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## Lok Sabha elections 2019: 'CAN'T WIN POLLS, so competing to abuse me,' says PM Modi after Aiyar jibe

In an opinion piece that was first published by the Jammu and Kashmir-based Rising Kashmir newspaper, Mani Shankar Aiyar prophesized PM Modi-led BJP's defeat in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

Opposition leaders are competing with each other to abuse Narendra Modi because they have figured that they will lose the national elections, Prime Minister Modi said at an election rally hours after a fresh controversy erupted over Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar's opinion piece.

PM Modi said the writing on the wall, after six rounds of voting, was clear and this is why, opposition leaders are angry.

"This is why the competition to abuse Modi has picked up pace. They can't win so they are venting their frustration by abusing (me)," the prime minister said at an election rally in Bihar's Buxar before moving on to attack the alliance of opposition parties.

At this rally, the prime minister did not list how he had been called names by opposition parties in the past. Bihar deputy chief minister Sushil Modi, he said, had already mentioned some of the instances of name calling by the opposition.

PM Modi's speech comes against the backdrop of a new row over an opinion piece by Mani Shankar Aiyar, the Congress leader who was suspended by the party in the run up to the Gujarat assembly elections in 2017 for describing the Prime Minister as a 'neech aadmi'. The suspension was revoked less than a year later.



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"That would be a fitting end to the most foul-mouthed prime minister this country has seen or is likely to see. Remember how I described him on 7 December 2017? Was I not prophetic?" he said. Aiyar's comment was seen as a reference to his description of PM Modi as a 'neech aadmi' ahead of the Gujarat elections.

BJP leaders rushed to slam Aiyar. 'Abuser-in-chief' Aiyar returns to justify 2017 'Neech' jibe," tweeted BJP's GVL Narasimha Rao, underlining that it had put the "double speak and arrogance" of the Congress on display again. Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad's message to Aiyar was that his

remarks would end up drowning the Congress further. In a tweet, BJP's Sambit Patra said mocked Congress president Rahul Gandhi, stressing that Aiyar, who he described as the jewel of the Gandhi family, had contributed to the "politics of love" of Rahul Gandhi by defining His "neech comment" on PM Modi as prophetic.

Mani Shankar Aiyar declined to get into the debate. According to news agency ANI, he said there was no need for a clarification. "There is a whole article, picking out one line from it and saying "now talk on this". I am not ready to be involved in your games, 'main ullu hoon, lekin itna bada ullu nahi hoon' (I could be stupid but not so stupid)."

"Anything I say is misused because there are people who hate me. They hate me because I speak the truth but I will keep doing so", Aiyar said, according to ANI.

Source : Hindustantimes.com

## Yogi Adityanath says unfortunate Congress has reduced to party contesting elections to cut BJP votes, after Priyanka Gandhi's 'weak candidates' remark

**Gorakhpur:** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday took a dig at the Congress and said it is unfortunate that it has reduced to a party which is contesting elections just to cut vote share of the BJP.

"Congress' princess says that Congress is contesting elections so that they can cut into the vote share of the BJP. This is unfortunate for Congress that they have become 'vote cutwa' party (a party which cut into the vote of others)," Adityanath said while campaigning for actor-turned-politician Ravi Kishan who is contesting from Gorakhpur on a BJP ticket. "Those persons who have disgraced democracy and are coming as 'vote-cutwa' and confusing people, people should teach them a lesson," he said. Adityanath's



remark came after Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had said that her party has fielded some Lok Sabha candidates in Uttar Pradesh with the aim to cut into the vote share of BJP,

not to just win the elections.

On 1 May, when asked about chances of Congress' victory in UP, Priyanka had said: "My strategy is very clear. Congress will win on the seats where our candidates are strong. Where our candidates are slightly lightweight, they will cut into BJP's vote share. One does not do politics only to win." The Gorakhpur seat was represented by UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath for five terms since 1998 until Praveen Kumar Nishad of Samajwadi Party won the seat in a by-poll last year. The seat was vacated by Yogi Adityanath when he became the chief minister. Gorakhpur, one of 13 parliamentary constituencies in Uttar Pradesh will go to polls on 19 May in the last phase of Lok Sabha elections.

Source : firstpost.com

# Open Letter To The Economist



**Jagdish Sewhani**

*(Leader of Indian community in America)*

## Dear Mr. Editor, The Economist

I am writing to you with regard to the op-ed published by your publication "Under Narendra Modi, India's ruling party poses a threat to democracy." As an avid reader of The Economist I have experienced a deep decline in the journalistic standards and ethical values, which once was considered a prestigious publication.

As a person of an Indian origin, living in New York for the past several years, I have closely followed the political, economic and social developments in India. The progress made by India in the last five years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is unparalleled and historic. Facts speaks for itself.

The op-ed published by you is a fiction, rather than based on facts. I firmly believe that by writing such a fictitious article and asking people of India to vote against Modi, is a direct interference in India's election. I demand that The Economic must tender an apology and reveal under whose influence it has done so. Let's talk about some facts.

India as per the latest figures from all major international financial institutions including the IMF and the World Bank under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as the world's fastest growing economy. Not denying that India has a long way to go achieve the high level of living for the common people, Prime Minister Modi India has laid a strong foundation in that regard: from various social security measures, to providing health insurance programs to a significantly large segment of the population, to making basic necessities like electricity, housing, affordable

food, banking and internet accessible to all. India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made remarkable improvement in the business environment. Hope before publishing this fictious and one-sided op-ed you would have looked at the annual Ease of Doing Business report of the World Bank. Can you name one single country of the size of India that has jumped the rankings of Ease of Doing Business as much as India has done in the last five years. And what about the amount foreign direct investment that India has attracted under Prime Minister Modi. Here is a home work for you. Please prepare a list of top emerging economies on FDIs in the last five years. Let me know, what you find.

Let's talk about freedom of press and the baseless and slanderous allegation of him being non-democratic and intolerant to criticism. Even these are relative terms and contextual in nature, can you find out one leader in modern history wherein the leader has been denied Visa by one big country – here I am talking about the visa denial by the US – and after coming to power, India under him has developed a strongest ever relationship with the United States. This is primarily because he strongly believes this is in the best interest of India, the United States and the world. I hope you must be aware of Nixon-Indira Gandhi relationship and how then India drifted fast into the Soviet Camps. But for the ego clash of two leaders, had India and US joined hand together, world would have been a much safer and peaceful place now. And BTW, if anything Prime Minister Narendra Modi is intolerant to it is corruption and terrorism.

