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> The COVID-19 infodemic has brought chaos and violence to India. In late March, viral rumors about an indefinite lockdown exacerbated a mass exodus of migrant laborers. In early April, a false claim that Muslims were being injected with COVID-19 led to an attack on five medical workers.
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> On April 2, India's Ministry of Home Affairs called on Indian states to fight coronavirus misinformation and prevent panic. On May 8, the ministry's research arm released a 40-page manual intended to help Indian police in that infodemic fight.
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