

Rohatgi also attacked the 19th century Indian social reformer [Raja Ram Mohan Roy](#) as a "traitor" & lackey of British, and accused him of defaming the tradition of [Sati](#).^{[34][35]} She also glorified the tradition of Sati, saying that women burned themselves alive in order to evade rape by Islamic invaders.^{[36][37][38]} [Hindol Sengupta](#) and [Sanjeev Sanyal](#) presented balanced view of the events over her remarks. Museum Secretary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Memorial Museum said that Rohatgi seems to know nothing about him.^[39]

In June 2019, Rohatgi claimed that [maratha](#) ruler [Shivaji](#) was born in [shudra varna](#) and later moved up in caste hierarchy.^{[40][41]} NCP leader [Jitendra Awhad](#) filed complaint against her in Mumbai and demanded arrest of her over her remarks.^[citation needed] She issued a video apology over Twitter.^{[42][43][44]}

Rohatgi claimed that [Jawaharlal Nehru](#), first prime minister of India, was not legitimate child of [Motilal Nehru](#) but born out of an illicit relationship of [Kamala Nehru](#) with another man in Facebook video in October 2019.^[45] She also alleged that Motilal Nehru had five wives.^[46] Youth Congress leader lodged police complaint against her for insulting the Nehru family.^{[47][48][49][50]} Later, she offered public apology to Priyanka Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi.^[51] On 15 December, she was detained by [Bundi Police](#) in [Ahmedabad](#) due to her remarks on Nehru-Gandhi family.^[52] She was later arrested. On 16 December 2019 Court sent her in Judicial custody for 9 days till 24 December 2019.^[53] On 17 December she was released on bail.^[54]

Rohatgi wrote a series of vulgar tweets about Muslim women participating in [Citizenship \(Amendment\) Bill protests](#) for which Twitter suspended her account for a week in June 2020. Her account was permanently suspended in July 2020.^[55] A Metropolitan Magistrate court in Mumbai noted that the tweets prima facie "show disregard against Muslim women and Community" and ordered a technical investigation.^{[56][57]}

Filmography [[edit](#)]

Films [[edit](#)]

Year	Title	Role	Language	Notes
1991	Keechu Raallu	child artist	Telugu film	
2002	<i>Yeh Kya Ho Raha Hai?</i>	Esha	Hindi debut film	
	<i>Patth</i>		Hindi	
2003	<i>Tumse Milkar</i>	Flora		
2004	<i>Plan</i>	Tanya		
	<i>Police Force: An Inside Story</i>	Item Song		
	<i>Rakht</i>	Tanya		
	<i>Tauba Tauba</i>	Payal		
2005	<i>Laila – A Mystery</i>	Laila		
	<i>Chetna: The Excitement</i>	Chetna		

	<i>Fun - Can Be Dangerous Sometimes</i>	Natasha		
2006	<i>36 China Town</i>	Gracy		
	<i>Mr. 100%</i>			
	<i>Corporate</i>	Item Song		
	<i>Heyy Babyy</i>	Special appearance		
2007	<i>Mahanandi</i> ^[58]	Item Song	Telugu	
	<i>Dhol</i>	Sophie		
2008	<i>Ugly Aur Pagli</i>	Guest appearance	Hindi	
	<i>Dil Kabaddi</i>	Kaya		
2012	<i>Valentine's Night</i>	Sanjana		
2018	<i>Halfa Macha Ke Gail</i> ^[59]	Item Song	Bhojpuri	

Television [edit]

Year	Title	Role	Notes	Ref.
2007	<i>Fear Factor India 2</i>	Contestant	4th Place	
2008	<i>Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 1</i>		Eliminated, 13th place	^[60]
	<i>Bigg Boss 2</i>		9th place (Evicted on Day 54)	^[61]
2009	<i>Raaz Pichhle Janam Ka</i>			
2010	<i>Meethi Choori No 1</i>			
	<i>CID</i>	Herself		
2011	<i>Zor Ka Jhatka: Total Wipeout 1</i>	Contestant		
2012	<i>Survivor India 1</i>		6th place(Semifinalist)	
2013	<i>Hum Ne Li Hai-Shapath</i>	Payal		
	<i>Welcome – Baazi Mehmaan Nawazi Ki 1</i>	Contestant	Winner	
	<i>Bigg Boss 7</i>	Herself	Guest	
2014	<i>Box Cricket League 1</i>	Contestant		^[62]
2014–2015	<i>Humsafars</i>	Anam		
2015	<i>Nach Baliye 7</i>	Contestant	9th place	

	<i>2025 Jaane Kya Hoga Aage</i>	Forum	Special appearance	
	<i>Agent Raghav - Crime Branch</i>	Manjeera		
2016	<i>Suryaputra Karn</i>	<i>Amba / Shikhandini / Shikhandi</i>		
2022	<i>Lock Upp</i>	Contestant	1st Runner-up	

Orations [[edit](#)]

Year	Speech At	Topic	About
2022	TEDxIIM Rohtak	Glitz, Glamour and The Grind ^[63]	Payal Rohatgi was invited as a Motivational Speaker at the TEDxIIM Rohtak function. It was her first ever oration where she could inspire the youth and the students of IIM which is considered to be an acclaimed education institution all over the world

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