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Ministry of Information &amp; Broadcasting



**Ministry of I&B blocks 22 YouTube channels for spreading disinformation related to India's national security, foreign relations and public order**

**18 Indian YouTube news channels blocked for the first time under IT Rules, 2021**

**4 Pakistan based YouTube news channels blocked**

**YouTube channels used logos of TV news channels & false thumbnails to mislead viewers**

**3 Twitter accounts, 1 Facebook account, and 1 news website also blocked**

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The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, utilizing the emergency powers under the IT Rules, 2021, has issued orders on 04.04.2022 for blocking of twenty-two (22) YouTube based news channels, three (3) Twitter accounts, one (1) Facebook account, and one (1) news website. The blocked YouTube channels had a cumulative viewership of over 260 crore, and were used to spread fake news, and coordinated disinformation over social media on subjects sensitive from the perspective of national security, India's foreign relations, and public order.

#### **Action on Indian YouTube based news channels**

This is the first time action has been taken on the Indian YouTube based news publishers since the notification of the IT Rules, 2021 in February last year. Through the recent blocking order, eighteen (18) Indian and four (4) Pakistan based YouTube news channels have been blocked.

#### **Analysis of Content**

**f** Multiple YouTube channels were used to post fake news on various subjects such as the Indian Armed Forces, Jammu and Kashmir, etc. The content ordered to be blocked also included certain anti-India content posted from multiple social media accounts operated in a coordinated manner from Pakistan.

**t** It was observed that a significant amount of false content published by these Indian YouTube based channels related to the ongoing situation in Ukraine, and aimed at jeopardizing India's foreign relations with other countries.

### **✉ Modus Operandi**

**i**n The blocked Indian YouTube channels were using templates and logos of certain TV news channels, including images of their news anchors to mislead the viewers to believe that the news was authentic. False thumbnails were used; and title and thumbnail of the videos were frequently altered to increase the virality of content on social media. In certain cases, it was also observed that systematic anti-India fake news was originating from Pakistan.

With this action, since December 2021, the Ministry has issued directions for blocking of 78 YouTube based news channels and several other social media accounts on grounds related to national security, sovereignty and integrity of India, public order, etc.

The Government of India remains committed towards ensuring an authentic, trustworthy, and safe online news media environment, and thwart any attempts at undermining India's sovereignty and integrity, national security, foreign relations, and public order.



