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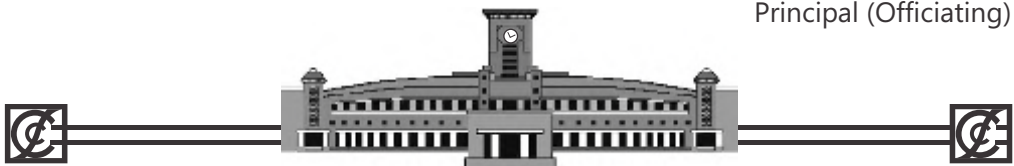
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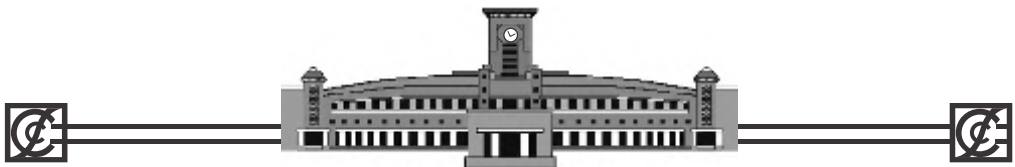


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The Trump Card

Americans this election season made a lot of room by consistently breaking through glass ceiling and hitting rock bottom, some people also went ahead and called it the season finale of the United States of America but no American or citizen for that matter could restrain themselves from calling it what it most likely appeared to be – “A Catastrophe”. The US Presidential Elections was more of a farce than a serious manifestation of the most prominent event a country can possibly hold. It is both extremely hysterical and at the same time supremely saddening to see what elections have come to.

INTRODUCTION

For the American population, Obama leaving the presidential throne is like telling their kids that Santa Claus is dead - It is the end of an era! Donald trump on the other hand, the newly sworn in president has without a shadow of doubt created the greatest media frenzy of any major candidate running for President in the history of The United States. His proposed policies are not only inconsistent with his campaign of Making America Great Again but also highlight boldly his questionable track record of business and perceptible string of outbursts.

It started off as a candidate contesting to gain popularity and that's how the American population conceived it. But much to everyone's bewilderment, Trump came out as a front runner in the campaign and soon enough topped the charts to be named as

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the President of one of the most influential countries.

Why Trump's policies need patrolling?

Looking into some of Trump's propositions will give us a better insight on the whole subject: Eminent experts and economists have pointed out the horror that is associated with deportation of immigrants for the American Economy. Immigration has constantly been an important source of labour force growth. Lesser labour force straight out means reduction in productivity which would immediately swoop down the GDP by 1.4%. But that does not seem to be the opinion of the Honourable President of the United States, who feels America can be rebuilt solely by American hands and mind. He endeavours to build a border wall to keep away the Mexicans who come pouring into America, forgetting the cost of building this wall is too much for the economy of America to bear, of course however it still does not match his monthly expenditure on family trips which amounted to \$11.3 million.

The reality-TV host-turned President also gained fame for having merely pandered to the very base, which included a significant racist element that helped launch his campaign.

This was the fear factor that began with Mexicans and other Latin American immigrants which was enough to send chills through other communities, particularly those of Muslim origin, who have faced repeated incidents of discrimination.

We're left to ponder that considering how flagrantly ill-advised Trump's immigration stance is, even from the perspective of helping the disaffected workers he promises to represent then why is he still sticking to it?

All we can say is that in this case, politics trumps economics, in spades.

Mexico Not His Only Foe

Tracing back to his opening salvo for the 2016 election we can recall a harsh, broad-brush attack on Mexico in which he mentioned the country 13 times, saying those who cross the southern border are "bringing drugs, they're bringing crime - they're rapists."

For a president who fancies himself a dealmaker, such brutish language is hardly an adequate starting point for good relations with a long-time neighbouring ally 'that hasnt always been so friendly.

