NATIONALIST CONGRESS PARTY

NATIONAL CONCLAVE

13-14 MARCH 2010
KARLA, MAHARASHTRA

The National Conclave of the NATIONALIST CONGRESS PARTY was held at Karla on 13th and 14th March 2010, where after due discussion, deliberation and debate, the following was adopted as the **KARLA DECLARATION**.

ORGANISATION

The National Conclave recognized the need of the party to consolidate in its areas of influence and to rapidly increase its presence in all parts of India by strengthening the organization and enhancing the interconnect amongst the leaders, workers and the masses. So that the NCP should become the chosen political vehicle of the people for social and economic transformation of India.

GREEN INDIA

Climate Change challenges the very existence of all living beings. The Nationalist Congress Party observed 12th December 2009 as a day to kick start a major awareness drive on Climate Change. Floods, Famines, torrential rains, storms, rising sea level, melting Himalayas, increasing cases of vector disease, adverse effects on crops and vegetation, resulting in shortage of grain and rise in prices have become a matter of great concern.

The Nationalist Congress Party therefore recognizes that

- ✓ sustainable development is not merely a slogan but a strategy that is imperative and has to be addressed at all levels
- ✓ there is urgent need to address the issue through policy, enactment, programs and action at the government and organizational level
- ✓ there is a need to take up measures for mitigation and adaptation and to further create awareness amongst and educate the citizens about lifestyles changes
- ✓ there is need to reduce the Carbon Footprint at individual and governmental level and to promote and encourage green technologies and practices.
- ✓ Plantation of trees is important not only to provide oxygen but to sequester carbon. Every NCP member to plant at least TWO trees in a year and encourage others to do so too.

CLEAN INDIA

Health of an individual depends on the surroundings and the habitat he/she lives in. Drinking water and sanitation facilities are prime concerns apart from the unhygienic conditions created by disposal of waste.

The Nationalist Congress Party therefore recognizes that

- ✓ Infrastructure development has to be drastically improved both in the rural and urban set ups for the equitable distribution of water
- ✓ Infrastructure development to be taken up with right earnest to treat the sewage and other pollution both in rural and urban areas
- ✓ Peoples participation has to be encouraged through inclusive and participatory approach
- ✓ Awareness will have to be created to make people realize that contaminated water and poor sanitation facilities ultimately affect the health of one and all in the community
- ✓ Awareness to be created on the 3 R's (reduce, reuse and recycle) to handle waste scientifically and to organize programs such as "Gram Swachata' or 'Ward Swachata'/ 'Shahar swachata'

EMPOWERED INDIA

The shift in paradigm for efficient good governance necessarily ensures that people participate actively in the governance process. People have strong instruments to participate actively in the governance process –

- ✓ The 74th Amendment to the Constitution of India,
- ✓ the local laws enacted thereafter - 'Gram sabha' in the rural areas, 'ward meetings/area sabhas in the cities,
- ✓ JnNURM ensures that the people/ citizens play an important role in determining priorities of works
- ✓ the CDP (City Development Plan) through People's dialogue and enablement to demand Budgetery provisions for local infrastructural works, so also the set up of
- ✓ self-help groups (SHG) and the
- ✓ neighbourhood groups(NHG) in the settlements for the poor in the urban areas exibit that there will have to be increased participation of people at the grass root level

The Nationalist Congress Party recognizes that

- ✓ Dialogue will have to be encouraged/ established between the citizens and the organization and that the NCP party worker will try to be the catalyst for the same
- ✓ Exercise to build capacity of citizens including particularly that of the women, poor, marginalized and the vulnerable should be taken up

- ✓ Special emphasis will have to be given to Youth , senior citizens, differently abled and the women

TECHNOLOGY TO VILLAGES

The rays of development must reach the grassroots in the rural India – with particular emphasis on education, technology and employment.

It is extremely pertinent to study the "Baramati Model", which was greatly admired by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan singh, by citing it as an example to be adopted for the transformation of India and to be replicated.

Architectured by our esteemed Party President Mr. Sharad Pawar, the model entails the integration of Education with state of art infrastructure, Mobile Computer labs for the poor staying in remote villages, Agriculture and allied activities, Agri based industry, Technology and science, Bio technology, Export, Industry with high Employment potential, Mechanised and modernisd infrastructure, training Institutes and above all 'Gram Swachata' with people's participation.

The Nationalist Congress Party recognizes that

- ✓ Education with special emphasis on vocational education is prime for the upliftment of all
- ✓ Youth and women should be encouraged to get self employed and to further generate jobs
- ✓ Special emphasis to be provided to the poor, marginalized, tribals, people below poverty line, handicapped and women
- ✓ Technology to be used to benefit people staying in the villages and remote places of India
- ✓ Models on the lines of Baramati to be developed
- ✓ Efforts need to be made to disseminate information on all the various schemes initiated by the governments – local, state or national
- ✓ The Nationalist Congress Party also commits itself to the establishment of a
  NCP'S NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
  Where the party will endeavor to provide training to all its members and to all others who would be interested in becoming better, responsible and empowered citizens of tomorrow

The Karla National Conclave adopt the following programme for action, consolidation and expansion of NCP :

"Shiksha, Swasthya, Anna Suraksha and Rojgaar – Har Ek Naagrik Ka Adhikaar"
(Education, Health, Food Security and Employment – Right of Every Citizen)