

P2 Presentation

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COMMUNAL HARMONY

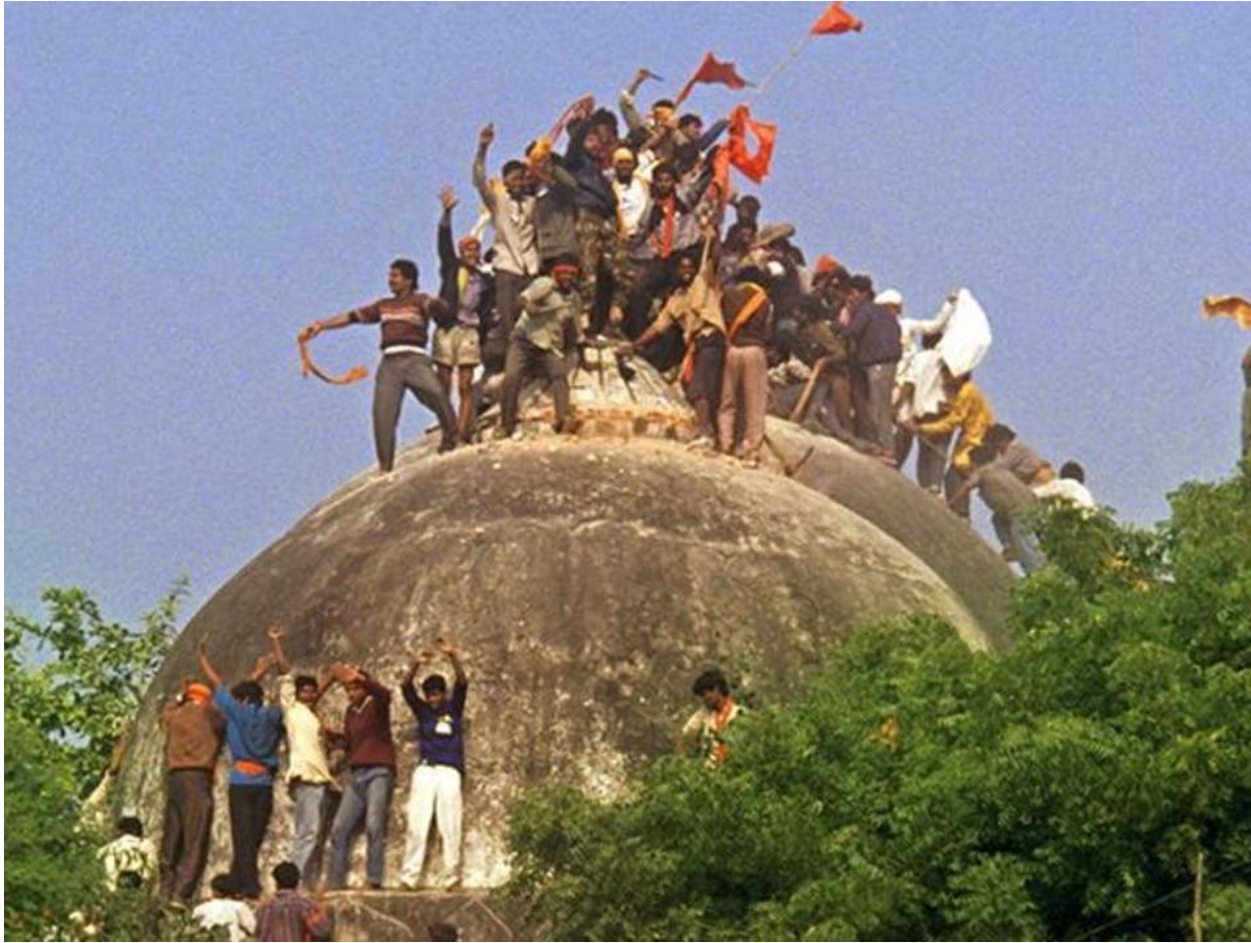
Introduction

- ▶ Aim: To spread the message of humanity and communal harmony
- ▶ Relevant ever since the division of the society into different religious communities
- ▶ Will remain as one of the most relevant topics as long as the division exists in the world
- ▶ Religion is a matter of choice
- ▶ Nobody is born to any religion

