

# Darkness to Light: Guru as Awakener

By B R Sharma

President enjoyed the same sugary rapport with P V Narasimha Rao, since Mr Rao is a diabetic. Mr Rao would rather indulge himself in a multi-discipline mind game like *Satavadhani* than in savouries. Stories of how a sweet dish turned many a political tide are legion. Not surprising in a society that celebrates almost every occasion from birth to death with sweets.

Times are a-changing in Rashtrapati Bhavan. Soon, a man who has combined his pursuit of missiles with his love for *mysore paak* will occupy the presidential palace. Those who know him say his mother made the best *mysore paak* in Rameshwaram. Perhaps, the bachelor could not find a suitable bride who could catch the taste of his mother's *mysore paak*, some speculate. For the next five years, "ignited minds" in Rashtrapati Bhavan may expect to be further ignited by the sweet smell of boiling besan, sugar and ghee.

**R**ospital is the cardiac centre upgrated recently. The Ruby also regularly in the news for operations carried out with utes. plain truth about these big it only the rich can afford t. Even a routine delivery of a t Rs 50,000 or more if there is complications. an system of medical care is p in India. Anyone going to ing sick there, without having rance, would make himself can reives insolvent. That to the are not really wel- heir close relatives. The same a. People from the rural areas bankrupt at the big hospitals , the elderly are brought back pitals without treatment as cannot pay. ource remains the family doc- be is unfortunately dwin- r country like India, it should nent's responsibility to pro- e medical care. A government no right to rule in a democra- e people like Lata Mangesh- free medical treatment to the ie right sense of the word, in- in for ever-increasing costlier

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