**FACT CHECKS DEBUNKING CLAIMS RELATED TO VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES AND POLITICAL LEADERS-

1. Rahul Gandhi says “Youth in our country will not only help in progressing for India but will also benefit the entire country”

Claim**- The primary target of sharing this video was to claim that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi quoted India and the country as two different entities.
 **Fact-** The viral video has been clipped from the original video and is being shared out of context. **Synopsis-** The viral video shows Congress leader Rahul Gandhispeaking about how the youth or the young blood of the country will help India develop as a nation. The video has been clipped in such a way that it sounds as if Rahul Gandhi quoted India and the country as two separate entities. Upon fact checking the video we found that the video was clipped from original video and was being shared out of context. **Fact Check Link-** <https://www.factcrescendo.com/clipped-video-of-rahul-gandhis-yuva-aakrosh-rally-speech-viral/>

 **2. JNU Students carrying objectionable posters during a protest**

**Claim-** An image shows student protestors carrying objectionable poster with “Hindurashtra is Rapist” written on it.

**Fact-** The students are not from JNU neither the protest took place in Delhi. The protest is from Kolkata were people were protesting against Modi’s visit to Kolkata.

**Synopsis-** An image showing students holding a piece of cloth on which the words “Hindurashtra is rapist” are written went viral claiming that the students are JNU students hailing form a government college yet protesting with such objectionable banner. Fact Crescendo found out that the image is from a protest in Kolkata and has no relation with the students in JNU. We confirmed the location of the place with the help of geo location, accessing to images from eye witnesses

**Fact Check Link**- <https://www.factcrescendo.com/this-objectionable-banner-was-not-raised-in-jnu-rally/>

**3. Police did not attempt a crackdown on the protestors in Shaheen Bagh at 3 am

Claim**- Video claimed to show Delhi police attempting a crackdown on protestors in Shaheen Bagh against CAA, NRC and CAB.

**Fact-** The video shows a different crackdown that took place 25 kms away in Khureji Khas area.

**Synopsis-** This video went viral during the time when the protests against CAA, CAB and NRC were at its peak in India. Several hundreds of people were protesting in Shaheen Bagh including women and children. The video shows a police crackdown on these people at 3am when everyone was asleep. Fact Crescendo debunked this misinformation by locating the site of the video to be 25 kms away form Shaheen Bagh with the help of timestamp, Google Maps and directions.

**Fact check link -** <https://www.factcrescendo.com/police-did-not-attempt-a-crackdown-in-shaheen-bagh/>

**4. Did Uttar Pradesh Police Kill A Muslim Boy For Violating The Lockdown?

Claim-** Young man named Rizwan beaten up by Uttar Pradesh Police for violating lockdown restriction after which he died.

**Fact-** According to the post mortem report Rizwan died due to heart and lung infection. He was not beaten up by UP Police.

**Synopsis-** A viral image of a dead boy went viral claiming that the boy named Rizwan was beaten to death by Uttar Pradesh as he was violating lockdown restriction. Fact Crescendo found the postmortem reports of Rizwan which clearly mentions that he died due to heart and lung infections and from septicemia. No injury inflicted by sticks was found during post mortem.

**Fact Check Link-** <https://english.factcrescendo.com/2020/04/22/fact-check-up-police-killed-a-muslim-boy-for-violating-lockdown/>

**5. IDBI Bank Manager assaulted by Shiv Sena workers**
 **Claim-** IDBI Bank managerwas assaulted by Shiv Sena workers in spite of Maharashtra Police being present in the spot.
 **Fact-** People assaulting IDBI Bank Manager of Malkapur branch hail from the Young Congress party and Congress Party.

**Synopsis-** A viral video showing a group of police assaulting a man in the presence of police inspectors in the room is being shared claiming that the assaulters hail from Shiv Sena party. Upon investigation we found that the assaulters belong from the Congress party and also included members of the Congress Youth club

**Fact Check Link-** <https://www.factcrescendo.com/idbi-manager-was-assaulted-by-congress-members-not-shiv-sainiks/>

**6. COVID-19 patient denied treatment outside government hospital in Uttar Pradesh

Claim-** A COVID-19 patient can be seen lying on the floor outside the UP’s government hospital yet no treatment is given to him

