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*O son of Kunti, the contact between the senses and their objects, which give rise to the feelings of heat and cold, pleasure and pain etc., are transitory and fleeting; therefore, Arjuna, ignore them.*  
— (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 14)

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“UPA's political condition is very bad. It is a sinking ship and therefore allies are about to desert it.”

**-Nitin Gadkari**

“Article 370 is doing more harm than good to the people of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.”

**-Arun Jaitley**

“Whatever caste, area or community you belong to, you have to perform else people wont accept you.”

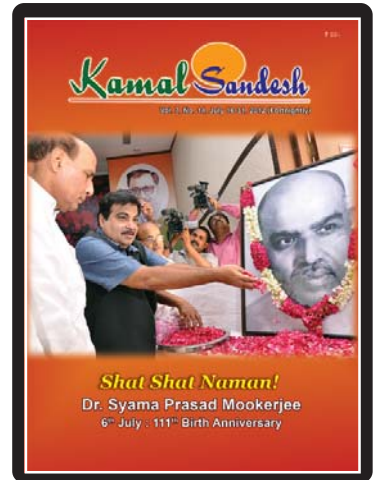
**-Narendra Modi**

***Letter to the Editor***

**Dear Editor,**

The UPA Government’s approach to the country’s hungry millions is heartless. It does not even know for certain how many poor are there in the country and how much of the foodgrain stock is currently rotting. People die of hunger, the Government sits atop a mountain of foodgrains. The storage facilities of the FCI too are full of grain — in fact so full that some of the stocks are rotting and rat-infested. Even an observation by Supreme Court has failed to move the government into action and distribute the foodgrains to the needy and the poor. Such callous and insensitive approach on the part of UPA government is costing heavily and people have started rejecting Congress and its allies. BJP needs to gird up its loins and give a credible alternative to the people.

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## He stood for solution...

**P**rof. Bal Apte is no more. Apart from a thinker, ideologue and social activist he was also an educationist. He was a member of Rajya Sabha for 12 years and presented his views on every issues related to education. He was more known for Vidyardhi Parishad than BJP. He was never found wanting in expressing his principled views with clarity on policy matters. He was a father figure for the karyakartas. He was always concerned about the well beings of the Karyakartas.

Prof. Apte never indulged in unnecessary discussions but he never shied away from the debates which were necessary. Being a lawyer he used to argue with authority in a very positive manner. He was a senior karyakarta of the Vichar-parivar. From Venakajiah Naidu to Rajanth Singh, Arun Jaitley, Narendra Modi, Ananthi Kumar and Sushil Modi—all had the opportunity to get his guidance in Vidyardhi Parishad. He used to place his views in a very balanced manner. He was disciplined and fearless.

While Prof. Bal Apte believed in bringing forward new generation he gave primacy to commitment in the organization. He had faith in the system. He could have become member of the Rajya Sabha even for the third time but he requested to give opportunity to new people. He used to say that the ones who fail to understand the demands of the time cannot survive for long. He was not the one who believed

## Madhya Pradesh creates history in Kisan Mahakumbh

**A**ll the newspapers in Madhya Pradesh unequivocally reported that on 16<sup>th</sup> July 'Atal Kisan Mahapanchayat' organised by Madhya Pradesh BJP created a history at Jamboori Maidan, Bhopal. They clearly wrote that never before such a huge Kisan rally was held in the history of Madhya Pradesh. In reality it was not a 'Mahapanchayat' but a 'Mahakumbh'. Lacs of farmers who came from far flung areas dressed in their traditional attires, carrying their meal from their homes were eager to have a glimpse of their beloved leader Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Farmers showed their unflinching faith in the Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Farmers had converged to Bhopal not only to greet their dear leader Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan but also to sound bugle of struggle against the Congress government at the Centre. They were saying that by announcing 0% interest on farm loans the Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan had won their hearts. Now they have full faith in the fact that BJP government in Madhya Pradesh was a pro-farmer, pro-poor government.

The Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan laments that even though agriculture being the foundation of our economy and people being dependent on it, why the Congress government has failed to take any step for the welfare of the farmers in its so many years of rule? Why in India the economic condition of the farmers has worsened? Why farmers are committing

# Editorial...

in rituals but had firm faith in God. He believed in the dictum, 'Work is Worship'.

Prof. Bal Apte believed in nurturing the foundation. In Sangha system he used to value the opinion of the pracharakṣ the utmost. He believed in rectifying the human mistakes and reforming human beings.

He never gave importance to individualistic approach in public life. He had firm faith in customs and traditions. He was never overtaken by power and being in Opposition never caused despair to him. He even faced the days of emergency to defend the democracy. He had complete hold over his subjects. He had deep knowledge of the science of organization. He believed in bringing forward the karyakartas through the man-making process.

Prof. Bal Apte led a spotless life. Even while being in politics his personality was impeccable. He used to inspire others. He used to inspire karyakartas leading grihastha-jivan to work for the organization while shouldering the responsibilities of the married life.

Prof. Bal Apte had an all-India personality. He never had the intention to gain everything in politics but his main concern was to help strengthen the ideological base as far as possible. In the Sangh parivar, he was not a problem but a solution. Today in organization people like him are needed who are not problems but solution. With the demise of Prof. Bal Apte we have lost a thinker, ideologue, educationist and a dedicated and committed karyakarta. We pay our humble tribute to him. ■

suicides? In response to these questions and to make agriculture a profitable vocation Shri Chouhan took many decisions. Shri Chouhan believes that farmers should be at the focal point in the policy making of India.

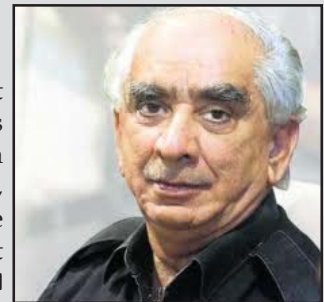
Shri Chouhan clearly believes that as long as the farmers are not happy and their crops are not secure, the all round development of India is not possible. In this 'Mahakumbh' while BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Leader of Opposition Smt. Sushma Swaraj, former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh and Madhya Pradesh BJP In-Charge Shri Ananth Kumar graced the occasion, BJP leaders and BJP Kisan Morcha National and State leaders from across the States were also present in the event.

On the occasion BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari not only praised the efforts made by the organization and the government but openly declared that on coming to the power NDA would give loans to the farmers at 0% rate of interest. His announcement was welcomed by lacs of famers who applauded his decision. The Central leaders not only expressed grave concern over the rising prices of the fertilizers but resolved to prepare a roadmap for nationwide agitation on the issue.

Bhopal was packed to overflow with the presence of farmers from across the State. While farmers made the capital colourful with their presence on 16<sup>th</sup> July, they also gave the message that in 2013 BJP would again form the government for the third time under the leadership of Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan. ■

### Jaswant Singh is NDA's candidate for the post of Vice-President

NDA declared unanimously former Union Minister Shri Jaswant Singh as its Vice-Presidential candidate. Shri Singh's candidature was announced on July 16 after a meeting of NDA at NDA Acting Chairperson Shri LK Advani's residence. 74-year-old Shri Singh, has held defence, external affairs and finance portfolios at various points in the Vajpayee regime and was also Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. At present Shri Jaswant Singh is Lok Sabha Member from Darjeeling, West Bengal. ■



# Bal Apte – A karyakarta, an organizer and a leader

From Our Correspondent

A *shraddhanjali* programme was organized in the Bharatiya Janata Party National Headquarters on 18 July 2012 to pay respect to the memory of nationalist thinker and former Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party Shri Bal Apte. In this programme apart from remembering his contribution it was resolved to follow the path laid by him. On the occasion Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj while saying that his death had left a void that cannot be filled emphasized the fact that he led an ideal life. Real tribute to him would be to try to follow his life and emulate the standards set by him. Former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi said that Shri Apte was a man with long term vision and his ideas were full of nationalist thinking. He always promoted committed karyakartas and his absence will be felt forever by us.

Many important leaders including Leader of Opposition in Delhi Legislative Assembly Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra, BJP National Headquarters In-Charge Prof. Om Prakash Kohli were present on the occasion. BJP National Secretary Shri Murlidhar Rao conducted the proceedings and karyakratas along with the representatives of various organizations and institutions paid their respect by offering floral tributes to Shri Bal Apte's portrait. We are publishing the edited version of the speeches of Smt. Sushma

Swaraj and Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi delivered on the occasion.

**Sushama Swaraj:** Never had I imagined that Bal Apte who enjoyed such a good health would leave us so early after a

know. I met Dattatreya Hosabale ji at that time. Dattatreyaji and Balji were very close. When Dattatreyaji was based in Mumbai he used to live in Balji's house. Their friendship was



period of illness in his last time. Anyone who might have known him will not differ with me. This is because the kind of health which he maintained throughout his life was an example to emulate. He always used to say that see my weight never increased by a pound nor it decreased. He never even had a headache in his life. He never took any medicine. But no one knows what happened that he fell ill one and half years back and that too very seriously. When he did not turn up for 'Core-Group' meetings for three consecutive times I queried as to why Balji was not coming. Nitinji told me that he was ill and was even hospitalized. Balji and ill – it was shocking to

