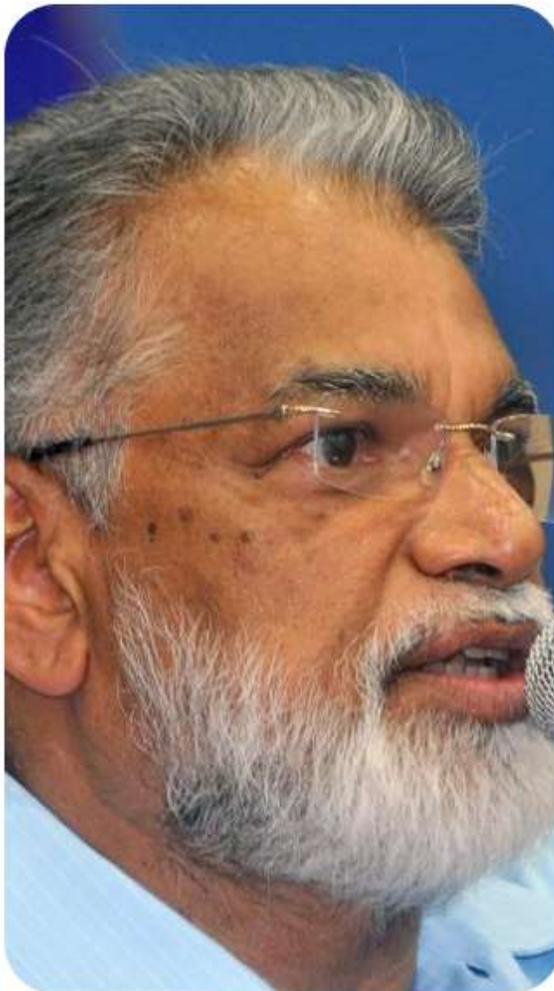


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Dr K Radhakrishnan
Chairman, ISRO

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From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief



Republic Day.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has added one more feather in the cap of India by launching GSLV D5 with indigenous cryogenic engine. In this issue, we carry an exclusive interview with Dr Radhakrishnan, Chairman of ISRO.

Also, we have featured the significance of celebrating Makara Sankaranthi in January. We have made a detailed analysis of the recent political happenings in Delhi, leading to 'anarchism'. As usual this edition carries very interesting articles, cartoon and pictures. Editorial team is confident that you will continue to enjoy this ezine. Please share with us your feedback.

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Saluting ISRO – India's Pride

Dr Radhakrishnan, Chairman of ISRO – A scientist, spiritual person and an artiste

Launch of GSLV D5



GSLV D5

After 20 years of continuous research and a few failures, Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) team of scientists successfully launched the GSLV-D5 rocket with indigenous cryogenic engine on 5th January 2014. They also successfully injected the 1982-Kg GSAT-14 communication satellite into its orbit.

Earlier on 5th November 2013, the ISRO team successfully launched *Mangalyan*, Mars Orbiter Spacecraft, which is now on its way, to reach Mars in September 2014.

Both these events are significant milestones in the Indian space programme and ISRO has made every Indian proud. The credit goes to the patriotic and committed team of scientists under the leadership of Dr K Radhakrishnan, Chairman of ISRO.

Dr Radhakrishnan, a team builder and leader

Dr Radhakrishnan (64) hails from Irinjalakuda, an ancient town near Thrissur (Kerala). He joined ISRO in 1971 as a graduate in engineering. He completed his post-graduation in Management from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore and acquired a doctorate from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, while working in ISRO.

After serving in the space organisation at various levels, he took over the chairmanship of ISRO in November 2009. As chairman, he has been consistently displaying leadership qualities.

In April 2010, when the much anticipated indigenously built GSLV D3 mission failed due to a technical error in the Indian Cryogenic Stage, Dr Radhakrishnan appeared before the waiting media and explained the reasons, with an assurance to the nation that the mission would be successfully re-launched within a year. Within three months when the PSLV was launched successfully, Dr Radhakrishnan introduced his team of key persons involved in the project, to the media and encouraged them to speak to the media about the mission. This gesture reflected the true spirit of leadership and teamwork of Dr Radhakrishnan.



