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**Did you know?**

**When Saudi Arabia's King visited India in 1955, PM Nehru ordered all the Hindu Temples and Idols of Hindu Deities that came in Saudi King's way to be covered up.**

**Our temples are the architectural marvels in their own league.**



Each of our temples tells the story of our rich history and cultural heritage. Was Nehru that ashamed of his own nation's heritage that he had to cover them up or there was some other reason? The answer would be best known to him only.

PM Nehru invited the then Saudi King Saud bin Abdul Aziz to India who accepted the invitation and planned a 17 day long official visit to India in 1955. Saudi King had brought a large delegation with him and he had to visit various Indian cities like Mumbai, Hyderabad, Agra,



Aligarh, Shimla, Mysore and Varanasi. However, when Saudi King reached Varanasi, Nehru ordered to cover all the temples and Idols with curtains that came in the way of the Royal Convoy. During his stay in Varanasi, Govt buildings were painted with the words "Kalma Tayyiba".



**Why did Nehru order to cover all the temples and deities during Saudi King's visit in 1955?**

'Kalma Tayyiba' means 'There is not God but only Allah and Mohammed is his messenger'. In addition to it, Pooja and Aartis were also stopped at temples. I can call it the appeasement politics of the highest order and Nehru was indeed the greatest appeaser of all times.

But was it really worth it. Can a person stooge to that level of lowness just to appease a powerful person of different faith. How can anybody's conscience agree to it?

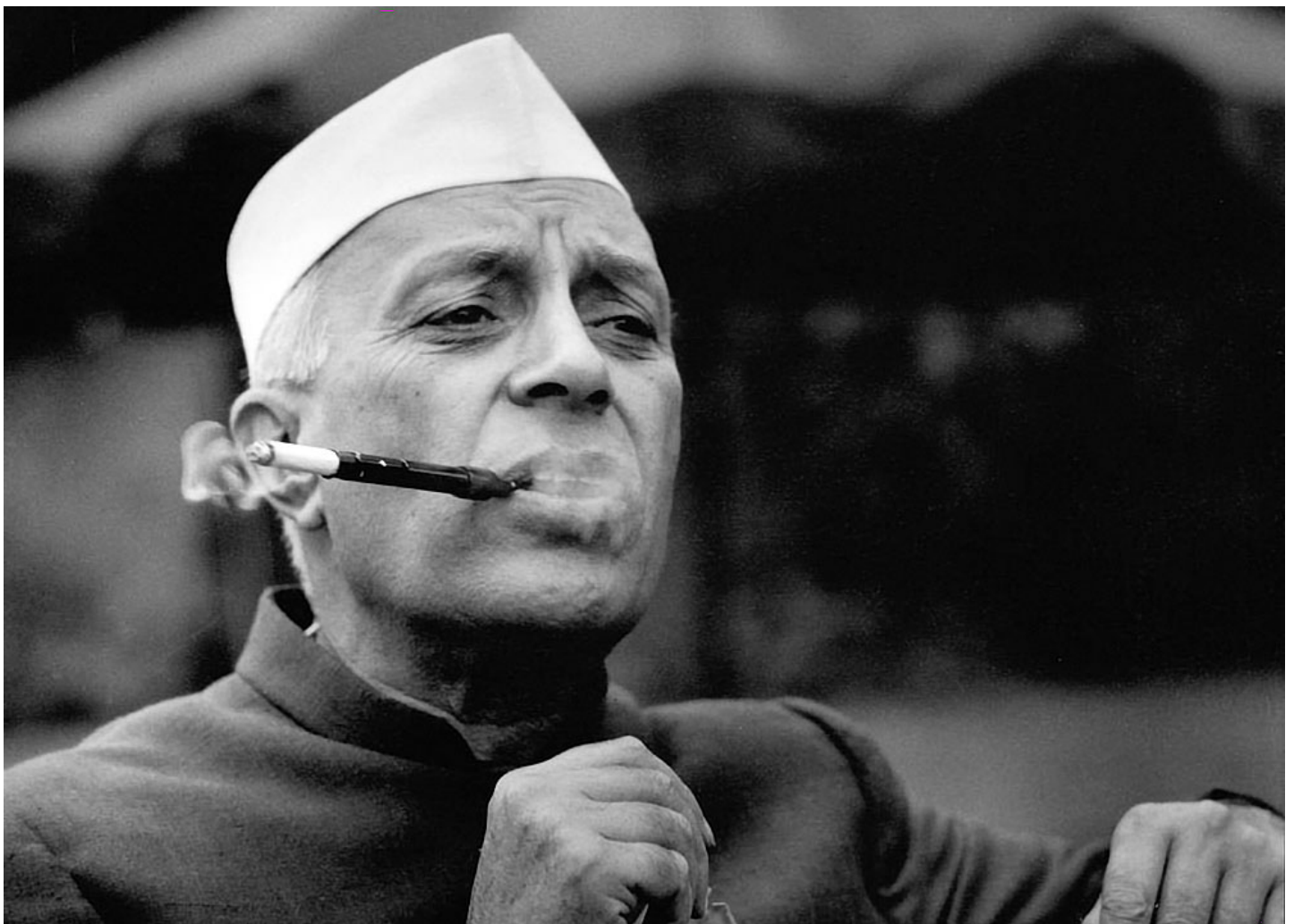
Varanasi is an ancient holy city of India which is full of ancient temples and rich cultural heritage.

Varanasi was the city that was brutally attacked and destroyed in several consecutive Islamic invasions. Kashi Vishwanath temple was first destroyed by Qutubdin Aibak. Hindus rebuilt it to be attacked again by Sikander Lodhi. Reconstructed by Raja Man Singh in 1585.

In 1669, Kashi was again attacked by another Islamic invader named Aurangzeb who not only destroyed every temple that came his way but also killed each and every Hindu devotee who tried to save the temples.

These Islamic invaders not only destroyed the temples in Kashi but all over India. Every temple that was destroyed, they raised a Mosque in its place, the proofs of which we are still finding all over. These Mosques remind us about our historical wounds that have still not healed.

It's not that Nehru didn't know about all these facts but the question is that despite knowing the facts, Why he behaved in a certain way that he did, and not only once, many times. Why should India do anything that conforms to Saudi King's beliefs and his country?



And to that matter why should India do anything that any other country wants?

The Irony was that when Nehru requested Saudi King to say, 'fate of Indian Muslim was in safe hand' in his speech. So,



Nehru wanted to prove this.

Nehru also visited Saudi Arabia in 1956 to take ahead the diplomatic relations but did Saudi King cover all the Mosques coming in Nehru's way? Definitely not. Saudi Arabia didn't compromise with its culture and traditions and for that Saudi King definitely deserves appreciation.

The problem was with our leader, not the leader of Saudi Arabia.

Nehru has done the politics of appeasement whole his life the negative consequences of which we are still facing. All he cared about was the PM's Chair. He was a power hungry PM who didn't care about India at all.

If he cared, this great Nation would have been still united. He could've easily stopped the partition if he gave up his dream of becoming PM.

See the contrasting images ■

Continuing the legacy of their Great Grandfather and An Unapologetic Hindu.

