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The Humanist Party of India (HP) had the meeting of its National Council at Mumbai on 30th & 31st August 2008.

HP was formed on 10th December 1984, is a registered National Party. HP has been conducting a nation-wide survey through its members on the socio-political situation of India, inviting feedback on what people feel about their lives affected by the current state of politics and politicians and how they see their future security in this increasingly violent and corrupt environment.

Looking at the resulting situation where the political environment and politicians have deteriorated to the extent that :

- people have lost faith completely in the current politicians and the political system;
- people do not find a single politician who can be termed as a “true leader” in the sense of the great leaders that India has given to the world (like Vivekananda, Lokmanya Tilak, Vallabh Bhai Patel, Mahatma Gandhi, many others);
- people find that increasing corruption in all aspects of life is making life increasingly insecure and difficult for all;
- people find that violence and discriminations are increasing all the time, making life insecure;
- people find that politicians are not doing their promised work, resulting in increasing violence, discriminations, unemployment, depression, drug-addiction and crime.

the HP has decided to take charge of the Nation as quickly as possible.

For this to happen :

- HP has decided to launch the next phase of its activities across India on a massive scale, making millions of members spread across the country.
- From its current base of members working in 17 States and UTs at grass-root levels, HP will now target the growth of its grass-root structure across Nation-wide Parliamentary constituencies.
- HP has decided to field “Honest Humanists” as its candidates across the Nation and form the next Government that will build/achieve for the people :

→ Free & Compulsory Education of equitable quality to all from nursery stage to Class XII, as Fundamental right of all Citizens. Common school system as per 1966 Kothari Commission

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- recommendations;
- Free and quality Health-care facilities to all people. Establish AIIMS level of hospitals in all districts of the country within 5 years;
 - Equal opportunity, Inter-free-loans to small enterprise, encouragement of self-employment and co-operative small enterprise to overcome to unemployment issue;
 - Minimal basic Housing for all;
 - Excellent standard Public transport system for the whole country at affordable rates so that people can travel comfortably without personal vehicles;
 - Right to recall elected representatives. Participation of people to build Real Democracy;
 - 80% population that is below the poverty line, will be the top priority for the Government. They will be provided with all basic amenities/living-standards of life as the first priority of the Humanist Government;
 - No industry on Agriculture land;
 - No SEZ. Industry must pay its due taxes. SEZ will have to pay full taxes just like other industries;
 - Recovery of over 38,000 Crores of money from the industrial houses and no subsidy for the established top industries. They wish free-economy and open-market and hence they should survive only on their own strengths and not based on hidden subsidies from the tax-payers;
 - Complete environmental balance in all developmental activities;
 - No big dams. Building of small hydroelectric power stations that do not need to harm the environment;
 - No Nuclear arms. No to Nuclear agreement with USA. Growth of Unconventional resources of energy like Solar, Wind and research in FUSION technology to generate energy as the top priority in this sector. Detailed Humanist stand on Nuclear issue is available at: www.humanistparty.org/materials/nuclear_issue_stand_HP.pdf ;

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मानवतावादी राष्ट्र के नवनिर्माण को समर्पित

“मनुष्य से बढ़कर कुछ नहीं व एक मनुष्य अन्य से निम्नतर नहीं”

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- Comprehensive peace agreements with all neighbouring countries so as to create open borders. Agreements for progressive and complete disarmament of Nuclear as well as Conventional arms in the neighbourhood. Violence not to be the means of resolving any dispute;
- Creating concrete environment so that people engaged in Violent anti-Government activities like the “Naxalites” and others, can be brought to the mainstream of life and they can contribute their energy, positively for Nation-building. We understand their frustration with the current violent-corrupt system and request them to take the example of Communists of Nepal and we welcome them to renounce violence and join the Humanist platform.

The Humanist Party of India invites all citizens to join this selfless effort and build the platform in each neighbourhood, working for a Humanist Nation which can then grow to become the Universal Human Nation.

For The Humanist Party of India

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