

Capital city became a laboratory for pre-election communal polarisation

In the months leading up to the Delhi elections, the capital witnessed an extraordinary and coordinated surge of communal mobilisation—far more systematic, granular, and aggressive than in previous cycles. What emerges from these speeches and incidents is not isolated rhetoric but an organised pre-election campaign that deployed fear, intimidation, and manufactured hostility to reshape public sentiment and redefine everyday civic life. Councillors patrolled vegetable markets demanding religious disclosure from vendors; hardline groups held mass “Trishul Deeksha” events announcing the “next battles” after Ayodhya; chief ministers and national leaders invoked conspiracies of infiltration, land jihad, love jihad, spit jihad, and demographic takeover; and religious assemblies like the Sanatan Dharma Sansad openly normalised armed action, boycotts, expulsions, and fantasies of erasing Islam from India. Together, these events reveal how Delhi was transformed into a high-intensity polarisation zone—where political actors sought to harden identities, mark neighbourhoods, stigmatise slums, and fabricate a city under siege. This curated ecosystem of hate did not simply accompany the election; it was engineered as a core electoral strategy—turning Delhi into a microcosm of India’s broader democratic regression.

Not new to hate in the public sphere (2020, the last elections, saw the heightened use of hate speech, 2025 was no different. Details of these may be read [here](#).) CJP as part of its consistent campaign for constitutional accountability and against hate and division had complained about several or most of these speeches. Details of some of these complaints may be read [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

1. Location: Vinod Nagar, Delhi
Date: December 3

BJP Councilor Ravinder Singh Negi asks a Muslim paneer vendor to display his name prominently on the store, threatening to confiscate his belongings if he doesn't. He went around questioning vegetable vendors about their names and religions and installed saffron flags on the stalls of Hindu vendors, stating that it would help customers identify them as Hindus, saying “other community” spits on food and washes them with sewage water.

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2. Location: Kalindi Kunj, Delhi
Date: December 11

The Delhi police started a drive to check the documents of the migrants living in the slums and footpaths to identify Bangladeshi migrants, after the Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena ordered to take strict action against “illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.”

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3. Location: Delhi

Date: December 15

At a Vishwa Hindu Parishad-Bajrang Dal Trishul Deeksha event, Kapil Khanna, president of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Delhi, declared the next focus to be the "liberation" of Kashi and Mathura, claiming public support for these goals after the Ram Mandir. He targeted Ajmer Sharif Dargah, warning, "Go and put chaddar there, but next year you'll have to do kanwar yatra instead." Khanna also spread conspiracies about 'love jihad' and 'land jihad,' while accusing Muslims of building mazars to "Challenge" Hinduism, vowing to oppose them in Delhi.

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4. Location: Delhi

Date: December 15

At a Vishwa Hindu Parishad Trishul Deeksha event, Surender Jain, International Joint General Secretary of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, delivered a hate-filled speech targeting Muslims. He called for alleged Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltrators to flee India and accused Muslims of defiling food with spit and urine, urging an economic boycott of Muslim vendors. Jain fear mongered about attacks on Hindu festivals and spread conspiracies about 'love jihad' and 'land jihad,' demanding shop owners display their religious identity. He praised efforts against alleged Bangladeshi infiltrators and encouraged Bajrang Dal members to aid the police in identifying them.

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5. Location: Vinod Nagar, Patparganj, Delhi

Date: November 8

BJP Councilor Ravinder Singh Negi installed saffron flags on the carts of Hindu vegetable sellers, asking them to display these flags along with their names so that customers could identify their religion and choose to buy from them.

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6. Location: Najafgarh, Delhi

Date: October 28

Amit Kharkhari, a BJP councilor, along with the Market Association, has made it mandatory for fruit and vegetable sellers to display their names and phone numbers on their carts, so that they can be identified. They claimed this measure is aimed at preventing "illegal infiltrators" from selling products there.

