

BJManch Presentation

Namaskar my dear friends and welcome to Bhartiya Jantantra Manch or BJManch- the first venture ever - in the world - to promote DEMOCRACY on the INTERNET. I have always believed very strongly that India is an IT superpower and we have amongst the best software developers in the world if not THE best. Given that fact, It has always been in my mind - why don't we spread Democracy further in the 21st century, by unleashing the power of the Internet?. I mentioned Democracy, because this is an institution that we have cherished since time immemorial - because in ancient India, across all the kingdoms of bharatvarsha, the unique socio-political system of governance at the grassroot levels, was gram panchayats that has prevailed till today.

After deep pondering over the idea of using the Internet to promote Democracy, I decided to give it a go and after the back breaking effort of more than two years I have launched my Portal BJMANCH, that I am going to introduce now as I scroll through the slides.

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The **mission statement** first:

Let me read it out:

The mission of Bhartiya Jantantra Manch is to facilitate and help all Indians to be peaceful, happy, healthy, creative, prosperous and responsible for our land - that we call 'Bharatvarsh' - by reconnecting to the wisdom of our heritage - and by using Information Technology as the enabler for our bright future.

We know very well that India is a major IT power of the world, so why must not India take the lead to make use of the Internet in spreading democracy?

I am certain that using the Internet to spread Democracy will give rise to Nav Bharat or if I may say the revival of Ram Rajya.

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What is bjmanch?

Bhartiya Jantantra Manch, is a world's first ever, apolitical, Internet Portal to revolutionize Democracy for the new era - effectively making the role of traditional political parties reduced to large extent in this era of Information Technology.

The Manch is of the people, for the people and by the people - that will be available 24X7 and people will nominate and choose the meritious candidates for the parliamentary and state assembly elections, who in turn will choose the Prime Minister and Chief Ministers, as per the provisions of our Constitution.

The founders of the Manch do not seek any position per se and would be dedicated in supporting the Technology Infrastructure of the Manch thereby propagating IT based Democracy.

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Now, I need to make you aware of **three vital aspects** of this Manch.

These vital aspects are -

One, Explanation, why did I launch this Manch?

Two, What exactly is this Manch?

And Three, How does it work?

So let's touch upon these aspects one by one -

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Why did I launch it?

One simple answer to that is - disappointment by the political system at large that has its roots in the colonial era - and has a natural tendency to mainly live in the past and makes very little to nill effort to direct the citizens towards their prosperous future.

I truly believe that Democracy is the best possible institution to move the world forward and serve humanity. - But ...<pause>

As far as the political parties are concerned, I am not sure that relying on the political parties will give us the innovative Democracy that we really need now. Thus, the aim of the Bhartiya Jantantra Manch is to put the citizens of India to drive the nation forward - and we will let the governments provide us the necessary legal and institutional support. For example a highly

disciplined and trained police force in the country and equally highly efficient tax collection and expenditure system both at the center and the state levels is only possible with the awakening of consciousness of the masses..

Legendary president of USA, Abraham Lincoln has once stated - "democracy is of the people, by the people and for the people"

To me it implies . . <pause> . . . we need to get used to it like we are used to breathing!.

And, my friends, Bhartiya Jantantra Manch by using Information Technology as the tool as well as a guiding light. will strive for new and innovative ideas to redefine democracy that will be emulated by other nations in times to come.

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Though the policies will be effectively drafted by the netizens of India but for the implementation purposes - let us resolve to choose the most qualified person for the position that is of matter to national interest.

With debates and pooling of ideas on this Manch, I am sure we will achieve that objective

Let top notch economists help us define and monitor the implementation of our economic policies.

Similarly, let most dedicated ex-service men and peace activists help us in designing our 'defense and peace' strategies and policies together . . <pause> . . . I repeat both defense **AND** peace together because they need to go hand in hand to prove that Bharat is indeed a peace loving country and yet much capable of defending itself from external or internal threats.

