

Sarsanghchalak of the R.S.S., for them. As a result Deendayalji and a handful of other selected workers were put at his disposal.

On September 21, 1951 Deendayalji convened a state-level political convention of U.P. and founded the state unit of the new party, Bharatiya Jana Sangh. A unanimous resolution urging youths to come forward to give Jana Sangh all-India shape was passed in it. Exactly a month later, on October 21, an all-India convention was held in Delhi, in which representatives from all over India participated. Deendayalji was the moving spirit and Dr. Mukherji presided. Now the Jana Sangh formally became an all-India party.

The General Elections of 1952 were fast approaching. Though the new party could not expect to win many seats, it was necessary to make its presence felt all over the country. So it was decided to fight elections everywhere. Deendayalji was naturally placed in charge of the election in U.P. Shri Nanaji Deshmukh was his associate in this responsibility. They travelled all over the state and selected Jana Sangh candidates for every seat.

Pandit Nehru bitterly opposed the policies of the new party and carried on a countrywide campaign against it with all the prestige and position at his command. He abused it as communal, medieval and even as responsible for the Mahatma's murder. But the Jana Sangh gave a tough fight and when the results were announced it had officially acquired the status of an all-India Party.

The Jana Sangh won three seats at the Centre, one of which had returned Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherji. He raised the Kashmir problem for discussion in the Lok Sabha, and accused the Prime Minister of bungling in the matter. Pt. Nehru fulminated with rage and said, "I shall crush this crushing mentality." Dr. Mukherji gave a befitting retort – "I shall crush this crushing mentality."

The elections were over. The Kashmir problem remained where it was despite efforts by the Government. In the Kanpur session of the Jana Sangh in 1952, a resolution was passed to the effect that a satyagraha should be launched to force the Government to solve the question once for all. This was the first annual session of the party and Dr. Mukherji was in the chair. Impressed by Deendayalji's genius for organization, Dr. Mukherji appointed