

BHARAT SCHOOL OF BANKING

The Hindu Editorial for English Comprehension set-1

Uttarakhand's unique challenges demand a **concerted** effort by the new BJP government Heading into Assembly elections in Uttarakhand, the BharatiyaJanata Party had a clear **edge** after months of political **turmoil** in the State, that included a spell of President's Rule and the Supreme Court's **intervention**. Chief Minister Harish Rawat had sought to turn the elections into a **referendum** over the tribulations that his government was subjected to by both the BJP and its government at the Centre. At the same time, his government had struggled to **defend** itself against **allegations** of **graft**. In the event, the BJP managed to repeat its performance of the Lok Sabha election in 2014, when it won in all five parliamentary constituencies and led in 63 out of 70 Assembly segments. By winning 57 seats in the Assembly elections, the BJP has for the first time managed a **decisive** majority in a State that has traditionally returned close **verdicts**. By all indications, it **reaped** the benefit of anti-**incumbency** due to issues such as **migration** from the hills to the plains and out of Uttarakhand as well, lack of **adequate** employment opportunities **and infrastructure**, and persisting problems relating to the 2013 floods. In 2014, the BJP's **pitch** on "development" received **significant** support and it has now promised to focus on the issue. **Conversely**, the Congress's lament that it did not receive adequate Central support in both flood relief and reconstruction apart from developmental work in the State clearly found few takers among the voters, who simply chose the party in power at the Centre.

The Congress also made the mistake of limiting the election **campaign** to a personality contest centred on Mr. Rawat. Stung by the defection(மாறியதால்) of many leaders to the BJP, especially from the Garhwal region, and faced with **the formidable** challenge of overcoming the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the party came up short. The success of the BJP must also take into account the fact that 11 of its 57 MLAs are **defectors** from the Congress. By appointing Trivendra Singh Rawat as the Chief Minister instead of its hopeful former Chief Ministers, the BJP has sought to empower a loyal RSS hand who is close to party president Amit Shah and Mr. Modi. Despite the **overwhelming** majority for the party which should allow the new Chief Minister to concentrate on administrative tasks instead of constantly managing MLAs to **defend** narrow majorities in the House, he faces an **uphill battle**. Since the separation from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand saw high economic growth till around 2012-13, justifying the **bifurcation**. But the floods had a **devastating** impact on its economy, and the long-time decline of the **agrarian economy** in the hills and the consequent migration of people to the plains have deepened the challenges facing the State. It will take a concerted effort to overcome them.

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- **Mandate** - the authority of an elected government or official to do the things that they promised to do before an election
- **Renewal** - the process of starting something again after a pause
- **Concerted** - involving a lot of people or organizations working together in a determined way
- **Edge** - an advantage that makes someone or something more successful than other people or things
- **Turmoil** - a state of confusion, uncertainty, or disorder
- **Intervention** - the act or fact of becoming involved intentionally in a difficult situation
- **Referendum** - a vote in which all the people in a country or an area are asked to give their opinion about or decide an important political or social question
- **Tribulation** - a problem or difficulty
- **Defend** - to protect someone or something against attack or criticism; to speak in favour of someone or something
- **Allegation** - a statement, made without giving proof, that someone has done something wrong or illegal
- **Graft** - dishonest or illegal activities in politics or business that involve giving people money or advantages in exchange for their help or support
- **Constituency** - vote of the official areas of a country that elects someone to represent it in a parliament or legislature
- **Decisive** - a decisive victory or defeat is one in which the winner does much better than the loser(தீர்க்கமான)
- **Verdict** - an opinion or decision made after judging the facts that are given
- **Reap** - to get something as a result of something that you do
- **Incumbency** - the fact of having an official position (ஆட்சியில்)
- **Migration** - movement from one region to another and often back again
- **Plain** - a large area of flat land
- **Adequate** - enough or satisfactory for a particular purpose
- **Infrastructure** - the basic systems and services, such as transport and power supplies, that a country or organization uses in order to work effectively
- **Persisting** - continues to exist (விடாப்படியாயிரு)
- **Pitch** - the things that you say to convince someone to support you
- **Significant** - important or noticeable
- **Conversely** - used for introducing a sentence, or part of a sentence, which says something that is the opposite of the other part
- **Lament** - to express sadness and feeling sorry about something
- **Adequate** - enough or satisfactory for a particular purpose
- **Apart from** - except for someone or something
- **Campaign** - a planned group of especially political, business, or military activities that are intended to achieve a particular aim
- **Formidable** - causing you to have fear or respect for something or someone because that thing or person is large, powerful, or difficult(வல்லமைமிக்க)

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- **Take something into account** - to consider or remember something when judging a situation
- **Defector** - a person who leaves his or her own country or group to join an opposing one (வெளியேறியவர்)
- **Empower** - to give someone official authority or the freedom to do something
- **Loyal** - willing to support, work for, or be a friend to someone, even in difficult times (விசுவாசமான)
- **Overwhelming** - very great or very large
- **Despite**-இருந்தபோதிலும்
- **Uphill battle** - difficult to do or to achieve
- **Bifurcation** - the fact that something is divided into two parts or the act of dividing something into two parts
- **Devastating** - causing a lot of damage or destruction
- **Impact** - a powerful effect that something, especially something new, has on a situation or person
- **Decline** - to gradually become less, worse, or lower
- **Agrarian** - relating to the land, especially the use of land for farming
- **Consequent** - happening as a result of something (அதன் விளைவாக)
- **Concerted effort** - concerted effort or attempt is determined (தீவிர முயற்சி)

QUESTIONS BASED ON THE PARAGRAPH

1) who seeks to team the election to a vote in which all the people in the country over the problem ?

- a) bjp government heading into assembly elections
- b) bharyana janatha party
- c) cm of uttarkand
- d) supreme court
- e) none of these

2) what are the issues on the fact of havinf an official position?

- I. MOVEMENT FROM THE HILLS TO THE PLAINS
 - II. MIGRATION FROM THE PLAINS TO THE HILLS
 - III. CONTINUOUS TO EXIT THE PROBLEM RELATING TO THE FLOOD
- a) either i or ii
 - b) both i and iii
 - c) only ii
 - d) only iii
 - e) none of these

3) what is the main reason for the success of bjp?

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- I) ¼ OF THE MLA ARE DEFETE FROM THE CONGRESS
II) APPOINTING MANY LEADERS TO THE BJP
III) DUE TO THE HIGH POPULATION IN UTTARKAND
- A) ONLY I
B) ONLY II
C) I AND II
D) ONLY III
E)NONE OF THESE
- 4) the reason behind the seperation from the up and uttarkand?
a)the fact that something is divided into two parts
b) migration of people to the plains
c) both are true
d) none of these
- 5) what is the suitable title for this paragragh?
a) in uttarakhand, a mandate for renewal
b) election in uttarkhand
c) bjp's rulling power over uttarkhand
d) none of these

SYNONYMS

- 6) GRAFT
A) honest b) true c) damaged d) legal
- 7) INCUMBENCY
a)occupation b) appointment c) lazy d) waste

ANTONYMS

- 8) TURMOIL
a)confusion b) uncertainty c)order d) certainty
- 9)REAP
a)result b) c)reward d) benefits
) sow
- 10) OVERWHELMING
a)great b) large c) small d) top

ANSWERS:

- 1)C 2) B 3) A 4) A 5) A 6) C 7) A 8) D
9) B 10) C