

1st November, 2017

The Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth

Prime Minister

Port Louis

Mauritius

Respected Prime Minister,

Re: Regarding letter of Mr. Shakeel Mohamed

I am **Shantanu Gupta**, Author of '**The Monk Who Became Chief Minister**' – **Biography of Yogi Adityanath**. Through You, I want to inform Mr Shakeel Mohamed and the people of Mauritius that the facts listed in the letter by Mr Shakeel Mohamed are not at all correct and someone seems to have misguided and misinformed the honorable member of the National Assembly.

Please find the details and facts behind the allegations leveled by Mr Shakeel Mohamed

Misguided Allegation by Mr Shakeel Mohamed	The Real fact behind the fact
1. Yogi Adityanath is founder of a extremist and militant youth organization – Hindu Yuva Vahini	1 (A) Yogi Adityanath formed the Hindu Yuva Vahini (HYV) in April, 2002 on the auspicious occasion of <i>Ramnavmi</i> (festival associated with the birth of Lord Rama) as a non-governmental, apolitical and purely cultural organization. As per organizations' charter ¹ it aims to spread the feeling of nationalism, uphold the interest of Hindus, raise their concerns collectively, work on faith and belief on Hindu-religious text, work on mutual cooperation, establish an equal and just society. The charter further explains, that by the term ' <i>Hindu</i> ', they mean anyone who believes in Vedic philosophy, Budhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Naga philosophy, or other Hindu cultural

¹<http://www.hinduyuvavahini.in/samvidhan.aspx>

	<p>philosophies. Hindu also means anyone else, who believes in and respects the holy sound ‘OM’, who opposes cow-slaughter, who believes in reincarnation, who respects India as his or her motherland, fatherland and sacred land and one who has complete belief and trust on Hindu religious text.</p> <p>(B) India Media has widely covered Hindu Yuva Vahini’s activities, events and campaigns around organizing large scale dinners with people from all castes, organizational meetings, campaigns against social evils like alcoholism, drives against illegal animal movement, <i>gheraos</i> of administrative officers to help the poor and needy, drives to help people to get their Aadhar and voter identity cards to avail government benefits and various campaigns against corrupt local and central governments of yester years. Yogi Adityanath led all these interventions directly from the front.</p> <p>(C) There is no charge of violence against HYV. It’s a social organization, which is helping people on the ground</p> <p>(D) More details can be found on page number 71 of The Monk Who Became Chief Minister’ – Biography of Yogi Adityanath.</p>
<p>2. In 2005, Yogi Adityanath ran a purification drive, to convert 1800 Christians to Hinduism</p>	<p>2 (A) In October 2005, Yogi Adityanath led a ‘purification drive’ in the district of Etah, in Uttar Pradesh, converting 1,800</p>

Christians to Hinduism. Earlier that year, he had converted 5,000 Dalit Christians in the same district².

When asked by Rajat Sharma of IndiaTv on his TV show 'Aapki Adalat' about this mass conversion incident, Yogi accepted the allegation with great pride and said, that these were people who were forced to leave their Hindu faith due to fear, temptation and coercion and they are now retuning home (*Ghar Vapsi*) to their original faith.

(B) Article 25 of the Indian Constitution guarantees freedom to practice religion in India. In the garb of freedom of religion, missionary groups execute massive conversion drives, mainly in poor pockets of India through coercion and temptation. Several Indian states passed Freedom of Religion bills primarily to prevent people from converting to Christianity. Odisha was the first state to bring such a law called 'Orissa Freedom of Religion Act, 1967'³. It was followed by Madhya Pradesh in 1968 and Arunachal Pradesh in 1978. Catholics protested against this saying that propagation of their faith was an important part of Christianity. Both laws enacted by the Odisha and Madhya Pradesh High Courts were challenged

²<http://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2017/mar/18/what-does-yogi-adityanath-stand-for-here-are-five-statements-of-his-that-reflect-who-he-is-1582926.html>

³<http://www.thehindu.com/thehindu/op/2002/12/17/stories/2002121700110200.htm>

stating Article 25 of the Constitution. The Supreme Court supported the State, saying, "What is freedom for one is freedom for the other in equal measure and there can, therefore, be no such thing as a fundamental right to convert any person to one's own religion".

