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Thanks for focusing on Gujarat's achievements

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Re: India's Star State, Ron Banerjee, July 12

As a proud Canadian Hindu, I would like to congratulate the Financial Post for publishing this commentary. For the past few years the people of the state of Gujarat and its democratically elected leader have received a lot of negative press coverage as a result of a vilification campaign by forces whose survival depends on belittling the achievements of Hindus.

These elements have tried to tarnish not only Narendra Modi but also the people of the state of Gujarat. They have inundated both the Indian and western media with their diatribes, which seek to assign the blame for the 2002 riots on the people of Gujarat.

Terrorist attacks generate anger and hatred, be it Gujarat, London or New York. It is to the credit of Mr. Modi that the public outrage and riots following the incident were bought under control and the victims rehabilitated in a reasonably short time frame.

It is time that Mr. Modi and the people of Gujarat were given a chance to highlight their achievements, without having to be drowned out by the loud rants of fundamentalists and their leftist sympathizers.

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