daijiworld, 19<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1298411>

### **10.12.2025. Sullia.**

A *dhaff* programme by the Karnataka Byari Sahitya Academy along with other sports and cultural programmes by other groups to be held in front of Sullia Chennakeshwra temple on December 25 and 26 on the occasion of KVG Sullia Habba has been abandoned following stiff opposition from local VHP, Bajrang Dal and other hindutva groups. – **Karavali Ale, 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### **11.12.2025. Puttur.**

Though the dispute between the historical Badria mosque of Arlapadavu in Panaje village and the village *panchayat* regarding the 1.05 acres of land in the possession of the mosque had been amicably settled, posters saying a protest meet will be held against the decision in front of the panchayat office have gone viral on the social media. This was revealed during a press meet held at Puttur by the administrative board of the mosque on 11 December. It was said that out of the total 1.15 acres it has been agreed to allot 70 cents to *panchayat* and the rest 45 cents for the burial ground of the mosque. – **Karavali Ale, 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### **21.12.2025. Kadaba.**

Pramod Rai, the Puttur district assistant secretary of VHP, has condemned the inclusion of persons belonging to other religion/s as guests in the printed invitation for the 'kirushashti' festival at the Kukke Subrahmanya temple. Saying that this has deeply hurt the religious sentiments of Hindus he has insisted that inviting such persons in the name of protocol should be stopped and the names be withdrawn from the invitation. – **Karavali Ale, 22<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists**

### **07.5.2025. Udupi.**

The Karkala Rural police arrested a student on July 14 on charges of posting objectionable and provocative content on the washroom wall of a hostel. The arrested is Fatima Shabna (21) from the Nitte College. On May 7 objectionable, provocative words intended to spread hate between two communities were written on the washroom wall. Based on a complaint filed by the manager of the main Ladies' Hostel of the Nitte College, a case was registered at the Karkala Rural Police Station under Section 353(2) of the BNS. Police said the accused initially denied it. Later to verify this, writings found on the wall and samples of her notes were sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory. The arrested was produced before the Karkala court. – *Deccan Herald*, July 15.

### **10.10.2025. Udupi.**

SDPI state secretary Riyaz Kadambu has been remanded to judicial custody for 14 days in connection with a hate speech case registered at Udupi Town police station. Udupi SP Hariram Shankar stated that the court ordered judicial custody after Riyaz Kadambu was found to have violated the conditions of his bail. The case was registered following a hate speech made by Riyaz Kadambu in relation to a cattle head recovery incident reported near Kunjalu in Brahmavar taluk. During his speech, he allegedly accused members of a particular group of being involved in systematic acts of communal provocation. – *Daijiworld*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1294711>

## **Unknown**

### **09.5.2025. Karkala.**

A case was booked at the Karkala Rural police station clode on the heels of a provocative writing being discovered inside the washroom of the women's hostel located in an engineering college campus on Friday [may 9]. A pen was also found lying in the toilet. The writings, reportedly insulting both Hindu and Muslim religions were discovered on the inner wall. Based on a complaint by the hostel manager against an unidentified female student a case was registered. – *Deccan Herald*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **In Social Media**

## **Allegedly by Hindu Fundamentalists**

### **30.1.2025. Kota.**

The Kota police have registered a *suo motu* case against Anil Mayya and Others for having spread a false news on the social media which said that a bigoted person has cut-off the tail of a calf at Nagesh Mayya's

house on Bhagavathi Road in Gundmi village of Brahmavara. It was claimed that a stranger aged around 60 visited the house of Nagesh Mayya on January 28 at around 2 p.m., and had requested for financial assistance. When Nagesh Mayya refused the stranger had gone away. At 4 p.m., when Mayya went to the cow shed he found the tail of the calf broken. He informed his son Anil. The broken tail was linked to the stranger's visit and Anil and others spread a fake news about the incident on the social media which the police said could disturb communal harmony and peace. – **Vartha Bharati, 31<sup>st</sup>**.

### **20.3.2025. Mangaluru.**

A case has been registered against the Sullia-based editor and reporter of a web news site for publishing a misleading and provocative report about an incident that occurred near Kallugundi of Sampaje village on the night of March 20. According to N.Yatish, Superintendent of Police, a verbal duel between the passengers of two vehicles has been portrayed by the said web site as a communal incident with sensational headlines such as "Hindu girls travelling with boys of a different faith", 'Youth ran after the car till midnight' etc. – **Karavali Ale, 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### **2.5.2025. Karkala.**

The Karkala Town Police in Udupi district on Sunday arrested a man working in Bengaluru on charges of posting a hate message on his Instagram account targeting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Police gave the name of the person as Sampath Salian, a native of Karkala, working as a home guard in Bengaluru. Salian had allegedly posted a message on May 2, saying, "If Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is killed, Hindus will have peace." Based on a complaint by one Suraj Kukkundoor of Karkala, police registered a case and located him in Bengaluru. – **The Hindu, 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### **3.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

According to Mangaluru City Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal, cases were filed against content of posts that aimed at inciting communal hate and disturbing peace. At the Mulki Police Station, a case was registered against a YouTube user named "Kudla Friends" for a inciting violence during a live broadcast by a Kannada news channel on the incident. A case was registered against the Instagram account "beary\_royal\_nawab" for posting a content. The Instagram accounts "hindu\_dharma\_006" and "karavali\_official" were booked for posting inflammatory content. Two other Instagram accounts were booked at Urwa Police Station for provocative posts . A case was registered at At Moodbidri Police Station,against an Instagram user for justifying the murder of Suhas Shetty. For inciting violence, a case has been registered at Kavoor Police Station against an Instagram user and a YouTube user for provocative remarks during Suhas's final rites. Mangaluru North, Barke, and Mangaluru East Police Stations also registered cases against Instagram users for provocative posts, inflammatory stories that aimed to stir communal tensions.– **Deccan Herald, 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

### **3.5.2025. Belthangady.**

The Punjalakatte police have registered a case against one Dhanush C. of Kukkala in Belthangady taluk for having posted a communally provocative video on the social media. – **Vartha Bharati, 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### **3.5.2025. Uppinangady.**

The Uppinangady police registered a complaint against Belthangady MLA Harish Poonja for his alleged inflammatory speech at a function related to *Brahmakalashotsava* of Gopalakrishna Temple in Thekkar on

Saturday [May 3]. In the complaint, S.M.S. Ibrahim Musliyar, alleged that Mr. Poonja blamed a section of Muslims for damaging some tubelights put up by the *Brahamkalashotsava* organising committee. The MLA questioned the organising committee members for inviting those Muslims for the event. By making such inflammatory speech, the MLA has tried to create unrest and disturbed communal harmony in the society, Mr. Musliyar alleged. The Uppinangady police registered the complaint for offence punishable under Section 353(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. – ***The Hindu*, 6<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **4.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

The police have identified the person who posted a provocative comment on You-Tube in connection with the Suhas Shetty murder case. Using the name *Mr Silent Lvr* he had made an inflammatory remark during a live stream on a YouTube channel. Following which a case was registered at the Barke police station under section 353(2) of BNS. Later the case was transferred to Mangaluru City CEN Crime Police Station. The suspect has been identified as Sachin (25), a resident of Suratkal. City Police Commissioner said a notice was served to him and further investigation was in progress. – ***Deccan Herald*, 5<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **6.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Kavoor police have booked a case against Sharanappa Basavaraj for liking a provocative Instagram post of *\_dj\_bharath\_2008*. – ***Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **6.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

#### **(3 incidents)**

Following the murder of Suhas Shetty in the Bajpe Police Station limits, the Mangaluru Police have intensified their crackdown on inflammatory and misleading content circulated on social media.

**A** case has been registered at Surathkal Police Station against a Facebook user operating under the name *Vikash P* for allegedly spreading misinformation. The user shared an old photograph, falsely claiming that "A1 Adil, the prime accused in Suhas Shetty's murder, had conspired with Congress leaders at his residence in Mangaluru."

**S**imilarly, Urwa Police Station has booked an X (formerly Twitter) user, Rahul Shivshankar, for a post alleging that: "SHOCKING: Mangaluru murder case accused Adil avenged brother Fazil's murder by using state compensation for a hit job on Suhas Shetty. Police probe reveals Rs 3 lakhs paid to accused Abdul Safwan to kill Suhas was from Cong Karnataka government compensation package of 25 lakhs."

