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“PM Dr. Manmohan Singh and UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi should apologise to the nation for the political conspiracy under which BJP whistle-blowers were jailed in the cash-for-vote scam”.

- Nitin Gadkari

“If countries like US, France, Algeria and even some of the smaller nations could get back the black money which belonged to them legitimately, why not India?”

-L K Advani

“People are suffering due to the failure of the Congress led Government in discharging its responsibilities”.

- Sushma Swaraj

“Perhaps, India will be the only nation in the world where in an attempt to hide its wrong doings, the Government is targeting the Opposition and has imprisoned its leaders”.

- Arun Jaitley

### *Letter to the Editor...*

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## **Kashmiri Pandits neglected**

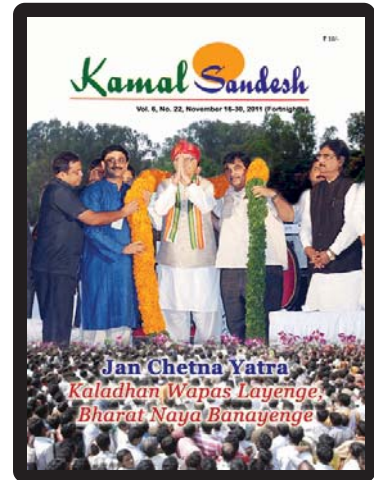
Dear Editor Sir,

The Kashmiri Pandits, originally inhabitants of Kashmir, were forced to leave their homes due to persecution by Islamic fundamentalists in the largest case of ethnic cleansing since the partition of India. To some extent, vote-bank politics was also responsible for disturbing the communal harmony in the State.

It is so pathetic that even after 20 years of the violence thousands of Kashmiri Hindus are still living in camps in Jammu.

In this country these Kashmiri Pandits are refugees in their own homeland. Many political parties supporting or not addressing their grievances, shows how biased the political parties are against the Kashmiri Hindus in Jammu & Kashmir.

V Koul, New Delhi



*“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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## Nation salutes Shri LK Advani for his indomitable spirit and courage

The nation is overwhelmed by the efforts made by Shri Lal Krishna Advani to awaken the masses in fight against corruption. The indomitable spirit and courage which he showed in covering the length and breadth of the country in course of Jan Chetna Yatra is not only remarkable but praiseworthy. There may be debate and discussion over the outcome of the yatra but everyone is saluting his courage. When the history will be written his name will be engraved in golden letters as 'Yatra-Purush' of Indian politics for traveling every inch of the country to awaken the masses in support of the issues raised by him. Some people attempted to raise the issue of prime ministership but everyone knows that for him such issues were of least importance. He himself said that such issues were decided by organisation in BJP and not by any single individual. He always considered country as his own family and he kept the interest of the nation above his own family only himself throughout his life. Bharatiya Janata Party was fortunate to have his guidance since its formation and even now his blessings are most needed to steer the country out of the present mess.

Jan Chetna Yatra has concluded. It was the sixth yatra of Shri LK Advani. It was started with the declared aim of fighting corruption and for heralding an era of clean politics. 'Bharatachar mitayenge, Kaladhan wapas layenge, Bharat desh naya banayenge' (We will get rid of corruption, bring back black money and build a new India) was the declared objective which attracted the attention of the entire nation. Wherever he went the response was tremendous. People waited for him, lined up on the sides of the roads to have a glimpse of him and to listen to him. People came out in thousands to greet him and support his cause. It was in fact the national cause which he was raising through his Jan Chetna Yatra.

It really stirred the imagination of the people that Shri Lal Krishna Advani who is in his 80s has hit the street to save the nation. Corruption has become the order of the day. Everyday a new scam is making headlines. 2G spectrum, Adarsh society scam, CWG scam, Antrix-Devas deal and many other such countless scams have stirred the nation. People have started losing faith in the system. The politicians for them appear to be self-seeking and corrupt individuals. The Congress led UPA is now presiding over a fast deteriorating political system where corruption and loot rules and democracy is threatened and imperiled. It is posing a grave threat to the nation. Shri LK Advani could not remain a mute spectator. He has always awakened the nation. This time also he came out to awaken the entire nation telling them that the democratic system can be rescued from the clutches of misrule, misgovernance and regime of corruption and loot.

Shri LK Advani was moved by the undemocratic, unethical and pathetic approach of Congress led UPA. Even a series of scams had failed to force the hands of either the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh or Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi to act. They maintained studied silence, even acquiescing in the misdeeds of their colleagues and extending patronage to the regime of corruption and loot. People were left to fend for themselves in the face of unprecedented price rise. While 'Cash for Votes' scam was exposed and enquiries had to be conducted under the pressure of the court, instead of booking the conspirators, the whistleblowers were arrested. This was the breaking point. It moved Shri LK Advani to act and to go to the people. He lost all faith on the good intention of the government. He

# Editorial...

announced in the parliament that he will go to the people. Jan Chetna Yatra was planned by the BJP to sound a bugle against corruption and for clean politics. It was perhaps a divine intervention, that while Jan Chetan Yatra was reaching its final phase, the court while making an adverse remark against the police inquiry granted bail to the whistleblowers who were arrested and put into Tihar jail. Shri Sudheendra Kulकर्णी, Fagga Singh Kulaste, Mahavir Prasad Bhagora, Ashok Argal and others were released. Shri Advani and BJP were vindicated. The intention of the Congress led UPA was exposed.

Shri LK Advani has created massive awakening in the country through his Jan Chetna Yatra. He was supported throughout the yatra by his family members. BJP National General Secretaries Shri Ananth Kumar (yatra prabakari) and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad (yatra sah-prabakari) accompanied Shri Advani throughout his 40-day long yatra. In addition to them BJP National Secretary Shri Shyam Jaju and Shri Muralidhar Rao as sah-prabakarīs of the yatra worked hard to make the yatra successful. While they had the opportunity to gain experience and know the nation from close quarters while traveling with Shri Advani, they should also be greeted for their efforts and unstinted support to Shri Advani during the yatra. As a result of the yatra everywhere people are rising up against corruption and want to bring back black money stashed abroad. They want to see an era of clean politics where public morals and ethics are not a casualty anymore. People have given massive support to the yatra. But the war against corruption will have to continue, the issues raised during yatra will have to be pursued then only we will be able to build a new India of our dream. ■

## NDA to boycott P Chidambaram in Parliament



The BJP led NDA has decided to boycott Home Minister P Chidambaram and not allow him to speak in Parliament before he quits the Union Cabinet for his alleged complicity in the 2G spectrum scandal. The Opposition has all along alleged that Chidambaram, as Finance Minister in 2007-08, was party to all decisions taken by the Telecom Ministry on allotment of spectrum and called for a thorough probe into his role by the CBI. BJP's deputy leader in the Rajya Sabha Shri SS Ahluwalia said reporters after a meeting of NDA leaders in New Delhi that P Chidambaram is equally responsible. The Prime Minister has taken A Raja's resignation, but did not seek Chidambaram's resignation. We will boycott Chidambaram in Parliament, until he resigns. We will not allow him to speak." ■

