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*All that is necessary for evil
to triumph is for good men
to do nothing
- Edmund Burke*

Leagalsing the Llegalis

- Dr. T. H. Chowdary

It is becoming clearer by the day that India is going to be broken up as so ably and with profound insight foreseen by the late Dr. B R Ambedkar because of the intensification of loyalty to caste, language region and religion and the decline of nationalism and patriotism. Here are two examples out of many that immediately point to the imminent danger.

2. There are over 30 mln Bangladeshi illegal infiltrators living in various parts of India especially in the capital city Delhi and other places. In Mumbai alone there are over 90,000 Pakistan is illegally living there. All these are hosted by their co-religionists and protected and courted by vote-hunting "secular" parties. Many of them have gained ration cards and entered into electoral rolls. As though to finally make them citizens of this country, as never before, the Census of India 2011 has planned to have a National Population Register (NPR). This is to be compiled along with the legally mandated census operations namely Housing- listing & Housing Schedule and then the population enumeration. The NPR exercise will be carried out between April-Dec 2010. Here every individual living in a house will be asked among others, his place of birth, nationality, present address of usual residence, duration of stay at present address, permanent residential address and occupation /activity and educational qualifications. The instructions to the enumerator say that the place of birth as well as nationality as **stated by the person should be accepted without any question.** Also

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any person who has lived more than 6 months before the time of enumeration and who intends to live for more than 6 months after enumeration, **is entitled to be enlisted in the NPR**. This NPR will be the basis for giving the Unique Identification number as per the grand project of the GOI.

3. Now what will happen is based upon this UID and NPR the illegal residents of India will be enabled to get citizenship of this country. This is going to be a disaster for the country. The UPA-2 government is conferring citizenship to all the illegal Bangladeshi & Pakistani Muslim infiltrators. Adding to the furious proliferation by having the large number of children, the legalized illegals will swell the ranks of Muslims and their population ratio may rise from the pre-independence level of 10% to over 25%. Can there be any act which can be more detrimental and opposed to the interest of this country? The legalization of the illegals contrasts with decimation of the non-Muslim population of 19% to 1% in Pakistan and from 35% to 8% in Bangladesh. Both the Islamic countries are now injecting illegals into India. The vote-hungry UPA presided over by a person (who lived in India for more than 10 years without taking the Indian citizenship but ultimately took it on the prospect of the spouse becoming the Prime Minister) of foreign origin is increasing the like so its supremo.

Annihilation Or Immortalisation of Caste:

As long ago as in 1941 census, even the foreign British government of India decided to do away with enumeration of castes. But

now in the 2011 Census the UPA government presided over by a person of foreign origin responding to the demands of some casteist parties and leaders is resorting to **enumeration of Indians by caste**. While only Hindus used to give their caste, now converts to Christianity & Islam are also disclosing their castes (from which they and their forefathers had been converted by force, fraud or inducement or otherwise). Patriots and social reformers like Dr B.R.Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi envisaged the annihilation of caste. That is why Dr Ambedkar put into the Constitution the provision for compulsory education by the state of every child between ages 6-14. Education for all would have improved our Human resource, enabling them to give up reservations. Dr. Ambedkar further believed that reservations should be limited for only 10 years. That is, they should end by 1960. Having failed to provide education for all and over a period of time in the grab of “secularism” and social justice, almost all political parties are perpetuating castes. While the 1950s Kaka Kalelkar Commission identified about 3,500 castes among Hindus, the Mandal Commission of the 1970s increased them to about 5000 and now according to the “secularism” in different groups, there are over 6000 castes. The Hindu society is thus being splintered into more and more castes, each claiming to be more backward than everyone else and therefore demanding to be included in the ST category to avail of the benefit of reservations.

Spearheading the movement for enumeration of caste are the “seculars” (effectively anti-Hindus) Lalloo Prasad Yadav, Mulayam Singh

Yadav, and regional outfits like the TDP in A P and Dravidian Parties in Tamilnadu are also backing this demand. While Dr Ambedkar wanted a **kularahita samaj** (a society free of castes) the “secularists” and casteists and persons of foreign origin and converts to foreign religion and foreign political ideologies are wanting that Indians must be enumerated by caste. Reservations which are now confined to government are being demanded to be extended to private sector also. They are not only for initial recruitment or admission, but even for promotions latter. In this way, the Indian society will be split into thousands of castes, each battling against others for the privilege of reservations and representation in legislatures and so on.

