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What English Headlines Omit About Alleged Religious Identity Deception

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The author argues that Hindi outlets recognise a pattern of alleged crimes in which Muslim men use Hindu names to deceive Hindu women, while English outlets downplay the role of the assumed names. The author compares Hindi and English coverage of a Meerut murder investigation and cites further Hindi-language reports found through keyword searches.



The English media's bias and motivations.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- The comparison starts from a police account that the accused in the Meerut murder case had introduced himself to the woman and her family as Aman.
- The Times of India used the term 'imposter', while sister publication Navbharat Times made the alleged Hindu alias visible in its headline.
- Aaj Tak's headline included the alleged religious entrapment angle in the same case that India Today's English report treated as a crime story.
- Amar Ujala and News18 Hindi put the name deception in their headlines, while Zee News and Dainik Jagran used the term 'Love Jihad'.

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