**I**n a separate case, a provocative WhatsApp message posted under the name *Maneesh S* — calling for a bandh and inciting communal mobilisation — was traced to an individual in Puttur, Dakshina Kannada. Initially registered at Konaje Police Station, the case has now been transferred to the CEN Police Station, where the accused is currently being questioned. – ***Deccan Herald*, 7<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **7.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

The city police in a week have booked a total of 30 cases against inflammatory, fake and threatening social media posts that might disturb peace in society by creating rift among communities. In a social media advisory, Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal said on Wednesday [May 7] that the police have taken serious note of the sharp rise in communal, false, misleading, and threatening messages being shared on social media

platforms, including Facebook, Whatsapp, and Instagram. There was a misuse of the social media platforms to create disharmony among communities.

A dedicated special team, under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Cyber Economic and Narcotic Crime police station, is investigating these cases, he said. The team is working with social media companies and national agencies and identifying fake profiles and foreign-registered accounts, which are being used to spread malicious content. Offenders are being traced and identified, regardless of where the accounts are created, he said.

Asking youth to make responsible use of social media and not promote hatred, falsehood and fear, Mr. Agrawal said career prospects of youth will get jeopardised if they are booked for cybercrime. The police are booking offenders for offences punishable under Sections 196 (promoting enmity between groups), 192 (inciting riots or violence) 351 (1)(threatening individuals) 351(1)(a) (hate speech via words or online content), 353 (1), and 353 (2) (spreading false information or fake news) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Mr. Agrawal said preventive action under Sections 126 and 129 of Bharatiya Nagarika Suraksha Sanhita is being taken to prevent repeat offences and maintain public order. The accused are being made to sign a legal bond promising good conduct for a fixed period. If the offenders violate the bond and commit another offence, then they will be made to pay monetary penalty or face imprisonment as per law. – ***The Hindu, 8<sup>th</sup>***.

#### **8.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

In a press note, the Urwa police said one Manish Kumar, a resident of Ashok Nagar, was found to have posted an image of 30-year-old Suhas Shetty, who was murdered on May 1, on the Instagram pages of VHP *Ashoknagar* and *Shankanaada*. Along with these images, he had posted statements provoking enmity among communities, the police said. The police said they have issued notices asking Kumar to appear before the investigation officers for questioning. – ***The Hindu, 9<sup>th</sup>***.

#### **19.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

City police have filed a case against Shwetha Poojary, a former BJP councillor at Mangaluru City Corporation Council, on the charge of posting two inflammatory posts on her Facebook account. In the complaint, Mahila Congress activist Shanta S. Rao said she saw a post made by Ms. Poojary on May 9 in which it was said a lesson would be taught to Burkha-clad women who helped assailants of Suhas Shetty escape the spot in Bajpe on May 1. In another post, Dakshina Kannada district in-charge Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao's photo was used while criticising him in a derogatory way for his comment that the BJP created many criminals during their rule. The case was registered by Surathkal police under Section 353 (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The Cyber Economic and Narcotic Crime police were asked to investigate. The CEN police issued a notice to Ms. Poojary asking her to appear before the investigation officer for inquiry, the police said. – ***The Hindu, 19<sup>th</sup>***.

#### **1.6.2025. Vittal.**

Vittal police registered a case against a man for sharing provocative posts on Facebook. Dakshina Kannada SP Arun K said Yathish, the accused, is a resident of Peruvai in Bantwal. He said three of his posts on his Facebook account — *Yatish Peruvai* — has the potential to disrupt communal harmony. Yathish faces punishment under Sections 353(2) of BNS (circulating false information with the intent of promoting enmity or hatred). An investigation is ongoing. – ***Times of India, June 1.***

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/1-arrested-in-udupi-as-cops-crack-down-on-provocative-social-media-posts/articleshowprint/121553256.cms>

### **1.6.2025. Kundapur.**

Based on credible information received by the Kota Police, action has been initiated against a provocative message and video circulated in a local WhatsApp group. Upon review, the video features Riaz from Farangipete, who had earlier made a controversial statement that had already led to a case being registered at Mangaluru South Police Station back in 2021. The recent circulation of the same video, allegedly aimed at provoking communal unrest, was found to have been posted by Raghavendra Kanchan of Barike, a former member of Udupi zilla panchayat. According to the police, the content was intended to incite local Hindu youth and create communal disharmony. A case has now been registered against Raghavendra Kanchan at the Kota police station under Crime Number 108/2025, invoking Section 196 and 56 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). It is noteworthy that the accused, Raghavendra Kanchan, already has multiple criminal cases registered against him, including a double murder case at the same police station. He has been taken into custody and will be produced before the court. – **Daijiworld, June 1.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1282138>

### **1.6.2025. Dharmasthala .**

The Dharmasthala police have booked a case on June 1 against a person from Dharmasthala who posted a message on his Instagram page that could cause communal disharmony and hurt religious feelings. – **Karavali Ale, June 3.**

### **2.6.2025. Karkala .**

A right-wing activist has been arrested by Ajekar police for allegedly sharing provocative content on social media. Rathnakar Amin, a right-wing activist, was taken into custody. A case has been registered at the Ajekar police station against him for allegedly posting inflammatory content on a local Facebook page, which was reportedly intended to incite communal discord between different castes and religions. The incident took place in Marne village, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Ajekar police station. Based on the nature of the content, legal action was initiated. The accused, Rathnakar Amin, has been taken into custody by the police and will be produced before the court. – **Daijiworld, June 1.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1282284>

### **4.6.2025. Mangaluru.**

In a major crackdown against the spread of communal hatred via social media, Mangaluru City Police have arrested five individuals for allegedly circulating provocative content aimed at disturbing social harmony in the city and across Dakshina Kannada district. Acting swiftly on intelligence inputs, the City Commissionerate formed special investigative teams to identify and apprehend those responsible for the inciting posts. All arrests are linked to cases registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), with investigations now underway.

Two young men —Chetan (20), son of Nagaraju Bangera, residing in Surathkal, and Nithin Adapa (23), son of Yogish Adapa from Haleangadi Post —were found to be operating an Instagram account named *team\_karna\_surathkal* using a SIM card registered under a Muslim name. The account was reportedly used to post inflammatory content through a user named Chennappa alias Muthu Suratkal. An FIR was filed at Mangaluru North police station under Crime No. 58/2025, with charges under Sections 196(1) and 353(2) of the BNS. Both suspects have been arrested and are currently being questioned by investigators.

– **Daijiworld, June 4.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1282484>

(The City Police Commissioner has said that an Instagram page *team\_karna\_surathkal* with some 1650 followers, has been cancelled following an allegation that with regard to Suhas Shetty murder case, it has, through an inflammatory post, aroused feelings of hate between different religious faiths. This case which had been registered at the Surathkal police station, has now been transferred to the CEN cyber crimes police station. – **Vartha Bharati, May 13.**)

#### **4.6.2025. Mangaluru.**

Guru Prasad, a resident of Kolavil, Haleangadi, Mangaluru City, was arrested for posting provocative messages on Facebook using an account named *Guru dprasad Haleyangadi*. The FIR, filed at Mulki Police Station under Crime No. 53/2025, includes charges under Sections 196(1)(A), 353(2), 79, and 56 of the BNS. He was traced and taken into custody, and questioning is ongoing. – **Daijiworld, June 4.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1282484>

#### **6.6.2025. Puttur.**

Puttur police registered a case against Satyanarayan Adiga of Addoor in Kasargod district for uploading messages in social medium WhatsApp thus creating disharmony between communities. The case has been filed under sections 353(2) (punishment for spreading false information, rumours or alarming news with intent to create hatred among different groups) and 196(1) (9a) (punishment for promoting enmity or disharmony between different groups). – **Deccan Herald, 7<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **1.7.2025. Puttur.**

A case has been registered at the Puttur Town Police Station against alleged derogatory remarks on a Jain Seer and the Prime Minister. The complaint was filed by Jeevandar Jain (60), a resident of Padnur in Puttur. In his complaint he stated that while he was browsing Facebook on June 29 he came across a comment on a post made by a page entitled *Karunadina Minuguva Nakshatra*. The comment was allegedly derogatory in nature targeting a revered Jain seer and showing disrespect to the PM. The comment is said to be capable of disturbing public peace and harmony. Based on the complaint the police have registered a case under sections 196 (1a) and 353 (2) of the BNS. Investigations are underway and appropriate legal action will be taken said the police. Meanwhile, in connection with a case registered over a personal issue it has come to light that a post containing obscene and irrelevant content was circulated on X. The post could allegedly incite enmity between communities, religions and organisations and has the potential to disrupt public order and peace. Accordingly a case has been registered at the PTPS under sections 296, 196 (1a) and 353 (2) of the BNS against the individual responsible for posting the comment. – **Deccan Herald, July 1.**

#### **3.7.2025. Udupi.**

The Udupi Town Police on Thursday (July 3, 2025) booked Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Sharan Pumpwell for hate speech in the town earlier in the day. In his complaint, Udupi Town Police Sub-Inspector Bharatesh Kankanaawadi said that when he was surfing social media on Thursday evening, he came across a video clip of Mr. Pumpwell's address to the media. In it, the accused stated that the Kunjalu cow butchering issue in Brahmavara taluk was a "conspiracy by Islamist forces using Hindus" to create unrest in the country. "Just as two Hindu youth were used by Islamist forces in the murder of Suhas Shetty in Bajpe on May 1, they might have used the six Hindus, who were arrested by the police later, to create unrest in society," Mr. Pumpwell said in the video. He had also said "Islamist forces" were attempting to create unrest in society using Hindus. The video clip in question was circulated widely on different social media platforms and had the potential to create unrest in society by fomenting enmity between groups on the ground of religion, the PSI said in his complaint.

