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"I am 101% sure of crossing the 170 mark; rather we will win more than 200 seats if polls are held today."

-Shri Nitin Gadkari

"The Ram Rath Yatra of 1990 questioned some of the basic assumptions and practices that went, and continued to go, under the name of secularism."

-Shri L.K Advani

"The decision to put Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in retail on hold is a victory of the democracy that has forced the government to bow before the "will of the people".

-Smt. Sushma Swaraj

"The UPA government ill-timed its decision on allowing FDI in multi-brand retail. Both from the viewpoint of economic realities of India and the present political situation, any political observer will be surprised by the timing of the decision. The government's credibility is at rock bottom."

-Shri Arun Jaitley

Letter to the Editor...

Congress should rethink on FDI

Dear Sir,

Defying stiff opposition from the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party, other opposition parties, traders, farmers and various other quarters, the Congress led UPA government has unilaterally cleared foreign direct investment (FDI) up to 51 per cent in multi-brand retail and 100 per cent in single-brand retail. The Congress ally Trinamool Congress and DMK have also joined the BJP in opposing the decision. Union Government sources said that they will protect the interests of the farmers and small traders. But, how this is going to be implemented is not known even to the finance minister. Another major question will be about the impact the decision will have on the price of essential commodities. The UPA government should not go ahead with the decision without consultation with the opposition parties and without having a detailed national debate on this sensitive issue.

A. Tirupati Rao,
Hyderabad



"Relevance of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and his ideas in present context"

Articles invited

Insightful and inspiring articles on the life and great work of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay ji are invited for a special issue of Kamal Sandesh under the title "Relevance of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and his ideas in present context". Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay remains a source of our inspiration, guiding us in our journey to restore the glory and greatness of *Maa Bharati*. We request his associates, co-workers, researchers, writers and journalists to become a part of this *vichara yatra* of Kamal Sandesh.

-Prabhat Jha, Editor

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What makes Congress 'helpless' even in the face of Bharat Bandh?

Editorial...

Parliament is completely jammed. Congress led UPA doesn't want black money, corruption and price rise to be discussed in parliament. It has become a habit with the UPA government to run away from debates. The attempt to undermine the dignity of parliament has been repeated more often during UPA-II regime. Never before such a government was seen in the parliament. People feel that since government doesn't appear to be existing so the issue of its being dysfunctional is irrelevant. Common people are getting disenchanted by the present UPA government. The irony is that what common people can easily understand the UPA government which considers itself smart enough is refuses to understand.

People are taken aback by the decision of the UPA government to allow FDI in retail without either discussing with its coalition partners or taking the opposition into confidence and that too on the eve of parliament opening for its winter session. Whatever argument might be there but people cannot accept the rationale behind inviting Walmart to India. The retail trade in India is not only a trade but a tradition. A relation of trust is enjoyed by the people in rural India and retail trader operating in small localities and village bazaars. We all know that village haat and numerous other small markets are the strong centres of village economy even today. Congress may give a number of arguments and engage itself in the politics of arguments and logics but it has now become clear that Dr. Manmohan Singh is suffering from the pro-American mindset.

It is not understandable as to why Congress is not ready to accept the fact that millions of people are dependent on retail trade and therefore allowing foreign assault on it is not acceptable. Congress is claiming that they are being allowed on our own terms. The country wants to know the helplessness of Congress. Congress should make its 'compulsions' public.

Why Congress is ignoring the fact that even its coalition partners are openly opposed to them. Are its coalition partners playing in the hands of BJP? It is not so. The reality is that it is an injustice meted out to poor people whose sole aim is to earn every day bread for their family. We know that there cannot be two centres of trade in the country. Ultimately common man will have to pay for it. The second thing is that we are not taking care of the interests of the farmers. Nor are we concerned about those mandis which sustain the life of farmers.

In India retail trade is the basis of social relation and social coordination. In its

chain from village to towns a number of people are commercially linked in retail trade. Indian retail trade influences every sector of the society. If foreign investment is allowed in this sector then it will serve only its business interests. Gradually they will reach villages from cities and

we all know the trading chain that exists today will be affected. Why we want to render millions of hands jobless? Why we want to put our swadeshi trade at stake for the sake of videshi trade? Would we be able to control the prices by allowing Walmart in India? It is a false argument. The experts are

claiming that the decision will increase unemployment and fuel price rise. The nation doesn't want FDI in retail trade but no one knows as to why Congress led UPA government wants to impose it on the country. While Congress continues to evade the question the country wants it to answer. ■

Madhya Pradesh BJP to start *Vikas Yatra*

Madhya Pradesh BJP is going to start *Vikas Yatra* as part of massive awareness campaign by mobilizing the activists to serve the people. The *yatra* is expected to cover 230 legislative constituencies including 394 towns and 52,117 villages. The contact programme will reach seven crore people of the State. The *yatra* seeks to expand the support base of the party by establishing direct contact with the people making them aware of the welfare programmes of the government and to mobilize the activists for resolution of problems through the *mantra* of collective approach, coordination and dialogue. The *yatra* aims to focus villages and involve people in its goal towards *suraj to antyodya*.

In yet another unique step Madhya Pradesh BJP has come out with CDs to make people aware of the welfare programmes of the MP government. The CDs contain information and application forms about 168 welfare programmes of the State government. The CDs have been released by State BJP IT Cell.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee : A great son of Bharatmata

By Prabhat Jha

Gwalior is the land of brave and courageous heroes. Gwalior is the *janmasthan* and *karmasthan* of great musician Tansen. The fort of Raja Mansingh in Gwalior and the stories of Guru Nanak Data Bandichhod Gurdwara remain immortalized in our tradition. For many times, Gwalior has earned a place for itself in golden letters in the pages of history. When we talk of royals then how can one forget the royal family of Scindias. But apart from all these, it is also known for one of its son of the soil, who took birth on the land of Gwalior and made India proud in international arena. A great man who was born in the home of a simple teacher, an able son of *Bharatmata* and a nationalist to the core, is our former prime minister Pt. Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Bharatiya Janata Party has decided to celebrate 25th December as Good governance day this year. The large heartedness of Atalji can be understood simply from the phrase, "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan". Former prime minister of India Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri had given the slogan, "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan". When Atalji became the prime minister he never said that this slogan should be discarded instead he added 'Jai Vigyan' to it. "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan" can be seen

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as an unparalleled example of his liberal thoughts and political excellence.

He is the glory of Gwalior. At the same time he is an invaluable gem of India. He is not keeping well these days. He is not in touch with anyone these days. For a long time no one has heard him speaking in any public meeting. Rarely do we see someone gifted with such lively voice and with the life of commitment. A number of memories related to Atalji have left indelible imprints in the minds of millions of people. It appears as if it was just a yesterday when we met Atalji.



He was not attuned to living in cities. He never thought of becoming prime minister of India but it was the people who waited for years to see him adorning the office of the prime minister.

Atalji is the name of a personality of the Indian politics of whom not only BJP but the entire country feels proud. Earlier, I was in the parliament office and now I am in parliament, all these years the name of Atalji remained in the focus. Not a single day passes when the name of Atalji is not mentioned somewhere in the lanes of parliament. I use to overhear people talking about him and sharing their memorable experience of meeting Atalji. The experience was such that it cannot be explained but it was something which can only be felt. It cannot be expressed in words. Atalji is our pride. Atal ji symbolizes dignity and respect. He is the name of love and affection. He is a blessing for us. He is a poet, he is in literature. He appears ordinary while performing extraordinarily. He is a thinker, a philosopher. He symbolizes the spirit of *satyam, shivam, sundaram*. He is original ideologue. Everyone is a fan of his farsightedness. He embodies the teachings of Gitayan, Sitayan and Ramanya. He is like a flowing river yet as

firm as unbreakable mount of vindhyachal. While bestowing motherly affection he is also an expression of fatherly qualities.

If he is glory of the parliament, he is also the voice of rural India. He is like *kuladevata*, and *gramadevata* together. He is like a huge tree providing comforting shadow to the people. He is friend of the friends and embraces even those who do not consider him to be his friend. He represents faith and commitment in politics. He is what 'belief' means in politics. He is the upholder of dignity in politics. He is the source of humility and simplicity. He is the worshipper of *Bharatmata*. The *bhakti* and *janshakti* are in his veins. He is the symbol of happiness. He is the light in darkness.

