

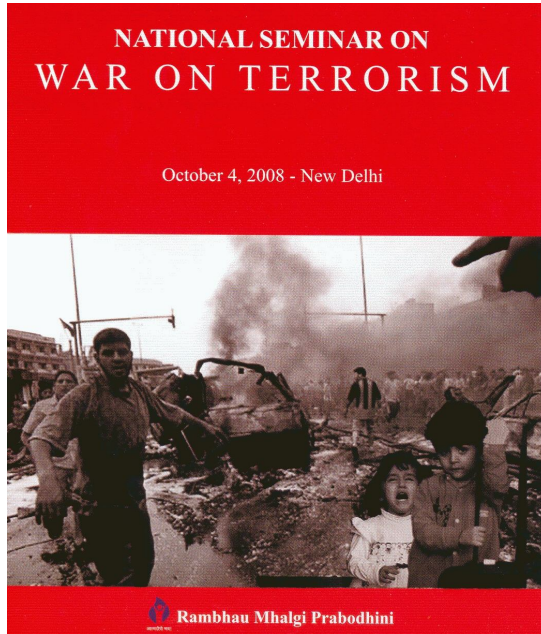


**रामभाऊ म्हाळगी प्रबोधिनी**  
**Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini**

organises  
**National Seminar on**

# **WAR ON TERRORISM**

**October 4, 2008, New Delhi**



*"The first step toward combating international terrorism is to identify the places from which it springs, and the latest State Department report properly points to South Asia as a new hub of activity. Pakistan and the rigidly Islamic Taliban movement that dominates Afghanistan are providing safe haven and support for the loose networks of individuals and groups that seem to be replacing states as the primary source of global terror. The terrorist problem in South Asia involves privately sponsored groups motivated less by political grievances than by religion and ideology, which are not amenable to negotiation." (The New York Times, May 3, 2001)*

The scourge of international terrorism, roiled with religious radicalism, is upon us and with a vengeance! Notwithstanding, this phenomena, which presents an existential threat to all democratic societies and civilization in general, has to be combated by a prescription, that dovetails punitive security measures and the virtues of an enlightened discourse, into a Policy-Compact.

As has been the standard operating procedure of the past, post the Bengaluru and Ahmedabad terror strikes, discussion about combating terrorism, has once again been relegated to the periphery, vide platitudes that do not go far enough. The inveterate issues, pertaining to a dearth of information gathering at the base, ham-handed cross exchange of information amongst security agencies and more importantly, the feckless analyses of data collected, remain on the roster and repeatedly come to the fore, as monumental lapses, which ought to be addressed. It must be borne in mind, that those who mastermind and perpetrate these heinous acts, do so, not out of any commitment to the Muslims of the country, instead to further ~ accentuate the cleavages between Hindus and Muslims and to heighten Muslim alienation from the Indian state. They see that as a useful step, in their larger agenda, of weakening and possibly, dismembering India.

At a time when the terrorists have sounded the bugle that, they can strike with impunity, at the place and time of their choosing; more often than not, the State machinery appears clueless on how to effectively tackle this issue.

A litany of questions await; with a majority of them waiting to be answered. How and why terrorist outfits in India and abroad are able to recruit young Muslims in India? Why so many well-educated youngsters are joining terrorist organizations? How and why our intelligence gathering is failing repeatedly? Why the existing anti-terror laws have not proved to be deterrent enough? Why most of the intelligentsia and democratic-liberal opinion makers are still wary of any tough action against terrorism? Why tough language against terrorism is considered hawkish and antiparticular communities? How a 'War on terrorism' could be waged with the involvement of all sections and communities? Why only politicians are reacting to policy issues concerning terrorism? Why civil society as also intellectuals, are apparently wary of participating in the public discourse on War on Terrorism?

In order to find answers to these nagging questions, a brainstorming event, has been planned, involving knowledgeable persons across the ideologies. It is on this background that a National Seminar on War on Terrorism is being organized under the aegis of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP), a Mumbai based Institute. Experts on issues like defense and internal security, experienced govt. officials, ex-civil servants, political analysts, journalists, activists associated with voluntary organizations as well as educationists and opinion leaders and above all family

members of the victims of terrorism are being invited to join this day-long National Seminar on War on Terrorism to be held at **New Delhi on October 4, 2008.**

This day-long seminar would be focusing mainly on analysis of the 'Changing Face of Terrorism in India' and the Need for a Stringent Law to Combat Terrorism effectively.' It is expected that this seminar will bring about a consensus about the actions to be taken for doing away with the threat of terrorism and ultimately evolve a Charter of Recommendations for Preventing Terrorist Tendencies.

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**PROGRAMME – 4 October 2008 Venue: Constitution Club, VP House, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.**

09.00 - 1000 hrs	Registration, Tea and Snacks
10.00 - 1200 hrs	Inaugural Session and Key-Note Address by Hon.ble Shri L K Advani, Leader of Opposition, LOK - SABHA
12.15 - 13.30 hrs	Session 1: Changing Face of Terrorism
13.30 - 14.30 hrs	Lunch
14.30 - 15.30 hrs	Discussion on Presentations made
16.00 - 17.30 hrs	Session 2: Need for a Stringent Law to Combat Terrorism Effectively
18.00 - 19.30 hrs	Valedictory Session

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