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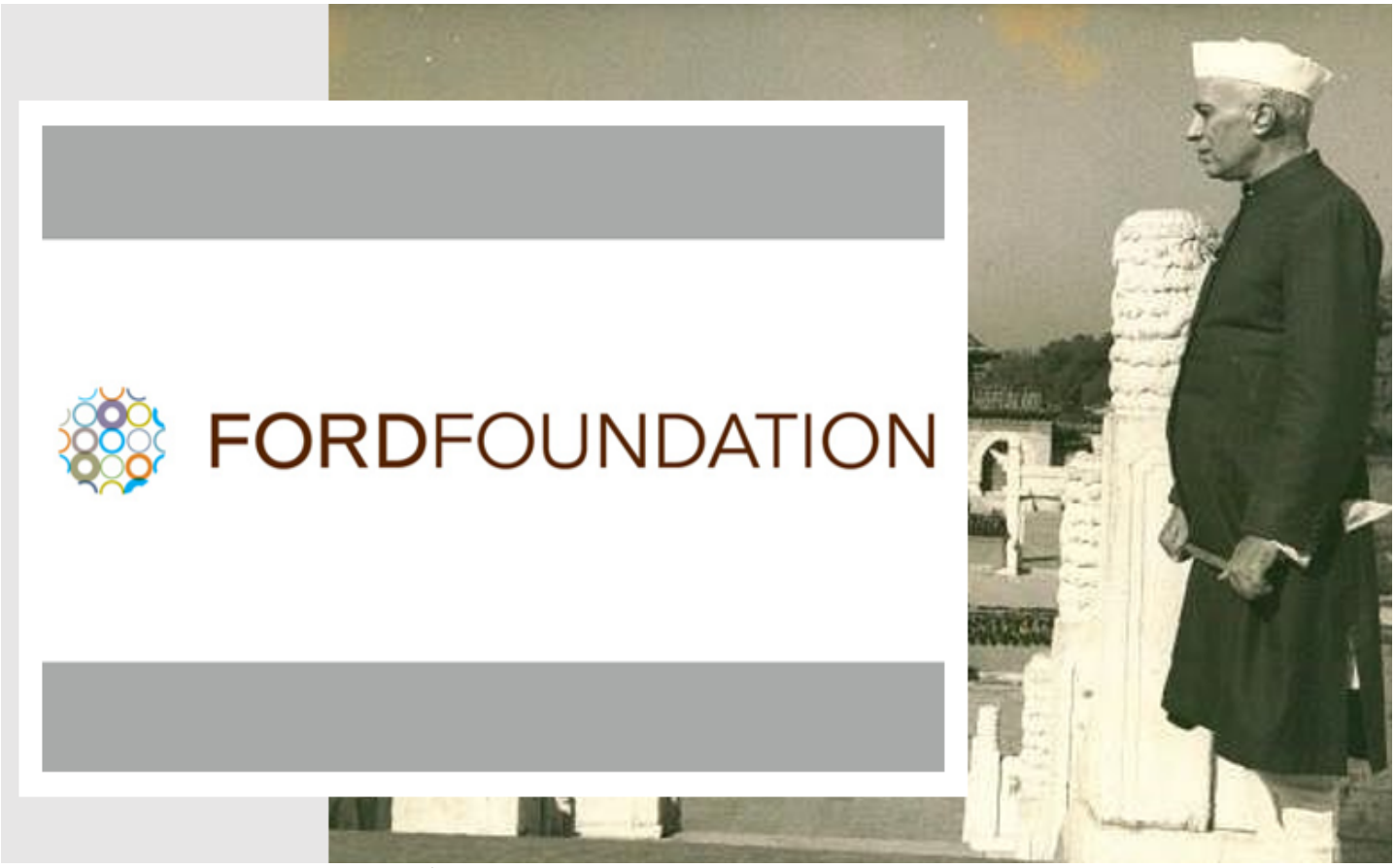
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FORD is NOT exiting INDIA. Neither it came here just 25 years back with their cars, nor it is going to quit anytime soon.

CIA linked Ford Foundation estb in India in 1952 upon Nehru's invitation, has sent millions$$ since then, until Modi regime holds the rein.