Atalji became the first non-Congress prime minister of India. When he became the prime minister, it was not the Sangh but he himself said with firmness that he was a *swayamsevak* of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. He is a man of commitment. When Janata Party was formed, Jansangh was merged in the national interest but when the question of dual membership was raised he said in categorical terms that the place where childhood was spent cannot be forgotten. He categorically stated that they were associated with RSS and will remain so for ever. The ones raising objections were free to decide but our stand is clear and cannot be changed. The result of that firm ideological commitment is today proving beneficial for the nation. The kind of ideological deterioration that is seen today in politicians raises many questions. Atalji stood firm

through every test. He stood by truth. He always spoke his mind with clarity of thoughts but always accepted the collective decisions. By virtues of being a journalist belonging to Gwalior and being a friend of Anup Mishra since student days and by being a *karyakarta* I had the opportunity to be in touch with Atalji and also enjoyed his

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 The Atalji and Lalji ( Shri Lal Krishna Advani) duo was unparalleled. The example of such mutual trust is a rarity in Indian politics. Atalji, entire country wants you to recover. The best wishes of every citizen are with you Atalji! India will continue to remember the divine power which Atalji enjoyed in making a place in the hearts of the party in power while being in opposition and the manner in which he won the heart of the opposition while being in power.

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 closeness. He was editor of Swadesh and I also worked at Swadesh. It indeed brings a sense of pride to me.

'Atalji' is not only a word or a name. He is a well researched document on many issues. He is a philosophy. He is well versed in diplomacy. He knew India and its mind. That is the reason why every village celebrated when he became the prime minister of India. The village of India was reflected in the Indian budget for the first time. There are many leaders in India and many more will come in the coming days but there is no doubt

in saying that the way India was replicated in Atalji and the manner in which Atalji was replicated in India, no one appears to be like him in the near future.

It is often said by people that Atalji lost the no-confidence motion in the parliament by one vote but he never allowed the Indian politics and parliament to be maligned. He never considered the post of prime ministership bigger than that of the reputation of India. The question was of a single vote but he said that to remain in the chair of prime minister through horse trading was not acceptable to him. In democracy we should keep the standards established by our forefathers intact. What is the situation today? Can Congress led UPA government which survived on "Vote for Cash" claim of such high standards? Atalji was such a personality who even questioned Nehru in the parliament as one of its young members.

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(Writer is Madhya Pradesh BJP President and MP)

BJP supported nationwide Bharat Bandh against FDI in retail gets unprecedented public support

From Our Correspondent

The nationwide shutdown (*Bharat Bandh*) called by millions of traders and supported by BJP to protest against the Congress led UPA Government's decision to allow foreign direct equity into the retail market has hit normal life with major shops remaining closed and business activities put to halt throughout the country on December 01.

According to media reports nearly five crore traders have taken the fight against government's retail FDI move to streets. All major trade unions across the country supporting the *Bandh* had appealed to all medium-small commercial complexes and retail stores to keep their shutter down.



Traders and BJP activists in several States including West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh,

Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Kerala and others protested in their local markets. They also demonstrated in front of foreign stores.

It is noteworthy, that the Union Congress government has recently triggered a political storm by suddenly allowing 51% foreign direct investment in the multi-brand retail sector, but has since faced stringent criticism as protests have swelled from opposition parties to some of its own allies. Realizing the gravity of the situation the main opposition party BJP has put pressure from in side the parliament house and declared its full-hearted support to the call for the *Bharat Bandh* announced by various traders' organizations.

Earlier, BJP National

An appeal by BJP National President

Shri Nitin Gadkari regarding Bharat Bandh



An Appeal was issued by the BJP President Nitin Gadkari in the context of *Bharat Bandh* being organised on December 01, 2011

In the light of the decision of the government to go ahead with its proposal to allow Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the retails sector, several organizations have called for *Bharat Bandh* on December 1, 2011. Bharatiya Janata Party reiterates its

whole hearted support to this expression of popular unrest on this issue. The Govt at the centre has shown utter disregard to the concerns expressed by small traders, farmers and consumers at large, who would be facing the adverse impact of this decision. BJP strongly supports the demand for roll back of this decision and appeals the country men to join this *Bharat Bandh*.

President Shri Nitin Gadkari, supporting the cause of the traders, stated that Indian economy, at present, is dominated by the services sector, which accounts for 58 per cent of India's GDP. "Foreign Direct Investment, with deep pockets, entering this segment will have an adverse impact on our domestic retail sector."

In Delhi big markets like Karol Bagh, Sadar Bazar, Kamla Nagar, Chawri Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Tilak Nagar, Rohini, Krishna Nagar and Greater Kailash M Block remained closed including Sarojini Nagar and INA markets.

BJP joined the traders' protest by organising marches and burnt the effigies of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit in at least 20 locations of the city.

Addressing the activists and traders, Delhi BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta said the party had fully supported the *Bharat Bandh*. He said the BJP workers burnt the effigy of the Congress government at 20 prominent places of the capital city in protest against the decision and the party will also make its movement stronger on the issue. The people of Delhi should save retail trade by supporting *Delhi Bandh*, he said.

He added that 95 per cent of total trade in India was of unorganized retail trade and 20 crore people of the country were directly connected with it.

Shivraj slams FDI in retail

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan on November 25, 2011 in Bhopal said implementation of such a decision would be prevented in this state. "The



decision must be rescinded forthwith as it will create a titanic crisis for crores of small and medium traders," the Bharatiya Janata Party leader told media in the Assembly premises while enunciating the 'swadeshi' rationale. The Centre is throwing open the floodgates to foreign companies while sidelining the interests of India's poor, the Chief Minister said while adding that such FDI is instead required for developing infrastructure facilities.

A large section of people will get affected if we allow FDI in retail : Advani



BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani said the UPA Government creating political uncertainty by its actions like FDI in retail and added

that BJP cannot ignore the huge constituency of millions of retailers.

While addressing the HT Leadership Summit, on December 03, 2011 Shri Advani said that BJP has always opposed FDI in retail and the entire Opposition was saddened by the paralysis of Parliament but they were surprised by the timing of the Government's decision.

"I see no reason why the Congress led UPA Government decided this (FDI) knowing fully well that a large section of people will get affected. To give an impression that FDI in retail will solve all problems like inflation, price rise, unemployment, whosoever is saying this is fooling people that FDI will get millions of jobs. It cannot happen," he said.

A huge number of people will be displaced from jobs. The *Bharat Bandh* was successful as never before this time, he said.

With Congress pointing to the PM's resolve to push through the decision as he did with regard to Indo-US deal, Shri Advani asked Dr. Singh on how many new nuclear plants work has begun in the past three years and how much nuclear power will be generated on a reasonable basis in the next ten years?

Similar tall claims were made three years ago at the time of the Indo-US nuclear deal. It will solve the problem of India's acute power shortage, Congress leaders said in Parliament. He said we all know what happened in this front during the last three years. ■



He said lakhs of retail traders of India will lose their employment due to entry of foreign companies.

BJP-ruled State Chief Ministers have also announced that they will not follow the Centre in allowing the FDI into the multi-brand sector. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan was the first to declare that he would ensure that the retailers and farmers do not suffer due to the FDI policy of the Centre and therefore would not allow the FDI entry in the retail sector in his state.

In Uttar Pradesh the *Bharat Bandh* called by Akhil Bharatiya Vyapar Sangh and supported by Bharatiya Janata Party against the decision of Congress led UPA government to allow FDI in retail

got good response.

The BJP youth wing activists also staged demonstrations at different cities. The BJP workers also carried out processions in Lucknow, Varanasi, Allahabad, Kanpur, Agra, Meerut, Mathura etc and

Mysore in Karnataka and cities like Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Behrampur, Rourkela and Sambalpur in Odisha remained shut throughout the day.

Many private schools remained closed in Patna as a precautionary measure. While ruling NDA in Bihar had extended support to the strike, Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar has said he would not allow 51 percent FDI in multi-brand retail.

Trading community at various places in Punjab shut down their shops. The Bandh had a huge impact in major



organised public meetings.

Small and medium traders across Maharashtra including Mumbai downed their shutters. Federation of Associations of Maharashtra (FAM), the apex body of 750 trade, transport and small-scale associations, claimed that about 35 lakh traders in the State had joined the strike.

