

SHIVRAJ 4.0 : ATMNIRBHAR LT. GOVERNOR

(ONE YEAR OF COVID MAAMU)

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Shivraj meticulously crafted the image of *Maama* (maternal uncle) over a decade ...It was expected that he would live up to it in the COVID period...in fact ,the anticipation was that he'd try and build it up - to *Mamaji*. Shivraj in his fourth innings had two options - correct past wrongs or get even more brazen ; change or revive. More often than not the ones with a winners mindset get better while those with a **loser's state** become bitter

Via normal routes Shivraj coming again would have been a blessing - at least in mid short term- for the state. He is the most **sympathetic** and **industrious** CM we've had even though he lacks a Vision and sensitivity. Entry by abnormal methods often entails a curse. Since he came thru the back door (not by re-election) chances of latter were more...

At the outset Chouhan had said this term would be **different...** Yet from the moment Shivraj switched the ignition he was driving with hand brakes applied. Someone used to standing tall in state politics in the decade long absence of Diggi , Kamalnath ,Uma Bharti had to withhold himself and was forced to share status with Scindia. Moreover he had to accept the Independence of Scindia camp of ministers and digest the autonomy of Cabinet faction comprising Kamal Patel, Gopal Bhargava and Vijay Shah –something he never faced in the previous terms.

As someone who derived energy from people, Shivraj mostly abstained during Covid 1.0.Initially, for a few days he did venture out but thereafter confined himself to *Mantralya* .The lame excuse was that CM's visit would've disturbed discipline .That flew in the face of a full house oath taking , political meets et al .Shivraj neither visited hot spots , nor did he bother to go to the villages of migrant labour. Video conferencing merely complemented face to face dealing on the spot but was no substitute for it... From “ **Virtuous Shivraj** ” he became “ **Virtual Chauhan**” during lockdowns of Covid1.0. Incidentally , Boris Johnson didn't stop meeting citizens –faced Corona and recovered (Chouhan met

mostly party / RSS workers / officials till the end of lockdown)...If the CM shows hesitation and fear ,ordinary citizens get depressed .After taking reigns, he could not accelerate- someone who used to be from one to ten in cabinet couldn't even get his own men inducted .There were speed breakers immediately after crossing the hurdle of formation as Shivraj couldn't get the departments of choice for his men. Worse still , he had to appoint a few undeserving new Mla's as ministers so as to give them an edge in elections-all this while when deserving candidates within the party sulked. Without the right man at the right spot , the scope for good governance shrunk.

When the *Maama* vehicle crashed, it was taken to a fancy workshop raising doubts about claims of safety. After Shivraj reported Corona Positive he went to a **private hospital**...If the CM - esp. one who is *Pratham Sewak* mould-cannot trust his own government hospitals , how does one expect the last man to have faith in them ?. Even more so when it is a question of life and death. On the other hand , one of his top bureaucrats opted for Hamidia hospital- no wonder the government gives the impression of being led by *Babus*.

Lockdown period was the reverse of earlier Shivraj Regimes – Lock down 1.0 was the darkest in Shivraj 4.0 ; Lockdown 4.0 is considered less dark despite much greater numbers in that the darkness became “ known ” ,even if unseen. As the stage wise unlock plan played out, the invisible aspects of various lockdown phases spilled out in the open.As for the migrant labour fiasco who is to be blamed ? It is no secret that being centrally located and underdeveloped most **labourers** -esp. unskilled-migrate from M.P. So , their **maximum flow** to the state should've been anticipated . Perhaps if there was a labour minister at that point in time, things might have been better handled – What is the excuse ? No phone numbers of officers were made Public and there were no ministers – Who could the labourers contact ? Both were Shivraj's decision- in not having a cabinet for over a month and handpicking the officers. It was a systemic failure and collective shame.

Leading from Behind and **guarding** are two different things - winning without fighting is always a hollow victory .Such a leader has no respect of the troops and seldom delivers – at least not what is expected .Chouhan was never a great leader for wartime or growth but he missed the chance of being the

guardian of crisis / relief by his partisan approach in Covid 1.0. In that he merely followed the Modi Model of **Populist politics and autocratic governance**– not sharing responsibility and service but apportioning complete blame to opposition and minorities. Wherever the twin approach failed he resorted to whataboutery- the problems remained unaddressed.

Shivraj 4.0 was more like *Bhasmaarti* of people in his Covid 1.0 ; he took the state from *farzi* (doctored statistics) to *Jhootha*(Fake data) viz. Claim about IIFA funds ,Sambal, Agri Insurance etc. Shivraj's motto remained- ***Apna saath , Apno ka vikaas and apne Jaison ka vishwas***. *Apna saath* is exemplified by self preservation in giving free hand to RSS -particularly in Lockdown1.0 ; development of own people - unleashing BJP mining lobby, patronising private healthcare (*Apno ka sath* by implication) and **partisan targetting of relief** showcases winning over like minded voters (*sirf apne jaison ka vishwas*).At least post unlockdown CM and / or HM should've been on the hotspots frequently- they weren't...The **Kill corona** campaign died a quiet death - esp. in second version- with no challans fined or masks distributed. Not a single innovative approach was undertaken.

If Shivraj had succeeded in COvid 1.0,he would've been a phantom...However, only a few things could be marked as purely **Shivraj Success** at the end of Covid1.0- Appointing a medico as Health Minister (alongwith a doctor as health commissioner-later unseated by the bureaucratic lobby) and *Shram Siddhi* scheme for labourers - for **lives and livelihood** respectively ; universal inclusion into ration scheme or enhanced MNREGA work are mere tweaking of Congress' food security bill and NREGA ; highest implementation of Hawkers' loan and PM housing schemes are merely complementing the central initiatives. On the other hand only **four factoids** are enough to prove he was a **superflop**- both in lives and livelihood-**Highest death rate** , least number of tests (even among the bottom ten states) , Death/ despair of migrant labourers and serving the longest without a cabinet in India (after KCR) ... Some Heroes were honoured but failures were castigated/shamed nor were culprits been punished / penalized . In a war, anyone backing out could be shot by his own troops.

Shivraj's diligence is unquestioned. In Covid 1.0 , he took it to the next level. Perhaps this the hardest Chauhan has ever worked. Slogging round the clock ,he

ensured that the system delivered. However , the moot question remains - Hard work for what ? Delivery to whom ? For the first 8 months , almost the entire energy was focused on Gwalior Chambal and other By poll(s) areas. Thus the hard work was for personal good and delivery was distorted .

Chouhan 4.0 kept saying that he is not merely to occupy the CM 's chair but to transform the state ; also talked about Economic activity. Emulating the Kamalnath template , he shamelessly usurped Nath's schemes - whether three fourth jobs for locals or tough stance against mafia or decimating middlemen. No harm in continuing good stuff but **credit** must be given where due. It sounds even more hypocritical when many fingers point towards him about sand mafia , in the direction of RSS for education mafia , at BJP for land mafia and so on. The fact that for every key decision CM had to rush to Delhi – from cabinet formation to portfolio allocation to approval of *Atmanirbhar* roadmap ...Where was Shivraj in it ? A **glorified bureaucrat** ?

As the saying goes , you can make some people *Maamus* all the time (fool them) , others sometimes but you cannot make everybody a *Maamu* all the time... In the end ,Shivraj may become the biggest *Maamu* – irritating the Public who defeated him and hated by Delhi- all of whom try to humiliate him ,cut to size ,make him helpless / drink *Vish* (poison) in his own words ... He's on road to becoming a *VISHRAJ* . Chouhan's performance in Covid 1.0 was more like *Kansa Maama* or *Shakuni Mama* (Those who grab power by trickery and exploit the masses)... A real *Maama* cares for others ; *Shakuni* is *Swayam Sewak* (self serving). The fact is that Shivraj is used to two thirds majority - and has proving unfit for a razor thin majority. Besides , he perhaps got carried away by his own **artificially built image** of a big leader – conveniently forgetting that if Nath , Diggi and Uma would have been active in the state during his earlier stints , there would be **no triple Shivraj**...All in all , Chouhan in Covid 1.0 has turned out to be odd. (*vichitra*) rather than “different” . All his actions in the first year have confirmed the worst fears.

Oldtimers - esp. within BJP- may remember that Shivraj was the **original** “**Pappu**”...He became a *Majboor* (helpless) CM in Covid 1.0 – such a state is understandable in first term is but in the fourth ? On the basis of his performance in Covid1.0 Shivraj deserved the title of COVID MAAMU

...Time for course correction began slipping. Fake sensitivity combined with ruthless scheming will only take you so far. ..Having managed to win the bypolls , Chouhan knew that he has only as much time - at most six to eight months - of the **second wave** to salvage the lost ground or be consigned to the dustbin of history as someone who ruled the state longest without **structurally transforming** it. Duly, he set about in turbo charged mode. Shivraj and team post unlockdown 4.0 were expected to at least provide safety henceforth. –in the engagement stage .In the 4 months following it , governance has mostly been in resuscitation mode due to lack of funds ,budget presentations, strong opposition , uneasy intra party dynamics ,VS session et al. Ironically, the pace post re-election slackened both in lives and livelihood issues .Quarantine centres were closed , social restrictions eased ,surveys reduced ,Corona volunteers eased out... At the end of one year , the state stands exactly at the same place with increasing cases and impending lockdowns albeit better prepared . Consequently , Covid fatigue is setting in.

