

## 1. [Fake Image Of COVID-19 'Vaporizer' Vaccine Goes Viral With Pfizer's Logo And 'Made in China' Tag](#)

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**Claim:** Several Twitter users shared a claim suggesting that the pharma company issued a 'vape vaccine'. The viral claim includes images of a newly packed coronavirus vaccine termed "vaporizer cartridge". Another highlight in the claim's image includes the tag, "Made in China" on the package's bottom-right corner.

**Fact:** The pharmaceutical company Pfizer has not made its COVID-19 vaccine as a 'vaporizer cartridge' nor was it 'Made in China'. The product in the claim's image is fake.

**Explanation:** We first reached out to Pfizer to clarify the authenticity of the claim and image. Pfizer refuted the claim in an email response, saying that "the image below is not a real Pfizer product." And confirmed that the image with the viral claim is fake.

A reverse image search on TinEye also takes us back to the viral image posted on Reddit and Imgur on 20 and 21 December 2020. It was shared on Twitter as early as 20 December 2020 as well.

## 2. ['The Wire' And 'Indian Express' Did Not Spread Fake News In False 'Love Jihad Case' In Kushinagar](#)

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**Claim:** The Indian Express & The Wire published news: "Wedding stopped in UP's Kushinagar due to rumours of love jihad, Muslim couple kept overnight at the police station" This is fake news. Girl's family filed a complaint against the man for kidnapping the girl. Police handed over the girl to her family.

**Fact:** 'The Wire' and 'Indian Express' in their reporting of, 'Love Jihad' incident, did not spread fake news.

**Explanation:** We first contacted the Superintendent of Kushinagar Police, the circle officer who initially investigated the matter and subsequently contacted a

Police Inspector at Mubarakpur Police Station in Azamgarh – they confirmed the same details as mentioned in the reports of The Wire and The Indian Express. We spoke to the bride’s brother, and he clarified that he was present at the police station, and the Kushinagar Police did not torture the groom.

### 3. [Journalist Ajit Anjum Was Not Manhandled During The Farmers Protest](#)

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**Claim:** Journalist Ajit Anjum Who was covering the farmers' protest was manhandled by the protesters.

**Fact:** Ajit Anjum was not manhandled by the protesters. He was trying to sort out an issue between a photographer and the protesters.

**Explanation:** In a conversation with Newschecker, Ajit Anjum confirmed that the protesters did not misbehave with him. He went there to settle the debate between a photographer and protesters. The video of his intervention was spread with a false claim, he added.

### 4. [No, Chefs Of Some Known Restaurants In Bengaluru Do Not Spit In The Food To Spread Coronavirus](#)

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**Claim:** Muslim owned restaurants in Bengaluru have chefs brainwashed by Markaz attendees and are spreading Coronavirus by spitting in the food.

**Fact:** The claim is misleading. Videos and images which were being shared are old and unrelated.

**Explanation:** As we began to fact-check this claim We found that a couple of videos and images which were being shared were old and unrelated. we also collected the basic information about the restaurants named in the viral forward. When we spoke to the owners of the restaurants mentioned in the claim, we asked for details on the methodology used by the restaurants to cook, serve and pack and requested for video evidence to understand it in detail. We enlisted testimonies and videos by the restaurants in the article. We also found that a couple of videos and images which were being shared were old and unrelated.

## 5. [Edited Image Of Rana Ayyub On CNN Shared With False Claim](#)

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**Claim:** Journalist Rana Ayyub on CNN said, “You can not hate all the Muslims for just two beheadings.”

**Fact:** Rana Ayyub did not make the statement on “just two beheadings.” An image from a CNN interview in March 2020 has been edited to spread disinformation.

**Explanation:** A reverse image search of Rana Ayub’s photograph in context led us to a March 2020 video posted by a Twitter user. Taking a cue from this we looked for Ayyub’s interview with CNN in March and found a tweet posted by CNN on 1 March 2020. The three-minute video shows the ticker from the claim’s photograph, but with an edited statement in the white box. Also, in CNN’s original video clip, Ayyub did not make the statement claimed by various Twitter users. Further, Ayyub dismissed the claim in a tweet stating, “The Indian right-wing at it again. Morphed a fake statement on an old image stating that “you cannot hate all Muslims for just two beheadings”. This image has been shared a thousand times all over social media and I am sick of battling this disinformation.”

## 6. [India Today published RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat's statement with false claims](#)

Published On: 10.10.20

**Claim:** RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has said that if Muslims want to live in India, then they have to accept Hindu supremacy.

**Fact:** India Today misrepresented his statement and misinterpreted what he said.

**Explanation:** We listened to Mohan Bhagwat’s interview. Bhagwat spoke in Hindi language during the entire interview and nowhere has he said Muslims are second class citizens. Talking about the Constitution and Muslims after 2.37 seconds in the video, Bhagwat says that India is the only country in the world where people of other religions are also given equal rights by the Constitution. Bhagwat further says that Pakistan was created on the basis of religion when the country was partitioned, but never an Indian Hindu asked an Indian Muslim to go away from here or accept the superiority of Hindus.

