This week, parts of north-east Delhi burned in a pogrom. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had won seats in the recent state elections there. Lower middle-class Hindus and Muslims live in proximity here. Delhi Police had information about tension mounting up over several days. This was over protests, against and for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, the National Register for Citizens and the National Population Register. The former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and now BJP leader Kapil Mishra made an incendiary speech. Once again, like other leaders in his party, he has gone unpunished for incitement. If someone can get away with press-the-button-so-hard-so-that-the-current-is-felt-in-Shaheen-Bagh comment, what is a mere Mishra or Anurag Thakur?

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