





# From having legs hacked off to getting RS foothold: A Master's journey of grit

PM Nominates RSS Votary Who Lost Both Limbs In '94 CPM Attack

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New Delhi: It was May 2016. Speaking at a rally in Kasargod, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held up the hand of C Sadanandan Master as he lauded the silence imposed on the story of the victim of barbaric post-violence. Coming from a family of hardcore CPM members, the 30-year-old school teacher was influenced by the writings of poet Akkitham and turned into a votary of RSS's philosophy of cultural nationalism. He was dubbed a traitor by his comrades, who punished the defection by hacking off both his legs in 1994. The limbs were mutilated so that they could not be rejoined. The PM heaped the "silence" on Sunday that he yearned for announcing Sadanandan Master's nomination to Rajya Sabha—a move that lakhs of members and sympathisers of RSS would applaud.

For, if the atrocity was meant to intimidate him into submission, the attackers failed miserably. Sadanandan

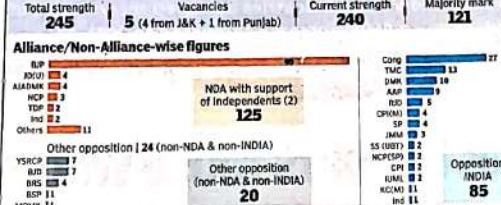
celebrate on Sunday: the nomination of historian Mookanishi Jain. Part of the rare breed that challenged the dominant Left historiography Jain had to endure resistance and ridicule in academic circles. She, however, earned the admiration of Hindutva circles by detailing the destruction of temples in the medieval period, a taboo area for 'mainstream' historians. Her books—'Flight of Deities and Rebirth of Temples', and 'Rama and Ayodhya'—are evidence of the tenacity with which she pursued her passion.

Ujjwal Nikam, the Mumbai lawyer who successfully argued for death penalty for Ajmal Kasab of 26/11 infamy and had earlier argued the 1993 Mumbai serial bomb blasts case, is not known for his links with RSS. Yet, his nomination appears to be part of Modi rewarding those who turn out to be symbols of the cause.

Ditto for Harsh Vardhan Shringla, the career diplomat who served as foreign minister under Modi 2.0. He

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## 'Hindi or Marathi?' Nikam recalls chat with Modi

Times News Network

Mumbai: "Mi Marahit Bolu, ki Hindi (Should I speak in Marathi or Hindi)," Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked Ujjwal Nikam on Saturday evening before telling the advocate in Marathi about his nomination to the Rajya Sabha. "I laughed a little but he laughed heartily," Nikam recalls the special pub-

lican. Nikam was awarded the Padma Shri in 2016 and was BJP's candidate for the 2024 Lok Sabha

# Uddhav Sena's men trace & assault autowala over Marathi

Vishal Rajmehadhikari | TNN

Vasai: Days after a video showing an autorickshaw driver's refusal to converse in Marathi had gone viral, the driver was traced and assaulted by a group of men, allegedly from Shiv Sena (UBT), Saturday afternoon. A case of rioting has been filed against at least eight people.

The rickshaw driver, Pratik Patwar, who pilots his vehicle from Virar (east) autorickshaw stand, had in the viral video defiantly said that he would speak only Bhojpuri and Hindi, and would not speak Marathi.

The video went viral the day Maharashtra Navnirman Sena was to hold a rally in Mira Road last week.

On Saturday, not only was the autorickshaw driver assaulted but he was also forced to apologise to a passenger to whom he had refused to speak Marathi. In a fresh video of Saturday, the rickshaw driver is seen apologising for his act, hands joined, while a group of men train him on how to speak Marathi. The passenger, identified only as Bhavesh, was on his way to Virar station to drop off a relative when an autorickshaw brushed past him. Bhavesh told the driver in Marathi to be careful. The rickshaw driver



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responded in Hindi, saying he would "not speak Marathi" but would converse only in Hindi.

Shiv Sena (UBT) नेता from Vasai Virar, Uday Jadhav, who allegedly led the assault with his men, said that he was scouting for the autorickshaw driver over the past week since the video had gone viral. "He has disrespected Marathi language (in the video). We have now taught him a lesson. Anyone who disrespects the Marathi language will be taught a lesson in this manner."

Senior inspector of Virar police station, Lulu Tare, said eight or nine have been booked for rioting and assault.

## Uddhav-Raj alliance not sealed yet: UBT's Raut

Mumbai: Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sunjay Raut on Sunday said that even though MNS chief (H) Uddhav Thackeray and UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray came together against the position of Hindutva, their political alliance was not sealed yet. Raut said it was necessary for this alliance to be forged, as there should be no confusion, reports Chaitanya Marpakwar.

Raut also said that one day Raj would come forward and clear the air on his high level meetings with Uddhav Thackeray and Eknath Shinde. Raut made the comments in his weekly column in Saam. Political analysts said that his column, Raut, was cautioning Raj that he must stay true to the Thackeray reunion and announce a formal alliance without any formal alliance between the two cousins and telling the former to come forward to a political observer said.

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