

Manmohan Singh

India's prime minister is a strong advocate of economic reform

- Earned economics degree in Cambridge University, doctorate degree in economics in Oxford University
- Served as India's finance minister 1991-1996
- Former governor of Reserve Bank of India, chief economic adviser
- Became premier in 2004
- May 22, 2009 - sworn in for second term as premier after his Congress Party-led coalition won general elections



A reluctant politician at the helm for 2nd time

FROM PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Manmohan Singh, who was sworn in as Indian prime minister for a second successive term yesterday, had been a reluctant politician.

A well-known economist and a former governor of Reserve Bank of India, Singh, 76, became the first Sikh prime minister of the world's largest democracy when the Congress returned to power in general elections in May 2004 after being in the opposition for eight years.

Born in 1932 at Gah in Peshawar in what is now in Pakistan, a teenaged Singh and his family moved to the Sikh holy city of Amritsar when the Indian subcontinent was partitioned in 1947.

Son of a dry fruit seller, Singh studied very hard and had his education in India and England.

A strong votary of economic reforms, Singh, as finance minister from 1991 to 1996, introduced a major change in India's half-socialist economic policies by opening up the country's economy to the world, becoming the architect of the economic reforms.

With an impeccable reputation of being an upright man, soft-spoken Singh, during his first stint as

prime minister from May, 2004, to May 21, 2009, steered the national economy through a period of nine percent growth.

India's economic boom may have slowed down a little in the wake of the global financial crisis but growth is still pegged at six percent this year, which would make the country the second fastest economy after China.

The compulsions of coalition politics in his previous term, when his government was critically dependent on support of Left and regional parties for survival, had put a brake on Singh's efforts to push through crucial reforms in banking, retail and insurance sectors and privatisation.

However, Congress party's facile win in this year's election, the biggest since 1991, gives Singh a firm hand to move ahead decisively with measures to put India on a higher economic growth trajectory.

Singh took only a minor role in last concluded parliamentary elections after a heart bypass surgery as Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul, seen as the heir of the Nehru-Gandhi clan, spearheaded the party's electioneering across the country.

US examining sat images for evidence of Lankan war crimes

ANI, Washington

US military satellites secretly monitored Sri Lanka's conflict zone through the latter stages of the war against the Tamil Tigers and American officials are examining images for evidence of war crimes.

The images are of a higher resolution than any that are available commercially and could bolster the case for an international war crimes inquiry when the UN Human Rights Council holds a session on Sri Lanka next week, The Times reports.

The National Geo-spatial Intelligence Agency (NGA),

based in Bethesda, Maryland, which is part of the Department of Defence, is said to have undertaken this task.

Marshall Hudson, a spokesman for the NGA, told The Times that the agency had been monitoring the conflict zone and had provided images to the State Department, some of which were released to the media in April.

"It's a safe assumption that we didn't release everything that we have," he said.

He declined to give further details.

Sri Lanka declared victory in its 26-year civil war on Tuesday after killing or capturing the last of the Tigers.

DMK-Congress talks fail, Karunanidhi flies back to Chennai

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi/Chennai

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi left for Chennai Friday saying the DMK would give only outside support to the Congress-led government after talks on the distribution of ministerial berths failed, hours before the new government was to be sworn in at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"We will give outside support to the central government as the formula given by Congress has to be discussed at the party's executive council meeting," DMK chief Karunanidhi told reporters at Delhi airport before leaving.

Some of the action shifted to Chennai with DMK's executive council meeting scheduled in the city Friday. The

Congress is expected to send a senior party leader to Chennai for another attempt to resolve the deadlock.

However, the Congress continued to be a 'friend', said senior leader TR Bалу who left the national capital to reach Chennai early in the morning after talks between the two failed Thursday night.

"Congress is a friend and DMK MPs will attend the swearing-in ceremony of the Manmohan Singh government in Delhi Friday evening," he said at Chennai airport.

While the DMK appeared to have made up its mind, crisis managers within the Congress were making desperate efforts Friday morning to convince the DMK to join the Congress-led government.

Displaced face 'critical' conditions in camps

UN calls for Lankan reconciliation

AFP, AP, Geneva/Colombo

The United Nations said yesterday that conditions were extremely critical for more than 270,000 displaced Sri Lankans housed in camps in the northeast despite a slight easing in aid access.

"We are still extremely concerned about overcrowding in the camps and especially in Manik Farm camp," Elisabeth Byrs, a spokeswoman for UN humanitarian coordination office, told journalists.

A total of 272,000 people who fled fighting between Tamil Tiger rebels and government forces in recent weeks have

sought shelter in camps, including 251,000 in the huge Manik farm complex in Vavuniya, according to the UN office.

"The situation in this camp is improving slowly," Byrs told journalists.

"But conditions in these camps remain extremely critical, extremely difficult, which is why we are asking for total access."

