

Role of Spirituality on Political Management - A Study

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Abstract

There is reality behind some practices that influence human beings with reality of alleged immateriality. That is nothing but an unknown reality with known perception built in the minds of many that attracts their attention for some special affairs of inner feelings in their action is called generally spirituality. This changes the perception of life in different modes. Spirituality is expressed in preliminary actions of beginning of a day of a person. Political resources are not separated from this. During organization of political meetings and general elections political candidates start their days with lovely prayers or worships which leave land marks on their activities spiritually dominated. At these moments they attach their minds with many public affairs and spiritual practices satisfy them as well as their followers with their marvellous agendas. In this case satisfaction of political management completely depends on spiritual practices done by them and followed by workers with definite interest. Although we mark winning and defeat among them still they do not leave their trust on spirituality. The main motive during political battle is to motivate people for political need of winning. But certainly winner comes one and also follows the path of spiritual practices same as defeated candidate and there is equally same practice only to attain satisfaction. This study is about impact of spirituality on the satisfaction of political resources that manages political affairs with public and political workers.

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Introduction

“Jai Yug yug ki Aadishakti, Jaga main prachalaita hai taba vakti.

Aadi, Madhya aur avasaanaa, teri gati vidhi koi naa jaanaa.

Nirmala sradhha main khus hoti, thode main santusta ho jaati,

Kali main naamo dhaaroyo Santoshi, Agni Tulya pratakshya visekhi.”

(Santoshi Maataa Chaalishaa, stanza 1 and 2)

“We do much more glory and glory to you, O dear primordial power of super mother, worshipped in age after age. Your devotion is decorated around the universe. Since eternity without a beginning, middle and end as you do exist; your movements and activities are mysterious in nature and truly incomprehensible. You are mostly pleased with selfless and unblemished regard. A trifling devotional faith is enough for you to satisfy. Although you are bright as like as fire and extremely visible still you are called as *Santoshi*, the Goddess of satisfaction in this Kali Age.” The worship of Goddess Santoshi, the Goddesses of satisfaction, has gained more popularity in North India. Gradually this has come to many parts of the country including Odisha. Special offerings to Goddess are made by expectation of gaining satisfaction on Friday of every

week which is generally considered as the day of strength. During the season of general elections many of the north Indian politicians and their followers start worship of Goddess for gaining more name, fame and victory in political empire. During the time of political battle generally rush of political people is also seen in various temples of Odisha. This is a common phenomenon that every candidate from early morning either runs to temple or worships with prayer at home as his unseen fortune dwells in his forehead. It is a difficult task for going in campaigning and approaching people during this period. Management of workers and management of people both are done simultaneously. If satisfaction does not sit in the minds of many workers and followers then the candidate does not get necessary cooperation and it becomes difficult for him to take them all together for achieving the goal. In many cases it is seen that votes are divided due to conflicts raised among followers due to dissatisfaction. It is clear that satisfaction plays a major role in many of the campaigning. Work without satisfaction does not become suitable for others to follow. To bring stability in satisfaction political people with unlimited hopes and efforts follow the practice of spiritual rituals at home and temples. The schedule of their every day work starts with prayer to overcome the uncertainty like common people. Importance of spiritual affairs grows at the rate for almost all the competitors. The feelings which arise in their minds at this time period are although unseen still believable. Specifically political affairs are directly or indirectly related to public. People understand their emotions in sake of spiritual mind with glory of Goddess as they do not able to understand the mystery of her and do not able to face her dazzling power. Politicians try to touch up the minds of many by their slippery sweet words with beautiful agendas which attract people in common. In midterm satisfaction plays role in both the sides. That is why the automatic glory is done of Goddess of satisfaction. As she satisfies with little devotion of her devotee she enlightens with unlimited courage. Politicians need to gain courage in practical field to fight for votes. People need to choose their own choice of candidate among all competitors. Finally a particular candidate wins after voting as a blessing of people's satisfaction in his activities of particular region. Sometimes the activities of politicians remain mysterious to many but by their art of approach they win the hearts of people. It is clear that satisfaction is the key point of all actions. But selfless service is the key of true satisfaction. Goddess mother satisfies herself with selfless devotion of her devotee. Management of political affairs always needs skills and special attention with suitable attitudes of political persons. Their efficiency and mode of communication play major role in influencing people. Even the political motives are motivated by spiritual awareness to create faith. Due to the belief of gaining more successes politicians practice spiritual rituals and freshness of their minds depend on the everyday worship. It is believed that with little effort of faithful devotion Goddess gives her unlimited bless on the devotees. Followers obey the principles of satisfaction with regard of devotion. Spirituality is expressed from the core and guides human beings not only in special occasions but also in general period. But awakening of political period encompasses the path of spiritual awareness and people motivated with politics practice rituals on the basis of their spiritual understanding.