Most shops and establishments in West Bengal including Kolkata downed their shutters including the wholesale market in Posta area of Burrabazar, the largest in the State. Shops and business establishments in Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchi in Tamil Nadu, Bangalore, Mangalore, Dharward and



industrial cities, including Ludhiana, Amritsar and Jalandhar where main bazaars and markets remained closed.

Meanwhile the war over allowing FDI in multi-brand retail escalated further with the main opposition BJP squarely rejecting the UPA government's plea for toning down its adjournment motion for the sake of millions of small traders and farmers. The issue also led to the adjournment of both Houses of Parliament for the seventh straight day, without transacting any business. The entire opposition and some of the allies of UPA have demanded rollback of the controversial decision. ■

Amid strong Trinamool protest, Cabinet clears 51% FDI in multi-brand retail

Amid opposition by UPA constituents including the Trinamool Congress and DMK, the cabinet on November 25, 2011 approved 51 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) in multi-brand retail, and removed the cap of 51 per cent in single-brand retail. Some Congress ministers too were reported to have expressed reservations.

Comparison between India and China in allowing international retails players is misplaced: BJP

Joint Statement issued by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition (Lok Sabha) and Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of Opposition (Rajya Sabha) on UPA's proposal to introduce FDI in retail sector

The Bharatiya Janata Party is opposed to the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) being introduced in the Retail sector. The Indian economy, at present, is dominated by the Services sector. The Services sector account for 58 percent of India's GDP. The retail chains in India, both small and big, account for a major segment of the Services sector. Self-employment in India is the single largest source of jobs. An overwhelming section of India's population is self-employed. Foreign Direct Investment with deep pockets entering this segment will have an adverse impact on our domestic retail sector, which is growing.

The consumer choices require markets to be fragmented rather than consolidated. Fragmented markets give larger options to the consumers. Consolidated markets make the consumer captive. No one player should be allowed to dominate the market. Allowing foreign players, with deep pockets, enable such a consolidation. It will sweep aside competition and involve a loss of jobs, both in the manufacturing and services sector. These jobs will be lost in the name of eliminating middlemen. Jobs in the retail

sector will obviously be lost. Jobs in the manufacturing sector will be lost because structured international retail makes purchases internationally and not from domestic sources. This experience has been felt in most countries which have allowed FDI in retail. International retail



players operate on buying at the lowest and selling at the highest prices. They indulge in predatory pricing, which initially eliminates competition and eventually creates monopolies. This can result food chains of large nations being controlled foreign organizations. The number of retail establishments as at present gets substantially reduced in favour of large establishments. International retail does not create additional markets, it merely displaces existing market.

The argument that India needs a supply chain in order to help the farm sector and only foreign players can supply the same is to be rejected. India needs infrastructure for carrying farmers' produce to the consumers. This has to be done in the most efficient and cheapest manner. International retail players have no role in the building of roads, both rural and urban or generating power. They are required to create storage facilities and cold chains. Why can't the same be done by the governments in India, both central and states. Are you going to handover our food supplies to foreign hands merely because governments have failed to create cold chains?

The comparison between India and China in allowing international retails players is misplaced. China is predominantly a manufacturing economy. It is the largest supplier to Walmart and other international majors. It generates huge number of manufacturing jobs by being such a supplier. It obviously cannot say 'No' to these chains to open stores in China when it is global supplier to them. India on the contrary will lose both manufacturing and service sector jobs. ■

UPA trapped in its own web in “FDI in Retail”

By Arun Jaitley

The UPA government is facing a major crisis. The government ill-timed its decision on allowing FDI in multi-brand retail. Both from the viewpoint of economic realities of India and the present political situation, any political observer will be surprised by the timing of the decision. The government's credibility is at rock bottom. The leadership has been unable to counter the allegations of both corruption and economic mismanagement. The agenda of Parliament was already loaded with issues embarrassing to the government. With great difficulty, it attempted to ward off a voting motion on price rise and agreed to a voting on a resolution on black money and corruption. In the midst of Parliament session, the Cabinet took a decision to allow FDI in multi-brand retail.

What was the political compulsion behind this decision? In the last few years, the government was conveying an impression that it had abandoned the path of economic reforms. The business confidence in the Indian economy has been declining. For three years, inflation has remained uncontrolled. Fuel prices have touched a new high, partly because rising international prices of crude oil and partly because of the high taxation imposed on petroleum products. [Infrastructure creation](#) has

slowed down. The investment environment in the country has been destructive. Fiscal deficit has risen and the GDP growth is likely to decline this year. Faced with the criticism that government was doing nothing, the government suddenly decided to go in for a big-ticket agenda namely FDI in multi-brand retail.

The decision of the government united the otherwise fragmented opposition. The two major constituents of the UPA viz. Trinamool Congress and DMK decided to oppose the move. The two parties giving outside support to the UPA government viz. Samajwadi Party and the BSP faced with the compulsion of the Uttar Pradesh election also decided to oppose the government. Parliamentary numbers are loaded against the government. The government has got in a *chakra-vyuha*. It is finding no escape route. If it rolls back the decision, the Prime Minister will lose face. It is agrees for an adjournment motion with a vote, the Parliamentary numbers are loaded against the government. The government cannot afford to lose the vote and

hence, its entire energy is concentrated on the DMK and TMC to get them dilute their position. Small retail is the only significant component of



Bengal's economy. Traders conventionally have been against the CPI (M). If the TMC agrees to support the government, it can end up gifting the traders' vote to the CPI (M), and thereby reducing its own vote bank. Its political opposition is therefore understandable.

Parliament is stalemated not because of the disturbance of the Opposition but that the government is not able to find a solution. A negative vote will hurt the government and so will the rollback. Today, it is faced with the dilemma of losing in both the situations. The character of Indian economy is such that FDI in multi-brand will certainly

hurt the economy. Only 18 percent of India's workforce is gainfully engaged in structured employment, 30 percent are unemployed or are casual labour, 51 percent of India are self-employed. The largest component of self-employment is agriculture. Over four crore Indians are self-employed in retail trade. Retail trade thus constitutes one of the largest providers of jobs in India. Structured international trade will displace jobs existing in present retail sector. This harsh reality has been experienced even in developed economies. It is for this reason that the big towns even in the USA do not allow stores like Wal-Mart for fear of displacing corner shops.

A huge setback will also be witnessed in Indian manufacturing sector. Our manufacturing sector reforms have still not taken place. Our interest rates are very high; infrastructure is poor; utilities like electricity are costly; and trade facilitations are poor. Unless we can reform these areas, we cannot reach the target of low-cost manufacturing like China. The consumers will buy products, which are cheaper and not costlier. Thus, international retail chains, controlled by foreign corporation will source products which are cheapest in the world. The prospects of their selling the consumer goods, which are sourced from China and other low-cost economies is most likely. Indians will thus be serviced by US and EU companies selling Chinese products. This is going to lead to fall even in manufacturing jobs. There will be displacement in retail sector and job losses in the

manufacturing sector.

The argument that elimination of middlemen and the transportation of produces from the farm to the factory or the stores will benefit the farmers does not appear to be realistic. The sugarcane growers in India transport their products directly to the factory without any middleman. But for the security provided to the sugarcane cultivator, by the state advised prices, market forces could have led to his exploitation. If this was true, then why would large

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countries with large retail chains subsidize their farmers? The subsidies given by Europe and America to its farmers are almost equivalent to Rs. 5,000 crores per day. Why is it that retail chains alone do not lead to enrichment of the farmer in those countries?

Even otherwise unilateralism in trade decisions does not serve the larger interests of Indian economy. We live in an era of international trade. When developed countries in the Europe and the USA seek entry for their corporations into the multi-brand retail sector, the basic principle of trade dialogue demands that no unilateral concessions are to be granted when they are sought. International trade is like a

bazaar; you charge for what you give and pay for what you get. Even at a later stage, if ever a government feels that time has come for allowing FDI in retail sector; it cannot allow such a concession to the USA and European nations as a matter of charity. Corresponding concessions, which help the Indian economy, should have been sought.