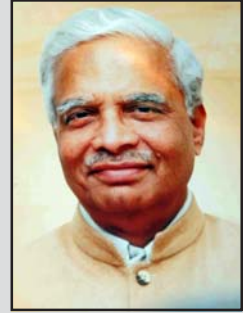
unique. Dattaji told me that Balji was very ill and when he went to see him he said clasping his hand, "Datta my ego now stands shattered". He said that he never thought he will be so ill, he never knew where this illness was lying hidden and came out suddenly. He took medicine for one and half years and then started attending the meetings. I met him during the meeting, he was looking weak. I enquired whether he had recovered and medication was over. He said that he was fine, illness was gone only weakness remained. I said that weakness will also go as illness had gone. We all were hoping that he will resume his activities soon as he was alright. He had started attending the

meetings but he was again taken ill. This illness proved fatal. Two days back Nitinji had informed that he was on ventilator and within 24-48 hours some sad news may come. Generally people get mentally prepared for such news. But it was difficult to accept. And therefore when the news came I was shocked. Despite being an elder in age, he appeared much younger. I had the opportunity to work with him for a long time - in the parliament and in organization also. He was in parliament for 12 years - I was with him for nine years. I came to Lok Sabha three years back. He used to speak after thorough study and with immense conviction on any topic given to him. He used to ask for topics on 'education' and on issues of 'commitments' to be allotted to him. It appeared as if he was speaking from inside, from his heart. He was a member of the highest forum of the party - the Parliament Board. He was a member of the 'Core-Group' also and never missed a chance to speak his mind. Yesterday when Muralidhar Rao came to see me I told him that I remembered an incident in the last election committee meeting the most. He was supporting someone's candidature. He said, "he knew the decision would not change. So there is no need for me to speak. But since I don't want to go back with the heavy heart that I could not say whatever I wanted to say." He put forth his view and put it very strongly. The decision was not to change and nor it changed. But he left the meeting with the satisfaction that he spoke his mind. Where is that generation? With Bal Apte, a karyakarta of

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## Bal Apte – A brief life sketch

**Balavant Parshuram Apte:** 18 January, 1939 – 17 July, 2012. Age- 73 years. He was a member of Rajya Sabha for two terms and a former Vice President of BJP. He was National President of Akhil Bharatiya Vidhyarthi Parishad and was active in ABVP for around four decades. He was a Senior Advocate of Mumbai High Court by profession.



He fought against the Emergency and was detained under the MISA from December 1975 to February 1977; taught Law at New Law College, Mumbai and University of Mumbai, Mumbai for twelve years; designated Senior Advocate by the High Court, Mumbai; was a Member, Senate, University of Mumbai; was National Vice-President, Bharatiya Janata Party during 2002 - 2010. Currently he was member of BJP Parliamentary Board and Core Group.

**Books Published :**(i) Educational Change, 1977, (ii) Yeshwant (in Marathi), 1988, (iii) Report on Violation of Fundamental Rights of Citizens in Ayodhya, Nov. 1990, and, (iv) Supreme Court on Hindutva (ed.), 2005

that generation left us and the loss cannot be compensated. He was committed to principals, dedicated to commitments, expecting disciplined working from others as he himself followed a disciplined life. Bal Apte ji led an ideal life. The standards set by him have now become ideals to be followed by us. If we are able to follow even an iota of him, it will be our true tribute to him.

**Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi:** Few days back I met Shri Bal Apte ji in Delhi. He had come here after a long period of illness to attend a meeting. We all were relieved to see that he had recovered from his illness and was ready to resume his activities. We hoped that he would be much better in the days to come. But his health deteriorated again when he went

back. There were congestions in lungs due to which he was feeling difficulty in breathing. Even on supplying oxygen in required quantity, the lungs could not work. In such a situation it was clear in last two years that we were not going to get his guidance for much longer times.

Bal Apte was among very senior Karyakartas. We had a close relation for last 40-45 years. He was very popular among the students. He always strived to broaden the base of Vidhyarthi Parishad and to give it right direction. But the biggest thing was that he facilitated others to move forward while keeping himself behind. Today, people having such long term vision in politics are now gradually leaving us. He was of the view that in the coming days we will

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On receiving the news of the demise of Shri Bal Apte on Tuesday 17 July 2012 evening, the karyakartas of Vidyarthi Parishad, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and BJP were plunged into grief. Born in Pune, Maharashtra on 18 January 1939 Shri Apte was basically a swayamsevak of Sangh and his public activities were centered mainly in two areas - Vidyarthi Parishad and Bharatiya Janata Party. He was one of the three pillars of Vidyarthi Parishad viz. Shri Yashwantrao Kelkar, Shri Madan Das Devi and Shri Bal Apte. The responsibility to fill the void that was created after the demise of Shri Yashwantrao Kelkar in Vidyarthi Parishad mainly came on the shoulders of Shri Madan Das Devi and Shri Bal Apte. For four decades Apte ji completely engaged himself

# Margadarshak of the youths, Bal Apte is no more

By Om Prakash Kohli

and Mumbai University for more than two decades. He was named as senior advocate of Mumbai High Court.

Though Shri Apte was a lawyer by profession but he was basically a teacher. He was deeply interested in studies. He was also a member of the senate of Mumbai University. As a

karyakartas. He was always concerned about the personal lives of karyakartas and as a responsible guardian he was always ready to solve their personal problems and difficulties.

He used to explain the role of students and youths in the national reconstruction by giving examples of student-youth movements from across the world. Students are not only the citizen of tomorrow but also of today - Apte ji always tried to ignite this sense of responsibility in the youths. He not only tried to explain the role of students in national reconstruction on ideological plane but he inspired them in the various spheres of reconstruction through action, behavior and conduct.

During the period of emergency in 1975 he contributed significantly in the efforts towards restoration of democracy and inspired Vidyarthi Parishad activists in playing effective role in the movement led by Shri Jay Parakash Narayan. He was himself imprisoned under MISA from December 1975 to February 1977.

**Though Shri Apte was a lawyer by profession but he was basically a teacher. He was deeply interested in studies. He was also a member of the senate of Mumbai University. As a karyakarta of Vidyarthi Parishad and later as its President and *margdarshak* he worked in the direction of shaping and moulding the lives of countless students and youths.**

with the work of Vidyarthi Parishad. Even after joining politics his role as guide of Vidyarthi Parishad continued. Now the second pillar of the three pillars is also gone.

Shri Apte got higher education in MA and LLB from Mumbai University and chose to practice law as his profession. He earned high respect as a lawyer. In 1996-98 he became Additional Advocate General of Maharashtra. He taught law in New Law College of Mumbai

karyakarta of Vidyarthi Parishad and later as its President and *margdarshak* he worked in the direction of shaping and moulding the lives of countless students and youths. The personal care and conduct of Shri Apte touched the hearts of countless karyakartas and filled them with vigour and verve. Shri Apte taught the ideals and principles of Vidyarthi Parishad through his personal conduct and not through intellectual discourse alone. In the meeting

Shri Apte became active directly in politics for last 12-14 years. In Bharatiya Janata Party he shouldered many important responsibilities. He was a member of Rajya Sabha from 2000 to 2012, served as National Vice President, member of the Core Group and Parliamentary Board of the party. In BJP he played more significant role in organizational works. He used to work on ways and means through which to instill sense of discipline in BJP as he himself led a much disciplined life. Training of karyakartas has been an issue very close to

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his heart. Training and orientation have been main ingredients of his interests. He contributed remarkably in making BJP a training oriented organization. He presented valuable ideas and views inside the parliament and in different parliamentary committees. He as much strongly advocated discipline as he was the supporter of freedom of expression.

Today in BJP organization, in legislative assemblies, in parliament and at all other levels many former karyakartas of Vidyarthi Parishad are shouldering important responsibilities. Shri Bal Apte will always be remembered for giving shape to the training process through which these karyakrtas had to go through to become capable of shouldering these responsibilities. We salute his memory. ■

*(Writer is BJP National Headquarters In-Charge and a former ABVP National President)*

## **Civic poll results in Madhya Pradesh**

# **BJP romps home and Congress bites dust in MP civic body elections**

At the end of the counting for the Madhya Pradesh local body elections on 10 July, the Bharatiya Janata Party had trounced the Congress in the Scheduled Tribe areas considered to be its stronghold. The results were a severe jolt to the Congress because the BJP won 36 out of the 49 municipalities that went to the polls on 05 July. The Congress party lost the election even in the home town of State Congress President Kantilal Bhuria. The election results are significant for BJP not only because it trounced the Congress in Congress President's own home district but also the Congress has suffered a humiliating defeat in Rajgarh, Jhabua, Neapanagar and Chhindwara – the areas associated with Congress bigwigs like AICC general secretary Digvijay Singh, Union minister Kamal Nath, and former Union minister Arun Yadav.

In Jhabua, the home district of the Congress President, Kantilal Bhuria the BJP candidate defeated his nearest Congress rival by nearly 3,500 votes in the contest for the post of municipality chairperson. In the election for 18 councilors in tribal dominated Jhabua, the BJP bagged 11 while the Congress won three and the Independents four. Congress President Kantilal Bhuria's prestige was at stake in these polls. It is noteworthy that in the by-election held one month ago, BJP had won the Maheshwar assembly constituency, wresting the seat from the Congress. In February last year, the BJP snatched two of the Congress fortresses in Kukshi and Sonkatch.

On BJP's victory, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has thanked the people and party *Karyakartas*. He said that this is for the first time after Independence that the BJP has defeated the Congress in its tribal bastion in such a decisive manner. He said that the results reflect people's satisfaction towards the implementation of State BJP government's policies and programmes.

Madhya Pradesh BJP president Shri Prabhat Jha said, "The pace with which the BJP is growing in the country especially registering victory one by one in Madhya Pradesh, suggests that the people have voted against the anti-people policies of the Congress-led UPA. ■



# Bal Apte – A man committed to ideology and organization

By Rajkumar Bhatia

In any country or society only few men play important role in public domain. Every one of them makes some significant contributions leaving mark in the public life. Shri Bal Apte was also one of those personalities who made significant contributions in the Indian national life. Firstly, as a *swayamsevak* of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh he played an important role in the making of unique student organization Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi

a student organization ABVP which is leaving its mark by contributing immensely to the country.