It is unfortunate that parties which are generally believed to be protecting the interest of Bharat and Hindus are becoming increasingly indistinguishable from the rest whether it is the identification and expulsion of the illegal residents in this country or the various discriminations against Hindus in favour of minorities or efforts to promote castes among Hindus. The BJP ideals and purposes of its founder, Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. If party is afraid of asserting its convictions and forgets why it was founded then people see no difference between it and others. They would think that all of them strive only for grabbing power whatever may happen to the nation, to the society, to this country. True Hindus and Bharatiyas must wake up to the danger to which they are being increasingly exposed. It is heartening to note that Sri Arif Mohammed Khan called upon patriotic citizens to declare their caste as Bharatiya. We congratulate him. All Hindus at least must accept this advice.

USA is Pakistan's Parton buy India's Friend only

On the basis of evidence including the confessions of Kasab the lone survivor of the Nov 26, 2008 Pakistan-engineered attack on Mumbai hotels, India identified certain persons in Pakistan as handlers, minders and directors. The government requested Pakistan to arrest the suspects and try them. Pakistan dismissed all the evidence which India has been submitting to it from time to time. One jihadi whom Pakistan confined to house arrest pending final investigation was set free by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Thus, India has come a cropper with regard to even the identified conspirators and directors of the jihadi terrorist attacks on India.

2. India has turned to the US and repeatedly requested it to prevail upon Pakistan to deal with the conspirators & terrorists ensconced in Pakistan. America listens patiently but does nothing. One Headly who reconnoitered Mumbai for the 26/11 attack is an ISI operative is in the custody of the US for offences committed against the US. As he was involved in the Mumbai attack, India requests Pakistan to let its (India's) investigating authorities to interrogate Headly. USA listens sympathetically but does nothing.

3. All this is in contrast to what Pakistan does at the demand of the US. Not only has it been committing its armed forces against the Talibanis at the behest of the USA but is also submitting to US demands for arresting terrorists in their attacks on the US. One American citizen of Pakistan origin unsuccessfully tried to explode a car bomb in the Times Square in New York. His associates and handlers in Pakistan had been

identified by the US. The US demanded Pakistan to arrest them . Pakistan instantly complied with the demands of US. We will not be surprised if Pakistan will even extradite Pakistanis involved in this jihadi attack to the US.

4. It could be noticed that while Pakistan stridently and contemptuously dismisses India's request even when supported by evidence, it submits readily to what the US demands . That is because US has got military and economic power and India has none of these. That India has no power for doing anything against either islamist jihadi terrorists operating within the county and at the behest of Pakistan or the Maoists waging war against the State is too evident. First, India's rulers are afraid to arrest the jihadis. If arrested, our investigating and prosecuting agencies would not present clinching evidence for their conviction in the Courts. When the courts convict, the state have no guts to carry out the sentence. For example in the case of Afzal Guru who was sentenced to death by hanging had been confirmed by the Supreme Court more than 5 years ago, the government is not having courage to hang him. This is in contrast to Iran which hanged Sunni terrorists recently and the Bangladesh and Saudi government as well which hanged the sectarian jihadi terrorists. The Indian state is withering away under tutelage to a foreign origin supreme leader of India's oldest political party. The security within and the defences against the inimical neighbours are totally neglected and are subordinate to the interest of the Dynasty for gaining and sticking to power. Its unfortunate that almost all political parties

including those professing to be severely nationalist are so degenerate that their leaders may be devotees of gods and practise religion; are oblivious to the moral degeneration and disappearance of patriotism in for the country. What with they determined efforts of the protagonists and promoters of foreign religions and political ideologies, and thousands of crores of rupees being pumped into the country for carrying on various subversive actions including terrorism, **India is being reduced to a non-power; even with respect to Nepal Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.** If US can invade Iraq and Afghanistan thousands of kilometers of away from its home to put an end to terrorists wanting to destroy America, India is not able to arrest and deal with even the native terrorists, not to speak of the foreign – funded, supported and implanted terrorists in the country.

Welfare Without Wealth & Work

-Dr T.H.Chowdary*

Any intelligent and responsible citizen would have envisaged the present parlous position of the finances of the Government of Andhra Pradesh . Over the years, politicians have been indulging in competitive populism promising every type of welfare sometimes without even being asked by the people, in the hope of getting votes and government power, to quit from their poverty and create immeasurable prosperity for themselves; politicians have been showering sympathy and promises and singing paeans to the poor, to the weaker sections, women minorities, SCs and STs. What has been promised is indeed staggering - not merely Rs.2/- KG rice, subsidized sugar and kerosene, free house

