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Summary

National media of the country did not discuss republishing the controversial cartoons in weekly satirical magazine of France Charlie Hebdo for which Al Qaida terrorists killed over a dozen of journalists. These cartoons were republished in two Urdu Newspapers Azizulhind (Noida) and Awadhnama (Mumbai) to cause communal riots in the country. However, it is a fact that around a decade ago some of the Urdu newspapers in Mumbai and Bangalore published controversial excerpts of books of Salman Rushdie and Taslima Nasrin causing communal riots in several parts the country. The police had to open fire against the violent crowd in different parts of the country in which over two dozen people were killed. But it has been very satisfactory that the impish design of these two newspapers did not bear the fruit and only a few protests took place in Maharashtra and some parts of Western Uttar Pradesh.

The Maharashtra government arrested the editor of Awadhnama and filed case against her. But the government has not taken any action against Aziz Burney – the self proclaimed savior of Islam. A Mumbai-based newspaper Urdu Times alleges Aziz Burney of having a very close relation with Israel.

Despite the fact that the attack on Charlie Hebdo was criticized across the world but some of the Urdu newspapers in India openly supported attackers on it. A Hyderabad-based newspaper Siyasat tried to prove by publishing it in two issues that Paris attack was not by al Qaida terrorists but by Mosad - the intelligence agency of Israel. Killing of over a dozen journalists by members of a particular community is condemnable.

Officials of the Delhi police are not ready to change their ways despite the fact that there is a new government at the Centre. Last week intelligence agencies arrested an Imam of the mosque from the Okhla area. Imam himself accepted that he got calls from Pakistan and Bangladesh and he was in constant touch with people in these countries. But the moment news of the arrest of Imam has spread in the Muslim-dominated area problem was created. The so-called leaders of Muslims sit on dharna outside the police station and the entire area was gripped into violent protests. Delhi police was forced to release this suspicious maulana. Around four such incidents took place last year but then it was reported by the newspapers that due to pressure from the Congress leaders, they were forced to release terrorists. Now, the question is who put pressure on the police this time round so that they were forced to release suspected terrorists?

I

Attempt to incite communal riots by reprinting controversial cartoons

Urdu Times on January 22, 2014 published a write up by Rashid Ansari in which he criticized that the two Urdu newspapers reprinted cartoons of Prophet of Islam that was published in the weekly newspaper of Paris. According to the newspaper, Awadhnama and Azizulhind newspapers did an anti-Islamic act. The author wrote that controversial cartoon was published in the Mumbai edition of Awadhnama while Azizulhind published it in its Delhi edition. The owner and editor of this newspaper is Aziz Burney. The author wrote that both these editors apologized but they won't be forgiven. It was not expected from an experienced journalist like Aziz Burney of Azizulhind while editor of Awadhnama Aziz Dehalvi was warned by her associates not to publish it but she ignored it. The author wrote that these two editors had brought disrespect to Islam.

Anti-Islamic Charlie Hebdo gets support from Jews and Israel. They are deliberately bringing disrespect to Islam. Salaman Rushdie, Taslima Nasrin and Malala Yusufzai have become puppets in the hands of anti-Islamic forces. Mentioning Aziz Burney, the author wrote that he was very popular among Muslims and he took care of the interest of Muslims but some of his antecedents were doubtful. Aziz Burney has very good relations with Israel and some years ago he managed to send a goodwill mission of journalists and Maulvies to Israel. These two newspapers have brought disrespect to Muslims and Islam. Cases have been filed against Awadhnama but the government has not taken any action against Burney. The author demanded that Muslim lawyers must file cases against these two newspapers. The newspaper also criticized the fact that Muslim leaders did not utter a word against these two newspapers for showing disrespect to Prophet. The newspaper demanded from Muslims to boycott these newspapers and must not give any advertisement to these newspapers. The same newspaper justified the attack on the Paris-based newspaper. It said that the way Paris-based newspaper brought disrespect to Islam and if any emotionally surcharged person attacks such people they cannot be criticized.

