

CITIZENS' MANIFESTO OUTLINE

- Constitute a Vidhan Parishad
- Resource-Decentralisation- Allocate Funds, Functions, Functionaries to Panchayats.
- Bring in Master Plans for all urban areas.
- Unemployment dole for Urban Poor-unemployed / some version of universal basic income.
- Create a ministry for Narmada .
- Vidhan Sabha must Function for maximum period. Re-introduce the "CM hour" in VS.-
- Institutions must be strengthened.
- GST rationalized-esp. on Petroleum products.
- Cow to be declared state organism(Jeeva)
- Set-up Vidhan Sabha TV- new policy for advertisements on digital media
- Not merely corruption but malgovern-
- nance/ administration too should be addressed.
- A white paper-preferably department wise- to be presented in the concluding Vidhan Sabha Session.
- Share all the intellectual property - seminars, reports suo moto with Public .
- Enhance Integration efforts- Flag, GST; Hinglish
- Data localization.
- Ensure home delivery of at least some public services.
- Need a madhya Pradesh Model of development-GDP/GDH/GDW/pe r capita income. Et al.
- Set up Public Libraries (MP has Only 100- half of them in Bhopal ; CG has 9000)- supplementary education.
- Extend MNREGA to private farming.
- Limit the Terms of Chief minister.

RESIDENTS' SANKALPA PATRA OUTLINE

HEALTH

Both segregated schemes and a holistic Neeti is needed. Approach based on benchmarks; ; establishing hospitals for mental diseases.

WOMEN

Simultaneous Implementation of New Women's policy and steps to prevent Domestic violence.

INFANTS/CHILDREN

To make the status of infants in all Aanganwaadis Online to monitor their growth .Spending on Infant mortality , malnutrition should be seen as welfare investment.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Establishing Geriatric medicine unit in every medical college



Pension and medicine both needed ; pilgrimage is a family responsibility ,state shouldn't sponsor it.

MINORITIES

Implementing Sachar committee report ; Allow setting up of

the regional centre of Aligarh Muslim Univ.

TRIBALS

Involving tribals In forest conservation and aforestation
Implementing Forest rights bill; interest free loans -

Implementing PESA.

SC'S

Social equity Index in SC majority panchayats Allotting more funds for training in SC areas.

OBC's

Hostels for OBC students ;Low interest loans for work Scholarships for OBC students ; loan waiver ;education loans.

ENVIRONMENT

Mineral based industries will have to be set up in the state; Protection of biodiversity; Eco audit.

CULTURE

Awards for literateurs of dialects ; plots for artists at concessional rates.

CITIZENS' ISSUES

- " EMPLOYMENT PORT
- " AGRICULTURAL " IMPROVING EDUCATION
- " INDUSTRIALISATION " BETTER GOVERNANCE - CONTROLLING CORRUPTION
- " URBANISATION- INCL. SMART " CHECKING TOTALIRANIASM

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

- " MALNUTRITION & OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS
- " SAFETY OF WOMEN , SLAVE TRADE
- " RESERVATION IN PROMOTION ; ATROCITIES ACT
- " ILLEGAL MINING & ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION.
- " COMMUNALISM IN THE NAME OF CULTURE
- " CASTEISM IN THE GARB OF SOCIAL WORK
- " HERITAGE PROTECTION -INCLUDING LIVING HERITAGE.

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LEGENDARY MUKHYA SEWAK-CUM....

Shivraj repeated the mistake of Digvijay -of continuing in the same mode in the second and third terms as in the first - In fact going even further in the same manner rather than changing gears. (Ideally he should've appointed a Deputy CM for welfare programmes / social security schemes and focused on growth agenda in the third term) It happened so since to begin with , he came in as a paratrooper and hence is unlikely to have thought things out . Thus there was neither a vision nor a roadmap - only a glorified pracharak in the garb of a leader.

Hence in the long term a generation has been lost and the future mortgaged . So MP still remains an underdeveloped state .Agreed that state has notionally moved out from the BIMARU/ medieval status but it still a far cry from becoming a rising and /or emerging state as is claimed. It is hyperbole - evolutionary development is being touted as revolutionary growth. For that to happen one needs to have a double digit growth for a few decades (Like China) - which an Agriculture based model cannot achieve. In a sense ,the legacy of Shivraj is going to be of an underutilised opportunity .He may be remembered as someone who brought in the green revolution in MP but then in the same breath would be blamed for underperform-

mance in many sectors. A CM is supposed to work for all sections and sectors prioritywise and in ratio. I wonder if in the near future anybody is going to get three terms as CM .This is what happens when you're calculating instead of leading . When you focus almost entirely on winning elections rather than on delivering on promises. In that sense he would be remembered as an effective CM rather than a great one. A people's representative -Mukhya Sewak- giving them what they want - rather than their leader/CM.