sites, houses, marriage assistance (Rs. 15000 for Christians & Muslims), Seemanthams (conception ritual) at government expense, Rs.5000 for every child delivered Rs. 50,000 for every worker dying, pensions for the aged, subsidy of (Rs.25000/- for Christians) pilgrimage to Jerusalem besides Rs. 35,000 for the pilgrimage of Muslims to Mecca; free electricity, fees to be paid by the government for even '0' marks students entering professional colleges, and all these besides loan waivers like Rs.7500 cr for SC &STs, Rs.500 cr for Muslims, Rs. 350 cr for weavers, Rs.5000cr (over and above what the Central government has given) to indebted farmers, Rs. 2 lakhs to 5 laksh for whosoever dies in any road accident, Arogyasree entailing payments of lakhs of Rupees for a single operation, 6 years of free educational and boarding for children of the rural poor in engineering. Even the richest countries like Sweden and Switzerland and the US don't have this range and scale of welfare. Even with less welfare the US was about to go broke. The most wasteful and harmful welfare is the NREG scheme in which every poor person is given Rs. 100 per day for 100days (in Andhra Pradesh Rs.150 per day) whether there is work or not. This is totally promotive of idleness and unaffordable wage rates for agricultural labour in the country. In Andhra Pradesh, the most popular Chief Minister (around whom a dynasty has emerged) has introduced **pavala vaddi** (3% per annum interest) scheme for one crore of women, Rs.1 lakh for each. On this alone the women are of payment to the government, Rs.10,000 cr and there is no way this could be realised. Just so many other loans had been waived

off (like as the non-performing assets of nationalized banks amounting to a few lakhs of cr of Rupees) the pavala vaddi loans list would also be waived before the next elections. We have the Jalayagnam which was initially estimated at about Rs. 70,000 cr . If at all it is completed, it would cost not less than Rs. 2 laksh cr.

Late Sri Y S Rajasekhara Reddy was hailed as the greatest benefactor of Telugu speaking people for showering all the above welfare, work or no work; return or no return of loans; completion or non-completion of the Jala Yagnam. Fortunately Dr YSR is not alive to account for the sustainability of his schemes and hence their certain discontinuance or drastic reduction. His successor, the poor Rosaiah is having to endure, the infamy of namely money to discharge, obligations under the various welfare schemes. Sri Rosaiah **is not only wise but very clever**. He has told his ministers that since every decision has been a cabinet decision, it is for the entire cabinet and ministers to suggest what to do.

The ministers brought forward and got sanctioned many welfare schemes. Now there is not enough money, Rosaiah is asking them to tell what could be done. That would be another collective cabinet decision so that he alone will not be abused or held responsible for renegeing on the various welfare schemes and construction projects. He has the honesty and humility to admit that the financial position of the state is precarious and that bills of five years ago only are being paid to contractors and other suppliers. Clever contract must have anticipated these delays and therefore would have built into the

amounts they quoted for supplies and construction the expense they would incur for raising the capital and servicing the debt. So what could be done for say Rs.100, will be done Rs. 300 and that too over a long period, causing distress to many. Worse, there are schemes where canals are dug but there are no dams; there are dams without canals; there are lift irrigation works but there is not electricity for the motors to pump up the water. All this is dead capital, which has come from surplus budgets but out of loans. No wonder that within the last six years the Government of Andhra Pradesh has added a debt of Rs. 60,000cr over the Rs.50,000 cr that has accumulated since the last six decades.

3. Let us see the logic of some of the welfare schemes:

* 2,50,000 students in A.P are entering the engineering colleges alone. Of them, about 2 lakhs are getting tuition fees paid by the government. A large number of them have zero marks in the EAMCET exam but since there are seats for certain disadvantaged sections they are admitted. In the first semester exam when they are failing, they are asking the college authorities how dare they fail them when they had been admitted with zero marks; how do they expect a zero marks admitee to pass the exam now? To fulfill inclusive growth and mete out social justice they must be passed. The college authorities are not receiving the fee reimbursement promised by the government yet they are required to pay salaries prescribed by the government. How would they get money unless they take capitation fees? But the government threatens colleges with disaffiliation if they take capitation fee. Even

assuming that the government ultimately pays the tuition fee, what is it that people of this state get in return for the hundreds of crores of rupees they are paying as taxes for educating these engineers (and other professionals). First of all, cannot they find any job in private companies. Many of them are substandard. When the literacy is 65% and tens of millions of children are not having even elementary education, instead of spending the government resources on educating such people, why should the government squander its money on the lakhs of unemployable engineers, who have no obligation to serve the people. Would not a scheme of loans confined to the meritorious a better and more sensible proposition?

* Take the YSR's scheme of making one crore women, lakhpathis. They Rs. 1 lakh loan at pavala vaddi. That money would is mostly squandered or misspent. There is no evidence that these one crore women have become self -supporting and would not want any welfare further. For these people, government introduced a free pension scheme also. When government officers themselves are not getting enough pension despite their more than three decades of service, what is the justification for the State to give pension to the Rs. 1 laksh indebted women from whom it will be impossible to get back any repayment.

* The NREG is a total waste of money. It is promoting idleness and arrogance among the beneficiaries. It is impossible, that in a village there could be 100 days of public work for hundreds of people, year after year. What is happening is, money is simply being distributed.