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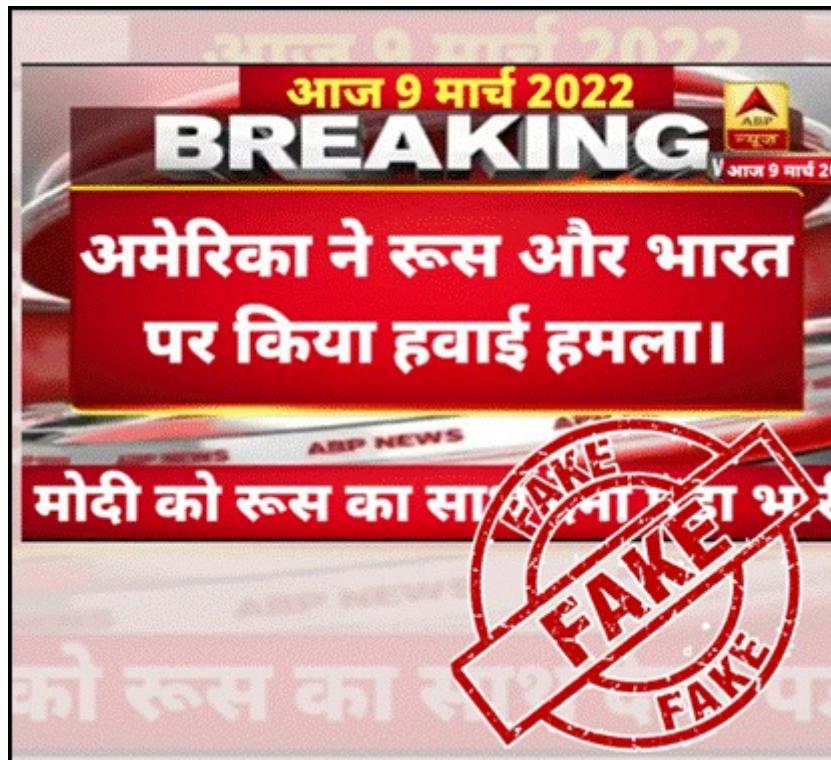
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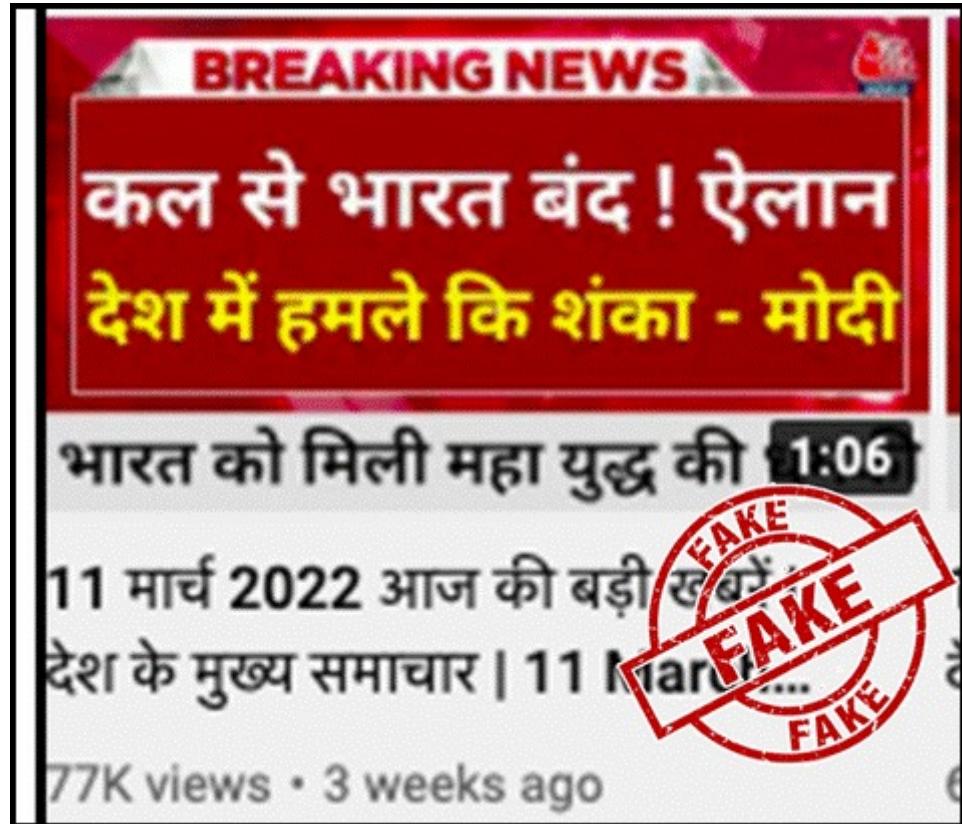
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#### Details of Social Media Accounts and Website Blocked

##### YouTube channels

Sl. No	YouTube Channel Name	Media Statistics
<b>Indian YouTube channels</b>		
1.	ARP News	Subscribers: Total Views: 4,40,68,652
2.	AOP News	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 74,04,673
3.	LDC News	Subscribers: 4,72,000 Total Views: 6,46,96,730
4.	SarkariBabu	Subscribers: 2,44,000 Total Views: 4,40,14,435

	5.	SS ZONE Hindi	Subscribers: N.A Total Views: 5,28,17,274
	6.	Smart News	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 13,07,34,161
	7.	News23Hindi	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 18,72,35,234
	8.	Online Khabar	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 4,16,00,442
	9.	DP news	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 11,99,224
	10.	PKB News	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 2,97,71,721
	11.	KisanTak	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 36,54,327
	12.	Borana News	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 2,46,53,931
	13.	Sarkari News Update	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 2,05,05,161
	14.	Bharat Mausam	Subscribers: 2,95,000 Total Views: 7,04,14,480
	15.	RJ ZONE 6	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 12,44,07,625
	16.	Exam Report	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 3,43,72,553

 17.	Digi Gurukul	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 10,95,22,595
 18.	दिनभरकीखबरें	Subscribers: NA Total Views: 23,69,305
<b>Pakistan based YouTube channels</b>		
 19.	DuniyaMeryAagy	Subscribers: 4,28,000 Total Views: 11,29,96,047
in 20.	Ghulam NabiMadni	Total Views: 37,90,109
21.	HAQEEQAT TV	Subscribers: 40,90,000 Total Views: 1,46,84,10,797
22.	HAQEEQAT TV 2.0	Subscribers: 3,03,000 Total Views: 37,542,059

### Website

Sl .No	Website
1.	Dunya Mere Aagy

### Twitter accounts (All Pakistan based)

Sl .No	Twitter Account	No. of followers
1.	Ghulam NabiMadni	5,553
2.	DunyaMeryAagy	4,063
3.	Haqeeqat TV	323,800

## Facebook account



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