When Shri Yashwantraoji died in 1987 and Shri Madan Das went back to resume his original works in RSS in 1991, Shri Bal Apte took up the leadership of ABVP along with two associates of Shri Madan Das Devi - Shri Dattatreya (currently *Sarkaryavah* of RSS) and Shri Sadashiv Deodhar (currently active in Vanavasi

In the four decades Apteji spent in Vidyarthi Parishad he used to take out his maximum time to spend in expanding the ABVP work in Mumbai, Maharashtra and in the entire country. His style was maximum tour and maximum expense from his own pocket. When ABVP did not have enough facilities in Mumbai then he used to stay main ABVP activists in his small home in Mumbai and host them appropriately. He was older than Madan Das ji in age and after Yashwantraoji he acted as *palak* and guardian of many ABVP karyakartas. He was always liberal in helping the karyakartas economically.

There were many aspects in the making and development if ABVP like deciding its principle and role, working methods, organizational mechanism and activities. Apteji contributed immensely on all these fronts. His intellectual capacity was evident in almost everything whether it was study, writing or in presentation and speech. Whether it was the drafting of various subjects or resolutions, literary writings or to express views related to Parishad before karyakartas or society, Parishad always had the advantage of Apteji's capabilities.

In the beginning of the seventies of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, ABVP propounded an original theory relating to the role of students in the modern national

***ABVP was formed in 1948 but its organized and regular activities started from 1957-58 when Shri Yashwanrao Kelkar started working in it. Two persons whose support Shri Yashwantrao ji received in this work were Shri Madan Das Devi (currently a senior pracharak of RSS) and Shri Bal Apte. It was due to the competent leadership and organizational capacity of these three persons that India got a student organization ABVP.***

Parishad (ABVP) and thereafter he played a major role in one of the largest political parties of India, Bharatiya Janata Party. Although ABVP was formed in 1948 but its organized and regular activities started from 1957-58 when Shri Yashwanrao Kelkar started working in it. Two persons whose support Shri Yashwantrao ji received in this work were Shri Madan Das Devi (currently a senior *pracharak* of RSS) and Shri Bal Apte. It was due to the competent leadership and organizational capacity of these three persons that India got

Kalyan Ashram) and continued till 2000.

Before becoming a BJP MP in 2000, Apteji spent around four decades in ABVP. Firstly as a student and later as part time teacher he played an important role in the shaping the structures of ABVP. He contributed through his body, mind, soul and money under the guidance of Shri Yashwantraoji and with the support of Madan Das Devi in making ABVP a purposeful, independent, autonomous, unique and a complete student organization.

life, 'Students are not the citizens of tomorrow, but of today'. This theorization was based on the roles being played by students in India and in other countries and on the basis of the experience of Parishad. In this theorization of ABVP Apteji's intellectual capacity had a major role to play.

In 1974 at the time of the silver jubilee of the establishment of Vidyarthi Parishad Apteji became the National President of ABVP in a huge national conference held in Mumbai. After remaining five years as its

two years after completing her studies and she continues to be an ABVP karyakartas till date. Apte couple chose Shri Shirish Kedare as their son-in-law who was an ABVP karyakarta since his student days and later became a full timer and now is in business to fulfill his social obligations.

When Apte ji completed the age of 60 years after working for four decades for Vidyarthi Parishad then a senior leader of BJP invited him in the party and asked for his acceptance of membership of Rajya Sabha.

whatever he expected from others. Had he desired he would have become a justice of the High Court. He was invited for the post as a lawyer. Had he become a justice of the High Court the path to become a Supreme Court judge could have become clear for him. But he never adorned himself of these prestigious posts in the society in the interest of the organization.

He used to set examples through his personal conduct. In January 1999 when he was about to complete his sixty years, we wanted to celebrate it with much fanfare. But he refused. He was only ready for a dinner with former and present ABVP karyakartas. There was no speech or statement. He also paid for the expenditures. He was never obsessed with making wealth and earning money. Once he made a small flat in a Mumbai society his home, he remained there till his last.

When his Rajya Sabha term ended he vacated his official residence even before the appointed time. On the basis of the stature he enjoyed in BJP, he could have easily got bigger government bungalow but he preferred to spend his 12 years in Rajya Sabha in the flat made for members. The table on which he used to take his lunch, his assistants and drivers used to take lunch on the same table along with him.

Many examples showing his greatness can be culled from the life of Apteji. I pay my rich tributes to his sacred memory. ■

*(Writer is a former National President of ABVP and worked with Apte ji for a long time. Currently he is President, National Democratic Teachers Front)*

**Apteji always adhered to principles and organizational values. He was straightforward by nature. In the interest of ideology and organization he used to say even unpleasant things with conviction. Sometime getting angry was also part of his personality.**

president Apteji showed similar concern for ABVP from 1979 to 2000 as he had done during his president ship. Actually in ABVP karyakartas are rigorously trained to work without post. Apteji also acted accordingly.

Apteji's national and social commitments were not only limited unto himself. His entire family was a family of social activists. Two unmarried ABVP karyakartas even after marriage as husband and wife (Bal Apte and Nirmala Apte) remained karyakartas. After many years Nirmala Apte ji started a women's organization in the name of 'Bharatiya Shtri Shakti' in which she is active even today. Their only daughter Dr. Jahanavi became a karyakarta since her student days and remained a full timer of Vidyarthi Parishad for

Apte ji felt that he should now be relieved of Vidyarthi Parishad owing to his age but so far Rajya Sabha was concerned he should seek permission at appropriate level. After getting the permission he accepted the membership of the Rajya Sabha. Thereafter he remained member of Rajya Sabha for two terms and even served at senior levels in the BJP.

Apteji always adhered to principles and organizational values. He was straightforward by nature. In the interest of ideology and organization he used to say even unpleasant things with conviction. Sometime getting angry was also part of his personality.

But whatever he used to do or say, he never had any personal motive in them. As part of his unique nature he used to practice

## ***Interest zero, Shivraj hero***

UPA is incapable of taking any  
pro-farmer decision : Gadkari

A report by Vikash Anand



*On July 16, 2012 Madhya Pradesh saw the biggest ever gathering of farmers at Jamboree Ground in Bhopal. The media reports portrayed it as a historical farmer rally. The occasion was the felicitation of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan under the banner of Atal Kisan Mahapanchayat organized by the BJP State Unit.*

**B**y felicitating the Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan at 'Atal Kisan Mahapanchayat' the farmers of the State gave the message to the Centre to make available loans at zero percent interest rate and to roll back the hike in fertilizer prices. Lakhs of farmers attended this historic 'Atal Kisan Mahapanchayat' .

National BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh, BJP National General

Secretary and In-charge of Madhya Pradesh BJP Shri Ananth Kumar, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Thawarchand Gehlot and Shri Narendra Singh Tomar former Madhya Pradesh Chief Ministers Shri Sundarlal Patwa and Shri Kailash Joshi, State BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha, State BJP Genreal Secretary (Organisation) Shri Arvind Menon, Senior BJP leaders Shri Kaptan Singh Solanki, Shri Satyanarayan Jatia, Shri Vikram Verma, Urban Administration and Development Minister Shri

Babulal Gaur and other senior party leaders were present on the occasion.

Addressing the 'Atal Kisan Mahapanchayat' , BJP Natinal President Shri Gadkari said that BJP government in Madhya Pradesh had already decided to give zero-interest loans to farmers, with (retrospective) effect from April 1 this year, and "I do not see any reason why this cannot be emulated at the Centre if the NDA comes to power". Terming the UPA government as "enemy of farmers", he said it was

incapable of taking any pro-farmers decision. "The Congress-led United Progressive Alliance regime even told the Supreme Court that it will let food grain rot but not distribute it to the poor."

The financial condition of our farmers is far from satisfactory. Farmers are committing suicide under the burden of loans. In Maharashtra, farmers pay a whopping 14%

leadership, the State was shedding its 'BIMARU' tag, he added.

Shri Gadkari said, "Atalji's Government had vision. He (Atalji) dreamt of bringing road revolution by connecting six lakhs villages of our country. Atalji had outlined the plan to make free country from flood and drought by linking rivers."

The *Times of India* in a news report has quoted "Over the past

loans to farmers, and to ask the Centre to roll back the hike in fertilizer prices, Shri Gadkari said. Under the protection of the Congress fertilizer companies by making cartel has increased three times prices of fertilizers from Rs.555 per packet to Rs.1272 per packet. We have completed 65 years of independent. During the period the congress has remained in power for five and half decades. It gave slogan of



interest on the loans they take to grow crops to feed the nation," Shri Gadkari said. In Uttar Pradesh, farmers pay the same 13 to 14% interest rate. *At present, soil and mud for gardens sell at a higher price than grains. I know of places where 'mitti (soil)' sells at Rs 20 a kg. Tomatoes are cheap but sauce is expensive, oranges sell cheap but juice in tetra packs are highly priced, wheat sells cheap but sliced bread is exorbitant. This only shows the exploitation and injustice to farmers," Shri Gadkari added.*

If Shivraj Singh Chouhan can give farming loans at zero per cent interest, then why not the Congress government in Maharashtra?" Gadkari asked. Gadkari praised Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan for the fact that State had clocked 18 per cent growth in agriculture, saying that it was unparalleled in the country. Under Chouhan's  
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many years, the ruling BJP in the State has been counting its series of success stories in the agricultural sector. First, Madhya Pradesh became the third largest wheat producing State with the government procurement more than 85 lakh tonne at the minimum support price. Next, chief minister Chouhan sat on a 24-hour fast on June 15-16 to protest against the unprecedented price hike of fertilizers. Before ending the fast, he announced to provide farming loans at zero interest rate. Then came the statistics that Madhya Pradesh agrarian economy defeated slowdown in the economy and achieved an impressive 18% growth while the state GDP grew at 12% in 2011-12."

The purpose of 'Mahapanchayat' was to felicitate the Chief Minister for his decision to give zero-interest

*GARIBI HATAO (eradicate poverty).* But, the Congress party stands for corporatization of agriculture and shields exploiters of farmers.