I hope you have the resources at your disposal to conduct research on the articles critical of Sonia Gandhi – the most powerful leader of India during the 10 years if UPA regime in major Indian publications. I guess you can count them on your finger tips or at the most list them on a page. Sitting in New York, every day I can find at least a dozen news articles, op-eds and television shows in major Indian media outlets critical of the policies and views of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I will bring to your notice another example. Two senior leaders of BJP – Yashwant Sinha and Shatrughan Sinha -- for the last five years have openly talked against the Prime Minister and his policies. They have joined the platforms of the opposition leaders. Still, they were never dismissed or expelled from the party. Can you name one political party in India, including the Congress wherein a senior leader critical of say Rahul Gandhi or Sonia Gandhi or party president would be allowed to stay in the party even for one single day.

On news media outlet. I will ask you one question. If an on-line publication like The Wire – which is small in terms of financial capacity – can run an open campaign against Prime Minister Modi, nothing stops other publications to do so. India,

dear editor of The Economist has a free and strong vibrant press, wherein everyone has the freedom to write what they feel like. Your article tries to say that major publications like The Time of India, The Hindustan Times, India Today, NDTV are scared of Prime Minister Modi. Flatly wrong. They are writing and publishing what they believe in. By saying so, you are simply trying to demean the prestige and work ethics of these major Indian publications. I think, The economist should be ashamed of this.

I would like to bring to your attention, a few aspects of his foreign policy and national security aspect, as India under him has emerged as a strong power which is not afraid of bullying any longer. Doklam is one such example. Today, when India talks, world listens with attention and acts. Look at the global position of Pakistan, the nerve center of terrorism. It's because of his diplomatic policies, Pakistan has never been as globally isolated as it is today. Not even after OBL raid. Before PM Modi came to power, please have a look at the global opinion towards One Belt One Road project of China. It's India, under him, which took the lead in telling the world about the predatory economics of China. I know, it would be very tough for you to acknowledge this and the west today is taking the credit for this. But these are the facts. His guiding principle of foreign policy is "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or the world is one family. And he has persistently worked on this aspect, be it his steps on climate change, solar alliance, international yoga day or free satellites to third-world countries. Within all its economic constraints, India under him has merged as a major donor – both in terms of financial and technical knowhow.

Dear Mr. Editor, I am amazed at the last two paragraphs of your op-ed. You might be favoring a corrupt government, but people of India, under the 10 years if UPA rule, were bitter sufferers of a corrupt and inefficient government. Your biased mentality is reflected on the very fact that you have put Congress in Capital letter and BJP in small letters. Why?

Look at the audacity at which you interfering in Indian elections. Are you an Indian publication? What is your interest in asking people of India to vote against BJP. You very well know that the BJP is coming to power. So you are asking Indians to at least vote for a coalition government, which will definitely result in a weaker India.

I am sure, you very well know, who will benefit from a weak India. It is very sad state of affairs. The world needs a strong India. In 2019, it's only Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has the capability of leading a strong India. And I am hundred percent sure, people of India have already made up their mind. You will see the results on May 23. They will not be influenced by your blatant interference in Indian elections.

# OPEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Dear Editor  
The Times

The TimesAs a fellow New Yorker, I am deeply disappointed at the May 20, cover story "India's Divider in Chief". The publication of lengthy piece written by Aatish Taseer and making it a cover story reflects that your esteemed publication has endorsed his outrageous views, which are one-sided and far away from reality. As a matter of fact, it is a blatant effort to interfere in the internal affairs of a foreign publication. Coming from the world's largest democracy and living in the world's oldest democracy, I strongly believe in freedom of press, and free speech. And so, does Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His actions speaks for itself. I wish, before publishing this article, Time would have done its own research based on facts, not based on the views of a group of so-called authors and opinion makers, who have dominated India's political discourse post 1947. I would like to challenge you to do a research on the number of articles published against the most powerful leader of India in the 10 years of previous UPA regime and in the five

years of the current Government. I wonder, if you and the author of the cover story can name any other major national or regional political party having the kind of freedom of speech and dissent that ruling BJP has. Not only this, every day, you will see, read and view, major Indian media outlets critical of the policies of the Prime Minister. I am surprised that your esteemed magazine and the author of the cover story has decided to ignore it. It's quite painful to see that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's effort to give justice to the Muslim women, has been ignored. I wish, the current editors of Time Magazine have read its own previous editorials and its strong defense of women's right. Women's rights are women's right. The step taken by the Modi Government on triple talak issue is nothing less than a revolution. It is undoing the injustice done to millions of Muslim women in India after 1947. Dear members of the Time editorial board. When you hold your next editorial board meeting. Please ask this question and vote on it. Would you support Muslim citizens of the US to have a separate law, that is based on Sharia? Kindly let me know, what the

result of your vote is. Can you please help me understand your double standards? Dear Editor. In five years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given India a corruption-free government, good governance, he has decentralized power, today States have more financial powers in the history of independent India. His people-centric policies have helped in uplifting millions of people from poverty. Isn't it shame that after 70 years if independence millions of people were living in India without electricity, cooking food from dry wood and leaves, no house, no access to health and even toilets? These are just a few. In these five years, he has taken steps to give common man the very basic necessities that every Indian deserved to have access at the most in the first 10 years of India's independence. In the last five years, Prime Minister Modi has laid the foundation of a modern, powerful India which is a harbinger of global peace and prosperity. Just wait and watch. He is a leader, who believes in Peace, practices the principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or World is one Family. But this does not mean, that a New India would and should

tolerate terrorism. Name one country in the world, which has shown as patience and tolerance to terrorism as India? India can no longer be bullied. In fact, if anything Prime Minister Narendra Modi can be described as just the opposite of your cover story. He is India's Uniter in Chief. He has united India as never before. Unlike five years ago, today Indians feel proud of the country, there is a sense of ownership. He has given a new direction and energy to a country that is young and vibrant. In this ongoing election, by and large people are not voting based on caste or religion. In 2014, Prime Minister Modi sought votes in the name of development. As Prime Minister he has focused on only three things – development, development and development. As such, in 2019, he is seeking votes and mandate based on his performance and development. In 10 days from now, results of the world's largest electoral exercise would be declared. I am sure, it will prove you wrong. He is coming back to power with much bigger mandate.

Jagdish Sewhani  
New York

## Narendra Modi's 'Khan Market gang' jibe sums up disempowerment of elites, rise of new middle class with a voice



With his "Khan Market gang" jibe, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has introduced a new lexicon in political discourse that appears to have rubbed his rivals and critics the wrong way. Not that Modi would mind. The apparently innocuous phrase elicited an acerbic and a vehement response from certain quarters, including politicians, journalists, activists, activist-journalists, etc. This needs a bit of explaining — why did the reference to a shopping district in Delhi, where apparently they sell overpriced items, trigger such a response?

One of Delhi's poshest locations for dining and shopping in the heart of the city, Khan

Market has become a signifier of superciliousness and an idiom that may loosely be equated with the Beltway Washington Consensus — a set of free-market policies American institutions propagated that eventually represented a sign of elitism. Among other things, US president Donald Trump's victory was a counter to this elitism that had long gripped and dominated American politics.