Akhbar Mashriq on January 25, 2015 criticized Azizulhind for publishing controversial cartoons of Prophet of Islam. The newspaper wrote that people of Delhi didn't get Burney's newspaper so there was no reaction however people from the western Uttar Pradesh protested against Burney at several places and opposed his action. An author Azim Akhtar wrote that though the newspaper apologized for it but no one was satisfied. The newspaper wrote that had Burney not got the salesmanship of newspaper like Rashtriya Sahara, he would have kept on sending news reports as stringer from Meerut and Bulandshahar. He would have kept on sending news reports to Urdu newspapers in Hindi. The newspaper reported that by publishing cartoon of Prophet, he has done such an act that must be criticized to the hilt. Burney sent a delegation of Muslim reporters to Israel and for this service

he was made editor of the newspaper because interest of the newspaper is associated with the country.

Dawat, mouthpiece of Jamate Islami, published a special editorial on January 28 in which astonishment was expressed that there was no reaction from the Arabic world over printing cartoon of prophet by a Paris-based newspaper. Pakistan was the only Islamic nation whose Parliament passed censor motion against this while even Iran kept silent on the issue. As far as head of the state of Islamic nations are concerned except Pakistan and Turkey, forget about criticizing the matter none of the Islamic nation's chief spoke about it. But Muslims are not going to tolerate any disrespect to Prophet and have insisted that international law should be made to avoid such incidents. The same newspaper termed attack on Paris newspaper as conspiracy against Muslims and criticized that the newspaper published cartoons again without expressing regret. The newspaper criticized that in the guise of this incidence the police in entire Europe was running a drive against Muslims.

II

Urdu media favors killers of French scribes

Newspapers across the country criticized the attack on Paris-based newspaper by al Qaida but some of the Urdu newspapers have been openly protecting these jihadies. As per these newspapers, the attack was made by Israeli intelligence agency Mosad and not by al Qaida.

Siyasat on January 11 reported on the front page that in this incidence there was not the hands of Islamic terrorists. The newspaper suggested that some points where it said that despite shooting point blank, the police official did not find blood spilling round and his head did not broken. Second if a watermelon is shot at from a distance of ten feet by an A K 47 it breaks. Third a person in bulletproof jacket was reportedly seen near the newspaper office. Why the person was wearing such jacket? Fourth, the road on which the office of newspaper is situated, three seconds before three police officials had passed. But why did not they get the information about attack? The newspaper claimed that this attack was a fake and was direct telecast by 24 news channels. A person was heard shouting but he suddenly turned silent. Two people were shown talking over phone at the time of attack. This clearly indicated that attack was a fake. Why the French news channels reached there before the attack for video recording? After the attack, it was claimed that 18-year-old attacker surrendered while it was later claimed that he was in the school. Attackers were shown fleeing in a black car after the attack and its side mirrors were white but later on its mirrors were shown black. The newspaper claimed that the attack was stage managed by the Israeli intelligence agency to deprecate Muslims and no terrorist gang was involved in it.

According to **Siyasat** (January 13), the police official investigating the attack on the Paris-based weekly committed suicide who started working in the police department from 1997 and his father was also in the police department. The official named as Frido was not married.

Akhbar Mashriq published a report on the front page on January 15 in which it is criticized that the Paris-based news weekly published cartoon of Hazrat Mohammad Saheb. The newspaper called it an incidence that incited people and there was anger among Muslims about it.

Siyasat (January 9) alleged that there was a hand of Israel behind the attack on weekly magazine of Paris which is an attempt to castigate Islam. The newspaper said that several countries have recognized the Palestine government that baffled Israel. Palestine applied for the recognition from the United Nations but the US, Britain and other European nations stopped it. Now, the Palestine government applied for the International Criminal Court. Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu announced that it would not let Palestine become member of this court. The way US and other countries passed statements against this attack, it appears that they made such statement at Israel's instructions. According to the newspaper, several mosques were attacked in France after this incidence. The newspaper demanded in its January 9 editorial that the incidence of attack on Paris must be investigated. The newspaper said that several newspapers in Europe were publishing anti-Islamic literature but they were not ready to give up their dubious design despite several protests. There is a campaign against Muslims and Islam in Europe and its result would be dangerous. It must be investigated that who had attacked the newspaper office in Paris but at the same time campaign against Islam must be stopped in France. Several leaders in France are spreading hatred against Islam. They must be stopped immediately else it would be difficult to stop violent incidents.

