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# Foundation Against Continuing Terrorism

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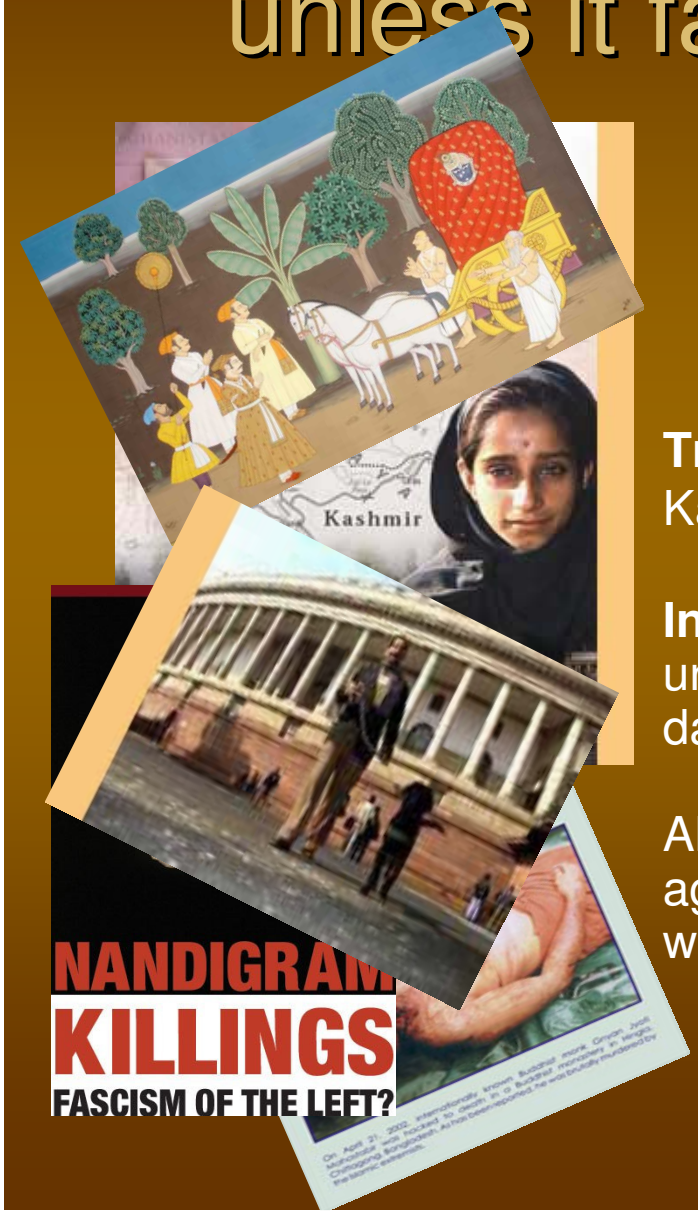
# No nation can move forward, unless it faces squarely its past




**FACT has three objectives:**

**Create awareness.** Awareness on terrorism affecting India.

**Trigger action:** Action against Terror perpetrators in Kashmir, Bangladesh, North east India and other places.

**Indian History museum:** The FACT museum would unveil the rich heritage from Vedic ages to the current day and India Tomorrow.

Also for the first time atrocities committed in India against Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims and Christians would be presented.

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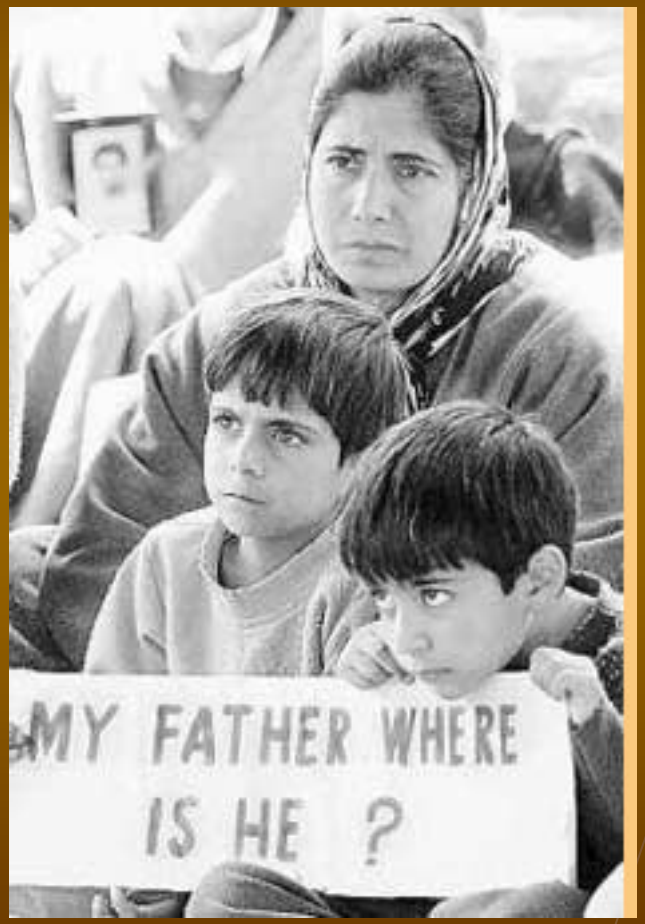
# Kashmiri Pandits