Former columnist and now Press Secretary to the President of India Ashok Malik coined the term 'Khan Market consensus' in a column for the Hindustan Times, where he elaborated on the unanimity among "self-appointed intelligentsia" on a particular "idea of India" that, for a long time, was considered unassailable, relegating to the fringes all competing ideas that never found expression.

These competing ideas about and of India belong to a sizeable section of people who had remained voiceless because of the centralisation of power by the 'Khan Market gang' — a minority of powerful elites with colossal sway over the destiny of 1.3 billion people. They controlled all levers of power and avenues of discourse, forcing their own "idea of India" to

be mainstreamed while excluding those of others.

As Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Economic Adviser to the Government of India, had written in Project Syndicate on these elites who belong to entrenched family dynasties of India: The country "...has long been dominated by a tiny elite — a couple of hundred extended families, totaling perhaps 4,000 to 5,000 people. Many countries have powerful elites with outsize influence, but in India, dynastic elites control the top echelons in every sphere of public life — politics, business, the media, and even Bollywood."

This top-down imported "idea of India", based on Nehruvian secularism and Fabian socialism as its economic principle, came to define the lens through Indians were forced to evaluate themselves and made to feel unfit in their own country for having a different set of notions about the nation and its culture, identity and religion. The vast majority, proud of its Hindu heritage, were made to feel (in Manu Joseph's words in Mint ) "like the freak fringe, like delinquents for having a set of reasonable thoughts".

Source : firstpost.com

**(Long Island, NY) South Asian Community Leader, DILIP CHAUHAN ENDORSES DR. SANGEETA NISCHAL FOR NEW HYDE PARK-GARDEN CITY PARK SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION, ON MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT MICHAEL J. TULLY PARK.**

DILIP CHAUHAN states that “Dr. Sangeeta Nischal is a proven, engaged, and respected Community Leader”. Chauhan further says “I have known Dr. Nischal for some time and I can honestly state that she will be an asset to the New Hyde Park-Garden City Park School District. For this reason, I strongly urge New Hyde Park-Garden City Park School district voters to elect Dr. Sangeeta Nischal on May 21, 2019”.

Dr. Nischal states that “I believe education should go beyond the classroom walls; it should be more than just books. To achieve this, we need to collaboratively work with our teachers. If elected to the board, I would work towards this whole-child education approach in a safe environment without burdening our community with extra taxes. I am very grateful to receive endorsement from one of the most respected South Asian Community Leader Dilip Chauhan”.

Dr. Nischal also works actively with school district administration to improve the standards of education and also volunteers in school by being an active volunteer on different committees.



Chauhan shares that “...as a leader in our community I continue to urge and encourage our South Asian Community to make a positive difference by getting involved and supporting each other.”

Dr. Sangeeta Nischal Snapshot  
Ph.D Cancer Biology. Visiting Scientist at Feinstein Institute for Medical Research

Community Volunteerism—Volunteer on School Vision Committee, Volunteer on Building Level Team, Volunteer on Multicultural Committee, Active participant in PTA in New Hyde Park Road School, Volunteer in class rooms in other schools in New Hyde Park-Garden City Park School, Den Leader with Pack 544 of Cub Scouts.

**(Long Island, NY) South Asian Community Leader, DILIP CHAUHAN ENDORSES KRUPA PANCHAL LAURICELLA FOR SACHEM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION, ON MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

DILIP CHAUHAN celebrates that “Krupa Lauricella is a proven, engaged, and respected Community Leader. She is a recipient of multiple awards in behalf of her business and community-driven accomplishments.” Chauhan continues “I have known Krupa Lauricella for some time and I can honestly state that her passion, intelligence, and experience will be an asset to the Sachem School District. For this reason, I strongly urge Sachem district voters to elect KRUPA LAURICELLA on May 21, 2019. Lauricella will appear as #2 on the ballot.”

KRUPA LAURICELLA states that “I am running to ensure that Sachem provides a safe environment for quality educational programs that supports a well-rounded curriculum for all students, without a high tax burden on our #Sachem Community. I look forward to supporting and prioritizing the quality of our student’s educational programs, curriculum, and safety.” I am very grateful to received endorsement from one of the most respected South Asian Community Leader Dilip Chauhan.

As Chairperson of the Sachem Legislative Committee, Lauricella helped to advocate a major victory for NYS funding to Sachem by working

with the Sachem Legislative Committee, school administration, and elected officials to successfully secure \$11 Million in funding through the Smart School Bond Application for critical SECURITY and TECHNOLOGY upgrades. Lauricella also works actively with public officials and the media to raise awareness about economic and social issues that impact Long Island Residents.

Chauhan shares that “...as a leader in our community and as a valued partner in Government Relations I continue to encourage our South Asian Community to make a positive difference by getting involved and supporting each other.”

Krupa Lauricella Snapshot

CEO of FTZ Strategies, Inc., which helps to facilitate global trade the Greater New York Area (W/MBE).

Community Honors & Recognition - Long Island Business News | Diversity in Business Awards (2019), Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy | Business & Community Leader Award (2019), Girl Scouts of Suffolk County | Women of Impact Honoree (2019), Folio Awards Judge | Fair Media Council (2019, 2018), Long Island

Business News | Top 50 Women (2017), Monthly Panelist on LI News Radio, Recognition Awards from State and County Officials

Community Volunteerism - Chairperson | Sachem Legislative Committee, Co-Chair, International Business DECA Club | For Smithtown Schools, Board Member | Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, Member, Board Development Committee | Girl Scouts of Suffolk County, Member | Holbrook Vision Committee

# New York South Asian American Chamber of Commerce (NYSACOC) Hosted Women Empowerment Event "Celebrating Journey of Women In The Corporate World"

On April 3rd 2019

## NYSACOC Hosted Women Empowerment Event " Celebrating Journey of Women In The Corporate World

In an effort to empower Women Business Owners, This event was hosted by BCB-Indus American Bank of Hicksville. Keynote Speaker of the Event was Dr. Dilshad Dayani Dilshad is an award-winning human rights advocate, Professor Columbia University and The School of New York Times. Event was Chaired by Dr. Sheetal Desai who is a Successful Business women who is a Proud owner of Dynamic Physical Therapy in Hicksville and Glen Cove. She has been awarded Long Island power women in business by Star Network & Long Island Press 2017 and Diversity in Business award by Long Island Press 2018. Also, she is a Board of Director of South Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Event was attended by Nassau County Legislature Joshua "Josh" Lafazan. Who has presented citation to Dr. Dilshad Dayani, Dr. Sheetal Desai, Farah Vaswani and Amita Karwal.

Dr. Dilshad is an award-winning human rights advocate, Professor Columbia University and The School of New York Times. A UN Consultant, broadcast journalist, cross-cultural communication coach, She is a regular speaker at the Harvard Press Club and Yale women's leadership initiatives to name a few! Her career has combined research, project development, teaching and training in diverse organizations. She has been recipient of numerous local and national awards, including the Award for Professional Excellence at the Obama Immigrant Journey Accolade!