During the recent launch of GSLV D5 with indigenous cryogenic engine, he paid tributes to Dr U R Rao, former ISRO chairman and the brain behind the proposed mission 20 years earlier, and gave due credit to him in the media conference. When the Prime Minister and later President of India after witnessing the successful launch of the two space missions met Dr Radhakrishnan at Sriharikota, Dr Radhakrishnan had his entire team of scientists with him to meet them.

On 25th January 2014, the Government of India honoured him with the Padma Bhushan Award for his contribution to the nation.

Exclusive interview with *PreSense* - Future plans



GSLV Mark 3

In an exclusive telephonic interview with K. Srinivasan, Editor-in-Chief of the ezine, *PreSense*, Dr Radhakrishnan said that India currently held the 6th global position in space mission achievements, after USA, Russia, Europe, Japan and China. He also proudly added that currently, India ranked topmost in 'space applications' and that many countries were seeking guidance from India in this area of expertise. He said that India's space programme was 'application-oriented' in areas of education, disaster management, telecommunication, environmental protection, and the like.

When asked about future plans, he said that ISRO was already working on high power communication in K-A band, which would be three times higher in output than the present one. In microwave remote sensing, he said that ISRO was moving towards X, S and L bands, in addition to C band. ISRO would be launching *Chandrayan II* with indigenous lander and rover. On the launch vehicle side, GSLV Mark 3, which could take 4000 kg payload (as against the present capacity of 2200 kg) would be launched soon. Dr

Radhakrishnan said that GSLV Mark 3 would reduce India's dependence on other countries in satellite launch. An experimental flight of GSLV-Mk 3 is planned to study its performance during the crucial atmospheric phase of the flight and here the cryogenic engine will not be activated.

"ISRO is planning its first developmental flight to put a satellite in the orbit by 2016. We are also developing high power 'semi-cryogenic engine' with 200-ton thrust. With these, we can move to the next level of launch vehicle to carry 6 tons to 10 tons. Our team is doing the 'phase zero study' for this purpose", said Dr Radhakrishnan proudly.

A spiritual person and an artist

This internationally renowned rocket scientist is an artist besides being spiritual. He visits the Tirupathi Temple, before and after the launch of every vehicle. "I have been visiting the temples since my childhood days. I have trekked to Sabarimala 52 times, starting from my childhood, and I have taken the harshest route to the Temple thrice", said Dr Radhakrishnan humbly.

"I love reading spiritual books and I am deeply influenced by the Bhagwad Gita, which I read regularly. I believe in the power of God," he added.





Dr K Radhakrishnan as an artiste and a spiritual person - Photo courtesy: The Week

Many people may not know that this rocket scientist is also a trained 'kathakali' artiste. He loves carnatic music and practises vocal music every early morning, in the midst of his tight schedule. He begins and ends his day listening to Carnatic music.

Remembering the Gurus

Before signing off the telephonic conversation, Dr Radhakrishnan recollected his days with Dr Vikram Sarabhai, Dr Satish Dhawan and Dr U R Rao, the great architects of Indian Space Mission and remembered the inspiration he received from them.

No doubt, the scientist, the spiritualism, and the artiste in Dr Radhakrishnan has influenced in making him a great leader too.

PreSense congratulates Dr Radhakrishnan and his ISRO team for making India proud.

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Inspiring Quote from the Speech of Dr Abdul Kalam

“Knowing a future that you cannot change”



Friends, in 2007 I visited Greece. I spent many hours at the Acropolis Museum and interacted with the knowledgeable curators who told me several stories from Greek Mythology carrying important messages for the mankind. One such story was about the prophet of Thebes. His name was Teiresias. One day Teiresias accidentally came across Athena, a Goddess while she was bathing in a lake. The infuriated Goddess cursed Teiresias with instant blindness. Later at the pleading of people about the great intellect and kind heartedness of Teiresias, Athena gave Teiresias the gift of visualizing the future as a compensation for the curse that she herself could not undo.

A year later when Athena visited Teiresias, she found him very sad. When she enquired about the reason of his sorrow, Teiresias said, "O Goddess why did you curse me twice?" Athena told Teiresias that the curse was only given once; the second was a boon and not a curse. Teiresias then told the Goddess that there cannot be a more severe curse than knowing a future that you cannot change.

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Ancient Indian Wisdom

Why Indians celebrate Makara Sankranti?