Addressing the *Atal Kisan Maha Panchayat* Leader of opposition Smt. Sushma Swaraj said "Seeing the swelling gathering of people and enthusiasm among them indicates that Shivraj's government in the State will bounce back third time by support of farmers." The way, Madhya Pradesh Government has worked on food security, has become role model for the country, added Smt. Swaraj. For sufficient production the Shivraj Government has extended irrigated land from seven lakhs hectare to twenty-two (22) lakhs hectare. Taking on congress led UPA government at center, she added, The UPA at Center is in habit to create obstacles in the

progress of the BJP ruled States. In coming session of parliament the problems of farmers will be raised strongly. She demanded rollback the hike prices of fertilizer.

Congratulating Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and BJP State President Shri Prabhat Jha, former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said " By touching agriculture growth of 18% Madhya Pradesh Government has established a new record in the history. This is the result of coordination between government (*Satta*) and organization. Shivraj Singh Chouhan has provided revolutionary leadership to the State. Likewise, the party organization has got brilliant and hardworking leadership of Shri Prabhat Jha. "72 lakhs credit cards given to farmers by Madhya Government symbolizes honor to them (Farmers)", Shri Singh added. He said, in Madhya Pradesh there is arrangement of compensation for farmers in condition of flood, drought. The central government should follow the provisions of compensation for farmers. He also suggested implementing *Krishi Amdani Beema Yojna* in the State. Under the scheme, agricultural income will be assessed before sowing the seeds and the insurance company gives compensation if income is below the assessment. He demands that the basis developmental model should be farmer of the country. The faith, the people have shown in government under the leadership of Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and in the

organization under leadership of Shri Prabhat Jha, is clearly being witnessed here by surging gathering of people. In view of this, it seems, no one can stop forming government at center in 2014.

Addressing the ' Kisan Maha Panchayat ' , Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan



dedicated his felicitation to the State's farmers. He said that the State Government will leave no stone unturned for making agriculture a profitable occupation. Shri Chouhan announced that like wheat, now Rs. 100 per quintal bonus will also be given on paddy procurement in the State. Now, Rs. one lakh assistance will be given to the kin of a farmer who dies while doing agricultural work. The State Government will ensure complete medical treatment if a small or marginal farmer falls ill. Subsidy given on tube well will be increased from Rs. 24 thousand to Rs. 40 thousand. From next year, 24-hour power will be supplied in

villages and 8-hour power will be made available for agricultural works. Shri Chouhan announced that a Vocational University will be opened in the State next year to impart vocational education to youths.

Shri Chouhan demanded that practicable crop insurance

schemes should be implemented. Rational and transparent policy for export-import of agriculture products should be chalked out. Concept of minimum net income should be implemented instead of minimum support price. The Union Government and national banks should also provide loans to farmers at zero percent interest rate. National Social Security Scheme should be launched for farmers. The paddy produced in Madhya Pradesh should be given status of Basmati. River Link Project should be implemented and pending irrigation projects of the state should be sanctioned.

The Chief Minister also announced that resolution for

reduction in fertilizer prices will be tabled in the session of Vidhan Sabha starting from July 16. He urged farmers that every one of them should write a letter to the Prime Minister urging him to reduce fertilizer prices. Shri Chouhan said that farmers exercised unprecedented patience during procurement of wheat on support price in the state. The State Government also purchased every single grain produced by farmers. Shri Chouhan said that every possible effort will be made to reduce prices of farm inputs in the State.

BJP National General Secretary and State in-charge Shri Ananth Kumar said that this is the biggest 'Kisan Mahapanchayat' of the country. Nationalized Banks should also provide loans to farmers at zero percent interest rate. Madhya Pradesh government is the government of farmers, the poor and labourers. BJP National General Secretary Shri Thawarchand Gehlot said that the concept of capital investment in agriculture sector was implemented by the Union Government led by Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Extension of loans to farmers at zero percent interest rate is the next step of this concept.

State BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha said that Madhya Pradesh is the first State and Shri Chouhan the first Chief Minister in the country to provide loans to farmers at zero percent interest rate.

Addressing the rally BJP National General Secretary Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said that Shri Chouhan has now become

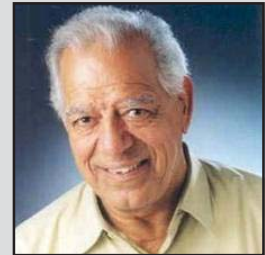
the voice of country's farmers. The Union Government is constantly ignoring farmers' interests whereas Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister is taking historic decisions in favour of farmers. He said that like Madhya Pradesh, the Union Government should also make available loans to farmers at zero percent interest rate. For this, a special session of Parliament should be convened. Besides, Rs.

100 per quintal bonus for paddy producers should also be announced. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan was presented a plough as a sign of farmers' power. Shri Nitin Gadkari greeted the Chief Minister by presenting the plough to him. The programme was conducted by Shri Nandkumar Singh Chauhan while Shri Alok Sharma proposed the vote of thanks. ■



## Dara Singh is no more

Renowned wrestler, actor and former BJP Rajya Sabha MP, Shri Dara Singh passed away on July 12 at his residence in Mumbai. He was 84. The Commonwealth Wrestling World Champion of 1968 Shri Dara Singh entered the film industry in the fifties and is known for his legendary role as Hanuman in Ramanand Sagar's epic television serial the Ramayan. It made him a household name. He was a Rajya Sabha member from 2003 to 2009.



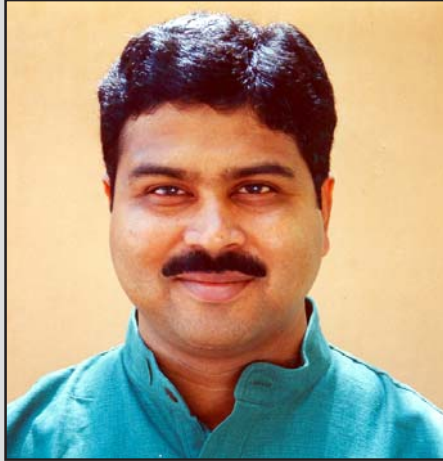
BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari expressed his profound grief and deep sorrow on the demise of Shri Dara Singh. ■

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have to promote committed and able people in politics. And in this way many people promoted by him are working with dedication in the field of education, Bharatiya Janata Party and in other areas of the society. He had unflinching faith in Hindu ways of life and he was among those who in 20<sup>th</sup> century used to declare that 21<sup>st</sup> century will be ours - it will belong to India. It will belong to Hindu way of Life and culture. He was

very clear on ideological level. He was very meticulous and pragmatic in working. He was filled with commitment and probity in individual life. He was filled with unbounded love and affection for the karyakartas. He was committed to the country. He is now no more among us and the void left by him would never be filled. It would be an issue before us as to how to fill that void in the days to come. ■

## “Promoting youth leadership has been the tradition of BJP”: Dharmendra Pradhan



*BJP National General Secretary and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, represents the face of energetic youth leadership of the Party. Starting his activism in the ABVP, Shri Pradhan has handled responsibilities in the BJYM as its National President, as a Member of Parliament from the BJP and National Secretary before assuming the charge of National General Secretary of the Party. Known for his straightforwardness and acumen in organisational matters, he has handled many challenging tasks for the Party with great success. As the nation is getting exasperated under the burden of Congress led UPA's misrule, Shri Pradhan divulged in an interview to Kamal Sandesh with Editorial Team Member Shri Ram Prasad Tripathy, the state of preparedness in the BJP to uproot the Congress led UPA from the centre and on other matters concerning the BJP. Excerpts :-*

**Q: You are credited with crafting the BJP's outstanding performance in Bihar in the last Assembly elections. However, after the historic victory of BJP-JD(U) alliance in Bihar, BJP has got lesser ministerial berths in comparison to the seats it won. Some JD(U) leaders have also given harsh Statements against the BJP leadership in recent times. As a *Sah-Prabhari* of Bihar BJP, how do you see these developments?**

In Bihar the BJP and JD (U) coalition has been following the same formula in allotment of seats and ministerial responsibilities that was followed in its previous stint. BJP is working with its own policies and JD (U) of its own but both the parties have been working together with the objective of ensuring Bihar's development. Lesser differences are better for both the parties. JD (U) is an old ally of the BJP. Both have fought four General elections to the Parliament and five elections to the State Assembly together. The chief Minister of Bihar is trying to give a better administration and the BJP has actively supported him. I believe this successful coalition will continue and some uncalled for Statements will not affect the long lasting relation between the two parties.

**Q: The BJP Ministers are perceived to be doing an excellent job which has helped in boosting the**

**image of the NDA government in Bihar. But, there is a feeling that the entire credit for this commendable job has been cornered by the JD (U). Do you think the BJP ministers have got due recognition commensurate to their work?**

There is no doubt that the BJP ministers in Bihar are performing well. If BJP did not get credit then it would not have won 91 out of 102 seats it contested in the last assembly elections in Bihar. In politics recognition or rejection is calculated only from the election results. In the previous election, the BJP has done exceedingly well and registered a historic victory. Given this, how could we say that the BJP Ministers did not get credit for their good work?

**Q: Is coalition politics a hindrance for stability and good governance?**

In today's scenario, coalition is a reality and it is bound to stay in India. Given the heterogeneity in politics, coalition is playing a vital role in government formations in present times. If the coalition partners have mutual trust and understanding then development is certainly possible. So, I believe, without compromising the broad ideological framework a coalition can give good governance and Atalji in his six years rule has established the example of running a coalition

successfully with stability and development.

**Q: Karnataka became the first southern Indian State that elected a BJP led government. As BJP Prabhari for the State do you think that given the recent developments will the Party be able to repeat its performance in 2013?**

In Karnataka, the organisation of BJP is very strong and it has the capacity to face any challenge and bounce back from difficult situations. Secondly, BJP is still the first choice of the people of Karnataka because the basic character of BJP government in Karnataka has been pro-people approach and good governance. Infact, in every single election since the last Assembly elections in 2008 people have reposed faith in the BJP. So, I strongly believe that it is not difficult for the party to get a renewed mandate in 2013.