## Odisha BJP Vice-President, Asit Bose dies in road accident

Odisha State BJP Vice -President and former principal of the Christ College Shri Asit Bose died in a tragic road accident at Trisulia on November 13. He was 69 and survived by wife, two sons and daughter-in-laws. According to reports, Shri Bose was riding a scooter and on way from Bhubaneswar to Cuttack when he collided with a truck. He died on the spot. Shri Asit Bose, along with an accomplished academic career, had been an active Karyakarta of the BJP holding important positions at various levels and a RSS Swayamsevak. He was also associated with the Sikhya Vikash Samiti. His death cast a pall of gloom in the Odisha BJP. Senior leaders including former Minister Shri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan, State General Secretary Shri Nayan Mohanty, Vice Presidents Shri Rajkishore Mohanty, rushed to his residence after the accident and paid their tributes. Odisha BJP President Shri Jual Oram and all the senior leaders condoled the death of Shri Bose. ■

# War against corruption to continue in the entire country : Advani



*Jan Chetana Yatra which began on 11 October 2011 from Sitabdiyara in Bihar, the birthplace of Loknayak Jay Prakash Narayan was successfully completed on 20 November 2011. In the course of yatra former Deputy Prime Minister and BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani received rousing reception across the country and was able to create mass awareness on the issue of corruption, black money and clean politics. Kamal Sandesh has been reporting the yatra for last two issues. In the October 1-15, 2011 issue we covered the yatra in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Jharkhand. In the 16-31 Oct, 2011 issue we covered Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Goa and Maharashtra. In this issue we are covering the yatra in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Delhi. We are also publishing the last public meeting in which the yatra culminated in Ramlila Maidan in Delhi separately. We hope that our readers will be able to get a brief overview of the yatra which has created such a massive awakening in the country and generated public opinion in favour of clean politics, corruption free India and strengthened the demand to bring back black money stashed abroad in foreign banks.*

## SURAT, GUJARAT

### Advani lauds Gujarat Govt & people for all-round development

The Jan Chetna Yatra against corruption and black money entered Gujarat on November 06 amid rousing reception. Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP State president Shri RC Faldu, thousands of BJP workers and thousands of common people welcomed Shri LK Advani's

cavalcade accompanied by BJP National General Secretaries Shri Ananth Kumar and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and BJP National Secretaries Shri Murlidhar Rao and Shri Shyam Jaju, at the Daman check-post. Later many BJP leaders and common people accompanied the Yatra through the south Gujarat region on the first day of the two-day State tour through the State. Shri Advani addressed meetings at Vapi, Valsad, Navsari and Surat.

Addressing huge meeting at Surat, where the Yatra halted for the night, Shri Advani recalled

what he had told Shri Nitish Kumar, Railway Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. "I always told Shri Nitish Kumar that if you undertake a survey, you will certainly find ticket less travel in trains is the least in Gujarat. This showed the attitude of the people of Gujarat, and this is what has contributed to the State's all-round progress," Shri Advani said.

Praising Shri Modi for providing *Surajya* (good governance) to the people of Gujarat, Shri LK Advani also gave credit to the people of the State for the all-round development the State. He said the government has to contribute to the development of the State, but what matters most is the attitude of the people. The attitude of the people of Gujarat is different from that of the people in most other States and that is what has contributed in its development, he said.

Shri Narendra Modi, who began his address



by recalling how the people of Gujarat began fight against corruption in the early 1970s when most other parts of the country had not given any thought to the problem, later spoke on black money and engaged the audience in live conversation. He asked them whether the estimated Rs. 25 lakh crore allegedly stashed away in foreign banks should be brought back to India or not. As the audience repeatedly replied in the positive, he said the corruption, black money and the Congress had almost become synonyms and the only way to remove corruption from its roots was to "throw out the Congress" through the ballot.

Recalling Gujarat's contributions to fighting corrupt practices, the Chief Minister said an indefinite fast by a Jan Sangh worker, Shri Chimnabhai Shukla, against the Congress bribing a Sangh corporate to topple the Rajkot Municipal

Corporation Council, had sown the seeds of Gujarat's fight against corruption which later developed into the *Navnirman* agitation in 1974 to overthrow the then corrupt Congress regime in the State. It became the source of inspiration for *Sarvodaya* leader Jayaprakash Narayan to launch a nation-wide movement against corruption in high offices, he said. He said if the Rs. 25 lakh crore in black money was brought back to the country, it could change the face of rural India.

## BROACH, GUJARAT

### Congress threatening media owners to suppress or distort *Yatra* reports : Modi

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi criticised media manipulation of his alleged rift with Shri LK Advani.

Shri Modi said the Centre was threatening owners of the print and electronic media to suppress or distort reports on the *Yatra* and the saga of Gujarat's development to create hatred for the BJP and the State government in the minds of the people. But we have a place in the hearts of the people and any attempt by the Congress to distort our image on the television screens will not be able to stop Gujarat's rapid strides on the path of progress, he said. Addressing the well-attended rally, Shri Advani agreed with Shri Narendra Modi and said that "C" in the Congress actually stood for "corruption." He said the Congress was the fountainhead of corruption, black money and maladministration, and said the BJP and the NDA would continue to raise the black money issue in the winter session of Parliament, until the Congress led UPA government conceded the demand to bring back black money stashed away in foreign banks.

## JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN

### *Yatra* has evoked good public response

Former Deputy Prime Minister Shri L K Advani said that the people have responded with enthusiasm to the *Jan Chetna Yatra* in the entire country. The *Jan Chetna Yatra* which entered Jaipur along with thousands of *Karyakartas*, addressed a public meeting in the evening at Ramlila grounds

in the heart of the city. On that occasion he said that since 1990 the public response has continued mounting with each new *Yatra*.

If Shri Advani has fond memories of the city where it all began for him a few decades back when as a journalist he would camp out in the narrow lanes of the Walled City, the city's people too have in their mind a more energetic,



enthusiastic and confident Shri Advani of yesteryears. "Every time I come out on to the streets with a *Yatra*, I get a better response than the previous time," he said.

"The response to the *Ram Mandir Yatra* was beyond expectations. However the journeys I embarked on in 1997 and in 2007 evoked an even greater response," Shri Advani said. He said, "The favorable responses prove that Indians are not only *Ram Bhakts* but also *Raj Bhakts*."

The people are fed up with corruption and they now demand better, cleaner governance, he asserted. "This time the *Yatra* has evoked a lot of enthusiasm in the South as well. In Chennai, despite the rains, people stayed put in the open and listened to me," he said.

#### JODHPUR, RAJASTHAN

### Will force Centre to take up black money issue in Parliament

Arriving in Jodhpur Shri Advani toured Beawar, Ajmer and Kishengarh and addressing a rally in Jodhpur he said the three major issues which needed immediate attention were corruption, price rise and black money. While the first two had been taken up for debate in Parliament, the black money issue was still pending. In the coming session of Parliament the BJP is going to seek a reply from the Government on black money," he said. Shri Advani said the country could retrieve its Rs.25 lakh crores, which he said were stashed away in tax havens abroad. "If countries like US, France, Algeria and even

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some of the smaller nations could get back the money which belonged to them legitimately, why not India? When the CAG unearths a scam of the magnitude of Rs.1.76 lakh crores the nation is stunned. What if we can get back all the Rs.25 lakh crores and use it for nation building," he asked.

#### PHAGWARA, PUNJAB

### 'Right-thinking Congress leaders will support BJP's initiative against black money'

Keeping up the attack on the Congress-led UPA government, BJP Parliamentary party Chairman Shri LK Advani said BJP and its allies would force the Centre during Parliament's upcoming winter session to make public names of all those who had stashed funds in Swiss bank accounts. Shri Advani said BJP's previous initiatives on corruption and inflation, raised during the last two years, had got "massive support" of opposition parties and public. "These had been discussed threadbare in Parliament also. But the third initiative of bringing back black money required to be taken to Indian masses and I have succeeded in doing so through my *Yatra* as the common man now also has veered round the idea of bringing back the amount," Shri Advani said during his ongoing Jan Chetana *Yatra*.

