Anti-Hindu Hate
REGISTER

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Anti-Hindu Hate Register counts 1,556 hateful comments, refers 11 threats to police

In its first three days, the community-led register has published minimum counts of online hate from selected public threads and begun referring threats to police.

MELBOURNE: The Anti-Hindu Hate Register reviewed about 37,100 comments in 94 selected public Facebook and Instagram threads and counted 1,556 as hateful. It classified 102 as religious, 154 as mixed and 1,300 as racial. Its register-wide referral log records four referrals sent to Victoria Police, covering 11 threats. The community-led register opened in beta on Saturday 21 November 2026 and is taking reports while its legal review is completed.

1,556	104	69	11
hateful comments counted in 94 selected public threads	comments aimed at a specific person, place or event (counted as incidents)	comments grouped as threats, incitement or praise of violence	Register-wide: threats in 4 referrals logged as sent to Victoria Police

Comment figures: Release 3, captured 22 November 2026, minimums from selected public threads. Referral figures: register-wide referral log, 23 November 2026. Source: antihinduhate.com.au/findings/online-hate

What the register has done in its first days

The register has published its online hate findings (Release 3, captured 22 November 2026) on its website. It reviewed about 37,100 public comments in 94 selected threads, under posts mainly published from August to November 2026. The figures are minimums from selected public threads. They are not an estimate of all online hate.

Of the 1,556 hateful comments counted:

- 102 were classified as religious: they attack Hindus, Hindu worship, deities or temples. 154 were mixed: they attack Indians and use a Hindu practice or symbol to do it. 1,300 were racial: they attack Indians as a group, often under posts about a Hindu place or event.
- 104 were aimed at a specific person, place or event in Australia, so they are counted as incidents. Several can target the same person or place. The other 1,452 are counted as online hate.
- 69 were grouped as threats, incitement or praise of violence, including calls to burn a temple.
- The most common type told people to leave or be deported (542). Next were dehumanising comparisons to animals, disease or filth (333).
- Then came smell, dirt and street-defecation slurs (182), invasion and replacement claims (159), and comments demeaning Hindu worship, deities or practice (124).
- 540 sat under posts about Hindu temples, a Hindu school and Indian languages in schools. 455 sat under Diwali and temple event posts.

Hateful comments appeared under announcements and visits by all sides. Many people, including Indian Australians, pushed back in the comments.

How it works

Reporting. Anyone can report, Hindu or not, and reporters can stay anonymous. There is a full report form and a quick report. In a quick report, a person adds a screenshot of online hate and the form is filled in for them. It takes about two minutes. Reports are stored securely, kept confidential and reviewed by a lawyer assisting the register when possible.

What is counted. Hindus targeted as Indians are counted, and the split is always shown. Repeated words count each time they are posted, because repetition is part of the harm. Criticism of governments, parties, policies or spending is not counted. Nor is abuse aimed only at politicians. Commenters are never named and comments are never linked. Threats are described, never quoted, and kept as evidence.

Police. When the register identifies a threat to a person or place during review, it refers it to police where the law allows. Police decide whether to act. The register-wide referral log records 4 referrals as sent to Victoria Police, covering 11 threats. Further referrals are being prepared. During beta, review has no guaranteed timeframe, so anyone facing a threat should contact police directly. The register does not ask platforms to remove hateful comments.

Supporters. Temples, schools and community groups can become supporters. It is free, with no membership, partnership agreement or fee. Each supporter names a contact person, tells its people how to report, and gets its own report page and poster. Supporters are listed on the website only if they agree.

Lawyers. Any lawyer can join the register's pro bono panel and commit monthly hours.

Quotes

> "Hindus can no longer wait for someone else to keep them safe," said Gautam Gupta, Spokesperson for the Anti-Hindu Hate Register.

> "When the same words are posted again and again, by different people and in different threads, that is not noise. It is a pattern, and patterns are how hatred spreads," Mr Gupta said.

> "Stand with the hard-working Hindu community. Do not ignore hatred. It spreads by silence."

What comes next

- Community members: report every incident, in person or online, including past incidents, at antihinduhate.com.au/report. To report a threat now, contact police directly. If you are in danger, call Triple Zero (000). The register is not an emergency service.
- Temples, schools and community groups: become supporters by emailing register@antihinduhate.com.au.
- Lawyers: join the pro bono panel at antihinduhate.com.au/support-us/lawyers.

The register is by Hindus, for Hindus, and funded by Hindus.

More findings releases will follow as verified comments are added.

About the register

The Anti-Hindu Hate Register (antihinduhate.com.au) is a community-led register of hate incidents targeting Hindus in Australia, "by Hindus, for Hindus". It tracks incidents and reports them to the people and institutions that matter. The pilot is run from Melbourne and starts in Victoria. Anyone in Australia can report, and people outside Victoria are pointed to services in their own state.

Notes to editors

- Comment figures are from Release 3, captured 22 November 2026. Referral figures are from the register-wide referral log as at 23 November 2026.
- Figures are minimums from 94 selected public Facebook and Instagram threads. They are not a prevalence estimate and do not represent all online hate.
- Source: the register's findings page, antihinduhate.com.au/findings/online-hate. The method is published there in summary. The full method is shared on request.
- Commenters are never named and comments are never linked. Slurs and swearing are masked. Threats are described, never quoted.
- The register opened in beta on Saturday 21 November 2026. It remains in beta while its legal review is completed.
- Gautam Gupta is a former Councillor and Acting Mayor of Wyndham City. He was national spokesperson for the Indian community during the attacks on Indian students, 2007 to 2010. He is the founder of the Federation of Indian Students of Australia (FISA).

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