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To: Honorable Chief Minister Vijay Rupani Ji,  
Chief Minister of Gujarat

Date: November 12, 2020

**Subject: Requesting you to curb "Digital Content Terrorism" by banning social media content of Mr. Kunal Kamra across Gujarat and ban his digital events, public performances and stage shows in Gujarat for 10 years**

Honorable Sir,

*Namaste! I hope my letter finds you in good health.*

I am Anand Bhat, age 30 years, a voter of the Rajkot West constituency and take great pride in the fact that we Rajkotians voted for you, our beloved Chief Minister. I am a student of L.L.B. 1st semester of Geetanjali College, Saurashtra University, Rajkot. I am an alumni of the MBA Course of Symbiosis International University, Pune. Also I am an author and a record holder in the Limca Book of Records.

I write to you today to curb "Digital Content Terrorism" in our beloved state by banning social media content of Mr. Kunal Kamra across Gujarat and ban his digital events, public performances and stage shows in Gujarat for 10 years.

Sir, I would like to give a brief introduction of Mr. Kunal Kamra. He is a 32 year old Indian Artist in the field of "Stand Up Comedy". He has a large following on social media and is popular amongst the youth of the nation. He is verified (blue-tick) on Twitter and Facebook which accredits him as a 'Public Figure' as per the policies of these social media platforms. As of today, he has:

- 1.7 Million followers on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/kunalkamra88>)
- More than 7.50 Lakh likes on his Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/kunalkamra88/>)
- More than 14.33 Crore views on his Youtube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/KunalKamra/about>)



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Sir, a person with such considerable following and public standing had passed derogatory and scandalous statements yesterday on his Twitter account and Facebook Page in context of the Honorable Supreme Court of India and Honorable Judge Shri Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud Ji. Today, the Advocate General for India, Shri K. K. Venugopal Ji has given his consent for criminal contempt under section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act 1971 against him. I have attached details of his tweets on page-4 and page-5 of this letter, and also the consent letter of Shri K. K. Venugopal Ji on page-6.

Sir, this is not a one-off demeaning and notorious act by Mr. Kunal Kamra. In the past, he has uploaded videos on YouTube mocking the Indian banknote demonetization, the government and the attitude of Indians towards the army. Also, earlier this year, he was banned by few airline companies for heckling Mr. Arnab Goswami in an IndiGo flight.

Sir, Stand-up comedy is a popular trend in our country since few years. Artists like [Mr. Amit Tandon](#), Mr. Kapil Sharma, artists of [The Comedy Factory](#) etc. have set benchmarks and their content is watched and enjoyed by families across Gujarat and the country. Also, there are digital content creators like [Ms. Aditi Raval](#) and [Mr. Amit Panchal](#) who have used their social media following in a constructive way and guided the youth of Gujarat towards positivity and knowledge. However, few artists, like Mr. Kunal Kamra, in the name of 'stand-up comedy' are using their social media following in misguiding the youth and spreading misinformation. How are derogatory comments against the judiciary be humorous and an act of Comedy? The youth of Gujarat certainly shouldn't consider him as their 'hero' and 'role-model'. This needs your immediate action.

Sir, Gujarat is a state synonymous to peace and progress. Such derogatory content updates by people with large social media following like that of Mr. Kunal Kamra is nothing less than "**Digital Content Terrorism**". The youth of Gujarat is being misguided by Mr. Kunal Kamra. If the youth of Gujarat start following and believing such content, it will lead to distrust in the legislature and judiciary of our nation, which are strong pillars of our vibrant democratic nation.

Sir, in my personal opinion, Mr. Kunal Kamra may be using this as a tool to gain publicity and media coverage. As a voter of Rajkot West constituency and a resident of Gujarat, I request you to take this as an action of "Digital Content Terrorism". I request you to curb this by banning social media content of Mr. Kunal Kamra across Gujarat. If the youth of Gujarat cannot access his Twitter, Facebook, YouTube etc., we will be successful in the prevention of "Digital Content Terrorism".

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Also, Sir, I request you to ban his digital events, public performances and stage shows in Gujarat for the next 10 years. Your act to curb "**Digital Content Terrorism**" will set a benchmark in India and will ensure that influencers do not make reckless allegations and unruly statements in the name of 'Freedom of Speech'. Moreover, if you find it suitable, request you to raise this issue with the IB Ministry of the Central Government for a nationwide digital action against Mr. Kunal Kamra.