He also hoped that BJP's initiative against black money ropes in support from some right-thinking Congress leaders, the way late Prime Minister V P Singh had done on Bofors issue. Such right-thinking Congress leaders might also stand up and support our demand for bringing back the black money to India for using it for national development and initiate action against those who had stashed this income amassed with dishonest means, he said.

#### AMRITSAR, PUNJAB

### Sonia Gandhi should break her silence on 2G scam

In his address at Amritsar Shri LK Advani continued to target the UPA and reiterated that the BJP along with its allies would force the Congress and its ruling alliance partners into disclosing the

names of the political leaders and others, whose black money had been stashed away in Swiss banks.

He was confident that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) constituents would succeed in exposing the involvement of the Congress leaders in rampant corruption at various places.

While urging UPA chairperson and Congress president, Sonia Gandhi, to break her silence on the 2G scam, he said that the issues of corruption, black money and inflation would be discussed thoroughly in the forthcoming winter session of Parliament. In Amritsar Shri LK Advani visited the holiest Sikh shrine, Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) complex and after paying obeisance at the Durgiana Mandir and homage to the martyrs at the Jallianwala Bagh, he proceeded to Batala on way to Pathankot. At various rallies, especially in Batala town, Shri Advani received enthusiastic response from the people. In his address, he targeted Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, United Progressive Alliance chairperson Sonia Gandhi and the Congress leadership for the series of scandals.

## MANDI, HIMACHAL PRADESH

### Advani wants the corrupt jailed

The *Jan Chetna Yatra* got a warm welcome at Mandi. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Prof. PK Dhumal, all Ministers and senior leaders of BJP and a huge crowd welcomed the former Deputy Prime Minister Shri LK Advani and his *Jan Chetna Yatra* to Himachal Pradesh.

Addressing a huge rally in Mandi Shri Lal Krishan Advani said that the cash-for-vote scam in Parliament related to the UPA-I regime as the darkest blot on Indian democracy. He alleged that 19 MPs who allegedly got Rs 5 to Rs 10 crore for voting for the Congress-led UPA government went scot-free, while three BJP MPs who acted as whistleblowers to expose the scam in a TV channel sting operation, were put behind the bars.

He said the BJP would make "2012 a year of accountability" and punish all those responsible for corruption in the 2G Spectrum, Commonwealth Games and cash-for-votes scams.

Besides, the alleged Rs 25 lakh crore black money stashed in foreign banks should be brought

back to fund interlinking of 31 rivers in the country to eradicate flood and drought problems in the country, he claimed.

Shri Advani termed 2010 and 2011 as years of scams and asserted that he would ensure in the coming winter session of Parliament that 2012 became a year of accountability. All those responsible for corruption should be put in jail, he added.

In his speech, Shri Advani said corruption was a major factor responsible for poverty and inflation. He said Good governance and



development went hand in hand and there was no room for corruption in good governance and development, he asserted.

In his speech leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley termed the UPA-II as a divided house only to mint money. He alleged that corruption in the UPA was so deep-rooted that many ministers had landed in Tihar Jail.

Shri Jaitley praised Prof. Dhumal for providing good governance and giving relief to the public through various schemes. The Chief Minister dwelt on various schemes that his government had started.

BJP National Vice-President Shri Shanta Kumar, quoting an Amnesty International report, attacked the Congress regime at the Centre saying the billionaires' list was increasing in India while 70 crore people still survived on a paltry Rs 20 per day and four crore people were unemployed

## CHANDIGARH

### Development and preservation of democratic traditions are the main issues

Thousands of people turned up to join the ongoing *Jan Chetna Yatra* of Shri LK Advani, against corruption and Black money in Chandigarh. Amid cheers Shri Advani arrived at Chandigarh and



headed towards the rally ground. At the airport, the local folk dance 'Bhangra' welcomed Shri Advani. As Shri Advani moved towards his *Rath* waving to his supporters, the premises of Airport reverberated with chants 'BJP Zindabad'.

Shri Advani was accompanied by leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Ananth Kumar & Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad along with actress Smt. Kiron Kher. The convoy of accompanying Shri Advani's 'Rath', became the central attraction for Chandigarh citizens at that evening. Shri Advani's *Yatra* was followed by the bike rally of BJP youth wing workers, shouting slogans. Before



culminating *Yatra*, the *Rath* passed through sector 29, 30, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 24 of the city. At sector 29, flower canon was fired at the *Rath* by local BJP workers as part of gratitude for the leader. Members of BJP women wing had also welcomed Shri Advani at Sai Dham temple.

Addressing a massive rally at Chandigarh the former Deputy Prime Minister Shri LK Advani said that the *Jan Chetna Yatra* undertaken by him was not an attempt to repackage himself and it had nothing to do with "L.K.Advani, the BJP or the National Democratic Alliance for that matter". He said his main purpose was to apprise the people of how the United Progressive Alliance, "steeped in corruption and misgovernance, had brought the country's image to an abysmal low".

Stating that the main issue is the country's development and preservation of democratic traditions, he recalled that except for the 'Black Days of Emergency', India had kept democracy alive for almost 60 years.

He said 'I did not plan the *Yatra*, however, the shocking events when those who had exposed in Parliament the cash-for-vote scam were arrested

rather than being honoured for acting as whistle-blowers, had prompted me to undertake the *Yatra* to tell the people that the time had come to punish a regime which was totally insensitive'.

He said that Wikileaks had also exposed the role of the Congress in allegedly bribing the MPs to save the UPA regime in 2008. Welcoming the grant of bail to the incarcerated leaders, he said the day was not far when they should be honoured in Parliament for strengthening democracy.

Shri Advani said that he had received a solid feedback from the people that they were angry with the "insensitive" government and did not accept its version regarding skyrocketing inflation and so on. The people were not impressed with the government's claim of ushering prosperity as it was confined to only a few while the common man was suffering due to UPA regime's failures on all fronts.

Shri Advani said that it was because of the Akalis that democracy still prevails in India.

Remembering the ill-fated period of emergency in the State, he claimed, "Akalis emerged as the savior of democracy by fighting against Emergency imposed in 1984 by the Congress to control all the powers in the State".

He said that the people were now openly comparing the performance of the NDA regime headed by Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee with that of the UPA. The NDA set-up had delivered the goods and initiated processes of development, he added.

## JAMMU, J&K

### Advani opposes AFSPA withdrawal

Former Deputy Prime Minister Shri LK Advani opposed withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) saying the Army had done a commendable job in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a huge rally in Jammu as part of his *Jan Chetna Yatra*, Shri Advani said withdrawal of the AFSPA would handicap the Army. "It is only because of the Army that Jammu & Kashmir is a part of India. It has made a lot of sacrifices. But unfortunately, if there is a problem, the Army is blamed for that. It is not justified and the Army gets demoralized." The government should be firm on its stand. The Army's consent is necessary for any such step and it cannot be ignored. It is true that we get some examples from Manipur, but

Jammu and Kashmir needs a different approach," he said.

Shri Advani criticised the Congress led UPA government's policy on Pakistan. When we were



in power we had adopted zero tolerance towards terrorism and thought the UPA will follow that, but they have not.

