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One thousand days of Gehlot Governance- Every day passed facing challenges

On December 17, 2018 when Ashok Gehlot took the oath as Chief Minister of Rajasthan for the third time in presence of Rahul Gandhi and many other renowned leaders in front of Albert Hall at Ramnivasgarden, Jaipur, then no body thought that in his term he will have to face a new challenge every day. But, on completion of the journey of thousand days of his current tenure recently, he faced every challenge successfully.

Giving priority over Sachin

Pilot, the party high command entrusted responsibility of Rajasthan to Gehlot, but before and after becoming chief minister problems always continued to crop up. Pilot along with his supporters rebelled against his own party and put the government in crisis, but Gehlot was successful in coming out of the wood with his political skills and Sachin had to lose both the deputy chief minister and president of state congress president posts.

Prior to that like his previous term, Gehlot got hold of all six legislatures of Bahujan

Samajwadi Party (BSP) and most of the elected 13 independent legislatures in his fold and made his grip more stronger on the government. Now Sachin is refraining again to get participation in power and organization, but not successful against Gehlot. Gehlot has made it clear that he is in favour of extension of power and organization as desired by high command and rebellious legislatures of the party should not be given preference over loyal legislatures. Now Pilot supporters expect interference from the high command.

Besides political chal-



lenges, Gehlot has won the hearts of people of the state by facing the challenge of Covid epidemic and made many innovations keeping the

state in front line of the country in Covid management.

Decisions of Gehlot have been in the limelight through-

out the country and even the prime minister has lauded it. Besides this, Gehlot never let the pace of development of the state impede. Along with the ambitious project of Barmer refinery, he reviewed from time to time other developmental works and implemented health insurance for rupees five lakhs for every family under first of its kind of scheme in country- Chief Minister Chiranjive Scheme, subsidized electricity to farmers- a public interest schemes and regularly monitored other public interest schemes. During the last one year and nine months Gehlot

arranged virtual meetings every day with each and every segment uninterrupted. Till now he has arranged more than four hundred such video conferencing.

Despite being himself infected during the corona period and quarantined at his home, got operated for heart in the biggest government Sawai Mansingh Hospital like a common man, he was concerned for the general masses and did not let any work halted up. As a consequence, today 65 percent of his 501 proclamation in his party manifesto.

Gehlot is considered as a political wizard and a lucky person and many big opponents conceded defeat before him. For this reason only he remained successful in his current term in assembly bye elections, local body elections like municipal boards, councils, corporations and most of the district councils (Zila Parishads), Panchayat Samitis and Sarpanch elections. Gehlot has always been successful in defeating his rivals. Now it is to be seen which way the political wind blows.

- Gopendra Yogendra Bhatt

The welfare of the world lies in the supreme glory of the Hindu nation – Sar sangh chalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat

Udaipur (Dr.Munesh Arora): The founder of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Dr. Keshavrao Baliram Hedgewar, while sacrificing his interest, happily chose the path of working for India. Dr. Hedgewar realized in the initial years that even after getting independence, we should not be subjected again, it has to be considered. This was the thought at the root of the establishment of the Sangh.

This was stated by the Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Dr. Mohan Bhagwat in the enlightened seminar organized at Vidya Niketan Sector-4, Udaipur on Sunday. Giving a speech to the distinguished citizens of Udaipur on the subject of the Sangh's purpose, thought and methodology, the Sarsanghchalak said that the task of building a person is the goal of the Sangh. Society building is possible through person building; the country building is possible through society building. He said that only by looking at the volunteers who are working autonomously in other areas, no impression can be made about the Sangh. The Sangh works in the spirit of universal brotherhood. The whole world is his own for the Sangh.

He said that the Sangh has no desire to earn a name. Credit is not needed by the Popularity Association. The word Hindu was also publicly avoided till the 80s, the Sangh worked in this adverse situation as well. The Sangh is today in the form of the largest organization in the world, despite the impossibility of the early times. Sangh is an organization of credible, trustworthy people of the society who do not differ in words and deeds. All Hindus are our brothers, this is the Sangh. This is the Sangh's branch, the Sangh's volunteers. Volunteers autonomously do positive service work in society.

Sarsanghchalak Dr. Bhagwat quoted the founder of the Sangh, Dr. Hedgewar, that he used to say that the organization of Hindu society can solve all the problems of India. All of us are the children of Mother India, the followers of Hindu ie Sanatan culture. The sanskaras of Sanatan culture can illuminate the world. The Hindu ideology is that of peace and truth. We are not Hindus; such a campaign is being done to weaken the country and society. Where the Hindu population has decreased due to various reasons, problems have arisen, so the Hindu organization will become omnipresent and talk about the welfare of the world. He said that the welfare of the world would be in the supreme glory of the Hindu nation.