Labour for agriculture is scarce to get and if at all anybody is willing to work, he is demanding Rs. 300 for 3 to 4 hrs of work. They are willing to simply idle away. In a family three people are shown as independent households and often all the three are getting Rs 100 per day for 100 days.

* People of this country who are honest, who are hard working, who are enterprising and who are responsible for creation of wealth are being fleeced by the ignoble politicians introducing unsustainable welfare schemes. No wonder there is enough inducement and moral justification for the real wealth creators to avoid and even evade taxes. They are even tempted to take out their money and keep them in safe havens in places like Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Cayman Islands, St. Kitts and such places. It is reported that Rs. 70 lakhs cr of rupees are thus squirreled away from this country and are lying abroad in safe havens. Many people including ministers are involved in this ignoble and adventurous accomplishment, politicians made noises before the elections. All are agreed to keep quiet after the elections. This ignoble political leadership is inflicting insufferable economic pains on this country. We see that *daiva bhakti* (that is belief and puja to gods) is tremendously increasing, may be, in the hope of exoneration of the sins they are committing. Their *bhakti* is to their gods and to themselves but not to this country. That is, *desa bhakti* (patriotism and love for this land and its people) is totally lacking. Therefore the improvident situation is making this country an easy prey to foreign powers into whose hands our government seems to be already passing.

Why Muslim - Hindu Start always from some Localities only?

Why is it that all Muslim- Hindu riots always start in those areas of the city where Moslems are the majority and Hindus are the minority? Why don't the riots start in areas where Hindus are majority and Muslims are a minority? This is the invariable experience in Hyderabad, Bangalore, Bareilly, Moradabad, Meerut Can the minority generally timid Hindus menace the sword –and knife wielding, instantly violence - prone Muslims majority? Could their aggression be to frighten terrorize and drive out the Hindu minority and thus convert the area into an Islamic mini state? In Hyderabad even ministers were not allowed to visit the Muslims majority old city without first intimating the Majlis Ittehadul Muslameen (MIM) leaders

2. In the 1940s B. G. Kher, the Chief Minister of the Bombay Province advised Hindus to always keep one hand on their chest and another on their back **to avoid being stabbed by the knife** and sword wielding, Pakistan demanding (minority)? May be, that advice should be followed by the Hindu minority in the Muslim majority areas in every city.

South Asians - Who?

Pakistanis are posing as Indians in America. Pakistanis have become so notorious as terror- supporting and hosting and facilitating and funding, that Pakistani Americans are quite often **profiled** and are avoided by other Americans, especially the Whites and Hispanics. In order not to be ostracized and looked down with suspicion, they are reported to be saying that they are Muslims of India.

that are bringing disrepute to Islam and for non-Muslims to look up on them as disturbers of peace and potential terrorists or sleeping cells and accomplices.

Disingenuous

Sri Chidambaram, the Home Minister who exudes abundant over-confidence and infallibility has now, after the Danthewada debacle pronounced that tacking the Maoist armies is more a State's responsibility than that of the Union government. This is nothing short of passing the buck and diluting his responsibility.

2. The Maoists are an army. Their self-description as Peoples War Groups leaves none in doubt that they are waging a war against the State. This is not the first time that Communists had taken to arms against the State. In Telengana, in the period 1948 to 1951 communists waged war against the Nehru government. But then there were people like Sardar Patel who used the Indian army to decimate the communist armies. In addition to beating them in the field, the great Sardar and later, Sri Rajagopalchari as Home Ministers applied the Preventive Detention Act to immobilize the above-ground Communists describing themselves as intellectuals, peace lovers, defenders of civil liberties and human and democratic rights, revolutionary and progressive writers and artists and so on. Without the help of those above-ground outfits the Maoist armies cannot be operative, cannot be financed, cannot be supplied with intelligence and arms.

3. While the police in a State are confined to the State's borders, the Maoist armies are, like

That is they are claiming to be Muslim Indians rather than Pak Muslims! Deceit and Camouflage are standard ideology-sanctioned practices of all fundamentalists, striving to attain world dominance

Some of these Muslims and their secular accomplices of Indian origin in the US have been floating organisations under the banner of **South Asia**.

This is to avoid the mention of Pakistan or Bangladesh both of which are now looked upon with contempt by Americans as breeders of terrorism. South Asia has nothing in common with Pakistanis and Bangladeshis who have repudiated their Indian heritage and claim to be a separate nation with nothing in common – religion, dress, history food, sources of inspiration etc. Deception and fraud have been practised by Islamic aggressors since the inception of this religion and their conquering expeditions over north Africa and Central Asia.