On that occasion Shri Advani also opposed any move to restore the pre-1953 Constitutional position of J&K. Before 1953 there was no role of the Supreme Court in the State. We had two Prime Ministers and two Auditors-General. All these differences were before 1953. After the sacrifice of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, things changed. Those who say that the pre-1953 status will be restored in the State will not get our support at all. We will do our best to oppose this demand," he declared.

## DERHADUN, UTTARAKHAND

### Democracy and dynasty can't succeed together

BJP parliamentary party Chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani said that corruption and good governance can't co-exist, similarly democracy and dynasty can't succeed together. Shri Advani was addressing his first public meeting of *Jan Chetna Yatra* in Uttarakhand at the parade ground, Derhadun. It was the 35th day of his *Jan Chetna Yatra*, which concludes on November 20 in Delhi after crossing Haridwar, Haldwani and Rudrapur of Uttarakhand and UP. On November 17 he addressed four public meeting in four States.

Addressing a huge rally he said the Congress-led UPA II Government's efforts at blending democracy and dynastic politics had proved their undoing.

Making comparisons with the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA regime with other party led

Union Governments; Shri Advani said that during the six-year rule (1998-2004) Atalji made India a nuclear power. Thereafter, the US Government had imposed economic sanctions and we faced it despite witnessing Gujarat earthquakes and several cyclones.

Shri Advani said there was a paralysis in decision making in the UPA regime. For instance, Andhra Pradesh was burning due to the Telangana issue and more than 400 people had committed suicide, even a youth had ended his life outside the Parliament but present Government had failed to act, he said.

He expressed satisfaction that during his 60 year-long political career he had organised six *Rath Yatras* so far but he had received huge public support in this *Jan Chetna Yatra* because each & every people are fed up with prevailing corruption in their day to day life. For instance in Tamilnadu BJP is not having presence in Vidhan Sabha but his *Yatra* received huge public support.

Talking about corruption Shri Advani said that CAG has opined that Rs 1.76 lakh crore 2G scam took place. Explaining about Kerala *Yatra* he



said that he came to know that several people are working in gulf countries or Dubai and sending their money to the country. It is increasing our foreign reserve and now their income has reduced because there is a perception prevailing that India is corrupt state.

He said that it may happen in Delhi but not in Hindustan. During NDA regime people, who return from abroad, keep praising about the country's road so Atalji decided to build Golden quadrilateral road and to connect village with road he started Prime Minister *Gram Sadak Yojana*. That assignment was given to then union cabinet Minister Maj Gen BC Khanduri and he executed the project on ground. Such people exist only in BJP.

Talking about black money he said that Britishers ruled over the country around 200 years and looted Rs one lakh crore only but our people have looted around Rs 25 lakh crore and deposited in foreign banks in the last 64 years. This data was compiled by Global Financial and Integrity (GFI), a US based research agency. At the same time he alleged that government is not doing anything to bring the money back into the country. Despite knowing the fact that UN security council has passed a resolution against the black money. Even few countries including US & Germany have brought their money back to their country but union government is sitting idle.

Among others former chief ministers Shri Nityanand Swami, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari and Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, BJP national general Secretaries Shri Anant Kumar, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, BJP National Secretaries Shri Murali Dhar Rao, Shri Shayam Jaju, all cabinet ministers and other senior leaders were present.

## HARIDWAR, UTTRAKHAND

### Peoples' love, support more than PM's post

Overwhelmed by the support received by the crowd in Rishikul ground, former Deputy Prime Minister Shri Lal Krishan Advani said that the support that he has got from the people during his 60-year-long political career, is much more than the power he would have enjoyed as the Prime Minister of the country.

I keep telling people that the love and support that I have got from my party, my family and my country so far, is far more than the post of a Prime Minister, Shri Advani said, while addressing his second public meeting during his *Jan Chetna Yatra* in Uttarakhand at Rishikul ground, Haridwar.

The *Yatra*, which was scheduled to reach the venue at 11 am, was late by nearly an hour. Amid shouting of slogans like 'BJP zindabad', 'Advaniji zindabad', Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri welcomed Shri Advani by presenting him a Gada (mace), to kill the Ravan of corruption.

Shri Advani, who spoke for about 20 minutes, said that he was overwhelmed by the support that his current *Yatra* has got from the public. "I have never received such a good response and support

from the public before. Everywhere I went during my *Yatra*, the support from people has remained very good," he said.

Accusing the Congress of running the most corrupt government in the democratic history of the country, he said, "The Congress Government has tarnished India's image the world over with a series of scams unearthed in recent years. It is



because of corruption that prices of goods were at an all-time high in India."

On a Delhi court granting bail to BJP's ex-MPs in the cash-for-vote scam of 2008, he said that these MPs were whistle-blowers and should be honoured for exposing corruption at the highest places in Congress.

Talking about his long career in politics and people often talking about his age, the octogenarian leader in a jocular mood said, "When people mention my age, my daughter says that they are casting an evil eye."

In a nostalgic mood, Shri Advani described how a Press photographer had in 2003, asked him to stand behind the then Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and then Vice President Bhairon Singh, when he and Singh had come to Vajpayee's residence to wish him birthday.

Shri LK Advani added that next day he saw two pictures on the front page of this newspaper. One, which was taken on the occasion on Vajpayeeji's birthday and the other, a similar black and white photo, which was taken in 1953 when Bhaironji had won in the country's first General Elections.

"I keep giving this example to my party workers to tell to tell them that how lucky they are to be in a party in which three friends after working for 50 years can simultaneously become PM, Vice President and Deputy PM of the country," he said. ■

## BJP wants *Ram Raj* to create a society free from fear, hunger & corruption : Gadkari

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari promised Ram Raj in Uttar Pradesh that will have space for every section of society. Shri Gadkari said we want Ram Raj and the idea is to create a society free of fear, hunger and corruption, at the party's *Vijay Sankalp Samagam* in Ayodhya on November 17 to mark the culmination of the two *Jan Swabhimaan Yatras* led by former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh and BJP National Vice President Shri Kalraj Mishra which have jointly toured more than 325 Assembly constituencies of the State.

Addressing the massive *Samagam* BJP national president Shri Nitin Gadkari said that the BJP had already prepared a blueprint for the development of Uttar Pradesh and if given a five-year term, the party will ensure 24-hour power supply, employment opportunities for the youth and all-round development.

"I promise a corruption-free and development-oriented government if you vote us to power. We request you to give us a full majority and if you do not do so, we assure you that we will not extend our support to either SP or BSP. We will prefer to sit in the Opposition," he said to a thunderous applause.

Mounting a blistering attack on the Mayawati government, the BJP president said that the UP chief minister was only concerned with installing

statues and had no time to spare a thought for cane growers and potato growers who were facing bad times.

He said, "The Mulayam Singh regime was known for its *goonda raj* while the Mayawati government is known for taking corruption to a new high. Both these parties are also supporting the Congress led UPA



government because they are apprehensive of the disproportionate assets' cases against their top leadership," he said. Addressing on the occasion former BJP national president Shri Rajnath Singh blamed the Samajwadi Party and the BSP for the survival of the UPA government.

"The UPA government is now known for taking inflation and corruption to new heights and it is BSP and SP that are continuing their support to the UPA government. Both these parties had also prevented the fall of the UPA -1 too," he said. Shri Singh said the BSP and SP were quiet on the issue of price hike.

