









15 Incidents When INDI Alliance Politicians were Portrayed As Deities (From 2007 to 2025)





This report has compiled 15 incidents when INDI Alliance politicians were portrayed as hindu deities in posters and events from 2007 to 2025.

On October 5, 2025, A banner out Congress office portrayed Rahul Gandhi as Lord Ram and Ajay Rai as Lakshman fighting a multi headed "Ravana" labeled with "vote thief," "ED," corruption, inflation and the Election Commission.

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1.	<p>Congress Displays Rahul Gandhi as Shri Ram in Vulgar Dussehra Hoarding</p> <p>Date: October 5, 2025 Place: Lakshmanpuri, Uttar Pradesh Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Rahul Gandhi and Ajay Rai</p> <p>A poster outside the Congress office on Vijayadashami depicted Rahul Gandhi as Lord Shri Ram wielding a bow and arrow in Lakshmanpuri, Uttar Pradesh. Congress state president Ajay Rai cast as Lakshman. The banner showed them fighting a multi headed "Ravana" whose heads bore labels like "vote thief", "ED", corruption, inflation and the Election Commission. The UP deputy CM condemned the display as insulting to Hindu sentiment and demanded an apology.</p>	 <p>Sanatanprabhat</p>
2.	<p>Rae Bareli Posters Show Rahul, Tejashwi & Akhilesh as Hindu Gods</p> <p>Date: September 10, 2025 Place: Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh Political Party: Congress, RJD, Samajwadi Party Leaders Portray as GOD: Rahul Gandhi, Tejashwi Yadav and Akhilesh Yadav</p> <p>Posters portrayed Rahul Gandhi, Tejashwi Yadav and Akhilesh Yadav as Hindu deities Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh. Installed by Samajwadi Party leader, the posters praised the trio as voices of backward classes and youth, political parties terming it disrespectful to Hindu gods and demanding action.</p>	 <p>Indianexpress</p>

3.	<p>Ganesh Idol in Hyderabad Styled After Telangana CM Revanth Reddy</p> <p>Date: August 28, 2025 Place: Hyderabad, Telangana Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: A. Revanth Reddy</p> <p>A Lord Ganesh idol was installed in the likeness of Telangana's Chief Minister by Congress leaders in Hyderabad. The idol, themed "Telangana Rising," portrays Lord Ganesh wearing attire similar to Revanth Reddy (white shirt, black trousers, green shawl).</p>	 <p>Hindustantimes</p>
4.	<p>Posters Depict Rahul Gandhi as Lord Krishna Ahead of Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra</p> <p>Date: February 22, 2024 Place: Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Rahul Gandhi and Ajay Rai</p> <p>Congress leaders put up hoardings showing Rahul Gandhi as Lord Krishna and Ajay Rai as Arjun in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, ahead of the party's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. The posters claimed Gandhi's role mirrors Lord Krishna's mission. Congress leader Shukla said he views Gandhi as a modern incarnation of Krishna, while Ajay Rai embodies Arjun. The act stirred political commentary but no legal or official action was reported.</p>	 <p>Ndtv</p>
5.	<p>Congress Portray Sonia Gandhi as Goddess in Telangana Posters</p> <p>Date: September 18, 2023 Place: Telangana Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Sonia Gandhi</p> <p>Congress workers in Telangana put up posters depicting Sonia Gandhi as a goddess, complete with a jeweled crown and a map of Telangana emerging from her palm, following a Congress Working Committee meeting in Hyderabad. BJP spokesperson called the move "shameful," accusing Congress of placing its "parivar" above the nation and saying this portrayal disrespected Bharat Mata.</p>	 <p>Indiatoday</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p>Durga Idol Resembling Mamata Banerjee Sparks Criticism in Malda</p> <p>Date: September 11, 2021 Place: Malda, West Bengal Political Party: All India Trinamool Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Mamata Banerjee</p> <p>Malda pandals unveiled Durga idols modeled after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, featuring ten state government schemes instead of traditional weapons. Made in a white saree with the 'Biswa Bangla' logo. While the BJP criticized the move as a political promotion during the festival.</p>	 <p>Etvbharat</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Madhya Pradesh Congress Faces Backlash Over Kamal Nath as Lord Krishna Poster</p> <p>Date: August 31, 2021 Place: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Kamal Nath</p> <p>A Janmashtami poster outside Congress headquarters in Bhopal depicted former CM Kamal Nath as Lord Krishna, alongside other leaders. Congress stated the poster symbolized their 2018 electoral victory and highlighted Kamal Nath's leadership.</p>	 <p>Timesofindia</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Board Portraying Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan as 'God'</p> <p>Date: July 25, 2021 Place: Malappuram, Kerala Political Party: Communist Party of India (Marxist) Leader Portray as God: Pinarayi Vijayan</p> <p>A board depicting Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan as 'Kerala's God' was installed near Pacheeri Mahavishnu Temple in Malappuram, Kerala. After objections from the temple committee, the board was moved nearby. Local CPM leaders distanced themselves, while Congress leader V.T. Balram criticized the portrayal on social media.</p>	 <p>Newindianexpress</p>