Explaining Hindutva in simple words, Dr. Bhagwat said that the selfless service work done by the volunteers of the Sangh during the Corona period is Hindutva. There is a sense of well-being in it. He said that the founder of the Sangh, Dr. Hedgewar had experienced that the diversity of India in appearance has a sense of unity at its core, we are all Hindus, descendants of ancestors who have lived on this holy land for ages, this feeling is Hindutva.

Earlier, the program started with the lighting of the lamp by Sarsanghchalak Dr. Bhagwat, Regional Sanghchalak of Rajasthan region Rameshchandra Agrawal and Mahanagar Sanghchalak Govind Agrawal in front of the statue of Mother



India. All India intellectual chief Swant Ranjan, All India executive member Hastimal and senior campaigner Gunwant Singh Kothari were also present in the program. The program ended with the singing of Vande Mataram.

Curiosity Session

After the speech, Sarsanghchalak Dr. Bhagwat guided many questions in the curiosity session. On the question about the image of the Sangh in the media, he said that publicity is not our aim, not fame, egoless, selfless, cultured volunteers and work is the primary objective. That's why there was a delay in the field of publicity. The union does not beat the drums of doing work. If work is done, it will be publicized without even saying it. The Sangh is not involved in the competition of unnecessary publicity. Yet the publicity department is moving ahead and slowly gaining momentum. It is because of the work that the Sangh has got its place in society. Referring to the book 'A Sanghi Who Never Went to Sakha', he said that seeing the work of the Sangh, many writers and thinkers are writing spontaneously. On the idea of the Sangh about women empowerment, he mentioned the constructive work of Rashtra Sevika Samiti in the work of social building. He said that Sangh and Sevika Samiti work in parallel. The work of family enlightenment of the Sangh is not possible without the mother power. The work of women empowerment and enlightenment is going on through women's coordination.

On the question about the role of the Sangh in the tribal classes, he said that the purpose of the Sangh is to organize the entire society. The work of welfare and organization of these sections is going on with the positive initiative of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Parishad, Ekal Vidyalaya, and volunteers. The Vanvasi society is completely under the control of the missionary, it is not so. Giving the example of Phulbani, Odisha, he said that the forest dwellers are not Hindu in selfishness, greed, or compulsion, but they are Hindu.

Responding to a question on the social concerns of the RSS, he said that the Sangh is an organization of the common man. Referring to Narayan Gameti going to the house, he said that he is also an ordinary worker. The Sangh aims to prepare the common man for the country. The Sangh has to reach the basti, village, everyone, no matter how much time it takes.

In response to the question about Kerala and Bengal, he said that what the society suffers, the swayamsevaks

also suffer. The volunteer is not going to panic and run away. Volunteer works with the society.

On the question of discrimination-free society and reservation, he said that in the Sangh's branch, education is given to be non-discriminatory. We are only Hindus, this is what is taught. Therefore, there is no atmosphere of such discrimination in the Sangh. The volunteer tries to implement this ideal in personal life as well. The disease of discrimination is old, the Sangh is trying to remove it through social work. The Sangh does not accept any idea that supports inequality.

On the question about the Sangh and the power, he said that the participation of the Sangh in power is misleading and the origin of the media. Sangh Swayamsevaks discussing or meeting with political people is not a participation in power. Other governments including the communists have also been taking the cooperation of the Sangh volunteers in many works.

On the question about cow rearing and cow protection, he gave the example of Bhilwara and Pathmada Gaushala while mentioning the cow promotion activity. He said that volunteers and others are already working in this direction.

On the question asked in the context of connecting all the sections of the society, he said that the purpose of the Sangh is to organize the entire Hindu society, so the Sangh work should be expanded. It is everyone's aim that India should become a Vishwa Guru, so the Sangh is working to connect all sections of the society. There is no other implied purpose.

In the end, he said that the Sangh should be understood from within, not from afar. The Sangh is doing good work in the interest of the country, society, and religion, so the Sangh can be understood only by joining this work. He said that Acharya Vinoba Bhave never went to the Sakha but worked as a volunteer in the interest of the country and society. Sarsanghchalak Dr. Bhagwat called upon everyone to be in touch with the Sangh. He said that after seeing the work of the Sangh, become an associate.

PRATAP GAURAV KENDRA, UDAIPUR

A new museum that showcases the glory of India, especially Mewar, in various ways, Pratap Gaurav Kendra is located at Manoharpura near Badgaon in Udaipur. In this Rashtriya Tirth that was inaugurated in November 2016 is on display the inspiring history of great persons like Maharana Pratap.

One main attraction of the museum is the world's largest 57 feet tall metal statue of Maharana Pratap that weighs 40,000 kg and is in a sitting posture. It is seated on the top of a high hillock in front of the museum from where one can have a panoramic view of the museum and the surrounding area. Five hundred workers from different parts of the country took two years to complete the statue. It was built by putting together 1200 pieces. The idol has been made in the Raj Sanyasi posture as Maharana Pratap took a vow that he would live in the forest till Mewar became free.

