




## 9 Anti-Hindu Remarks by Kamal Haasan (2017–2025)


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This report compiles **9 controversial statements** made by actor, filmmaker, and Rajya Sabha MP **Kamal Haasan** between **2017 and 2025**, highlighting his repeated **criticism of Hinduism** and remarks widely perceived as **anti-Hindu**.

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1.	<p><b>Kamal Haasan Calls Education a Weapon Against Sanatan Dharma</b></p> <p><b>Date-</b> August 3, 2025 <b>Place-</b> Chennai, Tamil Nadu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 3 August 2025, during an event organized by the Agaram Foundation in Chennai, actor and newly sworn-in Rajya Sabha MP Kamal Haasan said, <b>"Education is the only weapon that can break the chains of dictatorship and Sanatanam."</b> His remarks aligned with NCP-SP leader Jitendra Awhad, who stated, <b>"There was never any religion called Sanatan Dharma. We are followers of Hindu Dharma."</b> These statements added fuel to the ongoing national debate over caste, religion, and tradition.</li> </ul>	 <p><a href="#">Hindustantimes</a></p> <p><a href="#">ANI</a></p>
2.	<p><b>Kamal Haasan Supports Udhayanidhi on Sanatan Dharma Row</b></p> <p><b>Date-</b> September 8, 2023 <b>Place-</b> Tamil Nadu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On September 8, 2023, actor and Makkal Needhi Maiam chief <b>Kamal Haasan supported Tamil Nadu minister Udhayanidhi Stalin's controversial remark</b> made on September 2, 2023, stating that <b>"Sanatana Dharma is incompatible with the concept of social justice and should be eliminated."</b> Udhayanidhi had also likened <b>Sanatan to diseases like dengue and malaria</b>. Defending him, Kamal said he is entitled to his views and called for a <b>merit-based discussion, stressing democratic debate and critical evaluation of traditions for an inclusive society</b>.</li> </ul>	 <p><a href="#">India Today</a></p> <p><a href="#">Video</a></p>

3.	<p><b>No 'Hindu Religion' in Chola Era, Says Kamal</b></p> <p><b>Date-</b> October 6, 2022 <b>Place-</b> Chennai, Tamil Nadu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After the release of the film Ponniyin Selvan, a controversy erupted over the religious identity of the Chola kings. Actor and Makkal Needhi Maiam chief Kamal Haasan supported director Vetrimaaran's statement, saying Raja Raja Chola cannot be called a Hindu king.</li> <li>● Kamal stated that <b>"there was no name called 'Hindu religion' during Raja Raja Cholan's period,"</b> and that Shaivism, Vaishnavism, and Jainism were practiced then. He added the <b>British coined the term 'Hindu' for collective reference, just like they renamed Thuthukudi as Tuticorin.</b> He also mentioned that in the 8th century, Adi Shankara established 'Shanmadha Sthapanam', reflecting the religious diversity of that era.</li> </ul>	 <p><a href="#">India Tv</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Economic Times</a></p>
4.	<p><b>Kamal Haasan's Comment on Hindu Idols Sparks Outrage</b></p> <p><b>Date-</b> December 24, 2020 <b>Place-</b> Tamil Nadu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● During a 2020 election campaign, Kamal Haasan made a controversial remark comparing Hindu idols to women, saying <b>"Even idols wear revealing clothes or none at all, but no one feels lust for them."</b> His comment was widely seen as insulting Hindu deities and temple traditions.</li> <li>● Many accused him of mocking Sanatana Dharma and hurting religious sentiments, reinforcing claims that he often targets Hindu beliefs under the cover of atheism and Dravidian politics.</li> </ul>	 <p><a href="#">Hindu Post</a></p>
5.	<p><b>Kamal Sparks Row by Linking Terrorism with Hindu Identity</b></p> <p><b>Date-</b> May 12, 2019 <b>Place-</b> Aravakurichi, Karur, Tamil Nadu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● During a campaign speech in Aravakkurichi on May 12, 2019, actor-turned-politician Kamal Haasan stirred controversy by calling Nathuram Godse, Mahatma Gandhi's assassin, "independent India's first Hindu terrorist."</li> <li>● Speaking in a minority-dominated area, Kamal stated, <b>"I'm not saying this because Muslims are more in number here, I'm saying it before Gandhiji's statue the first terrorist of free India was a Hindu."</b> His deliberate linking of the term terrorist with Hindu was widely condemned. BJP leaders accused him of defaming Hindu identity for vote-bank politics and attempting to portray Hinduism as extremist.</li> </ul>	 <p><a href="#">Hindustan Times</a></p>

6.	<p><b>Kamal Haasan Questions Origin of 'Hindu', Urges Identity as 'Indian'</b></p> <p><b>Date-</b> May 18, 2019 <b>Place-</b> On his x Handle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kamal Haasan said the word 'Hindu' was not found in ancient saints' writings and was given by foreign invaders. In a Twitter poem, he urged people to identify as 'Indians' for national harmony.</li> </ul>	 <p><a href="#">X.Post</a></p>
7.	<p><b>Kamal Haasan Rejects Sacred Thread Tradition</b></p> <p><b>Date-</b> July 2018 <b>Place-</b> On his Twitter Handle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In July 2018, during a Twitter Q&amp;A, Kamal Haasan stirred controversy by stating, <b>“There is a thread I avoided pooonool. That is why I avoided it,”</b> referring to the sacred thread worn by Brahmins.</li> <li>● His remark was perceived as a rejection of Brahminical and Hindu tradition, drawing sharp criticism from the Brahmin community. They accused him of <b>disrespecting his ancestral heritage and stated that the pooonool is a secular symbol. The comment was seen as an attempt to distance himself from Vedic cultural identity.</b></li> </ul>	 <p><a href="#">India Today</a></p>
8.	<p><b>Extremism Not Growth for Hindus': Kamal's Controversial Remark</b></p> <p><b>Date-</b> November 2, 2017 <b>Place-</b> Tamil Nadu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On November 2, 2017, actor Kamal Haasan triggered a political storm with a column in the Tamil magazine Ananda Vikatan, where he wrote that <b>“Hindu extremism is alive and kicking in Tamil Nadu”</b> and asserted that <b>“you cannot say there is no Hindu terror.”</b></li> <li>● He claimed that Hindu outfits were increasingly using muscle power and violence during public festivals, moving away from earlier ideological debates. Haasan further stated, <b>“Extremism is in no way a success or growth for those who call themselves Hindus,”</b> directly linking extremist behavior with Hindu identity. His remarks sparked strong condemnation from BJP and Hindu groups, who accused him of spreading anti-Hindu propaganda and demanded proof or apology.</li> </ul>	 <p><a href="#">Hindustan Times</a></p>

9.	<p><b>Kamal Haasan's Mahabharata Remark Sparks Outrage</b></p> <p><b>Date-</b> March 12, 2017 <b>Place-</b> Tamil Nadu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Kamal Haasan stirred controversy during an interview with a Tamil news channel by stating, <b>"In the Mahabharata, Panchali was used as a pawn while men gambled... and India respects a book where a woman was used as collateral."</b> His remarks were seen as an insult to a revered Hindu epic.</li><li>● The Hindu Munani Katchi (HMK) filed a police complaint and later a PIL, accusing him of hurting Hindu sentiments and repeatedly making anti-Hindu comments. The group demanded an apology and legal action against him.</li></ul>	 <p><a href="#">Hindustan Times</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Hindu</a></p>
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