She spoke on social inclusion in south asian women and challenges and barriers that women face at home and workplace. It includes cultural barriers and traditional norms that are never questioned. Her message was to build better communication narratives with our daughters and sons, so they understand equity between the two genders and life's responsibility from an early age. She emphasized that it is equally important to focus and help young boys and men understand the



Business Owners



Dr. Dilshad Dayani Honored by Dilip Chauhan President and Chairperson Shan Shaheen of New York South Asian American Chamber of Commerce.



IDr. Sheetal Desai - Chairwoman of Event Speaking



Keynote Speaker Dr. Dilshad Dayani



Farah Vaswani, Amita Karwal, Dr. Dilshad Dayani, Dr. Sheetal Desai Honored with Nassau County Citation with Dilip Chauhan President of New York South Asian American Chamber of Commerce.



Dr. Sheetal Desai Honored by Nassau County Legislature Joshua Lafazan



Roopam Maini of BCB Indus American Bank Honored during the Event.

shared power dynamics both share in our society and without due respect and equal rights to women and girls, we can never grow to the fullest as a minority community!

Dr. Sheetal Desai said "Women empowerment is not complete without cooperation of men." Her message to young people is to learn to love and respect yourself as well as others. God gives everybody something special, nobody is perfect, believe in yourself. There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failures. She concluded saying " A strong woman is the one that stands for herself, but a stronger woman is the one that uplifts others".

Roopam Maini concluded the event with vote of thanks and spoke about the BCB Indus American banks products and partnerships and their strong presence in the community. The event was attended by over 70 business professionals and govt. officials and was held and sponsored by BCB Indus American Bank of Hicksville, President of Chamber Dilip Chauhan said "Networking is not about just connecting people. It's about connecting people with Passion for community, people with ideas, and people with opportunities." he also added that chamber will help our community by helping new business owners with difficulty in opening

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## Lok Sabha election: In Ballia, Narendra Modi challenges Opposition to prove his involvement in any corruption scam

**Ballia:** Claiming his probity while asserting that he has been in office for more than two decades — first as chief minister of Gujarat and then as prime minister — Narendra Modi has openly challenged the Opposition to prove his involvement in any corruption scam.

"I am giving an open challenge to the 'mahamilavati', if they have the guts then rather than abusing me they should accept my challenge. I challenge them to show whether I have any undeclared assets, farmhouses, or shopping complex, or whether my money is stacked in foreign banks. Prove that I have any property in any foreign land, bungalows worth crores, high-end cars worth lakhs and crores of rupees," he said while addressing an election rally in Ballia on Tuesday.

"Neither have I ever dreamt of becoming rich nor have I ever looted the poor. For me, the welfare of poor and protecting motherland is more important than my life," he added.

The prime minister said he considers abuses hurled at him by the Opposition leaders as a sort of 'gift', adding that people, by voting BJP to power, will give a befitting reply to them on his



behalf.

"These 'mahamilavati' people SP, BSP, and Congress all are abusing me. Not a single day has passed when they have not abused me. This is their condition after the sixth phase of the election. I consider their abuses as a gift. I will not reply to them, you will reply by voting for BJP," said Modi. "Now 'mahamilavatis' are asking about my caste. I have been the chief minister of Gujarat for more than the tenure of 'Bua' (Mayawati) and 'babua' (Akhilesh Yadav) taken together collectively. I have contested many elections myself and

have also made others contest, but I have never taken the support of my caste."

The prime minister continued, "I was born in an extremely backward community and I worked for taking the nation forward. Caste is neither in my mind nor in my consciousness, neither I give in the name of caste nor I seek support in the name of caste. There is no caste-based discrimination in deciding the beneficiaries of public welfare schemes floated by me and hence I do not seek a vote in the name of caste."

He also alleged that SP and BSP workers have now started 'quarrelling' among themselves.

"Last night, when I reached Delhi, on television I watched SP and BSP workers quarrelling. They were breaking each other's heads, abusing each other and tearing each other's clothes. The country is watching them, the last phase of election is still left and they have started settling scores with each other," he quipped.

In Uttar Pradesh, the remaining 13 seats out of 80 Lok Sabha election seats at stake will go to polls in the last phase of elections on 19 May. Counting of votes will take place on 23 May.

Source : firstpost.com

## lok sabha elections 2019: bjp focus on small details to win back gorakhpur

The campaign of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to win back Gorakhpur; a bastion it lost after three decades to the SP-BSP alliance in the March 2018 Lok Sabha by-poll, is as much about rallies and road shows by party's big leaders as about taking care of "chhoti-chhoti baatein (small things)".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had in February chosen Gorakhpur to launch Rs 75,000-crore PM-KISAN Scheme, held a rally in the vicinity on Sunday.

The venue of the rally was chosen carefully so as to cover Maharajganj and Kushinagar Lok Sabha constituencies, along with Gorakhpur, which was barely 70 kilometres from the rally site. Modi targeted Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati who claims support of Dalits, which after Nishads, are second most influential voters in Gorakhpur.

Yogi Adityanath, who represented Gorakhpur since 1998 until he quit the seat after taking over as UP chief minister in 2017, has already addressed over two dozen rallies.

BJP president Amit Shah is set to lead a road show in Gorakhpur on Thursday to give a boost to the party's campaign in a



region where the party has fielded a Brahmin Bhojpuri actor Ravi Kishan who, according to BJP leaders, enjoys the blessings of Adityanath, unlike Upendra Shukla, the party's by-poll candidate.

UP minister Mahendra Singh has also been asked to camp in the region to fuel the party's campaign ahead of the May 19 polling.

While the focus is on big leaders campaigning in an area from where Adityanath got the title of 'Yogi' and from where he is the head priest of the influential Gorakhnath Mutt, the BJP campaign managers are busy guarding against

what an RSS leader described as "vishwas ka atirek (overconfidence)".

"We are guarding against complacency that led to the loss in by-elections. This time, you will see how despite the caste alliance, BJP reclaims Gorakhpur with a big margin," said party leader Satyendra Sinha.

The focus this time is on ensuring a high voter turnout. In the 2018 by-polls, the urban assembly segment that houses Adityanath's Gorakhnath Mutt, barely 37.76 per cent voters had turned up to cast their vote; the lowest among all the five assembly segments that make up Gorakhpur.

Source : hindustantimes.com

# U.S. Mortgage Banker Profits and Production Volume Down in 2018

The Mortgage Bankers Association is reporting in its Annual Mortgage Bankers Performance Report that Independent mortgage banks and mortgage subsidiaries of chartered U.S. banks made an average profit of \$367 on each loan they originated in 2018, down from \$711 per loan in 2017.