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7. Location: Delhi

Date: November 8

Deepak Sharma, a journalist associated with the news portal TNN World, harassed a Muslim youth attending a Chhath Puja celebration, forcing him to leave. He also attempted to incite the other attendees against Muslims.

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8. Location: Delhi

Date: November 16

At the Sanatan Dharma Sansad, BJP legislator T. Raja Singh propagated the conspiracy of "love jihad," stating that the Sanatan Board would address "love jihadis" in their own language. He targeted Muslims over Bakra-Eid practices and declared the board's support for anyone who kills "terrorists".

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9. Location: Delhi

Date: November 16

At the Sanatan Dharma Sansad, Hindu monk Raju Das propagated conspiracies of "love jihad," "land jihad," "spit jihad," "vote jihad," "economic jihad," and "dharmantaran jihad." He demonised Muslims, calling them "Mohammad ka bacha," and criticised their support for Palestine while refusing to chant 'Bharat Mata ki Jai', accusing them of rejecting the Indian Constitution.

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10. Location: Delhi

Date: November 16

At the Sanatan Dharma Sansad, Juna Akhara's Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Shri Swami Avdheshanand made anti-Muslim remarks, stating that Islam would be eradicated from India once all Hindus unite and take action.

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11. Location: Delhi

Date: November 16

At the Sanatan Dharma Sansad, a Sikh monk called for armed action, stating that nothing would change without picking up weapons. He emphasised the need for the Sanatan Board, claiming that enemies are well-armed and referencing how Islamic countries allegedly used weapons to loot and kill people.

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12. Location: Delhi

Date: December 26

At a public event, Supreme Court lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay delivered an anti-Muslim speech, fearmongering about demographic changes and a decline in the Hindu population. He also propagated the conspiracy of 'drug jihad.'

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13. Location: Delhi

Date: November 16

At the Sanatan Dharma Sansad, Monk Abhay Das condemned the violent stabbing of a non-Hindu schoolchild in Udaipur, attributing such actions to teachings from their families. He compared the killing of Kanhaiya Lal to the Halal slaughter method and

called for an economic boycott of Muslims, highlighting the need for the Sanatan Board to counter such ideologies.

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14. Location: Patparganj, Delhi

Date: January 6

During an election campaign speech, BJP Councilor Ravinder Singh Negi targeted Muslims, referring to them as “descendants of the Mughals” and asserting that only “Jai Shree Ram” would be chanted in the country. He fearmongers about the Muslim population and asks people to look at the condition of Hindus in Bengal. He talks about Kashmiri Pandits claiming that Muslims trouble the Hindus wherever they are in the majority. He talks about atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh, and claims that there can’t be anything worse than Hindus not voting for BJP.

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15. Location: Rohini, Delhi

Date: January 5

BJP leader Nazia Elahi Khan, aka Nazia Sanatani, delivered a hate-filled speech targeting Islam and Muslims at an event organised by the Hindu nationalist organization "Chetna." She accused Muslims of avoiding education and humanity while claiming they immediately engage in activities like rape, "love jihad," and terrorism, when asked to. She also made several false statements about Islamic practices and derogatorily referred to Muslim women in polygamous marriages as "sex toys."

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16. Location: Badarpur, Delhi

Date: January 22

BJP candidate Narayan Dutta Sharma, during his campaign, urged people to vote for BJP in the name of religion, asserting that other parties winning will lead to celebrations in Pakistan. He asks the people to go out in their neighbourhoods and identify those who do not align with "Ram," stating that such individuals are of no value.

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17. Location: Karol Bagh, Delhi

Date: January 23

Top themes of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's campaign speech: “In Okhla and Delhi, in all important areas, they have settled Bangladeshi infiltrators. You must have noticed two years ago in the areas around Jamia Millia, their leader and workers had settled these Bangladeshi infiltrators. I opposed it as the land belonged to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, but they didn't listen. So, I sent a bulldozer! We cleared the land and barricaded it. We will never give land to foreign infiltrators.”