In **Covid 2.0**, Shivraj set about a twofold makeover. Firstly, to counter detractors of his sissy image ,he has presented a tough administrator *Avataar* .The problem is when you've come thru a backdoor, how can you expect others to be upfront ? When legislators being bought is an open secret , how can retail corruption be checked ? The second aspect of image refurbishing is consolidating the hardcore Hindutva image (both as a bulwark against Modi- Shah adventurism as also to ward off Kailash Vijayvargiya - Uma Bharti hardcore challenge) - more so with soft Hindutva being imbibed by Congress. Saying that “ No schools would be allowed to become breeding grounds for terrorists” is in line with the newer version. In a sense he is trying to over compensate for the grey areas. To buttress it further he's giving own spin to Kamalnath model- Of continuing the attack on land mining mafia , transfer posting , war on adulterators etc- albeit in a partisan way to target Congressmen. That serves a triple purpose– of building up a strongman image in public eye , pushing back the opposition and providing revenge for partymen whose illegal structures were demolished by Nath. All this while Chouhan has kept the template of his past regimes unaltered - going for PR overkill ,Media management and being in perpetual election mode. For instance continuing hype.“ Rising Madhya Pradesh ” ; doing *Swasthya Satyagraha* and planting one sapling daily in the same park in full camera glare - altogether spending 19 crores in media messaging ... By the way, “ In which

way is M.P rising ?”- Resurrecting / Resuscitating would be a more appropriate phrase.; Is it the job of a CM to sit on Satyagraha – whether about *Kisan* (farmers) or in *Swasthya*(health) ? *Satyagraha* is for people who are not in power -influencers. Showing you mug 24/7 whether by planting a tree or social appeals –is image building on public money. By planting daily in Smart city park Chouhan is surreptitiously enforcing his legacy in the heart of Bhopal- in the absence of anything more concrete. Later , the park may be called “ Shivraj Park ” even if it is not formally named so. Being continuously in electoral mode has meant that the focus is on here and now always , to spread the rupee in to maximum votes – to do small things in a big way – thereby big ticket ,long term stuff never gets done until a crisis. An example is the statement that no body could’ve anticipated the severity of second wave. It makes little sense (read nonsense) - virtually every mathematical projection (including ours) as also the history of second waves being more severe in previous pandemics pointed to it. Inability to integrate and rationalise the advice of doctors and officers meant outsourcing the Covid battle to them. If they had succeeded the credit would be of Shivraj ; now that the approach failed , he is trying to absolve himself . If Politicians will not deal with unknowable / unanticipated - who will ? The excuse makes him merely an election winning machine who happens to be a super bureaucrat- with immunity.

During the past year, the few **good things** that have been done include - ,presenting a roadmap , Greater Engagement with SHG’s , focus on delivery , forming milk cooperatives , microcredit to hawkers, spreading rural roads , one district one product scheme besides sympathy and diligence. As for the worst stuff, it includes - Appeasing RSS , mismanaging migrant labour ,lying and communalizing. Every party favours its grassroots bodies but nobody appeases them-even within the BJP ruled states nowhere is the RSS as pampered as in M.P. and even within BJP governments in the state Shivraj takes the cake in obliging *Sanghis*; every state mismanaged migrant labour – only that M.P. fared worst , every state “doctored” figures and data- Shivraj “lied”. Amid crisis any government is supposed to provide succor to the masses and relief to the marginalised. Shivraj 4.0 went almost in the **opposite** direction- ditching poor migrant labour midway – many had to return to metros failing to get work in villages , bashing middle s class - no relief in prices of essentials like petrol ,

electricity , food stuff ; top it local bodies taxes are proposed to be raised substantially (suspended currently due to hue and cry) . Moreover , there was duplicity all a round - fudging data , exhorting others to go to government hospitals while going to private facility himself , making over the top promises around bypolls and later withdrawing even allotted funds esp. from losing constituencies - Morena . All these amount to punishing the poor- a trait of *Neech* (Lowly ; not low caste).Slipping once is a mistake ; repeating it is a **crime** – in Covid 1.0 for over a month there was no health minister ; in Covid 2.0 once again for the first month the health minister was busy in Damoh elections.

All in all , Shivraj adopted a **twofold strategy** in the first year of this term - Reviving own previous schemes and maxing the Central schemes. Thus he behaved more like a **Lt. Governor** - over enthusiastically following Delhi and running the show with bureaucrats- than a Chief minister with inclusive and participatory approach.

At this stage ,the few things he can do a to salvage the situation are : **smart vaccination**: age -cum –region (vaccinating all among 18 plus age group in the gravely infected regions of current wave-begin with BPL /Antyodyay card holders ; vaccinating only those 18 plus with co- morbidities in the moderately impact regions while restricting even 45 plus vaccination to only those with co-morbidities in the least affected zones; avoid vaccinating those healthy among 18-45 group who have recovered from Covid till half the population gets at least one jab.) ; Best survey , testing , immunity building of any state- esp. in the regions anticipating third wave ; best data analysis ; make M.P . the truckers capital ASAP- logistical hub ,warehousing node , air cargo pole can follow later ; give expenditure coupons - with a list of multiple products , services from government , Among the most important things to be done is documentation – visually , audio and writing. This is a once in a century data which will serve as benchmark for all schemes ...Without this primary data the Roadmap will have roadblocks .If we were to point out **two key demands** –firstly , proceed in Covid 2.0 only on the basis of statistical models based on the data documentation of Madhya Pradesh . That is the only chance to come tops among BIMARU states ; the opportunity to use mathematical projections in Covid 1.0 cost the state a lifetime opportunity to convert the crisis into opportunity. Only one country in

the world –UK – followed it, despite objection by medical experts ; consequently it has come overall tops – First vaccine development , BREXIT formalized , highest vaccination for a big country , developing the medicine et al .Initially with No data available –unknowable situation- only math and philosophy could’ve made sense ; now that there is plenty of data only Statistical experts and ideologues can use it sensibly. **Secondly** ,postpone the Local bodies / Panchayat elections beyond the date whenever **half** the population is vaccinated – at least one dose- request the courts to have a relook (Bihar govt. has done it) ; **Two secondary demands** would be to share the campaign against Covid with the opposition in a meaningful and concrete manner- beyond mere lip service and tokenism...If it flops , the blame can be shared and in case it succeeds ,a new template for cooperative politics can be created in Madhya Pradesh. In any case , the challenge is too big for any government to handle alone. There could be no better occasion than this to rise above party politics - to prove your “**Pradeshbhakti / Pradesh Prem**” ; data management and documentation ; be **absolutely transparent** about data –fudging data backfires on government in two ways- initially it kills the poorest and later the capable sections become complacent thereby deepening the crisis; Only authentic documentation will ensure correct planning and vision; only credible data can guarantee workable roadmap; **two tertiary demands** could be to do some kind of cash transfer(DBT/ cash coupons etc) -giving 1000/- to hawkers is fine but ought to be extended to BPL youth too -and no more corona curfew or lockdowns in third wave–only **Corona 144** by the government and / or Corona **boltdown** by citizen bodies / NGO’s as SOS... A small window still exists to end up being the best Covid handler among BIMARU states post Covid overtaking Rajasthan (the chance to leapfrog into the comity of developed states was missed due to mishandling of Covid 1.0...The alternate scenario of succumbing to third / fourth waves (likely Sept/ Oct onwards – esp. in rural areas) could push the state into BIMARU trap for a generation.So , while a temporary small window still exists for Shivraj to end up as “superman’ (Opportunity of becoming a phantom was lost in Covid 1.0) but if he slips in Covid 3.0 / 4.0 too he would be marked as a **Covid criminal** (The term used by VD Sharma for those flouting Covid appropriate behavior).

To sum , one year of Shivraj 4.0 has been the **worst in living memory** of any Chief Minister .Faced with a once in a century pandemic, the response has been shocking . Least responsible- everything by Ordinance ;Percentage wise , perhaps there has been no greater corruption in a single year than the Covid period- over 30 K crore borrowed from market with no accountability. A factory of scams -- never as many scams in only One year . The entire approach has been non- inclusive and non- participatory .How can a government handle crisis without active engagement of opposition ? Without involving the Citizens' bodies meaningfully ? Without transparency in the expenses ? Without fixing responsibility upon the defaulters ?... In doing more of the same despite failures, Chouhan seems to have risen to his level of **“incompetence”**.

Till bypolls, Shivraj focused on becoming *Atmanirbhar* in tandem with Scindia –who is **ATM**nirbhar .The duo could afford to be Independent of both National parties- a euphemism for blackmail. Post results , they set about making their acolytes **ATM**nirbhar and **Atm**nirbhar respectively. The joint photo with a tiger at the end of one year shows that it is a **“Mahashivraj Sarkar”** (Maharaj-cum-Shivraj) with pretensions of being TINO (There is no option) till 2023 and beyond. The background represents their camps. However , he is well aware of the many “ Pokhrans” waiting to happen. The others - citizens as well as dissidents- cannot stay *“Paramatmnirbhar”* for too long. Pushed to the wall, they may press the button- of EVM's and /or pull the rug from under the feet. Broadly speaking, what is now expected ? The state must emerge as a leader in survey testing ,tracking ,immunizing and vaccinating in Covid 2.0; besides ,it must gainfully engage the returning migrant labourers in Second wave ; ensure herd immunity and normal economic activity ASAP.

A lot depends on whether Shivraj allows Corona third wave to happen- at least not seriously. If more than 50 pc (60 in urban and 40 in rural aren't vaccinated before onset of **winter** , there may be no herd immunity . In which case neither TINA (There is no alternative) nor TINO may work.

If push comes to shove , this **ATM**nirbhar backed Lt. Governor -allowed to continue- may try to become Independent Governor General. No self respecting party will allow that.

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CITIZENS' DOCUMENT (ADDENDUM / UPDATE)

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ADDENDUM

FROM DARK TO DIRTY

(16 YRS OF BJP RULE)

- **Politics-** It has deformed democracy into a rule “ By the politicians , for the politicians, of the politicians .”
- **Economy-** From Inspector Raj in earlier regimes to Contractor Raj now ; complete cronyism prevails in state contracts while lobbies and mafia have a stranglehold in market .
- **Media-** It has become *Godi* -not necessarily Modi media- but a lapdog of whoever in power .If the major profession of the media houses is non-media , no real regional media ...No Public broadcasting is possible for the lack of a suitable platform. If there is no transparency about media funding- can there be honesty in its work ?
- **Education-** Overemphasis on Learning skills : basically producing cheap labour , craftsmen for state and others.
- **Society-** Caste calculus up to *Gotra* level; even same caste people being differentiated on the basis of place of origin...M.P. doesn't have substantial minority population hence polarisation isn't very effective which is why caste mapping has become critical.
- **Elections-** Reduced to a game of money and data with strategists and vote bank managers calling the shots. Preparing vote slaves - by keeping them at the mercy of govt. by small doles- not big enough for them to become independent. From vote bank / constituencies to vote slaves / vote coolies .

