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MESSAGE FROM HINDU SWAYAMSEVAK SANGH, HONG KONG

Namaste,

We are deeply grieved to inform you that Shri Kishori Lal Gupta ji breathed his last at 3.55 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at the age of 77.

Although it was not totally unexpected, it is extremely sad to know that Man Kishorilalji is no more. With his passing away a glorious chapter in the work of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, Hong Kong is over. Kishorilalji was associated with it from its very inception. His continuous and unparalled contribution in the growth of Sangh work helped many karyakartas to work silently and effectively.

Sangh work was a sadhana for him. He had identified himself totally with the Sangh work and was its guide, friend and philosopher. Like a true swayamsevak, he never cared for any position in Sangh. In fact he was above all such positions. He made a strong impact with his personal exemplary behaviour and thereby left deep imprints in the thinking of swayamsevaks with regard to Sangh work and Sangh vision.

He was a dedicated and devoted swayamsevak and nurtured the work during all stages and particularly in its difficult times. He was a Sanyasi as well a true Karmayogi. During his last moments also he was thinking of only Sangh. One of his last words as told to Manoj ji was "Sangh ka Khyaal Rakhiye".

We know it will be difficult to fill the vacuum developed after the sad demise of Shri Kishori Ji. Let us take inspiration from him and rededicate ourselves to the sangh and Hindu cause.

We all pray for the eternal peace of the departed divine soul.

We also stand with the family of Shri Kishori ji and pray the Almighty God to give them enough courage and strength to overcome this loss.

Tera Vaibhav Amar Rahe Maa, Hum Din Char Rahe Na Rahe

Message from the President (Sanghchalak of HSS Hong Kong), Shri J.P. Goel ji

SHRI KISHORI LAL JI - A True Swayamsevak

When we think about Shri Kishori Lalji, a picture comes in our mind of a true and dedicated swayamsevak whose soul and life was Sangh. Although he was working, he never allowed his job to interfere with Sangh Shakha and Sangh work. His ex-employers were aware of his commitment towards Sangh.

Initially he came into contact with RSS in his birthplace, Burma (now Myamar) and was regularly attending Sangh shakhas there as well as in Nepal, where he later moved to. Although he never neglected his duties towards his family, they knew that Sangh was everything to him. In fact, his wife and children never objected or interfered in his Sangh work,

and instead directly or indirectly involved themselves in Sangh activities.

I and Shri Kishori Lalji came to Hongkong in the same year - 1972. I was knowing Shri Kishoriji casually, but we became very close when we met in Sangh Shakhas in Hong Kong. He respected me as his elder brother and we used to take part in Sangh activities in Hong Kong together. I must however admit that he was more dedicated than I was.

Sometimes, I used to sacrifice Sangh work when there was some personal commitment, but Shri Kishoriji would never give priority to anything over Sangh work. He was a silent, selfless but a most dedicated swayamsevak, who did not long for any position.

I remember that in 1992, when Shri L.K.Advani came to Hong Kong, he visited our HSS camp. Everybody was present on the stage to have the group photo taken with Shri Advaniji, but Shri Kishori Lalji was missing. It was later realised that Shri Kishori Lalji had been busy making tea for everybody. He was not bothered about having his photo taken, but was most concerned about doing the work. His life was a total dedication towards Sangh

Even our past Sarsanghchalak, Param Pujya Shri Rajju Bhaiya stayed in his house when he was in Hong Kong.

His will-power was great. He was operated 4 times for cancer. I remember that once when he was operated in Hong Kong, to everybody's surprise, he was in shakha the very next day after being disharged from the hospital!

In Hongkong, HSS has so far held 27 annual camps, and Shri Kishori Lalji had never missed any. This is what we call the total devotion to Sangh.

His heart was yearning about the plight of Hindus and the need of Hindu unity. He identified himself totally with Sangh work. He was always available physically, mentally and monetarily as and when the need arose for Sangh work. When we purchased our Sangh Karyalaya in Hongkong, and there was a shortfall of funds, he immediately volunteered to contribute to the shortfall. His ambition and goal was that Sangh work in Hongkong should not be affected at any cost.

Such a great soul left us on 16th Nov. 2010. Sangh work in Hong Kong will suffer initially but the greatest tribute to him will be that we all work resolutely to fulfil his ambition and see that we can work effectively for the unity of Hindus and for the good of our motherland, BHARAT.

OUR PRANAAMS TO A GREAT KARMAYOGI

Message from the past president (Sanghchalak of HSS Hong Kong) and permanent advisor, Shri G.T. Gul ji

I first met Kishoriji in 1973. He was a very simple, humble and down-to-earth person and remained the same person till he breathed his last in 2010.

Kishoriji was a true and dedicated swayamsevak. In his life, Sangh work was always on the top list of his daily routine. Besides being the treasurer of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, Hong Kong, he was also taking care of many other things like updating membership list, posting circulars,

sending emails, taking care of visiting sangh karyakartas etc….even in his last days, lying in the hospital bed he was worried about Sangh work and asked the Sangh karyakartas who visited him to take care of Sangh work.

Kishoriji was one of the founder members of HSS, Hong Kong. A few months after registration, he came up with a proposal of organizing a Sangh camp in Hong Kong.

Would it be possible to organize a camp in Hong Kong was a subject to ponder about. It seemed a difficult job, but, Kishoriji was confident and persisted. He said **"where there is a will there is a way".**

He had the experience of organizing Sangh camps in Myanmar, and with his master organizing skill and planning our first camp was a great and roaring success

The result of his confidence and determination is that we have successfully completed our 27th Hindu Cultural Orientation Camp. In our forthcoming camps, though Kishoriji will not be with us physically but yet, his spirit will remain with us.

JO DIL MEIN RAHTE HAIN WOHI AMAR HOTE HAIN

Live so that when the final summon comes you will leave something more behind you than just a simple obituary in a newspaper.

Cover Story

KARMAYOGI SHRI KISHORI LAL GUPTA

1933 - 2010

Mananeeya Kishori Lal Gupta, a beacon and torchbearer of HSS Hong Kong, who played a leading and decisive role in the growth of Sangh work in Hong Kong, is no longer with us. He passed away on 16th November, 2010. He was 77. He is survived by his wife, and four children.

Shri Kishorilalji's association with Sangh began in Myanmar, where he was born in 1933, and lived there till 1968. He came under the influence of Shri Mangal Sein, who was the first RSS prachark in Myanmar (then, Burma), and joined his 1st shakha in 1950.

In fact, the very first Sangh Karyalaya established in Myanmar, was established in Shri Kishorilalji's house there, and he along with Shri Praveen Doshiji were the very first swayamsevaks from Myanmar to attend the OTC camp in Bharat in 1956.

He also took an active part in all the camps that were held in Myanmar in those days, thus playing a very prominent role in the activities of Hindu consolidation in Myanmar.

From Myanmar, Shri Kishorilalji moved to Nepal, where he lived from 1969 - 1973. Over there also, he continued his links with Sangh, and worked in whatever means possible to further its cause.

Shri Kishorilalji came to Hong Kong in 1973, and lived here for the rest of his life.

He came in contact with senior swayamsevaks, who resided in Hong Kong, though HSS Hong Kong formally started in 1978. He played a leading role in the establishment of shakhas in Hong Kong, and oversaw its rapid growth during the 1980s.

He was the main person behind the holding of the successful annual HSS camps, many times doing the work single-handedly and with perfect precision. It was incredible to witness the kind of energy and dedication that he possessed in conducting these camps, considering that at the same time that preparations were being made for the camp, he had to also pay considerable attention to his important office / business work.

