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A few thoughts on Tooter, since it's trending and being discussed.

The landing page makes the indigenous angle quite apparent: "MADE IN INDIA" under the logo and "A Swadeshi social network" as the tagline.

It only accepts a Gmail or Yahoo! email address, for whatever reasons.

Tooter has taken to heart the indigenous angle, even comparing the American Twitter India with the British East India company.

I have no problems with this, for this is a pitch that Tooter has decided to grow.

Tooter is forked from Mastodon, which, to me, has been a sore point.

About Tooter

We believe that India should have a Swadeshi social network.
Without one we are just a digital colony of the American Twitter
India Company, no different than what we were under the
British East India Company. Tooter is our Swadeshi Andolan
2.0. Join us in this Andolan. Join us!

Mastodon has been around for some time, and if you remember, had become temporarily popular as left-liberals had infested the place.

After some trolling Mastodon went rogue and suspended accounts (yes, mine too).

Inditoot was based on Mastodon then, but was eventually shutdown.

While I agree that Tooter is a fork, and probably not dependent on the whims of Mastodon, the wholly indigenous part becomes simply a marketing pitch.

Someone knowledgeable can explain what a fork carries over and depends on.

Even the app is based on existing Mastodon apps.

Tooter started out on the wrong toot, I mean foot, by creating and verifying accounts of Prof. Vaidya, and making people automatically follow that. In fact, newly created accounts also automatically follow the founder, Nanda.

Prof. Vaidya has now said that he is NOT on Tooter.

So, first, this is just a classic case of fraudulence, and second, other verified accounts, including the PM's, are unlikely to be on Tooter.

Tooter (and Mastodon) provides an option to create bots, which would have been a better way.

Instead, they resorted to this trickery.

Verification is different on different platforms. Some do not believe in it, some make it easier to verify yourself by simply adding :verified: after your name, and some ask your details.

Tooter says that verification is limited to Pro users only. Not much details otherwise.