We then analysed the report published by India Today, we found that they misinterpreted Bhagwat's interview. Though India Today has removed the misleading part by updating its article, it has not informed what changes have been made in the article. This article published by India Today has also been updated earlier.

### 7. [Hathras case: Rahul Gandhi did not catch policeman's collar, misleading claim viral](#)

Published On: 02.10.20

**Claim:** Rahul Gandhi misbehaved with a policeman. He held him by the collar.

**Fact:** A picture of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, who was confronted by policemen while visiting Hathras, is being shared with a misleading claim. After watching the video of the incident, it becomes clear that Rahul Gandhi had not caught the collar of the policeman.

**Explanation:** We spoke to journalists who were there when the aforementioned incidence happened. We also found videos of the same incidence from different angles. By analysing each frame of the video we came to the conclusion that Rahul Gandhi did not misbehave with the policeman and the claim is false and misleading.

### 8. [Unrelated Photograph passed off as PM Modi and Jasodaben's wedding picture](#)

Published On: 16.12.20

**Claim:** The picture is from PM Narendra Modi's wedding ceremony, where Jashodaben his wife is standing next to him.

**Fact:** The lady shown in the viral image is not PM Modi's wife Jasodaben but is the daughter of former Gujarat Education Minister Hemant Chapatwala.

**Explanation:** A Google reverse image search led us to multiple news reports and websites which included the image from the claim stating that the viral photo is of the wedding ceremony of former Union Minister Kanshiram Rana's daughter.

We then contacted Deepika Rana, son of Kashiram Rana, who told us that the woman seen in the picture is not his sister.

We then performed a Facebook search that led us to a 2014 Facebook post which claimed that the lady in the picture is Surat's ex-Minister Hemant Chapatwala's daughter. We then performed Google search with different combinations of keywords, thus finding another Facebook post by user Keyur Hemant Chapatwala who shared the image with the description, "Rare Picture of Modiji attending Marriage of My Sister Alpa way back in 1994. Needed to clarify due to false messages & rumours being spread intensely in social media about Shri Narendra Modiji in this Pic."

We tried to reach out to Keyur Hemant Chapatwala but did not get a reply though he speak to another fact checker and confirmed that the lady standing next to PM Modi is his sister and the picture is of her wedding.

#### **9. At Least 40 Chinese Soldiers Were Killed In Galwan Ghati Clash: Misleading Reports Broadcasted by Times Now And Aaj Tak**

**Published On: 04.09.20**

**Claim:** More than 40 Chinese soldiers were killed in the June clash between India and China.

**Fact:** Times Now and Aaj Tak aired old images and video out of context as evidence of Chinese casualty during Galwan Face-off with India

**Explanation:** To start with we performed reverse image search on one of the Keyframes taken from the video these two media house broadcasted. We found the same video with a longer version on chinese website Weibo. It was clear by then that the image is of Kangxiwa War Memorial.

According to the information gathered from the internet, the Kangxiwa War Memorial was established in 1965 after the 1962 Indo-China battle. A total of 106 soldiers who died were buried in the cemetery.

A photograph shared by India Today claims that these graves being visited by PLA soldiers is proof of China's massive Galwan casualties. But according to Reverse Image Search the photograph is an old image.

#### **10. ANI and NDTV presented PM Modi's speech with false claims**

**Published On: 29.12.20**

**Claim:** At the inauguration of the driverless train on Delhi Metro's Megenta Line, Prime Minister Modi said that the first metro service in India was started by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

**Fact:** The claim is misleading! PM mentioned Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the context of Delhi Metro.

**Explanation:** We listened to the PM's original speech which he gave during the inauguration of the driverless train on Delhi Metro's Megenta Line. We found out that PM modi mentioned former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the context of Delhi Metro and we quote *"The Metro was discussed in Delhi for years. But the first Metro ran because of the efforts of Atal ji. So many experts of the Metro service who are involved in this programme also know very well what was the status of the Metro construction?"*

However, both the media outlets corrected themselves later on.

## **11. Dear Prime Minister, Here Is When Your Government Spoke About NRC**

**Published On: 27.02.20**

**Claim:** Since BJP government came into existence, there is no discussion on NRC and there are no detention camps in India.

**Fact:** Home Minister Amit Shah on many occasions had spoken about NRC and its introduction across the country.

**Explanation:** We listened to the speeches given by the Ministers and MPs of Bhartiya Janta Party and found out that not only during election campaigns but also the the parliament the BJP leaders spoke about NRC and its implementation. We found media reports on the detention centers.

We also found out that On 27 November 2018 in Rajysabha MoS Nityananda Rai informed the parliament that 28 people have died in the detention center.