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Nehru dynasty: Varun Gandhi's Muslim roots

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The racist mentality of the Indian ruling elite (Gandhis) has made them not only blind but also ignorant with the fact that they might have roots to the very people they are abusing. Varun Gandhi, 29 nephew of Sonia Gandhi, the Italian wife of Rajiv Gandhi and current leader of the Congress party in India. Varun was arrested and charged for anti-Muslim campaign speeches that have catapulted him to the centre of the looming elections. He is running as candidate for the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in next month's parliamentary elections. Perhaps Varun Gandhi should check about his real grandfather, how and why he is a Gandhi? May be a possible DNA test? M. O. Mathai in his book "Reminiscences of the Nehru age" published in 1978 wrote that, "the death of Feroze came as a relief to Nehru and Indira. The death of Feroze in 1960 before he could consolidate his own political forces is itself a mystery. Feroze had even planned to remarry. Those who try to keep tabs on our leaders in spite of all the suppressions and deliberate misinformation, are aware of the fact that the second son of Indira (or Mrs. Feroze Khan) known as Sanjay Gandhi was not the son of Feroze. He was the son of Mohammad Yunus.

Indira's second son as originally named Sanjiv. It rhymed with Rajiv, the elder brother's name. It was changed to Sanjay when he was arrested by the British police in England and his passport impounded, for having stolen a car. Krishna Menon was then India's High Commissioner in London. He got another passport issued with his name changed name to Sanjay. Incidentally, Sanjay's marriage with the Sikh girl Menaka (now they call her Maneka for Indira Gandhi found the name of Lord Indra's court dancer rather offensive!) took place quite surprisingly in Mohammad Yunus' house in New Delhi. And the marriage with Menaka who was a model (She had model for Bombay Dyeing sporting a towel) was not so ordinary either. Sanjay was notorious in his own ways and had many a relationships. When Menaka got pregnant, her father Colonel Anand, threatened Sanjay with dire consequences if he did not marry her daughter. And that did the trick. Sanjay married Menaka. It was widely reported in Delhi at the time that Mohammad Yunus was unhappy at the marriage of Sanjay with Menaka; apparently he had wanted to get him married with a Muslim girl of his choice. And it was Mohammad Yunus who cried the most when Sanjay died in the freak plane accident. Mohammad Yunus in his book, 'Persons, Passions & Politics' one discovers that baby Sanjay had been circumcised following Islamic custom, although the reason stated was phimosis. It was always believed that Sanjay used to blackmail Indira Gandhi and due to this she used to turn a blind eye when Sanjay Gandhi started to run the country as though it were his personal fiefdom. Was he black mailing her with the secret of who his real father was? When the news of Sanjay's death reached Indira Gandhi, the first thing she wanted to know was about the bunch of keys which Sanjay had with him."

Nehru was no less in his own ways. At least one case is very graphically described by M.O. Mathai in his "Reminiscences of the Nehru Age", page 206. Mathai writes: "In the autumn of 1948 (India became free in 1947 and a great deal of work needed to be done) a young woman from Banaras arrived in New Delhi as a Sanyasini named Shradha Mata (an assumed and not a real name). She was a Sanskrit scholar well versed in the ancient Indian scriptures and mythology. People, including MPs, thronged to her to hear her discourses. At the very beginning of his book, The Nehru Dynasty, astrologer K.N.Rao mentions the names of Jawaharlal's father and grandfather. Jawaharlal's father was Motilal and Motilal's father was one Gangadhar Nehru. And we all know that Jawaharlal's only daughter was Indira Priyadarshini

Nehru; Kamala Nehru was her mother, who died in Switzerland of tuberculosis. She was totally against Indira's proposed marriage with Feroze. Now, who is this Feroze? He was the son of the family grocer. The grocer supplied wines, etc. to Anand Bhavan, previously known as Ishrat Manzil, which once belonged to a Muslim lawyer named Mubarak Ali. Motilal Nehru was earlier an employee of Mubarak Ali.

