

## Eclipsing the Taj Mahal

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An article regarding the matter of UP government in India deciding to remove Taj mahal from the official tourist list of the state and denouncing it to be part of Indian heritage or more specifically heritage of Hindu community is published. I being connected to the history of sub-continent think about this matter as non-ethical and religious extremism. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the 17th century marvel in Agra did not represent Indian ethos and was built by “traitors”. I just want to ask the question, if Prime Minister Narendra Modi would stop hosting foreign dignitaries at the state capital’s iconic Hyderabad House, because that, too, was built by “traitors”? Can Modi and Yogi tell domestic and foreign tourist not to visit Taj Mahal?



Nobody in India or in the world can downgrade the Taj Mahal. It’s not only a symbol of love but one of the seven wonders of the New World. Further, India’s most popular tourist circuit is Golden Triangle that consists of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur.

Regarding gifts to dignitaries, nowadays a number of foreigners show interest in Indian culture. Hence, gifting Bhagavad Gita or Ramayana is not wrong. Tourists will never stop to buy Taj Mahal replicas as souvenirs. Nobody should forget the Mughal dynasty, Shershah Suri, Sultan Iltutmish, Razia Sultana and others. Unlike Ghauri and Ghaznavi these Muslim rulers settled in India and contributed to India’s development.



This set is a bolt to the so called democratic republic image of India and it sends a message to the world that their attitude towards other important issues like Kashmir, Burma, Afghanistan should not be taken for granted. Common people should think that this will affect them in cultural, economical and social level.



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