- Terrorism cannot be fought on the streets. It has to be stopped before it reaches the streets.
- Terrorism on common persons day-to-day life.
- gross neglect of human values in the Kashmir valley.
- 450,000 Kashmiri Pandits Refugees in their own country Since 1989.
- FACT exhibition is a journey starting 5 millennia back to this day dwelling in the lives of people then and now.



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# Kashmiri Pandits

FACT exhibit on display in the Rayburn Congressional Building Foyer.

US Capitol hill

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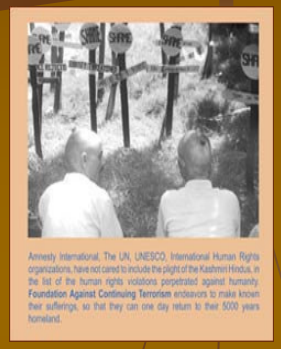
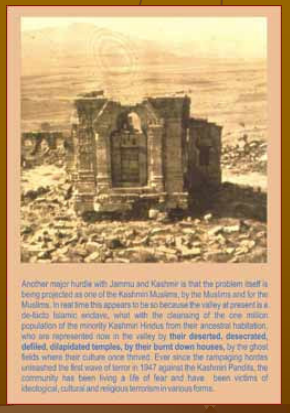
and
Manipur center, Bangalore.



Amnesty International, The UN, UNESCO, International Human Rights organizations, have not cared to include the plight of the Kashmiri Hindus, in the list of the human rights violations perpetrated against humanity. **Foundation Against Continuing Terrorism** endeavors to make known their sufferings, so that they can one day return to their 5000 years homeland.



Another major hurdle with Jammu and Kashmir is that the problem itself is being projected as one of the Kashmiri Muslims, by the Muslims and for the Muslims. In real time this appears to be so because the valley at present is a de-facto Islamic enclave, what with the cleansing of the one million population of the minority Kashmiri Hindus from their ancestral habitation, who are represented now in the valley by **their deserted, desecrated, defiled, dilapidated temples, by their burnt down houses,** by the ghost fields where their culture once thrived. Ever since the rampaging hordes unleashed the first wave of terror in 1947 against the Kashmiri Pandits, the community has been living a life of fear and have been victims of ideological, cultural and religious terrorism in various forms.

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# Kashmiri Pandits

The exhibition has travelled to
Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune, Poland,
Germany, Israel, England, Holland
Scotland, Interior villages in Maharashtra
and in the US Congress.

Total visitors till date : 50,000

In association with

Hindu Janajagruti Samiti

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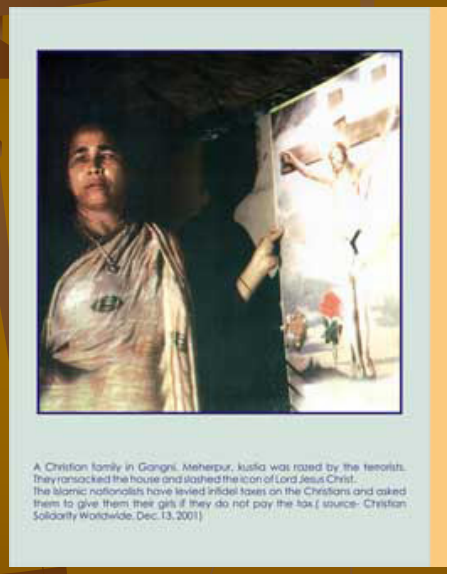
# Minorities in Bangladesh

- **Bangladesh 1947**
- Muslims 70%
- Hindus, Christians, Budhists 30%

- **Bangladesh 2007**
- Muslims 90%
- Hindus, Christians, Budhists 10%

- FACT organises exhibitions in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Goa with help of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti.



