

The BJP and the Rise of Fascism in India. The Suspicious Death of Judge Loya

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"The Fascist State organizes the nation, but it leaves the individual adequate elbow room. It has curtailed useless or harmful liberties while preserving those which are essential. In such matters the individual cannot be the judge, but the State only. The Fascist"

– Benito Mussolini [1]

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With a population of over 1.2 billion people, the Republic of India is considered the world's most populous democracy. Yet, civil liberties and the power of the masses to direct their affairs in their own interest are being undermined if developments in recent years are any indication.

Beyond the increasing incidence of [lynchings and mob violence](#) targeting minorities, and the [severe crack-downs](#) on dissent, there is significant doubts being raised about the sanctity of the rule of law. A story surfacing in the fall of 2017 has cast suspicion on the ability of the courts to rule independently of political influence.

On December 1, 2014, a judge with the country's Central Bureau of Investigation was reported to have died of natural causes. Judge Brijgopal Loya had been presiding over one of the nation's most high profile cases, that of a murder implicating the president of the governing BJP party.

Two investigative reports published in November of 2017, brought to the fore doubts expressed by Loya's family about the account of his death. These doubts were corroborated by documents accessed by the author highlighting irregularities in the overall depiction of events around Loya's death. The family also detailed attempts at bribery and intimidation of the judge in the weeks leading up to his untimely death at the age of 48.

To date, the response of officialdom has been to try to [discredit](#) the report and downplay the revelations therein.

India is a significant power. One of the world's largest economies and a member of the powerful BRICS alliance of nations with strategic links with both the [U.S. and Russia](#). What does a significant deterioration of the India's democratic rights mean within a larger geopolitical context.

These are the questions we will be exploring in a special recently broadcast live to air edition of the Global Research News Hour. Our special guest for the hour is the journalist who broke the story, **Niranjan Takle**. He will discuss the case, the betrayal of the journalistic community, the factors directing the BJP's regressive agenda, the implications for foreign relations, and more.

Links to Mr. Takle's 2017 stories can be found here:

["A family breaks its silence: Shocking details emerge in death of judge presiding over Sohrabuddin trial"](#)

["Chief Justice Mohit Shah made an offer of Rs 100 crore to my brother for a favourable judgment in the Sohrabuddin case: Late Judge Loya's Sister"](#).

Professor Radhika Desai, who is presenting Mr. Takle at his Winnipeg talk also joins us in this studio discussion.

Upcoming Canadian speaking events for **Niranjan Takle**:

Sunday, 23rd September

5-7 pm

Ryerson University, Room 358, Podium Building

350 Victoria Street (on north-west corner of Gould and Victoria)

Organized by India Civil Watch and Jamhoor

Supported by the Ryerson Faculty Association Equity Committee

info: icivilwatch@gmail.com

Saturday, 29th September

4-6pm

at Alternatives

3720 Park Avenue

Montreal H2X 2J1

organized by: CERAS and India Civil Watch-Canada

info: cerasmontreal@gmail.com

Niranjan Takle is a journalist based in India. He has worked as a stringer and as a correspondent for CNN-IBN, and later as a bureau chief for Network 18's Maharashtra (north). He worked for The Week from 2011 to 2017, only leaving after it refused to publish his story on the death of judge Loya. The Caravan published the story but has not as yet hired Takle on a permanent basis. He is currently unemployed and looking for work.

Dr. Radhika Desai is Professor at the Department of Political Studies, and Director, Geopolitical Economy Research Group, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. She is the author of [*Geopolitical Economy: After US Hegemony, Globalization and Empire \(2013\)*](#), and [*Slouching Towards Ayodhya: From Congress to Hindutva in Indian Politics \(2nd rev ed, 2004\)*](#). She is also active with Democracy, Equality and Secularism in South Asia (DESSA) which is hosting Mr. Takle's Winnipeg talk Saturday Sept. 22 at 1:30pm at 765 Keewatin St.

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Notes:

1. Benito Mussolini (1932), 'The Doctrine of Fascism'; <http://www.worldfuturefund.org/wffmaster/Reading/Germany/mussolini.htm>

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