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Conscious of the fact that a batallion of "professional" historians & some crazy trolls have begun discrediting me, my work & whatever I said at @IndiaToday conclave with Dr @ShashiTharoor & @sardesaijdeep . Selective screenshots of NCERT books (usual play!) to prove falsehood+

Have been used. If such fakery & sleight of hand can be done on social media pity their students who suffer this on a daily basis!

Given below are links of entire books of NCERT :

Class 6: <https://t.co/UzIAoZ2GvT>

Class 7: <https://t.co/hVXMjSZ9mW>

Class 8: <https://t.co/cuy3AsEJ3Q>

Anyone can download entire books & see my point proved amply. Class 7 textbook has merely a map in chp 2, pp 16 that just states names of southern dynasties like Rashtrakutas, Pandyas etc. Some hiranyagarbha myth cited to make Rashtrakutas & their brahmin priests appear foolish

On Cholas in same chp they apparently had 400 types of oppressive taxes- of course jizia later was benign! Cholas are disposed off in 3 pages flat. Apparently Mahmud Ghazni was v interested in finding out more about the ppl he conquered & so got Albiruni to write a book (pg 21)+

Bolstering my point of Delhi centrlicity while all these great kingdoms are disposed off in 2-3 pgs, chp 3 is fully devoted to the "Delhi Sultans" - what their contribution to this country is no one knows, but their tyranny remains unmentioned +

Chp 4 is fully devoted to "Mughal Empire". Chp 5 on "Rulers & Buildings" is also largely about Delhi Sultanate & Mughal architecture/tombs/gardens wt a few temples strewn in between. "Temples and mosques were beautifully constructed because they were places of worship"■ (pp 63)

Justification for temple destruction is elaborate by citing apparent Hindu attacks Pandyan king Shrimara Shrivallabha on Srilankan Buddhists- never mind if that demonizes Hindus or creates conflicts between Hindus & Buddhists; Islamic attacks create disharmony in nation building!

Mind u just 3 lines on any temple destruction at all as against 1 page of Hindu pillaging & that too mentioned so casually that Mahmud Ghazni was not a v important ruler & in middle ages it was common to destroy & loot places of worship of defeated rulers (p66). No proofs given!

Chp 6 on Towns, Traders & Craftspersons is where we get 1 page on Vijayanagara Empire (p 82-83) & that too more on Hampi & what Domingo Paes said & it just "fell" in 1565. No separate chapter for this important Empire but couched amidst unrelated matter. +

Chp 7 on Tribals & nomads has brief para on Ahoms (pp 99-100) where Mughals under Mir Jumla's defeat of Ahoms in 1662 is mentioned but Battle of Saraighat 1671 & counter defeat by Lachit Borphukan happily omitted! Less said abt bhakti & sufi movement in chp 8 the better!+

Chp 9 is called "Making of Regional Culture" - when there was no nation according to these worthies what is "national" & what is "regional"? Delhi is "centre" & Cheras of Kerala, Rajputs of Rajasthan, Bengal are merely "Regional"? Here too Mughals intrude the chapter vastly+

Chp 10 has details of Nadir Shah, Nizam-ul-Mulk, awadh nawabs, but Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is disposed off in less than a quarter of a page that too under a portrait (pp 149). Peshwas get 1 page! Thus ends class 7 history book! +

If this doesn't prove my point of incommensurate portrayal of invaders as against native kingdoms I don't know what else can! I'm told "professional" historians work v hard & shouldn't be insulted. If this shoddy work is what comes after toil, they deserve all the rap on knuckles

Finally all trolls & their overlords sitting in foreign universities, passing slanders against me & my "ineligibility" - these ad hominem attacks r smthing I'm long used to & they don't bother me one bit. So pls save ur ammunition for some weakling who'd cower under ur bullying.

Professional history doesn't just mean working in a university & churning more liars like oneself. I reject this clergy or should I say as you folks would love to - Brahminism & elitism! I have worked hard for 15 yrs to establish my credentials & won national & international+

Acclaim & Fellowships on the merit of 6 books I have authored & forthcoming one from Routledge UK. Hence certifications from anonymous trolls/"professionals"/media mischief makers/or ur close clique of circular referencers ("peer reviews") is something I reject in totality!

Truth, courage of conviction & a clear conscience along with the support of my readers is all that i have as my strength. The rest of you with no constructive criticisms/feedback & your malicious insinuations are irrelevant to my life or my work! So pls utilize ur time elsewhere!