In the past few years, even though he had delegated the responsibility of holding the annual camps to others, yet his guidance and inspiration was always with us. Such annual camps are still held every Easter.

He also helped organize HSS's successful blood donation drive, which was held annually, in which

members of the local Bharatiya community - not just swayamsevaks - participated in big numbers, donating their blood as Hindus to support the Hong Kong Red Cross; by this event, HSS contributed enormously to the local Hong Kong society (The blood donation drive had to discontinue in 1997, due to some restrictions and conditions placed on donating blood)

His house was always open to all swayamsevaks, and whenever any senior Sangh functionary visited Hong Kong, such as Mananeeya Shri Sudarshanji, Shr Raju Bhaiya, Swami Vigyanandaji, among others, they always stayed at his house , and partook of his excellent hospitality.

When Shri Ravi Kumarji, our senior pracharak, first came to Hong Kong in the 1980s, he also stayed at Shri Kishorilalji's house, and became just like a member of his family.

A swayamsevak to the core, the Sangh mission was his very life. He never bothered about any titles or positions, but always worked tirelessly and selflessly.

Whoever came in contact with him, even those who did not belong to the Sangh, were impressed and touched by his simplicity, humbleness and selflessness - he always thought of others first.

Shri Kishorilalji inspired generations of swayamsevaks in Hong Kong and abroad by his commitment,

idealism, dedication and devotion to the cause of Hindu unity and Bharatiya culture, as imbibed by HSS.

The entire editorial team of Sandesh Bharati - Nirmal Laungani, Dr. Manoj Kumar Motwani, Vijai Jeandani, Dipak Kumar and Haresh Khushi - was deeply influenced by the personality of Shri Kishorilal Gupta having worked under his guidance and blessings.

Mananeeya Shri Kishorilal Gupta is not physically present with us anymore, however his lasting legacy to HSS, Hong Kong will remain forever.

Kishorilal, the Karmayogi

- Shri Ravi Kumar

Those who want long lasting organizations, often quote:

Wanted men!
Not systems, fit and wise,
Not faith, with rigid eyes,
Not wealth in mountain piles,
Not power with gracious smiles,
Not even the potent pen,
Wanted men!

The same was also said by Swami Vivekanand, "I want men with capital M". Kishorilal Gupta ji was one such karyakarta with capital M. **Commitment, Conviction, Courage, Compassion, Charity and Character were his forte.**

Commitment to Sangh work

Kishorilal Gupta ji was not given to intellectual debates or political followings, managerial jargons or money power. His main power was his unflinching commitment for the Hindu cause and unwavering pledge for the Sangh progress. These qualities came from his unswerving conviction about Sangh karyapadhati. Hong Kong swayamsevaks know fully well that he would not miss a single shakha, may it be Wednesday shakha for office goers or Sunday shakha for youth at India Club. He had not missed a single utsav or a single HSS annual shibir. His commitment was such that in all the utsavs he will bring snacks, poories, dahl, sweets etc. In all the shibirs, he will rise early to prepare tea for all the adhikaris and shibirarthis. Shibir Kitchen was almost wholly managed by him and his family members including Smt Shanti Gupta ji. Whenever Sangh adhikaris visited Hong Kong, Kishorilal ji and Ishwar Mahtaney ji played host. He has passed on these virtues to his children. His sons Ravi was mukhya sikshak of India Club shakha, Anil is active with Hong Kong Hindu Mandir and Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Sunil works for Ekal Vidyalaya and daughter Madhulika started Sevika samiti shakha for girls.

Conviction or Commitment with Flexibility

Kishorilal ji was committed to the core; but was flexible in approach. He accepted and worked for the success of several decisions that were not to his liking. Mailing greeting cards on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan utsav was one such example. Hong Kong is an important business centre of the world. Most Indians are into export business and are in mad rat race for time. It is not customary for strangers to visit offices or houses without prior appointments. In Bharat and Myanmar, swayamsevaks go house to house to tie rakhis. In the western and business atmosphere of Hong Kong this was almost unthinkable. Hence the adhikaris decided to mail Raksha Bandhan Greeting cards and Rakhis to all Hindus by post. Even though Kishorilal Gupta ji was strongly in favour of the conventional Indian way, he accepted the decision and personally typed all addresses and did all the postings.

Courage or Commitment to Excellence

Desire is the key to motivation, but it is determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of goal – a commitment to excellence – that brings in success. The first HSS shibir in Hong Kong would not have taken place but for Kishorilal ji's meticulous planning, several days of hard-work and unrestrained enthusiasm. Finding a suitable shibir-sthan was the first hurdle. Kishorilal ji spent several Saturdays searching for a campsite. Several camp items like gas stove, microwave oven, refrigerator, electric toaster, cutleries, utensils for kitchen, fans, beddings, first-aid

kit, stationary items and many such objects were needed. Kishorilal ji volunteered to shift almost his entire house. Seeing his total commitment, other karyakartas also shared the burden. It is no wonder that HSS Hong Kong has been organizing 4 days stay-in camps for over 25 years without a break and most of the time without the help of a pracharak, thanks to the strong foundation laid by the pioneer karyakartas of whom Kishorilal Gupta ji is a beacon light.

Compassion or Commitment with Love

Anyone can criticize; but compassion cures more than condemnation. They say, "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion, if you want to be happy practice compassion." Kishorilal ji had abundance of love. Invariably after every Sunday and Wednesday shakhas he would invite pracharks and bachelor swayamsevaks to his house for lunch or dinner. **Compassion is not luxury, it is essential for human survival."** Every time a karyakarta passes through Hong Kong, Kishorilal ji would throw a dinner meeting of karyakartas at his house.

Charity or Commitment with a large Heart

It was Kishoriji's dream that HSS should have a karyalay of its own. Being a businessman, he knew that Tsim Sha Tsui, the business center of Hong Kong is one of the costliest places on this globe. Yet he pursued his dream, inspired the karyakartas and finally HSS moved to its own premises in the mid

nineties. His words that inspired others was that he would pay whatever short coming accrued.

Character or Commitment with Sterling Qualities

Hardly anyone would have seen Kishori ji lose his temper, dejected or tired. In fact his positive approach with a smile during all ups and downs of life and business is the reason why he never fell sick, except falling a victim to cancer. Even in the case of cancer he cheated Yamaraj for 16 long years by his optimistic and courageous life style. He underwent 4 major operations in these 16 years of fight against cancer. Even while suffering intense pain he was present in shakhas.

Kishorilal ji was also an accomplished tabla player. Hence he was in demand whenever artistes from Bharat, Pakistan or Bangladesh visited Hong Kong without their assistants. He played tabla for number of veterans. He never declined any request and nor accepted any remuneration.

Kishorilal ji, the 'I' Specialist !!

These days one often encounters 'I' specialists in most socio-cultural organizations – people who put self before service, those who are crazy after name and fame, whose watch words are 'I did this' and 'I did that'. Silent selfless activists are rare. Kishoriji belonged to this rare group of mad, crazy men with capital M.

He was an 'I' specialist with a difference. He was three times an 'I' specialist. He believed in **I**dea, **I**nstitution and **I**nformation; Innovative Ideas, Ideal Institution and Inspiring Information.

Innovative Ideas: It was Kishori ji's initiative to have a 4 day stay-in camp in Hong Kong. It was his dream that sangh should have its own karyalays in Hong Kong and Myanmar. He had realized his dreams in both countries. With the help of his daughter Madhulika Gupta he started the Samiti shakha for girls, started weekly classes for children on Fridays in his office and helped start monthly dinner gatherings for youth in karyalay. For using office premises for non-office purpose he had to pay extra every month to the maintenance staff of the office premises. Hong Kong children being mischievous and playful would drop coke, and snacks all over the carpet.