9.	<p>Posters of Priyanka Gandhi as Goddess Durga Surface in Lucknow</p> <p>Date: February 11, 2019 Place: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Sonia Gandhi</p> <p>Congress put up posters depicting Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as Goddess Durga, Ahead of her roadshow in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Showing her seated atop a tiger, with a slogan saying Sister Priyanka Gandhi is the form of Mother Durga. These visuals underscore an effort by party workers to enhance her political image.</p>	 <p>Hindustantimes</p>
10.	<p>Congress Posters in MP Show Rahul Gandhi as Lord Ram</p> <p>Date: February 8, 2019 Place: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Congress displayed posters showing Rahul Gandhi as Lord Ram and Prime Minister Modi as Raavan in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The poster criticized the BJP and marked Gandhi's first visit to Madhya Pradesh after Congress formed the state government in December 2018.</p>	 <p>Indiatoday</p>
11.	<p>Posters Depict Rahul Gandhi as Lord Ram in Amethi</p> <p>Date: January 15, 2018 Place: Amethi, Uttar Pradesh Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Posters portraying Congress President Rahul Gandhi as Lord Ram surfaced at Amethi Railway Station. Local Congress worker claimed responsibility for the posters, but the Congress party distanced itself, stating it was an individual's creative expression.</p>	 <p>Timesofindia</p>
12.	<p>Durga Puja Pandals Depict Mamata Banerjee as Goddess Durga</p> <p>Date: October 5, 2016 Place: Kolkata, West Bengal Political Party: All India Trinamool Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Mamata Banerjee</p> <p>Durga Puja Pandals depicted Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as Goddess Durga in a Durga Puja celebration in Bengal. One such pandal, Prantik Club in Chakdah, features a 5.5 foot idol of Banerjee dressed in a white and blue bordered saree, holding symbols representing various government schemes.</p>	 <p>Indiatvnews</p>

13.	<p>Congress Leader Booked for Portraying Manmohan Singh and Rahul Gandhi as Gods</p> <p>Date: April 3, 2014 Place: Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Manmohan Singh and Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>An FIR was filed in Allahabad against Congress leader and four others for displaying posters depicting Former PM Manmohan Singh as Lord Krishna and Rahul Gandhi as Arjuna, which allegedly hurt religious sentiments. A complaint also cited a havan performed with garbage praying for Rahul Gandhi to become Prime Minister.</p>	 <p>Deccanchronicle</p>
14.	<p>Congress Legislator Builds 'Goddess Sonia' Temple in Telangana</p> <p>Date: January 9, 2014 Place: Telangana Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Sonia Gandhi</p> <p>Congress MLA P. Shankar Rao built a temple in Mallial, Telangana, featuring a statue of Sonia Gandhi as 'Telangana Talli' to thank her for supporting the state's creation. Rao said it was a gesture of gratitude, though BJP criticized it as politicizing religion.</p>	 <p>Ndtv</p>
15.	<p>Sonia Gandhi Poster Depicting Her as Hindu Goddess Durga</p> <p>Date: June 25, 2007 Place: Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh Political Party: Indian National Congress Leader Portray as GOD: Sonia Gandhi</p> <p>A poster at the Congress party headquarters in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, depicted Sonia Gandhi as the Hindu goddess Durga. The image sparked outrage among Hindus, leading to the dismissal of the local party official responsible.</p>	 <p>Theguardian</p>