The statement, given when the investigation was in progress at a press conference, was aimed at creating unrest in society, he said. Accordingly, police booked a case under Section 353 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita against Mr. Pumpwell for issuing statements conduced to mischief. Mr. Pumpwell's statements were made at a press conference in Udupi on Thursday. – ***The Hindu, 5<sup>th</sup>.***

#### **4.7.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Mangaluru City police booked Ashiq S. Kotian, 25, of Iravattoor village, Karkala taluk, Udupi, for malicious post on Instagram. The Mangaluru South police, *suo motu* registered a case on May 2 on the status of holder of *hindu\_dharma\_006* Instagram account for posting objectionable communal content. The police found that the post was by Kotian and arrested him on Thursday [July 3] for offences punishable under Sections 196, 353(2) and 351(3) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. He was produced before the jurisdictional magistrate, the police said. – ***The Hindu, 4<sup>th</sup>.***

#### **12.7.2025. Vittal.**

A case has been registered at the Vittal police station against a web news portal, its owner and partner for having broadcast fake news in connection with an incident of moral policing that occurred on July 8. (for details please refer to the report dated July 8 under the heading 'moral policing' - **compiler**) – ***Karavali Ale, 13<sup>th</sup>.***

#### **13.7.2025. Mangaluru.**

A man has been arrested for allegedly circulating false and communally provocative messages about an entrepreneur on WhatsApp, according to a release by the Surathkal police. The complaint was filed by Rajesh from Honnakatte, Kulai, who runs an establishment called RV Enterprises in Hosabettu, Surathkal. Rajesh alleged that certain individuals were spreading baseless accusations and false narratives against him in WhatsApp groups, aimed at inciting communal hatred among the Hindu community.

According to the complaint, the accused falsely claimed that Rajesh had converted more than 20 Hindu girls, sold obscene CDs, and was attempting to get a 24-year-old Hindu girl married to his brother. It was further alleged that the woman had stopped visiting temples and applying vermillion, and had instead started attending church services. These allegations were circulated with the intent to spread enmity and defame the complainant, police said. Following the complaint, a case was registered at Surathkal police station on July 13 under Crime No.93/2025 under Sections 352, 353(1), and 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). A police team led by inspector Pramod Kumar and sub-inspector Raghu Naik, along with HC AnnappaVandse, arrested the prime accused identified as Ram Prasad alias Pocha (42), son of late Sanjeev Achari, a resident of Vanadurga Engineering Works, Kulai. He was taken into custody on July 14 and reportedly confessed to the crime during interrogation. He was produced before the 2nd JMFC Court in Mangaluru, which remanded him to judicial custody. The second accused, Lokesh Kodikere, has already been arrested in a separate case registered at Padubidri police station (Crime No. 81/2025) and is currently lodged at the Udupi district jail, Hiriyadka. Authorities plan to produce him before the court through a body warrant. Police have confirmed that further investigation is underway. – ***Daijiworld, July 15.***

<https://www.daijiworld.com/printArticles?sectionID=1286363&sectionName=news>

#### **31.7.2025. Belthangady.**

A case has been registered against a man for allegedly sharing a communally provocative message on social media that could disrupt communal harmony.

According to a police press release, the accused, identified as Rakshith Shetty, had uploaded a WhatsApp status that could incite enmity between religious communities and create fear. The content came to the attention of authorities on July 31 through social media.

A case has been registered at the Belthangady police station under Crime No. 69/2025, sections 353(1)(b) and 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023. Further legal action is underway. – **Daijiworld, August 1.**  
<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1288012>

### **2.8.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Dakshina Kannada District Muslim League has submitted a memorandum to the Central Government through the District Administration urging suitable legal action against Rakesh Shetty, the chief of Power TV, for his communal comments and religious slur. The League in its memo has alleged that Rakesh Shetty has called upon people to name the complainant in the Dharmasthala case as 'Allahu and Mulla'. The memo also called for investigation regarding the missing women in the whole country. – **Vartha Bharati, 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **3.8.2025. Belthangady.**

A case has been registered at the Belthangady Police Station over a message circulated on social media. In a complaint, Kalandar Puthumonu (42), a resident of Ujire in Belthangady, stated that he came across a post while browsing social media. In a Facebook group named *Kulume* a user operating under the profile name 'AyshuAysha' shared content that contained false information aimed at inciting discord between different communities. Based on his complaint the police registered a case under Sections 353(1)(b) and 353(2) of the BNS. – **Deccan Herald, 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **9.8.2025. Belthangady.**

Acting on a complaint by Shekar Layla, the Belthangady Police have registered a case against Vasant Giliyar for his post on Facebook that can cause discord between different faiths and communities and may disturb peace in society. – **Vartha Bharati, 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### **10.8.2025. Mangaluru.**

Acting swiftly against attempts to disturb peace, Puttur City Police have registered a suo motu case against the administrator of a Facebook page named "Bharatiya Sena" for allegedly posting false and provocative content on social media. According to police sources, the posts were aimed at creating animosity between religions and communities, thereby posing a threat to communal harmony. It is alleged that the content also created a sense of fear and unrest among the public. The incident came to light following routine monitoring of online activities. On August 10, Puttur City Police registered the case under Crime No. 70/2025, invoking Sections 196(1)(a) and 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023. Police have assured that strict legal action will be taken against those indulging in spreading misinformation and disturbing social harmony. – **Daijiworld, August 10.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1288884>

### **15.8.2025. Belthangady and Venur.**

Dakshina Kannada police have filed total six separate cases, in Belthangady and Venur police stations, over alleged inflammatory and derogatory social media posts.

Ajith Nagappa Basapur, a resident of Chabbi in Hubballi, filed a complaint with Belthangady police against activist Girish Mattanavar stating that he made derogatory remarks against Jains during his interview to *Kudla Rampage*, a YouTube channel. The police registered a case in this connection against Mattanavar and *Kudla*

Rampage channel owner Ajay Achan for offences under sections 196 (1) and 299 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Another case was registered by Belthangady police against Bengaluru lawyer Jagadish for his alleged inflammatory Facebook post. This compliant was registered under sections 189 (6) and 191 (3) of BNS.

The third case was registered by Belthangady police against a post on Facebook page of Lokesh Poojary for writing in a derogatory manner against revered folk heroes Koti and Chennayya of Tulu Nadu.

The fourth case was registered against Facebook post of Naveen Jain for threatening to attack those who are speaking against Dharmasthala.

The Venur police registered a case under section 296 of BNS against the post on "Vikas Vikki Hindu" Facebook page wherein derogatory references have been made in reference to the case of Soujanya, who was raped and murdered near Dharmasthala in 2013.

The Venur police also registered a case for an inflammatory post found on "Enri Gowdre" Facebook page. – *The Hindu, 16<sup>th</sup>*.

#### **6.9.2025. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal Rural police have booked Narasimha Shetty, a resident of Mani in Dakshina Kannada, for his alleged inflammatory post regarding theft and slaughter of cattle from the farmland in Perne village on September 4. – *The Hindu, 7<sup>th</sup>*.

#### **6.9.2025. Mysuru.**

An activist from Mysuru has filed complaint against Udupi-based journalist and activist Vasanth Giliyar for stoking communal tension, while also resorting to character assassination with regard to Dharmasthala case. Director of Odanadi organisation Stanley has filed a complaint against Giliyar at Vijayanagar police station. Stanley alleged that Giliyar was not only creating unrest between faiths but had also targeted him personally.

The Police have filed an FIR. In the complaint, Stanley states, "A social movement is underway across Karnataka, demanding justice for the kidnapping, rape, and murder of Soujanya in Dharmasthala village. Odanadi organisation, which works for women's rights, is holding a protest within the law. However, Giliyar has identified me as a Christian and is alleging that I have come to destroy the Hindu religion and its temples, on social media". "He is spreading a rumor in the society that Stanley said: 'Dharmasthala should be attacked like a pig'. By doing so, he is provoking religious sentiments within different faiths and is inciting one section of the society against me. Giliyar has also committed personal defamation. He is creating caste and religion-based strife and riots that could endanger the lives of those sheltered by the Odanadi organisation. Legal action should be taken against Giliyar for jeopardising peaceful life and life security (sic)," the complaint states. – *Deccan Herald, 6<sup>th</sup>*.