Not a day passes without reports of car bombings suicide bombs etc., in which scores of people are dying and many more are wounded in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Islam is presented as a religion of peace. Even then could understand Islamists killing infidels, kafirs like Hindus and Sikhs though that is unpardonable but why is it that this religion of peace inspires different sects to massacre one another? Can a religion which preaches peace be the source of incessant, murderous attacks of one faction over the other in which thousands of innocent persons are killed? It is this nauseating murder and mayhem and terrorism and jihadi bombings

our own armed forces, centrally controlled and operative across the borders of several States. In such circumstances, to say that the State has the primary responsibility and that the Union government will only supplement its efforts, is under-estimating the communist rebellion and the international support that it is receiving from the enemies of India. Can India tackle the indigenous jihadi terrorism and Pakistan-injected terrorists into Kashmir; the Naga (and earlier the Mizo) armed insurgencies without the use of armed forces. Withholding the use of armed forces will strengthen the Maoist armies and not tackling the above-ground support infrastructure provided by sections of the civil society which are part of the Maoist revolution, India will surely be overrun by the Maoists as asserted by Kishenji and as proved by Prachanda in Nepal. The people of India should not be fooled by disingenuous statements and inactions from those whose only aim seems to be to stick to power as long as possible while the State gets totally undermined. This is like Nero fiddling while Rome was burning.

The IPL Show

The IPL 20-20 cricket series played day and night in different sports theaters (they are not stadia any longer but theaters) in India and abroad is nothing but like a mega cinema show; it is and not a sport any longer. It is an entertainment event. Just as we have unending serials on the TV screens, the IPL matches are other entertainment series but with deadly loss of productive work by millions of people who are inveigled to see the show. Just as mega cinemas are generating black money, so is the IPL 20-20 estimated to be

involving Rs.20,000cr. The TV channels and even the All India Radio are giving it unwarranted and evil-generating publicity by giving news as well as show on the channels. More-over, the cricket mania that is being created is detrimental to our traditional, wholesome little time wasting games like football, hockey, basket ball and volley ball. These really exercise the players and are not wastefully engaging millions of viewers. The cricket mania is coming in the way of young Indians taking to wholesome sports. Government should not be a party to create this mania. It is better to ban this and if cannot be done legally, then the AIR and other government media at least should not mention this at all in their broadcasts.

Targeting Muslims?

- Balbir .K Punj

Security agencies are not overstepping

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THE most unfortunate incident at Delhi airport the other day when a Deoband seminary teacher, Nurul Huda, who was going to London was pulled out of the plane on the complaint of a co-passenger who claimed that he had spoken on the mobile phone about blowing up the plane, has left the Delhi police red faced. That the teacher had to be released only after the Union home ministry intervened and took the Delhi police to task, re-veals the intensity of the security agencies' concerns that often tend to overlook even common sense.

However, the attempt of the victim to allege that it was because he was a Muslim that he

was targeted appears somewhat as much overstated as the Delhi police reaction to a possible interpretation of what the revered teacher actually said. It seems the co-passenger heard the teacher as saying *udana* which in any circumstance could have been a wrong interpretation of *udna*, that is, flying. This could have been checked and corroborated before arresting him. The police would point out that they could hardly take a chance in the current environment.

The overarching threat from terrorists especially in regard to passenger safety in airlines cannot be ignored under any circumstance. The strictest checks at airports notwithstanding, a terrorist was able to get incendiary material abroad in his underwear. There has been one instance of a bomb being carried in the shoes. It is worth noting that the shoe bomber as well as the underwear bomber were both detected in time before they could cause damage because of the alertness of co-passengers. The whole incident in which the unfortunate Deoband teacher was the victim, should be viewed in perspective lest we demoralise those who are charged with ensuring the security of millions of innocent people in airlines, trains, bazaars and public places.

The threat from Islamic extremists is quite real and pervasive. It may be that hundreds of potential threats are eliminated due to strict vigilance; but like in the case of the underwear bomber, just one need escape the vigil network of men and machines for terrorist organisations to succeed and celebrate mayhem they cause. Consider a recent report in the Kerala papers about huge quantities of

explosives found in Malappuram and Wayanad areas of the state. From a godown in a place named Ambalavayal in Wayanad district, 31,000 detonators and other explosion causing materials like gelatine sticks, electronic detonators, etc were recovered by the state police. Earlier from a Malappuram location other explosive materials were recovered.

Both these places were owned by 29-year-old Ismail. The first set of recoveries included 400 quintals of ammonium nitrate and safety fuse wire bundles.

Kerala has been notorious for the different Indian Mujahideen groups functioning there recruiting young people for being sent first to Hyderabad and then on to Pakistan for training.