Makara Sankranti is celebrated in all parts of India on 14th January every year. This is also called Uttarayan. The perceived, northern movement of the sun from the Tropic of Capricorn to the Tropic of Cancer is called Uttarayan in India. *Uttar* means 'North' and *Ayana*, means 'journey'. It is the day when the sun starts its northward journey. We celebrate this day as Makara Sankranti.

Equinoxes and Solstices

As the earth rotates around the sun, there are certain points in the orbit, where daytime and night time become either equal (equinoxes), or daytime is longest in the Northern hemisphere (summer solstice) or night time is longest in Northern hemisphere (winter solstice), due to the angle of the earth's tilt. This occurs at the tilt of the earth's axis by 23 ½ degrees. Seen from the earth, it gives us a perception that the sun is moving northwards and southwards every 6 months between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn which are latitudes at 23.5 degrees north and south of the equator, respectively.

Makara - Crocodile

Why is this day called Makara Sankranti?



Representation of Dark Rift resembles a crocodile

Makara denotes the zodiac sign, Capricorn. Sankranti means 'change over' or 'transit'. This day marks the movement of the sun into the Makara Constellation. The Tropic of Capricorn is also called "Makara Rekha" as this is the latitude where the Sun transits into the Makara zodiac. *Makara* is also the Sanskrit name for a wild sea creature that resembles the crocodile.

If we look at the shape of our galaxy, the Milky Way, the Akasha Ganga or the Dark Rift resembles a crocodile with its mouth open. With the passage of time and its cycles, life forms and the meaning of life also evolve. These goings-on are known as *Parinama*, which means 'change' or 'evolution', and they continue to happen. New forms and meanings happen to life, be it from the ocean to the land or from the sky to the land, creating a spectrum of life and its forms.

Makara Sankranti marks such a day of change, a change of season and with it, a change of lifestyle, a change in mindset and a change in spirit. Why do we celebrate Sankranti on 14th January every year? In the ancient days, the starting day of Uttarayan, i.e. the Winter Solstice fell on 13th January every year.

There is a text called *Kaushitaki Brahmana*, an accompanying text to the Veda, authored by Rishi Kahola Kaushitaki. This text states that Sankranti was celebrated around this time.

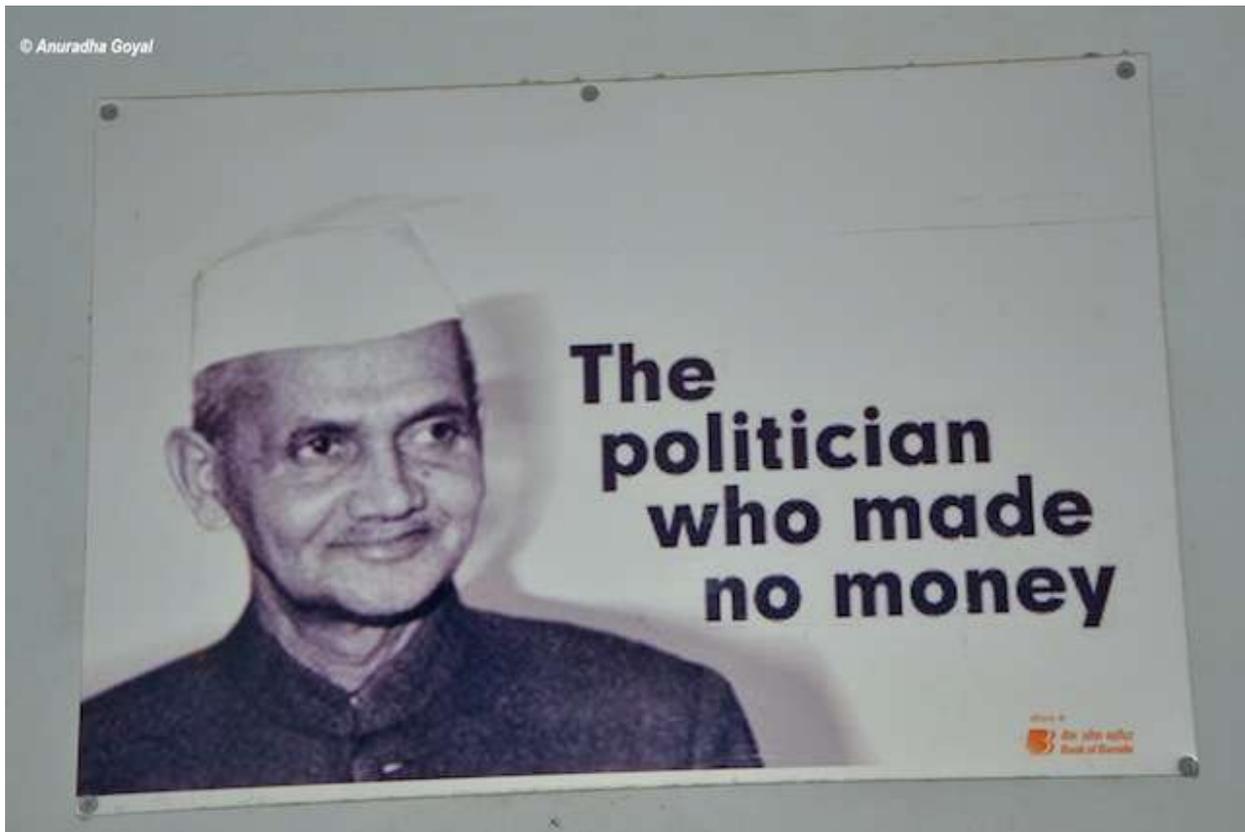
While the Uttarayana has proceeded from January 14th to December 21st over the last 1500 years, Makara Sankranti, denoting movement of the Sun into the constellation, Makara, occurs on 14th January.