The example being given that China has benefitted and, therefore, India will benefit from multi-brand retail sector is misconceived. Before China allowed multi-brand trade in its economy, it had first developed itself as low-cost manufacturing hub. International retailers thus, for selling the product in China and in rest of the world, started sourcing Chinese products. China thus gained hugely in terms of job in the manufacturing sector. Having achieved this, China could safely then open up its retail sector. Stores like Wal-Mart source from China and sell in China as also to the rest of the world. China does not stand to lose. India on the contrary will stand to lose because we have still not specialized in being a low-cost manufacturing hub.

When the NDA government was in power, we faced that demand from western powers seeking that India open up its retail sector to multinational corporations. We resisted that pressure. There was a national consensus that time has still not come to open this sector. The government has gone against this consensus. It will still be prudent for the government to rollback the decision. ■

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Send frail PM for pilgrimage, PC to jail : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has prescribed pilgrim status for frail Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and prison for his Cabinet colleague P Chidambaram.

Addressing a mammoth rally in Kolkata organised to protest escalating prices, corruption, FDI in retail and faulty policies pursued by the Bengal Government and launching a scathing attack on the Congress and its UPA allies, including the Trinamool Congress for sustaining a scam-tainted Government, the BJP president said that the Union Home Minister should have been sent to jail along with A Raja his former Cabinet colleague and prime accused in 2G scam as he was equally guilty for promoting the jailed DMK leader.

"We have an infirm and uninformed Prime Minister who always feigns ignorance whenever asked to comment on a scam. If he is so ignorant about things happening around him and under his nose then what is he doing there? Why does he not go to a pilgrimage?" Shri Gadkari wondered holding Dr. Singh and his UPA allies including the Trinamool Congress equally responsible for sustaining corrupt and inefficient UPA Government.

Vowing to bring back the entire black money stashed away

by the Indians in foreign banks when BJP came back to power, Shri Gadkari wondered what prevents the Congress led UPA from disclosing the names of the 700 Indians who have stashed away black money in foreign banks and whose names are already with the Government.



Shri Gadkari said, "I have requested this seemingly helpless and frail PM to make public the names of these people but he will not do it because many of the Congress leaders and their acquaintances figure in the group of 700," he thundered adding "when BJP come to power we will make the names public and bring back the money with which we will construct rural roads, provide drinking water and power."

Alleging that the Government was backing scamsters who had stashed away more than Rs 25 lakh crore of taxpayers' money in foreign

banks the BJP national President said UPA was sent to give good governance but it has given the people who voted it to power scams, inflation and hunger.

Pooh-poohing the Congress for its dynastic set up where eligibility for party president ship sprang only from Nehru-

Gandhi surnames Shri Gadkari said it was time for a "mature democracy like India to shun a party led by a mother and a child only."

Taking a dig at West Bengal chief Minister *Sushri* Mamata Banerjee for her duplicity the BJP president said "she threatens to withdraw support in public but backs all the UPA Government's anti-people decisions in private" adding the people would soon read through her ways.

He pointed out that BJP was closely watching the performance of *Sushri* Mamata Banerjee, who's Government had not shown any outstanding

performance till now. However, Shri Gadkari did acknowledge that six months was not time enough to judge a Government.

On the issue of development, Shri Gadkari - who was the PWD minister in Maharashtra Government earlier, said the inner drive to work for the betterment of the common people was the key factor. "When we conceived the Pune-Mumbai Expressway, the first of its kind in the country, we had only Rs 5 crore with us. But we took the help of private players in order to raise capital and the result is very much before the people," he explained.

The BJP national President added that scarcity of money should not hamper development work as "the Government often runs out of money and as a result, development gets delayed. But that can be avoided through public-private-partnership".

Earlier the BJP National President also addressed the students at IIM-Calcutta, where he advised students to practice honesty.

Addressing on the occasion BJP MP Shri Chandan Mitra said introducing FDI in retail at a time when Parliament was preparing to debate on issues like scams and inflation, was a diversionary tactic taken by the Government to divert the attention of the nation from critical issues like corruption and price hike." As the UPA never moved a twig for free "I am sure huge amount of money changed hands before Government allowed FDI in retail." West Bengal BJP President Shri Rahul Sinha and other senior leaders of BJP also addressed the rally. ■

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BJP wants separate budget for farm sector : Dhankar

The BJP Kisan Morcha on December 03, 2011 urged the Congress led UPA Governments at the Centre to bring a separate budget for agriculture and allied sectors for the development of farm and farmers.

Addressing BJP *Karyakartas* in Bhubaneswar, BJP Kissan Morcha National President Shri Om Prakash Dhankar said the Union Government should bring an end to the tradition started by the British by introducing a separate Railway Budget and start initiative to bring a separate budget, in line with that of the Railways, to strengthen the agriculture sector, the mainstay of India's economy.

He said it was decided by the party that all BJP-ruled States would start the initiative in bringing a separate budget for the agriculture sector.

Shri Dhankar urged the Union Government to set up a commission to inquire into the growing number of farmer suicides in the country so as to identify the causes and to recommend how to arrest the trend and make the farm sector more remunerative.

Demanding that the Central Government implement Dr. Swaminathan Committee recommendations on improvement in the farm sector and welfare of farmers, Shri Dhankar said that Government provide interest-free loan to the farmers for the first one year and make provision for only one per cent of interest on farm loans in

later years.

Pointing out that the BJP Governments in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh had already introduced one per cent interest rate on farm loans, he said since agricultural products could not relate to profit, farmers were forced to commit suicide for failing to pay back loans due to high interest rate and many related factors including natural calamities.

BJP Kissan Morcha National President also urged Odisha Chief Minister to waive interest on farm loans in drought and flood-affected areas to help farmers overcome distressed conditions. "Even the State Government should provide interest-free loan for one year to the farmers of drought and flood-affected areas," he said.

Shri Dhankar, who further added that export-import of crops to be linked with the crop cycle, suggested provision of subsidy to the farmers directly instead of middlemen on chemical fertilizer, agricultural implements, organic farming, green house and power diesel.

He also demanded a rollback of the decision to allow FDI in retail sector in the interest of small and medium businessmen and manufacturers.

Among others, Odisha BJP Kissan Morcha President Shri Maheswar Sahu all other office bearers of State BJP Kissan Morcha and other senior leaders of BJP were present on the occasion. ■

Sangathan Shilpi Kushabhau Thakre

By Prabhat Jha

Kushabhau Thakre remained a lifelong *pracharak* of the Sangh. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with him. What I mean by the term *swayamsevak* is beyond its ordinary meaning. Kushabhau Thakre was seriously ill. The then *sarsanghchalak* of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Mananiya Shri Sudarshan ji came to see him. We were present there. Sudarshanji asked him loudly, Kushabhau when are you getting alright? Kushabhau replied that I want the permission to give up my body. The ideals of Sangh were held high throughout my life. Now I want your permission. I'll be at peace. I was myself present in that room of AIIMS. We all could not hide our emotions. All eyes were wet with tears. Suddenly it came to me as the greatness of people like him who inhabit the world. Where one can see such a glowing example of commitment and dedication? I always get inspired by Kushabhau in my works by calling myself a *swayamsevak*. He was adept in the art of man making. In Madhya Pradesh we can see a number of *karyakartas* who after passing through the hands of *Sangathan Shilpi* Kushabhau Thakre are working for the organization and also

saw him making use of those *karyakartas* for the organization.

He was a *karyakarta* of the *karyakartas*. He maintained relations with different generations in the families. He used to put responsibilities on the shoulders of both present and the coming generations. He was a living example of



commitment and dedication. Continuous tour was the basis of his work. He used to say that in politics it is always helpful to 'eat less and talk less'. He was the upholder of morality. All the leaders, whether big or small, were tied in moral code of Kushabhau. He was a *sadhak* in politics. He toiled hard to keep the *Diya* of Jansangh to continue

emit light. He never wilted. He was accessible to all with childlike innocence. The office was his home. Wherever office was not available the home of *karyakarta* was his home. He never stayed in circuit house or any other places. He was not dependent on facilities. He never held back any *karyakarta* which could have amounted to a loss to the organization. Shri V Satish who is now a Joint General Secretary (Organization) was given by Sangh as assistant to him. In few months it came to our knowledge that he was sent to northeast as organizing secretary. When I asked Kushabhau as to who is your assistant now, he said that V Satish was a *pracharak* of Sangh and very learned too. He was more required for organizational works so I gave him organizational work after consulting the Sangh. I can get assistance from Ravindra who is now in central Office and Rajendra Singh who is now BJP Madhya Pradesh Joint Office Secretary. Kushabhau Thakre was an organization in himself. The then BJP national President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu was so impressed by his life that he said to his relatives, "he had never seen Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya but the things he read about him were present in Kushabhau

Thakre's personality. He is our today's Deendayal". He started weeping after saying so.