He said that, 'there is no intention to shift back to State politics. I do not nurse any chief

ministerial ambition. I have not undertaken this *Yatra* to project myself as a CM. I am here because my home State is in trouble'.

He further added Mayawati's Government is the corrupt ever regime UP has seen. She shamelessly continued to stick to the chair despite getting raps from the judiciary on corruption in her Government. If

I had been faced with similar embarrassment, I would have preferred sitting at home than shamelessly defending the corrupt.

Several thousands of crores have been spent on erecting statue of the CM and elephants. Even Indian families do not run without a certain degree of grace. She is running the State gracelessly.

On the occasion *Sushri* Uma Bharti asked party workers to realise the importance of *Ram Raj* that will see every single person in the society prospering.

This idea is contrary to Islamic *Raj* where there is no space for believer of other faith. *Ram Raj* envisages cheaper food, clothes, justice. It does not matter which faith you belong to, *Sushri* Bharti said at the rally. ■

## Jan Chetna Yatra a beginning of long-drawn struggle to bring down the most corrupt UPA regime : Advani

From Our Correspondent



**A**t the culmination of the 40-day long *Jan Chetna Yatra* for public awakening against Black money stashed abroad and corruption, at the historical Ramlila Maidan in Delhi on November 20, 2011 the former Deputy Prime Minister and BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani said that the conclusion of the *Yatra* was the beginning of a long-drawn struggle to bring down the most corrupt regime ever in the democratic history of India at the Centre.

It is

noteworthy, that Shri L K Advani began the *Jan Chetna Yatra* from the birth place of *Loknayak* Jayprakash Narayan in Sitabdiara, Bihar on October 11, 2011, which was flagged off by Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar to take on the Congress led UPA government on the issue of corruption and black money. Before commencing his 6<sup>th</sup> *Yatra*

Shri Advani told the gathering that 'he did not plan the *Yatra*, however, the shocking events, when those BJP MPs who had exposed in Parliament the cash-for-vote scam were arrested rather than being honoured for acting as whistleblowers, had prompted him to undertake the *Yatra* to tell the people that the time had come to punish a

regime which was totally insensitive'. However, before the culmination of the *Yatra* the Delhi High has not only granted bail to all the

### Missed Vajpayeeji in my *Yatra*

**Differentiating his present *Yatra* from earlier he had undertaken in the 60 years of his joining politics, Shri Advani said "I received overwhelming welcome in various states. But this was the first *Yatra* when Vajpayeeji was not with me". He said that in the past, he had guidance and companionship of his mentor and senior Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. As Shri Vajpayee is not keeping good health nowadays, he is not with me. However, I sought blessings from him, a day prior to commencing the *Yatra*," Shri Advani added.**



Jayalalitha's emissary Shri M Thambidurai, Akali Dal leader Shri Manjeet Singh GK. Wife of Shri LK Advani Smt. Kamla Advani was also present on the occasion.

Addressing the massive gathering of *Karyakartas* and common people at the culminating day of the *Yatra* Shri Advani said though the *Yatra* had concluded in the Capital but the war against corruption would continue in the whole country. The fight against corruption will go on until the people of the country are not convinced and satisfied that corruption will be eradicated completely,

accused persons in the cash-for-vote case, but also gave them a clean chit, observing that there was no criminal conspiracy on the part of the then three BJP MPs to demand and accept a bribe to vote in favour of the confidence motion moved by the UPA I government in 2008 and the court could not find any prima facie evidence on record of demand and acceptance of illegal gratification by the three MPs and Shri Sudheendra Kulkarni. This verdict has not only vindicated the stand of Shri LK Advani but also once again thoroughly exposed the Congress led UPA's conspiracies.

Apart from Shri LK Advani among others present on the dais were BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, former BJP Presidents Shri M Venkaiah Naidu and Shri Rajnath Singh, Leaders of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Shri Arun Jaitley, NDA convenor and JD(U) leader Shri Sharad Yadav, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Ananth Kumar and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, Delhi BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta, Shiv Sena leader Shri Anant Geete, Republican Party of India leader Shri Ramdas Athavale and AIADMK Supremo Sushri



he said.

Shri Advani said in the last 21 years between his first *Yatra* from Somnath to Ayodhya and sixth, the *Jan Chetna Yatra* covering 22 States and five Union Territories, the nation had seen several changes. "My first *Yatra* in 1990 was stopped by then Chief Minister of Bihar whereas my sixth *Yatra* was flagged off by the present CM of the same State. I could not reach Ayodhya as I was arrested at that time," he said.

At Ramlila Maidan, denouncing the Congress-led



UPA Government for not responding to the issue of black money, Shri Advani said despite their continuous persuasion, the Government had not provided information on black money stashed in various foreign accounts of Indians, including three Members of Parliament. "We have also asked the Union Government to issue a white paper in this regard but it all went in vain. The kind of support, the *Yatra* has received in the last 40 days shows that people of this country want the truth to come out," he said.



he further said a political fog had engulfed the India's politics, which would never disappear automatically. The only way is '*Jan Chetna*' (public awakening). And I am convinced that we can make the fog disappear and restore clean and good governance.

Shri Advani said that he has never seen such large public meeting in Ramlila Maidan in his 60 years political career. He heartily congratulated BJP State President Shri Vijender Gupta and his colleagues for it.

He also revealed that the decision to go for another *Yatra* in October was spontaneous and taken when his two former BJP MPs and his aide were arrested in the cash-for-vote scam. "Those who were the whistleblowers and exposed the Congress led UPA 1 Government, were arrested," said Advani. Out on bail in cash-for-vote scam

Shri Sudheendra Kulkarni, former BJP MPs Shri Mahavir Singh Bhagora and Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste also appeared on the dais during Shri Advani's address.

Addressing the huge gathering BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari in his inspirational speech sought an apology to the nation from Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh for sending three whistleblowers to jail. He asked, "On whose order,



Shri LK Advani said a strong anti-corruption law alone could not eradicate corruption; it required determination. "No doubt, corruption can be controlled with the law but it can not eradicate it completely. We need Lokpal and it should be strong and effective but there should also be political will, which the present Government lacks. It is Government's responsibility to remove corruption and the only way to end it is through public awakening or a change of Government".

Referring to the revelation of one scam after another,



## Yatra received rousing welcome

The Yatra received overwhelming welcome in various states. Shri Advani said that in Tamil Nadu and Kerala the Yatra was given maximum support. He said in Tamilnadu BJP is not having presence in Vidhan Sabha or in Lok Sabha but the Jan Chetna Yatra received huge public support.

I came across many places like Mandi in Himachal Pradesh and Pathankot in Punjab where people created history of Rallies and Public Meetings.

they were imprisoned. Why is no action taken against you (Congress) when you indulged in corrupt practices to save your government?"

Citing the judgment of the Delhi High Court, Shri Gadkari said though the court's order was only related to the bail petition of the whistleblowers but the court has observed prime facie there was no evidence of illegal graft. Is it fair to sent those who exposed corruption? If you have a big heart, you should tender an apology to the nation," he said.

Shri Gadkari added the BJP would continue its movement until entire black money was not brought back in the country.

Severely criticizing the Congress led UPA Government, JD (U) leader Shri Sharad Yadav said awful governance and ineffective leadership had lanted the country in trouble.

In the regime of Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, the entire nation is restive, helpless and distressed. All welfare projects for the welfare of poor have failed. Natural resources are being exploited," he said.