#### **7.9.2025. Dakshina Kannada Police.**

Dakshina Kannada Superintendent of Police K. Arun has said that the police uncovered five instances of spreading false and communally sensitive hate messages aimed at creating unrest in the district. Police also found that a complaint over an attempt to murder was fake. Police registered six cases and arrested the accused in some cases. The Superintendent of Police said in a statement that some individuals, groups, and organisations posted false information on social media to create communal tension in the district. People should check authenticity of the information before sharing the same on social media. They should also ignore inflammatory social posts, which would help prevent spreading of false information, he said. Regarding the murder of sand transporter Abdul Rahiman on May 27 in the limits of Bantwal Rural police station, the Venur police booked one Janardhan Poojary for posting false information in his Facebook post. The motive behind the murder as mentioned by Poojary in his post was wrong. On July 5, the Puttur Town police registered a

case in connection with a video of a 17-year-old boy and a girl that was circulated on social media with an intention to create communal discord. The video mentioned that the boy and the girl were from different religion, but a probe revealed that the two were from the same religion.

### **Fake complaint**

On August 26, the Bantwal Rural police arrested Umar Farooq Nandavara after investigation revealed that he gave a fake complaint against two motorcycle-borne men who attempted to murder him, near Sajipanadu, on June 11. Later, the police booked one Ashraf Talapady for his inflammatory social media post which said that "an innocent Muslim (Farooq Nandavara) was arrested by the police by foisting a false case" against him

Meanwhile, the Puttur Town police booked a case against one Raju Sakleshpur for allegedly carrying a sword, near Boliyar Masjid, on July 14. One Ashraf Bavu Puttur posted on social media that Raju did so because he was influenced by an inflammatory speech of an RSS leader. The police registered a case against Bavu Puttur on August 5 for posting false information on social media.

The police said that it was wrongly projected on social media that a person who came in a scooter inappropriately touched a woman from another religion while she was walking down the Panemangaluru Rice Mill on August 20. An investigation by the Bantwal Town police revealed that the accused was a minor boy who belonged to the same religion as the woman. The police produced the boy before the Juvenile Justice Board, which ordered to keep the boy in the Observation Home. – ***The Hindu***, 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **12.9.2025. Moodbidri.**

Founder of online portal 'Postcard News', Mahesh Vikram Hegde, was arrested by Moodbidri police in Dakshina Kannada on Friday [September 12] on charges of promoting enmity, hatred between groups through a social media post. Later a court in Moodbidri remanded him in judicial custody. The post was in connection with the stone-pelting incident during the Ganesha festival procession. According to Police Commissioner Sudheer Kumar Reddy, police *suo motu* registered a case against Hegde under Section 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for his allegedly objectionable post on the Facebook account *Post Card*. – ***The Hindu***, 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **18.9.2025. Vittal.**

Based on a complaint by Abdul Rahman, resident of Banwal, the Vittal police have registered a case against the facebook page *Sanatani Simha* for commenting in such a way as to pose a threat to communal harmony. Further investigations are under way. – ***Vartha Bharati***, 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **18.9.2025. Belthangady.**

Reacting to a news report in ***Vartha Bharati*** about finding two more skulls in Dharmasthala, the Facebook page *Sanatani Simha* had commented that while one skull is that of [Prophet] Pygamber, the other one is that of Ayesha. In the same comment box, one Chetan Hoddetty had additionally commented that one skull could be that of [Prophet] Pygamber, the other one could be that of Ayesha. Alleging that this might be a plot to create communal riots through hurting religious feelings, provoking religious sentiments and creating unrest Akber Belthangady of SDPI has filed a complaint at the Belthangady police station. – ***Vartha Bharati***, 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **30.9.2025. Karkal.**

The Ajekaru police have registered a case against one Vijaya alias Viji for her communally provocative post on her Facebook page. The police said her writings had the intention of hurting the sentiments of followers of the Jain faith and provoking animosity and communal sentiments in them. – **Karavalil Ale, October 4.**

### **6.10.2025. Mangaluru.**

At around 6 in the evening on October 6, the Facebook page of a news website had published a link with a video of the disturbances that occurred during the Sharada Utsav at Ullal. One Shailesh Kashipatna had made some comments about it which was countered by the user of Facebook page Ayisha Muhammad. Saying that these comments were provocative in nature and disturbed the peace in the society, the Urwa police have registered a case against the users of the facebook pages. – **Karavalil Ale, 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### **29.10.2025. Udupi.**

A group of Youth Congress activists from Udupi have filed a complaint against journalist Vasant Giliyar, accusing him of making comments on social media that could disturb communal peace. They alleged that Mr. Giliyar has posted online that peace will be disturbed in the coastal region if the government buckles under pressure and arrests RSS leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat. The activists further claimed that the journalist's post was to provoke right-wing activists to disturb peace in the region. They demanded registration of a case for offences punishable under Sections 353, 152, and 302 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Udupi Superintendent of Police Hariram Shankar said the complaint has been registered as a non-cognizable case. The necessary security proceedings will be initiated against Mr. Giliyar, the officer said. – **The Hindu, 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### **31.10.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Mangaluru East police have booked Vishwa Hindu Parishad South Karnataka wing joint secretary, Sharan Pumpwell for making an inflammatory comment while sharing a video on social media. The police said video of the speech about Muslim women giving birth to more children by a RSS leader at a function, was posted by a BJP functionary on social media. Sharan Pumpwell shared the video on social media by making a comment that amounted to hurting communal sentiments. The police suo motu registered a case, which led Mr. Pumpwell to delete the post. He was brought to the police station on Friday [October 31] morning where notice was issued asking him to appear for questioning on Monday. The Police Commissioner Sudheer Kumar Reddy said separate proceedings will be initiated for forfeiture of the bond of good conduct that he had given earlier. – **The Hindu, November 1.**

### **8.12.2025. Mangaluru.**

Kavoor police have registered a suo motu case for posting communal hatred on Facebook through a fake account. While checking social media on the evening of December 8, police constable Nagaraj Bhairagonda noticed that a person with a fake facebook account named Muhammad Farooq Abdullah had posted a picture of a man who looked like a muslim cleric edited with a pig's face. The complaint states that the post was deliberately made to incite communal feelings between Hindu and muslim communities by sending wrong messages to the public and the intention behind it is to incite riots in a communally sensitive place. Therefore the person who made the controversial post should be identified and appropriate legal action should be taken. – **Vartha Bharati, 13<sup>th</sup>.**

[https://www.varthabharati.in/DakshinaKannada/mangaluru-communal-hate-post-case-registered-2103339#goog\\_rew](https://www.varthabharati.in/DakshinaKannada/mangaluru-communal-hate-post-case-registered-2103339#goog_rew)

## **Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists**

### **25.4.2025. Mangaluru.**

A case has been registered at Konaje Police Station based on a complaint received from one Satish Kumar, a resident of Ullalthi, Ullal Taluk, regarding a provocative post on Facebook by a user named *Nichu Mangaluru*. The post contained inflammatory and objectional remarks regarding the terror incident in Kashmir aimed at disturbing public peace. The complainant submitted screenshots of the post and the user profile for evidence. A case has been registered under Sections 192 and 353(1)(b) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023. Investigation is ongoing. – **New Indian Express, 25<sup>th</sup>**.

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/karnataka/2025/Apr/25/mangaluru-man-booked-for-inflammatory-comment-regarding-pahalgam-terror-i...>

### **29.4.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Mangaluru city police have booked a case against a doctor with a private hospital in the city for her alleged anti-India post on social media that sparked widespread outrage. Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal told reporters here on Tuesday [April 29] that Ateefa was the accused. A case under Sections 196 (1) (a), (promoting enmity between different on grounds of religion, race etc.), and 353, (statements conducive to public mischief), was booked against the accused. It is learnt that the hospital has suspended the doctor from services, he added. Mr. Agrawal said the mobile phone of the accused was seized and sent for forensic tests. The investigation was under way. The post surfaced during the heightened tension between India and Pakistan following the April 22 Pahalgam massacre wherein terrorists gunned down 26 people in Jammu and Kashmir. – **The Hindu, 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### **1.5.2025. Mangaluru. (3 incidents)**

The Mangaluru police registered three cases for creating unrest by alleged circulation of false information in social media in relation to April 27 mob lynching incident. The social media monitoring cell of the city police noticed these posts. Each of the three cases were registered for offence punishable under Sections 353 (1) and 353 (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita. In a press release, the police said

**T**he Konaje police registered a case for a misleading post in a WhatsApp group *Beary Muslims Army*. The post falsely claimed that weapons used in mob lynching incident were missing and raised question about a conspiracy by some people in it.