"Despite a healthy economy in 2018, the mortgage market suffered, as rate hikes hurt refinancing volume and low housing inventories priced some potential homebuyers out of the purchase market," said Marina Walsh, MBA's Vice President of Industry Analysis. "For mortgage companies, there was the perfect storm of lower production revenues combined with rising expenses, which together contributed to the lowest net production income per loan since 2008. Production revenues per loan dropped despite study-high loan balances in 2018. At the same time, production expenses per loan grew to a study-high of \$8,278 per loan last year."

Added Walsh, "For those holding mortgage servicing rights (MSR), it was the silver lining that boosted overall profitability. Including both production and servicing operations, 69 percent of the firms posted overall pre-tax net financial profits in 2018, compared to only 47 percent of firms with net servicing income excluded."

Key findings of MBA's 2018 Annual Mortgage Bankers Performance Report

Average production volume was \$2.0 billion (8,171 loans) per company in 2018, down from \$2.13 billion (8,882 loans) per company in 2017. On a repeater company basis, average production volume was \$2.07 billion (8,502 loans) in 2018, down from \$2.11 billion (8,824 loans) in 2017. For the mortgage industry as whole, MBA estimates production volume at \$1.64 trillion in 2018, down from \$1.76 trillion in 2017.

In basis points, the average production profit (net production income) was 14 basis points in 2018, compared to 31 basis points in 2017. In the first half of 2018, net production income averaged 18 basis points, then dropped to 9 basis points in the second half of 2018. Since the inception of the Annual Performance Report in 2008, net production income by year has averaged 49 bps (\$1,020 per loan).

The refinancing share of total originations (by dollar volume) decreased to 20 percent in 2018 from 25 percent in 2017. For the mortgage industry as a whole, MBA estimates the refinancing share last year decreased to 28 percent from 35 percent in 2017.

The average loan balance for first mortgages reached a study-high of \$251,084 in 2018, up from \$245,500 in 2017. This is the 9th consecutive year of rising loan balances on first mortgages.



Total production revenues (fee income, net secondary marking income and warehouse spread) were 362 basis points in 2018, down from 379 bps in 2017. On a per-loan basis, production revenues were \$8,645 per loan in 2018, down from \$8,793 per loan in 2017.

Total loan production expenses - commissions, compensation, occupancy, equipment, and other production expenses and corporate allocations - increased to \$8,278 per loan in 2018, up from \$8,082 in 2017.

Personnel expenses averaged \$5,524 per loan in 2018, up from \$5,346 per loan in 2017.

Productivity was 1.8 loans originated per production employee per month in 2018, down from 1.9 in 2017. Production employees include sales, fulfillment and production support functions.

Net servicing financial income, which includes net servicing operational income, as well as mortgage servicing right (MSR) amortization and gains and losses on MSR valuations, was \$203 per loan in 2018, up from \$64 per loan in 2017.

Including all business lines, 69 percent of the firms in the study posted pre-tax net financial profits in 2018, down from 80 percent in 2017. In the first half of 2018, 73 percent of reporting repeater firms posted pre-tax financial profits, compared to 55 percent in the second half of 2018.

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## Aditya Seal compares Student of the Year 2 to Avengers: 'People believe superheroes exist, but give us flak for it'

actor Aditya Seal has expressed his chagrin at the fact that people will believe the concept of superheroes in a film like Avengers: Endgame but find the portrayal of student life in his film unrealistic. In an interview, the actor was asked about fantastical portrayal in SOTY, to which he responded, "That is exactly the section of society who will watch Avengers and love it and believe that superheroes exist, but they will give us flak for it."

He went on to say that while "haters will be haters, they will still come and watch it". Expanding on the theme how Avengers and Student of the Year 2 both have fantasy at their heart, he added, "This is a fantasy. Who wouldn't want to be a part of a school like this, where you have such amazing looking people and the school is this good? We are just trying to create a world for people where they can just watch it and be like, 'Oh, I wish I was a part of this!' When I watch Avengers, I want to be a part of it. I want to be Tony Stark/Iron Man. The same way, we are trying to create a world for them."



Directed by Punit Malhotra and produced by Karan Johar, Student of the Year 2 has gone on to earn Rs 38.83 crore at the box office. The film, starring debutantes Ananya Panday and Tara Sutaria, largely received unflattering reviews but has managed to find its core audience.

Source : hindustantimes.com

## Deepika Padukone takes a tumble in the gym, Ranveer Singh comes up with a naughty suggestion

Ranveer Singh has left a comment on wife Deepika Padukone's latest Instagram picture, winkingly offering to help get her into shape. Deepika shared three new pictures from a workout, to which Ranveer replied, "I could help you with your form."

The pictures show Deepika posing in a gym, perhaps post workout. She captioned the third picture, "I did a push up today... Well, actually I fell down! But I had to use my arms to get back up so...you know, close enough."

Ranveer and Deepika often comment on each other's social media posts. In fact, this is partially how fans were first alerted to the possibility of a romance brewing between them. The couple tied the knot in a secret ceremony in November, held in Italy, after secretly dating for six years.



Ranveer recently commented on Deepika's picture from the Met Gala, held on May 6, where she wore a Zac Posen gown. "Smashing!" Ranveer wrote on a post by Deepika's stylist, Shaleena Nathani. Deepika reciprocated the favour when she demanded photo credit for one of Ranveer's recent pictures, in which the actor could be seen lounging in a swimming pool, with the setting sun in the background.

Deepika is currently filming director Meghna Gulzar's Chhapaak, in which she will play an acid attack survivor, opposite Vikrant Massey. Ranveer, meanwhile, recently delivered back to back hits Simmba and Gully Boy. It was recently reported that Deepika is likely to join him in the upcoming sports film, 83. Ranveer will next move on to director Karan Johar's period drama Takht, in which he leads an ensemble cast that includes Kareena Kapoor Khan, Vicky Kaushal and Anil Kapoor.

Source : hindustantimes.com

**Kangana gives stunning reply to Shabana Azmi**  
Shabana made insulting Tweet on Hindu Goddesses on Navratri



“ This Eid lets pray that no Aisha is married off at the age of 6, No Shah Bano is given Triple Talaq, No Meena Kumari has to undergo Halala, No Fatima becomes 4<sup>th</sup> wife, No Shehla has to wear the burqa, No Ishrat becomes terrorist and No Mumtaz has to give birth to 14 children.”  
- **Kangana Ranaut**

**VISHAL ROPES IN SHRADDHA SRINATH FOR IRUMBUTHIRAI SEQUEL**



Actor Vishal, who is currently basking in the success of Ayogya, has already commenced work on his next project, tipped to be a sequel to his blockbuster film Irumbuthirai. The industry grapevine is that Shraddha Srinath has been roped in to play the leading lady.