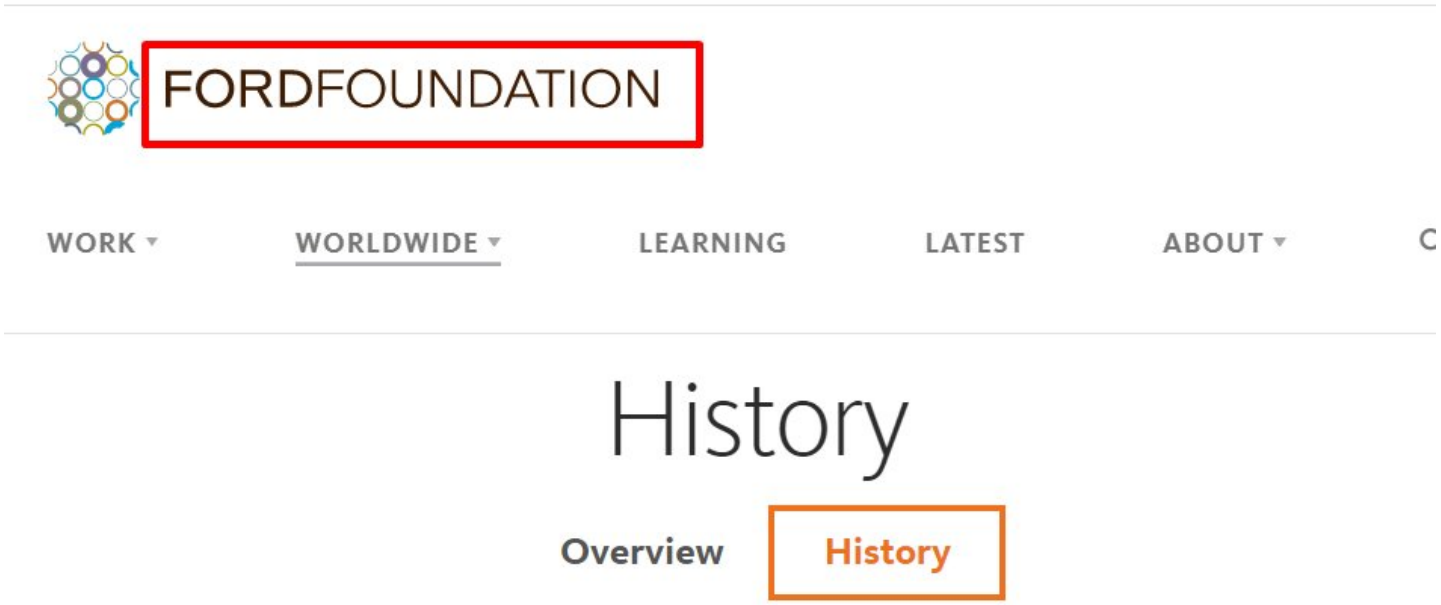
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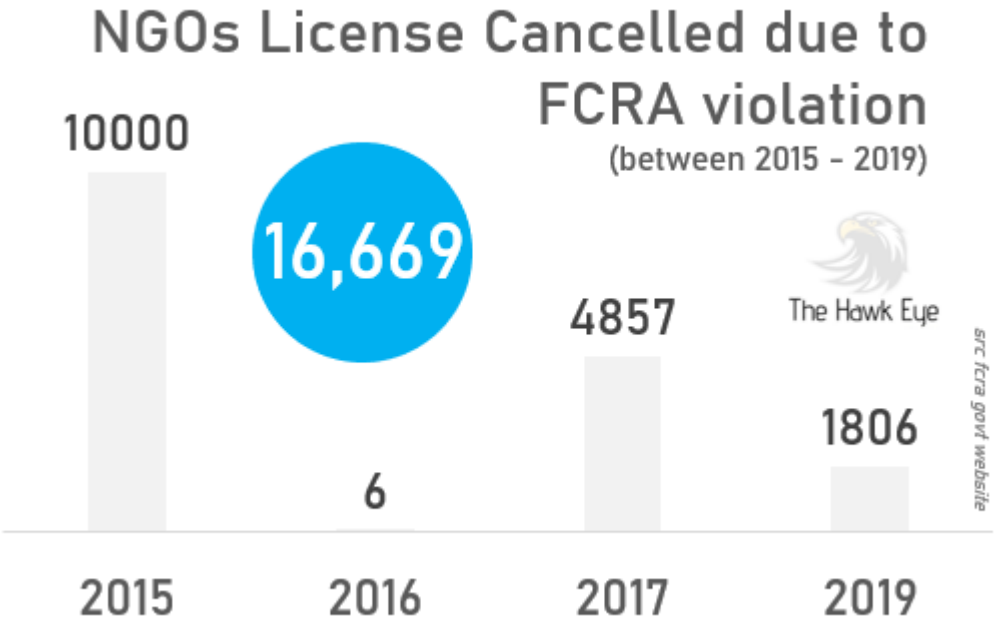