Research

National Perspective

Babri Masjid Demolition in 1992



- ▶ 6 December 1992
- ▶ A large crowd of Hindu Kar Sevaks (activists) demolished the 16th-century Babri Masjid in the city of Ayodhya. The demolition occurred after a political rally at the site turned violent.
- ▶ Aftermath: Communal violence in Mumbai, Surat, Ahmedabad, Kanpur, Delhi, Bhopal and several others, eventually resulting in over 2000 deaths, mainly Muslim.
- ▶ The Mumbai Riots alone, which occurred in December 1992 and January 1993 and which the Shiv sena played a big part in organising, caused the death of around 900 people, and estimated property damage of around ₹ 9,000 crore (\$3.6 billion).

Gujarat Riots in 2002

- ▶ 27 February 2002
- ▶ 59 people were killed in a fire inside the Sabarmati Express train near the Godhra railway station in Gujarat



Honour Killings

- ▶ A lot of incidents of honour killings are being reported in different parts of the country
- ▶ Majority of the incidents are in UP & Bihar
- ▶ Recently in Kerala, a lower caste christian boy was killed for marrying an upper caste christian girl

A Recent Example of Communal Disharmony

Kerala floods: Some fishermen recruited for rescues say survivors insulted them

Marion George, a 47-year-old fisherman, reached a home in the city of Kollam on Friday with a family of 17 trapped inside.

When he told them that he was there to help them, he was asked, "Isn't this a Christian boat?"

When he replied that, yes, he was a Christian, the men in the family refused to get in his boat and waved him away.

The men were from India's highest [Hindu caste](#), Brahmin, and would not go near George, despite their desperation.

Five hours later, George was back in the same neighborhood and saw the same family calling for his help. He docked his boat close to their home but was again told by the men that they would only board if he did not touch them.

"Normally, their attitude is like this only. We just thought that in this situation, they would have changed," George said.

A Recent Example of Communal Harmony



Home > Nation

Assam boys from Hindu and Muslim families swapped accidentally at birth, to stay with parents who took them home

Two couples, whose babies were accidentally swapped soon after birth over two years ago, have decided to keep the child they have been raising, and moved a local court to settle the matter.