A Christian family in Gangni, Meherpur, kustia was razed by the terrorists. They ransacked the house and slashed the icon of Lord Jesus Christ. The Islamic nationalists have levied infidel taxes on the Christians and asked them to give them their girls if they do not pay the tax.( source- Christian Solidarity Worldwide. Dec.13, 2001)

Total visitors till date: 1,40,000

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# Minorities in Bangladesh

- Exodus since the Noakhali massacre of Hindus in 1946
- governments have seized 2.5 million acres of land of the Hindus (Vested Property Act)
- Nearly 47 million people missing.
- 5th and 8th Amendments of the constitution (BNP and JP govts), transformed secular Bangladesh into Islamic state
- Source: Country Report on Human Rights Practices – 2001, 2003, US Department of State

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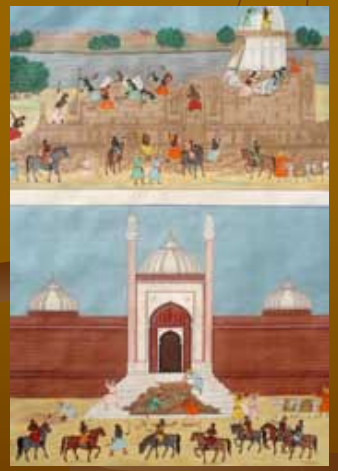
# “Aurangzeb as he was according to Moghul records”

- “You disagree I kill you” ideology on the rise.
- Aurangzeb philosophy, resulted in incidents like 9/11.
- Exhibitions in Delhi, Bangalore, Pune.
- Exhibition records facts as they were recorded in Moghul court documents.
- Nearly 20,000 people visited.





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# “Aurangzeb as he was according to Moghul records”

- First time ever Akhbarat, Court edicts of Aurangzeb, hand-written in Persian from India’s museums were shown.
- The format is a mix of Miniature paintings and court edicts.
- History and Art brought together to depict the truth.

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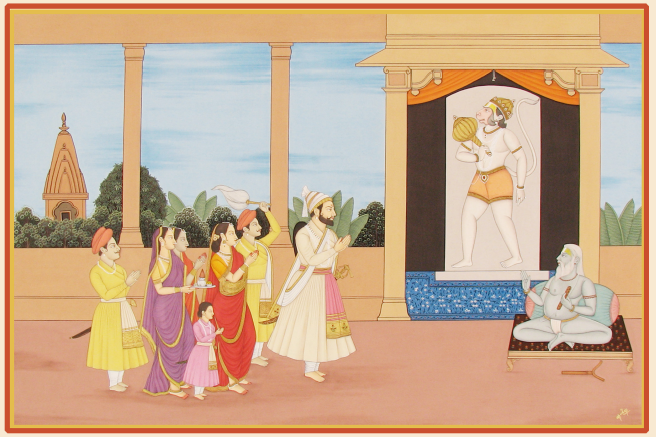
# Shivaji, a hero for modern India :Chatrapati Shivaji

- Shivaji embodied all the qualities for modern India
- Miniature paintings
- Based on  (Akhbarat and Waqeelnama) from Rajastani and Moghul Court documents
- Rarest insights into the personality
- Research based on actual facts



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# A hero for modern India :Chatrapati Shivaji

- First of its kind
- Relatively simplified
- Self explanatory content
- Folklore included to make it interesting

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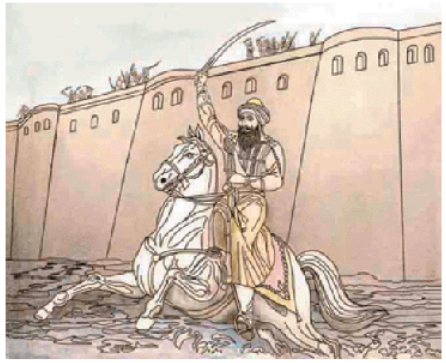
# Sikhs: The defenders of Indian Dharma

- Journey through the 1 st Guru to till date
- First time paintings from gurudwaras shown
- Contributions of Sikhism
- Bravery, cultural synthesis, standing up to what is right
- Moghul Tyranny eg., Aurangzeb

PANEL 5 - Bhai Bidhi Chand (14 August 1640)



A fearless warrior, Bhai Bidhi Chand fought many a wars against Mughal tyranny. His best-known exploit was his daredevil act of escaping the Mughal army by jumping from a fort atop a horse.

