

## GUJARAT 2002

Recently like late march and early April 2002, we were in Gujarat when recent disturbances occurred. We had few observations of our own and will like to share with every body and any body who wants to listen. Here we would like to dwell in root cause of problem, baring talking about any one or two incidents in particular.

- ?? The mind set which creates the problem cannot resolve it as well. Like people those are interested in creating trouble also cannot love peace.
- ?? With out taking side to say every body is scared will be under statement.
- ?? Once you break the law certainly you cannot expect same law to come to your rescue when you want.
- ?? The place you call your home, now and forever, then you should not be guided by outsider's advice to conduct your own safety.
- ?? To say police is helping one or other party is baseless, and police cannot reach everywhere or to be there always when you need, as police to population ratio is very low in India 1:2000. Even now we have seen many places police is guarding the properties of victims .
- ?? It is easy to blame one or other party or Government but it cannot solve the problem by blaming game.
- ?? Economics plays a vital role in the events, which is bad shape throughout Gujarat. Manufacturing sector is hard hit, hence daily wage earners belong mainly of minority looking for other source and here foreign money can plays a big role. Certainly it did create havoc in Gujarat in recent riots. Where Gujarat Government had to seize all the foreign funds coming in the name of Madarsaa.
- ?? Most of Muslims were saved by their own neighbors Hindu, or vice versa. But miscreants came from other cities or countries were not welcomed or even saved, and these people really don't care for their life any way because they are on mission of Jihad. In order to save a race they don't care for the peace of local area.
- ?? If your intentions are to harbor Gundas, just because he/she is belongs to your race and not let them handled by police, then this will amount to obstructing justice system, then you can't ask for justice when you get burnt of mob carnage.
- ?? Wherever the home shops are burnt it is bad, but worst is trust is broken and hence insecurity creeps in which can't be repaired like homes or shops. It can only be repaired by open dialogue.
- ?? People are moving from their original place of living to some place where their own race people are living and creating pockets and feel secure. In time to come these bigger pockets will become cancer of society. This is the reason there are some places where there is more trouble than other places. This has created another problem for those Hindu wants to save their neighbor, cannot take extra burden now and trouble at later time. Some places Ladies of community had been demonstrating against such concentration of Muslim population in their backyard.
- ?? There is enough help available to Non Governmental Organizations (NGO) who are doing yeoman's job in helping the special camps setup for victims, mind you these are Hindus as well Christians. But these NGO's cannot bring mental peace it had to come from within the community, which can only bring peace and prosperity in clash torn Gujarat.
- ?? Never stop talking to neighbor, keep the line of communication open, express your differences and resolve it your selves' outsiders can help but you have to live together.
- ?? Thousand of eating establishments bearing Hindu name but run by Muslims were burnt down, which is big loss to society. The vow of Hindu not to give patronage will be big loss to Muslims.
- ?? In the end good news travel with the speed of turtle and bad new with the speed of thunder and specially we like to talk bad news more than good news for fear of bad Owen. You will get what you are looking for and earful.
- ?? The contributions made by various Dharm Gurus to keep peace in Jamnagar should be appreciated.
- ?? The good news is 95% of Gujarat is peaceful, and someone rightfully said that some people couldn't live peacefully with any body and anywhere.

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