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## RSS and Congress

At the time preceding partition and in its aftermath, RSS was highly popular, people had to be turned away from attending its Sakhas or branches due to overcrowding. Second Sarsanghachalak, Guruji also was held in higher esteem than Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru. The largest national political party Congress tried to emulate RSS to bring youth into its ranks. You might have seen pictures of Congress volunteers dressed like Swayamsevaks, or volunteers of RSS. Here is even Nehru along with Congress President, Purushottam Das Tandon in RSS dress. RSS volunteers are still heckled even today by detractors, as Chaddiwalas.



**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU AS A MEMBER & VOLUNTEER IN DRESS OF RSS**

Once at an airport where Nehru was expected to arrive, a large crowd gathered. Local Congress party leaders there waiting to receive Nehru were happy to see the attendance. However there was also arrival of Guruji expected in the same place. His plane landed first. When he came out all the crowd went with him.

The jealousy and small mindedness of Congress' big leaders which were shown towards its President elect Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose earlier, persisted. Instead of harnessing power of youth of RSS, their dedication and patriotism towards motherland by Nehru's Congress, sinister plots were hatched to suppress growth and popularity of RSS. In contrast nationalist Sardar Patel, wanted RSS to join Congress to strengthen the organization to serve the country. As soon as Nehru returned from his usual trips abroad, he tore the letter of Patel. Soon RSS was banned on

phony charges of assassination of Gandhi. Fortunately courts were free unlike during 'emergency', hence they rendered justice, and the ban got lifted.

Massive propaganda had its affect in vilifying RSS.

RSS was hurt. Nevertheless truth always triumphs. Lies do not have endurance.

***(Truth is silent. It needs to be realized by someone and communicated with others in timely manner, and then acted upon. Else it does not win. –Skandaa987)***

To day you still see RSS engaged in volunteer activities, not Congress party workers. We do not even know what ever happened to Sarvodaya, which used to function as a RSS sakha complete with chaddi and danda, the stick, But all that was old fashioned, Congress today is no longer Indian National which it used to be, even was considered as Hindu party only. And with its singing bhajans of Raghupati Raghav Rajaram or Vandemataram it gave no other indication, certainly not anything we came to see now a days.

RSS however remains true to its calling,

If only for the sake of nation, instead of still engaging in throwing mud, the youth of political parties, too regardless of their differences, can unite; and serve people of India especially when calamities strike like the one now in the form of Nepal earth quake, then both national integration as well as progress and development will be much better served. Some of service activities by RSS can be seen in pictures below.



The young of RSS do not have to do these because nobody pays them. Media still portrays them as communal; it still is carrying on same propaganda of vilification indulged by Nehru's congress. Yet they work, often first to reach affected. Never will any selfless act done for good will ever go waste.