P.S.: All these are a part of larger national / global trend - only the ills are amplified and positives subdued in M.P.

FROM BAHRUPIYA TO CIRCUS TIGER

(14 yrs of Shivraj)

Shivraj's modus operandi has always been - jack of all and master of one - across all his terms. In each term he delivered incremental gains in most aspects while transforming one chosen aspect. Alongside his general image of *Bahrupiya* (impersonator) among the close circle, each term had a different specific image in public.

In first term, he focused on roads while doing the routine stuff in auto mode which earned him the title of *Pappu*; in the second, Chouhan concentrated on electricity while making a hue and cry about incremental gains as a whole landing him the epithet *Yeda*; the third term saw *Shivraj* keyed on irrigation and went into hype mode over series of incremental low hanging stuff.. Now, his target is on housing for poor and piped water to all by 2022 ...Only difference is that both are flagship schemes of Central government

Uptil now, he has reformed the state politics – converted it to populist and social security oriented; transformed the concept of development to almost solely imply physical, material infrastructure; turbo charged the agrarian economy-Infrastructure enhanced; delivery improved, social security strengthened; health, education and sports infrastructure expanded.

The **flip side** is that Public service and welfare suffered; he could not usher in growth oriented politics; Cronyism became the norm in economy ...While he did a lot of small things in a big way, Chouhan could not do big things - not a single Big dam, not a single expressway, not a single big industry besides on virtually all Human development indicators the state slipped.(health, education, sports et al). If one has to point at the **single biggest failure**, it is the “relative” decline of human resources of the state (They've grown but others have grown much faster)

The general perception about respective terms is that *Pappu chala Papa banane thapa rah gaya* (A youth tried to become Dad but ended up as baby

sitter instead) ;*Usne yeda bankar p eda khaya* (Enjoyed the fruits while pretending simplicity)...Ultimately he runs the risk of being a *leda* (garbage) ; *Karmaveer ki Jagah Gyho shnaveer bana to Bhonpu Chouhan rah gaye* (Concentrating on pronouncements than action meant ending as a mere m agaphone); now that he is claiming to be tiger , only time will stamp the real status.

These days he is in a Presidential Mode – more like a constitutional Royalty .The way he projects himself all over media (Spent 19 cr. on self promotion. this year alone) ; manner in which he buys state planes and uses them like a personal autorickshaw (even on personal religious trips- that too out of state to Tirupati, Shirdi) .Has anyone seen any other CM-male of female tagging their **spouse** all along even on official tours on field .? Naturally it sends a message - both to party men, outsiders and brokers. This term has brought out the **ruthless trait** of Chouhan in getting rid of three of his blue eyed officers of previous terns .A DG of school of governance , Rera chief and transferring the closest ally (An ACS) five days before retirement. Using the Public property as personal wealth , bureaucracy as private staff , DPR as personal publicist and Police as Private army –of self and party -can only take you so far ; “best” among like minded , never “unique “- best cross classes.

In the name of reinventing himself , it has actually been the same man in various get ups-*Bahrupiya*- by 2018 the entire Public knew it (which is why they rejected him , not the party) . Along the way he has tried to go from *Siyasat* to *Riyasat* to *Virasat* now (From politics to fiefdom to legacy). With roadside gimmicks (kneeling on stage ,using foul ;language etc.) SHivraj is more like “Cheap” Minister this time ... If he continues in the same mode with *Neeti* , *Neta* , ideas ,Event (Dandi march) imported from opposition he could be on way to becoming the firs t **Congress Yukta CM** of BJP(Just a Narasimha Rao is considered by some to be the first BJP yukta PM of Congress)

His overall journey has been -From *Pappu Yeda* to *Gappu Vishraj* ;From *Paon Paon Wale Bhaiyya* to *Hawa Hawai Bhai(Sahib)*-one with biggest outreach to a man out of reach ; Shivraj’s latest pronouncements about being a big cat fail to impress the core group - which knows him to be a **Circus tiger**- public too will catch up sooner this time than earlier.

Scindia (One year of switch over)

What was anticipated

- RS seat- Done
- VS tickets to Mla's who crossed over with him-Done.
- Important portfolios to ministers from his camp- Done.
- A place in Union cabinet - Awaited.
- Incorporation of his supporters in organisational posts of BJP - Disproportionately low .
- Accommodation of his camp ministers who lost the bypolls on Corporations / boards- Pending.
- On the star campaigners list in other assembly polls- Missing .
- Projection as CM candidate for 2023 - No signs yet.

Reality Check

- At every step they try and snub him to show to the cadre they haven't sold out. In the party office he is addressed - "*Bhai Saab*"- a departure from his aunt insisting on "Shreemant" .
- Had to struggle 2 key ministers back ;
- Only managed "promises" of elevated road , Chambal expressway; Shajapur Medical college-Fund allocation pending.
- Only a single person in party organization- that too a BSP defector.
- Reportedly 1L supporters have become members of BJP.
- Not a minister at centre as yet - perhaps to waive off the allegation of a deal and/or to hang out till all his supporters are accommodated.
- Even his close officer – Municipal commissioner- Transferred unceremoniously from Gwalior.

- KP Yadav often skips his meets
- No grand receptions anymore when arriving in Bhopal ;
- CM reportedly made him wait 40 min.- could be a gimmick to send a signal that Shivraj is not beholden to him.
- *Godse Gyan shala* , *Godse Yatra* , Objection to the “Mahatma” epithet for Gandhi ”– under his nose in Gwalior
- Ram statue –a good move-By his acolyte Sisodiya.
- Unable to get stuff done for which he threatened to hit the streets- farmers , teachers etc,
- Not even in central committee of Nadda .
- Labeled back bencher by Rahul
- **Our take** - CM in BJP is usually reserved from those having RSS background . Sonawal may be an exception but M.P is different- being the key saffron state..At the end of it all , he’ll have to weigh the total political capital. In round 1 and 2 he was the winner - getting tickets for his men and choice portfolios ; disproportionate funds ; in round three there is an incremental decrease ; at the end of local bodies and *Panchayat* polls ,picture may become c – depending upon how many tickets are given to his followers and their performance . Post crossing over, his body language as also his demeanour has become somewhat brazen- shorn of *Charishma*. Ultimately , if he cannot change the government ,he’ll change politics. The idea appears to be either King or kingmaker - remain in the mix- of M.P politics always. Perhaps he is aware that he is one half of the most hated duo among political clase inM.P.- keymembers of both parties cannot stand them. His Journey has been from *Riyasat* to *Virasat* to *Siyasat*- which complements Shivraj’s trajectory- as does the joint photo

with a tiger poster backdrop. It is delicate balance- to much tinkering may turn the deal from complementary to cross complementary. Whether a zoo tiger like him can rule the jungle with a Circus tiger remains to be seen....In the meanwhile , they'll have to continue the circus and Zoo will have to be maintained.

Kamlanath

Positive - Doing a good job of rebuilding the party organization .

- Keeping the govt. on toes in VS.
- On the ball in Covid combat – incl. on media.

Grey -

- Inducting Godseite Babulal Chaurasia .
- Stubbornness on the “item remark” .

Our take - On both counts, Nath could've done better. Only an apolitical person like Mahatma Gandhi could've forgiven and forgotten Godse (he did); Also , as Obama said “ In public life you have to compromise sometimes even when you're right “ ; Kamal could've been even more statesmanlike in apologizing for the “ item “ remark...Everyone - incl. the local public- knows that he did not mean it (as shown by the results) but to persist was not worth it.

Diggy

Positive- He was re-accommodated as in charge of ticket distribution in a poll bound state

- Using dialects to communicate in the regions- Bundeli ,Malwi etc.
- Sitting like Old Congressis on the floor- in a circle.

Grey – People from his camp: Govind Singh ,Manak Agarwal facing rough weather in the party.

Our take - This should be last such assignment that he'd take up...Now , he must restrict himself to central India for electoral politics. Youngsters in the party should learn how a felicity in dialects and following the Gandhian customs

connects with the grassroots. As for Govind Singh and Manak both are punching above their weight- seniority is no substitute for merit or winability. In a sense ,Congress' internal Politics too has become bipolar in M.P –in place of multiple factions earlier.

Cong

Positive-

- Correct approach in Damoh- . Banking of traditional Congressi as candidate , focus on highlighting Kamalnath's 15 month rule ; booth to booth marking 80 Mla's and at least 10 workers on each booth (if even this doesn't work that leaves only man to man marking of RSS workers); Sticking to the key plank "*Nalayak aur Gaddar*" v/s "*Layak aur Khuddar* "
- On right track - in Orcha – Having a brainstorming session at the town of Ram raja.; Connects with the Raja/Ram rajya image(Even Samajwadi party had their conclave there)
- Doing Loktantra Samman Diwas on Mar 20- one year of losing power – Promises to deliver on remaining if returned to power.
- Kisan call centre-good move –at be coming interactive.
- Demand : Ghanghoriya - At least VVPAT
- Rahul Gandhi statement about Scindia being snubbed in BJP_- perhaps to check exodus at the last moment.

Grey

- Not following Covid appropriate behavior during rallies.

Our take - Sending the right signals by associating with governance-RamRajya aspect .Damoh will make a template for Municipal- should be one on one in local bodies-even if that means importing Congress workers from other states .On the other hand , the party fails to learn –neither from history nor from its own experience - that “reverse” Dacoits call themselves *Baaghi* - that Gwalior Chmbal is a “reactionary” (not “rebel”) belt . From 1857 thru 1968 to Rakesh Chowdhary – and now Jyotiyaditya. Marathas themselves were not blue blooded , Scindias / Shindes even lower , Vijay Raje being from a relatively humble background made matters worse- to expect “regal” behaviour from

them is foolish...Both the demand for ballot papers as also for VVPAT are legitimate.