Later many other states adopted anti-conversion laws that prohibit forced conversions or conversions induced through money. Chhattisgarh in 2000 and Gujarat State in 2003 also passed anti-conversion laws. In July 2006, the Madhya Pradesh government passed legislation requiring people, who desire to convert to a different religion to provide the government with one month's notice, or face fines and penalties. In August 2006, the Chhattisgarh State Assembly passed similar legislation requiring anyone who desires to convert to another religion to give 30 days' notice to, and seek permission from, the district magistrate. In February 2007, Himachal Pradesh became the first Congress Party-ruled state to adopt legislation banning illegal religious conversions. Rajasthan followed it in 2008.

(C) In June, 2016, Yogi Adityanath said: "Mother Teresa was part of a conspiracy to convert Hindus to Christianity. Hindus were targeted in the name of doing service and then converted by her." Large-scale conversions to Christianity in

the Northeast had led to a separatist movement in Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

(D) ANI reported⁴ that, Swamy said, "You see the issue of Yogi Adityanath expressing his view is not an isolated view. It is a view which has been reduced to books, there is a writer Christopher Hitchens, who has written a best seller book and if you go to Google you would get a lots of books about her,"

Citing an example, Swamy said once a prominent crook, who robbed the pensions of middle class people in California was caught and a trial was taking place and Mother Teresa wrote a letter asking not to prosecute him, as he has given her millions of dollars to further the cause of Christianity in India. "The judge responded that he was surprised that Mother Teresa was coming on his behalf, as he has robbed the pension of hard working people and in the name of Jesus Christ, asked him to return the money, so that relief can be given to the people," Swamy said.

(E) More details can be found on **page number 80 of The Monk Who Became Chief Minister' – Biography of Yogi Adityanath.**

⁴ http://www.business-standard.com/article/politics/subramanian-swamy-backs-yogi-adityanath-s-attack-on-mother-teresa-116062200192_1.html

<p>3. 2007 Case-Arrest of Yogi Adityanath</p>	<p>3 (A) In January 2007, a few Muslims groups were unruly during a Muharram procession in Gorakhpur and started teasing some Hindu girls. When a young Hindu boy, Raj Kumar Agrahari protested, he was brutally beaten by the Muslim men and Raj Kumar Agrahari was hospitalized. Under pressure from the Mulayam Singh government, district administration took no serious action against the criminals. Instead the District Magistrate advised Yogi Adityanath not to visit the incident site as it could create tensions. Adityanath initially agreed, but after Agrahari died, Yogi was not able to control himself and he disobeyed the magistrate and travelled to the site and started a non-violent <i>dharna</i> on the site with a group of followers. As Yogi was exposing the lack of action by the local administration and due to the Muslim appeasement policies of Mulayam government, local police declared a curfew, to create a trap for Yogi's arrest as they knew Yogi would not sit silent and would certainly be with the people. As expected, Adityanath broke the curfew and he was subsequently arrested and remanded for a fortnight on charges of 'disturbing peace', while no concrete action was taken against the murderers of Raj Kumar Agrahari, said Pradeep Rao, a close aide of Yogi Adityanath. Rao also added that nothing more could have been</p>

expected from a JNU alum, Hari Om, who was the District Magistrate then.

(B) District Magistrate and Police Chief wanted to house-arrest Yogi in the temple premise, but Yogi insisted they take him to jail. As the Police vehicle with Yogi moved on the streets of Gorakhpur, people laid down in front of the car. Police had to physically move two-three people at one time and then drive the vehicle ahead by a few meters. It took the administration more than 8 hours to cover a distance of two kilometers. That day the world witnessed the popularity of this monk. This extreme attitude of Muslim appeasement by the Mulayam government gave rise to a harsh wave of anger among the local majority population of Gorakhpur and they came out on the streets to protest. As an eyewash the Samajvadi government transferred the District Magistrate and the district police chief.

