

## **Outrage Continues Even As Cops Book 13 Hindu Mahasabha Activists For Reenacting Mahatma Ga**

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A day after their crass act - recreating the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, which sent shockwaves across the country, the Uttar Pradesh Police have booked 13 people including some leaders of the fringe group in connection with the incident.

â€œThe incident took place in a house in Naurangabad locality of Aligarh. Later, the video of the event went viral on social media,â€• Senior Superintendent of Police of Aligarh Akash Kulhary told PTI.

The despicable act on Wednesday, the video of which went viral showed a group of Hindu Maha Sabha activists firing at an effigy of the Mahatma while venerating Nathuram Godse, the Hindu Mahasabha man who killed the father of the nation in 1948. To make the event even more cringeworthy they had fake blood oozing out of the effigy after it was fired at.Â Â

The bizarre drama was led by Pooja Shakun Pandey, a top leader of the outfit which was founded by Savarkar.

Pandey who was last year appointed as the first judge of the first 'shariya-style' Hindu Court in Meerut said she was starting a tradition of recreating Gandhiâ€™s assassination every year on 30 January.

Pandey had earlier courted controversy by saying that if she was born before Nathuram Godse, she would have killed Mahatma Gandhi, because "he was responsible for the murder of Hindus during partition".

This is not the first time the notorious outfit has courted controversy. In the past they have attempted to build a Godse temple in Gwalior and even install a statue of the Gandhi assassin last year on October 2.

The Hindu Mahasabha which doesn't recognize the Indian Constitution, as it is secular, has in the past observed black day on Independence Day and Republic Day, claiming that they will only accept India as Hindu Rashtra. During the recent city renaming spree in UP the outfit had even demanded that Meerut should be named after the Gandhi killer.

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