PANEL 6 - Sri Guru Har Govind Ji (1595 - 1644)

Sri Guru Har Govind Sahib Ji fought 4 battles against the Mughals for the protection of Dharma. "The battle of Kartarpur" was the most prominent one.

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# Sikhs: The defenders of Indian Dharma

- Teachings of the Sikh Gurus
- Contributions in Freedom struggle
- Post independent contributions

PANEL 11 - Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (1621 - 1675)

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji sacrificed his life for the protection of Dharma. His head was severed from His body on Aurangzeb's orders.

PANEL 35 - Non-Violent Protests (1921-1925)

Non-violent agitations against the British were instrumental in the passing of the Gurudwara Act 1925. This placed the control of all Gurudwaras in the hands of an elected body of Sikhs.

PANEL 16 - Sri Guru Govind Singh Ji (1666 - 1708)

A warrior, a poet, and a spiritual leader, Sri Guru Govind Singh Ji was the 10th Sikh Guru and the founder of Khalsa Panth.

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# Naxalism: A threat to the Unified nation of India

- A journey in t
  the pain, grie
  and trauma
- Naxalism,
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  ideology

Above: 9th Unity Congress, January, 2007.

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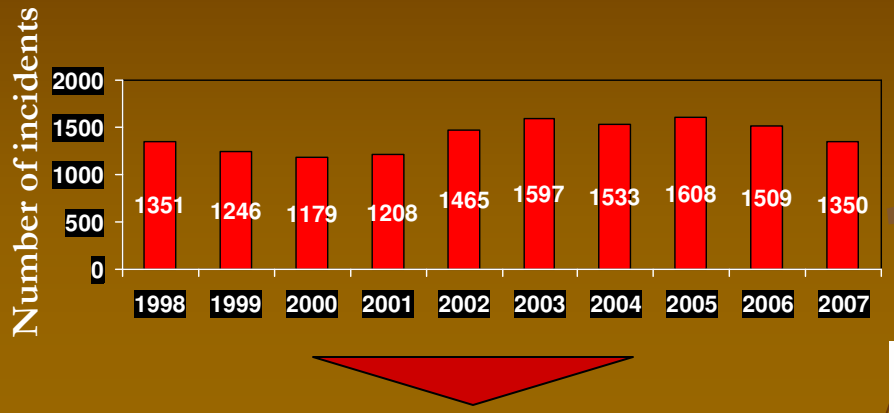

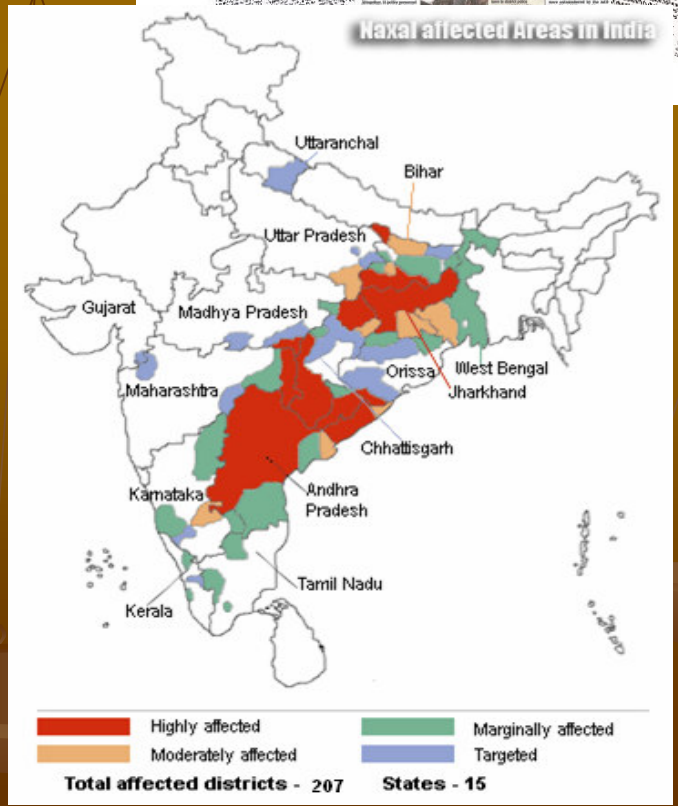


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# Indian History Museum

- **FACT Museum on the History of India.**
- **Rich Heritage from Vedic ages to the current day.**
- **Atrocities committed in India against Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims and Christians.**
- **1) The idea behind the Hindu Dharma that is the Vedic and post-Vedic period.**
- **2) First to 6th century BC, the pre-Islamic period, with the first invasions, Greeks, Huns.**
- **3) 7th Century to 12th, the Islamic invasions.**
- **4) Mughal period 13th century to 18th.**
- **5) European invasions.**
- **6) India Today and tomorrow.**