By Sri D K Hari www.bharathgyan.com/



Remembering Historic Events of the Month – January

Lal Bahadur Shastri – The forgotten Indian Prime Minister who died a poor man - January 1966



Simplicity and Honesty

These days, when Indian politicians are accused of amassing illegal wealth and having Swiss Bank accounts, can you imagine that the second Prime Minister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri died a poor man, leaving behind a debt for the car loan availed by him from a bank?

Lal Bahadur Shastri did not own a car even after becoming the Prime Minister and the family members persuaded him to own a car. Being a simple person, he had only Rs.7000/- in his bank account. A Fiat car cost Rs.12,000/- those days. He applied for a bank loan of Rs.5000/-. When he died at Tashkent on 11th Jan 1966, his loan account was not cleared fully.

Mysterious Death of Shastri

After signing an agreement with Pakistan in Tashkent (Soviet Union) on 10th Jan 1966, he died in his hotel room on 11th Jan 1966 reportedly due to heart attack. Though his family members raised doubt about his mysterious death, till date the cause of his death remains unknown.





Lal Bahadur Shastri-Sardar Swaran Singh-Y B Chavan – one of the last photos at Tashkent – 10th Jan 1966

The Prime Minister's Office, while refusing information under the RTI Act on the cause and the circumstances of Shastri's death, said that disclosing this information could harm India's foreign relations and also violate Parliamentary Privilege. Unfortunately, the simple and efficient Prime Minister is forgotten in history forever.

Shastri in Politics

Born into a teacher's family on 2nd October 1904, Shastri joined the freedom movement in early 1920s. He spent more than 9

years in the jail on various occasions. As General Secretary of the Congress Party, he played an important role in the landslide victory of the Congress Party in the Indian General Elections of 1952, 1957 and 1962.

He served as the Minister of Railways in the Central Government from May 1952. In December 1956, he resigned, accepting moral responsibility for a railway accident at Ariyalur in Tamil Nadu that resulted in 144 deaths, even though the Railway Minister was not responsible for such accidents.

Shastri as Prime Minister

Lal Bahadur Shastri took over as the Second Prime Minister of India, after the death of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 9th June 1964.

At that time the country was facing a huge economic crisis, besides troubles created by China and Pakistan in the border. He implemented the Green Revolution and the White Revolution in the country to increase grain and milk production. He even appealed to the people to give up one meal, so that the saved food could be given to needy people. He gave importance to the Jawans and the Kisans, by coining a slogan, "Jai Jawan; Jai Kisan".



Shastri's greatest moment came when he led India to victory in the 1965 Indo-Pak War. It was during the signing of the Tashkent agreement between Pakistan and India that Shastri had mysterious death.

The nation remembers Lal Bahadur Shastri with reverence, and salutes him for his contribution to the nation.