**Fact-** The man in the video is not infected with COVID-19.He was having an epileptic attack in the video. **Synopsis-** A video showing a man lying on the ground and twitching was being shared claiming that the man is a COVID-19 patient who has been denied treatment by the government hospitals. Upon investigation we found that the man in the video is not infected with COVID-19. He was having an epileptic attack which is why the hospital staff is standing around him ad waiting for his attack to get over in order to treat him. **Fact Check Link-** <https://www.factcrescendo.com/fact-check-epileptic-patient-in-kanpur-viral-as-coronavirus-patient/>

 **7. Thousands of Muslim men protesting in West Bengal creating ruckus

Claim-** The video shows thousands of Muslim men marching West Bengal creating a surrounding of ruckus during the protests

**Fact- The video is not from India but from Bangladesh.**

**Synopsis-** The viral videos shows thousands of people marching towards one direction screaming and creating ruckus in West Bengal. Upon investigation we found that the video is from Bangladesh where thousands of Muslim men marched toward the Myanmar Embassy protesting against the torture on Rohingya Muslims.
 **Fact Check Link-** <https://www.factcrescendo.com/video-from-bangladesh-is-being-shared-as-protests-held-in-west-bengal/>

 **8. Congress MLA Anil Upadhyay passes anti Congress statements

Claim-** Congress MLA Anil Upadhyay can be seen giving anti Congress comments to the media.

**Fact-** Congress MLA Anil Upadhyay is a fictional character. The man in the video is Vinay Singh who hails from Janshakti Party and has no relation with Congress

**Synopsis-** The man in the video can be seen passing anti Congress comments is claimed to be Congress MLA Anil Upadhyay. Upon investigation we found that the man in the video hails from Janshakti party whose name is Vinay Singh. Congress MLA Anil Upadhyay is actually a fictional character.

**Fact Check Link-** <https://www.factcrescendo.com/congress-mla-anil-upadhyay-gives-anti-congress-comments/>

 **9. Burqa cladded RSS member caught hoisting Pakistani flag

Claim-**RSS member caught hoisting Pakistani flag

**Fact-**This man was caught trading illegal alcohol in Andhra Pradesh

**Synopsis-**This image went viral during the Independence Day period in India. Social users claimed that the man hailing from RSS was caught hoisting Pakistani Flag.Upon investigation we found that the burqa cladded man was caught for trading illegal alcohol. Andhra Pradesh police confirmed us that this incident has nothing to do with hoisting Pakistani Flags neither the man had any connections with RSS

**Fact Check Link**- <https://www.factcrescendo.com/false-claims-of-a-burqa-clad-rss-member-hoisting-pakistani-flag/>

**10. Old photos showing Devendra Fadnavis showing his visit to COVID-19 patient in hospitals**
**Claim-**Former Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis visiting hospitals and meeting COVID-19 patients **Fact-**The fact was that these photos were old. They were from 2015, 2017, 2019 respectively. It did not show him visiting the COVID-19 centers.
 **Synopsis-**Photos showing former CM Devendra Fadnavis visiting hospitals and meeting patients were being shared at the start of the pandemic in India. BJP supporters hailed these photos claiming Mr. Fadnavis was leading from the ground while blaming current CM Uddhav Thackeray for managing the state from the comfort of his home. Others criticized Mr. Fadnavis saying that he broke rules by not wearing a mask while greeting COVID-19 patients.
 **Fact Check Link-**<https://marathi.factcrescendo.com/old-photos-of-devendra-fadnavis-shared-as-his-recent-visit-to-coronavirus-patients/>

**11. NCP chief Sharad Pawar and MLA Jitendra Avhad having beer during lunch**
**Claim-**NCP chief Sharad Pawar and MLA Jitendra Avhad had a beer while having lunch in a poor man's hut.
 **Fact-**The viral image was photoshopped. Fact Crescendo checked the video and many photos of this visit which clearly showed that there was no beer bottle on the table.
 **Synopsis-**Sharing a photo showing a beer bottle on the table, many claimed that NCP chief Sharad Pawar and MLA Jitendra Avhad had a beer while having lunch in a poor man's hut. Many criticized Mr. Pawar and Mr. Avhad for having alcohol publicly and that too at the expense of a poor man. It was added digitally in the original photo.  In fact, we found the original image shared by BJP leader Kirit Somaiya. Comparing with it, we can clearly see the difference in a beer bottle.
 **Fact Check Link-**<https://marathi.factcrescendo.com/photoshopped-image-showing-beer-bottle-on-sharad-pawars-table-goes-viral/>