While speaking on the occasion leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj blamed the wrong policies for rising prices and accused the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh of leading the most corrupt Government in the democratic history of the country.

She said one has never seen such corrupt and inefficient Government in the country. Even after repeated assurances of the Prime Minister and the Government prices are rising consistently and corruption is uncontrolled.

The intention of the Government are not good

on the issue of ending corruption. People are suffering due to the failure of the Congress led Government in discharging its responsibilities. For the first time ministers of the Government have been sent to jail. Even there is lack of political will power in the Government to pass effective Lokpal Bill, she added.

Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley said the Congress-led Government had been facing leadership crisis, which had led to the erosion of credibility and good will of the Government. Perhaps, India will be the only nation in the world where in an attempt to hide its wrong doings, the Government is targeting the Opposition and has imprisoned its leaders.

The Government is also facing acute economic crisis. It is paralysed, he said, adding that BJP would continue fighting in Parliament and party workers would keep agitating against the Government. ■

## NDA MPs will give declaration on black money

The former Deputy Prime Minister Shri L K Advani also said that considering the present circumstances and rigidity on part of the Congress led UPA Government, it had been decided that all the 215 NDA MPs would tender an undertaking before Parliament declaring that they had no illegal assets or bank accounts in India or abroad?

"Within a week of the Winter Session of Parliament starting on November 22, all NDA MPs will give a declaration in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. The declaration will be 'I solemnly state and declare that I don't have or own direct or indirect assets or account illegally in India or abroad,'" Shri Advani said. The huge gathering welcomed this decision with round of applause.

Shri Advani administered an oath to the people present on this occasion "Rishwat na lenge, na denge." He also raised slogans with the people "Bhrastachar mitana hai, Kaladhan wapas lana hai, Bharat ko naya banana hai."



# Court agrees it was a sting operation, not a conspiracy

While granting bail to six accused persons in the cash-for-vote case, the Delhi High Court virtually gave them a clean chit, observing that there was no criminal conspiracy on the part of the then three BJP MPs to demand and accept a bribe to vote in favour of the confidence motion moved by the UPA government in 2008.

Justice M.L. Mehta accepted the defence submission that it was just a sting operation to expose horse-trading. Agreeing with the motive of the three MPs — Shri Ashok Argal, Shri Mahabir Singh Bhagora and Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, as argued by their counsel, to organise a sting operation along with a news channel CNN-IBN to expose buying of MPs for the trust vote, Justice Mehta said, “Apparently, there does not appear to be any reason to disagree with counsel. The judge said, “I have gone through the entire voluminous charge sheet, but could not find any prima facie evidence on record of demand and acceptance of illegal gratification by the three MPs.”

## No tampering with CDs

Justice Mehta also endorsed another defence submission that as it was meant to be a sting operation, it could not have been reported to the police or any authority. “It is worth considering and has its own merit.” Quoting the forensic examination report of the video/audio CDs of the sting operation

## PM, Sonia should apologise to the nation for arrests in cash-for-vote scam : Nitin Gadkari

BJP national president Shri Nitin Gadkari said Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and UPA chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi should apologise to the nation for the “political conspiracy” under which BJP whistle-blowers were jailed in the cash-for-vote scam.

Addressing a press conference, Shri Gadkari said he Congress had purchased 19 MPs to save UPA-1 during the trust vote in July 2008. Shri Gadkari said though Singh enjoyed the image of being a clean person, it was impossible that people could be sent to prison without his knowledge or consent. Shri Nitin Gadkari said that the parties MPs were being framed in the cash for vote case and they were innocent. He said that the UPA was responsible for the scam. “I can’t say whether Prime Minister Manmohan Singh knows or not”. “Our MPs are being framed in the case and they are innocent,” he added. The BJP president said he had known Shri Sudheendra Kulkarni, for the last 30 years and it was improbable that a man like him could be involved in any wrong doing. Pointing out that the Delhi High Court had made several comments on the manner in which people had been implicated in the cash-for-vote scam; he said BJP will raise the issue across the country.

that there was no tampering with or editing in them; Justice Mehta said “none of the petitioners [accused] was a beneficiary of the amount received by the MPs from Sanjeev Saxena, [former aide of Rajya Sabha member Amar Singh and one of the accused].”

“It is the prosecution’s own case that the MPs did this to entrap the Congress and the Samajwadi Party to expose them. If the intention of the petitioner MPs was to receive bribe, they would have done so and kept the amount so received silently instead producing it in Parliament immediately thereafter,” Justice Mehta said.

“If that was so, even according

to the prosecution, the basic requirement of *mens rea* to accept and receive bribe so as to bring it within the ambit of the Prevention of Corruption Act was lacking on the part of all the petitioners.” The court also said all star prosecution witnesses, in their statements to the investigating officer, described the incident as a sting operation and none cited acceptance of illegal gratification by the BJP MPs. On the role of Shri Sudheendra Kulkarni, the court said he had just introduced the three MPs to the CNN-IBN team. The court described Suhail Hindustani as a “whistle-blower and organiser of the sting operation.” ■

# China trying to encircle India

-By Ramlal

The intention of our two neighboring countries has not been clear since the beginning. Neighbors cannot be changed. If neighbor is friend and cooperative, then both can live in peace and prosperity. If it casts an evil eye, then the entire atmosphere remains vitiated by insecurity and turmoil.

So far as India is concerned, we always played the role of friendly neighbor. We considered our neighbors like us, but they were not so. Therefore, we got deceived by Pakistan in 1948, 1965, 1971 and in Kargil. The same thing happened with China in 1962. On every such occasion we were forced to fight war. It was the then *Sar Sangh Chalak* of RSS, *Param Poojya Shri Golvalkar ji*, who understood the conspiracy behind the slogan of 'Hindi Chini Bhai Bhai'. He cautioned that China is making preparations at the border. Therefore, we should not live in illusion. Unfortunately, the Union Government of the time, made a mockery of the foresight of Gurujii. Due to excessive faith on China, Government of the time paid no attention to the military preparation of the nation, nor could it assess the military preparedness of the China. As a result the whole country was exposed to a brutal shock. At that time welcoming of China by some people within the country was most unfortunate. That mentality has not yet changed.

We are more familiar with Pakistani designs because it keeps on doing something against our nation. It actively supports terrorism, smuggling and the supply

of fake currency on the border. Pakistani intelligence agency ISI carries out all these illegal activities with the active patronage of the Pakistan Government. This is an open secret. Peaceful atmosphere and economic wellbeing of the country is being affected. Now it has become evident that ISI has links with some terrorist outfits active in our country.

Separatists of the Kashmir Valley are getting open support from Pakistan. Sino-Pak nexus is becoming a major challenge for our national security.

So far as China is concerned, it is better to describe it as an imperialist country, rather than a communist country. Accordingly it developed its strategic objectives and operational policies. China believes in brutal force. It does not hesitate to threaten its neighbors.

When we talk about Sino-Indian relations, how can we forget to mention the Kailash Mansarovar the Centers of Indian faith under Chinese control.

There existed Indo-Tibetan border till 1951. China occupied Tibet and now we call it Sino-Indian border. China never respected the borders of its neighboring countries. It has a policy of systematic encroachment. Japan, Vietnam, Nepal and India are the examples of this fact. In 1962 it occupied an area of 1,38,000 square kilometers in Leh Laddakh. Very often we hear its claim on the 90,000 square kilometers territory of Arunachal Pradesh. Presence of 10,000 soldiers in PoK is the sign of new danger. Some people believe that eventually PoK will become CoK.