By Sukruti Vadula, Editorial Team member



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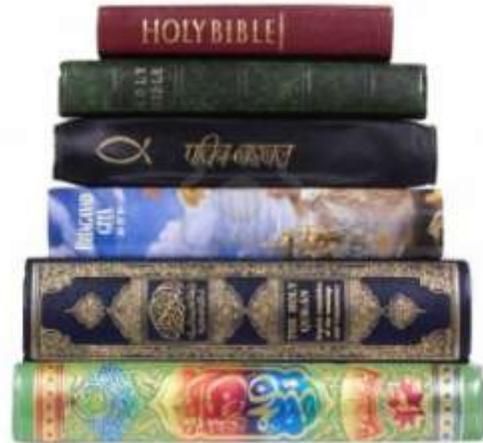
Why read holy books?

An old Farmer lived in a farm in the mountains with his young grandson. Each morning Grandpa was getting up early in the morning. Sitting at the kitchen table he used to read Bhagavat Gita. His grandson wanted to be just like him and tried to imitate him in every way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Grandpa! I try to read the Bhagavat Gita just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What is the purpose of reading Bhagavat Gita?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and replied, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring me back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, but all the water leaked out before he got back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You'll have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.



This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was impossible to carry water in a basket, and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out of the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got back to the house. The boy again dipped the basket into river and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty.

Out of breath, he said, "See Grandpa, it's useless!" "So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time realized that the basket was different.

It had been transformed from a dirty old coal basket and was now clean, inside and out. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bhagavat Gita. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, you will be changed, inside and out. That is the work of Krishna in our lives." "Celebrate Life. Care for others and share whatever you have with those less fortunate than you. Broaden your vision, for the whole world belongs to you." Grandpa added.

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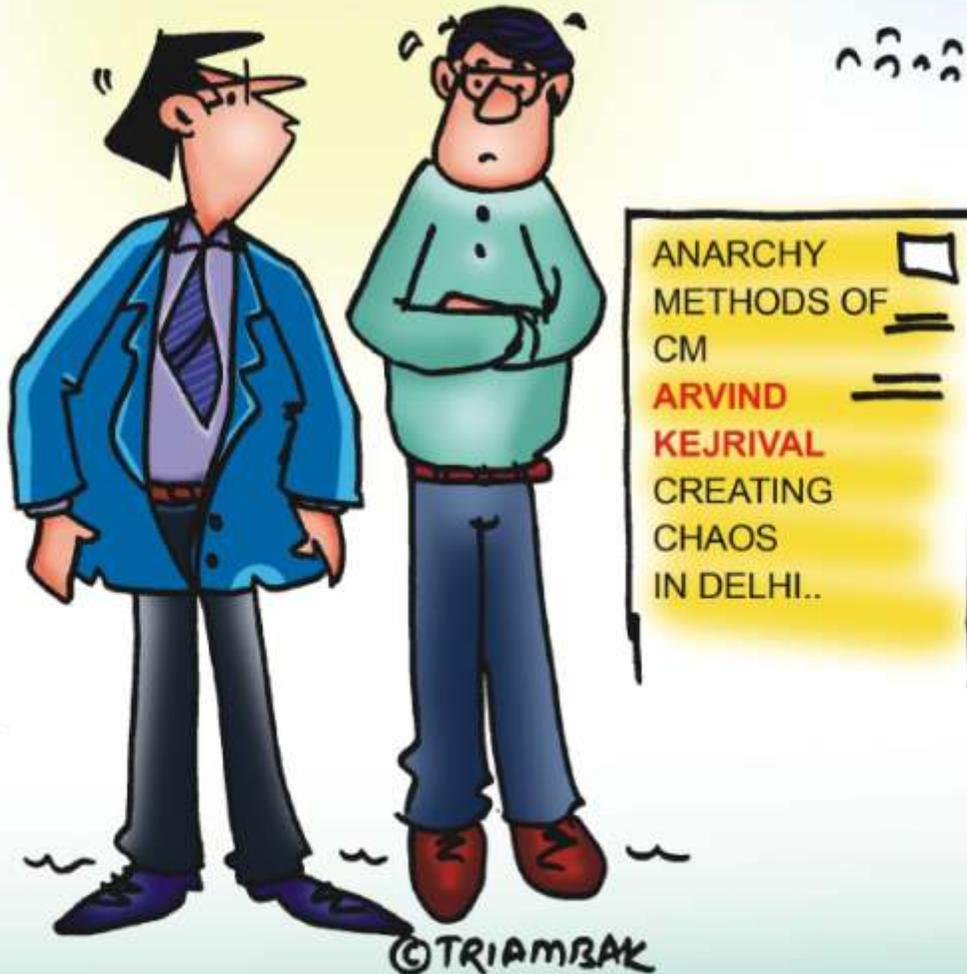
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Controversy

Does AAP's media obsession lead to anarchism?

