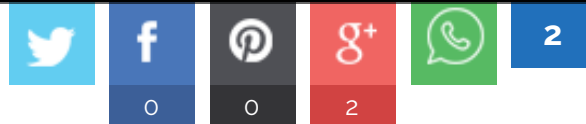


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## GOOGLE GETS COURT NOTICE FOR HATE GROUP ON FRIENDSHIP SITE



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*The order was issued by Justice AP Deshpande and Justice R M Borde in response to a PIL filed by Advocate YR Marlapalle.*

BANGALORE: Google's online community web site Orkut has run into trouble for "spreading hatred against the country".

The Aurangabad bench of the Bombay high court, comprising Justice AP Deshpande and Justice RM Borde, issued notice to Google last week following a public interest litigation initiated by 22-year-old advocate Yugant R Marlapalle.

In his petition, Marlapalle, who is also an Orkut member, took exception to a community called 'We hate India', owned by someone who identifies himself as Miroslav Stankovic. The community features a picture of the Tricolour being burnt.

"My prayer is to direct Google to remove communities that spread hatred against India, the national flag, and all deities in the country," Marlapalle told DNA. "My objection is to the offending communities, not Orkut."

He has cited the provisions of section 75 of the Information Technology Act, which empowers authorities to file charges for offences or contravention committed outside India by any person irrespective of nationality.

A Google India spokeswoman told DNA that l Besides, the web site has terms of service tha prohibiting impersonation as well as vulgar ar was unable to say, however, if Google had rec Orkut has been misused in India before. Last l spurned lovers who posted fake obscene pro community site.

Only recently, Google was forced to hand ove authorities, following allegations that Orkut w including child pornography.

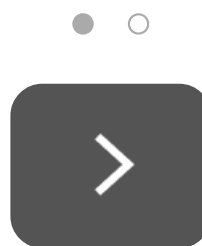
Google has earlier raised eyebrows in India w sensitive locations, available freely online. Cyber law experts say the case only highlight with hate speech.

In this case, one would have to invoke sector network service provider and making it liable

"We don't have a national policy against hate Duggal said. "It would be interesting to know jurisdictions that cross national boundaries." Union IT Secretary Jaswinder Singh said the government would respond after studying the web site and getting the court notice.

