

## Religion in INM

H By 1890s, Religion emerged as an imp Tool in organizing the people & orthodox elements became popular.

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(a) Rise in CULTURAL NATIONALISM

(b) Events like Controversy over

TILAK & his

POORNA SARVAJANIK

SABHA opposed

By Interference

in Indian customs

∴ TOOK ORTHODOX

Positions. Used

KESARI (Marathi)

& MAHARATTA (English)

• RUKHMABAI CASE (1884-88) ↔ Child MARRIAGE

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DEATH OF HYROLD PHULMONI ∴ of sexual abuse by older husband

DEBATE over AGE OF CONSENT BILL 1891

TILAK was associated with

ALL INDIA  
COW PROTECTION MOVEMENT 1890s  
BY ARYA SAMAJ

LOCAL GAURAKSHINI SABHAS

COW KILLING RIOTS 1893

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⊖ Use of

COW FOR  
POLITICAL  
MOBILIZATION  
OF LAZY HINDUS

SUDHMI MOVEMENT FOR RECONVERSION FROM

TANZEEM & TABLIQH MOVEMENTS

Christianity

Islam

Sikhism

Imp Role  
OF  
MADAN  
MOMAN  
MALVIYA

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1880s-90s: Hindi-URDU controversy in "NW PROVINCES & AWADH"  
Demand for Hindi to be made official language like URDU  
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Success in 1900 as GO NWP & AWADH GAVE OFFICIAL STATUS  
• Hindi NOT associated with HINDUS & URDU WITH MUSLIMS

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"POLITICAL RECRUITMENT OF GOD GANPATI"

RICHARD CASHMAN'S PHRASE in his book on TILAK (1970)

# TILAK'S brilliant idea OF converting GANPATI POOJA at homes  
into BIG NATIONALISTIC POLITICAL RALLIES.

(a) BRILLIANT 😊 GANPATI WORSHIPPED BY all CASTES  
∴ BUILT CASTE UNITY.

(b) 1893 : • BEGAN GANPATI FESTIVAL as ANNUAL PUBLIC FESTIVAL  
(AFTER 1853 GOV RIOTS in MH; till then a Pvt AFFAIR)

By 1905, it

was celebrated

across Maharashtra.

• ASKED HINDUS to BOYCOTT MUHARRAM & attend  
GANPATI FESTIVAL (∵ ALLEGEDLY GOVT PRO MUSLIM  
in RIOTS)

• INTRODUCED LARGE GANPATI IMAGES

• MELA whr 100s OF SINGERS sang PATRIOTIC  
SONGS.

(c) 1896 : SHIVAJI FESTIVAL Deven by TILAK, celebrate  
CORONATION OF SHIVAJI as Chhatrapati. "who upheld  
Self Respect of HINDUS"

# Tilak's speech of Shivaji murdering Afzal Khan (1659) at Shivaji Festival & a Poem "Shivaji's Utterances" Published in Kesari.

Vinayak Savarkar (+) inspired Chapekar Brothers to kill Rand, 1897  
wrote Nationalistic songs for Ganpati Festival the hated Suptd of Plague Commission (∴ used force to get infected to hospitals) (Plague 1897, Famine 1896)  
Tilak had organized Plague Relief in Poona & criticized harsh tactics of Rand.

"Swaraj is my birthright & I shall have it"  
was imprisoned for 18 months.

∴ Ganpati & Shivaji Festivals = Tools for spread of Nationalistic ideas.

By 1910 Govt suppressed them.

@ Madras : 1882 Theosophical Society → led to rise in Hindu Revivalism

(+) Led interest of educated Indians, in Indian history

Hindu Revivalism got associated with Extremists in INC

+  
with (Early) Nationalism

∴ Early Nationalism was not devoid of Religion, rather

It gained strength from Religion.

• Nationalism ∴ not just a result of Western Education

But also of Cultural Nationalism

• Cultural Nationalism was given political direction by Extremists INC Leaders.

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-ve: Alienation of Muslims. ∴ It was Hindu Nationalism & saw Mughal Period as of Tyranny.

" " Lower Castes ∴ It was Hinduism shaped by upper caste world view

alienated Sikhs ∴ of Arya Samaj activities in Punjab.

↓ to

Sikh Sabha Mvt (1880s-90s)

# ~ to Hindu Revivalism.

# Purify Sikhism (↔ Idolatry, ↔ Polytheism)

# Focus on GKS ∴ Focus on Sikh Identity

# " " Getting Back Control of Sikh Shrines from Br

# Focus on Gurmukhi Script & Punjabi Language

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