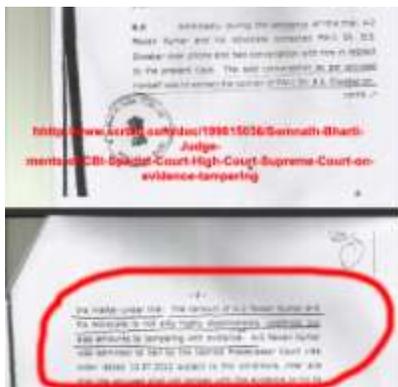
AAP Forming Government at Delhi

After gaining enough popularity through IAC movement led by Anna Hazare, Arvind Kejriwal broke away from the India Against Corruption (IAC) movement and started his own political party, 'Aam Aadmi Party' (AAP). Within a few months of forming the party, AAP surprised the whole nation by securing 28 seats (29.5% vote share) out of 70 seats in the Delhi Assembly Elections. Since BJP with 31 members refused to form the Government, AAP formed the Government with the outside support of Congress (8 members) and won the vote of confidence in the Assembly too.

IAC movement has set the entire nation to fight against corruption. The AAP youngsters led by Arvind Kejriwal brought confidence on the people that they would bring some change.

Media Obsession

AAP and Arvind Kejriwal got a wonderful opportunity to prove to the nation their capabilities through good governance. But they seemed to grow obsessed with media coverage, as they started looking at every action keeping the media in mind, without looking at the governance aspect. They did not understand the risk of the media and that the same media which glorified them could also shame them.



CBI Court order against Somnath Bharati

Probably, since they were under pressure to implement the un-implementable election promises, they started resorting to 'attention diversion' and childish tactics, like Janata Dharbar, raids of schools, hospitals, etc.

CBI courts criticism on Somnath Bharati, the Law Minister for tampering the records, his illegal orders to Police in the mid night to arrest African ladies have all come up for serious criticism and brought embarrassment to the party.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's dharna in the prohibited area defending the actions of Somnath Bharati and calling himself as 'anarchist' has further created confusion among the people, who had reposed highest confidence on them. Chief Minister's call to police force to join the dharna, his declaration that he would derail Republic Day celebrations, Prashant Bhushan's comments on Kashmir, open invitation extended by Bhushan and Anjali Damina to Maoists and Davood Ibrahim have further raised the doubts among the people about their real agenda. A case is also pending against Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi Court on charge of plagiarism for the book 'Swaraj'. His recent statement in support of illegal 'Khap Panchayats' has added further controversy.

Hoping the AAP would be a different political party with more maturity, many eminent people and the middle class section of the society supported AAP earlier.



Though they may all enjoy freedom, they are yet to understand that freedom and violation have a thin line of separation between them. If they continue to function in this reckless manner, people would lose confidence in any future social activists turning out to be politicians.

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Chauhan. Now time has come again. If you want to see once again the victory of Islam in Delhi (first the heart and then entire India), then you can donate them. There is a donation page in AAP website where you can donate to them. In the country box you have to select your nation (in our case Pakistan) and then follow the donation process. Well I am by political nationality an Indian, but I am a true Muslim and above the nationalism, my identity is Islam. As I have Indian passport, I gave my Indian passport number but how could you? No worries, the passport number for India you can give any alphabet followed by seven digits. For example P7860786. It is a deliberate security breach and it doesn't even bother about matching the passport number and name on it. One of my Arab friend said he constantly donates AAP, its working. Then you can donate them using your debit or credit card. I am from India and it is my duty to help my brothers there so I have donated Rs. 45000 INR, that is in Pakistan my two months' salary. You can donate at least Rs. 100 INR, well that would cut your budget for a day in the KFC of Gulshan-e-Iqbal with your girlfriend but it will be a great help to the cause of Islam and

Facebook page reported to be that of Pak separatists

Allegations about funding

Under the Indian law, only Indians can donate to the Indian political parties. It is alleged that during the election time, Pakistan-based separatists encouraged their people through the Facebook (shared 955 times) to fund AAP with false Indian Passport number (by writing one letter of the alphabet followed by 7 digits), to falsely identify themselves as Indian nationals. Since the AAP site did not have any mechanism to validate the passport number, many Pakistan-based terrorists are suspected to have funded AAP during the elections. This allegation is now being investigated by the Government of India.