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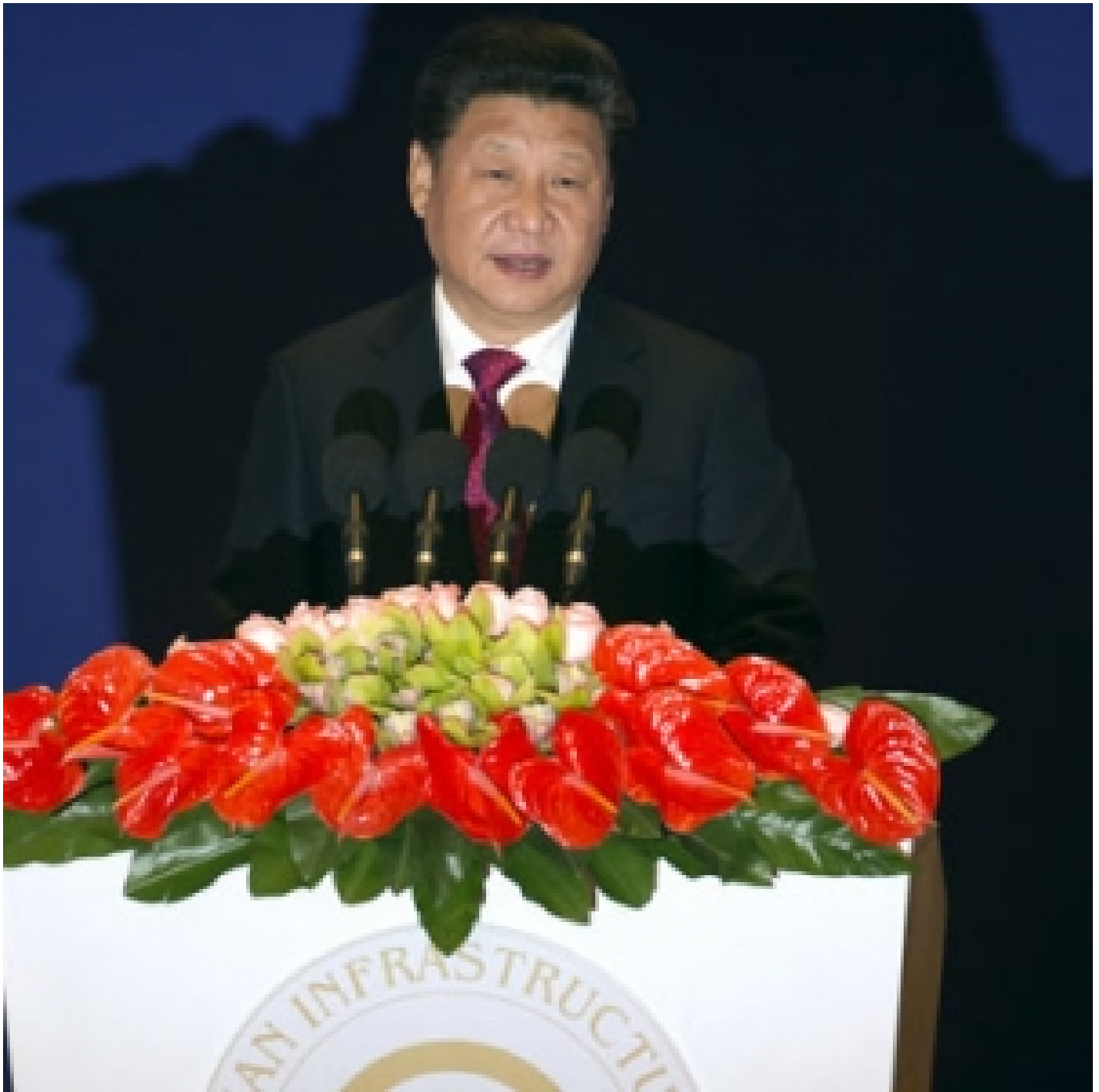
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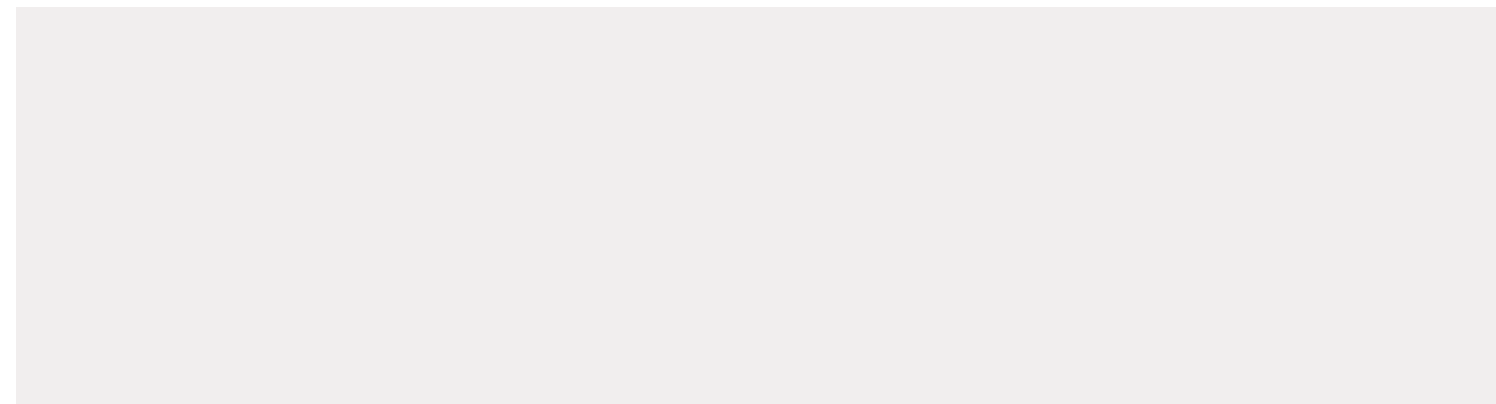