BJP-

Positive

- Stationing Muralidhar Rao in Bhopal
- RSS- Stationing Sah karyavah in Bhopal .
- Grey- Rumbblings among the regional satraps - Ajay Vishnoi , Narayan Tripathi etc.
- Raking the issue of State plane used for ferrying Nehru's cigarettes.

Dark

- Changing equations within new BJP in MP and RSS.
- **Our take** - Party knows that *Khela Hobe*- sooner than later. This is the Model farm – cannot be allowed to slip. That's why they're testing a secret Module for Local bodies in Damoh By elections...Launching all the defected ministers to campaign....It is cheeky to criticize Nehru for extravagance - some overenthusiastic lackey may have done it –when their Own CM holds the record for frequently flying state plane.

ONE YEAR COVID

Benchmarking of Covid 1.0

(Comparision -All India)

- Did MP top in testing ? –No (It was not even in top 10)
- What about tracking ? Almost non-existent after unlockdown.
- Lockdown- strictest and sudden
- Surveys- Almost none; Banking on Central data

- Health Infra ramping- Mostly announcements nothing on ground after one year barring one major previously sanctioned hospital in Indore and extension in Bhopal no new ones established ; hardly any ramping up of Oxygen bottling , no engagement with drug or vaccine manufacturing ... only minor stuff such as masks and PPE kits organised – that too for internal consumption
(Compared to Bihar States)

- Politically –Bihar did better , Rajasthan too (survived toppling).
- Economically-Better migrant labour magmt (Rajasthan)

(Compared to other BJP states)

- Gujarat - Built hospitals , faster vaccination.

Some Observations

- * MP though with a low rate of infection has reacted poorly with a high mortality rate.
- * Shivraj has done badly - Covid 2.0 appears to be worse if the approach remains unchanged.
- * Capping the Limits of testing, treatment cost - in Pvt .Hospitals is a good move
- * Distributing Kaadha to boost immunity
- * The least percentage of testing – even among the ten bottom states.
- * Niti Aayog report places MP health system - near the bottom.

The **current status** of M.P. at the end of Covid 1.0 can be gauged by some **key indices** -Lowest testing ; highest mortality rate; highest number of crimes against women , children and elderly.; highest infant mortality ; big

unemployment ; one of the biggest GDP shrinkag(Between 12.5-25 %).; de-industrialisation

Covid 2.0(After One year)

- 2nd most Infected after Maharashtra.
- 10 districts under lockdown again .
- 14 lakh unemployed .
- Was M.P highest in vaccinating its frontline workers ? - It was among the better ones but not top.
- Poor distribution of vaccine shortage –Betul , Burhanpur etc.
- Ventilator shortfall - Bhopal JP hospital ;
- Oxygen shortage -Hamidia- Oxygen plant took nearly a y ear to commission.; Oxygen related deathin people’s hospitals ,Citi Hospital etc in Bhopal. Shadhol.
- Vishnoi tweet about disproportionate Oxygen consumption . Hinting at corruption and/ or in competence.
- Ramdesivir theft from the biggest Govt. Hospital in the state. Blackmarketing. Fake injections
- More than half of those slipping below poverty line in India in 2020 from M.P (highest percentage.)

Positive takeaways- 3 yr post covid Road map ;roadmaps of local bodies ; best and earliest implementation of Central schemes (Hawkers , Agri Mandis etc.)

Our take - Vaccine production requires more than 200 individual components, which are often manufactured in different places. These include glass vials, filters, resin, tubing and disposable bags- Could M.P. not take a lead in a few ?
Announcement for 19 Oxygen plants was done in Oct .2020 with Feb 2021 deadline...not a single materialized till date.(If numerous plants can be activated now- surely , at least some of them could have been commissioned earlier)

UPDATES

Legislative

Positive - Procedural - One day reserved for first timer Mlas .

Legislative - Sanitising the vocabulary of legislature.

Grey - Congress not contesting the speaker's post.

Our take - A semblance of sanity restored...There ought to one day reserved for CM too- to answer all questions. (Beyond merely CM hour propose by Nath)

Political

Positive-

Grey - Vindictive politics: Israeli horticultural project put on hold in Chhindwara to deny mileage to Kamalnath

- Medical College sanctioned in Vijay Laxmi Sadho's constituency put on hold- no budget allocation.

Dark : All government action- anti encroachment drive, lockdowns etc- targeting minority ;

- Not allowing the Women's commission to function (Congress had allowed the appointees of Shivraj government to continue)

Our take - Myth about Congress lusting for power turned on its head by recent events which conclusively prove that it is the BJP now which cannot stay out of office.

Electoral

Grey -

Damoh by election .

Dark -

Local Bodies' election.

Dirty

- Panchayat elections .

Our take - While Damoh by election may be overlooked - being a one off case , both Local bodies and Panchayat elections are dangerous in the context of Covid. That's why parties are preparing for both simultaneously ... If Local bodies are held first –in rural area with peak infection of second wave they'll hasten community spread in those areas ; If Panchayat polls are conducted earlier , they'll hasten the third wave in rural areas. Govt . dilly dallying Local bodies elections- citing Covid , approaching monsoons, leaders were busy 5 Assembly polls etc .reports suggest Panchayat elections could be proponed...We strongly advocate postponing both till at least half the population is vaccinated.

ELECTIONEERING

- *Nagaroday & Gramoday* Missions- Announcements worth 30 k crores made... Propose to spend over 70 thousand crores in five years .
- Crisis management plans along with all master plans .
- Vishnoi talking about Mahkaushal , Narayan Tripathi about Vindhya Pradesh –
- Govt. withdrawing Political cases
- Damoh By election –issue of water supply , medical college B Lodi andyadav ; Jains traditionally oriented to BJP; tan don is an outside b r ahmin. R aj p a teriya. Lodi v/s all.

Our take -

- Window dressing -Announcements were mostly compiling central schemes with a bit of touches- by the way of State's contribution - adding 3300 cr for the entire state. Figures don't match -

with 50 k deficit budget -how to spend 70 k in five years. Moreover , with less than three years left for this term , any proposal for next five years is legitimate / ethical only with opposition on board .The strange part is that subsequent establishments present proposals for the future without submitting the report card of current term. On the darker side , it could be seen as an attempt to provide contracts to party workers by giving tenders before election date announced.

- When Planning board has been made subservient to the school of governance – it implies that planning is considered important for smaller bodies but not for state /nation. Convoluted logic.
- The demand for reverting to smaller states is blackmail politics.
- Basically - giving it a spin- withdrawing even criminal cases of supporters ..

Stakes

- Any loss- esp. substantial in Local bodies/- will be attributed to Shivraj.
- Unless there are substantial gains-at least to compensated for widened gap in Bypolls- voices would grow louder against Kamal – Diggy.
- Unless Jyotir is able to get almost the same range of freedom as under Congress- discontent would grow in his pack.
- First pan state test of VD Sharma – he can only be come contender if much higher percentage of his men win.
- For Gen Next of both parties ,it'll be a litmus test .
- For Citizens - first true test of expressing themselves on Govt change and Covid performance

- Will build a base of Panchayat and student bodies elections.
- Too many leaders have a stake- Shivraj, V d Sharma (a loss here would take away the sheen from 28 bypolls –making them a Scindia story) ; Uma Bharti .Pralhad Patel ; Mukesh Nayak too tried get their pound of flesh ;Nayak tried to circumvent his marginalization - thru his brother's entry into BJP.

CAMPAIGN

Strategy

Cong -

- Talk of giving tickets to youth .
- Planning to field some sitting Mla's in key constituencies ;
- Retracing 30K families of Independence movement fighters;
- Taking Out Sharab bandi yatra (Also taking a dig at Uma Bharti's diluted stand on it)

BJP

- Tickets to youth ;
- No thicketts to Mla's
- Making Bi g ticket announcements at all places .
- Making six times Budget allotment for Local Bodies in the election year.
- last minute completion of municipal works .

TACTICS

Cong – Khuddar v/s Gaddar

BJP- Initiating crossovers

AGENDA

Cong - Fulfilling the remaining promises of manifesto.

BJP- Drafting 5 yr roadmap for all Municipal bodies.

ISSUES-

Cong –Covid Mismanagement.

BJP - Name changing

LEADERS

Shivraj – Back to *Ghoshnaveer* mould. –Promises without detailing.

Our take - The CM and entire Cabinet perpetually in election mode- even for a single inconsequential by election- means that only small , short term stuff gets done ; long term reforms are forced by a crisis and long term change never gets done (that is done by leaders who forget the electoral calculus the next day after results till the final year of the term/ before model code of conduct)

Kamalnath – Engaging dark stuff again- in inducting Babulal Chourasia – *Godse Bhakt*.

Our take- Only “pure/ non-transactional ” have the moral license to engage with the dark/dirty directly.

Budget .

Positive-

Gender allocation - Mahila Thana .

Grey - Atmanirbhar .

- Reduction of duty on farm implements-1% - could save upto 2.5 L for some farmers.

Our take; *Atmanirbhar* without matching *Swavlamban* (self- reliance sans empowerment) basically means privatization . Tokenisms will only go so far in addressing agri crisis.

Governance

Positive _ - Covid cabinet with specific responsibilities to ministers.

Ungoverned – The Scindia faction is at best “ virtually/notionally governed ” by the CM.

Self governed- Gopal Bhargava , Vijay Shah , Kamal Patel (They’ve snatched posts in the cabinet by own dint- hence refuse to be governed beyond lip service)

Not governed – BJP party workers ,RSS. (rules are not applicable to them)

Governed- Citizens .

Our take –As has been exhibited umpteen times – more so during Covid-all rules ,pronouncements and compliance is for citizens ...Governing class is not self-governedIf successful Specialised cabinet of Independent ministers must become a norm.

Admn

Positive – Review of districts after categorizing them into A /B/C

- DA. of Govt. employees sanctioned
- Modified transfer policy

Our take –Keeping the lower employees in good humour and making the seniors committed.If successful categorized administration of specific matters must become a norm.

ASPECTWISE

- Home - Highest crime rate esp. against women ,children and old ;
7 K tribal girls missing.

Our take - More than the high number of rapes , it is the increased incidents of gang rape that is alarming.

