**Non-Partisan**

1. Claim- Images of 13 teachers claiming to be different parts of Sri Lanka, who lost their lives after contracting COVID19 since they took part in teachers’ protests

Fact- The images were unrelated, and were circulated with false claims using images from various other countries and unrelated events not related to teachers protest in SL.

Synopsis- In the wake of pro-government parties blaming opposition for encouraging the teachers protests, which in turn led to increased spread of COVID19 in the country a series of fake posts were shared falsely attributing to teacher deaths due to COVID19. These series of posts were part of that campaign which Factcrescendo SL team debunked, evidently proving that these claims were baseless and not related to Sri Lankan teachers.

Fact Check Link-

<https://srilanka.factcrescendo.com/2021/08/24/10-fake-poster-campaigns-claiming-to-be-covid19-deaths-due-to-teachers-protests/>

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2. Claim-
A short clip of Hitler’s speech is going viral with a claim that it shows him crying in front of people.

Fact-
It is a digitally altered video The voice-over has been dubbed over an original video in the clip to mislead people.

Synopsis-
In May 2021, Indian PM Modi got emotional when he thanked the health professionals in a choked voice. Many mocked it as crocodile 'tears'. On this backdrop, a clip of Hitler went viral in which he can be heard fighting back tears while saying, "Because I know somewhere deep down in my heart I still love you.” Users equated this clip to PM Modi's speech.

Fact Crescendo found the original video of Hitler in which he said in German: “We don’t want to lie and we don’t want to cheat. I have therefore refused to ever come before the nation and make cheap promises.” This clip has been dubbed in a different voice with misleading words.

It was Hitler’s first speech as Germany’s Chancellor, known as Proclamation to the German Nation, on 10 February 1933 in Berlin. We further cross-verified the German and English transcripts of this speech and found no reference to the alleged words claimed in the viral video.

Fact Check Link-
<https://marathi.factcrescendo.com/edited-video-shared-as-hitler-cried-in-his-inauguration-speech/>

3. Claim-
The viral image claims to show farmers killed by the Congress government who butchered the Farmer's Protest by gunning down 27 farmers on 12 January 1998.

Fact-
The viral image is from 2007, not 1998. when police had fired on the Left party protest in Andhra Pradesh.

Synopsis-
For more than a year, India is witnessing a huge Farmer's protest against the three new Farm law's enacted by the sitting government. It has become a heated political topic and in some cases, the government had used force on the protesting farmers. On this backdrop, an image showing several people lying in blood on the road made rounds claiming to show that the current opposition party, Congress, had gunned down the farmer's protest when they were in power.

Fact Check Link-
<https://marathi.factcrescendo.com/2007-photo-of-mudigoda-killing-shared-as-occurred-in-1998-under-congress-government/>

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4. Claim-
You can detect hidden worms in masks by holding them over the hot steam

Fact -
After consulting with the experts, we found that claims made in the viral video are false and baseless.

Synopsis-
In the viral video, a man puts a mask on the bowl of steaming water. Then he zooms in on the mask. In the close-up shot, some moving black threads are visible. Over these visuals, the man narrates, “These masks are contaminated with germs and micro worms."

First, we performed the same experiment on our own. We placed a surgical mask over boiling water. We did not see any germs or worms as claimed by the video.

Then experts told us that the black substance seen in the video is not any kind of germs or worms. These are most probably threads of fabric. In any event, they are not dangerous for a healthy person.

Fact Check Link:
<https://odia.factcrescendo.com/2021/05/02/fact-check-video-with-false-claim-of-worms-in-mask-going-viral/>

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# 5. Claim- PM Hun Sen’s health is in critical condition, and had been taken to Calmette Hospital for emergency surgery at as Singapore-based medical experts stopped receiving him

Fact- The image was from 2016 when PM Hun Sen was undergoing a regular health checkup in Singapore.

