

TRAMPLING THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE BECAME THE NORM OF INDIAN DEMOCRACY

Our people are supposed to be living in a democratic country. So it is natural and just for them to expect that these democratic rights can be availed and expanded as time goes by. But our rules and ruling-classes to which ever political party they may belong are thinking other-wise. They are not content with the powers already they have and are seeking to enlarge these powers to strangle their opponents, individuals dissenting with their political ideologies and suppress the general mass of the democrats and toiling people. They are acquiring more and more autocratic powers day by day in the name of democratic rule.

In the history, the Indians have protested and agitated against the laws enacted by the British Colonial rulers to trample the fundamental and democratic rights of the people. But the rulers and ruling-classes of our independent 'democratic' India who had stepped into the shoes of colonial rules have chosen to erase the history and tradition of our people by enacting more draconian laws to trample and do away with whatever the democratic rights are promised to the people in laws.

Not satisfied with the already existing draconian laws like Unlawful Activities(prevention)Act (UPA), Preventive Detention Act, National security act, The public security act, etc which gave abundant powers to the state they are arming with more powers to stifle and strangle any individual that dissents or opposes them and their anti-people, anti-national policies.

It is the irony that the leaders in power like the Prime Minister Modi and law minister Ravishankar Prasad who claim to have entered politics fighting against the excesses of emergency are showing more and more enthusiasm to trample the democratic rights of people by acquiring tyrannical powers. The B.J.P government in U.P. is not satisfied with persecuting the most vulnerable sections of the society such as Dalits, minorities and other marginalized sections of the society. In the name of ensuring law and order, the Adityanath government of U.P. has set up a police force, calling it U.P. Special Security Force which can "without the prior permission of any magistrate and without any warrant, arrest any person". The U.P. government classifies that these provisions are similar to the ones that govern the functions of Central Industrial Security Force. Thus the U.P. state government has armed itself with another draconian law that nullifies the fundamental rights of the people and their protection guaranteed by the Constitution.

As usual the other state governments in the rule of B.J.P. too will walk in the footsteps of U.P. and set up their own police forces to pounce on their opponents and dissenters and the people of vulnerable sections in the society.

Thus it became a norm in our 'modern democracy' to trample democratic rights and practice tyranny in the name of the democracy itself.

It is time for the people of our country to wake up and keep this perennial danger away; by fighting to protect their democratic rights!

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