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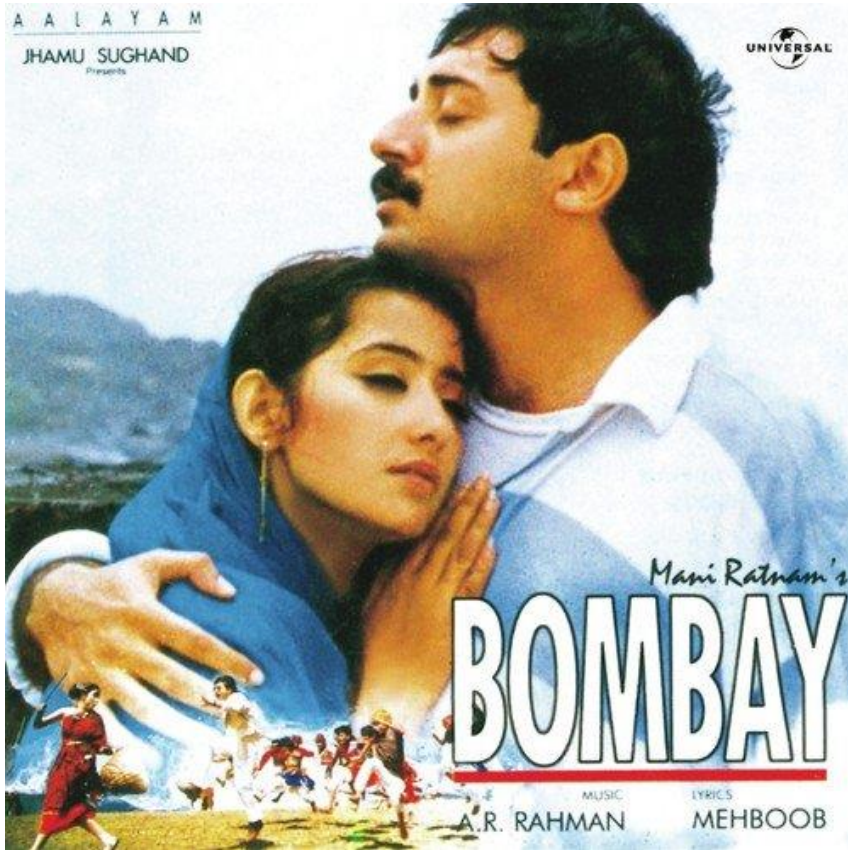
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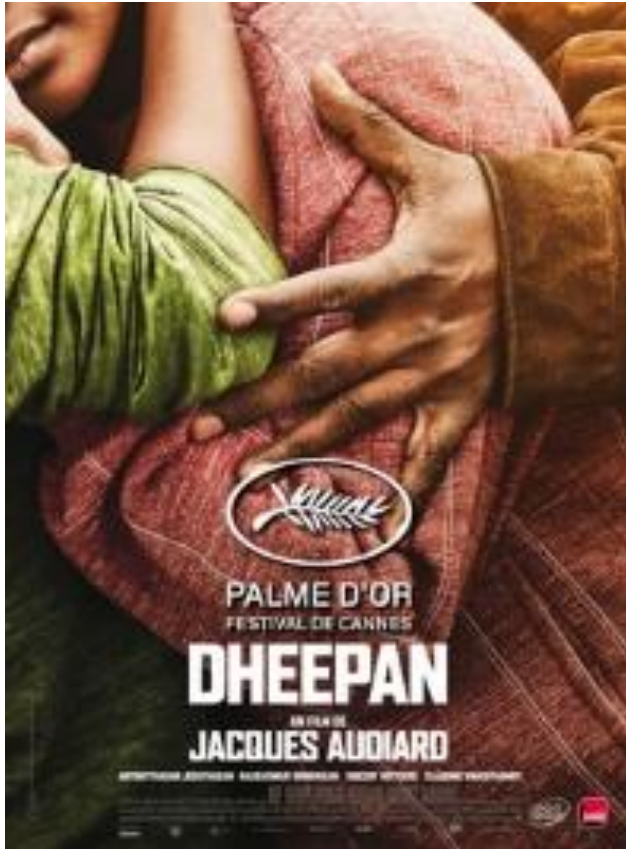
Films on Communal Harmony