(C) In the very next budget session in the parliament, Yogi exposed the Mulayam government in front of the whole nation. Addressing the Chair, Yogi said with a very heavy heart and with tears in eyes⁵, “Speaker Sir, I have become a Member of the Parliament for the third time from Gorakhpur Lok Sabha seat. The first time

⁵Yogi Adityanath Cried in Lok Sabha www.youtube.com/watch?v=WS96DDrWAZw

	<p>I won with 25000 votes, second time with 50000 and the third time with 1.5 lakh votes. But for quite some time now I am being targeted because of the political enmity. Sir, I just came here to ask you that whether I am the member of this House or not, and whether this House can give me protection?” Yogi further added, “If this House cannot give me the protection, then I better leave the house and go back. This does not have any importance for me. I have taken <i>sanyas</i> (renunciation for worldly life) for the society, I have left my family, my parents, but today I am being called a culprit only because of political bias. All this has happened because I raised the matter of corruption in the State, because I raised my voice against the anti-national activities of ISI along the India-Nepal border and regularly sought attention of the House, I raised the matter of the hunger deaths caused due to the administrative corruption. Sir, this is the reason why so many cases are being built against me”.</p> <p>(D) More details can be found on page number 82 of 'The Monk Who Became Chief Minister' - Biography of Yogi Adityanath.</p>
<p>4. Alleged video of Yogi Adityanath, saying that dig up graves of muslim women and rape the corpses</p>	<p>4. There is very unclear video, where some one else on the stage is making this statement (voice not very clear) and not Yogi Adityanath.</p> <p>You can try to catch voice at 3:02 minutes in this video -</p>

	<p>https://youtu.be/uLXYzvl_FWs, where in a very unclear voice you can hear something similar by another speaker and not by Yogi Adityanaty</p> <p>It very said that someone as senior as, Mr. Shakeel Mohamed is making such serious allegations without even going through any evidence.</p>
<p>5. Film Saffron War, Radicalization of Hinduism accused Yogi Adityanath of promoting communal disharmony</p>	<p>5. (A) Yogi comes across as a man on a mission. He sounds angry in his speeches. When I enquired about Yogi as a person, his close aides said that by the time Yogi became socially and politically active, he realized that Congress party and the strong regional parties had converted politics into mere electoral mathematics. The formula invented by these parties to master the electoral mathematics in Uttar Pradesh and many other parts of the country is to blindly appease Muslims and to keep Hindus divided by castes. Yogi determined to break this nexus and over years his anger on blatant Muslim appeasement has been seen through his speeches.</p> <p>(B) Yogi Adityanath is 5 times elected member of parliament from Gorakhpur, elected by the people. He survived his politics and provided relief to people, when the wahhabism on his peak in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh. He did his politics, when the state was headed by chief ministers from non-bjp parties like Samajvadi Parties (SP) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). In my book, I have quoted, many instances where, for the vote bank politics, and for muslim appeasement, SP and BSP turned a blind eye to wahabi elements in the society. When Administration, Police, Government did not hear, Yogi stepped in to save people of hindu community,</p>

	<p>(C) More details can be found on page number 86 of The Monk Who Became Chief Minister’ – Biography of Yogi Adityanath.</p>
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<p>6. Yogi’ Alleged Speech – if you take one muslim girl, we will take 10 and If you will kill 1 hindu, we will kill 100 muslims</p>	<p>6. (A) In an undated video that surfaced on YouTube during August 2014, Adityanath, reportedly during a public speech at Azamgarh, referring to the religious conversions due to inter-religious marriages, was seen saying, "If they take one Hindu girl, we will take 100 Muslims girls." In the same video, he continued to say, "If they kill one Hindu, there will be 100 that we" and paused, as the gathered crowd shouted, “Kill”, reported by The Hindustan Times⁶.</p> <p>In an interview with Rajat Sharma of IndiaTV, Yogi explained his point further, that a yogi (saint) is trained to use both - a <i>mala</i> (beads) and a <i>bhaala</i> (spear). A yogi knows both - <i>shaastras</i> (religious text) and <i>shastra</i> (weapons) and for a peaceful living, a yogi has to use both. He said that silence should not be taken as weakness. When asked, how he can take law in his own hands, Yogi replied, “they (Muslim) keep attacking our people, our daughters and the local administration keep mum, we have to fight out our own battle.”. Government of SP and BSP became hostile to Hindu community and police stopped registering</p>
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⁶<http://www.hindustantimes.com/assembly-elections/from-love-jihad-conversion-to-srk-10-controversial-comments-by-up-s-new-cm-yogi-adityanath/story-5JW2ZFGZzAdIZeIcjcZCNM.html>

