

सोशल मीडिया और समकालीन पत्रकारिता

फ़र्जी खबरों की बौछार

Social Media and Contemporary Journalism

The Scourge of Fake News

दिसंबर २०१७ : इंडिया टुडे के एंकर शिव अरूर ने परेश मेस्ता पर हत्या के पूर्व क्रूरता की झूठी खबर ट्वीट की

Dec, 2017: India Today anchor Shiv Aroor's false tweets about Paresh Mesta's 'torture'

- Paresh Mesta was a 21 year old whose decomposed body was recovered from a lake in Karnataka
- Soon rumours spread that he had been killed by Muslims, leading to violent communal clashes
- Hindutva groups and saffron trolls started spreading fake news on social media about Mesta's torture
- They tweeted that he was scalded with hot oil, his head split open and his genitals were cut off before he was killed
- Rumours gained legitimacy when Shiv Aroor an anchor with India Today tweeted about these gory details
- Violence intensified as rumour spread thick and fast
- Eventually a post mortem report dismissed all claims of torture as fiction and lies



जुलाई २०१७ : भोजपुरी फिल्म के सीन को बशीरहाट दंगे में रेप का सबूत बनाकर ट्वीट किया गया

Jul, 2017: Bhojpuri movie scene tweeted as 'evidence' of rape during Bashirhat riots



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Souvik's parents. Attacked with no fault of their's. But they do not fall under the #NotInMyName narrative. #HinduLivesMatter



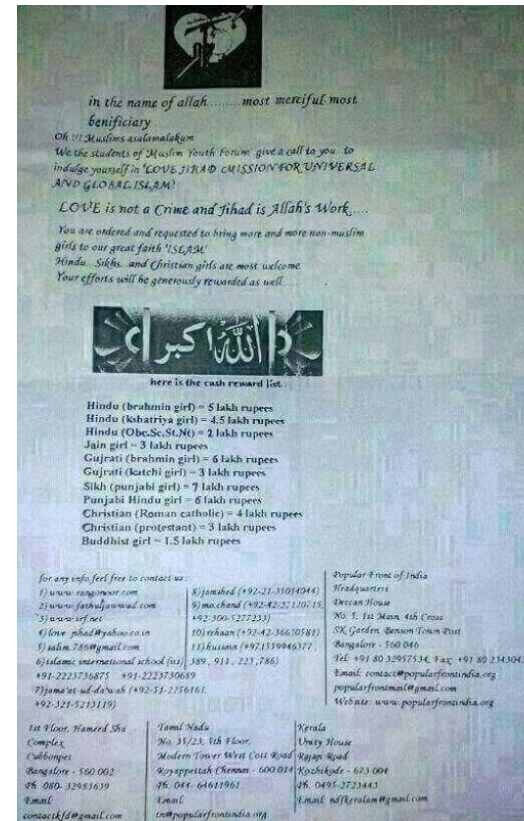
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- Riots were sparked in Bashirhat after a youth Souvik Sarkar posted a morphed image on Facebook that was offensive to Muslims
- Violent clashes broke out and social media trolls went into an overdrive
- They tweeted images from a Bhojpuri movie, '*Aurat Khilona Nahi*' as 'evidence' of rape of Hindu women by Muslim men during the riots
- They also tweeted an image of an injured and bleeding couple saying they were Souvik's parents and had been badly beaten up by Muslims
- The image was fake and Souvik's mother had died several years ago
- Interestingly, it was Muslim neighbours who protected Souvik and his home from rioters and the two communities worked together to return the town to normalcy

जून २०१७ : टाइम्स नाओ ने “लव जिहाद” के “रेट कार्ड” की झूठी खबर चलाई

Jun, 2017: Times Now’s special show on ‘rate card’ for ‘Love Jihad’

- Times Now shows a so called ‘rate card’ for rewards for Muslim men to marry women from other communities
- The card offers a different reward amount for marrying a Brahmin, Buddhist, Jain or OBC girl
- The idea fans communal flames by projecting Muslims in the wrong light
- Turns out it was a 7 year old photo-shopped image that had been doing the rounds of social media
- Information from the fake rate card had also been used in anti-Muslim propaganda pamphlets by VHP in Jaipur in November 2017



