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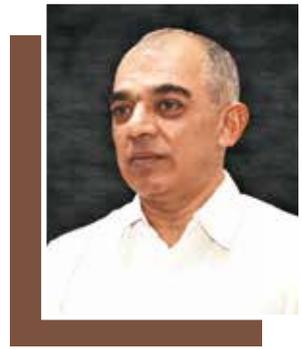


**The power of a King lies in his mighty arms...**

Security of the citizens at peace time is very important because State is the only saviour of the men and women who get affected only because of the negligence of the State.

- Chanakya

# DSA IS AS MUCH YOURS, AS IT IS OURS!



**C**ongratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for winning the 2019 General Elections with a bigger margin than expected. The political importance of the elections is manifold but what is of greater interest is that the principal platform, and issue, on which it was fought, and won, is national security. This would make this, probably, the first Indian election to be contested and won on national security. A fact that deserves greater and more serious consideration by all. That national security resonates across the spectrum should not be lost, even if there is a regional bias in the end outcome.

National security is an easy tool with which to touch people in India, fiercely patriotic as they are. Any threat to the country is taken most seriously, especially when it connects to borders and the harm that emanates from across them. This is most apparent when it comes to terrorism and the many forms in which it operates across the country. The two most glaring examples occurred in the run up

to the election, and during. How the people of India reacted to both instances, in widely differing ways, is an eye opener to the country's sense of national security.

The first is, of course, the 14 February suicide car bomb attack on the CRPF bus in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir. The national outrage it caused aptly reflects the scale of the tragedy, enormous as it was. The fact that Pakistan based Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist group claimed the attack made the anger even more palpable. This was assuaged only by the launch of air strikes on JeM assets in Balakot, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. The national response to the announcement of air strikes was one of relief, pride, and teaching Pakistan a lesson. This is in contrast to what happened later.

At the end of April, Naxalites detonated an improvised explosive device in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra, killing more than a dozen policemen. While this was as cold blooded a killing as in Pulwama, the fact that it did not involve a Pakistan based terror group, and it wasn't in Kashmir,

there was barely a murmured anger in the country. This despite the fact that Naxals cause as much terror amongst the people and security personnel as militants do in Kashmir, or the northeastern states, and in fact, influence a far greater land area of the country.

The lesson should be learned by the new government and its ministers who handle the important portfolios of Defence and Home. Both departments are equally responsible for maintenance of national security, one in terms of external threats and the other handling domestic groups. The vital fact to note is that both are as important as the other, and must be treated as such. The new government should, therefore, begin this tenure with a vision to tackle all forms of terror with an equal sense of importance, geographical location of source or threat being irrelevant. The country needs to get this menace sorted out properly to make it more secure, and prosperous for the future. Big ticket items are secondary to tackling terrorism, first and foremost.

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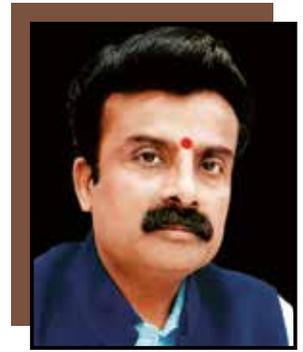
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# “INDIA’S LEAD TO THE WORLD”



**T**he evening of 23 May 2019 brought a new message to the entire world that India is now going to lead the world to bring peace, prosperity and development on the globe. It is not a mere victory of a political party but it's a victory of all those who wish for peace and prosperity on earth. Every country has various ways of electing their governments and the same is the case with India too. India has seen some 15 General Elections so far after independence but this election of 2019 has been completely different in many different ways. This was the first election of its kind where people have voted above the religion, caste and creed and just kept one single point in their minds while casting their vote:

“The integrity and sovereignty of India under the leadership of Mr Narendra Modi”.

The entire opposition was on one side, and Mr Narendra Modi and his vision, was on the other side. It was for the first time after the freedom struggle in India that by and large the majority of the population had one common reason to support and elect a government that is 100 per cent nationalist, committed and dedicated to the bright future of the country. By the time this edition will reach you, dear reader, Mr Modi and his associates will be functioning for the upliftment of each Indian. Team **DSA** congratulates Mr Modi and his entire Cabinet.

The challenges and threats to India's national security are as old as they were at the time of our emergence as a nation-State. It is time to take a serious account of them by the new government as it is the top priority item of the new Cabinet. The current government, with no fears about numbers, can be expected to achieve its stated objectives smoothly. I am sure that the strengthening of the defence and security apparatus, defence preparedness, acceleration of the procurement process for the defence and security forces of India, bilateral relationships with the neighbours and other international community will be the prior and preferred task for the new government.

The entire world is looking at India now with greater expectations of the new government in 2019. Most of the heads of the nations are very friendly with Mr Modi on a personal level and I am sure that all the countries will brainstorm as how to bring more and more peace and prosperity on the earth under the leadership of Mr Modi which is undoubtedly the victory of India. This is going to be a Golden Era for India and will be a shining light to the whole world in the years to come.

This edition has focussed on the vision of the new government for national security. Our experts have given their very candid thoughts which I am sure that you would very much appreciate.

Jai Hind!

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 CEO - DSA



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