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I actually tested this out. I watched her AMU lecture today. When discussing Jonaraja and Zain ul Abidin, she randomly brought in the controversy of Jack and the "Smash Brahmanical Patriarchy" posters by the anti-Hindu org "Equality Labs."

> And you don't even know Sanskrit and I highly doubt if you even know Persian.
> Everyone who confronts you with solid facts, you just blocks them to save your face.
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> Bluffer! https://t.co/70NmAbEZVD
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> — Karna | \u0995\u09b0\u09cd\u09a3 \u5350 (@TheGenerousHero) January 13, 2021

She said that "smashing Brahminical patriarchy" is an important human rights concern, but Jonaraja, if he lived today, probably wouldn't like to address it, just like most modern Brahmins. ■

I was going to ask her several questions regarding errors/omissions in her Aurangzeb book, but the lecture didn't focus on Aurangzeb. She seems to have shifted her focus to whitewashing the Madurai Sultanate (she spent a good amount of time discussing Gangadevi's Madhuravijayam).

The topic of the lecture was vaguely about Sanskrit literature, so I'd thought I'd test her knowledge of Sanskrit. Her "honed linguistic skills," as she terms them. It turns out she's clearly not the Sanskrit expert she claims to be.

I asked her a quick question to see if she was familiar with the rule "■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■." It's not an exceptionally difficult rule to understand. When preceded by the upasargas ■■■, ■■, ■■■, & ■■, the root ■■■■ takes ■tmanepada and not parasmaipada endings.

So for ■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■ we get ■■■■■■■■■, not ■■■■■■■■■. That was the answer. The other options were just filler. When confronted with the question she copped out saying that she needed context and asked if the question was about memorization of declension (conjugation?) tables.

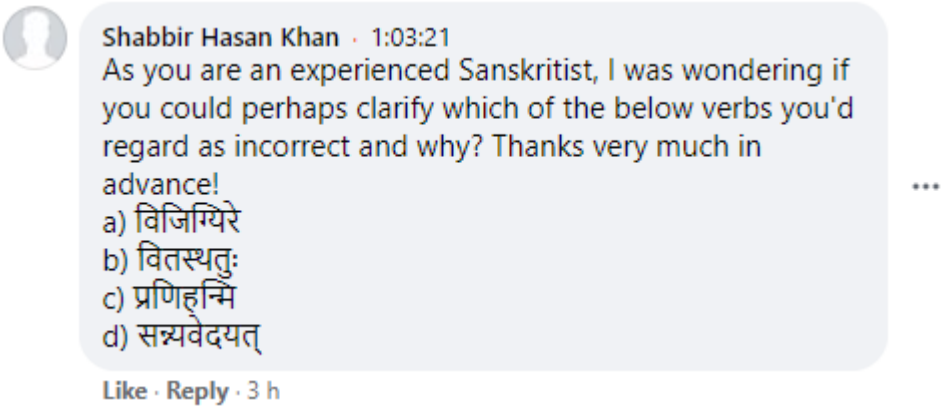
She asked the host Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi to just skip the question. The name I used to ask the question on Facebook, Shabbir Hasan Khan, is obviously not my actual name. It's the birth name of the poet Josh Malihabadi (Josh Malihabadi being his takhallus).

I took that name on Facebook because she's probably more likely to reply to a difficult question from someone with a Muslim name rather than a Hindu or Sikh name.■

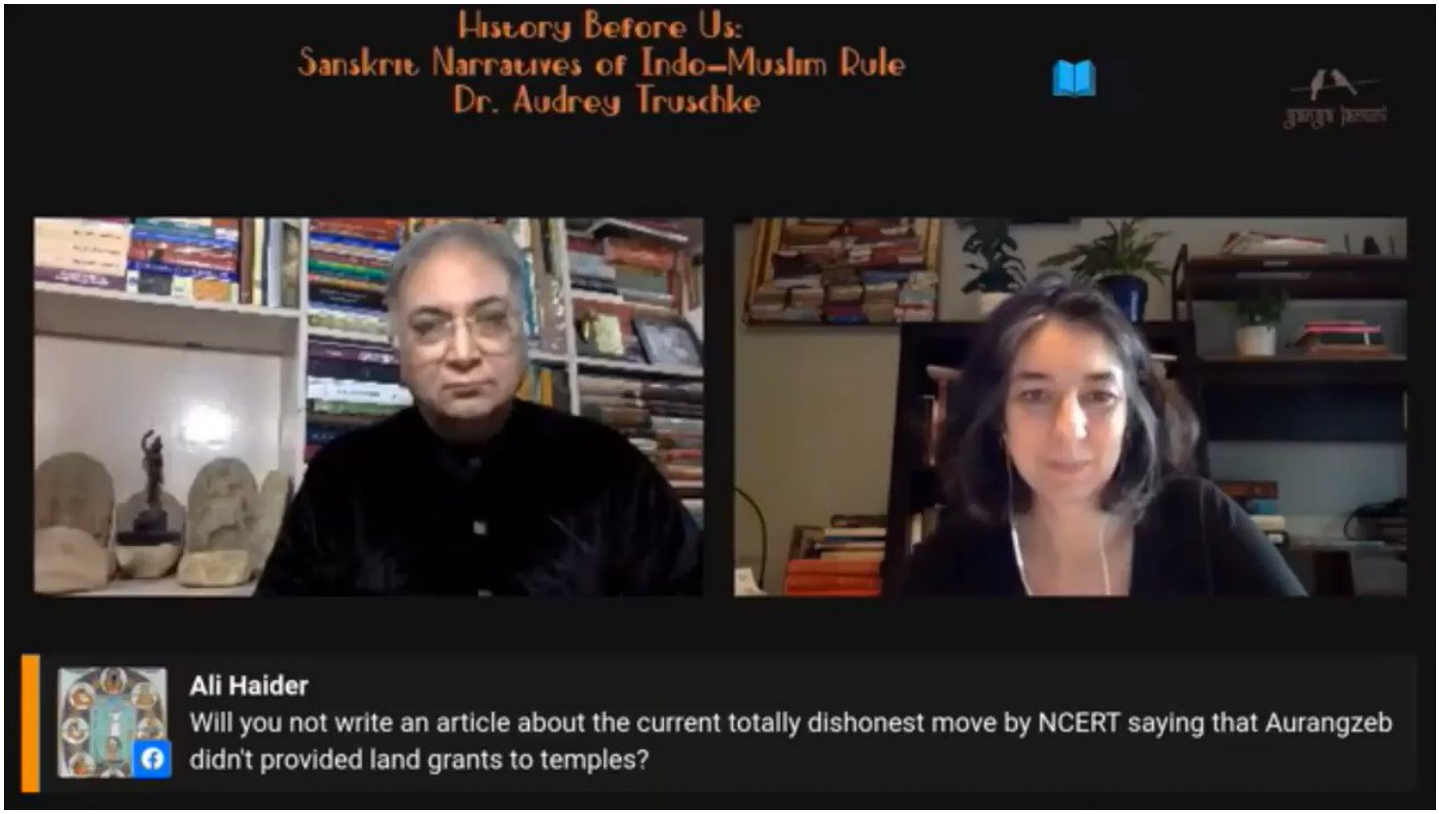
Here is the "Smash Brahminical Patriarchy" segment which I'm referring to:



Josh Malihabadi commenting to "Vidushi" Truschke from the morgue. ■



Here's her response:


History Before Us:
Sanskrit Narratives of Indo-Muslim Rule
Dr. Audrey Truschke
Ali Haider
Will you not write an article about the current totally dishonest move by NCERT saying that Aurangzeb didn't provided land grants to temples?