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# The Impact

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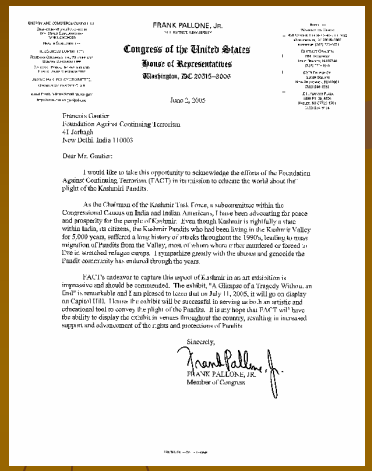
- US Congress, passed a bipartisan resolution on the Human Rights of the Kashmiri Pandits in July 2005.
- Frank Pallone (Chairman of Kashmiri Task force) supports the cause of Kashmiri pundits.
- Joe Wilson (Past co-chair of congressional caucus on India & Indian Americans) supports the cause.
- Debate kindled in rural India on state of Minorities in Bangladesh, Kashmiri pandits, Aurangzeb, Shivaji, Naxal separatist movemen



FRANK PALLONE, JR.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–3006

June 2, 2005

Francois Gautier
Foundation Against Continuing Terrorism
41 Jorbagh
New Delhi, India 110003

Dear Mr. Gautier:

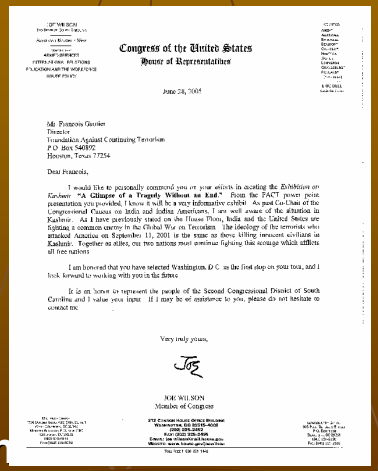
I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the Foundation Against Continuing Terrorism (FACT) in its mission to educate the world about the plight of the Kashmiri Pandits.

As the Chairman of the Kashmir Task Force, a subcommittee within the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, I have been advocating for peace and prosperity for the people of Kashmir. Even though Kashmir is rightfully a state within India, its citizens, the Kashmir Pandits who had been living in the Kashmir Valley for 5,000 years, suffered a long history of attacks throughout the 1990s, leading to mass migration of Pandits from the Valley, many of whom where either murdered or forced to live as scorched refugees camps. I sympathize greatly with the abuses and genocide the Pandit community has endured through the years.

FACT's endeavor to capture this aspect of Kashmir in an art exhibition is impressive and should be commended. The exhibit, "A Glimpse of a Tragedy Without an End" is remarkable and I am pleased to learn that on July 11, 2005, it will go on display on Capitol Hill. I know it's exhibit will be successful in serving as both an artistic and educational tool to convey the plight of the Pandits. It is my hope that FACT will have the ability to display the exhibit in venues throughout the country, resulting in increased support and advancement of the rights and protections of Pandits

Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, JR.
Member of Congress



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

June 28, 2005

Mr. Francois Gautier
Director
Foundation Against Continuing Terrorism
P.O. Box 540892
Houston, Texas 77254

Dear Francois,

I would like to personally commend you on your efforts in curating the Exhibition on Kashmir "A Glimpse of a Tragedy Without an End." From the FACT power point presentation you provided, I know it will be a very informative exhibit. As past Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, I am well aware of the situation in Kashmir. As I have previously stated on the House Floor, India and the United States are fighting a common enemy in the Global War on Terrorism. The ideology of the terrorists who attacked America on September 11, 2001 is the same as those killing innocent civilians in Kashmir. Together as allies, our two nations must continue fighting that scourge which inflicts all free nations.