**F**alse information related to the incident was uploaded on the Instagram page *Beary-royal-nawab*. The Barke police station registered the case for the post intended to mislead public.

(Riyaaz Ibrahim, 30, son of Ibrahim and a resident of Farangipete, Mangaluru, was taken into custody for allegedly spreading communal messages via the Instagram handle *Beary\_royal\_nawab* while based in Saudi Arabia. Two separate FIRs have been filed against him — one at Barke police station (Crime No. 44/2025 under Section 353(2)) and another at Mulki Police Station (Crime No. 42/2025 under Sections 353(1)(c) and

353(2)). A lookout circular was issued, leading to his arrest. Further investigations are in progress. – **Daijiworld, June 4.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1282484>

The Kankanady Town police registered a case for fake and inflammatory content circulated in the Whatsapp group *Maikallo Beary*. Zakir Hussain, a resident of Munnur village in Ullal Taluk, was identified as the person responsible for circulation of the information. The Mangaluru city police was committed to ensure peace and harmony in the city. It will take strict action against those spreading misinformation or attempting to disturb public order through social media, the police stated. – **The Hindu, 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

#### **4.5.2025. Mangaluru. (2 incidents)**

The police have taken suo motu notice of the two posts threatening life of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Dakshina Kannada Pranta Joint Secretary Sharan Pumpwell and VHP Puttur Pranta Convenor Bharath Kumdelu.

A post each threatening Mr. Pumpwell was seen in the comments section of Facebook pages of local news outlets -V4News and *Suddi Puttur*. The comment by one Sajow Cont on the V4News was, “Next target sharan pumpwell, be ready to die”. In the post on *Suddi Puttur*, one Abdul Muneer said: “Nest booking saran pumpeel”. Kavoor police have registered the case.

In another post on Facebook, Mr. Kumdelu was threatened of grievous attack by May 5. It was further stated in the post that the attack will be in revenge to the murder of Social Democratic Party of India activist Ashraf Kalai in Benjanpadavu in June 2017. Bantwal Rural Police have registered the case.

#### **Threat faced**

Two posts related to 30-year-old murder accused and former Bajrang Dal activist Suhas Shetty were made before and after Shetty's murder on May 1. One post was made in March, while another post was made a day after the murder. Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal told reporters on Saturday that authenticity of the two posts was being looked into, as there were lot of posts using fake accounts. Meanwhile, the social media monitoring cells of Mangaluru police stations have been activated and cases were being registered against those posting derogatory and inflammatory content on the social media. In the last few days, the police have registered a total of 14 cases. After identification of the person who had posted it, the city police will issue notices asking him/her to appear for inquiry before investigation officer, the police said. – **The Hindu, 5<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **6.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Pandeshwar police have registered a case against Shehanaz of Bajpe for liking an inflammatory post of *karaavali\_ official*. Investigations are in progress and both the persons are being questioned the police said. – **Vartha Bharati, 7<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **8.5.2025. Mangaluru. (3 incidents)**

The Kavoor police found one Hasan Bava, a resident of Kinnipadavu, posting on WhatsApp group a false news that Suhas Shetty was murdered to mask involvement of a close confidant of Mangaluru City North MLA Y. Bharath Shetty in mob lynching of 38-year-old Ashraf. The police said they have issued notices asking Bava to appear before the investigation officers for questioning.

Meanwhile, two new cases related to posting inflammatory posts on social media were registered by social media monitoring cells of Moodbidri and Mulki police stations. In the compliant registered at the Moodbidri

Police station, police constable Venkatesh said he saw a post from +91849 on the *Mangaluru Muslim Yuva Sena* Whatsapp group stating that attempts to murder seven persons, including autorickshaw driver Aboobacker in Udupi, were made in response to murder of Suhas Shetty on May 1.

In the compliant registered at Mulki Police Station, a constable from Station's Social Media Monitoring Cell said he saw a post on *Troll\_bengre\_ro\_Makka* Instagram page threatening life of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Puttur division convenor Bharath Kumdelu, who is prime accused in murder of a SDPI activist in June 2017.

Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal said the city police have registered more than 30 cases for posting inflammatory posts on social media in the last over a week and identified some who have posted them. This action has brought down the number of inflammatory posts on the social media, he said. – ***The Hindu, 9<sup>th</sup>***.

#### **24.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

(1 incident)

A case was also registered in Barke police station for inflammatory content in Facebook page of Ashiq Maicala. All the cases were investigated by Cyber Economic and Narcotic Crime police.

Four Instagram pages (***already recorded - compiler***) and the Facebook page were deactivated across the country, after Mangaluru city police presented to Meta the cases related to posting of inflammatory content in these pages that were registered in the city. Following request by the Mangaluru City police, Meta deactivated the four pages across India. So far a total of six Instagram pages and one Facebook page have been deactivated by Meta, the Mangaluru police stated.

– ***The Hindu, 25<sup>th</sup>***.

#### **28.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

(1 incident)

Vishwa Hindu Parishad Puttur division convenor Bharath Kumdelu who is the prime accused in the case of the murder of SDPI activist Ashraf Kulai, has once again been threatened through a post on an Instagram page *Target Boy*. The message is reportedly talking of taking revenge. – ***Karavali Ale, 29<sup>th</sup>***.

#### **1.6.2025. Bantwal.**

In another case at Bantwal Town police station, Prajwal Shetty, 29, alleged that miscreants misused a photo he uploaded on Instagram. The photo was circulated with messages falsely linking him to a recent murder case within Bantwal Rural police limits. Shetty's complaint said these messages were intended to incite communal hatred. Based on his complaint, police registered a case under Section 353(2) of the BNS. – ***Times of India, June 1.***

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/1-arrested-in-udupi-as-cops-crack-down-on-provocative-social-media-posts/articleshowprint/121553256.cms>

#### **1.6.2025. Mangaluru.**

Bajpe police registered a case against the Instagram account *faizal\_bajpe* for allegedly posting content intended to provoke a specific community and issuing threats. Police say the post featured images of individuals described as rowdies, accompanied by derogatory and inflammatory remarks. – ***Times of India, June 1.***

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/1-arrested-in-udupi-as-cops-crack-down-on-provocative-social-media-posts/articleshowprint/121553256.cms>

### **1.6.2025. Belthangady .**

A case was registered against an individual for posts on an Instagram page named *mangalore\_beary\_warrior\_03* that could potentially incite disharmony between different communities and disrupt law and order. Belthangady police are investigating. – **Times of India, June 1.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/1-arrested-in-udupi-as-cops-crack-down-on-provocative-social-media-posts/articleshowprint/121553256.cms>

### **3.6.2025. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal rural police have registered a case against *Troll Abraham, Maikala Troll, Karavali official* Instagram pages for posting pictures and messages 'to incite communal hatred'. In a complaint, Danush said a picture of him with Abdul Rahim who was hacked to death by miscreants was posted on *Troll Abraham, Maikala Troll, Karavali official* with messages stating he was the main accused in the murder case. – **Deccan Herald, June 4.**

### **4.6.2025. Mangaluru.**

In a major crackdown against the spread of communal hatred via social media, Mangaluru City Police have arrested five individuals for allegedly circulating provocative content aimed at disturbing social harmony in the city and across Dakshina Kannada district. Acting swiftly on intelligence inputs, the City Commissionerate formed special investigative teams to identify and apprehend those responsible for the inciting posts. All arrests are linked to cases registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), with investigations now underway.

In the first case, Mohammad Aslam, 23, son of Aboobacker Siddiq and resident of Hejamady in Udupi district, has been arrested for allegedly spreading inflammatory content through an Instagram account named *team\_jokerzzz\_*. Aslam was operating the account from Saudi Arabia, and based on evidence, the Mangaluru South Police registered a case under Crime No. 88/2025, invoking Sections 192 and 353(2) of the BNS. A lookout circular (LOC) was issued against him, following which he was taken into custody. Police sources confirmed that investigation into the case is currently ongoing. – **Daijiworld, June 4.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1282484>

### **07.6.2025. Mangaluru.**

A case has been registered at the Bajpe police station after a photo and voice clip allegedly showing "bikers carrying swords" went viral on social media recently. Muhammad Suhail, a resident of Surathkal, lodged a complaint in this regard. In his complaint, Suhail stated that while he was riding a bike with a friend towards Moodbidri, someone maliciously clicked their photo while he was holding an aquarium stone and an e-cigarette. The image and an accompanying voice clip were then falsely circulated on an Instagram page named *Karavali Tigers*, falsely claiming that "bikers carrying swords" were roaming around. He alleged that this false news was spread on social media in a manner that could incite communal tension, and demanded strict legal action against the *Karavali Tigers* Instagram account.