Health –

Positive- Shivraj announcing on streets (*Mera mask- Meri Suraksha ; Mask nahin to Baat Nahin*)

Grey- Fudging Covid data once again ;

Tweaking Benchmarks - CT value

- Oxygen supply uneven
- Key medicines- esp. Ramdesivir - being blackmarketed .

Dark : Health minister is missing in action

Dirty : Fudging even the data of deaths- that too manifold – not counting the deaths in private facilities , home isolation deaths ,Covid centre deaths ...even those buried with Covid protocol marked Covid negative.

Our take – Just as initially in Covid 1.0 there was no health minister , in Covid 2.0 the incumbent remained busy in Damoh by election. Time for tokenisms , symbolisms is long over... One more wave will make the state BIMARU again.

Agriculture

Positive

- Super seeder introduced.
- Modernising initiatives for Mandis
- Grey
- Organic farming promoted.
- Procurement not as smooth as inCovid1.0
- Dark :
- 69 Mandis shut shop after new farm laws
- **Our take** – Farming output improved but farmers suffered - no remunerative prices nor loan waiver .

Industry-

Positive

- Setting clusters of Furniture , toys ;
- Mriganayani products on Amazon

Our take- Industry minister(Sakhlecha) is industrious. However , he needs to be innovative too

Education

Positive

- Focus on research -
- Introducing drama, fiction- in English texts .
- ; placement and counseling officers.- Univ should prepare for next 30 yrs.; lifelong learning

Grey-

- Bharat Shikshan Mandal-At the forefront of implementing NEP -4 yr course ; RSS man Dark :
- 39 more Pvt. Univs in pipeline despite student numbers declining in the existing Universities.
- University elections re start
- **Our take-** The minister (Mohan Yadav) is reluctant Everybody in BJP knows that education and culture are outsourced to RSS and there is nothing much for the minister to do on his own. Accordingly , he is trying to be on the forefront of implementing NEP. Directing Education department to engage with RSS body- Bharat Shikshan Mandal- in all the interactions of New Education Policy. Allowing anymore new universities will kill existing public Universities.

Mining

Positive-

- Fast tracking diamond mining in Chhatarpur.

Grey-

- Dolomite mining in Mandla

Dark

- The mining Companies in Gwalior Chambal and some other zones file an application for withdrawing their contract in the face of violent illegal miners. Their patrons like BSP Mla says the companies are themselves involved and are looking for an excuse to dishonour contracts. Since a whole lot of contracts were given by Kamalnath government and legal mining stopped during Covid and illegal flourished.

Our take – The New Central Mining law amendments have put the state governments – esp. those of mining rich states- at a disadvantage. It must be contested. Mandla mining should be only on temporary ;l ease-being in the national park buffer zone and mining mafia should be reconciled with mining lobby.(No government of a poor state can abolish them).

Urban development

Positive-

- Cities of MP top in Municipal Administration Index too.

Grey-

- Allocation o f 3k cr for Local bodies in Budget
- Proposing 20 PC compounding of illegal construction

Dark - Smart city projects completely opaque

Our take-Unless there is matching citizen inclusion and participation in Urban governance , there would be clean cities with maximum **dark** activities.

Sports

Positive-

- Shooters bring laurels.
- Traditional activities- *Malkhamb*- included in sports.

Grey-

- Pitching for Khelo India

Our take-While sports infrastructure has become good , results – esp. by locals – are not commensurate..Pitching for organising “ Khelo India ” doesn’t make sense – it is logical only when M.P. can emerge as the podium state.(without imported sportsmen from other states into our academies).

Rural Development-

Positive-

- *Gramoday* scheme launched - for an all round development of villages-in a mission mode.

Grey-

- Harda becomes the first district to complete all the paperwork for “Swamitva scheme “ (Wherein villagers are given property rights of their houses - for mortgaging against loans)

Our take - Without matching- *Grameenoday*(Empowering villagers) - It’ll not be *Sarvoday*...Kamal patel in his overenthusiasm may lead the district into a debt trap ...in no case should loan exceeding 50% of eligibility be take.

Forest -

Positive-

- World bank hails conservation of State forests under Green India scheme;
- M.P. emerges top in the number of Vultures, leopards.
- Grey-
forest fires – Betul , Nauradehi and some other places;

Our take-Proactive approach lacking.

Energy-

Positive-

- Incremental solarisation.

Grey-

- Companies seeking fixed charge .
- Sudden inspections by the minister

- **Our take-** Fixed charge demand of the companies would mean to back to the racket of previous Shivraj regimes wherein they were paid the contracted amount despite much lower consumption. Surprise inspections is a gimmick with limited value.

Water resources

Positive-

- Special body constituted to ensure optimal utilization of water share in the Narmada treaty by 2024.

Grey-

- Ken betwa Link agreement signed.

Our take: Like all other previous inter state treaties Madhya Pradesh **shortchanged** in this one too. The submergence would largely be in Madhya Pradesh, it is common knowledge going by past experience that the potential for water /irrigation is always overestimated to garner funds; besides U.P gets disproportionate share. ;not to speak of the fact that many environmental clearances are still pending...The least that could be bargained is that there should be a 100 yr delinking date - that is the first link would be decommissioned to allow it to rejuvenate and possibly a new link commissioned from another place - the future linking ought to be reserved now

Social Justice

Positive-

- Nashamukti Abhiyan .

Grey-

- Build paid Old age home in Bhopal.

Our take- Neither *SharabBandi* nor *Nashamukti* (Total Prohibition nor complete de-addiction) is possible. (*Sharab mandi –Nashaparivartan* and /or

Nashavimukh / nashvimukti may be attempted) ; redirect people to wards flower based drinks like Mahua- which is bottled these days .

Culture

Positive-

- Frequency of films , web series shooting in M.P increased.

Grey-

*Disproportionate Ramlilas in tribal areas.

Our take- Ramlila does not need any promotion by department of culture (*laukik*). The Job of the department of culture is to promote culture and not impose it upon others

Covid

- IISER comes up with a monitoring system about efficacy of the Vaccine.

Media

Positive-

- More meaningful and longer discussion on Regional TV.

Grey-

- Substantial content from International Publications being carried by regional newspapers in translated versions.
- **Our take-** Translated content is a double edged sword - if it is a one way thing. Unless there is a content exchange ,it amounts to creating readers for the original foreign publication in future ... Moreover, English Newspaper / sites- closing shop in the state - is a symbol of backwardness .

CRYSTAL GAZING

Political

BJP- Likely approach is to make the biggest guns of Congress- Nath and Diggy- a few years older by keeping them away from power - hoping for a breakdown

Cong- In all likelihood ,will keep targeting the twin mascots- Shivraj and Jyotir – hoping for cracks to appear.

Our take The by poll / Local body / Panchayat / Student body elections will further finetune the rearranged equations- between Scindia and BJP ; Kamalnath and Digvijay : Shivraj and VD Sharma to name a few...At the moment both parties are hapless bystanders to duopolies . The Tiger- Hyena(Kamal-Diggy) of Congress hanging around mahatma Gandhi statue and Scorpion -Cobra (Shiv-Maharaj) of BJP stationed on a Shivlinga... You cannot shoo them with hand nor hit them with a chappal / fire shots...So, the organizations will wait for things to sort themselves out . Since all four are going for the bust – anyone crossing their paths would be at life risk(Manak Agarwal discovered it the harder way) . It could be that the ecosystem changes and/ or cracks appear within the duos.... Which partnership is more likely to win ? If the ecosystem is made grey/ dark/ dirty/ shady/ grassy (foul mouthing ,cheating , lying ,conspiring etc) the venomous duo has an edge and if the scenario is dragged towards positive / pure / open (fair play ,rewarding loyalty , adhering to “only fair is fair in war and love” as against the conventional “All is fair...etc) the carnivores will prevail.(Attempting to flatten the masters of dark with increasing darkness will be suicidal.)

Electoral

- Damoh Election- Whereas traditionally governments in power win bypolls , relatively speaking BJP slackens a bit in single by polls. However , given the toe to toe equation with opposition not an inch of political ground can be ceded. Damoh election will have a disproportional impact on the statewide –at least across Bundelkhand-- local bodies and Panchayat –

will also be marginally impacted by the results of 5 states assembly polls. All things considered, two factors give an edge to Congress- however marginal. (This is more of hunch than prediction- given that no credible data from ground is available to us – given the restrictions as also lies about data). Firstly, Lodhi switchover at the last moment made no positive difference to the government formation of BJP- it was a negative difference – one Mla less would bring the majority mark down by two. One Mla more now too would make no difference; One more region would revert from being democratic to feudal/ Panchyati- voters do not count – it is all about leaders, governments, election managers, poll strategists et al. At the individual level too Lodhi's volte face is too recent and too vivid in public memory – his videos doing rounds have cemented the image of a selfish turncoat. This could turn out to be another *Kolaras of 2018*- BJP winning will not add much, Congress winning will add more; BJP losing will mean more, Congress losing will mean less. A loss would suit Scindia, Malaiyya, Naaraz BJP faction – it'll give the signal that victory in 28 bypolls was largely a Scindia charisma, that Malaiya is bigger than the party locally and the Naraaz gang can spoil the *Khela*. Moreover, RSS is never too enthusiastic about outsiders- a loss would signal red light for Congress fence sitters. Overall, Congress holds a slight edge- even if it loses, that would be a close thing. (eventhough exit polls say easy victory for BJP)

Leaders

Shivraj

As the longest serving BJP CM he would try to deepen his influence in Madhya Bharat, organise some political role for his wife and son...He would go down as someone who “reformed” state politics –by introducing populism and social security; however, he fell short of bringing in complementary “change” and public welfare. Perhaps this was so that while he understands Philosophy -which enables him to see the bigger picture relatively better than his BJP counterparts – his poor understanding of Math Science makes his pronouncements impractical. Thus his evolution into a reformer who was a non-transformer brought in a lot of deformities.

