

We are celebrating 69th Independence Day immediately after a complete wash out of monsoon session of parliament in India. What an irony that it happened in a country that propagates coexistence and dialogue, unity amidst diversity and love thy enemy – pity here is neither love nor enemy.

While both treasury and opposition are blaming each other, to the extent of going ugly and personal (shame), no one, not even those who did not take any particular side, can escape the blame. My apologies for being harsh but both BJP & Congress have to accept the responsibility for what happened or rather what could have happened but did not. Both preferred personal interests and egos above the welfare of the nation and, for sure – or so I hope – shall have to pay for their short-sighted, irresponsible & reckless approach.

What both these parties are choosing to ignore is a hard and harsh ground reality, the world is globally inter-connected and inter-dependent. What happens in Beijing affects New Delhi and what does not happen in New Delhi has repercussions in Brussels and Washington. Devaluation of Yuan would have similar impact on Wall Street as that of non-passage of GST Bill – lowering the investors' confidence and flight of money.

The purpose of this musing is not to cause gloom amidst celebration but to evolve a path forward and it is with this spirit that I shall now move forward. What can and should be done in and by India to bring peace, prosperity and happiness in an otherwise uncertain, almost crazy, and depressed world. Here is my four step recipe without any order of importance and with a disclaimer that it can by no means be an exhaustive list.

- Bury individual as well as collective egos and nurture the larger interests. All political parties, more so BJP & Congress, have to take lead here and do what is good for India because what is not good for India cannot be good for either of them, not only in long term but in short (immediate) term either.
- The government has to go beyond the slogans and start real actions, ruthlessly, to ensure that a real and positive change is felt not only in Delhi but also in Basti & Kottayam. The mental, physical and economic prosperity has to go beyond Mumbai & Hyderabad and spread into Dhulijan & Almora as well.
- Opposition has to criticise the government on issues and not persons, what should matter far more than who unless we, once again, choose to go back to analysis paralysis syndrome. To me, there is hardly any difference between Maun Mohan & Maun Vrat.
- Going into the well in Parliament or marching to Rastrapati Bhawan is no help to the cause. The government has to “Avoid the Unmanageable” while the opposition has to “Manage the Unavoidable”.

Given a chance, I would be honoured to present a copy of “Team of Rivals” to our Prime Minister and wish him all the success and good luck for the task ahead is indeed arduous, challenging, tough and difficult but, not only in the end but during journey as well, rewarding, satisfying and simulating.

Let's commit ourselves, one and all, with utmost sincerity, dedication and determination that we shall do all that is good for India and nothing else.

Namaste & Jai Hind.