Last seen in Tamil thriller K 13 in which she played a writer, Shraddha pairs with Vishal for the first time in this action-thriller. Shraddha also has Nerkonda Paarvai, the Tamil remake of Pink starring Ajith, in her kitty. She reprises Taapsee Pannu's role from the original in the remake. The film is slated for release on August 10.

Vishal is producing the sequel which is expected to go on the floors later this year. The rest of the cast and crew are yet to be finalised. Irumbuthirai, which released last year, was a cyber thriller that featured Vishal and Arjun in the lead roles.

Vishal will also soon work on the sequel to Thupparivaalan with filmmaker Mysskin. Both of them met recently at Cappadocia in Turkey where Vishal was shooting for the Sundar C directorial. Apparently, discussions were held regarding Thupparivaalan 2, slated go on the floors later this year. Vishal had confirmed that he will produce the film which will roll from November after the completion of pending commitments.

In Thupparivaalan, Vishal played a detective called Kaniyan Poogundran, modeled after Sherlock Holmes. Actor Prasanna played his sidekick, a character close to Sherlock's partner Dr Watson. Vishal confirmed he will be reuniting with Mysskin for the sequel even before the release of Thupparivaalan.

- Source : hindustantimes.com

**Shahid Kapoor talks about Kabir Singh, says he would return home to sleep but Misha would wake him up**



Actor Shahid Kapoor will soon be seen as an alcoholic doctor in his upcoming film, Kabir Singh. The actor is seen in an angry avatar in the film's trailer, drinking endless bottles of liquor and taking drugs. The actor has revealed how difficult it was to switch from his onscreen avatar to becoming a perfect father in personal life.

Talking about how the role came with its own challenges, Shahid told Mumbai Mirror in an interview, "After long days or night shifts, I return home longing for sleep. But my daughter Misha will wake me up between 7.30-8 am every morning and drag me to the garden. I have to play with her, tell her stories. And it's imperative that I give my children as much time as I give to my work."

Calling it tiring and a constant adjustment, he adds, "My wife (Mira) is supportive but there are days when I wish for eight hours more. Your 'me' time is impacted but it's gratifying to get a shot of positivity every morning. Misha is a little lady now, Zain is still a baby, but with a daughter and a son it feels like a perfect family."

However, the actor has expressed that he has to be the best version of himself as his work is being documented. "You want to do things that will make your family proud. It will be there for my kids to see, give them an understanding of who their father was and what he did. You can't tell children what to do today, you can just set a good example and let them take away from it what they want."

Shahid will be seen opposite Kiara Advani in Kabir Singh. The film is the Hindi remake of the hit Telugu film, Arjun Reddy. It has been directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, who directed the original. The film is slated to hit theatres on June 21.

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# SENSATIONAL: PM Modi Makes Big Allegation At Gandhi Family, Says 'INS Viraat Used As Personal Taxi By Rajiv Gandhi And In-laws For Island Vacation'

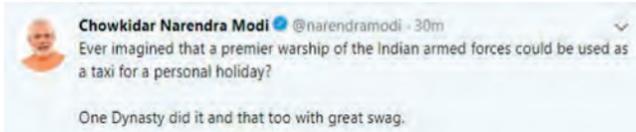
In the strongest ever attack at the Congress 'first family', Prime Minister Narendra Modi made sensational allegations against former PM Rajiv Gandhi by stating that the Indian Navy's former flagship INS Viraat (now decommissioned) was used by him and his in-laws as a "personal taxi", while addressing a rally at New Delhi's Ramlila Maidan.

Claiming that the Nehru-Gandhi family has misused and insulted the INS Viraat after former PM Rajiv Gandhi used the warship to bring his in-laws for their vacation at an island.

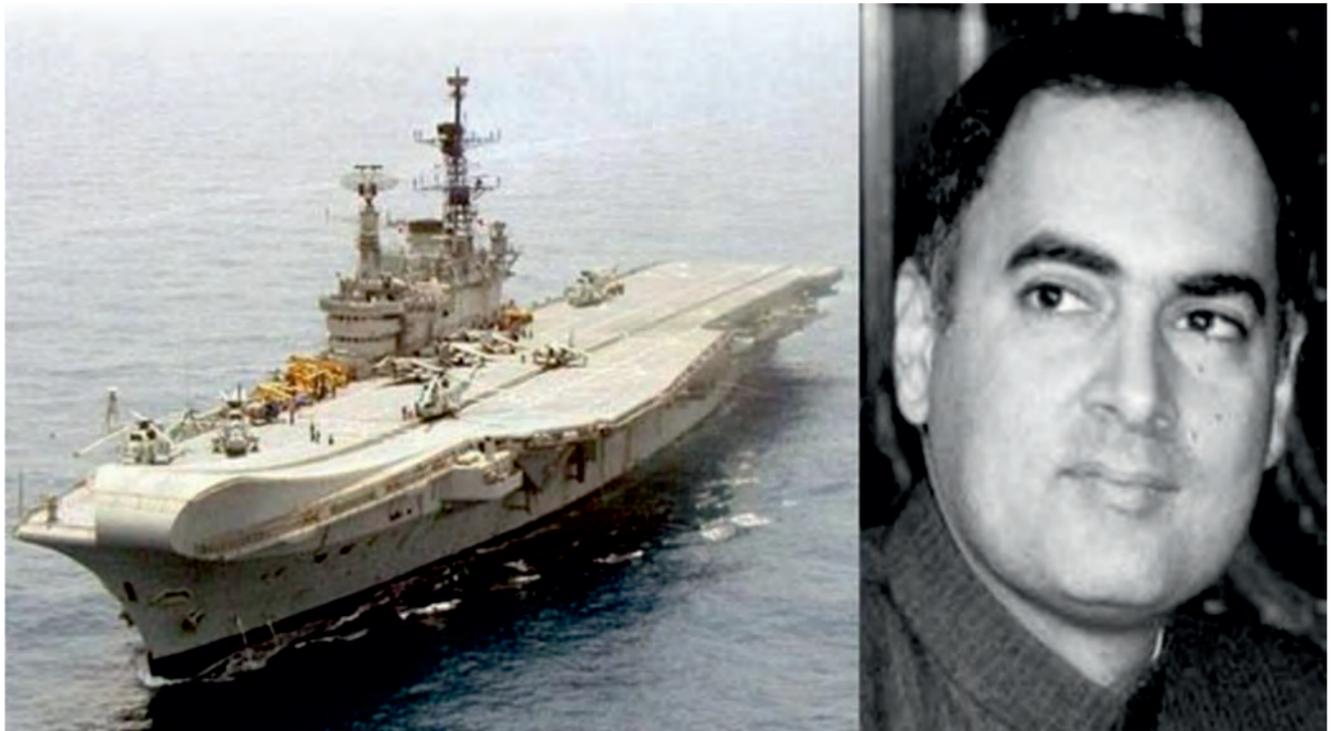
**"Congress' naamdaar family had misused the pride of the country, INS Viraat, like its personal taxi. They had insulted it. This incident is of that time when Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister of the country and they had gone out on vacation for 10 days. During that time, INS Viraat was stationed to guard the maritime boundaries, but it was sent to bring the Gandhi family who were going on vacation. After that, INS Viraat had stopped at a special island with their entire family. It was there for 10 days. Among those who were holidaying with Rajiv Gandhi were his in-laws," PM Modi said.**

The Prime Minister further attacked the Gandhi family over using the INS Viraat by putting the country's security at risk.