	<p>complaints against atrocities by some section of muslim community for just vote bank politics. In such scenario for Yogi Adityanath came forward and shook the administration.</p> <p>(B) More details can be found on page number 86 of 'The Monk Who Became Chief Minister' – Biography of Yogi Adityanath.</p>
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✓ **What Muslims Say about Yogi Adityanath?**

Over years, media has painted Yogi as anti-muslim, but the reality is quite different. It is noteworthy that the responsibility of all the construction work in the Gorakhdham Mutt is with Mohd. Yasin Ansari. Talking to ABP TV⁷, Mr. Ansari, said, “I have been associated with the temple since 1977. I am responsible for all the construction work here. Be it the temple compound, the meditation room or the tourist residence; all the work is executed by my team. There are absolutely no restrictions for me to go inside the temple.”

Dr. Mushtaq who runs his clinic in Gorakhpur told ABP News reporter Pratima Mishra that a wrong image of Yogi Adityanath has been created and that their community is very happy with their Maharaj Ji becoming the Chief Minister. Dr. Mushtaq specially mentioned that in a crowd of 50-100 people, Maharaj ji spots the person with beard or Muslim attire and attends to him or her on priority.

People at the Madarsa Ziaul Uloom, in old Gorakhpur told ABP News reporter, that Yogi Adityanath reacted quickly when Maulana’s of the Madarsa reported about the illegal land grabbing by some anti-social elements. Yogi contacted the concerned Police officers and got the case settled within hours.

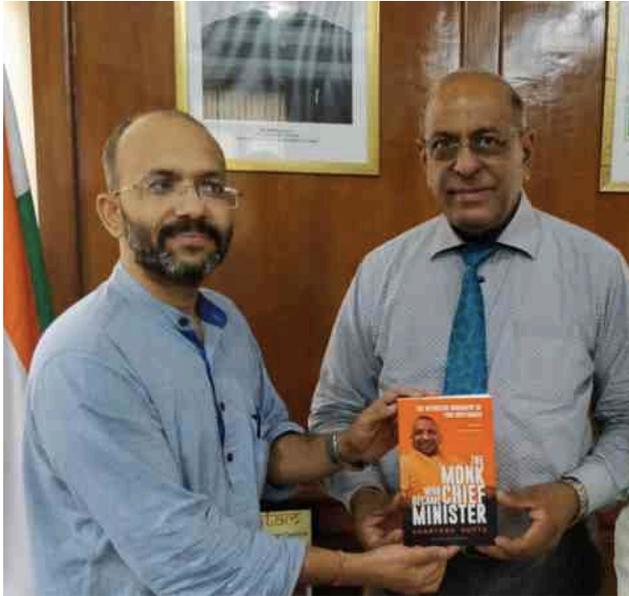
Many people from the Muslim community have shops inside the Mutt’s compound and many others are dependent on the Mutt for their livelihood, directly or indirectly. Even in Uttarakhand, where the Mutt has setup the, Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath College, near Yogi Adityanath’s native village, Dr. Aftab Ahmed, Professor of Economics, is the head of the institution.

⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMaSjyjfMyo>

Who is Real Yogi Adityanath ?

- ✓ Yogi Adityanath is 44 years young chief minister of the most populous state of India.
- ✓ Yogi Adityanath is a five time parliamentarian elected by people.
- ✓ Yogi Adityanath is solving problems of people from all castes and religion from last 20 hours, 3-4 hours a day.
- ✓ Yogi Adityanath performance is amazing in parliament – based on questions he has asked, debates he participated on various development and cultural issues
- ✓ Yogi Adityanath's Gorakhnath Mutt runs more than 44 institutions working on education, health and other areas, which have more than 50,000 benefices in it.

I got the opportunity to gift this book, with all the facts on Yogi Adityanath to **Shri Mr Jagdishwar Goburdhun**, High Commissioner of Mauritius to India



Honorable PM, let me know, if I can provide any more details to clarify the confusion created by Mr. Shakeel Mohamed's letter.

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Regards,

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