

Editorial

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The approaching day of redemption

Keeping pace with the increasingly oppressive temperature which is evidently getting worse with each passing year, the heat is truly on for the upcoming Lok Sabha election which is just over a fortnight away. With the candidature for the various contesting parties having finalized, most of the public in the state have made their decision, some more openly than others.

This time around, there is obviously a perceptible change in the way people approach the 'Election Festival' in that the candidates are less vocal and are more subdued in their approach towards canvassing support of the public. Is it that they have really and truly lost the plot and are playing safe by keeping mum rather than invite the wrath and scorn of the ever increasingly unforgettable and unforgiving public who now have the means and the temerity to dig out empty promises and lies at the swipe of a finger on their smartphones? Or is it that they have shifted their gameplan to harness the power of the internet and are funding exorbitant amount of money without a trace to shore up proxy supporters to try and sway public opinion- a ploy not unfamiliar with the citizens of the nation?

Whatever the truth may turn out to be, one thing that is felt absent by all and sundry is the 'Manifesto' or 'Pledge' or 'Promises' or whatever else one might term it- the list of expressed necessities the candidates and the party is set out to fulfill. Rather than focusing on the future of the state and the country by raising issues and topics which the parties and candidates feel deserves attention and prioritization, there is a growing trend for self-declared supporters or idolaters as some had declared themselves, to delve into the past of the candidates and comparing the legal and criminal records. No doubt, such revelations are useful in considering the choice of right candidates but also can, and are often misleading to say the least. Such a growing trend also points to a submissive mentality of having forced to choose a lesser evil rather than viewing the election as an opportunity to make a resounding statement and to exercise the best gift of democracy. The sad reality is that the people in our state as is like the vast majority of others in almost every state does not see the whole process much beyond certain personal benefits and are willing to exchange or give up their suffrage for meagre financial gains.

In this connected digital world of today, it is easy to sway or be swayed by various inputs and social media contents. We need to consider the pros and cons in a very objective manner taking into consideration the ability for individuals to handle various pressures and challenges and their response to the same. This should be viewed as a golden opportunity for the public to rectify the wrongs perpetrated by the representatives and serve as an example that the aspirations and needs of the common people cannot be ignored nor abused. But for that to happen, we the people need to exercise our suffrage with utmost care and respect. Let us all realize our worth and act accordingly. We are the source of power and if there is anyone to blame for the stupid and self-centred people winning elections, it is ourselves. It is almost too late to make another mistake that will haunt us for the next half-decade and probably the rest of our lives.

Our acts rather than our words will determine if our society as a whole is matured enough to warrant passing judgment on our leaders. Notwithstanding the plethora of promises and rosy pictures of a better future being peddled by the political parties in their bid to woo the voters which has come into significance during such times, it will ultimately be the decision of the public to retrospect, deliberate and act on our own decisions. And the time to act is now.

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Secretary General of UNITED NATIONS , Antonio Gueterressermon in the U.N General Assembly “ We are a world in pieces , we need to be a world at peace “ is a worrying remark for the humankind

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What is peace? It is the highest humanity values, it is more important than justice. It is a concord , harmony and tranquility a balance of state of law and equilibrium of power. We all want to leave our children a better world than the one we found. The greatest legacy we can bestow is joy which is a choice right now . If you wait until the world changes , to let your light shine , your dream will wither and die. In today's context everything around us is a doom , air water , earth , human hatred , quest for power , territorial quest . Human beings have ongoing war between them and violence everywhere .

On 19th September 2017, addressing the annual gathering of world leader at U.N . The Secretary General spotlighted nuclear peril , climate change , and ongoing conflicts that must be overcome to create a better world for all. The world is getting insecurity rising , inequality growing , conflict spreading , climate changing, societies

fragmenting and political discourse polarizing. The world is developing in a sense towards violence not towards peace- nuclear weapons are at the highest level of threat towards mankind, and the provocative nuclear and missile tests by different nations. The terrorism going at large and pulling serious stunts to civilians, and the unresolved conflicts in Syria , Yemen, South Sudan, the Sahel ,Afghanistan ,Turkistan, and the tension between China and its neighbours, the two Koreas tension , Iran vs Saudi Arabia, India vs Pakistan . Insurgency in North east India , Kashmir ,Punjab,Auch,Angolian civil war . Colombian conflict since 1964 , war in Afghanistan since 1978 , Iraq conflict , ethnic conflict in Nagaland . We can cite

Kurdish-Turkish conflicts has put serious life at stake and have taken the lives of 1,00,000 people and 55,000 wounded , Iraq conflict killed 30,000 and 1,10,000 to 4,60,000 casualties and with so much greedies and quest for territorial extend the

world is at stake . This terror act as a potent weapon against governments ,opposing with the terrorists. They hijack planes, planting bombs in trains, markets, and other crowded public places and they even attack on WORLD TRADE CENTER on 11 th September 2011 and on Mumbai on 26 th November 2008.

Abuses of Human Rights is also an issue of human security. Israeli action in Palestine , Iraq invasion of Kuwait, Genocide in Ruanda, extra judicial killings in Jammu and Kashmir, human rights abuses in Manipur under the banner AFSPA , killing of people by Indonesian army since 1990s', Rohingya's ethnic cleansing by Military chuntha Myanmar, etc .

