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Most pasmanda who are not familiar with the caste equations in muslim society often try and emulate Ashraf when they achieve social status through professional achievements.

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I wish to narrate the story of my maternal Grand Father, who came from modest household of a cloth seller. Being prodigious in studies, he rose to become HoD Urdu and Persian Dept, Langat Singh College (Bihar University).

This brought him in close proximity with Ashraf intellectual class and they made every effort to discover his caste but since his name was caste neutral, it helped him conceal his identity.

When he was a fresh appointee, he once travelled to Gorakhpur with senior professors

and entire journey they kept cursing Ansaris. He did not utter a word.

When he finally became Professor and HoD, he was very vocally against Ashraf dominance and didnt cut them any slack. He gave them better than he got in his struggling years.

This earned him great many enemies. It became common parlance that if one sees my Granfather's face in morning that Ashraf wont get two meals a day. (Basically call him manhus) This is something advocated commonly against Pasmenda.

Now the Ashraf started plotting for his downfall. They lobbied and got a new VC from Kashmir University. New VC bifurcated Urdu and Persian Dept without any notice, and provided my grandfather with Persian dept. The politics was such that since Persian Dept had almost no students

they wanted to bury my grandfather, by shutting down Persian dept all together.

My Grandfather went to Patna high court to get himself instated as HoD Urdu dept. The honorable justice advised him to move to sessions court and finally through intervention of Governor,

he was able to win legal fight. Although he was without pay for almost an year.

So when Pasmenda attempts to copy his oppressor, speak his language, dress a certain way or feign medieval Indo Islamic traditions, it makes me laugh.

Truly the pedagogy of the oppressed is to never challenge the status quo, but rather reinforce it.
I for one, reject their language and culture, as I am done playing on Ashraf's pitch.

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