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[THREAD]
Sharjeel Imam tried to shake Indian Muslims out of their apathy asked them to hit the roads in protest against laws tht would snatch even their 2nd class citizenship from them(1/n)

Of course he is a powerful orator and was able to organise a remarkable marquee protest, at Shaheen Bagh which was the focal point of the entire Anti-CAA/NRC protests.

He proposed how we could come together and unite in our fight against the fascists.(2/n)
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He suggested ways how we could use our numbers to force them to listen to our justified demands

But his speeches were maliciously edited and selectively trimmed to vilify him, to discredit his words and use him as another stick beat Muslims with. (3/n)
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Libbus, Centrists & even many Muslims didnot miss the opportunity to throw him under the bus.

We've had instances of several Student leaders being targeted by this fascist regime 4 speaking up. 3 high profile cases are especially interesting & can be used as a case study..(4/n)

..on the hypocrisy of Libbus, centrists and what sarkari Muslims
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He was strictly against the incumbent UPA/MMS govt and supported Modi to replace it. Joined JNU. Was/became interested in student politics and decided to contest elections(5/n)

as a leftist candidate. Won and became JNUSU president.
He clearly had political ambitions. Was pursuing PhD in African Studies.

When he was accused and arrested, Godi media vilified him, NDTV and other liberal, independent media glorified him.(6/n)
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He became the face of resistance. The "Azadi" chant that he appropriated from Kashmiri protestors became known as "Kanhaiya slogan"

Everybody who gained their fame from their anti-Modi stand joined & supported him. Kunal Kamra,Swara Bhaskar, Even Umar Khalid & Kafeel Khan.(7/n)

But ever since losing the Lok Sabha election last year, Kanhaiya has been conspicuous by this absence and silence during all the oppression and brutality against Muslims. He spoke up only when JNU was attacked.(8/n)
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Umar came to National prominence alongwith Kanhaiya & was arrested along with him & another student leader, Anirban. Umar,too,is a leftist. He has also claimed to be an atheist in past.Umar was also given attention,to a lesser degree, with Kanhaiya(9/n)

But he seems to be a more private person and doesn't seem to bask in the attention and premature glorification as Kanhaiya did.

He also doesn't seem to have as much political ambition.

He may be an atheist, but he still bears a Muslim name, given to him by his family.(10/n)

This Muslim name brought in a more vicious assault on his character from Godi media and the IT Cell. They claimed that he had been to Pakistan & trained in teππoπism to destroy India.

Bt the fact that he's an atheist, gave comfort to Libbus & they defended him sometimes..(11/n)

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Sharjeel did his BTech in CSE from IIT Bombay. Had offers from best corporations around the world. Even worked for a while in one.

But he didn't find fulfilment in it. He wanted to use his brilliantly gifted intellect for the good of humanity.(12/n)

He joined JNU for higher studies. Completed his masters and PhD.

When the fascists introduced the CAA bill (now Act) it sparked protests across the country against the discrimination being meted out to Muslims, both, citizens and refugees..(13/n)
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Sharjeel saw that & hoped that this unity & audacity shown by Muslims would be sufficient to get us our rights if channelized properly.
But the "allies" were the first ones to discredit him & vilify him.

They don't want solutions, they want to have a perpetual cause. (14/n)

Hindu>Muslim name bearing Atheist>Practicing Muslim

We must unite and support each other or we will see days worse than we've already seen, Allah forbid.
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