Azizulhind on January 16 published a news report as the main news of the newspaper in which the incident of killing of the person who made cartoon of Prophet was justified. The newspaper reported that Imam Habbo Yusuf wrote in his book *Al Khiraz* that if anyone insults Prophet or refuses to accept his instructions or finds fault in him then the person becomes a non-believer. If the person does not apologies, he must be killed. The newspaper criticizing the French magazine for denouncing Prophet said that in such a situation the attack made by Islami jihadies on selected people of this newspaper was absolutely correct. The newspaper further criticized that it was still rubbing salt on wounds of Islam and published on the front page cartoon of Prophet. It is also said that copies of this magazine would be distributed in India and Pakistan. The newspaper said that Muslims would not allow such thing to happen. The newspaper wrote that it was a part of the campaign against Islam.

Azizulhind on January 16 in its editorial supported attack on Paris and expressed happiness that Pakistan did not participate in a march organized in the memory of 17 people killed in Paris attack. In this demonstration representative from 40 countries participated. The newspaper claimed that there was a campaign in France and Europe against Islam. The newspaper criticized that the weekly magazine did not change its attitude and continued with publishing cartoon of Prophet in a recent issue. The newspaper said some of the European countries are supporting this magazine which is wrong.

According to **Azizulhind** on January 17, Muslims of Palestine and Christian religious leaders and supporters of Israel denounced publishing cartoons of Prophet and warned that there might be riots across the world between Muslims and Christians. Sheikh al Sabri said that there was a hand of enemy of Islam behind these cartoons who wanted to end the religion and Islamic civilization. The newspaper published the main news on the front page attributing Mufti Mukarram Ahmed when he spoke after

Friday prayer on cartoon published in Paris magazine that Muslims would not accept it. He demanded from the French government to immediately ban it. The newspaper published eight news reports in this issue supporting Paris attacks. It was demanded from the French government that the newspaper must be banned. If the government did not take any action against the magazine, it might have to face serious repercussion. In Kashmir, instead of denouncing the attack, Islamic terrorist organization organized violent protests at several places justifying killing of innocent people.

Munsif reported on January 24 that in Jammu and Kashmir protests were being organized for publishing blasphemous cartoons. The police resorted to lathi charge and fired teargas shells to disperse the protesting crowd. Thousands of people gathered after the Friday prayer and started protesting against the French newspaper. When security agencies tried to stop them they indulged into clash with them and started stone pelting on them. Effigy of the editor of the magazine was burnt and Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front held a march from Madina Chowk. Protests took place at Anant Nag and similarly in Sopore and Baramulla as well. Appeal made by the Islamic organization for protest disrupted the normal life. State government busses were also away from the road.

III

Suspected terrorist released on pressure from Muslim leaders

Hindustan Express on January 22, 2015 reported that the police arrested an Imam Maulana Yasin Akhatar from Jamia Nagar locality of Okhla but after protest from the Muslim community, the police released him.

Special commissioner of the Delhi police (special cell) S N Srivastava told reporters about the arrest of Maulana that he was arrested for the clarification of the translation of verses on Jihad. He said that Maulana have been getting calls from Bangladesh and Pakistan frequently. He was arrested to inquire about these calls. On the other hand Maulana's companion Atiurrahman told reporters that two policemen came to the mosque at around 3 pm and wanted to take maulana to the police station because something was to be talked about. But supporters of Maulana asked the police not to do so because of his old age. The police said, "We would take him in our vehicle and drop him after 10 minutes. So Maulana reached the police station with 5 associates and after reaching there, one of the police officials sitting there told the people accompanying him to go out so he could talk to Maulana. When they refused to go out then the police drove them out and took Maulana to Lodhi Road police station. The news of the arrest of Maulana reached all across and the people from the locality erupted in protest and blocking roads. Aam Admi Party candidate Amanatullaha left his road show and sit on dharna at the police station demanding his release. They threatened that if he was not released, there would be serious consequences. After that former MLA from the area Asif Mohammad Khan also reached there but when protest turned violent he was taken to Okhla.