Learning from the past

The leaders of AAP should have learnt their lessons from the history of our nation. In the past, India faced two types of people's movements. One was based on 'regional aspirations'. Political parties like DMK, TDP, AGP and BSP were formed by the regional aspirations of strong leaders. Though these parties might have undergone splits, they still continue to be powerful political forces in India.

The other type of movement was focused only on a single agenda. In early 1970s, Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan called for a 'total revolution' to fight against Indira Gandhi's



regime. Many senior political leaders with a huge following came together to form the 'Janata Party' in 1977 and secured a massive victory in the Lok Sabha elections after the emergency, defeating Indira Gandhi. Within a few months after their victory, they got disintegrated due to lack of focus and future plans for the country.

In 1985, VP Singh, another mass leader formed the 'Jan Morcha' to fight against corruption in Rajiv Gandhi's regime. They also won to form the Government at the centre. After a few months, they got disintegrated and lost power for a similar reason. Both these parties / movements are not in existence today.

AAP - Party without policies and membership drive

Political history loudly indicates that any political movement with a single agenda cannot survive for a long time. The political movement should have effective leadership with clear policies on various issues. It is surprising that AAP, without clear leadership and policies on various issues, is now calling itself the third force at the national level, after the Congress and the BJP. It is also surprising to see the media project AAP as an alternative to the Congress or BJP, when AAP has not yet set up even its party units in the other states. AAP's claim of having more than one crore members has become a mockery. The social media is now flooded with AAP membership cards in the names of President Obama, Jayalalitha, Sonia Gandhi, Mayavati, Rahul Gandhi and Narendra Modi. We also found it very easy to obtain a membership card in the name of President Obama. Such a membership drive reduces the credibility of the party. Even the traditional national parties do not claim to have such huge membership.



Allegations against the Trusts owned by Kejriwal

When AAP talks about transparency, many of the critics also accuse them of lack of transparency in the functioning of the trusts owned by Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia. Arvind Kejriwal created 3 NGOs viz. Parivartan (1999), Kabir (2005) and Public Cause Research Foundation (2006). He was also given Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2006.

These trusts have received several crores of rupees from the Ford Foundation, the Dutch Embassy and other international funding agencies. Ford Foundation is accused of being an extended arm of the 'Central Intelligence Agency' (CIA) of USA. In the biography and citation released by the 'Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation' while presenting the Award to Arvind Kejriwal in 2006, they cited 'Central Intelligence Agency' (CIA) as the first reference. (See screenshot below)

When somebody questioned about the purpose of the funds in the Court, the Delhi Court ordered the Government to investigate it. The websites of Parivartan and Kabir are now closed. The Government of India seems to be investigating on violations.

While they talk about transparency, the IAC volunteers raise doubts about the hasty closure of the websites of these two trusts and their refusal to divulge the details. The dubious



connectivity between CIA, Ford Foundation, Magsaysay Award and some AAP founders still remains without proper clarification and shrouded in mystery.

empower each citizen to march to government offices and assert his or her rights. This means educating the people on the Right to Information Act, which has been expanded to cover not only Delhi but the rest of the country as well. Towards this end, Parivartan tied up with right media houses including NDTV News Delhi Television on an information campaign about how and how to use the Right to Information Act. The campaign was led by Arvind Kejriwal from September to October 2005.

<http://www.rmaf.org.ph/newrmaf/main/awardees/awardee/biography/141>

Over fifteen days in July 2006, Parivartan trained 1,500 volunteers from seven hundred nongovernment organizations in fifty-five cities on the Right to Information Act. The training was held in five cities: Jaipur, Lucknow, Patna, Raipur and Chandigarh. Right to Information, people have a right to know the government's actions and that is the main purpose of the law. These seven hundred organizations: "The work of an organization can be judged to be truly successful if the cause it espouses continues to go from strength to strength even after its founders and the group itself have faded from the scene. Parivartan, Kejriwal, and his fellow volunteers may be said to be on the right track.