As per FF website, it has sent approx $508mn in India (P1,2), having office at 55, Lodhi Estate, Delhi (P3) which apparently is the same address that of UN Information Center in India (P4), enjoying sort of immunity under a "signed memorandum"

with GoI in 1952, until 2014!
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Life turns here. As soon as PM Modi assumed office, MHA cracked down on all foreign-funded NGOs & subsequently more than 16K NGO were banned for FCRA violation between 2015-19.
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FF was no exception and came under heavy scrutiny & had almost "packed". Apr'15 news started surfacing about scrutiny over FF, citing case when FF lent $200K to Sabrang NGO run by Teesta Satelvad in 2008 for fueling communalism & nat'al security concerns.
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Here, FF started an Int'nal lobbying, followed by series of meetings with MHA/MEA/FM. Note that in 2008, FF roped in Infy founder NRN Murthy also to executive board, who participated in one such high profile meeting in May'15 with Derren Walker (FF Prez), John Podesta
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(adviser to Hillary Clinton) & Kavita Ramdas (Ford India head, asso. with OSF too) with Nripendra Mishra (PS to PM) & Arun Jaitley.

Wikileaks cables revealed e-mails exchange where Walker raised SOS, & Podesta promised to support including talking to Jaishankar too.

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Dear John,

Many thanks for speaking with me last night and your willingness to reach out to S Jaishankar on our behalf. As promised, please find attached background materials on the current controversy between Ford and the Indian government. I'm happy to speak further if the information contained raises questions that need clarifying.

Also, please do let me know when you're in NY in the coming weeks. It would be great to catch up in person.