Sahafat on January 22 gave the headline for this news – Muslim community succeeded in Okhla, police forced to release maulana.

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara on January 22 gave the header – Maulana arrested and released, police apologized after people protested outside the police station, Muslim community angry. The newspaper wrote that intelligence department has been keeping a watch on Maulana. The newspaper published several pictures of Maulana and protested against the police.

Inquilab on January 22 gave the headline that intelligence department interrogated Islamic scholar for 45 minutes, Muslim community from Okhla got very angry on incidence, hundreds of people protested outside the police station as soon as the news spread.

Sahafat on January 23 reported that the arrest of maulana was done under the conspiracy. Maulana told reporters that DCP Randhava asked me to come to Lodhi Road police station as the intelligence sleuths wanted to ask something. Three people quizzed him after he reached Lodhi Road police station. They asked him that why did he get calls from Islamic countries? Why did he set up this madarsa Dara Kalam and how many students study there? Maulana said, “I am a teacher and am running a religious madarsa. There are lots of my disciples living in the foreign countries. I have written so many books and people call me up after reading these book.” Maulana claimed that his interrogation was done under a conspiracy. He appealed to the Muslims to unite and face fascist forces. Urdu newspaper published in Delhi unleashed a campaign against his arrest. Since the elections are closure therefore candidates of several political parties are raising the issue.

Azizulhind on January 23 gave the headline – Maulana Yaseen arrested and released a conspiracy to target Muslims. All India Ulama Board President Hajrat Syed Mohammad Ashraf called the release of Maulana a victory.

Comment : In the Muslim dominated Okhala, there is no law and order even the police are afraid of Muslims there. Recently an SHO was transferred under pressure from the Muslim leaders. The police in several earlier incidents had to release suspected terrorists under pressure at least four times. Last year in an incident when the Mumbai police tried to arrest a dreaded terrorist, mischievous elements encircled them. The Congress was ruling the country at that time. The government under pressure from the Congress leaders filed cases against officials of the Mumbai police instead of helping them. And suspected terrorist was also released. Central Delhi police tried to arrest some suspected elements but some of the local leaders opposed their arrest and Daryaganj police had to go back barren hand. A month after this incident in Yogabai region, some Bangladesh infiltrators were arrested by the special branch of the police. But when local leaders got this news, they reached there with a big crowd and the police were forced to release suspected Bangladeshi infiltrators under pressure. But the strange thing was that instead of taking action against mischievous elements, the police department suspended upright police officials. The recent incidence shows that despite change in government at the Centre, the influence of Okhla Muslims did not change. Even today Okhla police plays the tune of local leaders.

Akhbar Mashriq on January 24, 2015 editorial criticized the fact that the police took the wrong action against the Islamic scholar. The newspaper said that the police did in view of Barack Obama's visit to

Delhi. Criticizing this incidence, the newspaper said that the police must not behave like this with Islamic scholars because it causes tension in the society.

Urdu Times on January 23 published it on the front page. The newspaper alleged that the police were deliberately doing this in order to target Muslims. Maulana said that this action was taken under the political pressure to polarize Hindu votes in view of Delhi elections. He accepted that he frequently got phone calls from Pakistan. He recently translated a book on Jihad in English and the police quizzed on this matter also. Maulana expressed happiness that Muslims were united for his release. Several Delhi-based Urdu newspapers like *Inquilab*, *Roznama Rashtriya Sahara* and *Sahafat* published several advertisements from different people. In these advertisements, people of Okhla were thanked and congratulated that due to their vigil, the police was not able to arrest maulana and they was forced to release him.