Rajiv's father Feroze was Feroze Khan before he married Indira, against Kamala Nehru's wishes. One frequently hears that Rajiv Gandhi's grandfather was Pandit Nehru. But then we all know that everyone has two grandfathers, the paternal, and the maternal grandfathers. In fact, the paternal grandfather is deemed to be the more important grandfather in most societies. Why is it that no one here find Rajiv Gandhi's paternal grandfather's name? It appears that the reason is simply this. Rajiv Gandhi's paternal grandfather was a Muslim gentleman from the Junagadh area of Gujarat - Nawab Khan who had married a Parsi woman after converting her to Islam. This is the source where from the myth of Rajiv being a Parsi was derived.

Indira was chased out of the Shantiniketan University by Gurudev Rabindranath himself for misdemeanour; the lonely girl was all by herself, while father Jawaharlal was busy with politics & women; while Kamla Nehru was in hospital. Feroze Khan, the grocer's son was then in England and he was quite sympathetic to Indira. **Indira changed her religion, became a Muslim woman**, and married Feroze Khan in a London mosque. Nehru was not happy; Kamala was on deathbed. The news of this marriage eventually reached Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. Gandhi called Nehru and practically ordered him to ask the young-man to change his name from Khan to Gandhi. It had nothing to do with change of religion, from Islam to Hinduism for instance. It was just a case of a change of name by an affidavit. And so Feroze Khan became Feroze Gandhi. The Father of nation didn't mention this game of his in the famous book, 'My Experiments with Truth'. When Feroze and Indira returned to India, a mock 'Vedic marriage' was instituted for public consumption.

On this subject, writes M.O.Mathai (a long time Private Secretary of Nehru) in his renowned (but now suppressed by the GOI) Reminiscences of the Nehru Age on page 94, second paragraph: "For some inexplicable reason, Nehru allowed the marriage to be performed according to Vedic rites in 1942. An inter-religious and inter-caste marriage under Vedic rites at that time was not valid in law. To be legal, it had to be a civil marriage." It's a known fact that after Rajiv's birth Indira and Feroze lived separately, but they were not divorced. Feroze used to harass Nehru frequently for money and also interfere in Nehru's political activities. Nehru got fed up and left instructions not to allow him into the Prime Minister's residence Trimurthi Bhavan. One day S.D. Upadhyaya, Nehru's old employee, brought a letter in Hindi from Shradha Mata. Nehru gave her an interview in the PM's house. As she departed, I noticed (Mathai is speaking to her) that she was young, and beautiful. Meetings with her became rather frequent, mostly after Nehru finished his work at night. During one of Nehru's visits to Lucknow, Shradha Mata turned up there, and Upadhyaya brought a letter from her as usual. Nehru sent her the reply; and she visited Nehru late in the night ... Suddenly Shradha Mata disappeared. In November 1949 a convent in Bangalore sent a decent looking person to Delhi with a bundle of letters. He said that a young woman from northern India arrived at the convent a few months ago and gave birth to a baby boy. She refused to divulge her name or give any particulars about herself. She left the convent as soon as she was well enough to move out but left the child behind. She however forgot to take with her a small cloth bundle in which, among other things, several letters in Hindi were found.

The Mother Superior, who was a foreigner, had the letters examined, and was told they were from the Prime Minister. The person who brought the letters surrendered them..."I (Mathai) made discreet inquiries repeatedly about the boy but failed to get a clue about his whereabouts. Convents in such matters are extremely tight-lipped and secretive. Had I succeeded in locating the boy, I would have adopted him. He must have grown up as a Catholic Christian blissfully ignorant of who his father was." Coming back to Rajiv Gandhi, we all know now that he changed his so called Parsi religion to become a Catholic to marry Sania Maino of Turin, Italy. Rajiv became Roberto. His daughter's name is Bianca and son's name is Raul. Quite cleverly the same names are presented to the people of India as Priyanka and Rahul. What is amazing is the extent of our people's ignorance in such matters.

The press conference that Rajiv Gandhi gave in London after taking over as prime minister of India was very informative. In this press conference, Rajiv boasted that he was NOT a Hindu but a Parsi. Mind you, speaking of the Parsi religion, he had no Parsi ancestor at all. His grandmother (father's mother) had turned Muslim after, having abandoned the Parsi religion to marry Nawab Khan. It is the western press that waged a blitz of misinformation on behalf of Rajiv. From the New York Times to the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post, the big guns raised Rajiv to heaven.

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