**Q: You are the Prabhari of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM). Do you think BJP has taken enough steps to groom young leaders in the Party?**

The National President of the BJP is in his 50s. All the National General Secretaries of the Party are in the 40s and 50s. Majority of Party MPs and MLAs are young. Chief Ministers like Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan are in their 40s. Majority of *karyakartas* of the Party are representing the youth of the country. So, I believe that BJP is a party of young people. Recognizing and promoting youth leadership has been the tradition of BJP. This is evident from the fact that Atal Ji, Adavni Ji, Joshi Ji, Naidu Ji, Rajnath Ji and Gadkari Ji took the mantle of the Party when they were relatively young in their political life.

**Q: The youth in India today is frustrated with rising corruption, price rise, economic slowdown and unemployment. How the BJP plans to address the issues concerning the youth of India who comprise two-thirds of our population?**

In changing times BJP has always tried to fulfill the aspirations of the youth through leadership and through youth-oriented programmes, where we are in the government. For example, Atalji's NDA government emphasized on massive job creation in all sectors and gave an infrastructure led growth model for India. Likewise now, BJP State governments have done much better in terms of creation of employment opportunities. This fact has been brought out by different agencies and the recent report for the year 2011-12, released by the Chandigarh-based Labour Bureau of Ministry of Labour and Employment, the BJP ruled States

have better employment figures.

Further, the BJP led State governments have made policies not only for the educated youth but also for the rural and unskilled youth of the country. Youth have been the victim of wrong economic policies, price rise and corruption in recent years. BJP believes youth aspiration is a potential force and by giving opportunities to the youth and through good governance, the Party will tap the demographic dividend.

**Q: The present dispensation under Dr. Manmohan Singh is riddled with corruption and inefficiency. The misgovernance has derailed country's development. Price rise and inflation have broken the backbone of aam aadmi. Do you think BJP has been able to take this message to the people of the country and how the Party is planning to unveil the real face of Congress led UPA government?**

Yes, I agree that BJP should more effectively disseminate the message of misgovernance of Congress led UPA among the people who have been suffering. An anti-Congress feeling is sweeping the nation. The BJP has been trying to galvanize the masses on these issues under the leadership of Shri Nitin Gadkari and in the next two years this will be expedited further. For this, the Party is divulging a two-pronged strategy, first, to strengthen the organisation from its core and second, as a responsible political party to offer an alternative to the aggrieved masses.

**Q: The BJP national President Shri Nitin Gadkari has envisioned a 10 percent jump in the Party's vote percentage in the next General elections. Can the BJP achieve this target and what steps are being contemplated to achieve this?**

We will place the achievements and good governance of Atalji's NDA government and the good governance of the BJP ruled States before the masses. For example, we are providing loans at 0% interest to the farmers in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh, better economic opportunities and rapid all-round development in Gujarat has placed a model before the nation, in Madhya Pradesh the wheat production has gone up by almost 300%, the State of Chhattisgarh has not only ensured a double-digit growth but the State has emerged as a model for implementation of the Public Distribution System (PDS), Goa has completely removed VAT on petroleum products and Himachal has made rapid strides in Human



Development. In Bihar, Punjab and Jharkhand the NDA governments have achieved benchmarks in development for others. We will place the development models of these States before the nation and the people will definitely see the difference between the development record of UPA and NDA governments.

Further, the BJP has repeatedly raised the issues of the poor, farmers, weavers, fisherman, middle class and socially deprived sections of the country. The recent results of Goa, Punjab, and civic election results in Mumbai, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have proved that people are looking forward to the BJP. In most of these elections BJP registered victories in areas where people from poorer and deprived section of society are in majority pointing to the fact that BJP has increased its following among these sections which were not traditionally considered to be BJP support base. In the last three years BJP has consistently fought against price rise,

corruption, black-money and on other issues affecting the common man of India and this will help in achieving the target of our National President Shri Nitin Gadkari of improving the voting percentage of the BJP by 10 percent.

**Q: Do you think that the BJP will make a comeback at the centre in 2014?**

Congress has comprehensively failed in all fronts and the lackluster performance of the UPA is before the nation. Atalji's six years of good governance is still fresh in the minds of the Indians. Today the youth of the nation is frustrated with corruption and lack of governance and the people are yearning for a change. In such a situation, the performance of BJP and NDA ruled States have raised their faith in the BJP. The directionless Congress rule, the fragility of the UPA coalition partners, the anti-Congress atmosphere in the country and the growing trust of the people on the BJP will give a clear-cut mandate to the BJP led NDA in the 2014 general elections. ■

## Jagadish Shettar sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Karnataka

**F**ifty-six year-old Shri Jagadish Shettar from north Karnataka was sworn-in as the new chief minister of Karnataka on 12 July along with a full-fledged team of 33 ministers including two deputy chief ministers. BJP State President Shri K. S. Eshwarappa and former Home Minister Shri R. Ashok were made deputy chief ministers. While all the 21 ministers who were part of the previous dispensation have been continued in the new government, 12 new ministers have also been included.

The swearing-in ceremony was held at the Glass House in Raj Bhavan, Bangalore. Governor Shri H R Bhardwaj administered oath of office and secrecy to Shri Shettar and other

ministers.

Interacting with the media persons after the oath taking ceremony Chief Minister Shri Shettar said we will try to give an honest, transparent and

corruption-free government. Shri Shettar, who hails from backward North Karnataka region, also said his government would give top priority to tackling the severe drought faced in many districts and rural areas and step-up relief works.

The swearing-in ceremony



was attended by BJP National General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar, former Karnataka Chief Ministers Shri B. S. Yeddyurappa and Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda BJP Jt. General Secretary (Organisation) Shri V. Satish and other senior leaders of the party. ■ (FOC)

# If Saudis can surrender Abu Jundal, why can't Pak hand over Dawood Ibrahim?

By L.K. Advani

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A distinguished visitor to New Delhi last week was Jalil Abbas Jilani, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan. He had earlier worked in the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi and was Deputy Head of the Mission here. Mr. Jilani came to meet me at my residence along with several other Pakistani officials including the newly arrived Pakistan High Commissioner Salman Bashir. The Pak officials were at my place for nearly an hour and there was a free and frank discussion with regard to several issues concerning Indo-Pak relations.

The Pakistani Foreign Secretary was all praise for the NDA Government's earnest efforts to restore normalcy and goodwill between India and Pakistan. I said to him that for us the greatest regret has been that the joint statement issued by Gen. Musharraf and Shri A.B. Vajpayee at Islamabad after the SAARC Conference affirming that Pakistan would not allow any part of its country or any area under its control to be used for terrorist operations against

India has not been sincerely followed up.

Today, I said to him, there are numerous terrorist outfits active in Pakistan. There is no denying that lately more people are dying in Pakistan at the hands of terrorists than they are dying in India. And so, Government of India as well as the people here are conscious that Islamabad is today proactively fighting terrorism within its own borders. But the shared view here also is that while Pakistan is taking head on terrorist groups such as Tahrike-Taliban-e-Pakistan (TTP), which has been targeting Pakistan, it continues to provide assistance to groups like Lashkar-e-Toiba (LET) and Hizbul Mujahideen (H.M.) whose target is India.

An even more distressing aspect of continuing Indo-Pak tension on the issue of terrorism is the safe haven Pakistan still provides to declared terrorists and absconders like Dawood Ibrahim. If taking a cue from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan can hand over Dawood Ibrahim to India, it can overnight change public

perception in India about Pakistan.

On January 11, 2011, M.J. Akbar's brilliant book on Pakistan titled *Tinderbox* was released in New Delhi. Presently the author has left for a short trip to the U.S. for a book tour of the country to coincide with the release of the American edition of *Tinderbox*.

I remember that on the very day this book was released in India last year, a ghastly murder took place in Pakistan. Salman Taseer, Governor of Pakistan's most populous state, Punjab, was assassinated by a member of his personal security detail. Taseer had invited the fanatic's wrath because of his outspoken defence of a Christian woman, Aasia Bibi, at that point of time facing a death penalty on charges of blasphemy. The Punjab Governor had been boldly advocating repeal of blasphemy laws.

In his introduction to the book, Akbar wrote:

Muslims of British India had opted for a separate homeland in 1947, destroying the possibility of a secular India in which Hindus and Muslims would coexist, because they believed that they would be physically safe, and their religion secure, in a new nation called Pakistan. Instead, within six decades, Pakistan had become one of the most violent nations on earth, not because Hindus were killing Muslims, but because Muslims were killing Muslims.

In his very brief speech that day, M.J. Akbar referred to the grim tragedy that had occurred in Lahore that very day, and

affirmed:

If Salman Taseer had been in India, he would not have died!

Last week, the media carried some select news items based on a book of memoirs titled 'Turning Points', written by former Rashtrapati Dr. Kalam. I was surprised to find reports supposed to be based on the book about Gujarat in which Vajpayeeji was being found fault with for trying to protect the Narendra Modi Government. Dr. Kalam's book has not been released as yet. But I have been able to procure Chapter Nine of this book captioned "My Visit to Gujarat". Dr. Kalam says that his visit to Gujarat in August 2002 was his "first major task" after taking over as President. He adds:

"As no president had ever visited an area under such circumstances, many questioned the necessity of my visit to the state at this juncture. At the ministry and bureaucratic level, it was suggested that I should not venture into Gujarat at that point of time. One of the main reasons was political. However, I made up my mind that I would go and Rashtrapati Bhavan was in full swing to make this my first visit as President. Vajpayee asked me only one question, 'Do you consider going to Gujarat at this time essential?' I told the PM, 'I consider it an important duty so that I can be of some use to remove the pain, and also accelerate the relief activities, and bring about a unity of minds, which is my mission, as I stressed in my address during the swearing-in-ceremony.'