Chouhan has a lot of powder against RSS to blast them- with Scindia he is a 30 Mla rump dominant in two regions , competitive in two more and spoil sport in the rest .In worst case scenario he could be de facto first Congress CM of BJP ...The reverse countdown starts after West Bengal polls- if he survives Covid period there could be “Pokhrans” waiting after 2022 UP electionsRSS cannot allow him beyond 2022-they cannot allow further Congressification of BJP , If he survives , Modi -Shah cannot risk him beyond 2023 ,In case Chouhan manages to hang in till 2024 LS elections Scindia cannot tolerate him beyond 2024 ... On his part , Shivraj has plateaued politically- he has got nothing much to aspire. For , becoming PM is a near impossibility ; Modi- shah will not trust him for Party President–Ideally he’d want to be in the CCS and have his own man as CM in MP .Upper limit for denouement is 2024.

At this moment , he is now like someone with RDX tied to his body and guns in both hands .If you shoot him , you too will die with RDX blast ; he may kill you and escape but the option of others killing Chouhan without collateral damage is foreclosed. Best way out is to surprise all his detractors and call for a snap poll along with UP elections. Alternatively , he may strike a compromise in between and wait till the next best opportunity.

Kamalnath

Last chance to redeem his Political management guru image .Also, to stamp his mark over the Congress structure in the state. Besides , preparing a lifetime base for his son to carry the legacy. If he doesn’t tweak the corporate approach of banking too much on strategists and data without matching consultants and theory his lifetime record may be dented.

Digvijay

Final chance to correct the bumbling image .While West Bengal may be the highest ambition for the saffron party , holding their fortress in M.P. is their biggest concern. Now that he has got his feet on ground , Diggy is the only man to take RSS head-on . His half a century of political acumen will be under a question mark if he cannot enthuse the party workers at grassroots.

Scindia

Out of the big four he has got maximum at stake ...In the short term ,if he isn't able to get his remaining supporters accommodated , there could be discontent ; in case he doesn't get a matching leverage in selecting candidates for local bodies ,it may aggravate .Eventually if he isn't able to become CM candidate in 2023 and / or be a CCS member of Union cabinet by 2024 , Scindia's gamble may turn out to be a gambit

Covid(Life)

- Middle M.P.- The portion comprising districts which do not touch the boundaries of any other state- could end up the worst hit in second wave.
- The second wave likely to peak in the latter half of May and might begin subsiding after the first week of June.
- The rural population is most likely to be the worst hit in second wave.
- Third wave is almost a certainty in M.P.- the only way to neutralize is to vaccinate over half the population before winters - which is mathematically impossible given the vaccine production levels.
- East MP will bear the brunt of third wave : (Sidhi , Shahdol , Umaria etc.).
- (Satna , Singrauli likely to be mostly hit in Corona 3.0) (Way to check: Vaccinate the 18 plus youth –esp.BPL-of this area first ; massive survey , testing, tracking , reserving medical facilities and resources.)
- In Bhopal ,Corona 3.0 may hit the North east zone between Barkheda Pathani and Nizamuddin colony severest in Sept/ Oct 2021; Likely cases 1000 per day. (Way to check: Vaccinate the 18 plus youth – esp.BPL-of this area first ; massive survey , testing, tracking , reserving medical facilities and resources.)
- It is likely to come around Sept / Oct.

- Rural areas may bear the brunt of third wave.
- The severity of these waves will be in inverse proportion to the extent of vaccination in most vulnerable and immunity build up . Hence third wave would be less severe than second as vaccination numbers would have risen by then.

Covid(Livelihood)

- Medical mafia likely to milk the crisis.
- Mining mafia may continue exploiting the lockdown
- Liquour mafia might try to make a killing out of restrictions.
- Domestic violence could rise.
- Dacoity might make a come back .
- Violence against women ,senior citizens, children could see a rise.
- Highest number likely to fall back into poverty
- Highest ;likely school dropout of girl children.
- Highest likely unemployment in the ratio of population (14 lakh jobs have already been lost)
- If more than 93.25% not vaccinated by March 2022 rural economy will collapse .

COVID ADVOCACY

(Converting crisis to opportunity)

Unless it is pinpointed why the approach in Covid 1.0 failed , there could be no course correction. For the umpteenth time we'd advocated that only a “ Madhya Pradesh approach” will enable to convert this crisis into an opportunity. It means that in all the aspects there has to be an out of the box element “unique” to the state besides emulating the “ best practices” (not unique) of others .For instance , merely tweaking one aspect – having oxygen concentrators - will not suffice .Aspectwise approach could be as follows :

Surveys-

- Best practices / Regular approach - M.P. must carry out the maximum Sero surveys to top Delhi and others.
- Madhyapradeshi / Out of the box approach : Conduct max surveys - by sewage and/or air testing as also using A.I.

Testing

- Best practices / Regular approach - M.P. must top Maharashtra and now CG in testing .
- Madhyapradeshi / Out of the box approach- “Feluda” as also Mobile Testing .

Tracking

- Best practices / Regular approach
Besting the Kerala and Odhisha Approaches.
- Madhyapradeshi / Out of the box approach

Using the crime detection method ; Tracking thru WhatsApp

Isolating -

- Maximise home Isolation to save public resources for critical care and weaker sections
- Madhyapradeshi / Out of the box approach.

Identifying and reverse Isolation of the most vulnerable esp. with pre-existing co-morbidities.

Quarantining

- Maximise self quarantine to save public resources for critical care and weaker sections

- Madhyapradeshi / Out of the box approach

Use of spiritual / religious centres as Covid care centres – Ashrams of various sects ,Mosques etc.

Treatment

Medicines - Ensure best availability of Ramsedivir per patient. Try to get licensing for production in the state too.

Madhyapradeshi / Out of the box approach

Try and acquire the break thru UK cure “ SaNOtize” by patent pooling.

Medical Infra

- Best practices / Regular approach- Oxygen plants activated

Madhyapradeshi - Oxygen concentrators , home oxygenerators ; maximise spread of oxymeters etc.

Covid (Life)

Surveys , Testing tracking.

- Immediately maximize Surveys in the least impacted areas – roughly green areas of Covid 1.0. Use A.I if necessary.
- Simultaneously ramp up testing , tracking manifold based on surveys .Other cheaper forms can of tests can be used - multiply mobile testing
- 100 Pc survey ; 70 pc testing - RTPCR ; screening above 60 yrs age group with co-morbidities

Smart Vaccination (Age -cum stage approach :Not either /or like most states)

- Begin with the most Infected districts/ blocks initially vaccinating BPL /Antyoday card holding 18 plus youth (**Region-cum Age**)
- _Within the same quota of vaccine , M.P. must tweak the central guidelines as follows (TN govt. had done it in Chennai ;CG has done it for 18plus)
- Vaccinate everyone above the age of 18 in the Red zones of first wave (Indore ; Bhopal etc)- incl. doorstep vaccination in worst affected areas in these zones.
- Vaccinate BPL with free doses first.
- Vaccinate those with pre existing : co- morbidities of 18-45 age group too(alongwith everyone above 45) of yellow zones of Covid 1.0 (Hoshangabad , Narsinghpur etc.).
- Vaccinate only those with pre existing co- morbidities in age group 45-60 (Not everyone as central direction) alongwith all above 60 in Green zones of Covid 1.0 (Sidhi , Shahdol etc.).

P.S. : This approach will save some vaccines from among the 45-60 group of erstwhile green zones so that total remains more or less the same . Besides , in the Yellow/ Green zones of Covid 1.0 those vaccines with a longer time lag between doses / more doses (viz. Covaxin ideally requires 3 doses and longer gaps) should be used Single/ Double dose short time frame in hot spots.

P.S –II : In the first phase avoid vaccinating those who've recovered from Corona (They already have antibodies ; even subsequent attacks will not kill them).

Medication , infrastructure , human resources.:

- Medicating the most vulnerable in zones with highest infections in Covid 2.0 - which largely matches the yellow zones of Covid 1.0 (Chhindwara , Betul etc.)
- Making the infrastructure dynamic – shift oxygen beds , mobile units etc .- from low intensity to high infection areas of the Covid 2.0.
- Alongwith giving extension to retiring doctors - also incorporate medical students in the greatest possible numbers as corona volunteers. Club the two. Have maximum number of AYUSH doctors with allopathy diplomas in the medical force. Enhance , awards , rewards ,insurance and issue Corona service certificates as deal breakers for medical positions in the future.(Whether permanent or ad hoc) .The focus of Madhyapradeshi approach has to be on consulation – more than survey, testing ,hospitalization. The idea is to minimize the number of people coming to quarantine centres , Covid care facilities .

Immunity Boosting

- Build immunity -cum -resistance (Homeo drops -cum- Kaadha ; not either/ or) across the state with focus on green areas , uncovered age groups (East M.P. Below 18).

P.S. : The idea is to have a twin focus –On most infected – cum -biggest carriers. Broad goals are to emerge a top in identifying carriers (along with marking with co-morbidities ; top in vaccination (at least among Bimaru) and greatest preventive (at least among Bimaru); to get herd immunity before winter - else the third wave would be even more severe.

Covid (Livelihood)

Immediate

- Give maximum MNREGA till 50% vaccinated - to migrant labour in particular.
- DBT - right now (1000/- to hawkers is fine but at least as much to Unemployed youth –around 45 L- *Yuva Swabhiman* .; could even be expenditure coupons.
- No more lockdown after Covid 2.0 ; In covid 3.0 let citizens initiate hyperlocal boltdown when infection 6.25% ; when infection 12.5% then Janta 144 ; at 25% Janta curfew ...Only beyond 25% should govt step in with Corona 144 /Curfew..

Short term(1 yr)

- Seek License for vaccine production.-At least shift production of other vaccines to M.P.- integrated medicine ; Bio con;
- Free travel within the state - for skilled labour - at least a pilot scheme till Covid. (If skilled labour get ration with one nation card , free travel and perhaps basic accommodation , some of them may not migrate)
- Skill mapping –esp. of migrant labour- if enough numbers of a particular skills are available ,perhaps those industries-esp. MSME's could be invited to the state.
- Get retired executives to mentor start ups.
- Ask E- commerce deals for logistics subject to jobs to locals

Mid Term(3 yrs.)