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18. Location: Badarpur, Delhi

Date: January 27

Top themes from BJP candidate Narayan Dutt Sharma's campaign speech: "If Modi or the lotus wins, Diwali will be celebrated in Ayodhya; if non-Hindus win, Diwali will be celebrated in Pakistan. Do you want your enemy country to celebrate Diwali on Modi's loss, Delhi's loss in Pakistan? If you are Hindu, then strengthen the party that talks about Hindus. Or else, the Bangladesh you see on TV happened in Kashmir 10-20 years ago, and in Batla House 5 years ago. They shut down Kalindi Kunj for 3 months; Batla House is not far away. If you want to keep yourself, your generations, and your daughters safe, you have to keep Modi and Yogi safe."

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19. Location: Badarpur, Delhi

Date: January 30

Top themes from BJP leader Anurag Thakur's campaign speech: "Kejriwal made Aadhaar cards, ration cards, and voter IDs for Rohingya Muslims in Delhi through his MLAs; gave refuge to illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators; and allocated your food grains, houses, and benefits to these Rohingya Muslims. Should Rohingya Muslims and illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators be given your rights?"

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20. Location: Badarpur, Delhi

Date: January 25

Key Themes from BJP Politician Narayan Dutt Sharma's Campaign Speech: "If you are a true Hindu, vote for the party that built the Ram Mandir. Not Kejriwal, whose grandmother wept when the Babri Masjid was demolished. If the Babri Masjid was built over a temple, then it is obvious that it should be demolished, and the temple should be restored. If you truly love Lord Ram and are devoted to Hinduism, then strengthen Yogi and Modi." <https://t.me/hindutvawatchin/1370>

21. Location: Transit Camp, Govindpuri, Delhi

Date: January 27

Top themes of former Member of Parliament and BJP leader Ramesh Bidhuri's speech: "There will be no more talaq, talaq, talaq. They can't keep four wives anymore. Those who used to have six wives are now agitated and want to remove Modi."

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22. Location: Mangolpuri, Delhi

Date: January 28

Top themes of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's campaign speech:

He alleged, "AAP has distributed Aadhaar printing machines to its leaders. They use these machines to settle Bangladeshi infiltrators and Rohingyas. They have committed the 'sin' of making them Aadhaar cards and settling them in Okhla. These Bangladeshi infiltrators are stealing resources and rights meant for the people of Delhi."

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23. Location: Burari, Delhi

Date: February 2

Top themes of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's campaign speech:

"We have made laws against religious conversion; To protect the identity of Uttarakhand, we have taken action against 'land jihad'; They put a blue, yellow, green chadar (sheet) and encroach government land; There is a conspiracy polluting food by 'thuk jihad', we have taken action against it."

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24. Location: RK Puram, Delhi

Date: February 2

Top themes of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's campaign speech:

"We have brought laws against Religious conversion and laws to stop 'land jihad'; Earlier, anyone would put a blue, yellow, green chadar (sheet) and would encroach government land; We have worked to stop this land jihad; There used to be 'love jihad', we worked to stop it." <https://t.me/hindutvawatchin/1382>

25. Location: Shakurbasti, Delhi

Date: February 2

Top themes from Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma's campaign speech: "Kejriwal invited Pujaris and announced that they would start receiving a monthly allowance.

Does this mean you are only starting to pay Pujaris now? For the past 10 years, who were you paying - only the Mullahs? So, Mullahs come first, and pujaris second? India is a Hindu nation; it is a Hindu civilization. Hindus cannot be placed second. Hindus built and nurtured this country, and they will make it a Vishwaguru; Madrasa students should become doctors and engineers, why become Mullahs? In Assam, I have shut down the shops that produce Mullahs." <https://t.me/hindutvawatchin/1383>

26. Location: Rithla, Delhi

Date: February 1

Top Themes of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's Campaign Speech: "You must remember the case of Shraddha Walkar. She was brutally cut into pieces by a beast called Aftab and stored in a fridge. Now that we have implemented the UCC in Uttarakhand, no Aftab will ever harm our daughters. In the last three years, we have cracked down on 'land jihad' and freed five thousand acres from it. They used to grab land by spreading a blue shroud, a yellow shroud, or a green shroud."

