

Scrap dealer forced to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' in India, 2 held

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Madhya Pradesh, India: The Ujjain Police has arrested two men for forcing a scrap dealer from a minority community to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain district.

The video of the incident in Jharda village of Mahidpur Tehsil, 60 km from Ujjain, has gone viral on social media. The two men could be seen forcing the scrap dealer to say 'Jai Shree Ram'.

Initially, the man was reluctant and the men asked him what his problem was with the slogan. The two men are also seen in the video throwing away the scrap items and threatening the dealer not to return to the village. After much compulsion by both men, he ultimately said 'Jai Shree Ram' and was let go.

The two arrested accused have been identified as Ishwar Singh and Kamal Singh.

Ujjain Police said that a case has been registered against the duo under sections 323 341 294 153 (a) 505 (2) 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

Screenshot of Ujjain SP tweet on the case.

Speaking to Aaj Tak/India Today TV, Ujjain SP Satyendra Kumar Shukla said that a video of Jharda police station limits had surfaced and soon the victim, with whom this incident happened, reached the police station.

"The accused have been identified and a case has been registered against them. Strict action will be taken against all the accused," Shukla said.

Appealing to the general public for a need to exercise restraint in such incidents of disturbing communal harmony, the SP said, "Some of the disturbing elements are giving a wrong message to the whole society through such incidents. This is absolutely wrong and the police will take immediate cognizance of it, irrespective of the parties involved in it. If any person tries to disturb communal harmony, strict action will be taken against them by the police," the SP added.

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