- Develop Rural areas into assembly lines , agri value addition via micro units besides centres for dirty jobs (viz. Waste recycling etc.)
- Develop rural areas into backend workshops and dark jobs (viz. reverse engineering)
- Develop towns into backroom offices and grey Jobs (viz. scrapping)
- WFH, HOME at work (Industrial Townships).
- Have Own edu - give a local spin to NEP
- Have own Health model (Integrated -cum holistic :Complementary- cum supplementary medicine .)
- Institute a Child Budget- to focus on malnutrition , learning abilities. (Separate child from women and child development)

Long Term (Beyond three years)

- Vision – Madhyapradesh @ 100.
- Roadmap.
P.S : Both ought to be internalised by the political class via. Special Assembly sessions and subsequently communicated to the public extensively in small / simple units.

COVID MATH

- A statistical modeling should be done **immediately**- by the state Statistical dept or ISI. Now that we have substantial data from Covid 1.0 about M.P. , a model could go a long way- in judicious use of resources in Covid 2.0 -and esp. in reducing / tackling the third wave (We'd advocated mathematical modeling at the beginning of first wave –that would've come handy for adopting the correct approach in the midst of conflicting claims ; Some people think of math approach as that of rich countries but the fact is that only that approach had the potential of converting crisis

into opportunity ; only a statistical analysis now will help in tailormade approach for developing / poor states like M.P.

Having lost the battle in Covid 1.0, Madhya Pradesh has missed a once in a century chance of leapfrogging - by converting crisis into opportunity- which was possible only with a mathematical approach (Ideally, with a Math- cum-Philosophical approach) ; Covid 2.0 offers an opportunity to at least maintain status quo pre-Covid ; if the slide continues in subsequent waves , M.P. would've lost the war and reverted to its BIMARU status. (It took almost a generation to progress from BIMARU to “malnourished”). Some of the steps that could be taken include :

- BJP must keep the government / ministries , not for profit bodies , Citizen forum and professional organisations with itself.
- NGO's , RWA's / Mohalla Samitis ,CSR and voluntary organisations ought to be given in the charge of opposition/Congress (At least for the Covid/ pandemic period – if it works out reasonably , it could be institutionalised)
- Shivraj remains the best option for Administration- (not governance) there is nobody who can match him .He knows the capacities of all the bureaucrats based on 14 yrs of hands on experience.
- Scindia may be given the task of coordinating all the activities of the State with Centre . There's going to be whole lot of it over the next few years during the Covid recovery period- CM should not be rushing to Delhi every now and then to various ministries . Jyotir is best suited as he is well versed with the corridors of power in Delhi. Additionally , he could be given the charge of leveraging all NRI's from the state- Friends of M.P. (If successful , this arrangement- that of a regulator from state to Centre as a counterpart to “Governor” from the other side.)

- Kamalnath is ideally suited to maximise the CSR impact in the state . Moreover , he could be the best person to represent the state at for a like Davos.
- The is none better equipped that Digvijay to make the Covid \approach participatory by engaging with RWAs / Mohalla Samities , NGO's, Various Samaj bodies etc. The *Jholawallahs* love to eat out of his hand.
- Governance Have an independent Minister for unique / out of the box approaches (Perhaps medical education minister can do it - an ACS level technocrat shout be attached ; Health minister must focus on “ best practices”- supported by an ACS level officer.

P.S .-I : Unless more than half the population is covered and participates in the fightback (than passively waiting for government/ others) ,there can be no neutralizing Corona – let alone defeating it.

P.S .-II : The statistical approach will help maximise Unique approach , a technical approach will optimise it ; ideological / Road map based approach will maximise best practices ; medico based approach will optimize them

P.S .-III : Just as not adopting a Math and/or Philosophical approach at the outset meant dark Math – people exploiting the unknowable ; not opting for a statistical approach will mean dark statistics- oddballs will corner the maximum benefits – at least in the ratio of poverty.

Advocacy

Political-

BJP

- Bring in the rule for not more than three term on any post -to get rid of Shivraj -out by Max 15 yrs or three complete terms.

- Moratorium on any more in takes from Congress during local bodies election - to prevent Congress *Yukt* BJP.
- Keep the RSS away apart from culture and education- which they will not leave in any case.- perhaps at most they could be entertained in social justice .

Cong

- Extend Sarvdharma Prarthana to include tribal rituals / singing-*Boodha Dev / Bada Dev* (Being Gandhian also means extending Gandhisms - beyond merely following them)
- Extend patriotic songs in Prabhat Pheris- to Include Nehru , Patel , Shastri ,Ambedkar even tribal freedom fighters
- Just as BJP's Madhya Pradesh organisation is a model for other states ; Congress' Madhya Pradesh leadership (their collaboration etc) should be a model for other Congress states.
- Visit both Sufi Pir dargahs and temples - : Get a *Sarvadharm*a place in all districts / offices.
- C Right track on Orcha ;SP has done it – Associate with Ram Raja Image ;Gandhian Ram Rajya and Sabri; clear stand on religion, caste , region, language/dialects
- Must beat BJP in intellectual rigour viz. research all the promises of Shivraj and collate their current status –in each municipality.
- Film – on giant screens / wall of Building/ colonies – incorporating ,Kamal Nath , Shivraj comparative 15 months.
- Via rigorous research and investigation conclusively prove Covid1.0 as the worst year in State's history. Reveal scams and expose mafia; FPA scam;Over 1 lakh farmers kisan Nidhiin bogus accounts, MP agro 100cr work , horticulture scam, Chitfund scams, Nursing college beds scam etc ;mining mafi,liquour mafia , medical mafia etc.

JAYAS

- Have *Ahiravan prasanga* staged in all non-core areas- to co-opt Hanuman.
- Shabari Prasang
- Appropriate all Tribal Icons – Shankar Shah, Durgavati etc.
- Have intensive *Badha dev / Boodha Dev* rituals in core areas

AAP

- Must try and have a tie up with JAYAS.
- Build your cadre on the back of Covid care.

P.S. : Both parties must come to a tacit understanding to get rid of the duopolies ASAP-else they'd further consolidate their grip into a strangle hold.

Leaders

Kamalnath.

Nath has to realize that polarization cannot be defeated at poles – it has to be won by wholes. Hindutva cannot be defeated by soft Hindutva – it has to be overwhelmed by *Sarvadharm Sambhava*. The *Mahatma Gandhi* template is available- Evening Sarvadharm prayers can be revived alongwith visiting all religious places (esp spiritual , mystic spaces- visited by devotees of two or more religions) ; celebrating festivals of all religions

Electoral.

- Postpone Local Bodies / Panchayat elections at least post monsoons or 15 days past whenever over 50% of the population has been vaccinated – whichever is later (even if it means postponing till next year)
- About ballot papers , Machines, VVPAT the demand should be

(Panchayat / Local bodies elections : 12.5% by EVM with VVPAT and complete tally ,87.5% by ballot paper ; Vidhan Sabha : 25% by EVM-VVPAT

and half tally 75% by ballot papers ; LS 50% by EVM-VVPAT and quarter of that tally ,50% by ballot.)

Legislature

- Have a special session for Corona (As demanded by Sajjan Varma)-in particular for Covid vision- cum roadmap.
- Have a CM Hour too.
- Vidhan Parishad (It'll take care of all the demands of Vindhya , Mahakaushal states)

Governance

- Have a minister of state with Independent charge as truly independent – by giving them cabinet status ; only difference that they do not have subordinate minister of state
- Rename CM as *Mukya Sewak mantri*.

Admn

- Separate technocrats , Pvt. secy and bureaucrats- the former kept away from future field positions.
- Have lateral Entry into State Civil Services – as Modi has done at the centre ; Aim ought to be the Best State civil services.

Citizens

- While supporting the politicians in masking others- There could be no better time than Corona 2.0 to unmask politicians (Figuratively not literally)
- Tikait saying that there are no farmer movements in M.P. is only repeating what various leaders have said over the years viz. post VYPAM
- RWA-PPP
- Citizen for a ought to be constituted in every district .(The role of Citizens' is going to be critical in Covid 3.0) Citizen fora- veto campaign

Economy- Institutionalise cronyism. It is a given in S. Asia- that “ who ” you know matters more than “ what” you know. So , govt contracts must be allotted in ratio of votes/seats to empanelled companies in parties (same company can be empanelled in both parties for a fee) ; At the same time , market forces must be left free after providing level playing field

* Make the state - assembly ,ancillary , value addition ,backroom office of the country

* Differentiate between factory/trading/ stand-up /organic and industry/business/ start-up / inorganic entities.

* Grab the opportunity to take lead in the value addition scheme to farm produce by the centre- much more than setting Kisan Samvad Kendra

* Organise Global MSME conclave after skill mapping(Could be E-conclave)

* Raise resources by unconventional means –Crowd funding (Covid challenge), Wealth tax , Covid cess , Gold Loan, Swamitva scheme in rural areas, Inheritance tax etc.

COVID ADVOCACY

Political-

BJP

- The party and its grassroot organisations have to hugely complement the Covid efforts of government – to counter huge negativity. Even if the establishment had done well , there would be dissatisfactions in this scenario ; that it has underperformed entails huge anger against it.
- RSS has to supplement the efforts of various NGO’s , good Samaritans , not for profits in a big way. Much more is expected from it than what it has done-in Covid 1.0- else risk losing a lot of goodwill.

CONGRESS

- A generational opportunity to reinforce Congress' legacy of Public / Social service. Perhaps Constituting a high powered Committee comprising all past PCC Presidents (P achauri , Bhuria ,AjaySingh , Arun Yadav) to focus on “Best Practices” – for the state , emulating from other states , Globally. They may be assisted by the working presidents. Kamal and Diggy ought to Concentrate on “Unique / Special” approaches for M.P respectively - could be assisted by pedigreed Congressmen viz Jayvardhan , Nakul Nath
- Must do research , search , investigation , fieldwork to come up with their own Covid document (Audio/ video, Print) to expose the mega lies of govt. viz. the massive fudging of death in Bhopal could be exposed by tallying with cremation , hospital data (which too may be managed to some extent by govt.)...Authentic data would come by approaching the families of deceased and seeking their “self assessment certificates” (with Covid documents attached).