Cesar R. Bacani Jr.

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Anarchism is Not a Substitute for Governance

The President of India in his Republic Day speech cautioned in general that 'anarchism' cannot be a substitute for 'governance'.

We also observe from the social media that some of the young people and even intellectuals hail and justify such 'anarchism' and immature acts of AAP leaders under the pretext that the country needs a change and a new type of politics.

India is the largest democracy in the world with more than 130 crore people. Braving many internal and external challenges, India has shown progress in various fields at the global level. Although we may have more unresolved issues, they need to be tackled in a mature way without creating chaos. In the past 65 years, many leaders have shown effective leadership by taking the country to the next level. Without any hullabaloo, Narasimha Rao handled the financial crisis of the country in early 1990s and took the country to the next stage of economic progress through his mature and effective leadership.

Justifying the wrong actions of any political party is quite dangerous and risky. Creating an impression among the new-generation voters that anarchy is a heroic deed is dangerous. Internal and external enemies and terrorists wait for an opportunity to destabilise the nation. The founding fathers of the Indian constitution have carefully drafted the Constitution to provide ample solutions for any crisis.

Arvind Kejriwal and his team should not play to the galleries. They are no longer activists. They should realise that activism is different from governance. Just like they were watching the rulers closely as activists, now people have started watching AAP also more closely. The people have given them constitutional responsibilities to govern the Delhi State. Instead of creating a pandemonium before the cameras, they should sit and calmly discuss with experts and officials to solve the problems one by one. They should transparently come out with their own past and present financial transactions before blaming others and to avoid allegation against them. The nation expects more from them, to bring the desired change.

By K. Srinivasan, Editor in Chief



Ignited Minds

A silent revolution by Narayan Muniji in Bihar

Narayan Muniji (80), a passionate Gandhian from the East Champaran District of Bihar is silently revolutionizing his village, Bokane Kala for the past 50 years, by creating a library with 31,000 valuable books for the benefit of the local people.

As a small boy, he used to attend various lectures in the pre-independent era and got motivated to spread knowledge among his local people. He started a small library with a few books and motivated people to read them during leisure time. For this purpose, he started collecting books on various themes ranging from ancient scriptures to modern books on science, youth, biography, women empowerment, from various people.



Narayan Muniji in his library

When he started this library on 15th October 1950, he named it 'Janata Pustakalaya'. Later he renamed the library 'Prajapatti Seva Sadan Library', to honour Prajapathi Mishra, a Gandhian. Presently this library contains more than 31,000 valuable books.

He does not accept money in cash. He requests donors to get good books from the bookshop. He records the name of the donor along with his signature on the first page of the book. He conducts 'Pustak dan yagya', a 'door-to-door' campaign, to collect books from various people. Many youngsters in his area as well as Government officials are associated with him in this campaign.

"My father died when I was three years old. My mother and grandfather used to talk about the freedom movement. They encouraged me to start this library, when I was young. She gave me the land and the money", said Mr Narayan Muniji in an exclusive interview with Mr Munna Kumar Arya, who interviewed him on behalf of PreSense.

Shri Narayan Muniji closely worked with Vinobhaji during the Bhoodan movement. Later he also participated in the JP movement in 1970s.

This library is housed in 'Bokane Kala' village, known for naxalite activities. The dacoits used to rob money and other valuables for their maintenance, from houses in that area. A few years ago, these dacoits robbed many of the books from this library also. Narayan Muniji did not lodge any police complaint and chose to keep quiet. This gesture changed the minds of some of the naxalites and they came personally to return the books and apologized to him. This incident became a turning point in the lives of some of the naxalites. They dissociated themselves from the Naxalite movement and started living normal life, taking guidance from Narayan Muniji. Now they have become good citizens, gaining respect from the society. Narayan Muniji has authored 7 books on Gandhian thoughts and the JP movement. He serves leprosy patients with his time and money.

PreSense wishes Naryan Muniji a healthy and long life to serve the society. Article by Munna Kumar Arya, Bihar munna2020.info@gmail.com



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