I am honored that you have selected Washington, D.C. as the first stop on your tour, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina and I value your input. If I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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# Artists protest culture policing

By V.P. RAGHU

**Chennai, March 7:** Artists in the city who are up in arms against the police-exhibiton organisers showdown at the Lalit Kala Academy on Thursday night, have said nobody had the right to interfere in artistic freedom.

Though the police team, led by assistant commissioner K.N. Murali, took away all the paintings from the exhibition hall on Thursday night, no case had been registered against the artist or organisers at the Thousand Light police station till Friday evening.

Reacting to the incident, noted artist Achuthan Kudalur, said artists' freedom of expression was fast disappearing in India. "We are all concerned about it," he said.

According to Charan, Government college of fine arts, Chennai, the incident showed that artist freedom had been curtailed. "What is wrong in expressing certain things through paintings?" he asked.

Another artist P. Gopinath pointed out that it was a clear case of dragging art into politics. "Every artist should have the freedom to express his views. Art should be seen as art only," said Mr. Gopinath

Yet another artist from Chennai, Mr Manoharan, noted that nobody has the right to interfere in artistic freedom. "Police should not yield to groups trying for cheap publicity," he added.

On Thursday night, the police had taken Saraswathi (65), Vijayalakshmi (62) and Malathi (47), belonging to Foundation Against Continuing Terrorism, to the Thousand

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# Aurangazeb exhibition creates flutter

By PEER MOHAMED & V.P RAGHU

**Chennai, March 6:** The Chennai police on Thursday detained three women associated with an art exhibition after forcing them to close down the show, where a French artist had displayed his paintings on Mughal emperor Aurangazeb.

The police took Saraswathi (65), Dr.Vijayalakshmi (62) and Malathi (47) to the Thousand Lights station at around 7.30 p.m. for enquiry into charges of assisting an exhibition by French journalist Francois Gautier at Lalit Kala Akademi's (LKA) Regional Centre on Greams Road. They were detained in the station for half-an-hour.

Earlier in the day, tension prevailed on the LKA premises when the police, Hindu Munnani president Rama Gopalan and Prince of Arcot Nawab Mohammed Abdul Ali visited the exhibition. The visit of the police came in the wake of three letters including one from an advocate Mr Zainudeen to Lalit Kala Akademi stating that the exhibition would disturb communal harmony. The police initially suggested removal of two pictures depicting demolition of Keshava Rai temple in Mathura and that of Somnath temple by the armies of Aurangazeb.

However, the organisers of the exhibition told the police that they would not remove the pictures as it violated their artistic freedom. Janata party president Ms

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# Aurangzeb painting exhibit off after row

Chennai, March 6: An art exhibition on the life of the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb was on Thursday cancelled following directions from the police after some Muslim individuals objected to two paintings showing demolition of temples in Somnath and Mathura on the ground that they would "disturb peace" in Tamil Nadu.

Four persons, including R. Saraswathi, a volunteer of the Foundation Against Continuing Terrorism (FACT), the organisers of the exhibition, have been detained

would be let off," he said.

The foundation is run by Delhi-based French journalist Francois Gautier.

The police said some Muslims, who came to the Lalit Kala Akademi, the venue of the exhibition, raised objections to the paintings depicting Aurangzeb's forces demolishing Hindu temples at Somnath and Mathura.

"They claimed that the pictures were sending wrong messages which could lead to communal hatred following which we asked FACT to cancel the exhibition," the official said.

The exhibition which opened on March 3 was scheduled to run till March 9.

Earlier in the day, regional secretary of the academy R.M. Palaniappan told reporters that he was waiting for orders from the Delhi headquarters on cancelling the show, following similar complaints on Wednesday.

However, he could not be reached for comments after the exhibition was cancelled.