Formerly Jansangh, now BJP, the same feelings of being a family, and not of dynasty persists in the organisation. We could expand throughout our journey from Jansangh to BJP only due to such feelings. Thakreji always worshipped the sensitivity related to humane qualities.

Once it happened that the then MP of Muaraina Chhaviram Argal died in an accident. Thakreji went to his home in Muraina. We were with him. There was no elderly person in the family. Thakreji said that our Chhaviram was in government service, he was a teacher. I asked him to leave the job. He has now left us. It was always in his mind that there was no earning member in Chhaviram's family. All were too young. In 1990 BJP government came in power. I received a phone call in Swadesh from Thakreji.

He asked me to go to Chhaviramji's home and tell the younger son that he had called him. I informed him. The younger son of Chhaviram went to Bhopal. Thakreji put the matter before the then Chief Minister Shri Sunderlal Patwaji. Patwaji assured that since the recruitment for teachers was going to take place so he might get a job. Thakreji took full care and pursued the issue till he got employed. Finally he became a teacher. Thakreji heaved a sigh of relief. He said that since the family was unstable so it was necessary. There are not single but many such incidents which can be mentioned here.

We badly need a personality

like Late Kushabhau Thakre today. Any organization, institution, society or nation functions on the basis of commitment and spiritual strength. No society or organization can survive for long without respecting code of morality and ethics. In Indian politics commitment is always held in high esteem. That's why such men of high morals are always needed in the society and



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Kushabhau Thakre always preferred to remain in the background. Until he became the president of the party, he never considered himself in the front row of leadership. He always used to say that the politics in India should not be a game of the rich. He said that unnecessary expenditure in politics increases corruption. He was a votary of spending only that was essential. He said that unlike other political parties BJP has to shoulder the responsibility of the nation because it was formed for to serve national interest. BJP is the only political party which is not born out of Congress while all the other political parties are in some way or other related to Congress.

He was strongly attached to tribal cause. When he was in hospital Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan and his wife Smt. Sadhna Singh used to take care of him. He always used to ask Shivraj Singh as to who will take care of the tribals of Madhya Pradesh and the tribals of entire nation. You all should keep serving them and continue to care for them. He was really a *Shilpi* of the society. The mission of making lotus to bloom through the rugged tracks of politics was consistently followed by him till his last breath.

To continue to work with commitment and probity in politics will be the real tribute to Kushabhau Thakre. We should never forget our commitment. We are not a power hungry political party but a party which worships the society. We consider nation first, party next and self last. May this *mantra* enlighten the path of everyone among us! ■

Voters will reject corrupt UPA : Gadkari

Discussing poll strategy for some States including Uttarakhand, the BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari in Nainital on December 04 expressed hope that the people who are fed up with the unprecedented level of corruption, inflation and other issues like black money under the Congress-led UPA regime would definitely repose faith in BJP in the upcoming elections.

Addressing a rally he said with Uttarakhand becoming the first state to bring a strong Lokpal, it seems now corruption, black money to a name a few would be the main poll plank for the party in the coming elections and Chief Minister Maj Gen B C Khanduri will lead the party in these elections.

Appealing to the people of Uttarakhand from the lake city to support the BJP in the coming assembly elections in its fight against corruption, Shri Nitin Gadkari reiterated that BJP was committed to provide good governance, equality and justice to all sections of the society irrespective of their cast creed.

Our party is a democratic party. We are not after power, but want equality, justice and more importantly to work for the welfare of the people of this country, to eradicate poverty from the society, the BJP National President further said.

Shri Gadkari said there has been immense loot in the 2G spectrum allotment case. So we want to say why is only A Raja in jail? The fact is that whether it is the issue of 2G spectrum or the

Common wealth Games, corruption in the Congress-led UPA government has become unbearable for the people of this country.

Now again the issue of foreign direct investment (FDI) has become a cause of concern for people of this country. We are quite baffled by why the Prime Minister and the Congress president are silent

on these matters, he further asked. The country has faced unprecedented level of corruption under the corrupt UPA -regime, this has pushed inflation to record levels. The Congress claims to follow the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. We would like to say that Gandhiji had always been an ardent promoter of *swadeshi*. This Congress led UPA regime is inviting FDI even in retail trade. So how can it be the party or follower of Mahatma Gandhi, Shri Gadkari asked.

However, the BJP president maintained, BJP would strongly take issues like corruption, black money, both in Parliament and outside.

Appealing the people of Uttarakhand to support the BJP in the coming assembly elections, Chief Minister Shri B C Khanduri stated that now it is an elections atmosphere. But the issue of corruption is worrying factor for



all of us. So we urge the people to be united for the fight against corruption.

At the same time the Chief Minister also called upon the people to take most of various schemes that the state government has launched and use the certain other services like citizen charter.

Among others who also spoke on this occasion included former BJP national president Shri Rajnath Singh, former chief ministers Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari and Ramesh Pokhariyal Nishank, State president Shri B S Chufal.

The other senior party leaders present on this occasion were BJP national general secretaries Shri Anant Kumar, Shri Vijay Goyal, Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan, Smt. Kiran Maheswari, Shri Narender Tomar, all the state minister, MLAs and senior party *karyakartas* etc. ■(FOC)



'Jan Chetana Yatra' gave me an opportunity to once again criss-cross our vast country by road : Advani

I am pleased to be participating in the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit. Several such summits and conclaves have sprung up in recent years bringing people from different political parties, and even though leaders from diverse walks of life, on a common platform and enabling an exchange of views. The HT Leadership Summit, however, has carved a niche for itself in this area.

I have been asked to speak on 'India's Yatra into the Future'. The organizers of this summit probably thought that it would be appropriate to give a Yatra theme to this perennial yatri. I don't mind it. Indeed, just a fortnight ago, I completed the sixth nationwide Yatra of my political life. It was called 'Jan Chetana Yatra'. It gave me an opportunity to once again criss-cross our vast country by road in 40 days. Indeed, these Yatras have been for me an invaluable education, which has enabled

me to serve the country's politics far more effectively than I could have otherwise.

I can tell you that each of my Yatras was, in fact, meant to address some important sub-theme or the other related to the overall theme of 'India's Yatra into the Future'. The Ram Rath Yatra of 1990 questioned some of the basic assumptions and practices that went, and continued to go, under the name of secularism. It sought to set right the distortions in our understanding of what constitutes India's nationalism. For I believe that a nation that does not have a sound knowledge of its past cannot create the right future for itself.

Similarly, my Swarna Jayanti Rath Yatra of 1997, which coincided with the golden jubilee of India's independence, had twin aims. Firstly, it was aimed at honouring all the heroes of our glorious freedom movement. But it was not merely past-focused. Its second equally important aim was to make

people aware of the need to transform our *Swaraj* into *Suraj* – self-governance into good governance.

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I had to make a brief reference to my own Yatras because of the theme you have crafted for my keynote address today. In all humility, I claim that it is India's future that has been the guiding star of my political journey of more than six decades. But no journey forward can ignore the road left behind. Every good driver knows that he not only has to have a clear view of the road ahead, but also keep looking at the rear-view mirror.

Friends, let me come straight to presenting a few broad thoughts which, I think ought to guide India's *Yatra* into the Future.

India must not imitate the development models of the West

First, I would like to ask: Why are we blindly imitating the West's model of development, knowing fully well that this model is not only unsustainable but has also landed western economies into a deep crisis? Shouldn't India seek its own

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solutions to its problems, while learning from others' positive experiences and avoiding their mistakes? Can America's and Europe's model of development be a template for India's development?

Take FDI in retail for example. How many people in our society can it benefit? Why is the government so slavishly looking at foreign investment in a sector like retail for answers to problems created by its own mismanagement of the economy such as inflation, price rise and unemployment? The UPA government is fooling people by claiming that FDI in retail will create millions of jobs and bring down inflation. All this is eye-wash.