What Dr. Kalam goes on to add after this is even more significant. He writes:

"Many apprehensions were expressed, among them that my visit might be boycotted by the chief minister, that I would receive a cold reception and that there would be agitations from many sides. But, to my great surprise when I landed at Gandhinagar, not only the chief minister, but his whole cabinet colleagues and a large number of legislative members and administrators including the public were present at the airport. I visited twelve areas – three relief camps and nine riot-hit locations where losses were high. Narendra Modi, the chief minister, was with me throughout the visit. In one way, this helped me, wherever I went, the type of petitions and complaints and as he was with me I was able to suggest to him that actions be taken as quickly

as possible."

I have often felt that in India's political history no political leader has been as systematically and viciously maligned as Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Bhai Modi. Do not these reports also reveal a conscious effort at vilification: the Prime Minister's casual query "Do you consider going to Gujarat at this time essential" as the P.M. wanting to stop the President from going to Gujarat? Dr. Kalam has also referred to apprehensions he had heard that his visit may be boycotted. Dr. Kalam's actual experience was totally different. Modi and his government enthusiastically cooperated with Dr. Kalam. Yet no newsman thought it worthwhile to report these complimentary observations of his! ■

## Win the hearts of minorities through Good Governance : Gadkari

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari on July 13 appealed all the members of Haj committees, Waqf boards, Madarasa boards, and Minority Financial Corporations from all BJP and NDA ruled states to deliver good governance and thereby win the hearts of the minority communities. He was addressing a daylong workshop on Minority Welfare through Good Governance, involving office bearers of minority related bodies from BJP ruled States. Shri Jagdish Mukhi, co-convenor of the Good Governance Cell of the BJP was in Chair. In all about 100 delegates participated in this workshop, the first-of-its kind in the recent past. The delegates included members of Christian community as well. Shri Gadkari dwelt at length on the conditions of minorities, especially the Muslim community and observed that during the last 65 years Congress has failed in elevating the economic as well as social conditions of the Muslims. "Congress has looked at the Muslims as a mere vote bank and offered them nothing more than an automobile garage, a *kabadi* shop or a butcher's shop. We are committed to change this situation and make all the communities equal partners in national development", said Nitin Gadkari. BJP minority morcha President Shri Tanvir Ahmed, BJP National Executive member Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe and Morcha & Cell National Coordinator Shri Mahendra Pande also addressed the delegates on the occasion.

## Party resolves to strain every nerve to bounce back to power *Kaho dil se, BJP phir se* slogan reverberates

From Our Correspondent

The two-day Himachal Pradesh BJP State executive meeting concluded at Mandi on July 22 with an enthusiastic, determined and unanimous resolve to once

Prabhari Shri Shyam Jaju. This resolve got further reverberated in the largest ever rally where thousands of people thronged to lend their enthusiastic support to BJP when they joined the party

said the workers can approach every home with a sense of pride that the Dhumal government had done so much for every section of the people. He said the Congress had neither a programme and policy nor a direction; all it has is plenty of corruption and *mehangai*. With the party workers and leaders united, BJP is sure to get a renewed mandate in greater strength with the support of the people, he hoped with confidence.



again bounce back to power with a greater mandate of the people in the elections to State assembly to be held before the close of the year. This vow was taken by the party leaders and workers in the presence of State leaders who displayed a sense of unity and purpose in the presence of Central leaders. It was for the first time, as Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal put it, that central leaders of party in such a large number were ever present in the State executive meeting – Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Arun Jaitley, General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, National Vice-presidents Shri Shanta Kumar and Shri Kalraj Mishra (Pradesh Prabhari), National General Secretary Jagat Prakash Nadda and National Secretary and Sah-  
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workers to lend their hands and voice by raising slogans like “*kaho dil se, Bhajpa pher se*”, “*kaho dil se, Dhumal phir se*”. The massive public presence boosted the morale of the party to jump in right earnest putting their body, soul and mind together in realizing the goal set by them.

The meeting commenced with the customary lighting of the lamp followed by the welcome address by Mandi district BJP president Shri Dile Ram. In his presidential speech Shri Satpal Satti exhorted the party workers to unitedly work to make the “Repeat Mission” of BJP a reality. He said there is hardly a house and family in the State where the party has not made its presence felt and where the benefits granted by the BJP Government had not reached. He

WIN AGAIN PEOPLES’  
FAITH : MISHRA

State Prabhari and National Vice-President Kalraj Mishra said when we all are sincere and committed towards our goal of winning the confidence of the people once again, there is no reason why we should not achieve it. He said when our objective, our mission, our commitment and above all, our *kamal* is one – to get the mandate renewed from the people – there is no room for clash of ego and difference of opinion. We are sure to win with peoples’ support.

Referring to the party membership drive, Shri Mishra said the organization needs to adopt an effective and comprehensive approach to enroll new members who are committed to the party ideology.

Our aim is enlarge the reach of BJP and make it all pervasive and all inclusive of every section of society, particularly the dalit and neglected sections of society. DID MUCH MORE THAN PROMISED : DHUMAL

Addressing the meeting Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal said there is no section of society which has not benefitted from the welfare programmes of the government. He claimed that BJP government has not only fulfilled each and every promise made in the election manifesto but gone much beyond that. This has generated a greater sense of confidence and faith among the people. They have come to realize that BJP government says what it does and does what it says. Citing one example, he said provision of 4 CFL bulbs to every home was not one among the election promises, yet BJP government did it at a cost of Rs. 63 crores and further ushered in an annual saving of Rs. 110 crores to the people in their electricity bills. He said despite a unhelpful attitude of Congress-led UPA government the State had recorded tremendous achievements in every field. The per capita income is much higher than the national average. GDP has almost doubled during the last three years. BJP government has during the last over 4 years won many national and international prizes in various fields.

Shri Dhumal said all that the BJP worker has to do during the next three-four months is to make this message reach every home and every person in the State.

BJP Sah-Prabhari and National Secretary Shri Shyam  
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Jaju conducted an interactive session in which he heard the views of BJP workers and gave clarifications on BJP stand on various issues.

REACH OUT TO VOTER : JAJU

In his address Shri Shyam Jaju said our great asset is the great service rendered to every section of society by the BJP government but more important is the need to make this message reach every voter in the State. This is the onerous responsibility the karyakarta has to discharge.

**FIGHT ELECTION LIKE A SOLDIER : RAM LAL**

In his inspiring address national general secretary (organization) Shri Ram Lal asked the leaders and workers to ensure that BJP knocks every door in the days to come to make people understand what great the BJP government had done and seek their blessings. No effort should be spared to ensure party's win. He said it is the party and not the individual who wins or loses.

Exhorting the workers to perform their duty wherever they are, Shri Ram Lal said the workers should on their own volunteer to work for the party and not wait for any work to be assigned. No worker need to sit idle during this campaign.

Shri Ram Lal said the good work done by the BJP government should be made a talk of the town in corner of the State. Karyakartas need to make the people appreciate in the language the people understand the good performance of the BJP government and to assure that it will work still better during the next term. performance.

Shri Ram Lal concluded his

remarks saying that role of the BJP karyakartas at this time is that of a soldier on the front in a war who should be high on morale brimming with zeal, enthusiasm to determination to win.

HAVE ZEAL TO WIN : NADDA

On the second day the meeting concluded with margdarshan by the top leadership. In his speech national General Secretary Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda charged the Union government led by Congress being the most inefficient and corrupt. He said it could afford to waste foodgrains worth 85 thousand crores but not to distribute it free to the poor who go to bed hungry despite directions of the Supreme Court.

He said BJP worker had the capability to make possible what is impossible for others. But for the BJP workers in Himachal they have just to turn it possible what is possible in the present circumstances. He called upon workers to inculcate the spirit to make the party win the elections at whatever cost and sacrifice.

UNITEDLY WE WIN : SHANTA KUMAR

BJP national vice-president Shri Shanta Kumar MP expressed happiness that the rank and file of the party is united to achieve the "Mission Repeat" for the Dhumal government. Praising the BJP government for its excellent performance he called upon the workers to ensure renewal of peoples' mandate for this government. He said the win in Himachal and Gujarat this year will pave the way for BJP-led NDA capturing power at the Centre. He said as the people vote

for BJP in Himachal, they will be laying the foundation of a clean and efficient NDA government ousting the most inefficient and corrupt Manmohan government.  
RELIEF IN PRICE RISE :  
DHUMAL

In his brief address, CM Prof. P. K. Dhumal said during election campaign the party workers and leaders have to remain grooved to earth. To meet the scourge of rising prices, he said, his government had mitigated people's sufferings by providing three dals and two cooking oils at subsidized rates.

He said that because of the efforts of BJP government there had been no migration of rural population to urban areas and that is why, according to latest national survey, 90 percent of State's population - highest in the country - continues to live in villages.

UPA CRACKING UP :  
JAITLEY

In his illuminating concluding address Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Arun Jaitley, said the Congress-led UPA was not functioning as a government but a private public limited company. The position of the prime minister has been reduced to that of a CEO who is always looking for implementation of the decisions taken by the board of directors and directions of the chairman.

Shri Jaitley said UPA is in ICU and Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party are providing it the ventilator to let it breathe. It is cracking up and the States like West Bengal, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan from where it drew strength are slipping out of its control. This

government could collapse any time during the next year when the nation may have to go through Lok Sabha elections earlier than 2014.

UPA SUFFERING FROM  
"POLICY PARALYSIS"

This government, he said, is suffering from "policy paralysis". It has no policy and stand on issues like corruption, economy and internal security. The Indian entrepreneur is losing faith in this government and feels more secure in investing money in foreign countries than in India.

Shri Jaitley said the idea of the third front propounded by Shri Mulayam Singh has now been discarded by Shri Singh himself. The concept of third front has lost its relevance in the present context. This emerging

political scenario is only helping BJP.

Speaking of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Jaitley said BJP government under Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal had done extremely well and it is bound to romp home with flying colours in the coming elections.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Resolutions highlighting achievements of the BJP government, failures of UPA government to contains prices and inflation and on political situation in the State were unanimous adopted with show of hands.

