



THE CONTRIBUTION OF ATAL BIHARI VAJAPAYEE IN NATIONAL BUILDING: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

This research made an attempt to know the Life history and the contribution by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Nation Building. Vajpayee was served several years for India, for that as a honor in the year 2018, Naya Raipur was renamed as Atal Nagar, four Himalayan peaks near Gangotri was renamed and Ekana International Cricket Stadium in Lucknow has renamed as Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium by Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. In his tenure, he contributed several unbeatable works to India for her development.

KEYWORDS: Life, Contribution, Atalji, National Building.

INTRODUCTION

India has several charismatic leaders after Independence. Atal Bihari Vajpayee is peeks among them. Atalji was born on 25th December, 1924 in Gwalior, at Shinde Cantt, one of village in Madhya Pradesh, as a son of Shri Krishan Behari Bajpayee and Smt. Krishna Devi. His father was school teacher. Pandit Shyam Lal Vajpayee was his grandfather. Now, his birthday is celebrating as "Good Governance day.

Atalji had completed his schooling at Saraswati Shishu Mandir, and graduated from Victoria College in Gwalior. Now, this is popularly known as Laxmi Bai College. He did his M.A. in political science from D. A. V., College in Kanpur. Further he joined RSS in 1947 as a full time worker. Vajpayee was a gifted speaker in Hindi.

Vajpayee joined the Rastriya Swamsevak Sangha (RSS) in 1947 and become a strong candidate in the BJP. He was the first non-Congress prime minister and completed a full term in office. In the year 1957 Vajpayee was first time elected to Lok Sabha from Balrampur in Uttar Pradesh.

Later, he travelled across the length and breadth of India to spread the BJP and which was led the BJP to become a strong party in India and national polity in a number of states. It was his great determination and struggle of Atalji, the BJP was built brick by brick.

Atalji Vajpayee got several awards in his life time such as, Padma Vibhushan (1992), D.Lit from Kanapur University (1993), Lokmanya Tilak Award (1994), Outstanding Parliamentarian Award (1994), Bharat Ratna Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant Award (1994), Bharat Ratna (2015), and Bangladesh Liberation War award (2015). Further he has written several Prose and Poetry.

CONTRIBUTION:

- Atalji being a bachelor in his life time had contributed several things to India. As a Prime Minister of India, he had done many unforgettable things to India. In his contribution some of them are illustrated here.

- The first major thing has contributed that five underground nuclear tests were conducted at 'Pokhran' in Rajasthan desert. With this India has shown the capability in sciences and technology field and defense.
- In the time of 1998-99 he took a major historic decision, to maintain peace between the India and Pakistan, Delhi-Lahore bus service was inaugurated in February 1999. He contributed lot to resolve the conflict between India and Pakistan regarding Kashmir dispute.
- Atalji took a major leadership in 1999 regarding the Kargil war. 'Operation Vijay' had inaugurated on May 26th, 1999. With the sacrifice of 500 Indian soldiers, war was won by India while pushing back of Pakistani Military.
- He had resolved one of the national crises with Jaswant Singh, which was emerged on December 1999, i.e. hijack of flight 'Indian Airlines IC 814' by five terrorists, which was flying Kathmandu to New Delhi. It was the biggest challenge to him. He exchanged the terrorists like Masood Azhar those were in the prison, to save several Indian lives.
- In the year 2000 had achieved a significant milestone to build a great relationship between India and USA. Signing with Bill Clinton, to achieve bilateral, regional and International developments. It has created greater ties between the countries to develop in trade and commerce and economics. In the same time Indo-US relations was signed for future development.
- Atalji was ordered Indian troops to get ready for war, because of Indian Parliament attack by Pakistani nationals in December 2001. Terrorists were killed many guards at parliament.
- Vajapayee administered the vital act i.e. Prevention of Terrorism Act 2002. It has become a milestone to investigate the suspects by the Indian government authorities by strengthening their power.
- He not only maintained the international peace bur also maintained the peace within the country. He solved peacefully the Ayodya and Ram mandir dispute by handover of the symbolic stone at different places, i.e. one km away from place of dispute.
- He made an economic reform between 2003 and 2007. GDP was increased seven percent each year. Foreign investments were raised. Modernization of infrastructure of public and industry, increased the employment opportunities, rapid growth in IT and BT, and improved the nation's image throughout the globe. Crop harvesting and industrial development created an economical condition of the country. In the same period tax system was reformed and many reforms were made such as business initiatives, irrigation, housing, etc, to help the middle class young generation those wanted to take initiatives expansion and development of economical condition of the country.
- As a leader in the party had introduced economical and infrastructural reforms country wise. He tremendously encouraged to private entities, FDI's, research and development, privatization, and govt. corporations.
- Among the Atalji's contribution to India National Highways Development project, Pradhanmantri Gram Sadak Yojana, and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana were major ones, where took in the year of 2001. Today, we rightly remember a great contribution i.e. the Golden Quadrilateral connections of the four main metros in India such as Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai, which is popularly known as 'Vajpayee's baby'.
- Mobile revolutions made by the Vajapayee Government in 1990's.
- A repo rate was decreased 5to6 percent from 10to 11 percent in the year 1990.
- Privatized many companies in 2002 such as Bharat Aluminum (Sterlite group), Indian Petrochemicals Corporation (Reliance Industries), VSNL (Tata) and some properties of ITDC. ([Raghuvir Srinivasan](#), 2018)

CONCLUSION:

Atal Bihari Vajpayee negotiated political and ideological landmines quite wisely and ultimately emerged as "the right man at the right time". He is the great person India had in her post-independence. He tried many things to maintain peace throughout the world. His contribution made to India is great remembering forever. 'Atal Bihari Amar Rahe'

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