The Bharat Mata Mandir has a twelve feet high metal statue of Bharat Mata and a meditation hall. The aim is to instill the feeling of love for the Motherland.



In the Haldighati Vijai Yudh Dirgha are shown important scenes of the historic battle with the help of models and running commentary to make the event come alive. Over a dozen scenes include Pratap discussing the strategy with his Sardars, Pratap entering the Haldighati pass with soldiers, Pratap's army attacking the Mughal soldiers, the Mughal army stopping to run as it is told that Akbar himself had arrived, fierce fight between the armies, fight between elephant riders, killing of Behram Khan, attack on Mansingh, valour of Jhala Maansingh, Mughal soldiers refusing to move forward, the dying Chetak, the Mughal army in Gogunda and Mansingh and Asaf Khan being punished in Ajmer.

Mewar Sfoorti Robotic show, the first of its kind in India, provides live presentation of Mewar history with light and sound show in a short time. This Dirgha underlines the sacrifice of Pannadhai, intense devotion of Meera Bai, Jauhar by 16000 women led by Maharani Padmini and scenes depicting Bappa Rawal, Maharana Rajsingh and others.

Mewar Ratna Dirgha introduces one to thirty heroes of Mewar. Introduction is given in Hindi as well as English. The heroes include warriors, saints freedom fighters and folk gods.

Pratap Exhibition Dirgha has eight exquisite paintings related to Pratap's life. Description is given in Hindi and English. The painting of Pratap by noted painter Raja Ravi Verma is also there.

In Rajasthan Gaurav Dirgha there are twentyfour life size statues of heroes of Rajasthan with detailed information about them. In Bhakti Dham one will have Darshan of the main gods and goddesses of Mewar such as Eklingnathji, Shrinathji, Kesariyaji, Charbhujaji, Sanwalaji, Dwarkadheesh, Ganeshji Chamunda Mata and Ram Durbar. The 3.25 ft tall idols are replica of the original ones. The style of the temples is like the original one namely Shrinathji's temple in Haveli style. The idols were made in Talwada, Banswara. The Seva is also performed in the traditional style. The Kumbha auditorium can accommodate 500 persons. Visitors can enjoy boating in pedal boats in Pratap Sarovar.

For getting a glimpse of the valour and spiritual heritage of Mewar, Pratap Gaurav Kendra is the right place to visit.

- Ashok Mathur

ECI organizes National Conference on Accessible Elections

The Election Commission of India today organised a virtual National Conference on Accessible Elections 2021 with the objective to assess the present accessibility policies and discuss strategies for addressing barriers to enhance participation in electoral process for voters with disabilities. The virtual conference was attended by Chief Electoral Officers, Civil Society Organisations representing various disabilities and representatives from Government Ministries and Institutions.

Reaffirming Election Commission's commitment to make elections more inclusive, accessible, and voter friendly for PwDs, Chief Election Commissioner, Shri Sushil Chandra said that the Commission values the decision making role of primary stakeholders - the voters including persons with disabilities, who can and should play a key role in electoral process. CEC added that all the meaningful inputs and recommendations suggested by Persons with Disabilities and their representative organisations are taken into consideration while framing guidelines for enhancing inclusivity and accessibility at every step of the electoral process. Shri Chandra reiterated ECI's commitment in various international resolutions and mandates emphasising the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the electoral process. He emphasized the need for pleasant and dignified polling experience to PwDs. He mentioned that all polling stations are on ground floor equipped with ramp and wheelchairs, sufficient volunteers are kept at polling stations for smooth and hassle free election experience.

Election Commissioner Sh. Rajiv Kumar said that the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 provides for a legal mandate to ensure all polling stations to be made accessible for persons with disabilities and all material related to electoral process are easily understandable and usable by them. He added that the collective efforts of election officials and CSO stakeholders have contributed significantly in reaching out to a large number of electors with disabilities across the country, apart from building the electoral process accessible, safe and respectful for different population groups. Election Commissioner Sh. Anup Chandra Pandey emphasised on the need for Community support systems to be strengthened by ways of advanced data processing, identifying community referral points and creating harmonised echo systems for specific citizens groups such as persons with disabilities and senior citizens. Shri Pandey added that Accessible Elections have always been a thrust area of the Commission, whereby ECI specifically focuses on the inclusion of all target groups, ensuring that everyone has equal access throughout the entire electoral process.

Veteran journalist Ashok Mathur's blog (ashokmathuronudaipur.com) with over 100 articles on udaipur's palaces, temples, lakes, gardens, festivals, fairs, wildlife etc. is getting very popular. It has interesting content for udaipurites as well as tourists.