LINK 1.
Claim-Dainik Jagran reported that 125 passengers who returned from Italy on Air India flight in Amritsar turned out to be positive.

Fact Check- Punjab’s Health Ministry confirmed to Fact Crescendo that 125 passengers who landed from Italy to Amritsar came in a chartered flight and not in an Air India flight. Air India has also refuted the viral claim.

Synopsis- Amidst the rising Covid-19 cases in India and the upcoming third wave in the country, we saw a breaking news that states that 125 passengers who returned from Italy on Air India flight in Amritsar turned out to be positive, which created an uproar at the airport. We used flight radar to track the flights flying to and fro from the given locations. We found that Air India had no routes to Italy. Fact Crescendo contacted Punjab’s Deputy Director for Health and Family Welfare for further clarifictaion and found taht it is true that a flight has landed at the Amritsar International Airport from Italy in which 125 passenger were tested Covid positive. However, as reported in the viral news the flight was not an Air India flight. Air India has categorically called out this report to be Fake and stated that they do not operate any flights from Italy. The flight that landed in Amritsar is a chartered flight.

Fact Check Link- <https://english.factcrescendo.com/2022/01/07/125-passengers-who-tested-positive-for-covid-at-amritsar-did-not-travel-in-air-india/>

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LINK 2.

Claim- Video shows people adulterating sugar by mixing thermocol and sugar syrup.

Fact Check- The video originally shows the process of recycling thermocol. This video is not about making fake sugar.

Synopsis-This video claimed to show the process of making fake sugar by mixing thermocol and sugar syrup. We found that this factory belongs to a resident from Delhi. We contacted the owner and got access to the videos of the entire process in the factory. The factory actually manufactured plastic granules after recycling thermocol. The owner told us that since the granules are transparent it must have been mistaken as sugar. He accessed first hand videos and image of the owner and the machines making the plastic granules.

Fact Check Link- <https://www.factcrescendo.com/false-news-about-plastic-sugar-made-of-thermocol-viral-on-the-internet/>

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LINK 3.

Claim-Google Pay is not a recognized payment system operator by the Reserve Bank of India.

Fact Check-Google Pay operates as UPI app that is recognized has a third party app, which does not require to be a ‘payment system operator’.

Synopsis-Google Pay is one of the most popular payment method used in India. A viral image claimed that Google Pay is not a recognized payment system operator by the Reserve Bank of India. We went through the court case judgment on the issue ‘Google Pay is a Third Party App Provider and does not operate any payment systems and its operations do not violate the law.’Next, we went through the list of NPCI’s authorized payment operators. We found that Google Pay is listed in the eighth position on NPCI’s website as a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) 3rd Party Apps. We went to Google Pay India’s clarification along with the Media Statement issued by NPCI. To get a further confirmation Fact Crescendo spoke with the spokesperson of RBI who clarified that the viral message is fake and gave us more details about UPI payments and Google Pay.

Fact Check Link- <https://english.factcrescendo.com/2022/11/07/elon-musk-has-not-reinstated-donald-trumps-twitter-account/>

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LINK 4.

Claim- Elon Musk has restored Donald Trump’s Twitter account.

Fact Check- Donald Trump’s Twitter account has been permanently suspended

from Twitter. The Twitter account.

Synopsis- Users claimed that after Elon Musk took over Twitter he reinstated Donald Trump’s account who thanked him on Twitter. We went through the archives of the account who had posted the thank you tweet. The username name of this account was ‘@UltGmr’ and the name of the account being ‘Donald J. Trump’. The archives of the account proved that the verified account had previously changed their username several times in the past to portray that he is the real Donald Trump. Twitter suspended the account of Donald Trump on 08 January 2021. The name of his official Twitter handle was @realDonaldTrump.Users have shared a parody account claiming that Elon Musk has restored the permanently suspended Twitter account of Donald Trump.

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LINK 5.

Claim- There was no crowd during PM Narendra Modi’s rally in Gujarat; the video of empty seats are a proof.

Fact Check- The video shows empty seats because it was captured after PM Modi’s rally was over.