The government has not
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been able to allay the fears of millions of shop-keepers and SMEs in the country. Even the Congress party's own trade union, INTUC, has opposed the government's move. In recent decades there never has been such a total 'Bharat Bandh' (All India Strike) as there was last Thursday in protest against Government's decision to permit Foreign Direct Investment in Retail Trade.

Similar tall claims were made three years ago at the time of the Indo-US nuclear deal. It will solve the problem of India's acute power shortage, government leaders said in Parliament. I want to ask the Prime Minister: "On how many new nuclear plants has work begun in the past three years? How much nuclear power will be generated on a reasonable basis in the next ten years? Will the government come out with a

white paper on the issue?" Congress has created a Glittering India for the rich, and gloomy India for the poor

Second, the future that India should march towards has to be a future that makes our society more egalitarian, with broadly equitable opportunities for all the 1.2 billion Indians. Sadly, today's India is more iniquitous than ever before. A small section of our society has become immensely prosperous in recent years, leaving the majority far behind in terms of access to education, healthcare, housing and even something as basic as clean drinking water.

When I took out the *Bharat Uday Yatra* in 2004, many of those who are in government criticized

me for making claims about 'Shining India'. I made no claims about Shining India. My claim was about Rising India, which is the correct translation of 'Bharat Uday'. My mistake was that I allowed it to be translated as 'Shining India'. But I would like to ask my detractors: "Your wrong policies in the past seven years have created a glittering and glitzy India for a small section of the super-rich, whereas the majority of those living in villages, urban slums and middle classes are condemned to live in varying degrees of darkness."

Therefore, if we want India's *Yatra* into the future to proceed in the right direction, if crores of India's young people are to have hope in a bright future for themselves, we need an urgent course correction in policies and programmes. We need a thorough reform of the reform process.

Three, my long experience in politics and government has convinced me that right governance is far more important than right-sounding policies. After independence, and especially in the past 30-40 years, there has been a steady decline in the ethos and values of governance. Misuse of the institutions of governance for the partisan ends of the ruling party, which began at the top, has spread to all levels.

The cancerous spread of corruption is the most visible sign of the lack of good governance. There can be no compromise with this disease, because it is eating into the vitals of our polity and society. But the cleaning up must begin from the top. Those whose names have figured in

some of the biggest corruption scandals in India's history, and who continue to hold responsible positions in government, have no moral right to continue.

Worst Scandal In Independent India

These days, particularly after the Comptroller and Auditor General in his report to Parliament affirmed that the Telecom Ministry, by indulging in favouritism in the allocation of 2G spectrum had inflicted on the exchequer a loss of Rs.1.76 crores, citizens generally have come to regard this 2G Spectrum scam as the biggest scandal ever come to light.

The dimensions of the loss assessed by the C.A.G. are no doubt staggering. But when one thinks about the nature and consequences of a scandal, I cannot conceive of a more malignant scandal than the Cash-for-votes scandal which enabled the U.P.A. Government to win its vote of confidence in July 2008, even though it had been reduced to a minority as the result of the Communist block withdrawing support to the U.P.A. in protest against the Indo-U.S. Nuclear Agreement. As many as nineteen Opposition M.Ps were bribed with crores and made to vote for Government.

The 40-day Jana Chetna Yatra against corruption which I completed only last month was in a way triggered off by the Cash for Votes Scam.

The Scam had been exposed during the Confidence Motion in 2008 by three BJP MPs - Faggan Singh Kulaste, Mahavir Bhagora and Ashok Argal. The bundles of cash given to them to buy their

support for the Congress Party had been brought by the 3 MPs straight to Parliament House, and flaunted before TV cameras for the whole world to see.

On September 6, 2011, two days before the Monsoon Session of Parliament was due to end Kulaste and Bhagora were arrested, and sent to Tihar Jail. This shocked me. On Sept. 8, 2011, the last day of the session with the permission of the Speaker, I stood up in the Lok Sabha to express my anguish over the event.

In all democracies of the world, I observed, insiders who expose a scandal of this kind are called whistle-blowers, and given legal protection. I knew what my party's MPs intended to do. I was their leader. If I thought that their flaunting currency notes in the House would be deemed wrong doing, I would have stopped them. If Government thinks they have acted against law, I think I am a bigger wrong-doer, and I should be jailed and sent to Tihar, and not these whistle-blowers who have rendered a signal service to democracy. I hold that by winning this confidence vote through bribery. Government has besmirched the fair name of Indian democracy.

Shortly thereafter, I announced at a Press Conference my plans to go on a country wide Yatra against Corruption, Black Money and Inflation.

On Thursday this week the Transparency International, a civil society organization based in Berlin, has released its latest Corruption Perception Index.

The study by this international watchdog shows India's image declining consistently over the past three years.

In 2007, India was ranked 72nd among 180 countries. Last year, it was placed at 87th. This year, it has been ranked 95th out of 183 countries !

Let it be understood that Good Governance and Corruption cannot co-exist. Similarly, I would like to

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emphasise that Democracy and Dynastic Succession also cannot co-exist.

I am sure in theory, at least, no one would dispute the first part of the above statement. But I wish the ruling party realized the validity of the latter half as well. For India's own Yatra into the future, Good Governance, Clean Politics as well as Sound Democracy should become the watchwords.

These are some of my thoughts that I wanted to share with you on this occasion. I once again thank Hindustan Times for inviting me to participate in this Summit. ■



We are rich nation with poor population : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

Governance Cell of BJP released a monograph in a function at India International Center in Delhi on 1st December 2011 on innovative management of Public distribution system in Chattisgarh under the title "The difference that we made-1". BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Chattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Raman Singh, General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, BJP National Spokesperson and General Secretary Shri J.P Nadda, Political Adviser to BJP National President Shri Vinay Sahasrabudde participated in the function.

Speaking on the occasion BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said " Most important factor for the country is good governance. He added, "Nationalism is our inspiration and good governance is our

mission. We consider 'Antyodaya' as a mantra in changing the condition of downtrodden." He said "Eradication of poverty is the biggest challenges before the nation. We are a rich nation with poor population. This is because of bad governance. Price rise, corruption, poverty are prevailing in our country."

Shri Gadkari said, "If BJP is voted to the power our GDP and agricultural growth rate will be 12% and 10% respectively."

The work of good governance cell is to bring to light the good work done by anyone or any government so that others can replicate, Shri Gadkari added. He said "BJP believes that whatever good is done by anyone, anywhere, must be replicated so that every Indian can have a full meal at the end of the day, every child born can live and get educated and eventually

contribute to making the India a happy place to live in. My party would be most happy to replicate good governance practices from any corner of India, irrespective of which political party is in power there".

On that occasion Shri Gadkari announced that birth day of Shri Atal ji will be celebrated as good governance day. Shri Raman Singh also spoke on the occasion and briefed the elite gathering about good initiatives taken by Chhattisgarh government for reducing corruption and eradication of poverty. Co-convenor of the Cell Shri Jagdish Mukhi said in his welcome speech that BJP is the only national party which has Good Governance Cell. Former governor and Chairman of IIPA Shri TN Chaturvedi and BJP Leader Dr. Harsvardhan were among others who attended the function. ■

Govt should focus on the plight of farmers : Naidu

Former Bharatiya Janata Party national president Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu MP, BJP Kisan Morcha national president Shri Om Prakash Dhankad, State BJP President Shri G. Kishan Reddy and other seniors leaders including former union minister Shri Bandaru Dattatreya and Shri K. Laxman courted arrest during a 'Chalo Assembly' protest programme in Hyderabad on December 01 afternoon.

The programme was aimed at focusing the incumbent Congress government's attention to the plight of farmers who were suffering from adverse seasonal condition and a host of problems ranging from poor quality of seed and fertilisers to grossly-inadequate support prices.

Addressing a huge gathering of party *karyakartas* on the occasion former Bharatiya Janata Party national president Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu demanded that farmers of Andhra Pradesh be paid a compensation of Rs. 10,000 an acre towards crop loss, waiver of interest on *kharif* crop loans and fresh, interest-free loans be given for *Rabi* season.

He has also demanded supply of seeds and fertilizers free of cost, a minimum support price of Rs. 6,000 a quintal for cotton and Rs. 2,700 for sugarcane. He said both the Union and State Governments should focus on the plight of farmers on a priority basis.