Anais Nin (1903-1977) defines spirituality as the possession of knowledge of miracle and mystery of life which is wonder but changes the life from inside and builds nice personality of an individual. Mother Teresa (1910-1997) defines spirituality as the key of love that cures and removes loneliness, despair and hopelessness and opens the door of humanity for better living. Carl Sagan (1934-1996) says that science is the profound source of spirituality. He defines spirituality as source of gaining self awareness about right works at right times with practical experiences of science and Godly principles.

John Lennon (1940-1980) defines spirituality as a path of belief that makes us realize about God and us and strengthens us from inside to develop our principles of living. June Ahren (2008) defines spirituality as path of living life with recognition of true self. She emphasizes that spiritual feelings are almost natural and they naturally influence human being from inward. Generally satisfaction means fulfilment of different wishes, needs, expectations etc. and happiness or pleasure brought up from this. As per law satisfaction refers to either payment of debt or fulfilment of any claim or of an obligation. Gratification, delight, joy, enjoyment etc are the different modes of satisfaction. First Prime Minister of Independent India cum famous congress leader Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964) defines political management as a process of transformation of common people and nation including political leaders and workers through which political workforce is controlled and directed by leaders of top level to achieve social goals and services. American political consultant Joseph Napolitan (1929-2013) defines political management as an art or process of trickery deceit, dealing and controlling people and political workers by the political leaders or authorities through which political goals are achieved in exchange of services to people. Indian politician Jaswant Singh (1938) defines political management as a process of handling, controlling, ordering and cooperating attitudes of political leaders and public by the same individuals or groups of other individuals to resolute conflicts and attain security challenges with achievement of real development of people. Famous politician cum President of Indian National Congress, Smt. Sonia Gandhi (1946) defines political management as a process of power control and power distribution with control of political resources, cooperation, integration and control of common people with successful motives of development from grass root level to top level. Famous Indian Politician Narendra Modi (1950) defines political management as skill full technique to achieve higher goals with control of political workforces, cooperation of public, coordination among people and authorities with integrity and harmony among different communities to achieve financial, industrial, social, cultural and spiritual supremacy that helps in understanding the reality of life on earth. President, founder and CEO of The Energy Project Tony Schwartz (1952) defines political management as directing, controlling and coordinating people involved in politics and pooling to analyse and up lift affaires related to politics for the development of region or nation in mass.

Objectives:-

To understand the relationship between spirituality, political management and satisfaction

To evaluate the impact of spirituality on political affairs of political leaders and workers

To know about strength of political management with respect to spirituality

To evaluate the impact of spiritual practices of politicians and political workers on people

Literature Review:-

The history of political management dates back to ancient period of monarchy systems of ruling in entire world. Due to the degradation of status of rulers, kings or emperors gradual leaderships have changed in to different systems adopting many violent activities and unstable situations. In middle age the nonviolent path followed for political stability in India by Mahatma Gandhi has changed the destination of modern world. Gradual establishment of democracy in many countries has given birth to political parties for fighting for grasping power.

