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IndiaSpend Takes Down Hate Tracker After Swarajya's Bias Critique

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Swarajya argues that IndiaSpend's Hate Crime Watch undercounted Hindu victims by relying on selected English-language outlets and applying its inclusion criteria inconsistently. It contrasts the exclusion of the Tonk attack with the inclusion of the Kasganj case and cites a ground check that identified a dispute between two Muslim couples listed as a religious hate crime.



A closer look at IndiaSpend's database Factchecker.in.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- By 9 September 2019, the tracker had logged 303 attacks and used those entries to put Muslims first among victims and Hindus first among perpetrators.
- The tracker relied on English-language reporting. Swarajya says FactChecker promised to include regional outlets after its criticism but never did so in the database under review.
- FactChecker omitted the Tonk attack, citing a lack of evidence of religious motive. It included the Kasganj case because the incident later escalated into communal violence.
- Swarajya's field reporting found an altercation between two Muslim couples listed as a communal crime. FactChecker removed the entry and stood by the overall trend.

THE TAKEAWAY

Any relaunch would leave the same question unanswered unless the tracker explains how it applies its inclusion criteria to incidents such as Tonk and Kasganj.

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