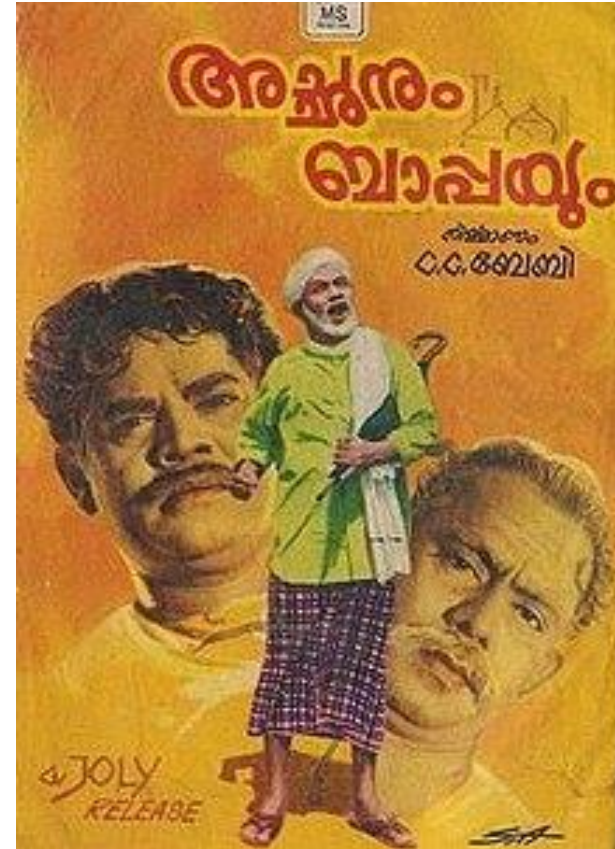
BOMBAY(1995) by Mani Ratnam



GURU(1997) by Rajiv Anchal



DHEEPAN(2015) by Jacques Audiard



ACHANUM BAPPAYUM(1972) by K S Sethumadhavan

Analysis

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- ▶ Communal harmony is something the nation is badly lacking
 - ▶ Apart from the various incidents of communal clashes and violence, there are lots of good incidents as well
 - ▶ Story is a highly effective medium of conveying a message or idea
 - ▶ The topic is relevant as long as there is 'disharmony' among the communities in the Indian society

Story

- Kerala state being badly flooded due to the heavy rainfall in the 2018 monsoons.
- Apart from the Central Defense forces, Kerala Police force and Fire & Rescue services, the state government seeks the help of the coastal fishermen for the rescue operations in the worst affected regions.
- When one of the fishing boats reaches a locality where Brahmin families live as a community, the head of a family tells the fishermen that they are ready to get on to the boats, but the fishermen should not touch them, as it will make them impure.
- The fishermen agree and continue with the rescue operation.

- While getting on to the boat, the daughter of the man who insulted the fishermen, falls in to the water.
- She starts drowning, as she does not know swimming. Her father also does not know swimming. He cries for help.
- One of the fishermen jumps into the water, rescues the girl and brings her back to the boat.
- The man and his family realize their stupidity and apologize to the fishermen.

Character Design

ANDREWS - The Fisherman



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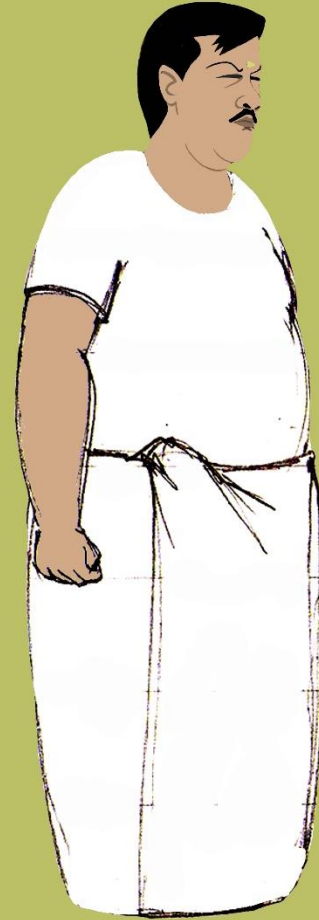
PATTABHIRAMAN - The Brahmin



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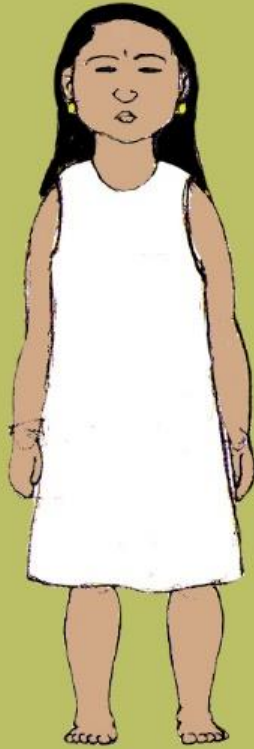


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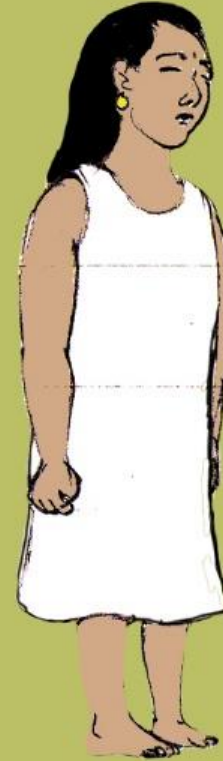
ABHIRAMI - Pattabhiraman's daughter



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LEELA - Pattabhiraman's wife



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