Ideal Institution HSS: The organization Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh was his life-breath. In Myanmar, his house was Sangh karyalay for many years before HSS had its own. All pracharaks stayed there and were fed by Shanti Bhabhi ji. For 18 long years in Myanmar Sangha siksha vargas, he was the mukhya Sikshak or varga karyavah, closing his tuition classes for one month every year. In Hong Kong his office was virtually sangh karyalay. All faxes, phone calls, photo copying work, printing of Sandesh Bharati magazine, mailing and accounts keeping were done from his office. Once he recorded a sangh song by making an International call to Ma. Tatwawadiji in

UK; similarly baudhiks of adhikaris were arranged through mobile phones during HSS shibirs.

Inspiring Information: Information regarding achievements of Hindus around the world always was inspirational in shakhas. Kishori ji would scan news papers, magazines like Sangh Sandesh UK, Amar Bharat from Kenya, Organiser, Panchajanya and Samvad from Delhi for news about Bharat and Hindutva and make many photocopies for distribution is shakhas. When popular TV serials like Ramayan, Mahabharat, Chanakya and Aap ki Adalat were telecast, he would record and make many copies for free distribution.

Most men say, 'Get, Get and Forget; Kishori ji's motto was 'Give, Give and Forgive'.

One would not have seen a better 'I' specialist than Kishorilal ji.

Most men are self-centric, failing which they are eccentric, except a few (like Kishorilal ji) who are concentric. Though a grihasta, he was a sanyasi in spirit, a true karmayogi.

Kishorilal Gupta ji's life teaches us that the credit belongs to those men who are actually in the arena, whose faces are marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strive valiantly; who err and come short again and again, who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, the great expectations and spend

themselves in worthy causes; who at the best, know the triumphs of high achievements; and who, at the worst, if they fail, at least fails while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

Dying words –
Not Doing Sangh work Pains Me
Sangh ka Khyal Rakhiyega

On the last Wednesday before he merged with eternity, he asked his family members if dinner for HSS get-together had gone from his house. Dinner could not be arranged since all family members including Dhruva, their family cook were in the hospital. When he heard the negative answer he told them it has caused unbearable pain to him.

While fighting cancer and lying in hospital, gasping for breath and words he told sangh karyakartas who came to see him "Sangh ka khyal rakhiyega" "Please do the needful for Sangh growth".

"They alone live who live for others, the rest are more dead than alive"
Swami Vivekanand.

- *by Shri Ravi Kumar Iyer*
(Shri Raviji, the 1st Sangh Pracharak to work in Hong Kong in 1980s, is currently an International Co-ordinator for Sangh)

Message from Vishwa Hindu Parishad, India to Shri Anil Kumar, the son of Shri Kishorilal Gupta

Ref.#VHP/38/2010

Dated: November 17, 2010

Sri Anil Gupta
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Aatmiiya Sri Anilji,

It is with great shock and sadness that we received the news that your respected father Shri Kishorilalji Gupta (Hong Kong) found his peace and merged in *Param Jyoti* at 4 p.m. on 16th November, 2010! Please accept our deepest condolences!

He was a committed *Sangh Saadhak* and a true *Swayamsevak*. He contributed substantially to the Hindu cause in Hongkong. He was a role model to many by virtue of his abilities, integrity and humility. In his passing away *Maa Bharati* has lost one of Her dear accomplished sons who promoted Her cause abroad, and the Hindu community of Hongkong has lost one of its pillars of strength and inspiration.

Your success in life bears testimony to the fact that your late Father was a strong admiring and supporting influence in your life and accomplishments.

We can imagine how intensely you would be feeling his absence. We know the philosophy of *"Jaatasya hi dhruvo*

mrityuh" won't give solace at this time of extreme grief. However, one has to bow before the inscrutable designs of the Almighty.

"Na Hi Kalyaana Kruta Kaschit, Durgatim Tat Gachchhati"! We pray to the Almighty to grant *Sadgati* to the departed noble soul with a pride of place in *Baikuntha Dhaam* and also give strength to you and other members of your bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss!

"Om Purnamadah Purnamidam Purnaat Purnamudachyate,
Purnasya Purnamaadaaya Purnamevaavashishyate."
Om Shaantih, Shaantih, Shaantih !

Yours in grief,

(ASHOK SINGHAL)
President, VHP Int'L

(SWAMI VIGYANANAND)
Joint General Secretary VHP (International Coordination)

Message from Shri Yashwant Pathak, Vishwa Vibhag Saha Sanyojak

I had the opportunity to meet Ma Kishirilal Guptajee twice in my life once when I was in Hong Kong and second time I met him when he was hospitalized in Mumbai for his treatment. Second time when we met in the hospital, he was not feeling well but was very curious about what I am working on and how the sangh work is growing in African continent (at that time I was made African Zone incharge for the vishwa vibhag)

His personality was very unassuming and he had shown keen interest in the expansion of the sangh work world wide. In spite of his health condition he was very worried about the Hindu samaj out side Bharat and suggested me many ideas to work with NRI people.

A person who was hospitalized for treatment, and right in hospital bed was discussing with me on sangh work, its expansion and about the Hindu Samaj at large. His discussion never limited to only Hong Kong work but encompassed the whole Hindu samaj around the world. He thought that we all swayamsevak are responsible for the Hindu samaj at large and need to broaden our horizons to accomodate each and every one.

Recently I remembered his advice as we had discussion in USA shakha about the Guyana Hindus who complained that the Bharat Hindus do not consider the Guyana Hindus at par with them. Hindus from Bharat think themselves to be a bit up than the Hindus from other countries. On the contrary the Hindus outside Bharat have shown much more dedication and had kept their Hinduness alive inspite of many odds.

We need to imbibe the principle of oneness with the whole Hindu society as exemplified by Ma Kishorilaljee Gupta and I feel that will be the best shraddhanjali to him and his beliefs.

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Senior swayamsevak of Hong Kong Kishorilal Gupta passes away

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SENIOR swayamsevak of Hong Kong Kishorilal Gupta passed away in Hong Kong on November 16. He was 77. With his passing away a glorious chapter in the work of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, Hong Kong is over. Kishorilalji was associated with it from its very inception. His continuous and unparallel contribution in the growth of Sangh work helped many karyakartas to work silently and effectively.

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India as a superpower Why and why not?

By Subramanian Swamy

INDIA was a superpower for centuries till about 1500 AD, that is about five hundred years ago. There was no dimension of human endeavour then in which India did not dominate the world. India was such an economic powerhouse that traders from all over the world flocked to India to buy goods.

The land mass now known as USA, in 1676 could sell ice only to India, brought all the way from Boston by ship, preserved by a heavy coating of saw dust [see the book Tudor Ice Company, Houghton Miffling Publishers, Boston]. The Kanchipuram raja saw nothing else that he did not already have in his kingdom. India invented the number system, the decimal, algebra, astronomy and calculus that revolutionised mathematics in the seventeenth century. This is acknowledged by Albert Einstein, who said: "The world must be grateful to India for she taught us how to count."