At this moment China is trying to encircle India. With the help of Pakistan it is trying to have access from the West. Chinese military base in Gwadar is now a reality. In north it is establishing its superiority by playing active role in the power play of Nepal. Tibet is in its direct control. Everyone knows that how it is making plans to reach Myanmar by supporting rebel groups from Arunachal Pradesh to Nagaland. It has effective military presence in Chatgaon of Bangladesh, Koko of Myanmar and Havandota of Sri Lanka. Just 40 kilometers away from Andaman-Nicobar, Chinese military base has become a reality.

It is very much clear that China is trying to encircle India from all the directions - East, West, North and South.

By giving patronage to Maoist and Naxal groups, it has successfully created a red corridor from Pashupati Nath temple in Nepal to Tirupati temple in Andhra Pradesh.

It is very much clear that China is trying to spread its intelligence network by penetrating into the information and telecommunication network of the country. To achieve this objective it is also trying to enter into the businesses of such types by bidding very low in the global tenders. This strategy of the China is posing a grave threat to the national security.

China is staring at us with all its military might right from inland to the whole stretch of coastal borders (Sindhu Sea, Ganga Sagar and Indian Ocean). Deployment of intercontinental missiles with nuclear warheads, capable to hit in

the range of 8,500 kilometers, is very dangerous for our national security.

China seriously objects to the Indian move to enter into South China Sea in collaboration with Vietnam. Objection on our advances, and the desire of freedom in its own case, is a typical characteristic of China.

It is not a great deal to understand that if China builds dam on the Brahmaputra and other rivers and thus diverts their flow, it will have very adverse impact on all the neighboring countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Myanmar.

Even from the economic perspective, we are not on safer side. Our markets are inundated with cheap Chinese products. This is posing a grave threat to our national economy. Unfortunately we are importing crucial IT hardware from China. Our increasing dependence on China regarding power generation and other fields of infrastructure will create problem for us in future. Let us imagine as to what will happen if our two neighboring countries - China and Pakistan come together and wage a war against India. In that scenario if anti-national elements active in red corridor block the military movement, then whole of the north-east India will be cut from the mainland. Everything is not going on well in China. Due to the rise of a variety of socio-economic imbalances, there exists a palpable tension. If there is any popular uprising in China, Communist regime will find it convenient to raise the bogey of foreign conspiracy.

How China is well prepared and how we are ill prepared, can be illustrated with the fact that in the North Eastern part, we do not have any presence of railway line in Arunachal, Meghalaya, Mizoram,

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Tripura, Sikkim and Nagaland. In many states we do not have airports. Even in Kashmir we do not have railway line in upper reaches. Now some initiative has been taken, but how long will it take to complete, nobody knows.

Our armed forces are capable of facing the challenge. They have proved it on several occasions. However, Government is not coming forward with necessary infrastructural support and initiative to modernize military hardware. All these facts put every thoughtful Indian in a state of sorrow and anxiety. It is very much required that:

- Government improves the infrastructure facilities in border areas and acts fast for modernization of military hardware.
- We should not present ourselves as helpless, disorganized, hopeless and indecisive.
- We should take decisive action against Naxalism. However, Home Minister should refrain from saying that it is biggest threat to the country. Such statements make us careless about the threats emanating from across the border.
- It is imperative to work on the 'Look East Policy'. Along with other countries, Vietnam can play a vital role in this regard, as in the past; it showed the courage to stand up against the two Super Powers.
- Here we must remember that India has thousands of years old cultural relations with countries of South East Asia including Vietnam. We are also associated with regard to our mutual economic interests.
- People of these countries want India to share their success and

sorrow. We are very much acceptable there.

- A stable Nepal and secure Bhutan is in the interest of all countries of the region. Indian has an important role to play to achieve this objective.
- We never intend to impose our authority. We consider whole earth as our family. We desire friendly relations with everyone. Taking the behavior of Indians as an example, people of several countries have faith in us.
- Therefore, in our endeavor to make our national sovereignty, dignity and security intact, we should take initiative to convert troubled atmosphere of the world into a scenario of faith and cooperation. We have to make ourselves capable of doing this.
- By creating an atmosphere of nationalism, we should sensitize our people about the hard realities. Government should be encouraged to show strong will power, improve infrastructure facilities without any consideration of political loss-profit and to take action for the modernization of armed forces. It is also necessary that we should strengthen our strategic and cultural ties with friendly countries of the region.
- There should not be any difference between the national aspirations of the people and the policy objective of the Government.
- If the people of the country stand firm with the feeling of patriotism, our nation will overcome all problems and threats.

With such feelings, if we start thinking, speaking and doing, a formidable solution is inevitable.

Don't fear, Stand up! ■

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## CM pledges year to girl; unveils Mukhyamantri Ladli Laxmi Yojana scheme

Addressing a packed gathering at Birsa Munda Football Stadium on the occasion of the 11th State Foundation Day, Chief Minister Shri Arjun Munda admitted Jharkhand was troubled by large-scale corruption but added that the State Government was making all-out efforts to check it.

Shri Munda said Jharkhand was bestowed by rich mineral wealth but this was corrupted by rampant graft in the mining sector. "I assure you all that the Government is taking all possible steps to check corruption in the mining sector, along with other sectors too," the CM said.

On the occasion, the CM launched several new schemes - including the ambitious *Mukhyamantri Ladli Laxmi Yojana* - and dedicated the year starting from November 15, 2011 to November 15, 2012 to *Bitiya Varsha and Bachpan Bachao*. Under the *Ladli Laxmi Yojana* for BPL families, the State Government will open a bank account for two girl children from the year of birth and deposit ₹ 6,000 for five years. When the girl will enter class VI, ₹ 2,000 will be given at once and when she will enter class IX, she will be given ₹ 4,000. In class XI, she will be given ₹ 7,500. She

will also get a ₹ 200 monthly scholarship. When the girl is 21 years old and has appeared in the class XII examination, she will be given ₹ 1,08,600 but on condition that she marries only after the age of 18.

The CM also gave bank passbooks to mothers of five beneficiaries - Neha Kumari, Aarushi Munda, Pushpanjali,

human and development indexes," said the Chief Minister.

Shri Munda recounted achievements of the panchayat election and successful conduct of the 34th National Games, saying both motivated youth. This year, he added, would be dedicated to girl and women empowerment.

"We want to take the

Government closer to people, so Right to Service Act and Electronic Service delivery law have been enacted and Citizen Charter will be in place at every Government office," he said.

The chief guest on the occasion Governor Syed

Ahmed, who said it is very heartening to see that the State Government has decided to dedicate the coming year to the girl child. He added that no society can move forward without the contribution of the fairer sex.

Birsa Munda stadium was packed with VIP guests, including Steering committee chairman Shri Sshibu Soren, Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Hemant Soren and Shri Sudesh Mahto, along with thousands of common people. Many programmes were organised to mark the occasion. (FOC)



Shreya Kumar and Shakshi Kumar - all infants!

He added, "The girl child is like Goddess Lakshmi and for this, we have started the *Ladli Lakshmi Yojana*. The State Government wants to empower women, who comprise half the population of the State. It wants to build families, which can drive the State to a better future."