The meeting was compered by General Secretaries Shri Rajiv Bindal and Ram Sarup Sharma.

Later, all the national and State leaders addressed a massive rally in Mandi.

## Congress solely responsible for the deplorable state of economy : Gadkari

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari severely criticized the Congress led UPA government at the centre for its failures on the economic front because of its wrong Economic Policies and corrupt governance.



Addressing a *Sankalp* rally in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh on July 08 Shri Gadkari said that while in one hand, wherever the BJP governments are ruling like in Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Goa and Gujarat the economic parameters which counts the economic health were versatile. But on the other hand the Congress government at the centre and the States ruled by Congress party was pushing the country to a dock. The country has never faced such a grim economic situation ever, for this deplorable state of economy Congress was solely responsible he said. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister and BJP National Vice President Shri Shanta Kumar also addressed the Rally. ■

# 'NEW GUJARAT WITHIN GUJARAT'- A paradigm shift in developing Gujarat's coasts

By Pranav Gupta

*That Gujarat had the longest coastline in India has been known since time immemorial but was it being utilized to its optimum potential? This article traces the paradigm shift in utilizing Gujarat's coastline to create what Chief Minister Narendra Modi calls a 'New Gujarat Within Gujarat'. In the last decade, Gujarat's coastline has become a hotbed of innovation backed by speedy execution. From ports to developing alternative sources of energy to even spearheading coastal tourism it is all happening along Gujarat's 1600 km coastline. Under the visionary leadership of Shri Modi, Gujarat is surely doing wonderful things that will benefit generations to come!*

The State of Gujarat has been blessed with the longest coastline in India - 1600 Kms. of a coastline along the Arabian Sea connecting India to the Middle East, Europe and beyond. Along this massive coastline reside more than 60 Lakh Gujaratis in 13 districts. Ignored by previous governments, the Gujarat government is now working with a vision of tapping the true potential of such a massive coastline and creating a 'New Gujarat within Gujarat'. Gujarat follows a multi dimensional policy for Coastal Area development focusing on tourism, energy, port development, commerce and trade, social development and environment. A massive coastline from being a liability due to high security costs has now been transferred into an asset powering India's growth engine.

## TRADE, COMMERCE AND PORTS

Since times immemorial, Gujarat has had some of the finest ports in the country. From the ancient maritime hub - Lothal to one of the major ports

of textile trade - Surat to the country's largest port in terms of volume - Kandla. Today Gujarat has 41 ports out of which four ports including the Mundra Port (which is the largest private port in India) are operated by the private sector. For decades, ports in Gujarat used to receive goods from manufacturing units across the country that would be sent abroad from here. Things changed with the Narendra Modi government as the government's approach towards trade and ports changed. The Government realized that modern ports could be major

attractions for companies to open plants in Gujarat. A perfect example of this would be the recent decision of Maruti Suzuki to open a 4000 Crore facility in Gujarat at Mehsana district. Out of the many options that were provided to the company they chose this location due to its proximity to the Mundra Port. As Shri Narendra CM pointed out "Our progress and

development is not just limited to ports. Our vision is for port led development with port based Special Economic Zones, warehouses, cold storage networks, railroad connectivity and related infrastructure facilities being established", While many in media have been talking about Gujarat's



emergence as the country's auto hub, very few have talked about how the Port SEZ's like Dahej and Mundra are contributing to growth of Gujarat and India. The Dahej SEZ was recently rated among the world's top 25 economic zones and in its second year of operation it has already recorded exports of more than 800 Crores. The whole project of the Dahej SEZ is an example of

Gujarat's governance. Like all other industrial units, land for the Dahej SEZ was acquired and allotted to companies without any hurdles. Asia's largest water desalination plant will be established at the Dahej SEZ. Another interesting aspect of Gujarat's ports is the way the Modi Government has integrated this sector with other infrastructural developments. Take the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor project for instance- while other States are struggling to match deadlines, not only has Gujarat been the notable exception but also gone ahead with simultaneous horizontal development, linking the ports with the DMIC initiatives. This is indeed a win-win situation for the State. Gujarat was the first State in the country to have a Shipbuilding Policy. Under this policy the state will develop integrated clusters of shipyards which will provide common sea side as well as shore side infrastructure.

#### TIDAL ENERGY

Realizing the fact that the shortage of surface water resources in the State and keeping in mind the State's objective of sustainable development, the Gujarat government has been looking towards renewable sources of energy like Solar Energy, Wind energy etc. While the central government is only thinking of starting Solar power plants etc, Gujarat is showing the way by implementing these projects. Early this year the government allocated 25 Crores for a Tidal Energy Plant in the Gulf of Kutch with an initial capacity of 25 Megawatts.

#### KAMBASAR PROJECT

To counter water scarcity, the Gujarat government planned the massive Gulf of Khambhat (Cambay) Development project. The State government plans to create a gulf enclosure dam that will create a reservoir that can store more than 10,000 million cubic meters of water.

The best part of this project is that it will not involve any displacement and resettlement of people or land acquisition. The project will serve as a lifeline for the deserts regions of Kutch and Saurashtra.

#### SAGARKHEDU SARVANGI VIKAS YOJNA FOR COASTAL AREAS

Unique twelve point flagship program amounting to Rs. 11,000 crore for Eleventh Five Year Plan focuses attention in an integrated manner on the developmental issues of people living in coastal districts of the State. The programme is an answer to those critics of the State who say that the government only focuses on privatization and ignores the poor and downtrodden. The aims of the Gujarat government are simple while private investment will drive the state's economic growth and generate employment; state sponsored welfare schemes will ensure that each Gujarati enjoys the benefits of this investment and growth. This program addresses special problems to improve quality of life and HDI in coastal areas, especially fisherman population. It takes a holistic and integrated view that people living in the coastal area play a distinctive role not only in the ecosystem but in the preservation of the ecosystem.

The focus areas include capacity building and training, upgradation of technology in traditional professions, specific and time bound action plan for improving wage and self-employment, educational facilities, health infrastructure, drinking water, housing, salinity ingress, electrification and water conservation, creation of infrastructure and coastal security.

#### COASTAL TOURISM

The 'Khushboo Gujarat ki' campaign that features Amitabh Bachan as the Brand Ambassador of the state has been a mega success and has led to steep rise in the number of tourists in Gujarat. Going a step further in its endeavour, the state presented a proposal for coastal tourism in the State. The planning commission has granted 1200 Crores for the project under which 10 beaches will be developed along the state's 1600 Kms. coastline.

#### GUJARAT LEADS THE WAY

It is my appeal to all citizens of the country to realize that it's not a fluke that Gujarat leads the way in so many arenas. While so many States have flourishing ship yards, why is Gujarat the first State in the country to come up with a Shipbuilding Policy? While almost all States along the Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal have ports, why is Gujarat the only State that has managed to link industrial growth and port development? We must realize that there is something that the Gujarat government and its Shri Narendra Modi are doing correctly; there is something different about Gujarat. ■





## Urgent need to sensitize rest of India about North-East region : BJP

**I**t is certainly a source of worry that even after 64 years of India’s independence, its North-Eastern States are still apparently backward and lament that they lag behind, said Shri Sahastrabudhe in a lecture organized by BJP’s North East Sampark Cell held at BJP headquarter in New Delhi.

Shri Sahastrabudhe, with the help of a power-point presentation, sought to underline the reasons why North-Eastern States faced the problems of under-development and what can help these States step forward.

The function was inaugurated by BJP National Coordinator of Morchas and Cells Shri Mahendra Pandey. BJP National General Secretary Shri Tapir Gao and National Convener, North-East India Sampark Cell Shri Sunil Deodhar, were also present on the occasion. Shri Deodhar welcomed all the guests by presenting Manipuri mats to them.

Setting out the function, Shri Deodhar highlighted the problems being faced by the citizens of North-Eastern states and pointed out that their migration to other States of the country was attributable to acute lack of employment, education and other reasons.

Speaking in the lecture series ,

Shri Mahendra Pandey emphasised on the lack of efforts in ameliorating the state of affairs at the North-East regions.

“We tried to do some positive work during the NDA regime, led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. But we also realized that a lot is still required to be done to change the situation in the North-East regions and make sure they develop like other parts of the country,” said Shri Pandey.

Shri Gao put spotlight on history books that refrained from telling the students in India and across the globe that North-East States were the only parts of the country which were never colonised and brought to control by outsiders. ■

### **BJP Economic Cell**

## A bill to prevent bribe in Pvt. sector proposed

BJP Economic Cell has decided to present a bill, ‘Prevention of Bribery in Private/NGO Sector Bill, Floating Warrant and Coal Scam Revelations’, in the coming session of Lok Sabha. The Draft Bill will be presented by Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt Sushma Swaraj as a private member Bill. The Economic Cell organised a symposium in New Delhi on the Draft Bill. BJP National General Secretary Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said the natural resources are being exploited by corrupt coalition of government and private sector. Economic Cell National Co-Convener Shri C Rajshekhar said corruption is a big issue and the mass movement building against the menace is a welcome sign.

National Convener of the Cell Shri Gopal K Agarwal, who is also co-author of the Draft Bill, elaborated on the concept of floating warrant. “When the identity of the culprit is unknown we can issue a floating warrant against him and based on this warrant, the person whose account is in foreign country and his identity is unknown can be declared as offender. This warrant gets fixed on the person at a date when his identity becomes known,” he said. MP from Vidarbha, Shri Hansraj Ahir, who wrote eight letters to Prime Minister on coal scam, but when there was no action, which forced him to approach CVC and later to the CAG, presented a detailed report on the scam. He said the government manipulated the policy of captive Coal Mines allocations. Allocation to 156 companies was not right as these companies transferred it to third parties. He said about Rs 51 lakh crores’ coal block were allocated free of cost.

