

India's Viral Political Pulse: AI, Pop Culture, and the Shifting Sands of Power

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1. In September 2025, a viral AI-generated video critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, featuring a conversation with his late mother, led to a backlash and a court order for its removal. Which High Court issued this order?

- A) Supreme Court of India
- B) Bombay High Court
- C) Patna High Court**
- D) Delhi High Court

2. The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (A Tree in Mother's Name) campaign, launched on World Environment Day 2024, aimed to promote environmental awareness by linking tree planting to maternal reverence. Who launched this campaign?

- A) President of India
- B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- C) Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh
- D) Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav

3. Recent amendments proposed to India's IT Rules in 2026 aim to extend regulation to a wider range of online content creators. Which of the following categories of creators would be brought under a new code of ethics for news and current affairs content?

- A) Only registered news publishers
- B) Influencers, podcasters, YouTubers, and X users sharing news/current affairs**
- C) All social media users regardless of content type
- D) Only foreign news outlets operating in India

4. In a significant Supreme Court ruling on July 9, 2026, the court stated that a school official receiving a direct complaint of sexual assault from a child cannot avoid criminal liability by conducting what action?

- A) Filing a police report
- B) Conducting a private 'verification' and concluding 'nothing had happened'**
- C) Immediately suspending the accused
- D) Notifying the child's parents

5. The 'One Nation, One Mission: End Plastic Pollution' campaign, launched in May 2025, is aligned with which flagship initiative of the Indian government?

- A) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- B) Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)**
- C) Digital India Mission
- D) Make in India

6. In December 2024, the Supreme Court of India, in a majority judgment, recalled its earlier verdict that declared the grant of ex post facto or retrospective Environmental Clearances (ECs) as a 'gross illegality'. Who wrote a sharp dissent in this case?

- A) Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai
- B) Justice K. Vinod Chandran
- C) Justice Ujjal Bhuyan**
- D) Justice B.V. Nagarathna

7. As of September 2025, India's public Wi-Fi hotspots had reached a certain number, significantly less than the initial target for 2022. What was this number?

- A) 50 million
- B) 10 million
- C) 373,000**
- D) 2.18 lakh

8. In a ruling on July 2, 2026, the Supreme Court of India set aside orders based on AI-generated fake precedents attributed to the Supreme Court. What did the judicial bench direct the Bar Council of India to do?

- A) Disbar the advocates involved
- B) Constitute a committee to prescribe disciplinary norms for advocates filing fake citations**
- C) Issue a public apology
- D) Impose a fine on the AI developers

9. During the 2024 Indian general election, social media platforms became key battlegrounds. Which of these platforms were explicitly mentioned as being used by major political parties like Congress and BJP for live-streaming events and sharing content?

- A) Only X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook
- B) YouTube, Facebook, and X**
- C) WhatsApp and Instagram only
- D) Telegram and Snapchat

10. In November 2024, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madrasa Education Act, 2004. Which bench overturned an earlier Allahabad High Court ruling on this matter?

- A) Justice DY Chandrachud (Former CJI), Justice Manoj Misra, and Justice J.B. Pardiwala**
- B) Justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan
- C) Justice Manmohan and Justice K. Vinod Chandran
- D) A five-judge constitutional bench

11. The #UnplasticIndia campaign, launched by The Times of India, aimed to address plastic pollution. Within three months of its launch, how many Indians pledged to stop using single-use plastics?

- A) Over 1 million
- B) Over 500,000**
- C) Over 10 million
- D) Over 100,000

12. The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, launched on June 5, 2024, had impressive tree-planting statistics reported. In July 2025, in Uttar Pradesh, how many saplings were reported to be planted in one day as part of this campaign?

- A) 158 million
- B) 373 million**
- C) 241 million
- D) 800 million

13. According to a report from April 2024, the surge in deepfake usage in Indian politics peaked around November 2023, coinciding with which state elections?

- A) Telangana Assembly Elections
- B) Delhi Assembly Elections
- C) Karnataka State Elections**
- D) Maharashtra Assembly Elections

14. As of July 2026, UN Special Rapporteurs raised concerns about the Election Commission of India's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, alleging the use of opaque AI-driven systems and the disproportionate removal of voters from which community?

- A) Dalits
- B) Tribal communities
- C) Muslims**
- D) Sikhs

15. India's technology sector revenue was projected to reach a certain amount by FY26, with significant growth over previous years. Approximately how much was this projected revenue?

- A) US\$ 1 trillion
- B) US\$ 300 billion**
- C) US\$ 435 billion
- D) US\$ 200 billion