BJP Kisan Morcha national president Shri Om Prakash Dhankad said the 'Chalo Assembly' programme in

Hyderabad was part of a nationwide programme to draw attention of the concerned state and union governments



attention of the government to the plight of farmers in the country. BJP wants to change the condition of the poor farmers who are feeding the country so, we will organise such programmes to draw the

towards the problems of farmers, he said.

Andhra Pradesh BJP President Shri G. Kishan Reddy and Shri Bandaru Dattatreya also addressed the protest rally. ■(FOC)



By-election results

BJP led NDA won 4 seats out of 8

In the recently concluded by-elections in 8 seats in different States the BJP led NDA won 4 seats. In Himachal Pradesh the BJP got the prestigious Renuka (reserved) Assembly seat from the Congress. Here Shri Hridaya Ram of BJP defeated Vinay Kumar of Congress by 3,526 votes. It is noteworthy that Renuka was the stronghold of the opposition Congress and BJP got this seat for the first time after independence.

BJP supported Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) candidate Shri Jaiprakash Bhai Patel won the Mandu Assembly by-poll in Jharkhand defeating his nearest Congress rival Kumar Mahesh Singh by 23,768 votes.

Similarly, in Bihar Shri Satish Kumar Sah of JD(U) won the by-election from Laukha with a comfortable margin and in Haryana the BJP supported Janhit Congress retains the Adampur Assembly seat. ■

'Sankalpa Abhiyan' organised by BJP Human Rights Cell

Uttar Pradesh is at the bottom of records in respecting the rights of human beings guaranteed by Constitution of the country. It is shameful to note that highest number of complaints on violations have been received from Uttar Pradesh over the years. As per records of National Human Rights Commission of India rapes, murders, looting and kidnapping have become routine due to insensitive behavior of



administration and poor governance of State. A *Padyatra* is being organized by BJP Human Rights Cell on "Violations of Human Rights in Uttar Pradesh" from 27th November ,2011 as part of *Sankalp Abhiyan*.

BJP National General Secretary Ms Kiran Maheshwari flagged off the *padyatra* led by National Convener of the Cell Shri Sudhir Aggarwal.

Human Rights Cell has pledged to make people of the State aware about Human Rights and violations thereof by organizing series of mass awareness programs, interaction with people, and holding Sabha/meeting in villages, kasbas and Cities during the *padyatra*. The "Sankalp Abhiyan" organized by BJP Human Rights Cell from 27th Nov. 2011 is expected to reach Delhi on 15th Dec. 2011 covering a large number of villages, towns, and cities. ■

BJP Investor Cell protest march, New Delhi BJP raises concern over falling rupee & mismanaged Economy

Thousands of BJP Investor Cell Workers took out a Protest march against historically weak rupee at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on November 29,2011 . They expressed concern over the weakening rupee and Mismanagement of economy which is resulting in sharp increase in



prices of Urea(Fertilizers) , Medicines, Oil, Petroleum products & Capital Goods etc. This would impact common man which is crying with economic pain at present. Estimated loss due to falling rupee is 20 to 22 thousand crores in last three months as rupee was at 44 in Aug-11 & trading now at 52. This import bill burden because of government mismanagement has to be borne by *Aam Aadmi*.

Addressing the protestors BJP National Spokesperson Shri. Prakash Javadekar, said, Policy makers must be punished for creating such a situation where entire economy has failed. Indian Economic management can't be run on the same footing of US & western Economy, we have to have our own Economic Policies in context of Indian conditions.

Shri Arun Singh, National Convener, BJP investors cell expressed concern over speculation in rupee & policy makers and govt. contradicting each other's statement creating more confusion and ultimate loser is *Aam Admi*. Most of the Companies would be making loses due to high import cost and 14 times hike in Interest rate. Millions of Investors who have lost their faith in Stock Market are worried, confused and frustrated with wrong economic policies. Shri Ashok Goyal, National Co-Convener, Shri Chandrashekhar Sharma, National Co -Convener, Shri Roshan Kansal, Delhi State Co-Convener along with thousand of Investors joined the protest March. ■

Unique initiative by Madhya Pradesh BJP

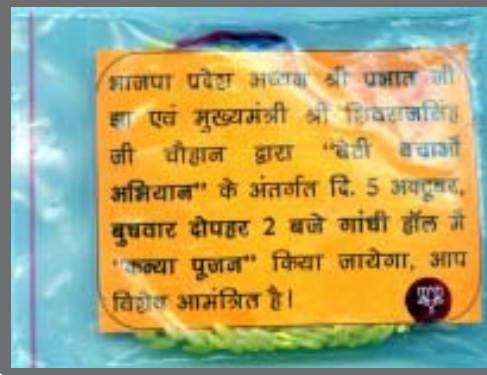
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Bharatiya Janata Party works not only with the aim of changing the government but with the objective of changing the society. BJP Madhya Pradesh State unit has taken initiatives in this direction which is worth emulating. Generally it is seen that political parties busy themselves with protest demonstration, rallies, picketing, meeting etc. leaving the constructive and developmental activities to be pursued by the administration. The work to empower the society cannot be left to the administration alone but every section of the society should contribute in this direction.

The declining sex ratio is a thing to worry. We worship women in the Indian culture in the form of *devi* but it is very unfortunate to note the growing trend of female foeticide in the country. The Madhya Pradesh BJP government has launched *Bitiya Bachao Abhiyan* on this serious and sensitive issue. BJP organization has also launched intensive campaign for creating massive awareness on the issue. A history was created on 5th October in Madhya Pradesh when BJP Madhya Pradesh BJP president Shri Prabhat Jha and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated *Bitiya Bachao Abhiyan* in Indore.

A novel initiative was taken for this unique programme. The most notable feature of this unique initiative was that the invitation card prepared for inviting people was representing Indian culture - it was distributed along with *akshat*, *roli* and *kalava*. Lacs of girls were honoured by performing *puja*. The process was repeated from *mandal* level to chief minister's house. BJP State President Shri Prabhat Jha appealed to the people to rise above partisan politics and come together on the issue to make *Bitiya Bachao Abhiyan* successful.

Shri Prabhat Jha said that politics should not be aimed at votes alone. Maintaining social balance, equipping the society, giving it dignity and respect, respecting its tradition and culture and to help it rise and march ahead is the responsibility of the government and political parties, he said. BJP has also decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of the one of the pillars of party Late Smt. Vijaya Raje Scindia as *Bitiya Bachao Divas*. ■



MADHYA PRADESH

BJP's fight for gas tragedy victims will continue : Prabhat Jha

M a d h y a Pradesh BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha expressed his condolence for the gas victims who died in the gas tragedy and prayed for the well-beings of the victims who are still suffering from the tragedy. He further expected that the State Government policies would be helpful for the gas victims.



Shri Jha further alleged that the Congress Government had given the permission of the Union Carbide plant in the heart of the city, which reflects that the party had no concern of the resident of State capital. The atrocity done by Congress Government has its implications till now, he added.

He further said that the deaths occurred owing to the negligence of the Congress Government and the party duped the common man. Shri Jha assured, "that the BJP is fighting for the residents of the Bhopal and the gas affected families from the very beginning".

He further said that the BJP has made many polices and initiated various programmes for the gas affected families of the Bhopal. The party is even fighting the battle of gas affected families in the court, he added.

Shri Jha said if the Congress led UPA Government had given proper assistance to the State Government the gas victims would have been benefited more.

The BJP State President further said that Union Carbide Company has done various embezzlements to hush up the charges of forgery. "The BJP will fight to include the remaining residents 20 wards under the victim of gas tragedy," he stated. He further said that the Congress is responsible for the establishment of factory in State capital.

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GUJARAT

Construct green buildings to save energy : Narendra Modi

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that the state needs to focus on saving energy by making buildings energy-efficient with the help of local innovation and technology. "I am not saying this as a politician or Chief Minister of the state but as a common man. I



need local technology which will help me in conserving energy," he said in his speech on the sidelines of a seminar on 'Energy Efficiency & Thermal Audit' jointly organised by Gujarat Government, CII, IndextB and the Danish Embassy.