Health epidemics like HIV/AIDS , Cancer , Bird flu, Hepatitis ,Swine flu, and severe acute respiratory syndrome , it is estimated that two third people belonged to Africa and half of the rest in Asia are affected by HIV throughout the world, the number of death increasing while global poverty is also a insecurity at global level. Children suffering

from malnutrition ,Kwasikor , and most of this led to terrorism and survival of the fittest where rich, powerful discriminate the weak poor, it is where killings , murder and armed conflicts rise . Here we can site the example of Sub Saharan region.

And Nuclear test ongoing continuously by North Korea even ignoring the warning given by U.N.O since 2006. 5th January 2015, 6th Jan 2016, 9th September 2016, 3rd September 2017 and secret nuclear programme and tests in Pakistan ,Israel, South Africa, Russia and Germany etc. All these ongoing are a threat to mankind as it will lead to more quest of weapons and mass. Now it is the time for us to be unified and put everything to solution by maintaining peace with everyone and keep in mind the efforts of U.N.O and other agencies as conflicts should be settled by peace talks . Darkness cannot drive darkness only light can do that , hate cannot drive hate only love can do that. Jimi Hendrik said , when the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.

Do the Producers of the Modi Biopic Really Have No Links to BJP?

Courtesy The Wire:

PM Narendra Modi is scheduled to release right in the middle of the Lok Sabha election campaigning on April 5. In response to a notice sent by the Election Commission on a complaint lodged by Congress, the producers of the film have denied that it is a political propaganda, and have insisted that they have "put in their personal money" to produce the movie.

But is it really true? **Producers, lawyers have close links with BJP**

The Indian Express has quoted Hitesh Jain, the lawyer for producers Anand K Pandit, Sandeep Singh, Manish Acharya and Suresh Oberoi, as saying: "The allegations made linking our client's movie with a political party merely on a few public events, Facebook posts and tweets are not only false but have no basis in either fact and/or law."

He said the biopic was "produced by our clients and not any political candidates" and advised people to not "jump to the conclusion" only because Vivek Oberoi, who plays the lead protagonist, is known to be sympathetic to the BJP.

As for BJP president Amit Shah and Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis being invited to promote the film, the producers submitted that this was done to ensure "resounding commercial success" of the movie. Another reason given was that Shah has also been depicted as a character in the film.

Lawyer owns half of the firm involved in promoting Modi The daily reported that Jain is a partner at Parinam Law Associates and a shareholder and director of BlueKraft Digital



Foundation. Citing records from the ministry of corporate affairs, it said he owned 50% of the shares in BlueKraft as on March 31, 2018.

Jain told the newspaper that he was an "independent lawyer" and "BlueKraft has nothing to do with this". He also insisted that BlueKraft has "no link to the government".

However, a closer look at BlueKraft's functioning revealed that it has been closely working with BJP and/or its leaders.

In 2017, it released the first book on "Mann ki Baat" at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Then in 2018, it partnered Modi as "technology and knowledge partner" for Exam Warriors, that was authored by him.

This year on March 2, BlueKraft released the second book on Modi's "Mann Ki Baat" titled "A Social Revolution on Radio, 50 Episodes Special Edition".

'Related site clipped Rahul's tape to blunt his Rafale attack'

It is pertinent to note that in January this year, AltNews.in had a story on how BlueKraft was behind spreading misinformation against the political rivals of BJP.

AltNews reported that a nine-second clip of Congress president

Rahul Gandhi speaking in Lok Sabha about the Rafale deal was tweeted by @knowthenation on January 6. This clip, in which Gandhi is heard saying, "I have no proof so far, but I am very clear that the Prime Minister is directly involved", was actually taken out of context from a large 4:26 minute video.

His reply was directed at defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman: "Defense Minister said that we are accusing her...Madam I am not accusing you and I am not accusing Mr Parrikar. I am accusing Mr Narendra Modi. Let it be absolutely clear that you have done nothing other than try to defend a lie. So I do not think that you are involved in the Rafale scam. I have no proof so far to say that you are involved but I am very clear that the Prime Minister is directly involved in the Rafale scam."

The clipped version was clearly aimed at taking the steam out of Gandhi's attack on the Modi government over the Rafale deal.

Sites linked to BlueKraft also peddled half-truths

AltNews said the video had been shared widely by pro-BJP social media platforms. It said

"Know The Nation" has been around since December 2017 and is followed by prominent BJP leaders like railway minister Piyush Goyal and Delhi BJP spokesperson Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga.

The investigative site said there also existed a link between BlueKraft and Know The Nation. It quoted the Indian Express saying that they both shared the same landline telephone number.

Moreover, AltNews said: "BlueKraft's association with the BJP seems to extend further. There is evidence of the company's connection with three other pro-BJP propaganda platforms - New India Junction, Awemazing World and the protagonist of this story, Know The Nation."

It said many of BlueKraft's employees had direct links with The True Picture - which has also been accused of spreading misinformation in the past. It added that a senior creative director at BlueKraft, Nilesh Mistry, listed the handles as part of his responsibilities along with The True Picture and called them 'in-house blogs'.

So clearly, there is a lot more to PM Narendra Modi than meets the eye.