Another IM group under the Bhatkal brothers both of whom are underground, has been found to be the kingpin of the Pune blast as well as several other ones. Hyderabad, Azamgarh, north Malabar geographically so distant are linked by extremist indoctrination and terror plots with the trail going to the training camps located in Pakistan. It is for the Muslim community leaders to look at the basic cause of this global phenomenon of religion based terrorism instead of complaining against the security agencies for what they allege is targeting a community. In the fight against terrorism, it is possible that security agencies would go wrong occasionally and fail to find evidence against all the suspects they hold. But where the enemy of the country is so elusive, has support from across the border and seeks to derive its *raison d'être* from a religion, do we blame the security

agencies or the leaders of that community if these agencies overstep? As the Sunni-Shia mutual killings in Iraq and Pakistan demonstrate, as the hostility between Shia Iran and Sunni regime in Saudi Arabia reveal, the leaders of the religion must ask the question why the world is suspicious of their community? The community gets blamed for the level of intolerance and orthodoxy within it that is considered as the fundamental cause of the deep incursion of terrorist thinking in it.

We had recently a demonstration of how far intolerance within the community could go and how the leadership is promoting regressive social mores that would harm them more and deny

them access to a modern society. Lyricist Javed Akhtar is now ringed with security personnel after he received a death threat consequent to his criticism of the Darul Ulum fatwa against Muslim women working outside their home. Modern societies tend to be integrated so that humanity could prosper from the use of science, technology, democracy and an open environment. But it seems that only Islamic leadership wants to emphasise its separateness, Islamic banking, Muslim women barred from jobs along with men, insistence on gender inequality, indoctrination instead of learning, etc which many Muslim scholars themselves say are against the fundamental tenets of their faith.

How can open discussion take roots when any criticism, even the least of it by other Muslims themselves, is met with death threats? How can economic security for Muslim families be

provided against sudden death of the breadwinner when the Muslim clerics declare insurance as un-Islamic? Enlightened public opinion needs to consider this insistence on exclusiveness, against preaching that claims even polio vaccine as against the religion?

Caste as social capital

-R Vaidyanathan*

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Caste is back. It is likely to be part of the 2011 census. It was part of the decennial censuses between 1881 and 1931. Of the 1929 castes aggregated in the 1881 census, 1126 [58%] had population of less than 1000; 275 less than ten. A large number of them were single member castes. The British had created a social “hierarchy” on the basis of caste in that Census.

The alienated metropolitan rootless wonders (AMROWs) and other assorted experts are upset since they have concluded that caste is bad. They want to be counted in the census as “Indian”. Every Indian is expected to feel guilty, whenever caste is mentioned and talked about. In international fora, caste is used as a stick to beat anything connected to Indian religions, customs, and culture. In other words, caste for Indians has been turned into what “holocaust” is for Germans and Austrians. We have an uncanny ability for self-flagellation. But more tragic is our enthusiasm to convert all our strengths into weaknesses since some white men and missionaries started denigrating Indians on the issue of caste. We fail to recognize that it is a valuable social capital, which provides cushion for individuals and families in dealing with society at large, and

more particularly the State. The Anglo-Saxon model of atomized individuals in a contract-based system and forcing him to have a direct link with the State has had disastrous effects in the west where families have been destroyed and communities have been forgotten. Every person is standing alone, stark naked with only rights as his imaginary clothes to deal directly with the State. The State also does not have the benefit of concentric circles of cushions to deal with individuals. Caste has been made a curse by our intellectuals based on the half-baked knowledge and acceptance of the Euro-centric individual-based model, which is based on rights and contracts rather than relationships and duty.

At a basic level, caste promotes heterogeneity. Heterogeneous and distributive systems are more stable and long-lasting than homogeneous and centralized systems. Caste is a major bulwark against homogenization tendencies of systems like Marxism, Maoism or Savarkarism or the Semitic faiths. We should realize that “our strength is our diversity” and acceptance of the “other”. It is much more than “multicultural tolerance”. It is also assumed that caste is a rigid hierarchical system which is oppressive. But as observed by the renowned sociologist Dipankar Gupta that “In fact, it is more realistic to say that there are probably as many hierarchies as there are castes in India. To believe that there is a single caste order to which every caste, from Brahman to untouchable, acquiesce ideologically, is a gross misreading of facts on the ground” The truth is that no caste, howsoever lowly placed it may be, accepts the reason for its degradation” (*Dipankar Gupta in*

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Interrogating Caste; pp1; Penguin Books 2000)

History does not support the thesis of caste discrimination. If it were as oppressive as it is portrayed then there should have been massive and regular caste wars in the last thousand years. There have not been any. If it has survived thousands of years then there is some inherent strength in it. The renowned Gandhian, Dharampal has demonstrated that data for Madras, Punjab and Bengal Presidency for 1800 to 1830 shows that the majority enrolled in the schools were from OBC and SC categories. Caste has played an important role in the consolidation of business and entrepreneurship particularly in the last fifty or so years. The World Bank suggests that the remarkable growth of Tirupur is due to the coordinated efforts of Gounders, many of whom not even matriculates. “(World Development report, 2002 pp175; The World Bank). In a financial sense caste provides the edge in being a risk taker since failure is recognised and condoned and sometimes even encouraged by the group. We have the exhaustive Economic Census of 2005, conducted by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO) which covers 41.83 million enterprises engaged in different economic activities. The survey finds that more than 50 per cent of the enterprises are owned by SC/ST/OBC categories.

