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What Jaswant Singh said about Jinnah or Patel but his party to question the party leadership that got BJP's goat

Jinnah was modern and secular and would have been appalled by how Pakistan turned out. None of this is wrong, or new. It is taught in history books. Does Jaswant say Partition was a good thing? No. Does he blame Patel for it? No. If there is one man Jaswant holds most responsible for Partition, it is in fact Jinnah and his "continued rigidity, his fixed stand on an ever increasing charter of demands for the Muslims, an ever larger share of power for them in Independent India (page 504)."

Patel is mentioned in the book in six places (pages 13, 289, 418, 459, 461 and 488). Not in one place has Jaswant said an unkind word about him. So when Rajnath is angry with Jaswant's views on Patel, he must be hallucinating. But he is not. And that is because Jaswant's punishment is not for his book at all. It is about the elections that the BJP lost under Rajnath's presidency. Advani's candidacy and Jaitley's management.

After the defeat, Jaswant Singh told the BJP Core Group at a meeting on June 10 that leaders should be held accountable if the party was to progress. Advani initially made a show of quit-

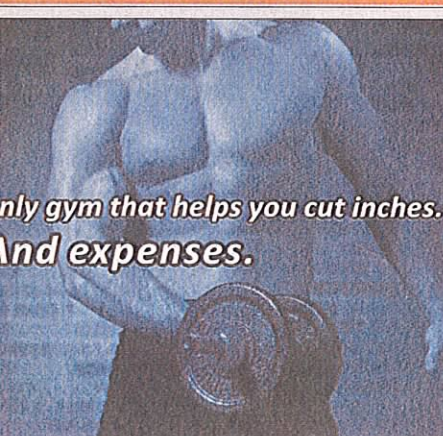
ting, but none of the three men left. Rajnath remains president, Advani is leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Jaitley leader in the Rajya Sabha. And so it is Jaswant Singh who must go instead.

A minor royal from Rajasthan, Jaswant won the election from Darjeeling. Why Darjeeling? Because the Gurkhas would vote for someone who spent nine years with the Central India Horse. For a soldier, raised on black and white certitude, Jaswant Singh has written a remarkable book.

It is free of prejudice and the BJP should have been proud that one of their own wrote it. Instead they have punished him. Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. But if it is so obvious that Jaswant is right and Rajnath is wrong, then how will Rajnath get away with it? He will because he is confident that nobody will actually read Jaswant's book. This includes the media which carried headlines like 'Jaswant blames Patel, Nehru for Partition'. In India we like the idea of controversy, the details bore us.

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Mumbai, 18th August, 2009: In a significant development that demonstrates the growing need for a large number of well-trained travel and hospitality professionals in India, Kuoni Academy opened its state-of-the-art flagship education facility at Babulnath in South Mumbai, at the hands of the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Government of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen. Situated just a minute's walk away from Marine Drive, this 10,000 sq. ft. facility is built to the exacting standards of international professional education, a paradigm that Kuoni Travel Group follows the world over.

"India's growing stature in the world of hospitality services is evident the world over," commented the Honourable Minister in her address to the students, faculty and media that were present on the occasion, "and it is the highest level of professional education that ensures this continues", she added.

As part of the inauguration program, the Honourable Minister spent a lively session with the students where she spoke of the globalization of tourism experiences, the positive impact of tourism on international trade, world peace and domestic economies.



Honourable Minister of Tourism, Government of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen accompanied by Dato' Tan Seng Sung, High Commissioner for Malaysia in India, Datuk Mirza Mohammad Taiyab, Director General Tourism Malaysia and Zubin Karkaria, CEO & Managing Director - Kuoni India and South Asia.

The Honourable Minister was accompanied by Dato' Tan Seng Sung - High Commissioner for Malaysia in India, Datuk Mirza Mohammad Taiyab - Director General Tourism Malaysia, and other dignitaries. Key features of this institute are the fully equipped auditorium style classrooms that seat 30 to 50 students, a dedicated

Galileo Computer Lab, a comprehensive library that offers a wide selection of reading and reference material on the service industry. For the specific use of students looking to specialize in hospitality, the facility has a fully functional fine dine restaurant setup, in addition to guest accommodation for practical training purposes.

"I am deeply pleased that we have been able to expand our Corporate Social Responsibility initiative, Kuoni Academy, from a solitary centre in 2003 to over 21 centres in 2009. Over the past few years we've seen a trend of bright young minds looking at professional training in travel and hospitality as stepping

stones to fulfilling careers, and that is precisely the need we are trying to fulfil", said a quietly confident Zubin Karkaria, CEO & Managing Director - Kuoni India and South Asia. "This is the primary reason why we decided to invest in a larger, more comprehensive facility", concluded Mr. Karkaria.

Kuoni Academy has not just upgraded its classrooms and training facilities. The courses too have undergone a sea change to keep abreast with global trends and requirements. A new initiative is the intensive International Tourism Specialist Course that will be the inaugural course at the new facility. Kuoni Academy has massive expansion plans across India and overseas. By the end of 2009, the Academy aims at having around 30 centres within India and 10 centres overseas.



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