**"Now, the question arises whether the security of the country was put at risk when the foreigners were taken onto India's warship. Or did it happen just because he was Rajiv Gandhi it was his in-laws who had come from Italy. Is that why they got these privileges?" he added.**



**Here are PM Modi's full remarks on the matter:** "The Congress' biggest Naamdar family, country's strength and pride INS Viraat, the Indian navy warship. INS Viraat was used as a taxi, used for personal vacation. It was insulted. This happened when Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister of the country. And they went on vacations for 10 days. At that time, INS Viraat was deployed to protect the maritime border. But that was sold for the Gandhi family's vacation. After that INS Viraat with the entire Gandhi family stopped at an island. Along with Rajiv Gandhi, his in-laws too went on the vacation. The question is, was it fair to take people from a foreign country on an Indian warship? Wasn't this a security threat to the nation or not? Wasn't it? Isn't this a threat? Or is it because he was Rajiv Gandhi and they were his in-laws? They came from Italy, they had all the freedom. This event of Naamdar family isn't talked about. The island Gandhi family went for vacations too, nobody was kept there to welcome



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them. That is why all the services were provided by the government and the navy. One army helicopter was there to protect them."

As per a report shared by the Prime Minister, it was in 1988 that the Gandhi family had stationed the INS Viraat off the coast of the Lakshadweep island on which they were vacationing. Rajiv Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi, their children Rahul and Priyanka along with four of their friends, and a number of family and family friends also joined them on the island where lavish preparations were made.

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नाथूराम गोडसे ने गांधी हत्या के पक्ष में अपनी 150 दलीलें न्यायलय के समक्ष प्रस्तुति की नाथूराम गोडसे के वक्तव्य के कुछ मुख्य अंश....नाथूराम जी का विचार था कि गांधी की अहिंसा हिन्दुओं को कायर बना देगी कानपुर में गणेश शंकर विद्यार्थी को मुसलमानों ने निर्दयता से मार दिया था महात्मा गांधी सभी हिन्दुओं से गणेश शंकर विद्यार्थी की तरह अहिंसा के मार्ग पर चलकर बलिदान करने की बात करते थे नाथूराम गोडसे को भय था गांधी की ये अहिंसा वाली नीति हिन्दुओं को कमजोर बना देगी और वो अपना अधिकार कभी प्राप्त नहीं कर पायेंगे...1919 को अमृतसर के जलियाँवाला बाग गोलिकांड के बाद से पुरे देश में ब्रिटिश हुकुमत के खिलाफ आक्रोश उफान पे था...भारतीय जनता इस नरसंहार के #खलनायकजनरलडायर पर अभियोग चलाने की मंशा लेकर गांधी के पास गयी लेकिन गांधी ने भारतवासियों के इस आग्रह को समर्थन देने से साफ़ मना कर दिया महात्मा गांधी ने खिलाफ़त आन्दोलन का समर्थन करके भारतीय राजनीति में साम्प्रदायिकता का जहर घोल दिया महात्मा गांधी खुद को मुसलमानों का हितैषी की तरह पेश करते थे वो #केरल के मोपला\_मुसलमानों द्वारा वहाँ के 1500 हिन्दुओं को मारने और 2000 से अधिक हिन्दुओं को मुसलमान बनाये जाने की घटना का विरोध तक नहीं कर सके कांग्रेस के त्रिपुरा अधिवेशन में #नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस को बहुमत से कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष चुन लिया गया किन्तु गांधी ने #अपने प्रिय सीता रमय्या का समर्थन कर रहे थे गांधी ने सुभाष चन्द्र बोस से जोर जबरदस्ती करके इस्तीफ़ा देने के लिए मजबूर कर दिया...23 मार्च 1931 को भगत सिंह सुखदेव और राजगुरु को फाँसी दे दी गयी पूरा देश इन वीर बालकों की फाँसी को टालने के लिए महात्मा गांधी से प्रार्थना कर रहा था लेकिन गांधी ने भगत सिंह की हिंसा को अनुचित ठहराते हुए देशवासियों की इस उचित माँग को अस्वीकार कर दिया गांधी #कश्मीर के हिन्दू राजा हरि\_सिंह से कहा कि #कश्मीर मुस्लिम बहुल क्षेत्र है\_ अतः वहाँ का शासक कोई मुसलमान होना चाहिए अतएव राजा हरिसिंह को शासन

