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**Swarna Bharat Party announces Rahul Pandit as its 2019 Lok Sabha candidate from Malkajgiri**

Mr Sanjay Sonawani, senior leader of Swarna Bharat Party, India’s only liberal party, today announced Mr Rahul Pandit’s candidature from Malkajgiri constituency in Hyderabad for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Mr Pandit is the Working President of SBP.

Mr Pandit contested the Malkajgiri seat in 2014 as an independent candidate as SBP had not been registered as a party by then. At that time, Mr Pandit was the only liberal (or libertarian, as some would call it) candidate in the country to contest a Lok Sabha seat. In 2019 he will join a team of liberal candidates who will offer themselves to the people of India as their potential representatives.

Mr. Pandit comes from an international business development background and currently serves as a corporate leader in an IT company. It is his dream to see India as a developed nation. He believes Indians have the potential to be world leaders in every field. He currently volunteers significant amount of his time developing youth and their career prospects.

He believes India needs new and transformational leadership and the rule of law. India has been in the hands of socialist leadership and parties since last 70 years. Socialism has undoubtedly failed us. We cannot expect India to become world’s best place to live in with the failed approach of socialism.

Mr Pandit affirmed his commitment to liberty and good governance and noted that while India is an independent nation, it is not yet free. India’s freedom fighters would have been very unhappy that corruption, injustice and insecurity are part of daily life in India today.

He believes that that no political party cares for the liberty and prosperity of Indians as much as SBP does. Not only have other parties placed innumerable obstacles on liberty, they have institutionalized incentives for corruption. As a result, governments of India do not deliver even the most basic services, such as police and justice. Mr Pandit wishes to be the voice of liberty and wants to work towards overhauling India’s governance system and its leadership.

Mr Pandit outlined his aspirations for his constituents in some detail; these are available at http://swarnabharat.in/Rahul\_Pandit.

Mr Sonawani invited everyone to join in this journey to transform India by joining SBP and stepping forward to contest the 2019 elections.

**Notes for Editors**

SBP is India’s only liberal party, committed to defending liberty and promoting prosperity.

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