Synopsis- A video showing empty seats at a rally ground is being claimed shared that there was no crowd at PM Modi rally in Gujarat. Users claimed to show PM Modi unpopularity in the state of Gujarat where was a chief minister for 14 years. We got access to the live video of the rally where we could see the ground being full. We contacted government officials of the district who were present at the event who also shared the original images of the crowd and the event. He further clarified that the video was after the event was over. We compared the footages of the viral video and the original rally video. The viral video shows the recording of the event that had just been over. The video originally shows moments after the PM rally was over in Gujarat.

Fact Check Link- <https://www.factcrescendo.com/false-claim-about-pandal-being-empty-during-pm-modis-speech-in-gujarat-viral/>

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LINK 6.
Claim - @DroupadiMurmu\_\_ is the official Twitter account of the then-presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu.

Fact-Check - It is an imposter account that has been falsely tagged by the media and politicians.

Synopsis - After the announcement of Droupadi Murmu as the presidential candidate of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance, hundreds of Twitter accounts pretending to be her turned up on social media. Many BJP ministers, MPs, MLAs, journalists, and news media organizations were tagging one such account by the Twitter handle “DroupadiMurmu\_\_” believing it to be the official account of Droupadi Murmu. Using Twitter API and Twitter ID analysis, we established that @DroupadiMurmu\_\_ was an imposter account that has changed its username from time to time.

Fact Check Link - <https://english.factcrescendo.com/2022/07/19/fake-and-impersonating-twitter-accounts-of-droupadi-murmu-on-social-media/>

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LINK 7.

Claim - Former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan said he was not consulted by the Modi government before announcing demonetization in 2016.

Fact-Check - Raghuram Rajan did not say or claim any such thing. A false statement was ascribed to his name.

Synopsis - We cited Raghuram Rajan's own book 'I Do What I Do' (2017) in which he mentioned that he was asked by the government in February 2016 for his views on demonetization. He then prepared a note and submitted it to the government. Also, Rajan's term as RBI governor ended in September 2016, and demonetization was announced in November 2016. So, he was not the governor at the time of demonetization.

Fact Check Link - <https://marathi.factcrescendo.com/raghuram-rajan-was-not-rbi-governor-when-pm-modi-declared-demonetization/>

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LINK 8.

Claim - Amidst the Karnataka Hijab protest, a group of students removed and replaced the Indian flag with the saffron flag in college.

Fact-Check - The pole in the college was empty before students raised the saffron flag on it. They did not remove the Indian flag for it.

Synopsis - Karnataka had banned female students from wearing Hijab (traditional Islamic headgear) in colleges. This led to female students in Hijab protesting against the ban. Matters got worse when other students came out against the protestors and started their own counter-protest by wearing a saffron shawl and supporting the ban on Hijab. This led to confrontations between the two groups that occasionally turned violent. Amidst it, this video of a group of students raising a saffron flag went viral. We collected different videos and photos from the scene and contacted college and police authorities to debunk this claim.

Fact Check Link - <https://marathi.factcrescendo.com/students-did-not-remove-tricolor-and-place-saffron-flag-in-shivamogga-college/>

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LINK 9.

Claim - Viral images show Muskan Khan, a poster girl of Karnataka Hijab row, wearing no hijab in general life.

Fact-Check - The woman in the viral pictures is Janata Dal (Secular) leader Najma Nazeer, not Muskan Khan as claimed.

Synopsis - During the Karnataka Hijab row, Muskan Khan was praised for shouting ‘Allah-hu-Akbar’ and standing for herself in front of a group of boys opposing the Hijab in educational institutions. Later, social media users shared random and unrelated images of women wearing no hijab as of Muskan to demean her. We got in touch with Muskan and Najma to debunk the viral claim.

Fact Check Link - <https://english.factcrescendo.com/2022/02/10/images-of-najma-nazeer-falsely-shared-as-burqa-cladded-muskan-khan/>

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LINK 10.

Claim- Hindus are killing cows for their skin in UP: Video.

Fact Check- The video is of the disposal of carcasses of stray animals in Faridabad in the state of Haryana.

