

Points made by Hon'ble Vice President at a Memorial Lecture in the memory of Former Prime Minister of India, late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee organized by Pragna Bharati August 29, 2018 at Hyderabad. (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan)

Sri Atalji is a crown jewel of Indian Politics.

He was a real 'Ajatha Shatruvu' one who has no enemies.

He was not only a great orator but a great leader. Man of few words used to make people spell bound

He was a leader with a fine blend of toughness and tenderness. He was a unique person, a rare blend of diverse talents, a complete man.

His parliamentary contributions, administrative acumen and oratory skills have left an indelible impact on millions of Indians.

He was India's most loved leader his graceful and endearing personality and being a true patriot and nationalist.

He practiced politics of principles and infused values into politics. He always took people along with him. What made Vajpayee ji endearing to all the countrymen was the way he related to different sections of society.

He strengthened old bridges and tried to build new ones to overcome the distances between different social groups.

Out of 65 years of his public life he spent about 56 years in Opposition and only about nine years in power.

He propagated, promoted an alternate political thought and succeeded in providing a real alternative to the ruling party.

He sowed seeds of coalition of inclusive politics.

He led a coalition of 23 parties and proved to be an able leader who provided a stable government.

All friends none enemy was his approach, we are rivals not enemies he used to say.

His government fell by one vote but refused to bargain to buy MP's

He tried to forge consensus on a range of electoral, economic and political reforms.

He was a path-finder who ushered in the connectivity revolution in the country and implemented far reaching reforms in Governance.

He strengthened India's economy and recognized the untapped potential in the country for fast tracking economy by unleashing the forces of growth.

Transformational changes he envisaged were truly remarkable. As someone wrote: Jawaharlal Nehru and Atal Bihari Vajpayee stewarded projects that defied the constraints of their times, and have become markers of India's modernity

- Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)
- Swarna Chaturbuja Yojana (The Golden Quadrilateral National Highway)
- Political reforms of limiting number of ministers to 15% of the strength of legislature

All this will go down in the pages of history of the country

Strengthened the national security and safety. He emerged as a leader who was steadfast in his resolve and could not be cowed down by any internal or external pressures

He enhanced our country's self esteem through nuclear program.

He had larger vision on the foreign policy. He made India count globally. He pursued multi alignment in multi polar world.

He initiated the system to have opposition members representing country in United Nations General Assembly (UGNA)

After Pokhran-II, he added Jai Vigyan to Former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri's call 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' to encourage research and development and emphasize scientific development.

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Atal Advani duo built BJP from the scratch

He has mesmerized and motivated millions of people like me to become followers of the Nationalist ideology.

We have to carry forward Sri Vajpayee's legacy which continues to inspire his followers and political opponents.

He was a unique person, a rare blend of diverse talents, a complete man. His qualities of Vyakthithva (personality), Vakruthva (oratory), karthruthva (devotion to duty), mithruthva (camaraderie) all combined in Nethruthva (leadership) will be remembered forever.

His path breaking footprints are undoubtedly a source of guidance and his thought-prints will be a source of tremendous inspiration for many generations to come.