

Round Table
for forming a
Consortium of Political Parties
to bring CHANGE in Indian politics and systems

Keynote Address by
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Respected Delegates of the Political Parties,

Welcome: Once again I welcome you all to this Round Table for forming a Consortium of political parties to work together for bringing Change in the Indian political culture and systems and prevailing conditions in the country.

At the Outset:At the outset, I must clarify that the documents circulated to you earlier by e mail are drafts only as conceived by us. These drafts can be accepted, amended or totally discarded as the constituent Parties may think. In no way it should be considered as binding. Parties are free to express their opinion as they deem fit.

Politics governs: In the context of politics, I have said that;

राजनीति से देश चलता है, राजनीति से प्रदेश चलता है, राजनीति से सभी व्यवस्थाएं बनती व बिगडती हैं। राजनीति सही तो सब कुछ सही, राजनीति गलत तो सब कुछ गलत। आज राजनीति पर कब्जा कर लिया उन लोगों ने जो स्वार्थी हैं, भ्रष्टाचारी हैं, अपराधी व अकुशल हैं। समस्त भारतीय पार्टी का मानना है कि जब तक राजनीति पर अच्छे लोग काबिज नहीं होंगे तब तक हमें व्यवस्था में बदलाव की उम्मीद नहीं रखनी चाहिए। कब्जा अच्छे लोगों के हाथ में देना, लोकतंत्र में यह जनता की जिम्मेदारी है।

Since Independence:After 65 years of independence and self-governance, the questions to ask is whether we progressed or not, whether the aspirations of people have been met or not, whether our country is being governed satisfactorily or not, whether something better can be done or not. The answer to all such questions is that we may have progressed materially to some extent but our character has deteriorated, there is all around bad governance, corruption is rampant and the country is being looted much more than British did. Aspirations of the people have not been met and our systems have not been upgraded with the need of the hour.

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On the note of whether something better can be done or not, there are varied opinions. Some say nothing can be done to India and it will remain as it is. I personally say we must not give up and continue to make efforts to bring Change in the way India is being governed and challenge the existing political class who think it is their birth right to rule the nation.

Movements and Politics: Initiating movements for a specific objective is one part of the game i.e. to push the existing governments to succumb to pressure on that issue. However, such approach is not ok when you intend to overhaul the whole system. In this instance clean, principled, efficient and good people must enter in active politics with clear cut views, ideology and programs. Democracy and electoral politics gives the right to every citizen to go to the people with his views and contest elections. So the road to change is to form an ideology, go to the people, contest and win elections. Without people support, nothing will happen.

Swami Vivekananda had said that if few men think that they can bring the Change, it would not happen. First make those people who want the Change and then the change will happen. We need to work in this direction.

About SBP: I would take this opportunity to give a small brief about Smast Bhartiya Party. It was registered with Election Commission in Feb. 2009 and since then we are very active in electoral politics. I personally have fought two Member of Parliament elections in Haryana; Smt. Neelam Aggarwal has fought MP election in 2009. As a Party we fought Haryana Assembly election on 56 seats out of the 90 assembly seats. We fought bye elections in Haryana and UP. We fought Assembly elections in Bihar and UP. We fought Panchayat elections in Haryana. We supported Himachal Lokhit Party in Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections in Nov. 2012. All this has given us huge experience in electoral politics and we intend to continue to contest and support others in elections until we win. Our real work of bringing CHANGE will commence once we will sit in Assemblies and Lok Sabha.

What we have learned so far is that howsoever strong you may be ideologically, people still do not vote for you. You need to win their confidence by working over a sustained long period of time.

Problems faced by New Parties: New Parties face challenge of winning the confidence of people in spite of ideologically being strong. The other challenges the New Parties face is the lack of financial resources and even election commission policies do not favor new parties.

What needs to be done: A lot needs to be done to Change conditions in the country. The existing political parties have failed to provide efficient governance and change the systems. There is dire need to bring electoral, administrative, police, judicial etc. reforms. Infrastructure

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needs to be improved and well managed. We need to look at direct election of PM and CM's by the people as the loyalties of these are towards the leader of their Party and not towards the people.

Emergence of neo political leadership is very vital as we cannot expect the ruling parties will dismantle the regime that suits them. They have made the systems in such a way that they can control the ones who oppose them in one way or the other. The laws are also made to suit them as well.

Why the need of Consortium:We have already detailed in the Concept Paper why the Consortium is needed. Consortium will help all of us to move forward and support each other in State elections and in National elections we will be a unified force to take on the bigger parties. Electorate will also see it in a positive way. When people ask to whom you will support after winning election, we can say that we have our own front.

Long Term Engagement: Being part of this initiative is a long term commitment. Let us not expect anything substantial will happen immediately but our resolve will build the confidence of the people in us. Our actions will demonstrate that we are nationalistic people, above the selfish interests and we mean to do good for the country and its people so that we can be proud of our nation.

India is Unique:Many times we try to copy the laws and systems prevalent in other countries. India should not copy any systems adopted by other countries be it economic, administrative or political. India is a unique country in itself and the kind of circumstances and conditions exist in India, they exist nowhere else in any country of the world. We need to evolve our own systems and practices that will meet the prevailing conditions in the country though we may learn from the experiences of others.

Conclusion:My submission to you all is let us work together, let us support each other, let us fight together the bad political structure, let us work together to throw out bad elements from public life, let us build together an India that we and generations to come can be proud of.

Thank You