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125 Years of the Congress: India reeling under the Congress’ burden

It has been a 125 years since Congress, the biggest political party of India was formed. The Congress is ruling the country at the moment, but one can hardly witness any enthusiasm in the oldest political party of the country when this should have been an important occasion for them. There is a sense of helplessness that has gripped the country. Back-breaking inflation, corruption, terrorism, regionalism, casteism, dynasty-rule etc. have left the common man feeling cheated. It cannot find any reason to celebrate on this occasion. But, the nation needs to introspect on a few issues today.

Today, one is compelled to remember Mahatma Gandhi’s call to dismantle the Congress, the same Mahatma who had so tirelessly offered his blood and sweat to build the Congress. Even then, he had recognized the evil that had crept into the Congress. He knew that the Congress would now exploit the contribution it had made in India’s freedom struggle. He had seen the hunger for power in the Congressmen and he could very well imagine how this hunger could lead to the nations’ ruin. This is why he wanted the end of the Congress as a political party. Later events proved how true Bapu was in his assessment. When the Congress took over the mantle for the first time, it had no opposition; the nation was like a virgin, open field for it. They could have done whatever they wanted to. Their leaders needed to talk to the intellectuals and statesmen of the country and decide on the course of action and direction that was required for the nation’s progress. The nation was inspired because of the recently-concluded freedom struggle. The nation could have progressed at a rapid pace if it took the



right decisions and today we would have been standing shoulder to shoulder with Japan and China. China used to be dissected like into spheres of influence by the western imperialists, very much like a musk melon, it never had much of a standing of its own. It came into its independent state in 1949. Japan, too was coming out of its war-ravaged state at about the same time. Today, they are the top countries of the world, why, only because of the correct decisions and resolve. The state of affairs of our country vis-à-vis these two countries is dismal. Think of any disease of the world and you have its worst manifestation in India. Corruption, regionalism, casteism, dynasty-rule, starvation, unemployment, suicidal policy of appeasement, degradation of the judiciary and other constitutional bodies, arson, illiteracy, downfall in character, name them and you have it here in the country, and political parties instead of excoriating them from the system, are in fact, trying to give it more impetus. All the political parties are accusing each other for these heinous diseases that have sapped the blood of the body politic of the country. However, if we do a micro analysis of the problem, we find that the Congress is the main culprit. In 1947, the Congress had no competition, it did not have to face the rigors of coalition politics, and therefore, it could have laid a solid foundation for the nation by working on the best ideals and principles. But, power-hungry, egoistic and prejudiced politicians of the Congress pushed India into the wrong direction, the after-effects of which are being felt by us all today.

Nehru, in trying to project himself as the liberal, used his influence to get the policy of muslim appeasement inserted into the constitution, he did not ban religious conversions so that Christianity could have a free hand in India, played into the hands of sheikh Abdullah by accepting the provisions of article 370, did not ban cow-slaughter, despite Bapu's commitment to the cause, imposed the impractical but 'fantasy' provisions of socialism which led to the corruption manifested by the 'license raj', chose a muslim-dominated constituency for a popular leader like Abul Kalam Azad, instituted an electoral system that was based on caste-based vote banks, endorsed Indira Gandhi as his successor, all these laid the foundation for India's nemesis. This list, is by no means, exhaustive, it is only a list that shows how Nehru sowed the seeds of India's destruction, the seeds that were nurtured by the later leaders of the Congress, now that same seed has engulfed India from all sides like a poisonous creeper pulling India down into the vortex of corruption. The soft attitude of Nehru on the 'jeep scandal' and 'khesri daal scandal' paved the way for more corruption in the future. Nehru's own culpability in his personal life showed the meaninglessness of ethical values in the life of a politician, this tradition was subsequently followed by his successors



with aplomb.

The later leaders of the Congress did not leave any stone unturned in trying to degrade the constitutional institutions. Indira Gandhi, by imposing the emergency, laid the foundation for a pliant and committed judiciary. She tried to make the independent election commission into a lackey of hers by promising jobs to its officials after retirement. The governor's office was transformed into that of an agent of the center, which could go to any extent to please its master in Delhi. Ministers are now appointed to appease large industrial houses; the scribes to have been reduced to being mere boot-lickers of politicians. Vote-bank politics has become so important that now terrorists are now operating freely, and the blame is being put on Hindu saints and seers. While the common man is reeling under back-breaking inflation, the leaders of the Congress are busy raking in the moolah.

In terms of internal and external security and foreign affairs, the Congress has left India completely handicapped. Previously, the Congress leaders in the name of Muslim appeasement would only see the other way when it came to terrorism, but now they have gone to the extent of supporting them. It is a well-known fact that Indira Gandhi was the progenitor of terrorism in Punjab. Her role along with her son, Rajiv Gandhi, into the formation of LTTE, should also be investigated. Unfortunately, the terrorist organizations nurtured by these two led to their own nemesis. Despite this, the Congress leaders have not learnt their lesson and are now rooting for the jihadis. Only the future will unravel what will happen because of this, but one thing is certain that this is going to lead the country to destruction. They are so enmeshed in their own selfish interests that they seem to have even forgotten the problem India faces on its borders. Forget China, even countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh have set their eyes on India's border. We are so hopelessly out of sync when it comes to foreign affairs that we don't seem to have any friends in our neighborhood.

There are so many issues, which if looked into, will go a long way to prove that their genesis lies in the wrong policies adopted by the Congress party. The Congress must introspect, now that it is 125 years old. It should now align itself with the grass-roots so that it can right the wrongs that it has committed or else the citizens will never forgive it.