

Table 1: Comparison of the two Assassination attempts on Rajiv Gandhi

Parameters	Failed	Successful
Date	July 30, 1987	May 21, 1991
Place	Colombo, Sri Lanka	Sri Perumbudur, India
Assassin	Wijemuni Rohana de Silva	'Dhanu'
Sex of assassin	male	female
Age of assassin	22	24 (?)
Assassin type*	Type II (Neurotics)	Type I (Zealots)
Fate of assassin	served a shortened prison and still living**	died with the victim
Weapon used	rifle gun	body-tagged explosive device
Occasion	victim inspecting the guard of honor	victim at a temporarily built election campaign platform
age of victim	42	46
rank of victim	Prime minister of India	ex-Prime minister of India
injury to victim	pain in neck and shoulder	instant death
evidence of crime	TV cameras of Sri Lankan state, plus still photos of professional cameramen	2 videos plus 10 still photos of an amateur cameraman
collateral damage to bystanders	none	16 deaths

*based on Clarke (1981) assignation of American assassins

** as of July 27, 2024

Table 2: Assassin and Victims in the bomb-blast excluding Rajiv Gandhi

Name	sex	job status
'Dhanu' <i>alias</i> Anbu <i>alias</i> Kalaivathi	female	assassin
P.K. Gupta	male	personal security officer to victim Rajiv Gandhi
Muhammed Iqbal	male	superintendent of police, Kanchipuram
Rajakuru	male	inspector of police
Edward Joseph	male	inspector of police
Ethiraj	male	sub-inspector of police
Sundaraju Pillai	male	police constable
Ravi	male	commando police constable
Dharman	male	police constable
Chandra	female	police constable
Santhani Begum	female	
Darryl Peter	female	
Kumari Saroja Devi	female	
Munuswamy	male	
Latha Kannan	female	local Congress Party worker
Kokilavani	female	step-daughter of Latha Kannan
S. Haribabu	male	amateur photographer