What does it hold for him in future ? For a three term CM the options are increasingly limited - PM, party President ,one of the four core union ministries and if none of this happens then President , vice - president at a later date .From time to time rumours of change surfaced - after Modi came in , post Vyapam , after Simhashta but he managed to thwart challengers - Vijayvargiya by the Pension scam file ; Anil Dave by tagging him an outsider and tried to make inroads into their constituencies -Indore , Industry and now Narmada. In sum, he proved to be great survivor but more often than not great survivors aren't great achievers. Shivraj's place in history is guaranteed among the longest serving CM's , not necessarily the finest (Remember Aurangzeb ruled for 50 yrs , longer than

the reign of Akbar).

All in all , Shivraj's nearly decade and a half long journey has taken the state one step forward two steps backward .Though he managed to create a vote bank among women and built a constituency among farmers, Shivraj ended up being more of a glorified social worker - a survivor, a tinkerer - than a reformer or a leader. He is likely to be remembered as a legendary Mukhya Sewak-Cum- Weakest CM for his great social connect with extraordinary work in social security and a simplistic approach lacking rigour in public issues.

" It is true to a large extent that Shivraj brought the state from BIMARU to developing stage -at least in some aspects- but it is equally true that he didn't have a vision or the caliber to take it the developed category. One doesn't need to be a genius to know where the state is going. If it continues in the same vein, it is likely to be relegated from the present treadmill state - running in the same place -to moon-walking stage - speed walking all the time yet ending up behind the starting point. Thus it would be in the interest of the state that Shivraj is " elevated " to National Politics - so that the state may have a fresh outlook - if BJP wins it.

" Shivraj brought in agriculture too in the BJP fold which alongwith its traditional strength in culture constituted a dominant constituency. He also incorporated the OBC into the

Brahman-Bania vote bank of RSS making it a formidable combination.

" Under Shivraj Madhya Pradesh emerged as a University for BJP and an Ashram for RSS (Just as Gujarat is its lab)- holding Vaichairk Mahakumbha and Lokmanthan in the state was a testimony to it.

" The biggest quality of Shivraj is his flexibility and premonition (Just as the greatest weakness is lack of intuition and stretchability). He can sense any issue likely to snowball or any leader emerging as a challenger and takes preventive steps to nip it in the bud; his U- turn on Smart city location in Bhopal , opening foreign liquor shops in rural areas, cornering Kailash Vijayvargiya etc. are cases in point.

" Shivraj has been the case of over promising and under delivering ; delivering a little and hyping a lot , promising something else delivering quite another .The label of " Ghoshanveer " does have some ring of truth.

" It is true that no allegation of personal corruption could stick onto him even though there were noises. At least a part of it could be due to the fact that he established a direct connect with the masses .

" Rewrote the grammar of Madhya Pradesh Politics-made it participative, communicative (Though not inclusive, interactive). Elicited social support even for government programmes.

SHIVRAJ'S LEGACY

1. Presented the CM as Mukhya Sewak primarily than a CM- humble.
2. Continuous communication
3. Immediate fire fighting of crisis, prompt response in calamities
4. Transformed agriculture - in particular Brought metamorphosis in irrigation
5. Tried to be Ajatshatru-nice even to Muslims/ minorities.
6. Kept a deft balance with the centre- Implementing their schemes best - even preempting
7. Always in election/ campaign/ photo-op mode.

DARK

1. Too Much populism- Ghoshnaveer
2. Too centralized - misgovernance.
3. Allowed too much play to non- state actors like RSS
4. Trusted Bureaucrats more than ministers / partymen.
5. Turned a blind eye esp. to retail corruption.
6. Scatter brained - schemes at the drop of a hat
7. Fickle minded- risk averse take a U-turn at the first sign of things going tough.Kept changing his team throughout.

Shivraj's Modus Operandi

(Took a leaf out of Modi model)

- " Nexus of State and corporate; Created crony corporate- Dileep Survanshi , Bansal et al.
- " Controlled the financial

- " Ruthlessly Stymied opponents in a cold blooded way- Kailash Vijayvargiya ,Anil Dave and others ;kept opposition leaders too on back-foot viz. continuously attacking Digvijay.
- " A robust dirty tricks department - Narottam Mishra and company
- " Not trusting the Ministers/ ruling by a coterie of officers
- " Not relying on the party-had his parallel state funded NGO's viz.Jan Abhiyan Parishad.
- " Keeping RSS in good humour but not relying uponthem
- " Almost the entire focus of neutralising anti - incumbency
- " By killing all the movements - using all the force of the state - even firing.
- " By nipping any agitation which could aggregate - by continuously landing up among the people.

DIRTY

- " Using sychophancy as a stepping stone - via Advani.
- " Using marriage as a stepping stone - via Pramod Mahajan.
- " Ungrateful to Vijay Raje Scindia -he used to be a filler at her rallies; later , criticized the family.
- " Ungrateful to Digvijay Singh -When he met with an accident Digvijay provided a plane and support ;
- " Ungrateful to Vivek Tankha- Personally met Tankha to go slow on dumper scam ; ditched him later for a Rajya Sabha seat.