



Ministry of I&B blocks 8 YouTube channels for spreading disinformation related to India's national security, foreign relations and public order

7 Indian and 1 Pakistan based YouTube news channels blocked under IT Rules, 2021

Blocked YouTube channels had over 114 crore views; and 85 lakh 73 thousand subscribers

Fake anti-India content was being monetized by the blocked channels on YouTube

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The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, utilizing the emergency powers under the IT Rules, 2021, has issued orders on 16.08.2022 for blocking of eight (8) YouTube based news channels, one (1) Facebook account, and two Facebook posts. The blocked YouTube channels had a cumulative viewership of over 114 crore, were subscribed by over 85 lakh users.

Analysis of Content

The purpose of the content published by some of these YouTube channels was to spread hatred among religious communities in India. False claims were made in various videos of the blocked YouTube channels. Examples include fake news such as the Government of India to have ordered demolition of religious structures; Government of India to have banned celebration of religious festivals, declaration of religious war in India, etc. Such content was found to have the potential to create communal disharmony and disturb public order in the country.

The YouTube channels were also used to post fake news on various subjects such as the Indian Armed Forces, Jammu and Kashmir, etc. The content was observed to be completely false and sensitive from the perspective of national security and India's friendly relations with foreign States.

The content blocked by the Ministry was found to be detrimental to sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, India's friendly relations with foreign States, and public order in the country. Accordingly, the content was covered within the ambit of section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Modus Operandi

The blocked Indian YouTube channels were observed to be using fake and sensational thumbnails, images of news anchors and logos of certain TV news channels to mislead the viewers to believe that the news was authentic.



All the YouTube channels blocked by the Ministry were displaying advertisements on their videos having false content detrimental to communal harmony, public order and India's foreign relations.



With this action, since December 2021, the Ministry has issued directions for blocking of 102 YouTube based news channels and several other social media accounts. The Government of India remains committed towards



ensuring an authentic, trustworthy, and safe online news media environment, and thwart any attempts at undermining India's sovereignty and integrity, national security, foreign relations, and public order.



Details of Social Media Accounts and URLs Blocked

YouTube Channels

| Sl. No. | YouTube channel Name | Media Statistics |
|---------|---|--|
| 1. | Loktantra Tv | 23,72,27,331 views 12.90 lakh subscribers |
| 2. | U&V TV | 14,40,03,291 views 10.20 lakh subscribers |
| 3. | AM Razvi | 1,22,78,194 views 95,900 subscribers |
| 4. | Gouravshali Pawan Mithilanchal | 15,99,32,594 views 7 lakh subscribers |
| 5. | SeeTop5TH | 24,83,64,997 views 33.50 lakh subscribers |
| 6. | Sarkari Update | 70,41,723 views 80,900 subscribers |
| 7. | Sab Kuch Dekho | 32,86,03,227 views 19.40 lakh subscribers |
| 8. | News ki Dunya (Pakistan based) | 61,69,439 views 97,000 subscribers |



Total

Over 114 crore views,
85 lakh 73 thousand subscribers



Facebook Page



Sl. No.

Facebook Account

No. of Followers

1.

Loktantra Tv

3,62,495 Followers

Exemplars of Blocked Content

Loktantra Tv





भारत में छिड़ा धर्मयुद्ध मक्का मदीना पर हमला नहीं बचेगा देश



शंकराचार्य निश्चलानंद सरस्वती
करेंगे मक्का मदीना पर हमला

166K views • 3 weeks ago

FAKE

U&V TV

अभी अभी बड़ी खबरें देखें



मोदी पर देशद्रोह का केस कैबिनेट खतरे में
PM आवास घेराव मोदी शाह अंडा

3 August 2022 | Nonstop News | Today breaking news

102K views • 11 days ago

FAKE

AM Razvi



अभी अभी बड़ी खबरें देखें



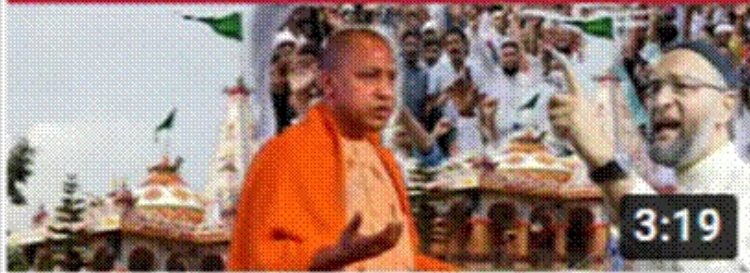
अजमेर दरगाह में हलचल उतरी सेना मोदी की कुर्सी खतरे में, SC से 9:47

29 May 2022 | Nonstop
| Today breaking news
25K views • 3 days ago



मंदिर पर लहराया इस्लामी झंडा

मुसलमानों ने मंदिर पर लहराया इस्लामी झंडा



मुसलमानों ने मंदिर पर लहराया इस्लामी झंडा | Mandir Par

1.9K views • 6 days ago





**अजमेर शरीफ दरगाह को बचाना हुआ मुश्किल
भगवाधारियों का दरगाह पर हमला**

3:04

अजमेर शरीफ दरगाह को ब
मुश्किल | Andhbhakton K
8.7K views • 1 month ago

FAKE

Gouravshali Pawan Mithilanchal

**इजिप्ट में हजारों तेजस की एंटी, दुनियां हैरान
भारत और इजिप्ट का तुर्की पे हमला शुरू**

जिसका डर था वही हुआ, युद्ध 9:08

जिसका डर था आखिर हि
पाकिस्तान परस्त तुर्की को
30K views • 3 days ago

FAKE

SeeTop5TH

**ये क्या हुआ, भारत के 18 जवान शहीद
साथ ही 81 लोग मरे, मणिपुर में हड़कंप**

चीन ने अपने मौत का बुलावा 8:16

अगर समय रहते चीन वी
होती तो यह नौबत नहीं
39K views • 1 month ago

FAKE



मोदी का मुसलमानों के लिए भयंकर पैगाम

BREAKING NEWS

2 मिनट पहले आई
बहुत दुखद खबर!!

मथुरा की मस्जिद को तोड़ने का फैसला

PM Modi message regarding
masjid Subhan Allah

169K views • 8 months ago

FAKE

मोदी सरकार का अजमेर दरगाह पर एलान
हटाई जाएगी ख्वाजा गरीब नवाज दरगाह

PM Modi speech regarding
garib nawaz dargah

46K views • 1 month ago

FAKE

Sarkari Update

भारत में पहुंचा भयंकर तूफान

भारी तबाही

35 जिलों में चेतावनी

100 साल का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ने वाला तूफान

14 अगस्त 2022 : आसमान में तूफान का समाचार, #Dis_News

209K views • 12 days ago

FAKE



News ki Dunya (Pakistan based)

The screenshot as under claims that 100 crore Hindus will kill 40 crore Muslims, and that Muslims should to go Pakistan or Bangladesh otherwise they will be massacred.



The below screenshot claims that India's Qutub Minar mosque has been demolished.



Saurabh Singh

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