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गुजराती कच्छपुवती	3 लाख
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बौद्ध पुवती	1 लाख 50 हजार

मई २०१७ : अरुंधती राँय के नाम से सेना विरोधी झूठी टिप्पणी

May, 2017: Fake anti-Army quote attributed to Arundhuti Roy



- Republic TV and CNN News 18 attacked Arundhuti Roy for allegedly saying, “70 lakh Indian soldiers cannot defeat Azadi gang in Kashmir”
- Twitter trolls and right wing websites fanned the flames on social media
- Actor Paresh Rawal believed it to be true and suggested Roy should be tied in front of an army jeep and used like a human shield
- An investigation by a fact checking website finds the quote first appeared on an obscure Pakistani website and that Roy never said anything of the sort
- Interestingly, yet another fake quote was attributed to Roy in Jan 2018, where she allegedly compared mothers and teachers to terrorists
- Roy dismissed this allegation as “rubbish”

जनवरी २०१६ : मालदा दंगे की झूठी खबरें सोशल मीडिया पर फैलाई गईं

Jan, 2016: Fake news spreads on social media during Malda riots

- UP cabinet minister Azam Khan called RSS members homosexual
- In retaliation, Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha leader Kamlesh Tiwai called Prophet Mohammed the world's first homosexual
- This angered a Muslim group in Malda and they took out a protest march
- A breakaway faction of protestors turned violent and set fire to a bus and ransacked a police station
- Saffron trolls on social media made it sound as if the Muslim protestors had full backing of the ruling Trinamul Congress that was allegedly stoking 'anti-Hindu' sentiments for political gains
- Fake and gory pictures were circulated to make the riot appear bloodier than it was



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Muslim leaders in Malda. Her policies of appeasement has been criticized for stoking fundamentalism. A communal riot broke out in Malda in January but her government has refused to say the strife was due to religious tensions. - Source; google

अप्रैल २०१५: आजतक ने झूठे सऊदी फतवे “भूखे मुसलमान को अपनी पत्नी को खाने की अनुमति है” की खबर चलाई

Apr, 2015: Aaj Tak runs story on Saudi ‘fatwa’ allowing hungry Muslim men to eat their wives!



Men can eat their wives if severely hungry, says top Saudi Sheikh's fatwa

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- Aaj Tak runs story saying Saudi Arabia has allowed hungry Muslim men to eat their wives
- Says this is as per a special fatwa
- Turns out it was based on a satirical article published on a website known for spoofing and satirising everyday events
- But they neither apologised, nor took down the story. Infact, it still appears on the India Today website with just one line added at the end of the story saying it turned out to be fake: <https://www.indiatoday.in/fyi/story/men-can-eat-their-wives-if-severely-hungry-says-top-saudi-sheikhs-fatwa-270347-2015-10-29>
- The headline does not make it clear that this is fake news and unless a reader reads the entire story they are likely to believe it

अगस्त २०१२: नकली फोटो के कारण आज़ाद मैदान मुंबई में दंगे भड़के

Aug, 2012: Fake images used to cause Azad Maidan riots in Mumbai

- Images of Tibetan Buddhist monks cremating the bodies of those who died in the 2010 Yushu earthquake were used to show how monks in Myanmar were burning Rohingya Muslims alive
- These images were circulated on Whatsapp and used to mobilise people at Azad maidan to protest against the violence against Rohingya in Myanmar as well as at the hands of Bodos in Assam
- Inflammatory speeches at the venue stoked communal flames and a riots broke out where protestors attacked policemen and media persons
- The Amar Jawan statue was desecrated



आजतक चैनल पर दो हज़ार के नोट में नैनो चिप होने कि रिपोर्ट

Aaj Tak's report on Nano chip in Rs 2000 note



आजतक चैनल ने कासगंज की बेबुनियाद और उल्टी कहानी सुनाई

Aaj Tak's contradictory Kasganj coverage



रिपब्लिक टीवी के निशाने पर जिग्नेश मेवाणी : समाचार का विकृत रूप

Republic TV's political vs personal attack distinction when Jignesh Mevani takes on Modi



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