As MN Srinivas, doyen of sociologists, pointed out that “An important feature of social mobility in modern India is the manner in which the successful members of the backward castes work consistently for improving the economic and social condition of their caste-

fellows. This is due to the sense of identification with one's own caste, and also a realisation that caste mobility is essential for individual or familial mobility"(Collected Essays; pp196-197, OUP2005). Caste should be counted in 2011 census for all religions since every religion has caste even though we pretend it does not exist. It is required for policy planners and experts to work on a road map to calibrate changes based upon the census.

We may have to enumerate a new caste called "Indian" consisting of the AMROWS mentioned above.

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20 Million to be made legal citizens

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Arizona in the USA is in turmoil due to a piece of legislation passed in the state about illegal immigrants mainly from Mexico and other Latin countries. It says that the cops can ask for papers if they suspect a person to be illegal and also the employers need to check the legal status. The bleeding heart liberals and other assorted types of leftists are up in arms. But the mainstream America wants to go ahead and curb illegal immigration.

But India is different. It carries the Athithi Devo Bhava to the extreme in terms of providing perfume to Kasab.

The facts first. Census is a statutory exercise conducted under the provisions of the census

Act, 1948 and rules made thereunder. The National Population Register (NPR) is being created under the provision of citizenship Acts and rules. It has been claimed by the Government (home minister in Parliament) that the present census collects information for the later preparation of National Population Register (NPR). To be precise, there is only a Population register under Citizenship rules (2003) and it also mentions about a National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC). The difference is obvious and unfortunately mixed up by the government. The census information by definition is confidential in terms of specifics and so there is no way the information collected can be used to verify nationality later.

The citizenship rules direct that 'during the verification process "particulars of such individuals whose citizenship is doubtful shall be entered with appropriate remarks in the population register." The current census enumerator is to fill the query number 11 about nationality by asking the person enumerated. It specifically mentions that "Please record the nationality of the respondent as declared by him/her for each of the person enumerated. Do not get into any argument with the respondent regarding this." [Para 5.21.1 of General Instructions]. This is the Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) smuggled into the census structure to facilitate crores of illegal immigrants to be converted into a votebank through citizenship. When the citizenship rules ask for doubtful cases of citizenship to be identified and recorded, the census manual to collect information under the very citizenship rules says "do not doubt the respondent; just record what he says". Incidentally, anyone who has entered India six months prior to

census (Kasab is eligible under this category!) and if anyone intends to stay for six months after becomes “usual resident” under the census rules, and they can declare them as Indian citizens. Not only that, the government is planning to issue “National Identity cards” to these people though the cards are meant only for Indian citizens.

In a nutshell, India is going to make more than 20 million (estimated by previous home ministers) illegal immigrants (mostly from Bangladesh) as Indian citizens within a few months. By this subterfuge India will be the only country in the world which not only welcomes illegal immigrants but also confers citizenship and national identity cards to them.

We have seen how the Election Commission has been made ineffective and subservient to the government of the day. We have seen how CBI has been misused to fulfill the whims and fancies of the government of the day.

We have seen how the political parties are eager to get votes under any circumstances and more eager to create vote banks.

We are now seeing the most important authority of our republic, namely, the census commission used for political purposes to confer citizenship on illegal immigrants in a most blatant show of misuse of power.

We have the case of Subba from Assam who became a member of parliament when he is not a citizen of India. We have porous borders and corrupt officials. These two constitute a deadly combination for disaster. But our government by a sleight of hand has decided to subvert the last remaining independent

authority, namely, the Census Commission by combining the so-called National Population Register and census count, and by introducing this dangerous clause on citizenship in an innocuous way.

The end result will be millions of illegal immigrants will become citizens of this country and millions more will be interested and encouraged to enter India. Already a section of intelligentsia in Bangladesh believes that India is “Lebensraum” _ adequate room for life or development.

Already we find that large parts of West Bengal, Assam and Bihar and parts of UP are populated by illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. The correct procedure would be to identify them and deport them at best and at worst give them work permits or guest worker status, and not voting rights or citizenship rights.

But we are going to do something lower than the worst. Provide them citizenship rights. It is high time that nationalist oriented Indians protested this and forced the government to cancel the citizenship tamasha and conduct only a census for now.