The political battle is observed in due period of election while time comes for establishment of new government by voters of any nation. Practice of spiritual rituals for the purpose of political management is not at all a new concept. During ancient periods to motivate human resources kings have followed the principles of spiritual rituals. The land marks of such activities are left in various monuments in form of temples, mosques, churches, prayer halls, towers, spiritual organizations etc. Ancient taxation policies are also dependent on pilgrimages which are even followed by modern governments these days. Spiritual rituals and practices increase a lot during campaign of political motivation with agendas. Many political leaders and workers while request for votes they join both of their hands and appeal public for voting them are the first signs of spiritual attraction and commitments for service to people. Many political personalities follow the practices of special worships with many offerings made by them. These are done either for their self satisfaction and increasing faith or to motivate human resources up to maximum extent to remain as faithful during the period of their services. Inseparable spiritual feelings govern their minds during uncertainty of political scenario. There is no such politician who does not create his faith on Godly affairs knowingly or unknowingly during his critical situations. Many authors leave their remarks regarding political transformation as evolution of political affairs with respect to people's development. Political parties fix their agendas with visions of particular requirements for public and their affaires. These are marginalized and refined as per public interest. In many cases it is seen that sometimes politicians fail to fulfil their promises and sometimes they do many more tasks for public more than their promises out of expectations. At this modern time many more media houses highlight the development of particular state or region or nation basing on their political reviews with respect to industrial development and employment guarantee. The ways of motivation of political people towards common people are of diverse nature. But one nature of attraction of political motivation matches for all most all political parties and that is following spiritual ritual for multipurpose success and getting satisfaction. Success depends on satisfaction of work and campaign and satisfaction of previous experience influences for new proceeding ahead with courage. So both aspects are interdependent. Although there are differences between campaign strategies of different political parties they have only one ambition to win the election. Nobody likes to defeat and nobody desires to leave his faith on spiritual rituals at any cost. To win the hearts of people is difficult task but their belief on inner self brings them closer towards people. Management of political affairs depends on the cleverness and skills of political leaders. It is even seen that few of the candidates who are not satisfied, sometimes leave one party and join in another. Some stand as independent candidates. This clarifies that political management should satisfy each and every individual involved in political system from grass root level to top level and from top to grass root level communication should be perfect. Imperfect communication breaks the coordination and cooperation which are very much essential during political campaign. Sometimes conflicts arise due to misbalance of ideologies among party members or during campaign among different political parties which are commonly observed as election violence. At such situations strong political management systems resolute the conflicts and break violence. That is why this requires some special attention to gain some spiritual skills by practice of spiritual rituals before campaign with trust and unity to achieve higher political goals.

Importance of Study:-

It is seen that day to day the violence is increasing in world and many conflicts are rising due to misunderstandings about different political affairs among different countries or different political parties in any nation.

But it is believed that to bring political workers in to one disciplinary line it is necessary to guide them from inward by strong emotional feelings. Then how is it possible without self realization? How is it possible to have self realization without spiritual feelings? How can spiritual feelings come without understanding spirituality? That is why we need to analyse and discuss more about this affaire and about its role in political management as politicians are unknowingly motivated by day to day spiritual practices. In modern politics conflicts and violence are seen very closely associated and day to day values are degrading. In such case it is definitely necessary to evaluate the strength of political management with respect to spirituality to have spiritual satisfaction inward. Human individuals are motivated much often by their inner feelings which are expressed in their emotions. Spiritual feelings are self generated. During unstable scenario of todays violated mass it is highly essential to study such affairs for improving the standard of political management. So this study keeps importance in this regard.

Improvement of political skills by spiritual practices:-

To take instant decisions for management of political affairs it is very much essential to develop political skills. Development needs many more knowledge about management of human resources. Skills play role is handling public affairs and other associated affaires. Spiritual practices rectify political skills with great deal of motivational forces from both inner and outer expressions. Let us have a little knowledge about few of the points here.

Work with Unity: - Spiritually educated and awakened political workers and politicians understand unity as an important factor for political gain. Spiritually motivated people understand better the political need and do not see variation among them with regard to race, colour, order and castes or religions and proceed ahead for working together.

Setting different agendas with emotion: - Agenda plays vital role in political gaining. Spiritually skilled agenda makers keep the real need and try to touch the true emotion of people. They feel others properly and make the agenda as per their experiences and try to fulfil the all points of agenda with their true effort.

Ideas of shaping human resources: - Spirituality purifies ideas generated in mind due to strong and proper emotional expressions. Shaping human resources requires age old experience of politicians. They smoothly do this while spiritually they feel others as their own relatives and treat according to their inner command of soul.