Let most dedicated social activists also give a strong foundation to our society . . <pause> . . . and lead us to a pleasant and harmonious living . . <pause> . . . not only amongst the people, but also with nature as well! . . <pause> . . . in all villages, towns and cities across the length and breadth of our nation.

Let us embark on a journey for a new and prosperous Bharat for all . . <pause> . . . for every woman, every child and every man. Let us all be humans and let humanity alone be our faith and religion going forward and let finally bury all the negative social institutions that our forefathers used to define and split themselves - Let all the netizens dump the absurd institutions based on region, religion, caste and color.

Let us work for India where no one is left behind . . .<pause> . . . and every human being is capable of identifying her or his purpose of life . . .<pause> . . . and know how to avail the facilities provided by the state with full capability of achieving that purpose.

Hence, effectively contributing towards making a glorious nation well capable of making its own future . . .<pause> . . . with pride!.

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Do I need to drop my Political affiliation?

Now before I move on to the next aspect . . .<pause> . . . Let me answer an important question that my close friends always ask me.

The question is . . .<pause> . . .”If a person joins the Manch, does it imply that the person has to **drop the affiliation** that she or he has with a certain political party or a candidate?”

My answer No! There is no need to do that at all!.

The reason I say that is because we want everyone to make a smooth transition towards IT based democracy . . .<pause> . . . and strengthen our existing political and administrative institutions using the technology solutions such as BJManch that the citizens utilize that we all brainstorm and agree upon from time to time. Do we need to dismantle our political system? No, not at all. In fact I envision making it a lot more efficient so that young and intellectual people from all walks of lives can drive our country forward.

IF, you are a loyal member of any political party or have a loyal affiliation with any candidate for valid reasons . . .<pause> . . . i.e. for the betterment of this nation, I would say . . .<pause> . . . please stick to this loyalty, . . .<pause> . . . AND you may still register on BjManch and participate in rational debates.

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What exactly is BjManch?

So far we have been practicing democracy through the ballot boxes only . . .<pause> . . . where we just drop our votes and assume ‘job is done till next elections’ effectively losing our direct control over the democratic process. that otherwise should be a continuous one. . . .

When we cast our vote, there are always valid reasons for which we opt to vote for a certain political party or a candidate.. . . . In spite of that you must have noticed, that every time we

vote, we get disappointed at large by the government that comes to so-called “power”and our so-called leaders start to pursue nothing but their own agendasonly to be opposed by the opposition political parties, resulting in nothing constructive but a toxic, chaotic and suffocating political and social environment! But, could democracy work like that? No, not according to me!

The purpose of Bhartiya Jantantra Manch is to **empower** the citizens of India by providing them an online platform to discuss their **concerns, views and thoughts** and help them make **mature, well informed and well discussed** political opinions with intelligent reasoning and **not** emotional debates that we currently engage in and that usually make no sense.

Also, BjManch will enhance our political system by bringing two major changes. . . .One, It does not have any agenda of its own to propagate except to steer this nation towards the prosperity of all its citizens. . . .cleaning of our environment and restoration of our nature.

Second, it is a Manch that will be available to the members, all the time effectively enabling democracy 24 hours a day and 7 days a week - just like our social networking websites are these days!

It is just a neutral platform to give shape and positive outcomes to the valid, reasonable and progressive desires and expectations of democracy and I will say again for all the voters of Bharat, without any exception **AND** with an intention to move our country forward.

And these are the reasons that we have kept the minimum age of 16 years for all the citizens of India to join the Manch. . . . when the voting age is actually 18 years. . . .Let the young citizens take training and learn to reason on key areas for a couple of years. . . .before they cast their first precious vote.

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How will it work?

The Manch has three different yet highly effective streams that I think are essential for the spread of “IT based democracy”.

These are online Forums and online Surveys and Blogs.

As such there is nothing new in these concepts. . . .but here on BJManch we will make use of these tools for discussing the issues that our country faces at time to time. . . .unite all of us so that eventually, all of us can work together for the betterment of Bharat and our people.

