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Inside ‘Bhagwa Love Trap’ Propaganda and Its Street Violence

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The article argues that the ‘bhagwa love trap’ conspiracy theory is used to justify harassment of Muslim women and Hindu men seen together. It cites videos of assaults and harassment, a cleric’s claims, and a forged letter attributed to the RSS.



A poster in a rally

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- In Bihar, a mob beat a Hindu man while his Muslim companion repeatedly said they were classmates who had gone out on an errand.
- Bijnor police arrested four men on 24 May for harassing a man who was carrying two burqa-clad women on his motorcycle.
- Cleric Khalil-ur-Rahman Sajjad Nomani claimed eight lakh Muslim women had left Islam after marrying Hindu men, without citing evidence for that figure.
- A forged letter attributed to the RSS circulated online, falsely presenting a training programme to draw Muslim women into conversion through marriage.

THE TAKEAWAY

The cited incidents show vigilantes treating ordinary outings as evidence of a conversion plot, even when the people they confronted said they were classmates.

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