Responding to the incident, Mangaluru city police issued a clarification stating that the viral WhatsApp photo and voice clip showing bikers with swords were misleading. They confirmed that the rear rider in the image was merely holding an aquarium stone and an e-cigarette on the way to Moodbidri, and that the circulating content was based on false information. – **Daijiworld, June 8.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1282842>

### **20.6.2025. Mangaluru.**

### **(4 incidents)**

Dakshina Kannada police have registered four separate cases over the spreading of false information through social media that there was an attempt to stab two Muslim men in Sajipadnadu in Ullal taluk of Dakshina Kannada district on June 20.

In a press release, the police stated that one Ziyad Ummi posted false information on a WhatsApp group, *Muslim Yuva Balaga*, that there was an attempt to stab two Muslim youths in Sajipanadu and that many people assembled at the incident site on June 20. As this false information caused anxiety and fear among people, the Bantwal Rural police registered a case against Ummi under Section 240 (giving false information with respect to an offence) of the BNS.

Under the same section, another case was registered in the same station against *DTV Kannada* online news portal for publishing false information as news.

A third case was filed against Mohammed Naushad for posting fake news on his Facebook account.

A case was also registered on the post *Talavar Daali* (stabbing incident) on social media.

#### **Fact check**

On June 20, Mahammad Makbul filed a complaint with the Bantwal Rural police stating that he was returning home on a motorcycle being ridden by his brother-in-law, when some persons sporting helmets chased them in Sajipanadu. Investigating the case, the police checked the CCTVs in the area and found that the evidence contradicted what Makbul stated in the complaint. However, this incident was falsely projected as "stabbing" on social media, the police said. – ***The Hindu, 25<sup>th</sup>***.

### **25.6.2025. Mangaluru.**

A case has been registered against a web news channel for allegedly broadcasting fake news related to a sword attack incident. The news article titled 'Sword attacks resume in coastal region; two innocent Muslims attacked while returning home from work in Sajipamooda' was published on the online platform *gadinadadhwani*. Police said that the report is false and misleading. Dissemination of such information has created panic and fear among the public. As a result an FIR under section 240 of BNS was registered at the Bantwal Rural police station against the web news channel. An investigation is currently under way and legal action will be taken accordingly. The police have further warned that legal proceedings will continue against those spreading false news in the future. – ***Deccan Herald, 25<sup>th</sup>***.

### **25.6.2025. Mangaluru.**

Cases have been booked against two persons for wide-spread dissemination [viral] of fake news related to the sword attack incident of Deraje. Bantwal Rural police have on June 25 registered cases against a member of *Varkady Top News* and another member of *Democratic Voice of India* for broadcasting fake news and creating fear in the public mind. – ***Karavali Ale, 27<sup>th</sup>***.

### **5.7.2025. Udupi.**

A *suo moto* complaint has been lodged against SDPI state secretary Riyaz Kadambu for allegedly making provocative and misleading statements aimed at disturbing communal harmony. According to the complaint, the incident took place around 6 pm on July 5, when the complainant came across a video on social media via WhatsApp. In the video, Riyaz Kadambu is seen addressing the media regarding a recent incident in Kunjal,

Brahmavar, Udupi, where a cow head was reportedly found on the roadside. In the video, Kadambu claimed that the police had arrested the real culprits in the case and criticized members of the Sangh Parivar and BJP, alleging that they habitually blame Muslims without evidence in such situations. He further stated that such incidents are often used as a diversionary tactic to shift public attention away from corruption and developmental issues in Udupi, including scams and alleged embezzlement involving local MLAs. Kadambu went on to allege that the recent incident appeared to be a pre-planned act orchestrated by Sangh Parivar members, accusing them of creating unrest and communal tension. He also criticized Sangh Parivar leader Sharan Pumpwell for his recent inflammatory statements calling Muslims 'main jihadis' and 'religious extremists'. The complainant has accused Riyaz Kadambu of making baseless allegations, spreading misinformation, and inciting communal disharmony through his public statements.

Earlier a similar *suo moto* case was registered against VHP leader Sharan Pumpwell for provocative statements on the Kunjal cow head incident. – **Daijiworld, July 5.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1285448>

### **28.7.2025. Udupi.**

Srikumar, a resident of Bellarpadi near Hiriadka has lodged a complaint with the Udupi Town Police against two YouTubers from Kerala alleging that they have uploaded a video ridiculing the three religious centers of Dharmasthala, Udupi and Kollur. The accused *Mallumart Traveler* and *Maanaf* are said to have uploaded the video on Facebook and YouTube. According to Srikumar their alleged derogatory comments have hurt religious feelings. He has urged the police to take necessary action immediately. – **Karavali Ale, 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### **5.8.2025. Puttur.**

The Puttur Town Police have registered a *suo motu* case against a person for his communally provocative post on Facebook. The said post contained messages abusing other community. The Facebook account is in the name of Abdul K. Further investigations are in progress. – **Karavali Ale, 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **10.9.2025. Bantwal.**

Continuing their action against those trying to build a fake communal narrative to crimes in Dakshina Kannada, the Bantwal Rural police have registered a case against Riyaz Kadambu on the charge of giving communal colour to a case registered against Ashraf Talapady. In a press note, the police said one Umar Farooq was arrested for filing a false case that he was attacked on June 13. A case was registered against Farooq after the jurisdictional court accepted the 'B' report of police on the false complaint. When Farooq was produced before the court it remanded him in judicial custody.

Talapady posted on his Facebook page that an innocent Muslim was arrested by foisting a case based on a false complaint. Considering this as an inflammatory post which can create communal tension, the Bantwal Rural police registered a case against Talapady on August 31 for the offence punishable under Sections 192 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot), 353(1) and 353(2) (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). A notice was issued to Talapady in this regard. When the matter was under investigation, Kadambu, without knowing the facts about the case, posted on Facebook that the police were targeting Muslims. Considering this to be done to incite communal hatred, the Bantwal Rural police registered a case under Section 353 (2) of BNS against Kadambu. – **The Hindu, 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### **6.10.2025. Mangaluru.**

At around 6 in the evening on October 6, the Facebook page of a news website had published a link with a video of the disturbances during the Sharada Utsav at Ullal. One Shailesh Kashipatna had made some

comments about it which was countered by the user of Facebook page Ayisha Muhammad. Saying that these comments were provocative in nature and disturbed the peace in the society, the Urwa police have registered a case against the users of the facebook pages. – **Karavali Ale, 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### **11.10.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Mangaluru City police have arrested a person accused of posting an inflammatory content about Hindus on an Instagram page. Police Commissioner Sudheer Kumar Reddy, in a video statement, said the inflammatory post about Hindus was posted on the Instagram page of *Team SDPI 2025*. The accused had made the post by sitting in Saudi Arabia. The Bajpe police had registered the case on October 11, 2025. The police said a look-out out notice was issued against Abdul Khader Nehad, 27, a resident of Sajipamunnuru, who was accused posting inflammatory content. He arrived at the Calicut International Airport on Sunday [December 14] from Saudi Arabia, where he was working. The CISF personnel apprehended him and informed the Bajpe police. The Bajpe Police went to Calicut and took him into custody. – **The Hindu, December 15.**

### **21.10.2025. Mangaluru.**

A case has been registered against two Facebook accounts, *Nazir Mangalore* and *Gandhian Nehruvian Magar* at Kankanady Nagar police station on charges of sharing provocative messages on Facebook. On October 21 at 3 pm, while he was browsing Facebook as part of his social media monitoring duties "Ai video video but funny" was shared through a Facebook account called *Gandhian Nehruvian Magar*, which was tagged to accounts Mumtha Abdul Nelyadka and Mahesh Vikram Hegde, from a Facebook account called *Nazir Mangalore*, inciting hatred between different faiths and classes of the society and inciting them to commit a criminal act. Therefore, SSI Shivakumar has in his complaint, sought action against the Facebook account holders *Nazir Mangalore* and *Gandhian Nehruvian Magar*. – **Vartha Bharati, 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

[https://www.varthabharati.in/DakshinaKannada/-2094333#goog\\_rewarded](https://www.varthabharati.in/DakshinaKannada/-2094333#goog_rewarded)