India discovered and developed rocket science to the point that rockets were used in warfare against the British in the Coromandel coast. This is acknowledged by Verner von Braun, the father of US rocket science, and George Gamov, the famous science history author. India invented surgery centuries before Europe discovered medical science. Now we are informed by Bruce Rich in a recent book:To Uphold The World: A Call For A New Global Ethic From Ancient India (Beacon Press 2010) that Ashoka (circa 1700 BC) and later

Chanakya had laid down the ethical governance principles for state craft which is most applicable today in a globalised world! In NASA's Journal of Artificial Intelligence, we are informed that Sanskrit is the language most suited for storing knowledge in a computer. Yoga and Gita are now being taught the world over to improve health and control stress. Haldi, neem and jeera are becoming the main ingredients for medicinal cure of diseases like Alzheimer's. The West thus has to teach us now what our ancestors already knew.

India today has the potential to become a Global Super Power. It is territorially a large country, geographically a peninsula with a strategically commanding view of three major seas which could potentially provide a basis to control ship traffic from the Indian Ocean to Pacific Ocean by putting toll gates at the Malacca Straits, a long continuing civilisation (over ten thousand years), a large and young population(average age of 29 years compared China of 38 years, and Japan of 47 years)- which is termed as Demographic Dividend, and as proven inventors of cutting edge scientific discoveries in mathematics, astronomy, surgery and recently in high quality IT software. At present India has demonstrated innovative capacity in Chip design, Thorium reactors, Biotech, and Pharmaceuticals.

Then what is holding Indians back from realising the motherland's superpower potential and become one? In one phrase it is our present ruling elite's illegitimate Anglo -Indian culture and a mindset to appease and capitulate to those who want to belittle or control India. Our academic elite has swallowed the concocted history which at the core is a deliberate fabrication of our past

such as the "Aryan" and "Dravidian" race theory, that we Indians were never of one identity, and that whatever modernity we have today is due to the tutelage of British imperialists which had liberated us from the Hindu obscurantism.

This is the substance of Macaulayism. The Nehru family, with the exception of Rajiv Gandhi, has functioned as its sword arm suitably conditioned mentally by Kim Philby and other KGB agents of Britain. That meant for the British that it was better to be Marxist than nationalist. Of course, this capitulationism attitude is in reverse today faced with the new Indian generation and the growing popularity of Hindutva sentiment.

That is why Marxist historian Romila Thapar in her Dr Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture in Sri Lanka recently did a somersault of 180 degrees from her past British programmed propagation of Aryan-Dravidian Race theory. Poetic, since my friend Neelan, a Harvard law graduate, whose memory it was, was killed by the LTTE because he was a moderate and constitutionally minded Tamil. The Marxist terrorist LTTE hated that kind of Tamil.

Again, why are we not a permanent veto-holding UN Security Council member? Because when the Americans offered the seat to us in 1950 to replace China- which had become Communist in 1949 and hence expelled from the UN, Nehru declined the offer by saying that the seat belonged to China ! Our elite media termed it as Nehru's "nobility". China sneered at our foolishness. In 1962 they answered Nehru's nobility by humiliating India on the battlefield. Indian soldiers were kept unprepared for that conflict because Nehru was too busy preaching peace

abroad for enhancement of his personal image and may be for a Nobel Peace Prize too. Unfortunately the Nehru mindset virus persists even today -of placing personal image above national interest and in caring for Western world applause than for the poor Indian's security.

Why is Kashmir a blood oozing wound on Bharat Mata's head ? Because when the Indian Army was securing Kashmir in 1947, Nehru appealed to the UN to take control and agreed to a ceasefire. Why? Because Lady Mountbatten wanted it that way.

Why India was enslaved first by Islamic invaders and then the British plunder?India began to decline from 1500 AD, after Islamic invaders captured Hastinapur (Delhi) and established a 250 year dynasty of brutality. Hindus lost to Islamic invaders because we practised the most ethical and civilised rules for warfare which Islam did not believe in. Three principles guided warfare amongst Hindus kingdoms: (1)War will be conducted from sunrise to sunset (2) It shall not be conducted inside of towns and villages or agricultural fields but in barren open fields [3] The loser if he apologised, then he was forgiven, his troops and captured weapons restored to him so that he can return home. That is why Prithiviraj Chauhan forgave Mohammed Ghori so many times. It was Chhatrapati Shivaji who first understood the Islamic invaders, and when invited by Afzal Khan for dinner, he came prepared for the worst and survived.

But by the time the Mahrattas understood that our civilised rules would not suffice, it was too late to prepare for new enemies because India had been bled thoroughly and was anemic. When the British imperialist arrived to loot, Mahrattas could not complete the task of

liberating India. India was therefore completely impoverished by 1947 when the British left the country after having completely and systematically looted the country.

What then needs to be done to realise our potential to become a global power again is, first to develop a new Indian mindset by all of us accepting our Indian identity as Hindu(which includes Sanatana Dharma, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist and Zoroastrian) or by proudly acknowledging that his or her ancestors were Hindus (which Muslims and Christians can do this if they want to be considered as having an Indian identity).

To develop this mindset we need to make three more commitments-(i) to learn the true history of India (ii) to learn Sanskrit and (iii) a collective psychology to rise to the defence of the Indian wherever and whenever he or she is besieged or beleagured, I have discussed this all in detail in my book to be released on August 15th, titled Hindutva and National Renaissance (Haranand Publications). That is all that we need because we have everything else.

(The writer is a respected economist and former Union Minister.)

From the mag: 'Modi India's best CM'

It can be said of Narendra Damodardas Modi that he is the man everyone loves to hate except, of course, the people. Pundits in television studios may spew venom at him and leader writers will heap scorn on him but here is the irrefutable evidence. For the fourth consecutive time in the India Today Mood of the Nation Poll, voters have chosen him the best among all chief ministers in the country. The poll also indicates that if Modi were to set his eyes on the throne in Delhi, he stands a much better chance than all his rivals, except Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul.

India Today has been doing regular opinion polls from 1980. In 2002, this magazine broadened the scope of the poll to include states to assess the performance of the chief ministers across the country. That first exercise coincided with Modi's move to Gujarat as chief minister and since then he has always figured among the five best performers. In this poll, as in the last three, he has the No. 1 slot, with a nationwide popularity rating of 20 that is equal to the combined rating of the second and third best chief ministers, Sheila Dikshit of Delhi (11) and Nitish Kumar of Bihar (9).

For the poll, voters across the country were asked to rate the performance of the local chief ministers as well as their perceptions of those in other states. By definition, a chief minister's role lies within his state but Modi is clearly among the few who have acquired a pan-Indian image. That he managed to buck the anti-incumbency and a vicious opposition campaign to retain power twice is proof of his awesome sway over the people of Gujarat. That is reflected in this poll where 89 per cent of the people of Gujarat thought he was the best

chief minister, a figure that is far above what any of his contemporaries got in their own states. That should come as no surprise. What does come as a surprise-and this is not flattering to many chief ministers-is that people in many states have voted him as a better chief minister than the ones they are currently saddled with.

No room at the top

It is no surprise that the top four chief ministers have retained their positions since the 2009 poll. Of these, Narendra Modi of Gujarat and Sheila Dikshit of Delhi have maintained their positions consistently. The big gainers have been Haryana's Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Assam's Tarun Kumar Gogoi, both of who have jumped a few slots. The prominent losers are Buddhadeb Bhattacharya from West Bengal and Ashok Gehlot from Rajasthan.

As the chief minister of the state that hosts the national capital, Dikshit is widely known across India and on a national level, her popularity is second only to that of Modi. But among her own voters, more people have shown a preference for Modi (27 per cent) than for the three-term chief minister, who has got just 12 per cent of the Capital's voters endorsing her. Similarly, in the Congress-ruled Haryana and Rajasthan, more voters prefer Modi to their local chiefs, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Ashok Gehlot.