छोड़ कर काशी जाकर प्रायश्चित करने जबकि हैदराबाद के निज़ाम के शासन का गांधी जी ने समर्थन किया था जबकि हैदराबाद हिन्दू बहुल क्षेत्र था गांधी जी की नीतियाँ धर्म के साथ बदलती रहती थी उनकी मृत्यु के पश्चात सरदार पटेल ने सशक्त बलों के सहयोग से हैदराबाद को भारत में मिलाने का कार्य किया गांधी के रहते ऐसा करना संभव नहीं होता पाकिस्तान में हो रहे भीषण रक्तपात से किसी तरह से अपनी जान बचाकर भारत आने वाले विस्थापित हिन्दुओं ने दिल्ली की खाली मस्जिदों में जब अस्थाई शरण ली मुसलमानों ने मस्जिद में रहने वाले हिन्दुओं का विरोध किया जिसके आगे गांधी नतमस्तक हो गये और गांधी ने उन विस्थापित हिन्दुओं को जिनमें वृद्ध स्त्रियाँ व बालक अधिक थे मस्जिदों से खदेड़ बाहर ठिठुरते शीत में रात बिताने पर मजबूर किया गया महात्मा गांधी ने दिल्ली स्थित मंदिर में अपनी प्रार्थना सभा के दौरान नमाज पढ़ी जिसका मंदिर के पुजारी से लेकर तमाम हिन्दुओं ने विरोध किया लेकिन गांधी ने इस विरोध को दरकिनार कर दिया लेकिन महात्मा गांधी एक बार भी किसी मस्जिद में जाकर गीता का पाठ नहीं कर सके लाहौर कांग्रेस में वल्लभभाई पटेल का बहुमत से विजय प्राप्त हुयी किन्तु गान्धी अपनी जिद के कारण यह पद जवाहरलाल नेहरू को दिया गया गांधी अपनी मांग को मनवाने के लिए अनशन-धरना-रूठना किसी से बात न करने जैसी युक्तियों को अपनाकर अपना काम निकलवाने में माहिर थे इसके लिए वो नीति-अनीति का लेशमात्र विचार भी नहीं करते थे 14 जून 1947 को दिल्ली में आयोजित अखिल भारतीय कांग्रेस समिति की बैठक में भारत विभाजन का प्रस्ताव अस्वीकृत होने वाला था लेकिन गांधी ने वहाँ पहुँच कर प्रस्ताव का समर्थन करवाया यह भी तब जबकि गांधी ने स्वयं ही यह कहा था कि देश का विभाजन उनकी लाश पर होगा न सिर्फ़ देश का विभाजन हुआ बल्कि लाखों निर्दोष लोगों का कल्लेआम भी हुआ लेकिन गांधी ने कुछ नहीं किया....धर्म-निरपेक्षता के नाम पर मुस्लिम तुष्टीकरण की नीति के जन्मदाता महात्मा गाँधी ही थे जब मुसलमानों ने हिंदी को राष्ट्रभाषा बनाये जाने का विरोध किया तो महात्मा गांधी ने सहर्ष ही इसे स्वीकार कर लिया और हिंदी की जगह हिन्दुस्तानी (हिंदी+उर्दू की खिचड़ी) को बढ़ावा देने लगे बादशाह राम और बेगम सीता जैसे शब्दों का चलन शुरू हुआ...कुछ एक मुसलमान द्वारा वंदेमातरम् गाने का विरोध करने पर महात्मा गांधी झुक गये और इस पावन गीत को भारत का राष्ट्र गान नहीं बनने दिया गांधी ने अनेक अवसरों पर शिवाजी महाराणा प्रताप व गुरु गोबिन्द सिंह को पथभ्रष्ट देशभक्त कहा वही दूसरी ओर गांधी मोहम्मद अली जिन्ना को क्रायदे-आजम कहकर पुकारते थाकांग्रेस ने 1931 में स्वतंत्र भारत के राष्ट्र ध्वज बनाने के लिए एक समिति का गठन किया था इस समिति ने सर्वसम्मति से चरखा अंकित भगवा वस्त्र को भारत का राष्ट्र ध्वज के डिजाइन को मान्यता दी किन्तु गांधी जी की जिद के कारण उसे बदल कर तिरंगा कर दिया गया जब सरदार वल्लभ भाई पटेल के नेतृत्व में सोमनाथ मन्दिर का सरकारी व्यय पर पुनर्निर्माण का प्रस्ताव पारित किया गया तब गांधी जी जो कि मन्त्रीमण्डल के सदस्य भी नहीं थे ने सोमनाथ मन्दिर पर सरकारी व्यय के प्रस्ताव को निरस्त करवाया और 13 जनवरी 1948 को आमरण अनशन के

माध्यम से सरकार पर दिल्ली की मस्जिदों का सरकारी खर्च से पुनर्निर्माण कराने के लिए दबाव डाला भारत को स्वतंत्रता के बाद पाकिस्तान को एक समझौते के तहत 75 करोड़ रुपये देने थे भारत ने 20 करोड़ रुपये दे भी दिए थे लेकिन इसी बीच 22 अक्टूबर 1947 को पाकिस्तान ने कश्मीर पर आक्रमण कर दिया केन्द्रीय मन्त्रिमण्डल ने आक्रमण से क्षुब्ध होकर 55 करोड़ की राशि न देने का निर्णय लिया | जिसका महात्मा गांधी ने विरोध किया और आमरण अनशन शुरू कर दिया जिसके परिणामस्वरूप 55 करोड़ की राशि भारत ने पाकिस्तान को दे दी महात्मा गांधी भारत के नहीं अपितु पाकिस्तान के राष्ट्रपिता थे जो हर कदम पर पाकिस्तान के पक्ष में खड़े रहे फिर चाहे पाकिस्तान की मांग जायज हो या नाजायज गांधी ने कदाचित इसकी परवाह नहीं की उपरोक्त घटनाओं को देशविरोधी मानते हुए नाथूराम गोडसे जी ने महात्मा गांधी की हत्या को न्यायोचित ठहराने का प्रयास किया...नाथूराम ने न्यायालय में स्वीकार किया कि महात्मा गांधी बहुत बड़े देशभक्त थे उन्होंने निस्वार्थ भाव से देश सेवा की मैं उनका बहुत आदर करता हूँ लेकिन किसी भी देशभक्त को देश के टुकड़े करने के एक समप्रदाय के साथ पक्षपात करने की अनुमति नहीं दे सकता हूँ गांधी की हत्या के सिवा मेरे पास कोई दूसरा उपाय नहीं था....!!

#नाथूराम\_गोडसेजी द्वारा अदालत में दिए बयान के मुख्य अंश...मैंने गांधी को नहीं मारा मैंने गांधी का वध किया है..वो मेरे दुश्मन नहीं थे परन्तु उनके निर्णय राष्ट्र के लिए घातक साबित हो रहे थे...जब व्यक्ति के पास कोई रास्ता न बचे तब वह मजबूरी में सही कार्य के लिए गलत रास्ता अपनाता है...मुस्लिम लीग और पाकिस्तान निर्माण की गलत निति के प्रति गांधी की सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया ने ही मुझे मजबूर किया...पाकिस्तान को 55 करोड़ का भुगतान करने की गैरवाजिब मांग को लेकर गांधी अनशन पर बैठे..बटवारे में पाकिस्तान से आ रहे हिन्दुओ की आपबीती और दुर्दशा ने मुझे हिला के रख दिया था...अखंड हिन्दू राष्ट्र गांधी के कारण मुस्लिम लीग के आगे घुटने टेक रहा था...बेटो के सामने माँ का खंडित होकर टुकड़ो में बटना विभाजित होना असहनीय था...अपनी ही धरती पर हम परदेशी बन गए थे..मुस्लिम लीग की सारी गलत मांगो को गांधी मानते जा रहे थे..मैंने ये निर्णय किया कि भारत माँ को अब और विखंडित और दयनीय स्थिति में नहीं होने देना है तो मुझे गांधी को मारना ही होगा और मैंने इसलिए गांधी को मारा...!! मुझे पता है इसके लिए मुझे फाँसी ही होगी और मैं इसके लिए भी तैयार हूँ...और हां यदि मातृभूमि की रक्षा करना अपराध है तो मैं यह अपराध बार बार करूँगा हर बार करूँगा ...और जब तक सिन्ध नदी पुनः अखंड हिन्द में न बहने लगे तब तक मेरी अस्थियो का विसर्जन नहीं करना...!! मुझे फाँसी देते वक्त मेरे एक हाथ में केसरिया ध्वज और दूसरे हाथ में #अखंड\_भारत का नक्शा हो...मैं फाँसी चढ़ते वक्त अखंड भारत की जय जयकार बोलना चाहूँगा...!!

हे भारत माँ मुझे दुःख है मैं तेरी इतनी ही सेवा कर पाया....!!

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