IV

Muslim population increases by 24 per cent

Most of the Urdu newspaper neglected fast increase in the Muslim population in the country. Hyderabad-based two newspapers *Siyasat* and *Munsif* published it as the main news on the front page. According to **Siyasat** on January 23, population of Muslim increased by 24 per cent while general increase in the population has been 18 per cent so the Muslim population has increased from 13 per cent to 14 per cent. Maximum population of Muslims is in Jammu and Kashmir at 68.3 per cent while the second position is of Assam where Muslim population is 34.2 per cent and third is West Bengal where Muslims are 27 per cent. The newspaper accepted that from 1991 to 2001, Muslim population grew at the rate of 29 per cent but it decreased to 24 per cent in the next decade. Growth rate of Muslims is fastest in Assam in 2001 Muslim proportion in the population was 30.9 which has gone up to 34.3 per cent. The newspaper also accepted that increase in population of Assam is due to Bangladeshi infiltrators. As per census department information, religion-based census to be released soon. Manipur is the only country where population of Muslims decreased. Muslim population in West Bengal is growing at a very fast pace. In 2001, Muslim population in the state was 25.2 per cent which has gone up to 27 per cent in 2011. Growth of Muslim population in Assam has double to the proportion of growth of Muslim population in the country. Muslim population in Uttarakhand also increased from 11.9 per cent to 13.9 per cent. In southern India, Kerala is the state where population of Muslims increased maximum.

Commenting on the increasing population of Muslims a Delhi-based weekly newspaper **Nai Dunia** (Feb 2 to Feb 8) wrote in the editorial that heavy increase in the Muslim population was due to the community shunning of the family planning programme among poor Muslim families. With every baby born in the family, they think a new earning member is included. This thinking still prevails in villages. The family that has more members will be dominating in the society. Muslims are the most backward and they lack education therefore they don't believe in family planning. Since Muslims in

Assam and West Bengal are more backward so their population is increasing very fast. This is a trend across the world that poor have more children while rich have less. If the government wants Muslims to produce less numbers children, then it must make special provisions for their education and social uplift. The newspaper said that if population of Assam and West Bengal was increasing so for that the government was responsible for it that failed to stop infiltration. The number of Hindu population was decreasing because Hindus were getting education and even Dalits and OBCs were getting better education and other facilities while Muslims were getting backward by the day. Muslims don't get any reservation. Besides other thing abortions have been playing a major role in decreasing Hindu population. But there is no doubt about it that these data strengthen the claim of the Sangh Pariwar that Muslim population is growing with a fast rate than the population of Hindus. Now, they will get a chance to propagate that if increasing Muslim population is not stopped, they will be in minority.

Mouthpiece of **Jamate Islami Dawat** (February 1) alleged that the government sources deliberately leaked this information under a conspiracy with an intention of polarization against Muslims. It is accepted in the report that Muslim population decreased in comparison to last decade. The truth is that Muslim population is decreasing in India and in 2001 census Muslim population was 13.4 per cent that has gone up to 14.2 per cent in 2011 which means very little increase. In such a situation all these claims are misleading that Muslim population increased by 24 per cent. This is a deliberate attempt to miscommunicate. Now, the question is that when delimitation in the country happens and number of reserve seats has been increased, why no one tells that Muslim representation is declining despite the fact that population is increasing? The newspaper alleged that an environment is being created against Muslims and for this the Central government and organization like Vishwa Hindu Parishad are responsible. The way these organizations are talking about increasing Hindu population that tells a deep rooted conspiracy.

I

Civil war intensifies in Yemen

Munsif on January 24 reported that war between Shia and Sunni in Yemen took a dangerous proportion. After the country's capital Sana's was captured by Shia extremists President of Yemen Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi resigned. Hadi is known to be the staunch supporter of the US. He accepted that terrorism was increasing in the country very fast and he failed to control it. Prime Minister Khalid Wahah also resigned along with the President. The situation was very bad in the country ever since the capital of the country was captured by Shia Habbasi terrorists. Several supporters of the President have also been taken hostage. According to the newspaper, Yemen has become a den of al Qaida. This is the same organization that attacked Paris newspaper killing 12 journalists. It was under pressure from the US, President of Yemen allowed Drone attack on the hide outs of al Qaida terrorists after that clash between supporters of President and al Qaida terrorists intensified. A committee of Army from the four southern provinces of Yemen refused to follow orders of the President after his resignation.