Synopsis- PM Hun Sen is in good health and has been seen in many public forums recently. Even the 2016 images which have been shared as recent, was an instance when PM was undergoing a regular health checkup and not a surgery.

Fact Check Link-[https://cambodia.factcrescendo.com/cambodias-premier- hun-sen-still-healthy-as-normal/](https://cambodia.factcrescendo.com/cambodias-premier-%20%20hun-sen-still-healthy-as-normal/)

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6. Claim- Video shows army soldiers fainting and having heart attacks after taking the Covid-19 vaccine.

Fact- This video actually shows Indian army soldier falling sick after a tedious exercise drill

Synopsis- Fact Crescendo found that the viral video was a part of a training activity under severe weather conditions in Pathankot. We contacted the spokesperson in the defence ministry who confirmed to us that the claim made along with the video is False. He gave us details about the incident on how the Indian army soldiers fell sick after their training under severe weather conditions. He confirmed us that this incident did not take place after the men took their vaccine shots. We also found several news reports and tweets by the Govt. of India which narrates the entire incidents.

Fact Check Link- <https://www.factcrescendo.com/coronavirus-vaccine-covid-19-vaccine-army-vaccine-soldiers-vaccine-army-collapsed-soldiers-collapsed/>
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7. Claim- Surgical masks contain thread like micro-organisms which can be seen through naked eyes

Fact- The surgical masks do not contain micro-organisms. They are a necessity during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Synopsis- We found that the thread like structures are actually fibre threads. A representative from WHO and international doctors confirmed to us that, masks are an essential item during the Covid-19 pandemic. They also confirmed to us that the structures are cloth fibre. We also carried out the same experiment as instructed in the viral video which shows that the vapor can make the micro-organisms to come out. We found that surgical masks are absolutely safe to use.

Fact Check Link- <https://www.factcrescendo.com/black-worms-in-surgical-mask-is-fabric-threads/>

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8. Claim- Video from Akola shows Covid-19 carelessly lying on the ground without any treatment. The video shows the terrible condition in India during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Fact-The video is from Gujarat showing factory workers in a tile factory lying sick on the ground due to fever.

Synopsis- During the peak time of the second Covid wave in India, this video emerged as an alarming footage showing the negligence of the doctors and government in treating the patients. We located the video to be from another state and contacted the owner of the factory who confirmed to us that the patients were not suffering from Covid-19. We spoke with the district medical officer who confirmed to us that these workers originally had fever and they were taken care off by their owner.

Fact Check Link- <https://www.factcrescendo.com/video-from-morbi-ceramic-factory-passed-of-as-akolas-with-false-claim/>

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9.Claim- Video shows people celebrating Iftari at Hyderabad without maintaining social distance.

Fact- The video is from Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh showing people coming together for the funeral of Hazrat Maulana Abdul Momin Sahib Nadvi. This video has no relation with iftari party at Hyderabad.

Synopsis-We identified the location of the video since it was an important story amidst the second covid wave in India. This video showed the lack of carelessness among people regarding maintain social distancing. Further, the video also has a communal claim which targeted the Muslims who were apparently celebrating Iftari party by letting go of covid protocols. However, we found that the video showed a funeral instead of a celebration in Uttar Pradesh, India. We contacted the Madarsa who confirmed us with the details of the incidents

Fact Check Link- <https://www.factcrescendo.com/this-is-not-iftari-party-in-hyderabad/>

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10. Claim- Burning cow dung and ghee generates oxygen which can be useful for treatment during the oxygen shortage in the Covid-19 pandemic in India.

Fact- The process of burning requires oxygen thus it is not possible for the mixture to produce oxygen in the process.

Synopsis- India is a country where everyone has home remedies for everything. During the oxygen shortage crisis this claim had become very important to debunk because there are lakhs of people who would believe this and follow the process. We contacted experts and doctors who gave us scientific explanation on why this claim is completely false.

Fact Check Link- <https://www.factcrescendo.com/burning-of-cow-dung-and-ghee-doesnt-produce-oxygen/>