Shri Modi stressed that a lifestyle which is in harmony with elements of nature should be adopted in order to conserve natural resources of the planet. He further said that Indian ethos should be maintained while using modern technology. Our ancestors had developed an energy-efficient lifestyle that was in tune with the laws of the universe. "We use lifts instead of staircase and then spend on gym to maintain our body", Shri Modi remarked.

The Chief Minister also said that government rules and regulations alone are not enough. "Now it is high time that architects and designers wake up and design buildings which will reduce energy consumption drastically," he said.

Shri Modi said that ancient India had a concept of environment-friendly buildings which were in alignment with nature's elements like air, water and sunlight and suggested that architects should take a cue from houses in Pols, temples and churches and design houses where less electricity is consumed and use of ACs is minimal. "Countries across the world have started re-using natural resources using local technology. In our case, there is need for local technology," he said.

Shri Modi said if necessary steps are not taken, something unexpected may take place because of

changing climatic trends. "In the last eight years, arid regions of Gujarat in Kutch have started getting not only good rains but have even experienced floods. If we do not take care of environment in the coming years, we may see snowfall in Kutch," he added.

JHARKHAND

Disability policy for State soon : Arjun Munda

Jharkhand Chief Minister Shri Arjun Munda addressing a *Maha-Panchayat* on World Disability Day at Shaheed Maidan in Dhurwa announced to bring about the special Disability Policy for the State very soon.



Shri Munda also added that the State Government has increased the stipend amount of Swami Vivekananda Scholarship Scheme for the disabled kids of the State from Rs 200 to Rs 400 and Jharkhand is the first state to provide disability pension to disabled children from 5 years of age he added.

Mentioning that the State has always been ahead in serving all facilities for the disabled, he said that the organizations, banks and PSU should take initiatives to provide jobs to such people and give maximum opportunity to such persons with special abilities.

He further said that three percent reservation has been given to specially challenged persons in all rural employment schemes of the state.

UTTAR PRADESH

BSP, Congress have tactical understanding on corruption : BJP

Terming the verbal dual between Union and State government over Bundelkhand package merely as election stunt, the BJP has alleged both BSP and the Congress were having tactical understanding on corruption.

The State BJP spokesman Shri Hriday Narayan Dixit said that Union Government has also done only lip service about the corruption of

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MNREGS but took no action against those were involved in looting of the money meant for the welfare of the poor. "Both BSP and the Congress were helping each other on crucial points as both were involved in rampant corruption" he said.

He said that only achievement of both Centre and state was their indulgence in scam after scam. "Publically both accuse each other but save each other whenever one is put up against some trouble" Shri Dixit said. He alleged that SP, BSP and Congress were competing to get support of Muslims and this was the reason they were advocating the reservation for the Muslims.

DELHI

BJP will oppose every attempt to hike power tariff : Vijendra Gupta

Sheila Dixit led Congress led Delhi Government with the connivance of DERC has made all the preparations to hike power tariff in the capital to benefit the power companies whereas the Government has no powers, legal or Constitutional to issue



directions or orders to an independent body like DERC. One of the power companies of Delhi has refused to pay 195 crores due to the NTPC. On the pretext of this refusal, the Chief Secretary of Delhi has issued directions to power companies to recover 195 crore rupees from the people in the form of hike in power tariff which is injustice with the people of Delhi and a favour to the power companies.

BJP Delhi Pradesh President Shri Vijender Gupta said that if the power tariff is increased in Delhi due to the directions of Chief Secretary of Delhi then BJP will come in the streets to oppose it. BJP along with the people of Delhi will oppose the attempt of increasing power tariff just after 22 percent hike recently. He said that the Supreme Court has cautioned the power companies of Delhi that if they are incurring loss then they should leave the field for other power companies. There are many power generation and distribution

companies in India which are ready to supply power at lower rates in the capital.

Shri Gupta said that the Chairman of the DERC is interested in the profit of the power companies and not in the welfare of the people. He has directed the companies that they can make up their loss by increasing power tariff even four times in a year. Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit has stated that the people of Delhi earn much hence, they should not hesitate in paying higher tariff.

He further said that if the accounts of the power companies are audited by CAG then one can find profit of crores being earned by the power companies. The power distribution companies are earning profit of 6000 crore rupees annually.

They are also benefiting by selling power at the rate of Rs.7 per unit to neighboring states. In spite of this by manipulating the accounts, they present deficit budget before the DERC and the Government and provide them opportunity to issue orders in their favour and impose burden of increased tariff on 170 lakh people of Delhi. ■

In BJP ruled states real empowerment of minorities taking place with strong political will : Naqvi

Interacting with media persons on December 01, 2011 in New Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party National Vice-President Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said that the Congress Party once again conspiring to hijack Muslim votes by injecting the "Cocaine of Quota".

Shri Naqvi said that in Electoral States particularly in Uttar Pradesh the competition for hijacking the Muslim votes is between the parties like Congress, which is presently ruling the country for more than



seven years, BSP ruling the state from nearly five years and SP, who never looked at the Social-Economic-Educational development of the minorities, started "Hue and Cry" for Muslim Reservation with crocodile tears.

He said that the ground reality in Uttar-Pradesh is showing the horrible picture of minorities' empowerment in last ten years. The reduction of Muslim jobs is approximate 42%, is real achievement of the so called grabbers of the Muslim Votes. On the other hand 31% increase of jobs in Madhya Pradesh, 38% in Bihar, 34% in Gujarat and 24% increases in Chattisgarh; these are the BJP-ruled States where without false promises and propaganda, the empowerment of the minorities is taking place with strong political will.

Shri Naqvi said that the Congress's sixty years of failure as stated in Sachhar Committee and Rangnath Mishra Committee Report's are gracing the Congress Warehouses. Central government completely failed on the front of economic, social, educational development of the minorities, and once again engaged in "Black magic of Reservation".

Shri Naqvi said that ahead of the state assembly election the Congress, BSP, and SP, in Uttar Pradesh is once again engaged in race of "Imaginary Quota Politics" for Muslims, is another example of their traditional game of political exploitation of the minority votes. ■ (FOC)



What You See Or Don't See

What is this? "It is a flower." How could you say that it is a flower? Because particular light waves come and touch your eyes, and the flower is created in your mind. You are not seeing the flower; you are seeing the mental image of the flower. You don't see or hear anything, you don't even touch anything. When you see or touch something, corresponding sympathetic vibration is created in your mind. At that time, you feel that you are seeing the flower, or you feel that you are hearing a song, or touching something hot or cold.

You never come in physical contact with anything. Your contact with everything is through your mind, through your nerve fibres, nerve cells, and your entire objective mind. When you feel you see, it is an internal projection with the help of your nerves. It is a mystery that whatever you perceive or whatever you conceive - everything is within you, nothing is outside of you. Hence it is said that the entire universe is within you in miniature form. You are seeing the psychic projection of the material world, which is why I say that the human entity is more psychic than physical.

Your existence is more important in the psychic world than in the physical world.

Human approaches are of two kinds - extro-internal and intro-external. Here is a flower. The waves move from the external world to the eye, then through the optic nerve to the nerve cells and finally to the brain. There, a similar flower is created according to the light waves that are outside your body. This movement is from external to



internal. It is something external, and its creation is in your mind, that is external to internal. Extro-internal - created outside but going within. There may also be intro-external movement, created in the mind and sent outside. Suppose you have created an elephant in your mind, and you have got a strong ectoplasmic structure. You create sympathetic vibrations outside. That external projection can be seen by you and by others. In your mind, you are creating an ectoplasmic elephant, and that elephant is projected outside. Others may

see it. In psychology, it is called a "positive hallucination".

Similarly, suppose there is an external elephant, and with the help of your ectoplasmic power, you withdraw the light waves emanating from the external elephant. Everyone will see there is no elephant, although actually there is an elephant. This is called a

"negative hallucination". Positive hallucination means that what appears to exist does not exist, and negative hallucination means that what actually exists appears not to exist.

Now, for you there are two worlds, the external and the internal. Waves from the outside enter the internal world, and ectoplasmic waves with a strong pressure may create strong extroversial waves. In order to create positive or negative hallucinations, there is always extroversial projection of your thought-waves.

Parama Purusha means 'He' who, with His ectoplasmic force, is creating everything. When a man has got devotion, he may or may not be a scientist, but he may unify his existence with *Parama Purusha* because of his extreme love for the Divine. Then he has no separate identity. ■

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