With gratitude,

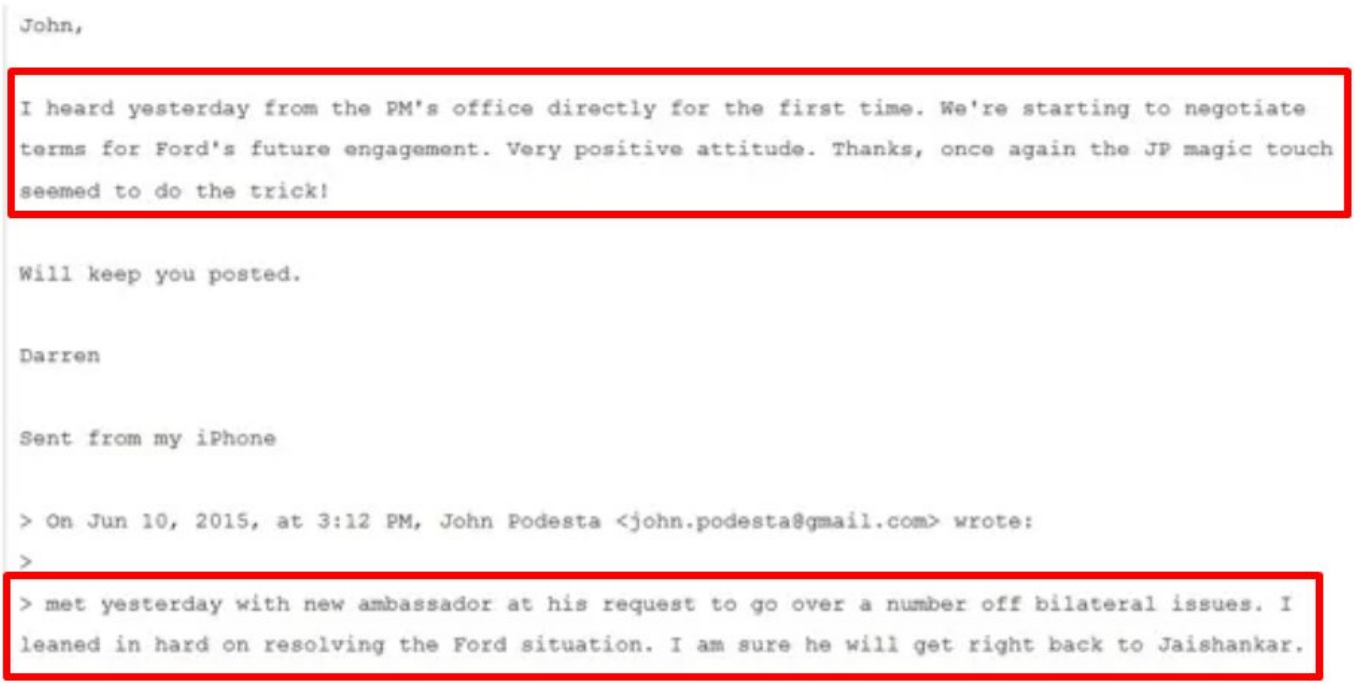
Darren

Darren Walker
President
Ford Foundation

Credit: Screenshot, Wikileaks

Things finally settled (or negotiated) (P1). MHA put FF in 'prior permission' ("watchlist") in 2015 (P2), which was later removed a year after FF reg under FEMA (P3). All-in-all FF closely escaped full ban. Later MHA allowed use of frozen funds also for staff's salary.

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John,

I heard yesterday from the PM's office directly for the first time. We're starting to negotiate terms for Ford's future engagement. Very positive attitude. Thanks, once again the JP magic touch seemed to do the trick!

Will keep you posted.

Darren

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 10, 2015, at 3:12 PM, John Podesta <john.podesta@gmail.com> wrote:
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> met yesterday with new ambassador at his request to go over a number off bilateral issues. I leaned in hard on resolving the Ford situation. I am sure he will get right back to Jaishankar.

In any case, it irked officials who cited that any such arrangement (memorandum) is fine then, but why FF didn't bother to comply when FERA (later FEMA) laws were enacted. (P1)

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Ford Foundation, government sources said, started its Indian operations through an office in Lodi Estate at the invitation of then PM Jawaharlal Nehru. Subsequently, a memorandum of agreement was signed between Ford Foundation and the government on January 19, 1952, providing for grants to the ministry of finance to be spent on rural livelihoods and education by experts. There was no mention of NGO funding in the agreement.

A government official argued that though the arrangement may have been fine then, as and when laws like Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973, were enacted, Ford Foundation should have registered under the same. Even after FERA was replaced with FEMA in 1999, the US-based donor did not bother to apply for a liaison office.

Ford Foundation, in a statement emailed to TOI, said the memorandum of agreement with the government, first signed in 1952, was updated several times, "determining the contours of our work and rules of operation". "We have continuously operated in accordance with the memorandum of agreement and subsequent amendments, as well as within applicable Indian law. We are also working with the government to allow routine operations – including the payment of our roughly 50 staff members – to proceed normally," it said.

Worth noting that, as it seems, CIA literally had smooth infiltration through FF by providing junkets/scholarships to govt officials w/out any clearance. There are some shocking revelations by independent research. Spend a min time going through this picture.

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Ford Foundation Had Infiltrated Nehru Government to the Core

- The Ford and Rockefeller foundations had penetrated the Indian establishment without any government oversight.
- It gave junkets and scholarships to senior government officials in the Nehru administration without clearance from the Indian government.
- These officials were directly selected by the Ford and Rockefeller foundations without the knowledge of the government.
- B K Nehru, Indira Gandhi's cousin and the Commissioner General for Economic Affairs of Indian Embassy in Washington, advised against insistence on clearance of the funds by the Rockefeller Foundation to government employees after a meeting with its President Dean Rusk.
- Rusk told the government that only consultations (and not approval) with the Department of Economic Affairs would be necessary before it funded bureaucrats and others.
- Appalled at the storm brewing in his Govt against the foundations' blatant efforts to woo government officials, Nehru denied he had given the necessarily approval. He had to backtrack after a note was shown to him, which made it obvious that the opposite was true.

Meanwhile, a side note, besides being served FF, NRN Murthy has chaired another NGO Public Health Foundation of INDIA, which was suspended in 2017 for irregularities & "lobbying", later settled with "prior permission" (watchlist) of MHA in 2018. (P3)

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Be it Kashmir, NE, anti-CAA, Farmer Protest, DGH, L-media or name any propaganda that destabilizes a nation, fundamentally needs lots of money.

And who would fund it?

The one who runs these sinister agendas sitting across miles.
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NGOs have been safe conduits to fund these hit-jobs in name of 'grants', despite having relevant laws, but not the will.

Since 2014 they are facing unprecedented scrutiny. Heavyweights like Amnesty Int'nal & Greenpeace had to shut shop bcz unable to keep the books clean.
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Ford may have been granted safe passage by Nehru, but it's not the end. They will keep producing 'dismantle or spyware' projects. If not NGOs, it'll be new source- Crowdfundings. Yes, it harms the genuine one also, but India can't afford to overlook it anymore!
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Correction - tweet #8
Read it 'unchallenged' :)

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