

By Sidharth Mishra

The results of the Delhi Vidhan Sabha polls were somewhat foretold in the statement of RSS top functionary Suresh Bhaiyaji Joshi, who just a day earlier had mentioned that those opposing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were not necessarily opposing the Hindus. He also mentioned that the BJP was just a political party and it should not be equated with Hindu being.

The resounding victory of Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the just concluded Delhi assembly polls has shown that a majority of the Hindus living in nation's Capital have decided to vote against the BJP. The apparatchiks and the propagandists for the BJP are already blaming the "selfish Delhi voters" for having overlooked the "need to care for nation's security and Hindus safety."

Unfortunately, the BJP and its sympathisers don't look have to look farther than its own actions in the past three months in the national Capital for its rout. The three major campuses in the national Capital -- Jamia Milia Islamia, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the Delhi University, have been facing an unrest for the past three months. To a great extent this has proved to be the major cause for BJP's thrashing at the hustling.

The campuses have been traumatized by the actions of the three very incompetent administrators – police officer Chinmoy Biswal who brutally raided the Jamia campus, Delhi University vice chancellor Yogesh Tyagi, who has remained non-functional doing little to arrest the brewing unrest on the campus, and JNU vice chancellor Mamidala Jagdeesh Kumar, who has spent all his energy in acts of subterfuge against his own students and faculty.

The government, including the Prime Minister, committed a grave error of judgment when they thought that these instances of turmoil were limited to these particular campuses. If they thought that browbeating the youth was possible through the acts of aggression by the state and non-state players, they should now must have found the answer in the Delhi assembly poll results.

Raiding campuses with cops caning students inside libraries and lavatories and women's

Delhi polls: Kejriwal won because a large majority of Hindus voted against the BJP

Written by Administrator

Friday, 14 February 2020 04:37

hostels being overrun by state-backed masked hoodlums makes for poor optics, as poor as the tanks at the Tiananmen Square, something which the ruling party's media planners should have realized.

These campuses have students not just from Delhi but from across the country; and obviously the harangued students carried with them their tales of horror meted out to them at the hands of the establishment. A large number of these students come from the areas of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, which have been regaled by BJP's Delhi unit president Manoj Tiwari for the past several years by his ability of singing and dancing on Bhojpuri tunes.

Tiwari would have won respect of the people had he come to the rescue of these students being hounded out, which had a fairly large number coming from Hindu religion. He did little on this count and allowed the Sangh elements and its compradors to run amuck threatening even the closure of these campuses, the high and respected seats of learning.

The BJP ostensibly draws a lot of inspiration from Sanatan literature but did little to realize that our ancient scriptures are surfeit with texts on student uprisings from the campuses. Bakhtiyar Khilji is a much hated personality in our history for not having defeated some Hindu king but for having burnt down the Nalanda University.

In an interview with Network 18 in October last year, Home Minister Amit Shah had talked with aplomb about his party's chances in Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand, the states then going to polls before Delhi, and about West Bengal, the citadel which he envisages to breach. When he was asked about party's chances in Delhi, he had not unveil a very convincing roadmap.

At first he had avoided a direct answer if the party would go to polls in with a chief ministerial face, saying it could be the case, but in the same breath had added that it should not be forgotten that the party, after its debacle in 2015 assembly polls, had won the municipal polls in 2017 and also the Lok Sabha polls in 2019.

He had also said that these victories in 2017 and 2019 were possible because people were fed with the governance of Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), and the BJP would be the natural beneficiary of the anti-incumbency factor. The benefit transfer which Shah talked

Delhi polls: Kejriwal won because a large majority of Hindus voted against the BJP

Written by Administrator

Friday, 14 February 2020 04:37

about proved to be easy to claim but insurmountable to achieve.

The Delhi BJP is today an orphaned unit. None of its MPs, with the exception of Dr Harshvardhan and too an extent Ramesh Bidhuri, have been involved in the natural growth of the party. Its other MPs including the Delhi unit president Manoj Tiwari are para-dropped leaders, who may float well when there is a wave for Narendra Modi but can't swim when it comes to individual skills.

Kejriwal managed to beat the anti-incumbency by an intelligent media and campaign plan, which was complemented by the bouquet of freebies he offered to a large number of voters. Realising that they had little to offer as counter on this count, the BJP went berserk with its aggressive Hinduvta campaign which at times included brutalising the youth and the students' community.

Kejriwal could not have asked for a better counter lobbed at him. He smashed it down playing the victim card with style, consolidating the Muslims and Dalits and weaning away the Hindu votes who are not exactly enamoured by BJP's acts of aggression to overcome its follies of poor governance especially the contemptible handling of the economy.

(First published in www.News18.com)