Synopsis- A video from Haryana was shared in the context of elections in Uttar Pradesh. It was claimed that Hindus while blaming Muslims for cow slaughtering cows and skinning them for commercial gains. However, the video is from another state Haryana and the issue is also not of illegal cow slaughter. We verified with Haryana Police and they told us that a case was registered against the creator of the video for misleading the public.

Fact Check Link- <https://www.malayalam.factcrescendo.com/misleading-video-from-haryana-shared-as-cows-slaughtered-and-skinned-in-up/>

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LINK 11.

Claim - PFI workers assaulted a female toll booth employee in Kerala to force her to close down the booth: Video.

Fact Check - The video is of a separate incident and is not related to PFI. The incident took place in Madhya Pradesh.

Synopsis - The Indian Government banned the Islamist outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) after opening an investigation into their terror links. This led to the arrest of PFI leaders across the country. To protest the arrests, PFI called a Bandh (Strike) in the country. PFI is primarily based out of the Indian state of Kerala. In connection with this, a video of a female toll between both employees getting assaulted by a man was shared. It was falsely claimed that the man assaulting the lady is a PFI worker. The video has no relation to PFI. The incident took place in Madhya Pradesh where a woman was assaulted when she asked for money.

Fact Check Link - <https://www.malayalam.factcrescendo.com/students-being-punished-without-uniform-at-school-twisting-with-communal-angles/>

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LINK 12.

Claim- Muslim students were scorned and sent back home by Islamic fundamentalists for celebrating Onam: Video.

Fact Check- The video shows some school students who were sent home by school authorities when they showed up wearing mufti instead of school uniforms for a school function for celebrating Onam.

Synopsis- Onam is the harvest festival of Kerala and is celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. People from all religions celebrate the festival. However, this time some Muslim clerics objected to Muslim girls celebrating Onam and dancing. In this context, a video was shared falsely claiming that Islamic fundamentalists targeted female Muslim students and stopped them from celebrating Onam. We debunked this viral misinformation by identifying the school and speaking to the school authorities and police.

Fact Check Link- <https://www.malayalam.factcrescendo.com/students-being-punished-without-uniform-at-school-twisting-with-communal-angles/>

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LINK 13.

Claim- Congress MP Rahul Gandhi met activist Amulya Leona, who is currently facing charges of sedition: Photo.

Fact Check- The girl seen in the viral photo was a youth congress activist from Kerala named Miva and not Amulya Leona.

Synopsis- A young activist Amulya Leona was slapped with sedition charges in 2020 after she raised pro-Pakistan slogans during a political rally. It was alleged that Rahul Gandhi, the main leader of the main opposition party met her during his Bharat Jodo Yatra. The allegations were based on a viral photograph of Rahul Gandhi and a girl.

However, the girl in the viral photograph is not Amulya but a Youth Congress activist called Miva from Kerala. We tracked her down and published a fact check quickly before the misinformation spread further.

Fact Check Link- <https://www.malayalam.factcrescendo.com/the-girl-in-the-image-with-rahul-gandhi-is-miva-andrelea-not-amulya-leona/>

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LINK 14.

Claim- Video of Muslim organizations protesting the appointment of a Brahmin as a collector of Alappuzha.

Fact Check- The video is not from Alappuzha but from Malappuram. The Muslim organization was not protesting against the appointment of Sriram Venkittaraman as the Alappuzha collector because he is a Brahmin.

Synopsis- Sriram Venkittaraman is a controversial IAS officer who is accused of killing a journalist in a case of drunk driving in Thiruvananthapuram. He was appointed as the collector of Alappuzha by the state government in July this year. However, the organization Kerala Muslim Jamath organized protests against him. This was due to the fact that the journalist who was allegedly killed by Venkittaraman worked with Siraj Daily, a newspaper affiliated with the organization. There is no casteist angle to this protest.

Fact Check Link- <https://english.factcrescendo.com/2022/08/01/video-of-protest-march-by-muslim-org-in-kerala-shared-with-false-narrative/>

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