Even in the BJP-ruled Karnataka, B.S. Yeddyurappa has a 21 per cent rating compared to Modi's impressive 29, while in Left-ruled Kerala, the first state where the BJP is yet to make a mark in the Assembly, and West Bengal, where the BJP cannot exist without crutches, 10 per cent of voters think Modi is the best.

Familiarity breeds disenchantment and a year-and-a-half into her third term, voters in the Capital may have just reminded Dikshit of overstaying her welcome. Our last poll was conducted just a couple of months after she led the Congress to a third consecutive term and her popularity was at an all-time high. While she retains the second spot nationwide, people of Delhi have given her a thumbs down with 6 per cent voters terming her performance "outstanding" or "good" while 56 per cent said it was poor.

After a decade-and-half of Lalu-Rabri rule, Bihar pined for change and Nitish has proven himself to be more than a welcome change. He has genuinely tried-and succeeded to a large extent-in that once lawless state. Our survey reflects the popular endorsement for the chief minister. It should be welcome news for him since Bihar is election-bound.

Methodology

From 2002, the India Today Mood of the Nation poll, besides assessing the performance of parties and leaders at the national level, began tracking the performance of chief ministers to gauge who among them are doing the job they were elected for and who the laggards were. With a sample size of 12,392 eligible voters of 98 parliamentary constituencies in 19 states, the poll covered all age groups, and both genders in urban and rural areas. Apart from their opinion on who they thought was the best chief minister, voters were also asked to rate the performance of the chief ministers of their respective states. Not surprisingly, while voters backed their own chief minister at the national level, they were meaner while assessing their work within the state.

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Ramjanmabhoomi: The holiest of holy, a symbol of unity

By JG Arora

THOSE fake secularists who have suggested the building of a mosque near Ramjanmabhoomi (Ram's birthplace) Temple in Ayodhya must remember that their suggestion is misconceived and unacceptable since Ayodhya is as holy for Hindus as Mecca is for Muslims. It is relevant to note that no Hindu temple or any non-Muslim place of worship can be built anywhere in Saudi Arabia where Mecca and Madina, Muslim holy places, are located. Moreover, no non-Muslim is permitted even to enter Mecca and Madina.

Sham secularists, Marxist historians and most of media suppress the fact that millions of Hindus were massacred and thousands of temples were plundered and demolished during repeated Muslim attacks on Hindu Bharat for over a thousand years since 8th century; and like many other temples destroyed by Muslim invaders, Ramjanmabhoomi Temple at Ayodhya was razed in 1528 by Babur, one of such invaders.

In recent times, in 1980s and 1990 in Muslim majority Kashmir, while Hindus have been driven out, many temples have been desecrated and destroyed.

As per Valmiki's Ramayan, Bhagwan Ram is "auspicious, gracious, valorous, resplendent, steadfast and embodiment of Dharma". vide shloka 10 (31) of Bhagvad Gita, Bhagwan Krishna says that He is Ram among warriors. Since time immemorial, Bhagwan Ram has ruled and represented the

heart and soul of Bharat. Accordingly, Ramjanmabhoomi has a special place in Hindu heart.

Worst victim

India is the worst victim of terror and aggression in the world.

Will Durant, the American historian, has held Muslim rule in India as the bloodiest story in history by citing numerous instances of mass massacres of Hindus; and destruction of their temples by Muslim invaders.

Starting with a zero Muslim population, Indian sub-continent including the present day India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Afghanistan and even a part of Iran was Hindu land till Muhammad bin Qasim's Arab army attacked Sindh in 711.

Since Hindus never learnt any lesson from history, they faced repeated Muslim invasions for over a thousand years since 8th century; and lost Afghanistan in 987 and present day Pakistan and Bangladesh to Muslims in 1947. Though Hindus fought bravely to defend their motherland, invaders massacred millions of Hindus over the centuries, and destroyed thousands of temples including those at Ayodhya, Varanasi and Mathura; and built mosques over temple sites as symbols of Hindu humiliation and Muslim victory. And these facts are described even by contemporary Muslim historians.

Ramjanmabhoomi movement

Ramjanmabhoomi movement is a movement to reclaim Bharat's sacred heritage and civilisational past.

Ayodhya is an ancient holy place on the banks of river Sarayu. Bhagwan Ram, revered as incarnation of Bhagwan Vishnu, was born in Ayodhya. Ramjanmabhoomi temple has existed in Ayodhya since times immemorial. Even over 2000 years ago, a majestic Ramjanmabhoomi temple was built by Vikramaditya.

In 1528, Ramjanmabhoomi temple was demolished by Babur's army after a fierce battle with Hindus lasting over 15 days in which thousands of Hindus sacrificed their lives to save the temple.

Invaders built a mosque over demolished temple. But Hindus continued their struggle to reclaim the temple site; and between 1528 to 1947, there were scores of battles and agitations to reclaim it.

Partition of India on religious basis and creation of Pakistan (in 1947) for Muslims as demanded by Muslims was supposed to end the Hindu-Muslim conflict in Indian sub-continent. However, though most of Hindus and Sikhs were driven out of present day Pakistan and Bangladesh, most of the Muslims who had demanded Pakistan for Muslims did not go to Pakistan.

In sustained struggle since 1528 to liberate Ramjanmabhoomi, countless Hindus have sacrificed their lives. On December 6, 1992, after a struggle for several centuries, Babri structure was demolished by a very large crowd which wanted the re-building of Ram temple.

High Court's judgement

Allahabad High Court (Lucknow Bench)'s judgement regarding Ramjanmabhoomi came on September 30, 2010 after centuries old Hindu struggle to regain the holy land.

Starting with 1885 when Mahant Raghubar Das of Nirmohi Akhara filed the suit in a Faizabad court, Ramjanmabhoomi has been the subject of lengthy litigation.

Various suits claiming ownership of disputed site / other reliefs had been filed by Gopal Singh Visharad of Hindu Mahasabha in 1950, Paramahans Ramchandra Das in 1950, Nirmohi Akhara in 1959, Sunni Central Board of Waqfs in 1961 and Deoki Nandan Agarwal in 1989.

All these cases were bunched together by Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court. To examine the merits of conflicting claims of rival parties, High Court ordered the Ground Penetrating Radar Survey of the disputed site. Said Survey was conducted; and it reported the existence of a very vast structure under the demolished Babri structure. Accordingly, the High Court ordered the Archaeological Survey of India to conduct necessary excavation of disputed site. Archaeological Survey of India's excavation confirmed the existence of a majestic temple which had been demolished; and which dated back to 10th century. Archaeological Survey of India's findings have re-affirmed that the mosque was built after demolishing the temple.

The High Court has decided various issues after considering the findings of excavation by Archaeological Survey of India.

Honourable High Court's judgement is a decisive endorsement of Ramjanmabhoomi; and it propounds that the said site is the birthplace of Bhagwan Ram and that a temple has existed there since time immemorial. It further holds that the said temple was demolished and a mosque was built over it.

But though one of the judges gave entire disputed land for temple, other two judges gave one third of land each to three parties including Sunni Central Board of Waqfs.

Though appeal to Supreme Court for getting entire disputed land for Ramjanmabhoomi temple is being filed, all nationalist individuals and organisations must prevail upon Parliament to pass necessary law for handing over Ramjanmabhoomi to Hindu society to build a magnificent Ram Temple.

