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What Prayagraj Police Said About the Loten Nishad Killing

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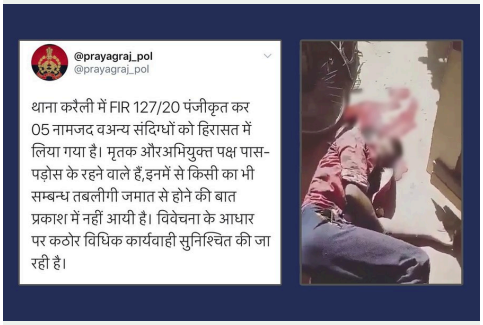
The author argues that commentators treated a Prayagraj Police tweet about possible links to Tablighi Jamaat as a denial of a communal motive for Loten Nishad's killing. The tweet said police had found no information linking either side to the Jamaat, and a longer clip showed the senior superintendent saying witnesses had identified a comment about the Jamaat as the trigger.



The Prayagraj Police's tweet.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- The translated police tweet announced eight arrests, said neither side's association with the Jamaat had come to light, and said the investigation was continuing.
- In footage shared by journalist Gaurav Singh Sengar, the senior superintendent said eyewitnesses had told him that a remark about Tablighi Jamaat triggered the killing.
- The version of the senior superintendent's statement posted earlier by the police account cut out the portion in which he relayed what eyewitnesses had told him.
- Actor Sushant Singh claimed the police had clarified there was no communal angle. His post cited the same statement that announced eight arrests.

THE TAKEAWAY

Police said they had found no information linking either side to Tablighi Jamaat, while witnesses told the senior superintendent that a comment about the group triggered the killing.

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