**Non Partisan and Health Fact Checks-**

1.Claim- BBC reported that monkeypox virus as an airborne disease and it is a

form of herpes, which can lead to paralysis.

Fact Check- The viral image is edited. The original image does not mention that

monkeypox virus as an airborne disease and it is a form of herpes.

Synopsis- An image of a BBC news report stated that the monkeypox virus is an airborne disease and is a form of herpes that can lead to paralysis. However, we found that the viral image is edited and no such report was published by BBC. Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact including direct contact with monkeypox rash, scabs, or body fluids from a person with monkeypox; touching objects, fabrics (clothing, bedding, or towels), and surfaces that have been used by someone with monkeypox and contact with respiratory secretions.

Fact Check Link-
<https://english.factcrescendo.com/2022/08/13/edited-image-of-bbc-viral-to-claim-that-monkeypox-is-an-airborne-disease/>

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2. Claim- PM Family Welfare department is offering ₹ 5000 as a reward to those

who have taken the Covid-19 vaccine.

Fact Check- The viral message is Fake. PM Family welfare fund is not offering

money to those who have taken the Covid-19 Vaccine.

Synopsis- A viral message on social media claimed that the PM Family Welfare department is offering ₹ 5000 as a reward to those who have taken the Covid-19 vaccine. However, we found that the PM Family Welfare department is not offering ₹ 5000 as a reward to those who have taken the Covid-19 vaccine. The viral link is a clickbait that collects personal information and later can misuse it.

Fact Check Link- <https://english.factcrescendo.com/2022/08/17/government-is-not-giving-away-money-to-who-have-taken-covid-vaccine/>

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3.Claim- Consuming Pineapple with hot water can cure Cancer.

Fact- Though pineapple has some health benefits, there is no proof that it can cure cancer.

Synopsis- Consuming Pineapple with hot water can cure Cancer. However, it is misleading.Though pineapple has some health benefits, there is no proof that it can cure cancer.

Fact Check Link- https://www.malayalam.factcrescendo.com/not-enough-evidence-to-suggest-

hot-water-and-pineapple-cure-cancer/

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4.Claim- A new drug Imitinef Mercilet has been developed by Adayar Hospital and found to be effective against blood cancer.

Fact- Doctors say that the drug is used in the treatment of some kinds of blood cancer but it is not used for the treatment of all kinds of blood cancer. This message is misleading.

Synopsis- A new drug Imitinef Mercilet has been developed and found to be effective against blood cancer.Doctors say that the drug is used in the treatment of some kinds of blood cancer but it is not used for the treatment of all kinds of blood cancer. This message is misleading.

Fact Check Link- https://www.malayalam.factcrescendo.com/old-hoax-adayar-cancer-centre-

gives-free-blood-cancer-medicine-viral-again/

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5. Claim- Japan govt has decided to dispose of all the \*Microwave Ovens\* in the country before this year ends. Reason for this ban: University of Hiroshima’s scientists researched and found that “radio waves” from microwave ovens cause greater harm to health over the last 20 yrs, than the US atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Sep 1945.

Fact- The claim is false. The Japanese government has not taken any such decision and the radiation from the microwave is non-ionizing radiation.

Synopsis- A claim was made that said, the Japan govt has decided to dispose of all the

Microwave Ovens in the country before this year ends. Reason for this ban: University of Hiroshima’s scientists researched and found that “radio waves” from microwave ovens cause greater harm to health over the last 20 yrs, than the US atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Sep 1945. The claim is false. The Japanese government has not

taken any such decision and the radiation from the microwave is non-ionizing radiation.

Fact Check Link- https://assamese.factcrescendo.com/japan-has-not-banned-the-use-and-

production-of-microwave-ovens/

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6.Claim- Caterpillar bite can cause death.

Fact- Caterpillars are venomous and can cause irritation, rashes and itch when our skin comes in touch with them. However, they cannot kill us.

Synopsis- A viral claim was spread on social media platforms claiming that a strange creature called Cotton Bolworm (actually a caterpillar) killed two people in Karnataka. The images of dead bodies of two farmers. However, the strange creature is actually a caterpillar and its bite is not fatal. The farmers died after lightning struck them.

Fact Check Link- <https://tamil.factcrescendo.com/these-people-not-died-in-caterpillar-bite/>
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7.Claim- COVID vaccine results in impotency and death among the patients.

Fact- Vaccine causing impotency and death is a hoax. Taking Covid vaccine is

completely safe.

Synopsis- It was claimed in the post that Covid vaccine makes people impotent and is

dangerous. In research, this claim was found to be false. CDC cleared it on their

website about this. Therefore, this post is false.

Fact Check Link-

https://odia.factcrescendo.com/2022/01/18/fact-check-covid-vaccine-making-

people-impotent-is-a-myth/

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8. Claim- NeoCov is a deadly new variant of the coronavirus that spreads Covid-19.

Fact- NeoCov is not a variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19. In its

current form, it is more akin to MERS, not Covid-19.

Synopsis- It was claimed that NeoCoV is a new variant of SARS-CoV-2 which is deadly

and more infectious. In research, it was found that NeoCoV is a variant of MERS. To

know about the harm that can be caused by this variant needs more research, says

WHO.

Fact Check Link-

https://english.factcrescendo.com/2022/02/02/explainer-is-neocov-new-variant-of-

coronavirus/

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9. Claim - WHO has issued an advisory saying that 87% of Indians will get cancer due to

adulteration of milk available in the country.

Fact - WHO clarified that it has not issued any advisory on the issue of adulteration of

milk. It is a fake news.

Synopsis - Viral news claims that WHO has issued an advisory saying that 87 percent

of Indians could be a victim of cancer by 2025 because the milk being sold in the

Indian markets is adultered. Indian government and WHO both have put out

statements debunking the viral claim.

Link -

https://marathi.factcrescendo.com/who-did-not-say-87-percent-indian-to-get-

cancer-due-to-packaged-milk/

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10.Claim - Viral image shows the timetable of when each variant of SARS-CoV-2 will be

released.

Fact - The document or so-called timetable is fabricated.

Synopsis - It has always been falsely claimed that COVID-19 pandemic is a hoax or

planned. To amply the same, this fabricated document was shared. The document

was not issued by World Health Organization (WHO), John Hopkins University, or the

World Economic Forum (WEF).

Link -

https://marathi.factcrescendo.com/fake-chart-of-covid-omicron-variant-release-

schedule-in-the-name-of-who-goes-viral/

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