## **Allegedly by Christian Fundamentalists**

### **8.12.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Mangaluru city police have arrested a man accused of posting content inciting hatred on social media in 2024. Commissioner of Police Sudheer Kumar Reddy C H said that the arrested is Felix Edward Mathais (56). In February 2024, a derogatory post targeting the Bhagavad Gita and women was circulated on social media. In connection with this, Kankanady Town Police Station had registered a case under IPC Sections 153(A), 504, 507, 509, Section 66(D) of the Information Technology Act. At the time the case was filed, Felix Mathais - originally from Charkop, Mumbai - was working in Saudi Arabia, and could not be arrested. Based on the report, authorities issued a Look-Out Circular (LOC) against him. – **Deccan Herald, December 9, 2025.**

## **Unknown**

### **4.5.25. Bantwal.**

A case has been registered by the Bantwal Rural police against an Instagram page *Un-fixed-leader* for posting a communally provocative message hurting religious feelings and creating unrest in society. – **Karavali Ale, 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **30.8.2025. Kadaba**

A case has been registered at Kadaba Police Station against a Facebook user for allegedly posting content aimed at provoking communal hatred. According to police, the complainant, K. Abdul Hakeem (35) of Kadaba taluk, was checking his Facebook account on August 30 when he came across a post made by a user with the profile name “Ibrahim Mitthodi ExMuslim.” The post allegedly contained remarks capable of hurting religious sentiments and inciting communal tension. Based on the complaint, Kadaba police registered a case under Sections 353(2) and 299 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023. Investigation is underway. – **Deccan Herald, September 1.**

### **9.10.25. Bantwal.**

A case has been registered by the sub-inspector Rajesh K.V. of the Punjalakatte police station against a person for having posted a communally provocative message on his Instagram page *Artha\_fox*. – **Karavali Ale, 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **Other incidents of communalism**

### **Allegedly by Hindutvavadis**

### **9.4.2025. Puttur.**

The Puttur Rural Police arrested two individuals on Thursday, April 10 for allegedly brandishing a lethal weapon long knife/sword and circulating its image on social media, an act that violates legal provisions. The accused have been identified as Sujit (36), a resident of Kuriya village, and Puttanna (32), from Aryapu village in Puttur. The accused are reportedly right wingers associated the Sangh Parivar and Sujit was associated with

HIndu Jagarana Vedike earlier. A case was registered at the Puttur rural police station on April 9, and an investigation is currently underway. Further legal proceedings will follow based on the findings. Meanwhile, the duo was produced before court on April 10 in the evening and they have been granted interim bail. – ***Daijiworld, 10<sup>th</sup>.***

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1277301>

#### **26.4.2025. Puttur.**

Various organisations staged a protest, road blockade, and set a deadline for the arrest of the accused after an attempt was made to assault the administrative medical officer of the Puttur Taluk Government Hospital. The protest took place on April 26 in front of the Women's Police Station. Local MLAs visited the site and directed the DySP to arrest the accused by evening.

The protest saw participation from the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Doctor Forum, Ayush Federation, BJP members, and Hindu organisations. Protesters blocked the road near the Women's Police Station for about half an hour.

On April 25, a woman named Zuhara and her son allegedly misbehaved with and attempted to assault Dr Asha Jyothi, the administrative medical officer of the Puttur Taluk Government Hospital. Police had registered a case against the two but, after initial questioning, released the accused, leading to public outrage.

Led by Puttur branch officials of the Indian Medical Association, doctors and Hindu leaders including Arun Kumar Puthila gathered at the police station on Friday night to express their anger. Dissatisfied with the police response, the organisations warned of intensified protests on April 26. On Saturday morning, the protesters gheraoed the Women's Police Station and staged a road blockade. Traffic SI Uday Ravi and Town SI Anjaneya Reddy attempted to pacify the protesters, leading to a heated verbal exchange between police and demonstrators.

Former president of the IMA Puttur branch, Dr Ganesh Prasad Mudraje, addressed the gathering. DySP Arun Nagegowda visited the site and explained that proper sections could not be imposed as a formal complaint was not lodged appropriately by the assaulted officer. However, protesters criticised the DySP and demanded swift action. He assured that the accused would be arrested by evening, failing which the protests would resume. In solidarity with the protest, doctors and hospital staff in Puttur suspended all services except emergency treatment. Staff wore black bands to register their protest against the attack.

MLA Ashok Kumar Rai visited the protest site and responded to the situation. He stated that no one had informed him about the incident earlier, and he learned about it through the media. He said he had spoken to the SP regarding the matter and directed police to bring the accused to the station by evening. Doctor Forum president Dr Suresh Putturaya and IMA secretary Dr Ganesh Prasad Mudraje briefed the MLA about the incident. – ***Daijiworld, 27<sup>th</sup>.***

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1278893>

#### **27.4.2025. Mangaluru.**

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has objected to Railway Recruitment Board (RRB), Bengaluru, banning 'mangala sutra and religious symbols' to appear for its Nursing Superintendent examination. Sharan Kumar Pumpwell, South Karnataka Joint Secretary, VHP, in a social media post said on Sunday (April 27, 2025) that in the instructions to candidates appearing for the examination, as mentioned in the admission letter, the RRB said that 'bangles, religious symbols, ornaments, mangala sutra' will be among other materials (which have been specified) that "are not allowed inside the test centre." In his post Mr. Pumpwell interpreted that 'religious symbols' also included 'janivara' ('sacred thread'). "Such an anti-religious stand is not tolerable," Mr. Pumpwell said. The Joint Secretary appealed to Dakshina Kannada MP Captain Brijesh Chowta and Dakshina Kannada

Deputy Commissioner M.P. Mullai Muhilan to intervene and allow candidates to appear for the examination without hurting their religious sentiments. The examination in Mangaluru will be held on April 29 at Manel Srinivas Nayak Institute of Management at Bondel, he said. Meanwhile, in a release on Sunday here, the VHP said that students had been made to remove their 'janivara' in the recently held Common Entrance Test (CET) in Karnataka, which had hurt the religious sentiments of Hindus. Now, making Hindu women to remove their 'mangala sutra' and wipe out their 'sindhura', and men to remove their 'janivara' to appear for the RRB's Nursing Superintendent Examination will again hit the religious sentiments of Hindus. Such instructions to candidates is not correct, Mr. Pumpwell said. – ***The Hindu, 28<sup>th</sup>.***

**F**ollowing widespread criticism over Railway Recruitment Boards' (RRBs) diktat on banning 'mangal sutra' and religious symbols for candidates appearing for the Nursing Superintendents' examination, the Railway Ministry on Monday [April 28] excluded 'mangalasutra' from the banned items category. However, the Ministry said, "During frisking, candidates found carrying/wearing metallic wears, religious symbols, bangles, ornaments, mangal sutra, bracelets, shall be allowed inside the examination hall with suitable endorsement in their call letter so that, invigilators shall be extra vigilant for such candidates." In a notification to all RRBs, Railway Board Executive Director (Establishment) Rajiv Gandhi said examinations conducted by RRBs have certain stipulations that lead to restrictions imposed on certain items being carried into the examination centres. The competent authority has decided to modify paragraph 7 of the instructions in the call letter in order not to hurt any religious sentiments, he said. While Paragraph 7 (i) excluded metallic wears, bangles, religious symbols, ornaments and mangal sutra, Paragraph 7(ii) provided for extra vigil on candidates wearing such items.

South Karnataka Joint Secretary of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Sharan Kumar Pumpwell had on Sunday objected to the instructions to candidates appearing for the April 29 examination and said such an anti-religious stand was not tolerable.

Dakshina Kannada MP Capt. Brijesh Chowta in his post on X said, "The exemption and swift action is a wonderful instance of good governance and people friendly policymaking orientation of our government led by PM Shri @narendramodi." Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP Kota Srinivas Poojary said he too had raised the issue with the Railway Minister.

Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna in his post on X said he had received complaints from people's representatives and Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Maha Sabha on the issue. He discussed the same with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and issued clear instructions to authorities concerned that candidates wearing items representing their culture, such as 'janivara,' mangal sutra etc., would not face any hindrance during the examination process. "Candidates will be permitted to write the examination provided they adhere to all other prescribed examination rules and regulations," he said.

