### Manch Presentation

Namaskar and welcome to Bhartiya Jantantra Manch or BJManch- the first venture ever in the world - to promote DEMOCRACY - on the INTERNET!

Here is a short introduction to this Manch.

# What is www.bjmanch.in?

Bhartiya Jantantra Manch, is a world's first ever political party to revolutionize Democracy for the new era - effectively making the traditional political parties redundant in this era of Information Technology and with an aim to revive our lost environment, nature and need to care for ALL of our population!

The Manch is of the people, for the people and by the people - available 24x7 and people will nominate and choose the candidates for the parliamentary and state assembly elections, on the basis of Merit, who in turn will choose the Prime Minister and Chief Ministers.

The founders of the Manch would never seek any position per se and would be dedicated in supporting the Technology Infrastructure of the Manch.

### Mission Statement

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.

If we say India is a major IT power of the world, then why must not India take the lead to make use of the Internet in spreading democracy?

We. the Admin Team, are certain that using the Internet to spread Democracy will give rise to Nav Bharat or Bharat - of our dreams.

## **Three Vital Aspects**

These vital aspects are :-

One, Why did we launch this Manch?

Two, What exactly is this Manch?

And Three, How does it work?

## Why did we 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 live in the past rather than the future.

We truly believe that Democracy is the best possible institution to move the world forward and serve humanity. But, as far as the political parties are concerned, we are not sure the institution of progressive Democracy necessarily needs them at all!

Democracy implies, it must be a part of the people's lives all the time, and we need to get used to it like we are used to breathing. Because we know that democracy is of the people, by the people and for the people - and - if we may say - for every moment of our lives!.

To our mind, the political parties are not enablers of democracy any more in the era of technology, rather they are becoming stumbling blocks to it.

And friends, Bhartiya Jantantra Manch will strive to find alternate solutions that we believe lie in Internet based Democracy, making Democracy accessible at every moment of our lives.

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, we can be sure we will achieve that objective.

Let top notch economists define and monitor our economic policies.

Let most dedicated ex-service men and women define our 'defence and peace' strategies and policies together - to repeat both defense **AND** peace together because they need to go hand in hand to prove that Bharat is indeed a peace loving country.

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

Let's embark on a journey for a new and prosperous Bharat for all; for every woman, every child and every man.

Let us work for India where no soul is left behind and every human being is capable of identifying her or his purpose of life, and fully capable of achieving that purpose.

Hence, effectively contributing towards making a glorious nation well capable of making its own future - with pride!

### Q - Do I need to drop my Political affiliation?

Now before we move on to the next aspect, let's take a pause to address an important question that comes to the mind of almost every Indian.

The question is: "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?"

The answer is as follows:

No! You do not have to do that.

The reason for that answer is because we want everyone to make a smooth transition towards IT based democracy, and do not mean to give any sudden shock to the current system that a person is so used to.

If you are a loyal member of any political party or have a loyal affiliation with any candidate for valid reasons, i.e. for the betterment of this nation, we would say, please stick to this loyalty for now, AND you may still join this Manch.

To stress further; a person affiliated with any party or a candidate may continue to remain a member of this Manch **as well** and **forever**. This is obviously subject to the standard terms and conditions of the Manch, especially the section "Terms of Conduct".

# What exactly is this Manch?

Now coming back to the second aspect of the Manch

So far we have been practising democracy through the ballot boxes only, 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.

But, could democracy be as simple as that?

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 agendas; only to be opposed by the opposition political parties, resulting in nothing constructive, but a toxic, chaotic and suffocating political and social environment!

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 usually make no sense.

Also, this Manch is an alternative to the political parties but with two big differences. One, It does not have any agenda of its own to propagate except to steer this nation towards 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.

It is just a neutral platform to give shape and positive outcomes to the valid, reasonable and progressive desires and expectations of democracy; and to say it 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 the Manch has kept the minimum age of 16 years for all the citizens of India to become a member, 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.

#### How will it work?

The Manch has two different yet highly effective streams that are essential for the spread of "IT based democracy".

These are online Forums and online Surveys.

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

#### **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 and with an ultimate aim to pick the candidates who will represent BJManch for the members of the Parliament and the state assemblies, the feature that is not an 'integral' part of the Manch as yet and appears only as one of the Forum Category.

There are Forum Categories under which a member may start a new Forum on varied subjects/issues that are matter of importance for the Country or State(s). If there is no appropriate Sub Category, the member may select the "OTHER" option.

Still, should a member feel that yet another Category (along with Subcategory(ies)) is required altogether, then the member may send an email to the Manch administrator at <a href="mailto:admin@bjmanch.in">admin@bjmanch.in</a> OR propose the suggestion on Category and its subcategories in the <a href="mailto:Contact Us">Contact Us</a> form.

#### Forums cont.

We all know that a Forum only has a meaning if and only if everyone can participate in discussion, and suggests 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 subject to the Terms of Conduct section of the Terms and Conditions of this Manch.

## Surveys

Surveys, on the other hand, are an effective voting tool on any issue (including the Manch's candidates) that we bring to the Manch either directly or after having properly discussed on 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.

## 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 issue; as 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 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.

## Report Abuse

Before we conclude, it is important 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**, **rationally** and in a **completely civil** manner.

That's why the Principle of using this site is - <u>Treat others the way you expected to be</u> 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 surely 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 return. Instead, use the 'Report Abuse' option giving details of the text you found abusive. Should there be violations of the Terms and Conditions section titled "Terms of Conduct", our administrators will look into complaints.

Finally, in severe cases where a member is insulted on the basis of caste, religion, region or color, even legal action could be taken by the Manch.

### Conclusion

For further information, please read the following sections "About Us", "Terms and Conditions" and "FAQs".

For inspiration behind the Logo of Bhartiya Jantantra Manch, please refer to the section "About Logo".

Also, please do not forget to go through the Blog "Indian Economy - Post Corona scenario", where we have commented on unique initiatives that we can take to make the whole of India stand back on its feet once again.

Of course, with time, I shall aim to keep updating the Blog Posts.

Jai glorious and green Bharat!!

**BJManch.in Admin Team**