ABVP national organising secretary Shri Sunil Ambekar spoke on the activities of the ‘Youth Against Corruption’. He outlined the resolve of the organisation to take it to the logical conclusion. More than 400 people from all walks of financial and business world attended the symposium. ■

## KERALA

## ABVP leader hacked to death in Kerala

Activists of Islamist Students' Organization Campus Front of India brutally murdered an ABVP leader at Christian College at Chengannur in Kerala's Alappuzha district. Two other ABVP workers were injured in the Islamists' attack on 16 July.

ABVP leader Shri Vishal (19), who was hacked by a bike-mounted gang of Islamists in front of Christian College in the morning, succumbed to the injuries at about 3.00 am on next day. In protest, the ABVP called a strike across the State on July 17 and the BJP observed a *hartal* in Alappuzha district.

Terming the Chengannur incident as a terror strike, former Kerala BJP President Shri PS Sreedharan Pillai said that trained Popular Front activists had attacked the students without provocation. It was wrong to describe this as student clash, he said, adding that the Campus Front was trying to import terror into campuses. Shri Pillai called for a probe into the incident by a Central agency like the NIA.

Meanwhile, 17 July *hartal* in Alappuzha district called by the BJP was total. The ABVP also called for a State-wide education *bandh* on 18 July.

It is noteworthy that the Campus Front is the students' wing of Islamist organization Popular Front of India (PFI, formerly NDF), whose activists had in a Taliban-model attack on July 4, 2010 chopped off the right hand of TJ Joseph, a college professor from Ernakulam district, for preparing a question paper that allegedly blasphemed Prophet Muhammad.

## MADHYA PRADESH

## State can become country's logistics hub : Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that Madhya Pradesh will play a leading role in bailing the country out of the current economic despair. He said the State, once regarded as one among the BIMARU States, had achieved 12 per cent growth rate and 18 per cent agricultural

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growth rate. This had been made possible by a strong political will. He said the State would emerge as a new destination of investment and the State had the potential to become the country's logistics hub due to its strategic location. Shri Chouhan was addressing industrial houses and representatives at an interactive programme organized by the Federation of Indian Industries and Trade and Investment Facilitation Corporation (TRIFAC) in Mumbai. He said the State government had given top priority to industrial development. Services would be delivered within a definite timeframe to the investors under the Public Service Delivery Guarantee Act.

Referring to the unprecedented progress in agriculture and the investment potential in value addition sector, he said the State would be the leading wheat-producing State in the country in the next three years. He said this would be possible with effective management of State's water resources. Area under horticulture and production in the State had increased. Now, attention was being paid to value addition, he said adding the State Government was committed to ensuring growth in industrial and agriculture sectors.

The CM said that power would be supplied for 24 hours in the rural areas from next year. This would help not only big but also small industries. He said three new industrial corridors were being developed in the State, including Bhopal-Indore, Bhopal-Bina and Jabalpur-Katni-Singrauli. There was immense investment potential in these corridors.

## MAHARASHTRA

## BJP seeks action against Water Resources Minister

A delegation of the State Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) met Maharashtra Governor Shri K. Sankaranarayanan to seek an inquiry into an alleged land scam involving Maharashtra Water Resources Minister Sunil Tatkare. Mr. Tatkare and his kin have been alleged to have grabbed thousands of acres of land in Raigad district through a host of assorted companies. The minister has, however, rubbished the charges.

"Tatkare created layers of companies to cover

up the actual beneficiaries and investors. Companies are formed in the name of close associates, employees, agents and dummies," BJP National Secretary Shri Kirit Somaiya said in a letter to the Governor. Shri Somaiya has listed eight promoters of various firms including Mr. Tatkare's daughter Aditi Tatkare and son Aniket Tatkare. In his letter he has also said that the minister's "gardener Kiran Keshav Sarange, was only 19 years old when Tatkare formed nine companies in his name."

"It is an appeal to the regulator to conduct an inquiry, investigation and scrutiny of all the financial/corporate/money/launders transactions that have been done by Mr. Tatkare in the last five years and verify the title deeds and other relevant documents of all the land that is currently owned by him, his family and friends and which belongs to the companies, which have been formed presumably purely for the purpose of money laundering and accumulation of more and more land converting agricultural into non-agricultural," the BJP letter States. The party is also planning to take the matter to court.

The BJP also demanded clarification from Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan in Mr. Tatkare's presentation on irrigation.

## CHHATTISGARH

### BJP *Kisan* Morcha demands paddy MSP hike

Charging up its campaign against the Congress led UPA Government for its 'anti-farmer policies', Bharatiya Janata Party *Kisan* Morcha has demanded to hike the minimum support price (MSP) of paddy in a missive and telegram to Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. Large numbers of *Kisan* Morcha workers from all over the State gathered at Jaistambh Chowk in Raipur to submit telegram and letter mentioning several farmers' welfare demands.

The demands primarily comprises to elevate the minimum support price of paddy to Rs 2,025 which is presently Rs 1,250 per quintal for common grade paddy, resume the increased rates of fertilisers, fix the minimum income slab of Rs 10,000 for farmers, implement crop profit insurance scheme and to implement the recommendation of Swaminathan committee.

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Earlier, BJP *Kisan* Morcha's National President Shri Om Prakash Dhankar after discussing with Chhattisgarh BJP President Shri Ramsewak Paikra took the decision to send a letter to Prime Minister.

Chhattisgarh *Kisan* Morch president Shri Sandeep Sharma, vice presidents Shri Shrinivas Mishar Thakur, Shri Bhupendra Singh, Shri Santosh Pujari, General Secretary Shri Poonam Chandrakar and office bearers of *Kisan* Morcha along with hundreds of Karyakartas dispatched the missive to Prime Minister.

## UTTAR PRADESH

### Govt. must take care of girls belonging to all caste and religion : Uma Bharti

Talking to media persons senior BJP leader Sushri Uma Bharti said that the SP Government for its appeasement policy mentioning its decision to provide Rs 30000 to every Muslim girl after her passing the high school examination. "I am not against the Muslim girls but government must take care of girls belonging to all caste and creed as government cannot stick to any discrimination and divisive approach," she said adding that if the government does not reconsider its decision she will *gherao* the government along with the girls.

In response to a question, she said that she was emotionally in favour of separate Bundelkhand State but it was an issue which involves two States Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and both have to give their consent for creation of separate State. She said that creation of separate Bundelkhand is not a political issue but Mayawati and the Congress have politicized it, she said.

## JHARKHAND

### CM Arjun Munda condoles Maruti GM's death

Taking the killing of Maruti Udyog HR general manager Avnish Kumar Dev seriously, Jharkhand Chief Minister Shri Arjun Munda has written a letter to his Haryana counterpart Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda. He has expressed serious

concern on behalf of the aggrieved citizens of the State.

Terming the situation depressing for the industrial sector, the economic balance as well as for the people related to industries, Shri Munda requested Shri Hooda to provide all necessary relief to the aggrieved family and assure action of the law after proper investigation.

Shri Munda also termed the incident as an inhuman and barbaric act and said people of Jharkhand – especially the working classes were shocked. Noteworthy Avnish Kumar Dev a resident of Jharkhand was burnt to death after a clash at the plant after talks between union leaders and management failed over the rein statement of a worker, suspended after he attacked a supervisor.

## ODISHA

### BJP Mahila Morcha gheraoes CM residence

**D**emanding the resignation of chief minister Naveen Patnaik for the deteriorating law and order situation in the State, State BJP Mahila Morcha on 21 July gheraod 'Naveen Niwas', the Chief Minister's residence, in Bhubaneswar. Hundreds of party activists were arrested for trying to gherao the residence of the Chief Minister.

The Mahila Morcha leaders said chief minister is solely responsible for the deteriorating law and order situation in the State. The chief minister, who is in charge of the Home and the Women and Child Development departments, has lost all moral right to continue after the Ranpur tragedy in which seven school children died in a wall collapse, said Odisha Mahila Morcha president Smt. Jayanti Padhiari.

Smt. Padhiari also attacked the government for allowing primary schools to be run in old and dilapidated buildings when the Centre is providing sufficient funds for construction of buildings for anganwadi centres.

The Morcha also said that the State government had failed on all fronts, particularly on tackling the law and order situation. The women are witnessing atrocities and torture under the State government, which is claiming that it is taking all the steps to empower the women, said Smt. Padhiari.

She also threatened to intensify their agitation against the BJD government in the entire State.

## DELHI

### BJP protests against hike in CNG prices

**T**he Delhi unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party on July 11 demonstrated at 14 places across the city to demand a rollback of the hike in Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) prices affected by the Congress led Central Government recently. The BJP leaders also carried out a signature campaign in support of the demand and charged that scams in exploration of gas were responsible for the artificial scarcity.

Delhi BJP president Shri Vijender Gupta led the demonstration in Karol Bagh, where apart from Shri Vijender Gupta leader of opposition in Delhi Assembly Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, MLAs Shri Surendra Pal Ratawal, Shri R P Singh and Shri Abhay Verma, along with many corporators and district office bearers took part in the protest. Along with leaders a large number of party workers courted arrest.

Addressing the protesters, Shri Vijender Gupta said the Congress Government has only been successful in increasing the problems of the people by burdening them financially through repeated price and tariff hikes. He said the hike of Rs.2.90 per kg in CNG effected this time was the steepest so far and would impact the household budgets immensely by pushing up the transportation costs.

He said the last time when CNG prices were increased, the Delhi government, was forced to rollback prices by Rs 1.77 after BJP workers came on the streets. This time the hike is higher – Rs. 2.90.

Senior BJP leaders came out on the streets to protest against the hike in different parts of the city. In Chandni Chowk, the protest was led by BJP National General Secretary Shri Vijay Goel who boarded DTC buses and spoke to the passengers about the hike as part of his agitation.

Shri Goel also cautioned that a hike in the price of PNG (Piped Natural Gas) could be on the cards next as the premise of increase in natural gas prices has been taken for increasing the CNG rates. ■