Sanctity of Ayodhya

Under the ruse of 'reconciliation' and 'Hindu magnanimity' and false slogans of 'India first' and 'secularism', most of media, fake secularists and other anti-Hindu forces have suggested the construction of a mosque near Ram Temple at Ayodhya. However, the said suggestion is misconceived and unacceptable for the following reasons:

Ayodhya is as holy for Hindus as Mecca is for Muslims. It may be mentioned that that no Hindu temple or any non-Muslim place of worship can be constructed anywhere in Saudi Arabia where Mecca and Madina, Muslim holy places, are

located. Moreover, no non-Muslim is permitted even to enter Mecca and Madina.

By suppressing and whitewashing the Muslim invasions and demolition of Hindu temples over the centuries, and by advocating the building of a mosque near Ram Temple in Ayodhya, leftist historians and most of media are glorifying invaders' crimes.

Intimidating insinuation that any one supporting Ramjanmabhoomi cause is communal and anti-India is fallacious.

Those who are talking of 'India first' are denigrating India by misrepresenting its history; and by rejecting its ancient heritage, beliefs, civilisation and ethos.

Ram, and not Babur, is the identity of Bharat. And Ayodhya is a symbol of nationalism and cultural essence of Bharat.

Self-righteous 'secularists' cannot explain how the re-construction of the sacred shrine, which was destroyed by an invader, is unsecular. Shockingly, some Indians continue to support a structure that was built by an invader by demolishing a Hindu temple.

Anti-Hindu elements speak about a synthetic and syncretic Indian culture to legitimise the aggression against Hindu civilisation; to de-Hinduise India; and to defame Hindus' efforts to preserve their culture and heritage.

Secularism does not mean extolling the invaders and

browbeating Hindus into submission. Secularism can never mean whitewashing the genocide of millions of Hindus and plunder and destruction of thousands of temples by raiders for centuries.

It is outrageous that for perverse secularists, destruction of a Hindu temple and construction of a mosque over it is ‘secularism’; and anything which is anti-Hindu, pro-Muslim, divisive and anti-national is ‘secularism’.

Coming to the ploy of ‘Hindu magnanimity’, one must remember that it is because of their magnanimity that Hindus lost Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh (which used to be Hindu lands) to Muslims. But now for their very survival, Hindus must follow the principle of ‘reciprocity’; and not of magnanimity.

In this harsh world believing in "survival of the fittest", there is no mercy for those who do not defend themselves. Since Ayodhya is a holy symbol of Bharat’s civilisation, all nationalist individuals and organisations must do their utmost to protect its sanctity apart from saving the Hindu identity of truncated Bharat.

To Be A Woman In India

by Francois Gautier

It was amazing to see during last week's International Women's Day, the number of stories in Indian newspapers, magazines and TV's, which strove to demonstrate that life for a Woman in India is the most miserable, the most dangerous, the most deprived, the most unhappy, the most ostracized that one can dream off on this planet.

There was this article in the TOI claiming that every year, millions of female feticides are killed in India: there was all these statistics on the millions of HIV-infected women, there were numerous articles on child marriage, girls' labour, girl child exploitation and girl sex abuse, rapes and of course the inevitable reviews on Water, a film, which claims that widows are still persecuted in India.

It's strange, I am lived for nearly forty years in India and I have traveled the length and breadth of this country, like very few western correspondents have. I am even in close touch with villages of Tamil Nadu, populated only with OBC's and Untouchables. And my experience has been totally - but TOTALLY – different. Yes, there are abuses on women in India, there may be some villages in UP or in some remote tribal belts, where female feticide is practiced; yes, women in India work so hard, toiling in the fields, looking after their children, cooking, cleaning, getting up before dawn and sleeping late; yes, men in India tend to drink a lot and sometimes abuse their wives. BUT I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY OTHER COUNTRY WHERE WOMEN PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE, WHERE SHE IS SO WORSHIPPED, REVERED, PRIZED UPON.

Western correspondents are always keen to do stories on female infanticides in Bihar, child marriages, or *sati* cases in Rajasthan. But who knows that no nation in the world has granted such an important place to women in its spirituality and social ethos? "Without Him I exist not, without Her I am unmanifest", says Sri Aurobindo. Thus in India – and it is true that it is often a paradox, as women, because of later Muslim influences, have often been relegated to the background – the feminine concept is a symbol of dynamic realization. She is the eternal Mother, who is all Wisdom, all Compassion, all Force, Beauty and Perfection. It is in this way that since the dawn of times, Hindus have venerated the feminine element under its different manifestations: *Makalaxmi, Mahakali, Mahasaraswati, Maheshwari* – and even India is feminine: 'Mother India'. "She is the consciousness transcending all things, she is the emptiness beyond all emptiness, the smile beyond all smiles, the divine beauty beyond all earthly beauties". India has had many great female figures, whether warriors such as the Rani of Jhansi, or saints like Anandamaia dn today Amrita Anandamayi (who by the way comes from the lowest caste strata and is worshipped by millions of upper castes Indians – so much for the caste divide, another favorite whipping horse of India's enemies). Today, behind all appearances – arranged marriages, submission to men, preference of male children in some rural areas (but girls are loved in India like nowhere in the world) - the role of women in India is essential and it can be safely said that very often, from the poorest to the richest classes, they control –even if behind the scenes – a lot of the family affairs: the education of their children (men in India are often "mama's boys"), monetary concerns, and men often refer to them for important decisions.

How come then this flurry of statistics on Women's Day, which tend to prove the contrary ? Well, if you look closely, you will discover the source of all these statistics. The writer of the TOI piece, claiming millions of female feticides every year, was a Christian working for an NGO, funded by Christian funds (as were many other pieces in leading dailies); there was also a sprinkling of Muslim intellectuals led by Shabana Azmi and her husband, adding their bit about the poor status of women in India and how they are raped, abused and exploited ; The communists, under the banner of Brinda Karat, were not far away in loudly denouncing human rights abuses on women in India; the Congress, joined in the chorus, thereby demeaning themselves as Indians and putting down their own country.

Westerners love to preach India on Human Rights. But countries such as France or the United States, never had a woman as their top leader, whereas India had Indira Gandhi ruling with an iron hand for nearly twenty years; and now Sonia Gandhi, a Christian, a Westerner, and just an ordinary MP, is reigning on India like an Empress ! The reverse would be absolutely impossible in the West, where there are proportionately less MP's than India, which is considering earmarking 33% of seats in Parliament for women, a revolution in human history! This *shakti* concept is so rooted in the subcontinent, that you have had women Prime Ministers, such as Benazir Bhutto or Kaleda Zia, and now Sheikh Hasina, in Islamic countries (Pakistan and Bangladesh) which are predominantly male-controlled in a much stricter way than India.

Now who is the target of all these attacks on Woman's Day? The Hindus, of course, the common enemy to Christians, Muslims and Marxists ! For Christians, Hindus are still all 'pagans' to be converted. Please see the letters written to

Sonia Gandhi by some of the Christian religious leaders of this country after the anti Conversion law was voted by the Himachal Pradesh Government. For Marxists, who believed that religion is the 'Opium of the people', Hinduism is the greatest threat to their planned hegemony on India (and on South Asia, as they are propping-up the Maoists in Nepal, who are now in the Government while retaining their armed stronghold in the country side. One day they will form a Maoist belt from Nepal to Andhra Pradesh, via Bihar). Of course, this Marxist hatred of religion does not apply to Christianity and Islam, who would immediately reply in kind and who are their allies in their war against Hinduism.