Since this will confer voting rights on millions and a huge constituency for some political parties; they will welcome it. But they should realise that the Frankenstein monster we are creating will devour them sooner than later. Sooner than later there will be a clamour for reservation in parliament to “atithi or guest citizens”.

A cabinet with Kasab, Headley and Sivaraman will be the most tragic part of the Indian republic.

But our media will still be debating whether sariclad Deepika Padukone was more charming than the Aishwarya dressed in gown in Cannes, and our political leaders will continue to look for avenues to make money by corruption and try to find tax havens to store them.

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How slavish and shameless

PM ever willing to stop down way

During the rule of Nizams ordinary people had to say to the Doras the rulers, “Dora, Nee banchenu, nee kal mokta (O Lord, I am your slave, I will worship your feet). I am reminded of this reading the report that Sardar Manmohan Singh said he would retire and make way (for Rahul) if Sonia asks him to do so. The statement of his reaffirms the total loss of self- respect and confidence in the recent generations of Congress men .

2. During Indira’s time, Devakanta Barua, Leftist and progressive as a President of the Congress said, “India is Indira, Indira is India” . Notwithstanding that India was swept out of power and the Emergency was lifted. May be the common Indians with their heritage of wisdom and consciousness of dharma will reject those who fawn, flatter and fall at the feet of the usurpers of power

Dr. Ambedkers Warning

Reproduced below is a part of the speech that Dr Ambedkar delivered just before the Constitution of India was adopted. He feared that India would be losing freedom by the unpatriotic and treacherous actions of its

own people in places of power. Even as we face a demographic onslaught by one class of people from within India , the “secular” governments are inviting foreigners as in the past to extinguish the independence of this country. The UPA government is developing 90 districts in the country as Muslim districts by spending 15% of the 11th Five Year Plan’s funds . These will become mini-Pakistans heralding the undoing of the integration of over 600 States into the Indian Republic achieved by the great patriot Sardar Patel. Please read on

On 26th of Jan 1950, India will be an independent country. What would happen to her independence? Will she maintain her independence or will she lose it again?

IT is not that India was never an independent country. The point is that she once lost the independence she had. Will she lose it a second time?

What perturbs me greatly is the fact that not only India has once before lost her independence, but she lost it by the infidelity and treachery of some of her own people. In the invasion of Sind by Mahommed-Bin-Kasim, the military commanders of King Dahar accepted bribes from the agents of Mahommed-Bin-Kasim and refused to fight on the side of their King. It was Jaichand who invited Mahommed Ghori to invade India and fight on the side of their king.

It was Jaichand who invited Mahommed Ghori to invade India and fight against Prithvi Raj and promised him the help of himself and the Solani kings. When Shivaji was fighting for the liberation of Hindus , the other Maratha

noblemen and the Rajput Kings were fighting the battle on the side of Moghul emperors. When the British were trying to destroy the Sikh rulers, Gulab Singh, their principal commanders sat silent and did not help to save the Sikh Kingdom. In 1857, when a large part of the India had declared a war of independence against the British, the Sikhs stood and watched the event as silent spectators.

Will history repeat itself? It is this thought which fills me with anxiety. This anxiety is deepened by the realization of the fact that in addition to our old enemies in the form of castes and creeds we are going to have many political parties with diverse and opposing political creeds. Will Indians place the country above their creed or will they place creed above the country? I do not know. But this much is certain that if the parties place creed above country, our independence will be put to jeopardy a second time and probably be lost forever. This eventuality we must all resolutely guard against. We must be determined to defend our independence with the last drop of our blood.

Secularism at work

- Rs. 1200 cr worth of electrical power is being stolen in Andhra Pradesh every year.
- In the south circle of the old city of Hyderabad, highest amount of power at 52, 11, 38, 780 units per annum is pilfered
- In the old city of Hyderabad the minority households are law unto themselves. The electricity authorities dare not disconnect power from these thieves. Political



interference is the main cause of pilferage of power. MLAs, MPs and in some cases even ministers get accused persons since they form the part of vote bank.

Hyderabad is having most such interventions by politicians.

- Praja Energy Audit Cell, an NGO working to save wrote to the Hyderabad MP Mr. Asaduddin Owaise urging him to persuade people not to steal power.

Quotes:

Extremism in the defence of liberty is not a vice. And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.

- Barry Goldwater accepting the Republican presidential nomination in 1964

You never grow old if you have a goal and purpose to achieve.

You never grow old if you have the power to dream and to believe. –Anonymous

No man can be grateful at the cost of his honour; no woman can be grateful at the cost of her chastity; and no nation can be grateful at the cost of its liberty

– Daniel O’Connell, an Irish patriot

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