II

Murder charges on Pervez Musharraf

Munsif on January 15 reported that an anti-terror court of Pakistan held former President of Pakistan Pervez Musharraf responsible for killing a leader from Baluchistan Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti. He was killed in an army operation in 2006 that was ordered by Musarraaf. A court in Quetta made it clear that hearing of the court would start from the next month. Bugti was the former chief minister and chief of his tribe and demonstration took place in entire country against his killing. The court also declared former minister Soab Nuserwan as one of accused in the case. The case was filed against Musarraaf in 2009 but he did not appear before the court. When the court ruled Musarraaf guilty, then also he was not present in the court. Lawyer of Musarraaf produced a medical certificate in which it was stated that due to poor health condition, he was unable to come before the court in person. There is a case of killing of former prime minister of Pakistan Benezir Bhutto who was killed in 2007. Son of Bugti, Jameel Akbar alleged that Musarraaf was responsible for the death of his father. The court issued several warrants against Musarraaf but he always evaded arrest. This is to recall that in 2008, Musarraaf escaped out of the country and came back to Pakistan only after two years.

This is to recall that former Prime Minister of Pakistan Julfiqar Ali Bhutto was also alleged for killing of former chief minister of Punjab and he was hanged during the reigns of President Zia ul Haq.

III

Petrol crisis in Pakistan

Munsif on January 19 reported that Prime minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif suspended four main bureaucrats of the country because they were found responsible for the crisis of petrol in the country. The officials suspended included secretary petroleum department I B Sayeed, and his assistant Nayeem Malik, oil secretary C M Azam and another official Amzed Jajnua. But the Prime Minister did not take any action against his colleague petroleum minister Shahid Khan Abbasi. The PM instructed every state to check black marketing of petrol and take strong measures. Petrol pumps in the country are closed for a week. Due to crisis of petrol rationing started in the country and 50 lakh tones of oil has been demanded from Saudi Arabia. Home minister of Pakistan Choudhary Nisart Ali accepted that economy has been destroyed due to petroleum crisis and entire transportation has suffered from it. This is the first of its kind in the history of Pakistan.

IV

Rs 20 billion fine imposed on Imran Khan

Akhbar Mashriq on January 21 reported that former chief minister Justice Iftikhar Mohammad Choudhary filed a defamatory case against the leader of opposition of Pakistan for Rs 20 billion. Imran Khan has been alleging Choudhary for malpractices in 2013 general elections and former chief justice said that the allegation made by Imran Khan on his client tarnished his image therefore he must be given Rs 20 billion as compensation. The court issued a notice against him.

V

Supporters of Islami Khilafat arrested

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara on January 20 reported that Bangladeshi police arrested four supports of ISIS and recovered laptop and jihadi literature from them. These jihadi elements have been traveling between India and Bangladesh for very long. Convener of this jihadi organization Shekhawat al Kabir said that other people arrested included Mohammad Anwar Hussain, Rabia Islam and Mohammad Najar al Aalam. Police officials told reporters that they accepted that they were in touch with Caliph and they were recruiting jihadies for Bangladesh and India for this organization.

I

House of famous Urdu poet sold

Inquilab on January 19, 2015 reported that famous novelist and story teller Sadat Hasan Manto's house in Lahore has been sold. After fleeing from Mumbai to Pakistan, this Urdu story teller lived his last days in Lakshmi Mansion building in Lahore. Elder daughter of Manto used to live in this house only. Daughter of Manto, Nihgat Patel said that when her family came to Pakistan after partition, she was just one-year-old. Manto belonged to Amritsar and he was one of the immortal Urdu writers. Manto used to work in Akashwani Delhi but to write stories for films he shifted to Mumbai. After the formation of Pakistan he shifted to Lahore. The Pakistan government neglected him from the beginning and he died in abject poverty. But after 50 years of his death Pakistan government awarded for his excellence. Writer community has been demanding to convert his residence as memorial but the government did not pay any heed to it. Finally it was sold.