When will Indians start being proud of themselves and their own culture and stop berating themselves and looking down on their own society ? This inferiority complex is a legacy of the British, who strove to show themselves as superior and Indian culture as inferior (and inheritor of the 'White Aryans', another false theory). India is a vast, complex, often contradictory country, peopled with different races, religions, ethnies... It is normal that there are problems. But women have played and are still playing such an important role in this country, the Shakti concept is such a unique, vibrant, respectful and holy concept, that all Indians, including Indian Christians and Indian Muslims, whose women have somehow benefited from that concept, which seeped into their religion unobtrusively, should be proud of it. Long Live the Indian Woman and her astonishing Grace.

This numerical wizard is only 11

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BANGALORE: He can calculate faster than one can feed the complex arithmetic problems into the computer. Ask him to add, subtract, divide or multiply and he'll shoot off answers in less than five seconds. It's a skill most adults don't master, but for 11-year-old Nikhil Nandhan, it's no big deal.

Aloha International, Malaysia, conducted an international level competition at Malacca, Malaysia on August 8. The competition was conducted in 2 phases, 1st phase in China and the 2nd phase in Malaysia, with around 2,000 students participating from 17 countries, including China, America, Spain, Australia and New Zealand. Six students from Karnataka who took part in the competition have won prizes.

"The Aloha programme has helped a lot in increasing my speed of calculating and learning mathematics. I love playing with numbers," said Nikhil. Nikhil bagged the 2nd prize and had to compete with candidates well beyond his age to grab the position. The girl who secured the first place was five years older than Nikhil.

Nikhil has stood first in three state and three national level competitions consistently since 2007. In 2009, he received the Karnataka government `The Makkala Pratibha Puraskara Prashasthi' award.

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Cabinet keen on further research on Bujang Valley

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Cabinet is keen that research on the Bujang Valley archaeological site, where traces of a 2,000 year-old civilisation have been found, is furthered with an allocation under the 10th Malaysia Plan.

Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Utama Dr Rais Yatim said yesterday (6 July 2010) he is working on getting an as yet undetermined amount as there are significant cultural and economic prospects, including for tourism, at the area in Kedah.

"I have informed the Cabinet about this find and it is keen that the research is continued," he added.

The Sun reported on March 28 that Malaysian archaeologists had unearthed a monument dated 110 AD – the oldest man-made building recorded in South-east Asia – in Sungai Batu, Kedah.

Built with geometrical precision, the monument was found surrounded by remnants of advanced iron smelting facilities equipped with furnaces as well as brick jetties built along a river bank.

Rais stressed that the Bujang Valley is now set to take its place in history along a timeline earlier than that of major historic sites in the region like Angkor Wat (11th century AD) and Borobodur (8th century AD).

"If indeed the Sungai Batu find in the Bujang Valley factually revisits the civilisation that existed in the 1st century AD, then the history of this country will almost certainly have to be re-written in its proper civilisational context," he stressed.

Rais said this while officiating at the 'International Conference on Bujang Valley and Early Civilisation in South-east Asia' at the Royale Chulan Hotel here. Also present were Heritage Commissioner Datuk Prof Emeritus Zuraina Majid and USM's Centre for Global Archaeology Research (CGAR) Dr Mokhtar Saidin.

The three-day conference, organised by the National Heritage Department and USM, features 24 foreign scholars from Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, China, India, USA and the UK.

The main focus of the gathering is the 4sq km area at Sungai Batu that has presented 97 new sites of the Bujang Valley civilisation. Thus far only 10 have been excavated. (The total number of sites found in Bujang Valley, around Gunung Jerai mountain, since the 1840s now comes up to 172.)

Rais noted that there had been earlier emphasis on the Bujang Valley as an Indianised outpost, with its strong Hindu-Buddhist influences from 6th to 12th century AD.

"Knowing that some mantra inscriptions have also been found in the course of their (archaeologists) research I do hope that the Sanskrit mantra will serve as a lingual window to our past," he added.

"I take a special interest myself in this area as Bahasa Melayu and Bahasa Indonesia are presently strewn with a massive array of Sanskrit words," he said.

"With sites such as the Bujang Valley in Kedah and the Lenggong Valley (pre-historic finds) in Perak, the world will beat a straight path to our doorstep, to visit our rich cultural sites, enriching immensely or national identity and tourist industry," he added.

He said he had also instructed his ministry to give necessary funding required for the research and development of the site.

Kerala's future in Balagokulam's hands- ***Dr Philiphos Mar Chrysthothamm, the Senior Metropolitan of the Marthoma Church.***

Organiser- September 12, 2010
By S Chandrasekhar

"The teachings of Lord Krishna will rescue society from present day erosion of moral and ethical values. Society is losing social values and running after material comforts. Man has misused, for his greed and destruction of human race, what all God had created for his good. For regaining the lost goodness, we have to love each other and understand other's pain".

BALAGOKULAM has made spectacular contribution for social and cultural unity in Kerala. Its Gita classes and other activities are attended by thousands in every nook and corner of the state. On 'Krishna Jayanti' it organises shobhayatras throughout the state, which are attended by lakhs of children dressed as Krishnas, Gopis, etc. Lakhs of people line on both sides of the roads to watch this massive turnout. Children of Congressmen, CPM and BJP activists move around together and, similarly, do their parents. Much more than any other organisation, it is Balagokulam that has a special place in Kerala's society.

Recently it held 'Krishnayanam 2010' at Thrissur, which was attended by 25,000 children from all over the globe. The highlight was 'Bharat Darshan', a dance based sound and light show participated by 1000 children.

As a prelude to this year's 'Krishna Jayanti' which fell on

September 1, ‘Kudumba Sangamams’ were being organised throughout the state.

Speaking at a get-together at Kulanada Devi Temple, Pandalam, after garlanding the statue of Lord Krishna, Dr Philiphos Mar Chrysthotham, the Senior Metropolitan of the Marthoma Church said practising the teachings of Lord Krishna would rescue the society from present day erosion of moral and ethical values. "Society is losing social values and running after material comforts. Man has misused, for his greed and destruction of human race, what all God had created for his good. For regaining the lost goodness, we have to love each other and understand other’s pain."

"For the first time, in my long life I am seeing children, worshipping their parents, by offering flowers at their feet. This reflects the stern efforts of Balagokulam to preserve and develop Bharatiya samskar. The future of Kerala is not in the hands of VS Atchudanandan or Oomen Chandy, but these children growing through Balagokulam, " he concluded.

Balagokulam Adhikari Shri EM Gopalakrishnan presided over the meeting. RSS Kshetra Bauddhik Pramukh Shri J Nandakumar delivered the keynote address, and Swami Yogavruthananda of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Mutt, was the chief guest.

Incidentally Shri LK Advani who was chief guest in the 90th birthday celebration of the senior Metropolitan, and even stormy petrel of the communist movement KR Gowriamma also participated in Balagokulam get-together.

Colgate Accused of Stealing Thousands Year - Old Toothpaste

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A legal dispute between the U.S. and India over a herbal toothpaste was leaving a bitter aftertaste between the two countries Thursday, with Colgate Palmolive accused of filing a bogus patent.

Colgate, the world's largest producer of toothpaste, patented a tooth cleaning powder in the hope that it would take the multibillion-dollar Indian oral hygiene market by storm.

However, Indian activists claim that the patent is bogus because the ingredients -- including clove oil, camphor, black pepper and spearmint -- have been used for the same purpose for hundreds, "if not thousands," of years on the subcontinent.

The dispute is likely to become a test case for who owns India's folk medicines -- a repository potentially worth billions.