His list of racist digs does not end there, in an interview earlier during his campaign

Donald Trump said mosques need to be 'watched and studied' because he believes they may spread hateful views. Besides the failed policy of immigration it's a good thing Trump seeks to build infrastructure- more highways, roadways, airports as it has been widely accepted by Americans who regard it as much needed, at least gives the people of America more ways to flee..

His inappropriate takes on various sections of the community also extends to his vicious jeers on women. With every debate peppered and every report brimming with controversial sexist remarks and allegations, Trump's attitude towards women has been awfully derogatory. To him it's always been an offhand remark, but there's major collective shudder that was surfing all across the internet.

MODI VS TRUMP

The discussion about the tiger and the white lion that have taken the world by a storm cannot be skipped. There comes in an obvious need to sketch a comparison between the two and much to our relief our Indian prime minister comes out a winner in every domain. Narendra Modi has risen from the ashes and proved to the entire world how a tea-maker can reach impalpable heights, whereas Trump had it easy due to his inherited wealth. It is also not a secret that Trump's straight forwardness has landed him in a soup more times than one. On the other hand the art of diplomacy imperative for every politician was developed by Modi over the course of his tenure which is one of the many things admirable about him. Even though they have both been constantly assigned to guilt over holding an Anti-Muslim image, Modi continues to uphold his campaign which highlights a vision that pledges to march all sections of society towards success and empowerment together. This is not deemed to be the belief of the American white lion who primarily wants to keep away immigrants, Muslims, and Mexicans amongst others that he disapproves of.

Having said that, it's undeniable that both these men are strong enough to shake the world up with the potential and power they possess. It's a boon for us that both of them up till now seem to have built a reliable alliance. The Modi cabinet can tap this opportunity to their advantage and build a fruitful relationship with the US because it's only customary that two great powers can refurbish the world by leaps and bounds.

Our Indian government is very well aware that like other major powers, we will have to behave as watchdogs to closely invigilate how the Obama legacy morphs into Trump's inheritance and comprehend the degree of continuity that will be carried on in past set policies between the two countries. The areas worthy of attention would

be bilateral, regional as well as global issues.

At the bilateral level, it has been confirmed by some members of the Trump team, that India will remain an important strategic partner of the US, and the ties established during the Obama reign with the establishment of the Indian-specific law to uplift defence corporation would be further nurtured.

However the policy of the H1-B Visas has stirred up anxiety amongst the Indians as it would mean a major setback for the Indian Information Technology industry, 60% of whose \$108 billion exports go to the US. Companies like Infosys, Wipro and TCS would be on the suffering end.

We cannot however not look at the bright side of this and how India can actually cherry pick policies and benefit out of this whole scenario. With the US turning bitter for most of East Asia, West Asia, Latin America and to some extent the Europe too, it would make India a side beneficiary of increased attention.

Speaking globally, US's close relations with Russia and the cordial alliance is very likely to suit India since we can then maintain terms with both. Also a US-Russia détente would by default mean decreasing Russia's dependence on Beijing and any policy that confronts China's expansion can never be unpropitious for India.

CONCLUSION

The good that came from it was that the technology giants Apple, Google and Microsoft all banded together against these atrocities launched in the name of policies. The young generation, as we know is hugely influenced by these leading companies and follow in their footsteps majorly, so when these giants condemned Trump's policies of immigration bans arguing that they inflict significant harm on the American Business and 200 companies listed in the Fortune 500 companies claimed that they represent a significant departure from the principles of fairness and predictability that have governed the immigration system of the United States for more than 50 years now, it instilled a sense of wrong and right in not just the average American population but created a buzz across the world letting people understand the gravity of this. It came as a relief that we still have people who would take a stand in the face of utmost inhuman and illogical behaviour from people we least expect it from.

Relatively it not just affects the United States of America to have a president like that but reflects the poor condition of the state of affairs of the whole world and what humanity has stooped down to. So we stand here feeling only too wretched .To wrap

this up I would just like to say Sorry ISIS, you lost the title of being the number one enemy of USA.

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