CITIZENS

- The role of Citizens is going to be critical in Covid 3.0 ; Government , administrative ,Political and social bodies(mis)managed it in Covid1& 2.; the darker versions of each may surface in the third wave .Unless citizens are vigilant by the way of social auditing , people's accounting , documentation, report cards , citizens' manifestos et al- the hard earned window of democratic space can shrink massively. Shame that little or no plasma has been donated by most citizens ; showed no self discipline during elections, festivals ...They have been dormant in Covid 1.0 ,passive in Covid 2.0, Time to be doubly active in Covid 3.0
- Activist and advocacy groups too have to double up in Corona 3.0 . NGO and voluntary organisations have to be twice active than in comparable – other Hindi belt states.
- MEDIA /JUDICIARY– Media was reactive in Covid 1.0 ;Active in Covid 2.0 ..It has to be proactive inCovid3.0 ...Ditto for judiciary (Vital for a poor state like M.P.)

IDEAS

(Livelihood / Employment)

Immediate

- E-commerce companies tie up - logistics, cargo (truck, rail ,air) ; provided they employ locals (Potential 1 L jobs)
- Truckers capital / Hub - promote local drivers and trucks - subsidy as per mileage traversed within M.P(Potential 1 L jobs).
- Kadakhath –Mahua kiosks across districts. -50 K –Tie-up with TRIFED.- exports./ national distribution both as a nutritional beverage and low alcoholic drink. Harp upon the benefits of flower base-less harm , low hangover . Bottling now available - Bangalore and other places. Employ SHG of tribal women for Kadakhath and Collectives of Tribal youth for Mahua . Dhoni may be roped in as brand ambassador to exploit the G.I tag for Kadakhath. (Potential 50 K- for export / All India : Total 1L Jobs).
- Employment -Rural industrial centres - Exploit the Agro value addition scheme of Centre (Potential 1L Jobs)
- Tutors (Not teachers / coaches) - 1L.
- Para medical assistants ,nurses, pharmacists-5K
- Recycling-Waste ; clothes recycling by shredding (as in Europe) ; automobile/ ship scrap (Be the early bird for new scrap policy) ;
- Stand -up (supplement existing regular micro entrepreneurs)

P.S: : Total upto 10 L jobs are possible in the immediate term

Mid Term (1-3 yrs .)

- Ehtanol from bio waste -1L
- Organic farming produce can be a hit in rural areas too.- to be supplied to BPL - at ordinary rates since they're the ones who still remember what organic food tastes like.
- One khadi cloth for each citizen
- Clusters for import substitution ;
- Industrial townships for Export promotion.
- Check out the industries shut down elsewhere –esp. neighbouring states- invite them here.(After skill mapping)
- Data storage Hub.
- Start-ups (In linkage with Industrial areas and/ or Universities)-1L

Long term (Beyond 5yrs.)

- Aim to be among top 7 states in GSDP terms ;
- Half day employment (if not by hour as in developed countries.)/Gig economy.

COVID MATH REVISITED

At the outset we had projected that :

- Over half the population could be infected (40 pc in rural and 60 in urban areas) across two years - could go up to 70pc.- Before herd immunity sets in.

- At most 30% of the infected will need medical attention.
- Normally only 15 % of those infected will need medication (Remdesivir et al).
- Only --7.25% of the infected will need ventilators
- Only 3.7 % of the infected will fall seriously sick .
- Only 1.6 pc of those infected will die .

(It is observed that even at peak , Covid kills 3500-4000 per million ; a wave takes about 49 days to peak - thus a cycle runs roughly six months)

Based on the above , the worst case scenario if the government did nothing at all- No masks , no lock downs , no social distancing , no sanitization-

- Will see 2 cr infected in rural areas and 1.2 cr in urban areas over a period of 2 yrs.
- Out of which 10 lakhs may fall seriously sick
- Upto 4 lakh people could die.; 3 lakh additional than regular deaths (approx 1 L)
- In the mid case scenario 1 lakh people may die
- Ideally **60 K** people will die .

At the other extreme , if government did everything possible :Perfect scenario – 93.25% or more surveys ; 87.5% or more testing; 81.25%(of the infected) tracking ; 75% (of the infected) isolating; 68.75% (of the infected) medical consultation; 62.5%(of the infected) treating ; 56.25% vaccinating ; 50%(of the treated) oxygenating ; 6.25% (of the infected) ventilating....Overall,

- 35 L infections
- 5 K

P.S. Thus at the end of pandemic , with only around 35L cases and 5K covid deaths govt. Could be marked perfect and with over 3.5 cr infections and up wards of 60K Covid deaths the govt. could be labeled non – existent. Zero rating.

COVID MATH (Various stages)

12.5% : Non –Symptomatic – Identified using Math

12.5 (25) Asympto - Survey

12.5 (37.5) Symptomatic- tests

12.5 (50) Infected- treatment

12.5 (62.5) Quarantined -Recovery

12.5 (75) Isolated –recuperation.

12.5 (87.5) Hospitalised –Ventilator ,Ecmo.

12.5 (100) Trans -symptomatic.-Statitics

Miscellaneous

Some Numbers

- For **herd immunity** to kick in , around 60% of Population in urban and 40% in rural areas would have to be infected.
- Out of the infected around 30% need oxygen.
- Out of the infected around 15% need Ramdesivir.

- Out of the infected , at most 5% need ventilators .
- If **everything** possible is done , **at most** 2.5 lakh people per crore . population could get infected and only 1% of the infected die.In case of M.P with approx 8Cr Population 20L will get infected and 20 K might dies.
- If **nothing** at all is done or everything wrong is done / at the wrong time then too at most -50 lakh people per crore get infected (herd immunity sets in beyond halfway mark) and 1.7% of the severely infected die. In such a scenario 4 cr people would get infected in M.P. (symptomatically/ asymptotically)out of which 6.8 K will die.(zero rating of government)

Benchmarks- (Covid 2.0)

- Top in vaccination (at least among Bihar)
- greatest preventive drive (at least among Bihar)- Immunising ,testing ,tracking ,isolating .

Livelihood

*Maximum skill mapping.

* Maximum MNREGA

Miscellaneous.

- At least one Covid appropriate rally ;
- Citizens' manifesto ,
- Report card ,;
- More devolution to Panchayats.
- Bench marks for Municipal Bodies .Going by the VS ratio it ought to BJP: Congress – 9:7 ; in reality BJP controls all16 currently. So, in public perception tany loss would be viewed as Congress' gain.

MISTAKES OF THE COVID 1.0 REPEATED IN COVID 2.0

(Covid crimes)

- During Covid 1.0 tender for 100cr. worth of medical equipment could not be released for a month since there was no health minister ; in Covid 2.0 too allocation for 19 Oxygen plants announced in Oct 2020 with a Feb 2021 deadline could not be given as the health minister was busy in own re-election first and Damoh by election later.
- Hiding / fudging data-even by restricting test results in Covid 1.0 ; Hiding/ Fudging Data of Covid 2.0 (Esp. deaths)..Hiding in Covid 1.0 led to complacency ; hiding in Covid 2.0 has led to irrational fear.
- Not engaging the opposition in a rational meaningful manner.
- Not involving the institutions –IISER , Disaster Mgmt institute etc.- in a proportional manner
- Not documenting extensively.(The vision will go haywire without authentic documentation)

Our Advocacy Incorporated

- Reforming the model of governance-Covid cabinet
- Tweaking Model of administration-Categorised administration.
- Enquiry in to the Agri officers recruitment mess-PEB
- Best Local Body working-Indore already No.1.
- Media - Collating Covid experiences.
- Siren –.
- Forming a Committee of experts-Covid Commission mooted.

Our Advocacy pending

- MP may not be able to take its superspeciality medical system to the next level but it is possible to make the rural healthcare leapfrog a generation viz.

- By **solarisation** of all rural health infrastructure (less than .1% of the current health budget needed) ; It in one step allows a host of activities , measures.;**digitization**;By having an **Integrated - cum- Holistic** system : The last mile healthcare man whether allopathic or otherwise has to be multidisciplinary (A Medical graduate with additional certificate/ diploma in traditional or allopathy as the case may be)and the Hospitals - allopathic or otherwise- have to incorporate departments from complementary streams. M.P. can emerge as Centre for incurable , chronic , terminal diseases-their control and management.Natural Immunity builder regimen- for the most sturdy people/ workforce of the future.,immunity coaches et al.
- Have Campuses of spiritual Gurus/ sects as quarantine centres .Conduct a detailed comparative study of people with the similar symptoms put in regular quarantine v/s quarantine of spiritual sects.
- Make Bhopal Memorial a twin focus Hospital : gas tragedy victims –cum Covid (One wing each) allow no other patients viz. the private patients allowed earlier.It has the potential to be a **Unique Global facility** of research and treatment of Industrial disaster- cum-Pandemic.
- Best state for MSMES-
- Best Diplomas ,PG diplomas.
- Crying need for an **M.P. Model of** politics / governance / administration- Regional Party , Vidhan Parishad , home grown administrators etc.(In the absence of such a model and the unsuitability of one size fits all model , an informal dark model prevails
- Makes little sense since the exercise of developing **Happiness Indices** alongwith IIT as also Fellowships for devise a state model is in cold storage since Shivraj 3.0 ; Happiness report without indices is like having a good GDP without good per capita income .

- Utilise the A.I. ;
- Extensive Genome sequencing-Will help inleapfrogging
- * Medical profiling of citizens -base d on 2 yr data-can prepare a generational medvision on that
- * Mobile hospitals/not merely ambiulances – with ICu ,oxygen cylinders –at least 2 doctors
- Create “Madhya pradeshi Fund “- crowdfunding for Corona.

Our Predictions vindicated

- Second wave will surely come
- A relatively more severe strain likely in the second wave
- It'll hit the less infected sectionof first wave.

Our Predictions proven wrong

- We'd Predicted 19-9 (Cong: BJP) in by polls -it was the reverse.

Next Update : Around Local Bodies elections / Mid-Year.