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Forums

In a Forum, which every member of the Manch can start. . . . we can highlight the issues that are important for our nation and need resolution.

There are Forum Categories under which a member may start a new Forum. . . . If there is no appropriate Sub Category, the member may select the “OTHER” option. . . .Still, should a member feel that yet another Category is required altogether, then the member may send an email to the Manch administrator at contact@bjmanch.in**OR** propose the suggestion on Category and its subcategories in the Contact Us form.

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Forums cont.

We all know that a Forum only has a meaning if and only if everyone can participate in discussion and suggest her or his own ideas for the constructive resolution of the issue being addressed.

Hence, there is an obvious feature here where every member of the Manch will be able to post her or his comments again complying with the Terms and Conditions of this Manch.

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Surveys

Surveys, on the other hand, are an effective voting tool on any issue. . . . that we bring to the Manch either directly or after having properly discussed it in a Forum.

Just like a Forum. . . .every registered member of the Manch can start a new Survey and each registered member will get an opportunity to cast a vote on each Survey.

Survey Categories and Subcategories are the same as the Forum Categories and Subcategories and they work in exactly the same manner.

Clearly, should a member propose a new category or subcategory, they will be applied across both the streams.

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Surveys cont.

The Surveys will also be the best and most transparent tool of IT based democracy and to determine the best course of action on any issueas Manch will automatically publish the live voting results to be updated with every single vote posted online.

This way the forums and surveys will become our tools to promote the future via truth and reason and not via the manipulative tactics of the political parties - even in the 21st century - where the absurd hidden agendas that are based on religion, region and caste are kept under the garbs but when facing the public, the votes are sought in the name of progress and development.

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Blogs

Last but not the least are the Blogs that make the third prong of the trident. The Blogs unlike Forums and Surveys are not restrained by specific categories or sub-categories. Instead they aid free flowing thoughts of an individual that will be accessible to all other members of the Portal and not to mention, every other member would be able to express their thoughts on the blogs. But these comments would not comprise discussion mode unlike the Forums but means to provide constructive feedback to the blog author.

Another aspect worth noting is that the Blogs will be published by the Admin team as well from time to time, whereas the Admin Team will not start any Forum or a Survey. In fact, the Portal has been launched with the following Blogs by the Admin Team

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Blogs cont.

“Indian Economy - Post Corona scenario”, where the author has commented on unique initiatives to make the whole of India stand back on its feet once again.

“Future Growth Model”, where the author has shared some views on the new development indices on top of GDP based ones that we have today.

“National Money Supply” - A unique way of managing the money supply in the economy that would be “credit based” alongside the current “debt based” money supply. There are few thoughts that the author has pooled and has published as thoughts worth serious attention.

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Report Abuse

Before I conclude my talk. . . .I would like to touch upon the Report Abuse facility that is available to every member of the Manch.

Here are the salient features of this facility:

Reporting of abuse is central to the functioning of the Manch to achieve its objectives of peaceful and progressive democracy.

We want a decorum where the issues could be debated **logically**. . . . **rationaly**and in a **completely civil** manner.

That's why the Principle of using this site is - **Treat others the way you expected to be treated.**

This is the motto of our website and the essence of all discussions and comments. . . .Please be polite and reasonable in your opinions and comments you post because I am sure that's what you would expect from other members when they post their views on your Forum or Survey.

If you have felt abused, do not abuse the other person in returnInstead use the 'Report Abuse' option giving details of the text you found abusive. . . .Should there be violations of the Terms and Conditions our administrators will look into complaints

Andin severe cases where a member is insulted on the basis of caste, religion, region or color, their profile to the portal will be blocked and even legal action could be taken.

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Conclusion

For further information, please read the following sections “About Us”. Our T&Cs.and “FAQs” and for the inspiration behind the Logo of Bhartiya Jantantra Manch.please refer to the section “About Logo”.

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Jai glorious and green Bharat!