– ***The Hindu, 29<sup>th</sup>.***

#### **02.5.2025. Mangaluru.**

In the wake of Suhas Shetty's murder the VHP had called for a *bundh* in DK district. As a precautionary measure the district administration had clamped section 144 throughout the district. But despite this a procession was taken out carrying Suhas Shetty's dead body from a private hospital in Kuntikana to his residence at Karinja in Bantwal defying the prohibitory order. – ***Vartha Bharati, 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

#### **16.8.2025. Mangaluru.**

A YouTube channel has landed in legal trouble after airing a news report related to a road accident in Talapady that police say could incite communal tension in the sensitive Ullal region. The incident took place on August 16, when a minor vehicle collision occurred in Talapady. Following this, the YouTube channel 'Prastuta'

reportedly aired interviews with a woman and a youth involved in the incident, framing the coverage in a way that allegedly carried communal undertones. Taking the matter seriously, the Social Media Monitoring Cell under the Mangaluru City police commissionerate reviewed the broadcast and concluded that the content could potentially disturb communal harmony. Acting on the police commissioner's directive, Ullal Police registered a case under Section 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, citing an intent to spread communal hatred through media in a communally sensitive area. Further investigation is underway to determine the channel's motives and whether media regulations were violated. – **Daijiworld, 17<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1289560>

### **17.8.2025. Mangaluru.**

In the wake of a road accident involving two vehicles, a public altercation between three youths from different communities led Ullal police to register a *suo motu* case fearing the incident could spark communal tensions. The scuffle took place in a public area following the accident, and police say the involvement of individuals from different religious communities posed a risk of social unrest. A case has now been filed under Sections 196(1)(b) and 194(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against Syyed Taha, Manvith, and Jeevan. Police stated that a separate case had already been registered earlier based on a complaint filed by one of the parties involved. However, considering the sensitive communal undertones of the clash and the fact that it occurred in a public space, Ullal police initiated an additional *suo motu* FIR. "The altercation in a public place involving members of different communities had the potential to escalate into a communal issue, which prompted us to take proactive legal action," said an official source. Further investigation is underway. – **Daijiworld, 17<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1289561>

### **23.10.2025. Mangaluru.**

A drunken brawl between two groups led four persons of a group assault two persons of another group in a bar in Surathkal on Thursday [October 23] night. The police later arrested three of the four persons allegedly involved in the assault. The police gave names of the arrested persons as Sushanth alias Kadavi, 29, of Kana, Surathkal; K.V. Alex Santosh, 27, Idya, Surathkal; Nithin, 26, of Surathkal. In addition, the police have also arrested Arun Shetty, 56, of Honnakatte, Surathkal, for allegedly sheltering the accused involved in the assault. Search is on for Gururaj, a Bajrang Dal activist and a rowdy-sheeter, the main accused in the case, and Ashok, who is also accused of providing shelter to persons involved in the assault. In a statement, the Police Commissioner Sudheer Kumar Reddy said Nizam, his friend Hassan Mukshid, and two others, went to consume alcohol at a bar in Kana, Surathkal, around 10.30 p.m. The four accused entered the same bar and picked up quarrel with Nizam and three others. One assaulter took out a sharp weapon and stabbed Nizam and Mukshid was hit on the hand with the weapon. The injury on Nizam and Mukshid's bodies was not deep. They were admitted in a hospital for treatment and are out of danger. The Surathkal police registered a case under Section 109 (attempt to murder) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. A police team raided a hideout late on Thursday night and found that the accused had escaped from there. The police used dog squad to trace the movement of assailants and also those who gave them shelter. Gururaj accused in five criminal cases, has been acquitted in four cases and convicted in one case. A few days ago the rowdy-sheeter, was given a bond for maintaining good conduct by the Surathkal police station. As he is now accused in attempt to murder of two youths, the bond amount will be forfeited upon his arrest and fresh bond will be taken, Mr. Reddy said. – **The Hindu, 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Allegedly by Muslim Fundamentalists**

**17.11.2025. Udupi.**

A guest physical education teacher at the Morarji Desai Residential School, Miyar in Karkala has been terminated following allegations that he compelled students to remove the religious symbols including sacred thread they were wearing. The teacher, identified as Madarasha S Makamdar, from Kalaburagi, had been appointed on a temporary basis. The principal of the school on Monday has stated that the guest physical education teacher of the school has been removed with immediate effect. Makamdar had been working as a guest physical education teacher in the school since June 23.

Parents alleged that he had been punishing young students by making them perform sit-ups with their hands held to their ears, and forcing them to remove their janivara (sacred thread) and sacred wrist threads. A video of parents and residents confronting the staff of the residential school has gone viral. Parents who reached the school sought immediate action against the teacher. They questioned the teacher as to why he asked students to remove sacred threads and do 200 sit-ups. Makamdar apologised to parents, and the principal agreed to take action against the teacher. Social thinker Ramitha Sooryavamshi, in her reaction to the incident, has stated 'janivara', the sacred thread, holds its own sanctity in Hinduism. She said that the teacher has insulted the Hindu religious sentiments. The incident had insulted Hindu beliefs, which can not be accepted. "I urge the education department and police department to take legal action against Makamdar," she said. – **Deccan Herald, 19<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Karnataka: Special Action Force formed to restore communal harmony in three districts, says Home Minister G. Parameshwara**

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Home Minister G. Parameshwara who launched the Special Action Force (SAF) in Mangaluru on Friday (June 13, 2025) said that its sole purpose is to restore communal harmony in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Shivamogga districts.

The SAF will act against those persons who disturb communal harmony in the three districts, he said adding that such a force has been constituted in the country probably for the first time. As many as 248 personnel from the Anti Naxal Force have been drawn to create SAF. A SAF unit, each comprising of 78 personnel, will be placed in the three districts. The SAF will presently be headed by the Deputy Inspector General C.H. Sudheer Kumar Reddy, who is Mangaluru Police Commissioner, and it will work in coordination with Inspector General of Police (Western Range) Amith Singh.

"Earlier, we (the government) spoke mildly (on the communal violence in the region). Following the recent incidents (a mob lynching and two communal murders in Dakshina Kannada), we decided to use force (in the form of SAF) to tackle the communally related issues," he said.

The government is confident that the SAF will deal effectively with persons who indulge in communal violence, give hate speeches and spread hatred through social media posts, he said. The SAF personnel are well versed in intelligence gathering, he added.

### Numbers to be increased on need basis

In the last a decade, Mr. Parameshwara said, there have been many communal clashes and murders in the three districts. The SAF personnel will collect intelligence and they are empowered to act against persons who create communal disharmony. "The SAF will operate in the three districts and their numbers might increase, if need be. If necessary, SAF units can be set up in other parts of the State," he said. "I hope this force will not be needed to operate for a long period," he added.

"As the personnel have been drawn from the ANF, all privileges and service benefits given to the ANF personnel will continue with SAF personnel," the Home Minister said.

District In-charge Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, MLCs Ivan D'Souza and Manjunath Bhandary, Director General and Inspector General of Police M.A. Saleem, Additional Director General of Police (Communication, Logistics and Modernisation) S. Murugan, were present. – ***The Hindu, June 14.***

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Mangalore/karnataka-special-action-force-formed-to-restore-communal-harmony-in-three-districts-says-ho...>

## Hindus Offer '*Hore Kanike*' to Uroos of Manjanady Juma Masjid

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Mangaluru: Heralding a message of communal harmony and brotherhood, Hindus offered 'hore kanike' to the Hazrat Asayyed Ismail Waliyullahil Bukhari Manjanady Uroos. Several organisations, including Nithyananda Seva Samiti of Nithyananda Nagar, Hanuman Friends of Hindupura in Assaigoli, Team Aasaigoli, Shakti Friends Akasha Bhavana, Mangaluru, SnehaBalaga Mangaluru, Om Shakti Mangaluru, Barke Friends Kudroli, Brothers Kolya, and Sai Friends Assaigoli, jointly organised a *hore kanike* procession from Assaigoli Junction to the Manjanady Central Juma Masjid. As part of the offering, the

organisations donated about 15 quintals of rice, sugar, vegetables, and other essential items for the Uroos.

On the occasion, Sunil Poojary, president, Sai Friends Asaigoli, said that the aim of the *hore kanike* programme is to promote unity and brotherhood. He called upon people from all faiths to work collectively for the successful conduct of the Uroos festival. Another organiser, Ganesh Assaigoli, said by offering *hore kanike*, the Hindu community expresses its respect and goodwill. He wished for society to remain guided by God toward harmony and shared understanding.

Manjanady Juma Masjid president Abdul Azeez Mysuru Bava expressed happiness that the Hindu community came forward voluntarily to offer *hore kanike* soon after the Uroos was announced to begin on Dec 17. "The Committee has accepted the goodwill gesture of the Hindu community wholeheartedly. They have fulfilled their promise by offering the *hore kanike* to our mosque," he added.

Abdul Azeez Parthippadi of the Manjanady Juma Masjid committee said the gesture of unity and harmony that the Hindus have shown is a testimony to the respect that they have towards the Muslim community, the masjid, and the Uroos festival. "This offering is a meaningful symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood that will foster peaceful coexistence," he added. – ***The Timesofindia.com, December 26.***

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/hindus-offer-hore-kanike-to-uroos-of-manjanady-juma-masjid/articleshowprint/126193004.cms>

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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/articles are not counted.

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