Sir, under your leadership, we have seen Gujarat grow and progress. You have immensely contributed to the youth of our state by initiatives like Start-Up Gujarat, Learning with Earning, Gyaan-Kunj project etc. We are thankful to you for your public service.

Thanking you,

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**Annexures:**

- Page 4 and Page 5 have the derogatory tweets of Mr. Kunal Kamra
- Page 6 has the consent letter of Shri K. K. Venugopal Ji

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Link to his tweet: <https://twitter.com/kunalkamra88/status/1326437153082109953>

The above text tweet scandalizes and lowers the authority of the Honorable Supreme Court. Mr. Kunal Kamra has equated the Honorable Supreme Court to a joke and made a mockery of our Top Court.

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Link to his tweet: <https://twitter.com/kunalkamra88/status/1326446948388368384>

In the above tweet, Mr. Kunal Kamra has uploaded an image of the building of the Honorable Supreme Court. However, the building has been digitally modified by altering the building color to orange/saffron. Also, instead of the Honorable Flag of India, the flag of Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) is being displayed. The picture has a caption "Contempt of Court it seems" followed by laughing emoticons. I got the first impression that he referred the Honorable Supreme Court as a building/institution of the BJP. This grossly demeans the stature of our top court and gives a perception to his followers that the Honorable Supreme Court is not an independent pillar of our vibrant democracy.

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Link to the tweet: <https://twitter.com/kunalkamra88/status/1326469753519665153>

In the above tweet, Mr. Kunal Kamra has insulted Honorable Judge Shri Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud Ji and his choice of words are degrading and disappointing. It is saddening to learn that with a strong following on social media, Mr. Kunal Kamra chooses to lead them with such messages rather than constructive and positive thoughts. His choice of words in the above tweet are defamatory and he seems to be creating distrust in the minds of the common people towards the Honorable Judge, and hence the judiciary of our nation.



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Link to tweet: <https://twitter.com/kunalkamra88/status/1326471978560139270>

By urging the lawyers community to stop using the prefix Honorable while referring to the Supreme Court or its judges, Mr. Kunal Kamra is demeaning the stature and respect that the Apex Court has in our country. By saying "Honour has left the building long back...", Mr. Kunal Kamra intends to shatter the confidence of the people in the judiciary of our country.

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Source of the below letter: <https://twitter.com/LiveLawIndia/status/1326843122182053890>



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November 12, 2020

Mr. Skand Bajpai  
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Dear Mr. Bajpai

**Sub: Your request for consent to initiate proceedings for criminal contempt under Section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 read with Rule 3(c) of the Rules to Regulate Proceedings for Contempt of the Supreme Court of India, 1975**

I am in receipt of your request for consent to initiate proceedings by way of criminal contempt against Sh. Kunal Kamra. I have gone through each one of the tweets which you have annexed for consent to proceed by way of criminal contempt against Sh. Kunal Kamra. The tweets which I am extracting below are not only in bad taste but clearly cross the line between humour and contempt of the Court. For example:

*"Honour has left the building (Supreme Court) long back."*

and

*"The Supreme Court of this Country is the most Supreme joke of this country."*

Apart from this, is a picture of the Supreme Court building dressed in saffron colours with a flag of the ruling political party, namely the BJP having replaced the Tricolour. This is a gross insinuation against the entirety of the Supreme Court of India that the Supreme Court of India is not an independent and impartial institution and so too its judges, but on the other hand is a Court of the ruling party, the BJP, existing for the BJP's benefit.

All this in my opinion constitutes criminal contempt of Court.

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**K.K. Venugopal**

The other tweets also are highly objectionable, and it would perhaps be for the Court to decide the question as to whether these tweets also would constitute criminal contempt of the Supreme Court of India.

I find that today people believe that they can boldly and brazenly condemn the Supreme Court of India and its judges by exercising what they believe is their freedom of speech. But under the Constitution, the freedom of speech is subject to the law of contempt and I believe that it is time that people understand that attacking the Supreme Court of India unjustly and brazenly will attract punishment under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1972.

I therefore grant consent to proceed by way of initiating contempt proceedings against Sh. Kunal Kamra.

Yours sincerely,

K.K. Venugopal