Suggestions for new action: - Always new actions are made and for these suggestions play important role. Spiritually awakened politicians and workers keep proper suggestions free from ambiguities and spiritually managed political leaders understand these and keep in their action as important factors. For better political management suggestions are important.

Increasing Team spirit: - Spirituality helps in increasing team spirit which is very much essential for political gain. Political people look forward for better relationship with public and maintain closeness during political campaign. Spirituality becomes the basis of their relationship and they proceed ahead for realizing the truth behind team formation.

Spiritual pillars of special political skills:-

While we construct a house we need to give support of pillars on which the house withstands. Likewise foundation of political management and politics depend on skill

pillars of political persons which are generated by their spiritual perceptions. Let us have a vision on essential pillars of political skill to understand the reality behind political management.

Spiritual feelings based social awareness: - It is necessary for politicians to understand behaviours and motives of others including their workers. This becomes a special pillar of ability of them. Spiritually learned leaders become good observer of others and handle well social situations. They become more aware about their actions, attitudes and feelings.

Spiritual motivation with Interpersonal influence: - To influence others charming interpersonal styles are required. Without spirituality it is difficult to gain charm. Spiritually self realized persons communicate with pleasant manner with others by charm of life. Politicians with spiritual interpersonal skills influence people nicely and tie them with relationship of love and affection time to time in different regions.

Spiritual Networking of long lasting: - Maintaining, connecting and keeping relationship with diversified people is not so easy task. Politicians with strong spiritually decorated networking skill do this easily. For work team management of critical resources become easier by spiritual networking. This becomes beneficial for both people and politician.

Spiritual sincerity: - It is important for politicians to appear in such a way that other people should perceive them as honest, sweet speaking, open and authentic in nature. Politicians with spiritual knowledge are not perceived as manipulative. So they gain popularity easily and they are widely accepted by people.

Discussion:-

From age old tradition spirituality guides human beings during degradation of status of them. Management of civilization and society depend on political back ground of human resources. When there is civilization there is politics. Some people do form the political groups and fight to acquire power during election in these days of democracy. So they approach people effectively and start their campaign by spiritual practices. There is huge competition among different political groups and they try to motivate mass of human individuals towards them for getting more votes. People get chance to judge them and deal them according to their previous perceptions. There are several positive political skills which are required to develop by politicians. Political persons with spiritual qualities become more aware about their duties and actions. Spirituality helps a lot to develop intrinsic qualities internally within them that favour political people to settle with establishment of political skill pillars to achieve higher political goal. Achievements leave the impression and marks in minds that bring satisfaction. After having better satisfaction political people manage well the political affairs with respect to spiritual practices. Spiritual rituals influence both public and politician with definite motives.

Conclusion:-

After having this study it is confirm that there is link of spirituality with human activities of various political groups. Spirituality pours impact and leaves impressionable marks in mind. Political skills are related to emotional intelligence. Spiritual practice gives effectiveness to the political leaders. Spiritually awakened politicians have better behavioural flexibilities in the field of political management. Definite purposes and political goals are achieved only when management of political affair are nice. Smooth handling of resources and dealing, controlling and power

employing become easier for the top level political leaders. Communication with people and workers becomes easier, pleasant and effective. Work attitudes are expressed well while dominated by spiritual practices. Spirituality brings satisfaction and satisfaction shows new destination for achieving higher political goals. Such study helps managers in improving their skills and ability in staffing, controlling, directing and handling critical situations with and outside their organizations. Definitely spirituality impacts on satisfaction of political management. Whoever surrenders in front of the Goddess of satisfaction, Mother *Santoshi*, he gains many more things in life.

“Tumhare sarana gahe jo koi, manakaamonaa purana hoi.

Tuma Ganesha ki maam Kanyaa, Tumase dharati ho gayi dhanyaa.”

“O Goddess, whosever needs the protection of yours finds his all ambitions and desires are fulfilled. You are only the pure virgin mother of Ganesha and you only have made this earth as supremely favoured place for living.” (Santoshi Maataa Chaalishaa, stanza 5)

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