II

Installation of CCTV camera in mosques refused

Inquilab on January 18 reported that the police instructed installation of CCTV camera in mosques in Jamia Nagar. The police was arguing that this would help the police to strengthen security arrangement but Muslim organizations refused it. President of the Noor mosque Zafar Islam Hasmi said that the police wanted to spy on namajies. Masjid Fadosh and Masjid e Shanlai mosques also refused installation of camera in it. They were saying that they would not allow installation of camera while rests of the mosques were saying that they didn't have the money to install cameras. Treasurer of Masjid noo Jogabai said that none of the committee would install camera in mosques while the police were saying that this instruction was issued by the old SHO but the new officer does not have any information about it. This is to recall that there are several mosques in the area whose activities are controversial.

III

76 thousand killed in Syrian civil war

Munsif on January 18 claimed that 76 people were killed in the civil war of Syria last year. President of Syria Bisar al Asad is in power with the help of Iran and Russia while al Qaida and other Islamic

terrorist organizations are opposing it. Now, the ISIS also joined this civil war which considers both the government and rebel its enemy. ISIS wanted that the border that was decided in 1916 should be redrawn. These jihadies started fighting the government since 1913 but the government failed to take any step against New Khilafat. Thousands of people of Syria have been killed by the New Khilafat. Human Right organizations of Syria said that more than two lakh people have been killed in the civil war since 2011. There were 3500 children in 17 thousand people killed in civil war last year. Civil war in Syria left over 30 lakh people homeless and they are taking shelter in the neighbouring countries of Syria.

IV

Hindu status of Dalits questioned

Inquilab on January 21 reported that in a programme in the history department of Urdu, Arabic and Persian University's Ratna Darshan Rawan said that Dalit Samaj has never been part of Hindu society. He claimed that no one took care of cleanliness of the country and society. Every year 22 thousand workers die cleaning sewage for suffocation but no one talks about it. If there is a talk about Balmiki Ramayan, exploitation of Dalits was mentioned in the story of Ram by higher castes. He claimed that the character called Rawan gave identity to bhangies. Hanuman was also a Dalit who was always at the feet of Ram but never was hugged. Even in temples idol of Ram was at the gate not inside the temple. He said that the reason behind the backwardness of Dalis has been Brahmanism of Gandhiji. He abused Dalits by calling him harijans and kept him associated by entering them into temple while B R Ambedkar did not consider Dalits as Hindus because Dalits were thrown out of Hinduism. They call them untouchables. Ambedkar talked about separate electorate for Dalits but Gandhi refused to accept it. Nehru conspired and got Ambedkar defeated in Maharashtra while Chandal community helped him to win from the West Bengal. He appealed to Dalits to get higher education to help other Dalits to get higher education in the society.

V

Muslims angry over thrusting Saraswati Puja

Akhbar Mashriq on 25 January objected observing Saraswati Puja on Basant Panchami in every school of Gujarat. Congress councilor Haji Beg said that the government did not have the right to force Saraswati Puja on Muslims. On the other hand Jamait Ulama e Hind general secretary Mahmood Madni also criticized the decision of the Gujarat government and added that he would go to court on the issue. As per the constitution, no one can be forced for any kind of puja against his/her wishes.