The Hindu Munnani, which earlier threatened to stage a demonstration if the exhibition was cancelled, said a decision on the protest would be taken on Friday morning. *(PTI)*

# ...reedom gagged

By Francois Gautier

# In the press

- The making of a tyrant (The Indian Express) The exhibition on Aurangzeb continues at Balgandharva Kala Dalan till October 17 and then from October 18 to 26 at Yashwantrao Chavan auditorium, Kothrud
- Parallel drawn between Aurangzeb and terrorism (The Times Of India Pune)
- Art Exhibition - A visual representation of Aurangzeb's reign (Times of India Bangalore)
-

French writer to curate exhibition on Shivaji



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# Next project

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- Ahalyabai Holkar: The Indian queen
- Sakshi: 1947 as it was
- Goa Inquisition
- Conversions in India
- India History Museum

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- **Anupa Pande, Director** Institute, National museum New Delhi,
- **Dr Kireet Joshi,ex chairman,** Council of Philosophical Research
- **Prof A K Dass,** Lalbahadur shastri museum
- **Prof. B L Bhadani,** Aligarh Muslim Univ

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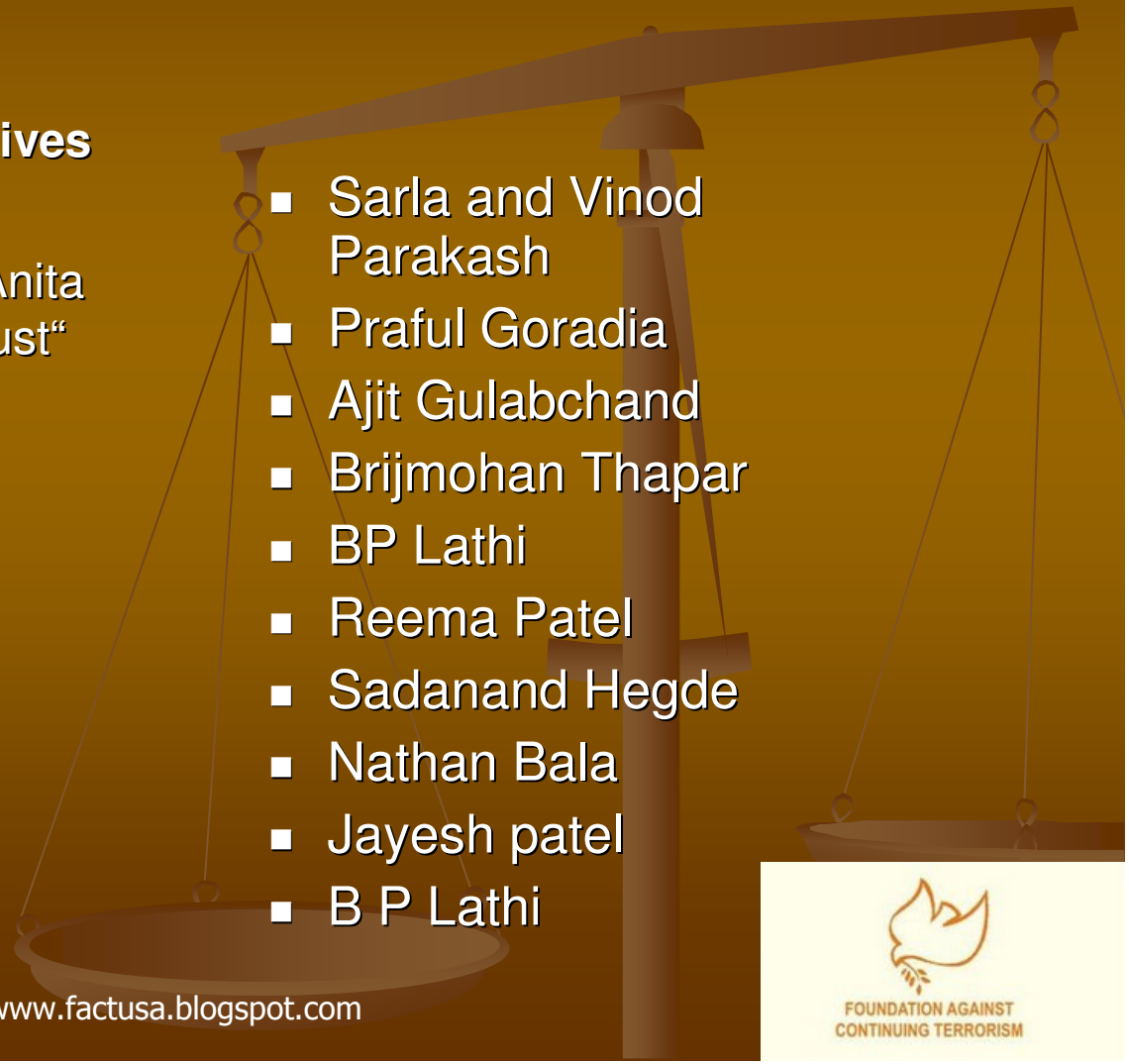



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