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IndiaSpend's Hate Crime Watch and the Cases It Left Out

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The article argues that IndiaSpend applied its hate-crime criteria inconsistently in ways that favoured including cases with Muslim victims and excluding cases with Hindu victims. It compares IndiaSpend's published reasons for accepting or rejecting cases involving disputed motives, assaults within the same religious community and altercations between strangers.



Hindu groups demonstrating against attacks on Hindu temples. Picture for representation. (Ravi S Sahani/The India Today Group/Getty Images)

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- IndiaSpend said it added nine cases from the 35 it addressed, found one already recorded and put two on hold for further review.
- For the Mewat assault complaint, IndiaSpend cited conflicting explanations about motive and said it would send a team to determine the facts.
- IndiaSpend entered an alleged assault on three Muslim clerics despite unidentified attackers and a police statement that the communal link was unclear.
- The tracker cited shared religion in excluding an attack on a Muslim kanwar pilgrim. It accepted a case involving an alleged conversion in which both sides were Hindu.

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