

New Tripura Chief Minister

Biplab Kumar Deb:

an eventful journey from RSS to the high pedestal of Chief Minister



Tripura's new and youngest ever chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb (48) has reached the pinnacle of his dream as the new chief minister of his home state, Tripura. The ritual of selecting him as the leader of the new BJP legislature party was completed this morning in the august presence of Union ministers Nitin Gadkari and Joel Oram. He will embark on his new journey as chief minister within a few days even though he already figures prominently in the minds of topmost BJP leaders as a future star in national politics-as articulated by union home minister Rajnath Singh during the recent poll campaign.

Born in Tripura's ancient town Udaipur, Biplab had his schooling there and was deeply influenced by the RSS ideology and the missionary work of a 'Pracharak'. As a youngster Biplab had made an abortive bid to join the RSS but failed to proceed much because of parental care. But, finally having had schooling, Biplab had left for Delhi with a

missionary zeal to work for RSS. He had no place to stay in and loitered around the RSS office before being picked up by prominent men of world's largest voluntary organization.

His grooming began under the benign and scholarly care of RSS stalwart K.N.Gobindacharya who initiated him into the world of history, economics and important administrative matters having a direct bearing on politics. Gobindacharya had recognized the fire of talent burning in the young Biplab. He had to interrupt his continuing scholarly pursuits to complete his graduation in Tripura University and to be close to his parents for a while. But the destiny guided him to elevated circle of 'Sangh' and BJP and during the rule of first NDA government under the inspiring leadership of Atal Behari Vajpayee, Biplab was attached to party MPs and ministers for helping them as well as for completing the process of his practical learning.

A fitness-obsessed man, Biplab was a regular visitor to a gym to keep up and increase his level of fitness and it was in this unlikely place that he met Niti Vidrohi, a beautiful young girl of high merit. It was love at first sight and they got married after Niti had joined the state bank of India as an officer though now she is the deputy manager in the parliament street branch of New Delhi. It was towards the end of 2015 that the RSS and BJP top brass had decided to depute Biplab to Tripura to fight and pick up Tripura for BJP. The rest is history : how Biplab, brilliantly mentored by 'Pravari' Sunil Deodhar , had catapulted BJP from below 2% votes in 2013 to 50% with 43 (BJP-35, IPFT-8) seats is now well known across the subcontinent . Biplab and Deodhar have brought about what may be termed as a silent revolution by winning a state, till recently considered a bastion of Marxists.



Biplab has truly brought about a 'Biplab' (revolution). His potential promised to materialize at the very beginning as Biplab started moving across the length and breadth of the state tirelessly and within a short while he gained in immense popularity that seemed to be outstripping even the chief minister Manik Sarkar's popularity. Biplab also set a record of sorts in his adherence to the traditional Indian values by offering a 'pranam' to the late CPI (M) stalwart Khagen Das, by paying floral tributes to the late fisheries minister Khagendra Jamatya and , finally, by seeking blessings of his predecessor Manik Sarkar by touching his feet. A true purveyor of refreshing change indeed!