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27. Location: Vinod Nagar, Delhi

Date: February 1

Top Themes of BJP Candidate and MCD Councilor Ravinder Singh Negi's Campaign Speech: "This is a message for the jihadis: pack up your stuff and leave. When I win, I will throw out all these jihadis. They can try to stop me, but my Sanatani brothers will ensure my victory. Now, show me by a raise of hands—who wants Ravi Negi to win? I will shut down all illegal meat stores. Tell those meat shops in the jhuggis that the Sanatani lion is coming on the 8th of February, so they better pack up their stuff and run away." <https://t.me/hindutvawatchin/1385>

28. Location: Shakurpur Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi,

Date: February 1

At a Hanuman Chalisa event and BJP campaign rally organized by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal, VHP member Jagjit Singh Goldy delivered a speech attacking Muslims. He accused the opposition of supporting people who chant, 'Bharat tere tukde honge, InshaAllah' (India will be broken into pieces, InshaAllah). He also spread the conspiracy of 'love jihad' and urged attendees to vote for the BJP in the upcoming Delhi elections to 'protect Hindu women.'

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29. Location: Brahmapuri, Shahdara, Delhi

Date: February 4

At a Hanuman Chalisa event and BJP campaign rally organized by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal, a Bajrang Dal worker delivered a speech targeting Muslims and urging attendees to vote for the BJP in the upcoming Delhi elections. He claimed that some political groups have threatened to demolish the Ram Temple if they come to power and invoked the Sambhal issue, urging people to mark it with saffron cloth. He further declared, "The Muslim will never vote on civic issues. We know how to deal with the deshdrohi (traitors)." <https://t.me/hindutvawatchin/1422>

30. Location: Badli, Rohini, Delhi

Date: January 30

Key Themes of BJP Candidate Ahir Deepak Chaudhary: "Who here wants a chief minister like Yogi Adityanath? In all my sabhas, such as in Jahangirpuri, I told the Bangladeshis and Rohingyas to leave because I don't want votes from people who make our children and women unsafe. AAP and Congress can't promise you the same—they want their votes, which is why they make Aadhaar cards for Bangladeshis. If any of those parties win, they will turn our home into Bangladesh, and some places have already become like Bangladesh. I can say with pride that I don't want the votes of these Bangladeshis." <https://t.me/hindutvawatchin/1490>

31. Location: Badli, Rohini, Delhi

Date: January 30

Key Themes of BJP Candidate Ahir Deepak Chaudhary: "Listen up! I don't care if they are in this crowd—I doubt they will be. Can an AAP leader or Congress leader promise you that he won't ask the Rohingya and Bangladeshis for votes? No, but I can. They are busy making Aadhaar cards for them. Soon, we will have to leave Delhi if Kejriwal or Congress comes to power because they will turn it into Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh." <https://t.me/hindutvawatchin/1493>

32. Location: New Delhi, Delhi

Date: February 22

Hindu nationalists, led by Daksh Chaudhary, urinated on and vandalised the street signs of Akbar Road and Babar Road with black paint and posters renaming them as Chhatrapati Shivaji Marg. Citing the movie "Chhaava" he claimed they were infuriated after watching it and warned the government to remove all Mughal rulers' names. They also chanted: "Put on Dabur's oil and erase Babur's name."

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33. Location: Delhi

Date: February 22

BJP leader Nazia Elahi Khan, aka Nazia Sanatani, alleged that women were sexually exploited during multiple stampedes in Mecca. She also targeted actress Swara Bhaskar, referring to her Muslim husband as a "kathmulla."

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