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Constitution and Democracy : State Assembly Speaker**

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**Chandrashekhar ji had opined how if Kashmir went out of India,
not a piece of land but secularism will go from the country**

**Whatsoever ideology it may be, socialist or nationalist, its final
objective is welfare of the people and the nation**

**Society will never forgive people who are
silent on the issue of Triple Talaq**

**Chief Minister releases book '*Rashtrapurush
Chandrshekhar-Sansad Mein Do Took*'**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mr. Yogi Adityanath has said that former Prime Minister Mr. Chandrshekhar was a socialist in real sense and that the views expressed by him, both inside parliament and outside were still very relevant. He always strived to keep the society and the nation together and never was influenced by vote bank politics, Mr. Yogi observed.

The Chief Minister was today speaking at the Rajrishi Purushottam Das Tandon auditorium in the Vidhan Sabha building at the book launch of '*Rashtrapurush Chandrshekhar-Sansad Mein Do Took*'. Recalling that he had the opportunity to work in the Parliament with the late former Prime Minister, Mr. Yogi said that his speeches were above political space and boundaries and were based on basic issues and in the Indian perspective.

With regards to Kashmir, the Chief Minister recalled, Mr. Chandrashekhar as saying that if 'Kashmir goes, it would not be a loss of a piece of land but the loss of secularism, our unity and those principles based on which the country fought for its independence. Those principles,

for which Mahatama Gandhi had said the we may be poor but possess the power of providing spiritual leadership to the world.' The late Prime Minister also during discussions on issues like Punjab and Sri Lanka gave his fair opinion and assessment of the situation, in the interest of the country, the chief minister said.

Mr. Chandrashekhar never had a ego issue about his political stature or positions he held, the Chief Minister further pointed out and said that the late leader was always a strong supporter of the Indian traditions. No person is for here to stay eternally but the thoughts espoused by them and the ideals followed always stay. Mr. Chandrashekhar was an eternal symbol of such high living, Mr. Yogi said. He other than Acharya Narendra Dev, Dr. Lohia and Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan are the real torch bearers of the socialist ideology, he further pointed out.

The Chief Minister also recalled the free and fair point of putting across things by Chandrashekhar ji and said that irrespective of the fallout, his speeches and thoughts would have, the late leader always spoke his mind out and cited the example on how he quit Congress when emergency was clamped in the country in 1975.

Mr. Yogi called the book he released today as a very useful book comprising of various speeches of the late Prime Minister in which he has spoken on various issues, challenges and problems. Chandrashekhar ji had fully supported Swadeshi Campaign of his party. Some people had the misconception that Chandrashekhar ji was an atheist but Mr. Chandrashekhar himself had told Mahant Avidyanath ji that he was not and also that at his ashram he followed all rituals of the Sanatan tradition and religious values.

Referring to the issue of triple talaq facing the Muslim women, the Chief Minister said injustice meted out to such women was painful and that

people mum on such an issue will never be forgiven by the society. He also advocated the uniform civil code and said that it was in the best interests of the society and the nation that there was uniform law for all. He also said that Chandrashekhar ji was also an advocate for uniform law.

He also exhorted the media to pay heed to positive things happening in the society and avoid negative things as this will result in the society becoming a better place. He also lauded the efforts of the editor of the book Mr. Dhirendra Nath Srivastava and said the book would go a long way in educating and inspiring generations to come.

Speaker of the State Assembly Mr. Hriday Narayan Dixit while speaking on the occasion said that the late Prime Minister was a politician connected to his roots and that he never accepted anything which was against the tenets of Constitution and Democracy. Others who spoke at the event included M.L.A. Mr. Raghuraj Pratap Singh (Raja Bhaiyya) and M.L.C. Mr. Yashwant Singh. Also present at the book launch were a large number of people from all walks of life.

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