Claim / Data Point Supported	Citation	Link
Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated on May 21, 1991, in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, by a suicide bomber named Thenmozhi Rajaratnam (Dhanu)	Wikipedia: Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_Rajiv_Gandhi
Dhanu detonated an RDX explosive belt at 10:10 PM; Rajiv Gandhi and 14 others were killed	Wikipedia: Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_Rajiv_Gandhi
The assassination was caught on film by local photographer Haribabu, who also died in the blast	Wikipedia: Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_Rajiv_Gandhi
The attack was orchestrated by the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam), a Sri Lankan Tamil militant organization	Britannica: Rajiv Gandhi	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Rajiv-Gandhi
Motive: LTTE chief Prabhakaran's animosity towards Rajiv Gandhi for sending the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) to Sri Lanka and IPKF's actions against Sri Lankan Tamils	Wikipedia: Rajiv Gandhi	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajiv_Gandhi
The Supreme Court judgment confirmed the LTTE's role and cited the conspiracy spanned several years	Wikipedia: Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_Rajiv_Gandhi
The assassination was one of the first high-profile suicide bombings globally	Times of India	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/rajiv-gandhis-assassination-27-years-on-probe-still-not-complete/articleshow/64259965.cms
The Jain and Verma Commissions investigated the conspiracy and security lapses	IndiaTV News	https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/india/there-was-an-ltte-mole-in-gandhi-family-40101.html
The LTTE's internal statement (2018) denied involvement, but Indian agencies and courts found them responsible	Times Now News	https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/ltte-rajiv-gandhi-liberation-tigers-of-tamil-eelam-tamil-nadu-indira-gandhi-who-killed-rajiv-gandhi-killers-t-suthendraraja-v-sriharan-robert-payas-ag/324439
The investigation was led by Dr. K. Ragothaman and Dr. D.R. Karthikeyan, with forensic breakthroughs from FSL Chennai	Alchetron	https://alchetron.com/Assassination-of-Rajiv-Gandhi
The Supreme Court sentenced four to death (Nalini, Murugan, Santhan, Perarivalan), later commuted to life for some; others received life imprisonment	Wikipedia: Rajiv Gandhi	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajiv_Gandhi
Sonia Gandhi requested clemency for Nalini, leading to commutation of her death sentence	Wikipedia: Rajiv Gandhi	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajiv_Gandhi
After 30 years in jail, Perarivalan and the remaining convicts were released by Supreme Court order in 2022	Deccan Herald	https://www.deccanherald.com/india/timeline-perarivalan-s-arrest-and-release-1110271.html
Rajiv Gandhi's funeral was attended by representatives from 60 countries; cremated at Vir Bhumi, Delhi	The Quint	https://www.thequint.com/voices/blogs/rajiv-gandhi-assassination-funeral
The Indo-Sri Lankan Accord (1987) led to the deployment of the IPKF in Sri Lanka	Britannica: Rajiv Gandhi	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Rajiv-Gandhi
The IPKF's presence in Sri Lanka was deeply unpopular with the LTTE and local Tamils	ADST	https://adst.org/2015/05/reap-the-whirlwind-the-assassination-of-rajiv-gandhi/
The LTTE's campaign for Tamil Eelam, the Sri Lankan civil war, and the context of Black July and Eastern Province massacres	Wikipedia: Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberation_Tigers_of_Tamil_Eelam
The role of Sivarasan, Subha, Nalini, Murugan, and others in the assassination plot	Alchetron	https://alchetron.com/Assassination-of-Rajiv-Gandhi
The Jain Commission named suspects and examined wider conspiracy theories, including the role of Chandraswami	Wikipedia: Rajiv Gandhi	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajiv_Gandhi
Rajiv Gandhi's son Rahul, daughter Priyanka, and wife Sonia Gandhi's roles in Congress after his death	Britannica: Rajiv Gandhi	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Rajiv-Gandhi