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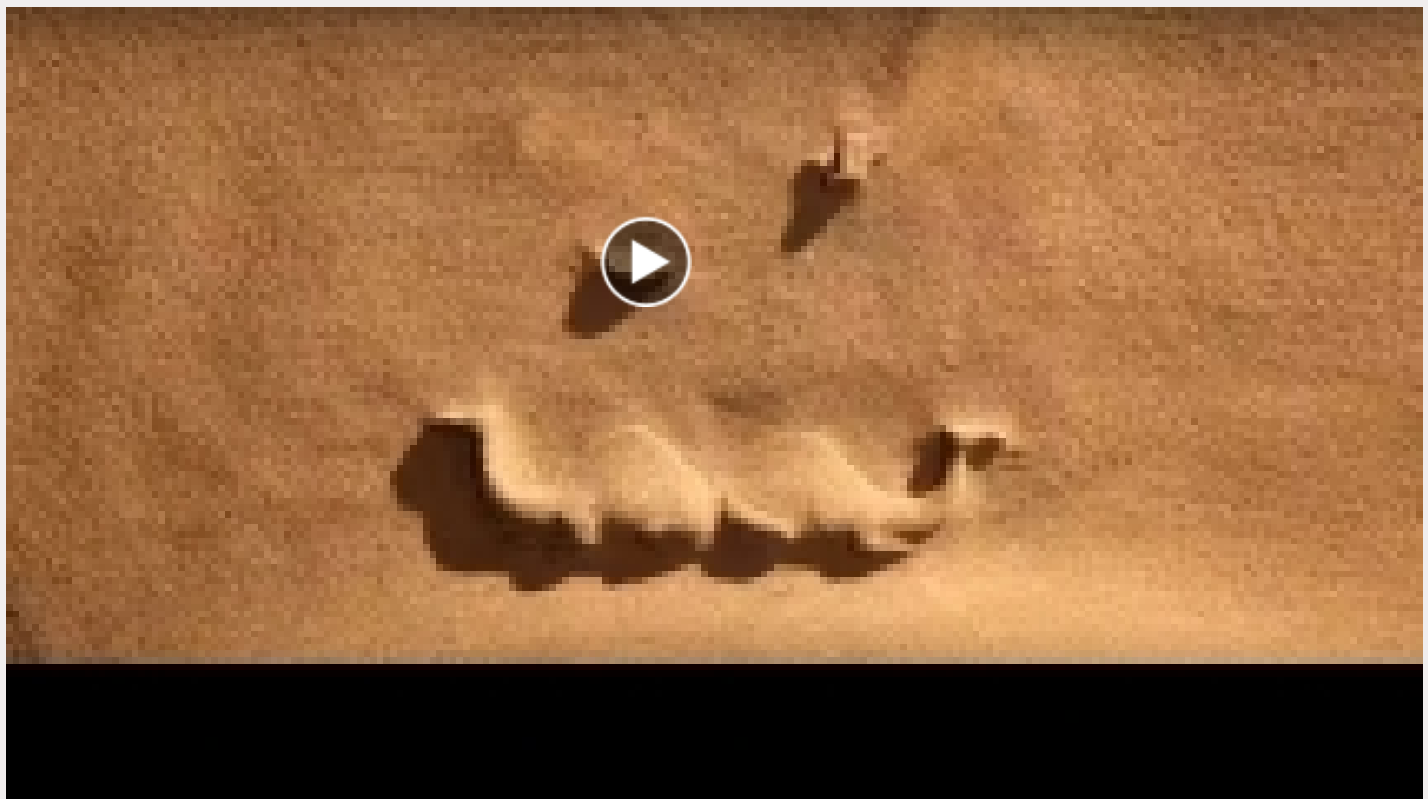


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