OCHA said access to part of Manik Farm, where about 30,000 new arrivals were directed, had been eased allowing tents to be erected, food distribution and sanitation work.

But aid to the other three zones of the

huge camp complex remained suspended because of restrictions for aid vehicles.

Earlier a top UN official appealed to Sri Lanka yesterday to begin a process of national reconciliation following its war with the Tamil Tiger rebels, but also cautioned that investigations into war crimes allegations remained possible.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was travelling Friday to Sri Lanka to discuss the conditions of nearly 300,000 ethnic Tamil civilians displaced by the war and to urge the government to work to heal this nation's ethnic divisions in the wake of the conflict, said his chief of staff, Vijay Nambiar.

Nepal Maoists brace for last fight before quitting power

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Kathmandu

Nepal's former Maoist guerrilla party yesterday said they would run the race for a new prime minister, ending a three-week deadlock that had gripped the nation after the fall of their government and threatened to disrupt the birth of a new constitution.

Maoist Information and Communications Minister Krishna Bahadur Mahara told the media after consultations among top party leaders Friday that his party would put up a candidate in the election to choose a successor to caretaker Maoist premier Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda.



PHOTO: AFP

Nepalese caretaker Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, also known as 'Prachanda', arrives to address lawmakers in parliament in Kathmandu yesterday. Nepal is set to elect a new prime minister today after the Maoists allowed the resumption of parliament, ending weeks of political deadlock following the collapse of the Maoist administration.

NEWS ANALYSIS

BJP tamed by polls rout

AFP, New Delhi

India's Hindu nationalists, rejected at the ballot box, find themselves at an ideological crossroads, pulled one way by their right-wing base and another by centrist reformers keen for power.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) went into last month's marathon election expecting, at worst, to finish a close second to the ruling Congress party -- a position from which it might still have

built a governing coalition.

Instead it received a humiliating drubbing.

The BJP and its allies managed to win just 159 seats in the 543-member parliament, more than 100 less than the Congress-led alliance.

To make matters worse, the Congress-BJP individual seat tallies stood at 206-116. It was the Hindu nationalist party's worst performance in two decades and one that brought it to an "existential

crossroad," according to BJP leader Chandan Mitra.

Since then, the party's top brass has been in bunker mode amid calls for fresh thinking and a new leadership capable of winning over a multi-cultural, multi-religious India.

It was militant Hinduism that originally propelled the BJP to prominence, but analysts believe it is no longer a viable platform for government.



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- প্রার্থীকে আবেদনপত্রের সহিত শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্র, নবরপত্র, প্রথম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র, ইউপি চেয়ারম্যান/সৌরভা কমিশনার কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত জন্ম নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট, ন্যায়িক সনদপত্র, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, প্রকাশনার রিভিউর অনুমতি (প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) ও অভিজ্ঞতা সত্ত্বাহ সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি সংযোজন করিতে হইবে।
- প্রার্থীকে সম্প্রতি তোলা ২ কপি পাসপোর্ট আকারের ছবি সত্যায়িত করতঃ মূল আবেদনপত্রের সহিত সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে।
- খামের উপর অবশ্যই প্রার্থীর নাম ও পদের নাম উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে। চাকুরীর প্রার্থীর যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে।
- সরকারি নিয়ম অনুযায়ী জেলা কোর্ট/মুজিবোদ্ধা ও মুজিবোদ্ধা সনদপত্রের কোর্ট/মহিলা কোর্ট/উপ-জাতীয় কোর্ট/এটিম কোর্ট/প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বী কোর্ট প্রভৃতি অনুসরণ করা হইবে।
- প্রার্থী মুজিবোদ্ধা হইলে অথবা মুজিবোদ্ধাদের পোষা হইলে যথাযথ সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি সংযোজন করিতে হইবে।
- প্রার্থী সকল আবেদনপত্র প্রার্থীকে বাতাইয়ের পর কেবলমাত্র উপস্থিত প্রার্থীদের সাক্ষ্যকার/পরিচিত পরীক্ষার ডাকা হইবে। ইহার অন্য কোন অর্থ বা অবস্থান ভাড়া দেওয়া হইবে না।
- নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত ব্যক্তিকে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের আনুষ্ঠানিক কর্মকর্তা হিসাবে বাধ্যতামূলকভাবে ক্যাম্পাসে অবস্থান করিতে হইবে।
- অন্যসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। নির্দিষ্ট তারিখের পর প্রার্থী আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।
- এই বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও বয়স নির্দিষ্ট হইবে না।
- যাহারা ইতিপূর্বে এই পদে চাকুরীর জন্য আবেদন করিয়াছেন, তাহাদের পুনরায় আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নাই। তবে, তাহারা ইতিমধ্যে আরও যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা, পদোন্নতি, প্রকাশনা ইত্যাদি অর্জন করিয়া থাকিলে প্রয়োজনে উহা বিবেচনার জন্য দাখিল করিতে পারিবেন।
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