The American household goods giant was granted the patent in the U.S. in June for what it claimed was a groundbreaking "red herbal dentifrice." The patent, the Indian activists allege, is the latest act of "biopiracy" -- whereby Western corporations plunder techniques, plants or genes used in the emerging world for centuries, for commercial profit.

"This toothpowder is classical in origin," said Devender Triguna, the president of the Association of Manufactures of Ayurvedic Medicines, an Indian body that promotes traditional remedies. It is demanding that the Indian government take legal action against Colgate.

"The ingredients date back to antiquity. They have been used by the common Indian man for thousands of years. So how can it possibly be patented?" Triguna asked.

Colgate did not respond to a request for comment. However, its patent filing argues that the use of red iron oxide, which is less abrasive than ingredients in traditional toothpaste, is new.

The case is the latest to anger India as it becomes increasingly vocal over the alleged pillaging of its ancient knowledge for commercial gain. It is one of 17 nations to form the Group of Like-Minded Megadiverse Countries, an alliance that has accused richer countries of tapping the emerging world's natural resources for medicines and cosmetics without paying royalties.

India is in the process of creating 34 million webpages to document its ancient medicinal techniques to stop them from being claimed by foreign profiteers.

Message from Shri Ram Prakash Dhir ji, Myanmar

श्री किशोरी लाल गुप्ता जी से सम्बन्धित स्मरणांजलि

पूर्व जन्म के सुसंस्कार कहा जाय या बचपन से ही संघ के द्वारा प्राप्त संस्कार कहा जाय, स्व. श्री किशोरी लाल जी जब से संघ से जुड़े तब से लेकर यावत् जीवन तक संघभाव उनके जीवन में पूर्ण रूपसे रच – बस गया था और इसी के अनुरुप वे सदैव आचरण करते रहे थे।

ब्रह्मदेश में सन् 1950 में संघकार्य प्रारंभ हुआ था। सन् 1956 में संघ के लिए अपना कार्यालय लिया गया। संघका अपना निजी कार्यालय अस्तित्व में आने से पूर्व श्री किशोरी लाल गुप्ता जी निवास स्थान ही कार्यालय के रूपमें प्रयोग किया जाता था।

सन् 1956 में संघ शिक्षावर्ग की दृष्टि से भाग लेने के लिए श्री किशोरी लाल जी का भारत जाना हुआ था। भारत से लौटने के बाद श्री किशोरी लाल जी संघकार्य में उत्साह से लगे रहे। सन् 1957 में ब्रह्मदेश में पहली बार आयोजित संघ शिक्षावर्ग में वे प्रबन्ध का कार्यभार सम्भाले हुए थे। इनके पिताजी एवं बड़े भाई सेना में कैण्टिन चलाते थे। इस कारण श्री किशोरी लाल जी को भी परिवार के साथ सेना के अनेक नगरों स्थित कैम्पों में जाना होता रहता था। वे जहाँ – जहाँ भी अपने परिवारजनों के साथ गये उन – उन नगरों में उन्होंने संघ की शाखाएँ प्रारंभ की। मौलमीन नगर के सुप्रसिद्ध चिकित्सक डॉ. एस. के. मालिया जी को संघचालक नियुक्ति स्वयं उन्होंने ने ही की थी।

सन् 1962 म्याँमादेश में सैनिक सत्ता स्थापित हुई। तब से लेकर 1970 तक श्री किशोरी लाल जी म्याँमादेश में रहे। 1962 से लेकर याँगों के तिगांजू उपनगर में रहकर बच्चों को ट्यूशन पढ़ाने के कार्य में लगे। उन दिनों जब समस्त विद्यालयों का राष्ट्रीयकरण कर दिया गया, उस समय श्री किशोरी लाल जी अपने कुछ सहयोगी बन्धुओं को साथ लेकर हिन्दी अध्ययन का कार्य मन्दिरों, धर्मशालाओं एवं यहाँ तक कि कुछ घरों में नियमित रूपसे चलाना शुरू किया। उस विकट परिस्थिति में श्री किशोरी लाल जी ने भारतीय दूतावास से मिलकर कलकत्ता परीक्षा बोर्ड से मान्यता प्राप्त कर परीक्षाओं की व्यवस्था की।

सन् 1970 में ब्रह्मदेश से जाने के बाद सन् 1998 एवं 2000 में श्री किशोरी लाल जी का ब्रह्मदेश आगमन हुआ था। वे जब भी आये उस समय निकाल कर देश के विभिन्न नगरों में स्थित वे समस्त परिचित स्वयंसेवकों, परिवारों से जाकर भेंट कर आये थे। श्री किशोरी लाल जी शरीर से यद्यपि ब्रह्मदेश में नहीं रहते थे, परन्तु उनका हृदय सदैव ब्रह्मदेश के साथ था, संघकार्य के बारे में सदैव उन्हें चिन्ता लगी रहती थी।

ब्रह्मदेश के संघकार्य, स्वयंसेवकों से सम्बन्धित जब भी किसी प्रकार की आवश्यकता होती थी उसे श्री किशोरी लाल जी स्वयं पूरा कर दिया करते थे। ब्रह्मदेश स्थित प्रचारकों के लिए सदैव उन्हें चिन्ता लगी रहती थी, अतः समय – समय पर वे प्रचारकों की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति कर दिया करते थे।

ऐसे संघ – ध्येयनिष्ठ, समर्पित श्री किशोरी लाल जी के निधन से ब्रह्मदेश के कार्य एवं कार्यकर्ताओं की अपूरणीय क्षति हुई है।

दिवंगत् श्री किशोरी लाल जी की आत्मा को सर्वशक्तिमान परमात्मा चिरस्थायी शान्ति प्रदान करें, यही प्रभु चरणों में हम सबकी प्रार्थना है। श्री किशोरी लाल जी का जीवन भावी स्वयंसेवकों एवं सद्गृहस्थों के लिए एक प्रेरणा – स्तंभ होगाश इसमें किंचित् भी संशय नहीं है। ॐ तत् सत्।।

– रामप्रकाश धीर

KNOW YOUR HINDI

This is our thirty sixth article about Hindi language. In our previous issues, we had mentioned that the so-called Hindi language is not spoken and written at its entire purity by the masses but is a mixture of mainly Farsi (Persian), Arabic and Turkish words. In Hindi movies, over 80% dialogues spoken use Farsi and Arabic words. In this issue, we continue the series of listing 10 such foreign words very commonly used in Hindi and have mentioned the apt Hindi word for it. It is about time that we should make an attempt to speak and write our national language as purely as possible.

WORD	**ORIGIN**	**CORRECT HINDI WORD**	**MEANING IN ENGLISH**
Taameel	Arabic	Aagya Palaan	To follow order
Vasool	Arabic	Prapt	Recover
Laal	Farsi	Rohit	Red colour
Hisaab	Arabic	Ganit	Maths / Counting
Waham	Arabic	Vyartha Sandeh	Complexes
Taalluk	Arabic	Sambandh	Relation
Baki	Arabic	Shesh	Remainder
Tahat	Arabic	Antargat	With reference to
Ishara	Arabic	Sanket	Indicate / Point Out
Nazuk	Farsi	Komal	Soft

SPORTS DAY - HSS Hong Kong

HSS Hong Kong is having a Sports Day event on **Sunday, 23rd January 2011** at Kowloon Tsai Park (near La Salle College) from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm.

The sports day function is held to bring Swayamsevaks together as well as compete in the individual and team games. Medals and Trophies will be awarded to the winners.

Please bring your own Vegetarian food for lunch and plenty of water to drink.

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