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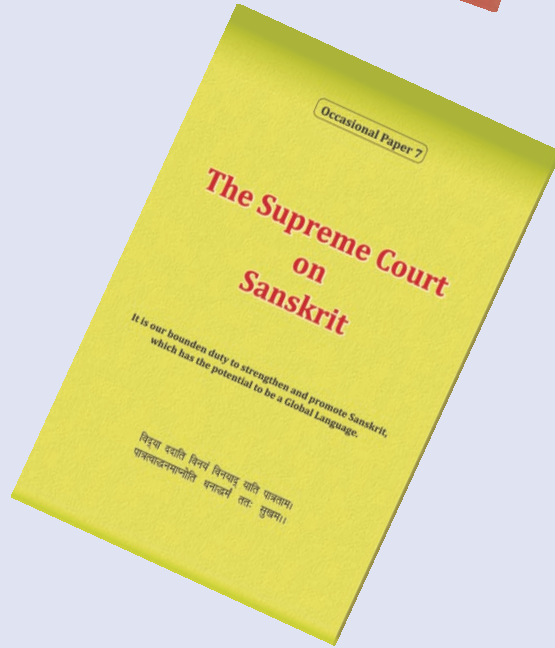
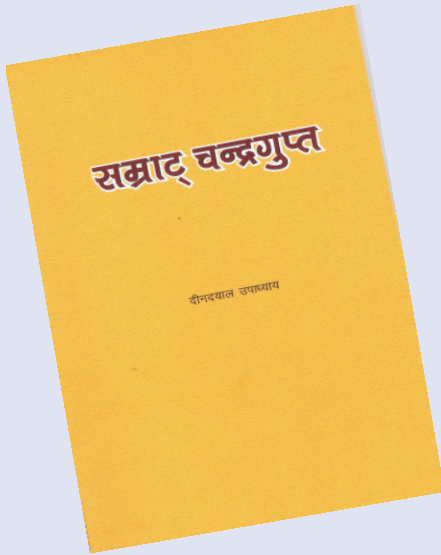
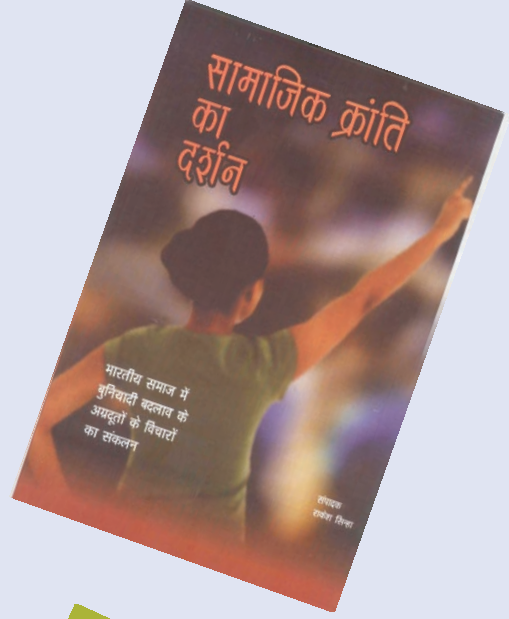
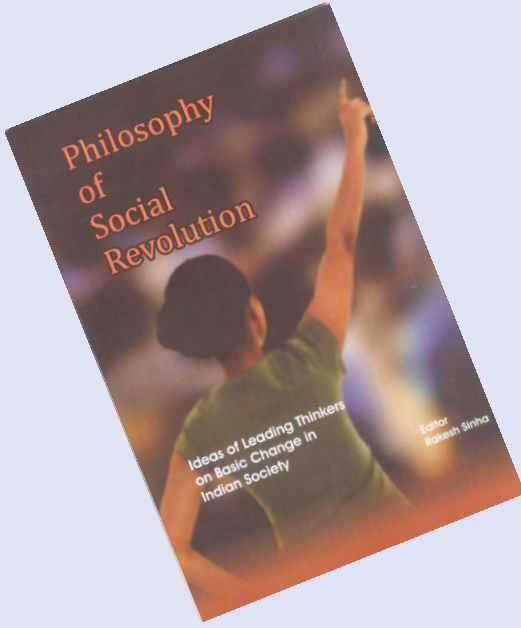
Islamic studies centre at American university

According to **Hindustan Express** (January 26), American University Notre Dame has set up a department for Islamic studies. The department was set up by the contribution of \$3 million by a Muslim. This money was donated by a Muslim woman in the memory of her late husband Muzaffar Mirza who was of the Pakistani origin but the wife belonged to Ireland. Her husband was a Muslim while she herself is a Catholic. The couple had three children. A high quality Islamic study will be conducted in the department.

Review of Urdu Newspapers by IPF

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