Several infrastructural projects are on the pipeline, while several have been completed. We want to take Jharkhand to the top of the chart of developed State both on

# The Journey of Bharatiya Janasangh

- By OP Kohli

*The emergence of Bharatiya Janata Party as a strong political party in the national politics today was made possible in the background of the historical role played by Bharatiya Janasangh. As a national political party Bharatiya Janasangh remained committed to Indian culture and worked towards making India a great and developed nation. In its journey since its formation in 1951 to 1977 it remained committed to the mantra of nationalism and advocated decentralization of political and economic power. It merged itself in Janata Party in 1977 to serve the national interest but on the issue of 'dual membership' the members of erstwhile Jansangh had to come out of Janata Party and form Bharatiya Janata Party in 1980. The journey that started in 1951 has completed 60 years in 2011. BJP National headquarters In-charge Shri OP Kohli has highlighted glimpses of the 60 year journey of Bharatiya Jansangh which we are publishing here for our esteemed readers (Editor).*

- Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was mostly active in the provincial politics of Bengal till the time of India's independence, although he had joined Hindu Mahasabha in 1939 and he was also elected its President. He played an important role in the national freedom struggle as leader of Hindu Mahasabha. After the country got independence he became Industry and Supply minister in Nehru's cabinet. He disagreed with the policies of Pt. Nehru particularly those related to the persecution of Hindus in East Pakistan. Therefore he resigned from Nehru cabinet in April 1950.
- Dr. Mookerjee had resigned in response to the inhuman persecution of Hindus under the patronage of Pakistan government in East Pakistan and weak kneed policies of

Nehru in this regard. After resigning on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1950 he alighted from Kalka mail in Howrah station on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1950. A huge crowd including large number of refugees from East Pakistan had gathered on station to welcome him. Now Dr. Mookerjee was not a cabinet minister but he was a mass leader commanding lacs of supporters and followers. The only thing that was lacking was a political party. If Dr. Mookerjee had nor resigned from the Nehru cabinet then perhaps the country would not have received a national alternative of the Congress in the form of Bharatiya Jansangh. On 10 April 1950 Dr. Mookerjee explained the reason of his resignation in following term: 'When the division of the country became imminent I played a

role in mobilizing public support in favour of the division of Bengal and Assam. I felt if this was not done the entire Bengal and Assam would go to Pakistan. Without having any knowledge that I would become a member of the cabinet with others, I assured the Hindus of East Pakistan that if they were persecuted by the future government of Pakistan, if they were divested of the primary rights of citizenship, if their life and dignity were attacked then the independent India would not remain a mute spectator. I was never happy with our approach towards Pakistan. It was weak, unstable and tottering. Our good will and gestures for peace were considered to be our weaknesses by Pakistan. It made Pakistan much more

intolerant.”

- When he went to Delhi to deliver a speech in the parliament on his resignation, a huge public meeting was organized in Ferozshah Kotla *maidan* (19 April 1950) to give him a rousing reception. Balraj Madhok was the convener of this reception. In this reception meeting Dr. Mookerjee said “It was required to form a national alternative to the Congress.”
- On his speech in the parliament on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1950 Dr. Mookerjee suggested three alternatives as solution for the problems of Hindus in East Paksitan:
  - (1) India should declare war on Pakistan
  - (2) India should demand one-third land on the eastern sector on which the Hindus from East Pakistan can be rehabilitated
  - (3) Peaceful exchange of population between East Pakistan and West Bengal.
- Dr. Mookerjee was a man of high stature, he was acceptable and popular. But he had no party of his own. In the summer of 1950 efforts were initiated to form a new party.
- Sangh was banned under the false allegation of murdering Gandhi. On 11<sup>th</sup> July 1949 the ban was lifted. While many *swayamsevaks* were considering the role of Sangh in the politics, a meeting was organized between Sangh *pramukh* Shri Guruji Golwalakar ji and Dr. Mookerjee in the house of a *swayamsevak* in Calcutta in the summer of 1950. Dr.

Mookerjee was looking for a strong nationalist alternative to check the weak policies and dictatorial approach of Pt. Nehru.

- Sangh did not accept the proposal to enter politics but agreed to give few experienced *swayamsevaks* to

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work for building a new party. Sangh gave following *swayamsevaks* to help build the new political party – Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay, Sunder Singh Bhandari, Jagdish Prasad Mathur, Bhaurao Deoras and Jagannath Rao Joshi.

- Dr. Mookerjee discussed the formation of new party with Lala Yodhraj (Chairman,

Punjab National Bank), Balraj Madhok, Pt. Maulichandra Sharma, Lala Hansraj, Mahashay Krishna, Choudhary Shri Chand (nephew of Chaourdhary Chhotu Ram) and Lala Balraj Bhalla.

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- On 7<sup>th</sup> September 1951 the Election Commission of India decided to allot ‘Deepak’ as election symbol to Jansangh.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> September 1951 a meeting was organized in Delhi. In this meeting the main office-bearers of the State units were present along with Dr. Mookerjee. In the meeting representatives of Punjab, PEPESU, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Bharat units were present. It was decided here to form an All-India party and attach the State units to it. It was decided to convene a convention in Delhi to form the new party. The General Secretary of Punjab, PEPESU,

Himachal and Delhi Jansangh Balraj Madhok was made convener of the meeting. In the meantime to form State units in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar State conventions were called in Jaipur, Nagpur and Patna. Prior to the formation of all-India Jansangh, Jansangh was formed in the entire north India except Assam and Vindhya Pradesh.

- On 21<sup>st</sup> October 1951 an All-India convention was organized in Raghomal Girls Higher secondary School in Delhi. In this convention apart from the delegates from the State Jansanghs, many reputed and renowned people also participated. Lala Balraj Bhalla proposed the name of Dr. Mookerjee for the post of President. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was unanimously elected the President of Bharatiya Jansangh. The constitution of party and manifesto were adopted unanimously. At the time of the formation of Bharatiya Jansangh Dr. Mookerjee said - 'Our activists should always remember that on the basis of service and sacrifice alone they could win the confidence of the people. The resurrection and reconstruction of India is awaiting us. Mother is calling her sons. We should commit ourselves to her service forgetting all class, caste and sectarian divides. However dark the present might be but the future is great and glorious and India has to play bigger roles in the world. Our organization which has 'mrittika deepak'

as its symbol should try to remove the darkness which has engulfed our nation through the light of unity, commitment and courage. It is the beginning of the journey. May the almighty give us power and courage so that we may move ahead on the path of truth, no fear may deter us and no temptation may divert us and we may contribute in making India spiritually and materially great and powerful. So that we may prove to be the pious medium of world peace, prosperity and security.

- Dr. Mookerjee laid down the role of the newly formed political party in following terms:
  - To build future of India in accordance with Indian culture and tradition
  - To build a prosperous and happy India
  - To keep a check on the dictatorship of Congress
  - The doors of the party will be kept open for all irrespective of caste, creed or community
  - Social, economic and political equality. Political minorityism based on caste and religion not acceptable.
  - Decentralized national economic planning. Centralisation of economic power not acceptable
  - Proper importance to private enterprises
  - Gradual movement towards decontrol and deregulation
  - Akhand Bharat is our aim
  - Kashmir is our integral part, withdraw the issue of

Kashmir from UNO, plebiscite not acceptable

- Pt. Nehru's secularism is Muslim appeasement; we are not communal
- To win the confidence of the people through service and sacrifice
- The work to make India strong again and its reconstruction is awaiting us
- We should commit ourselves to make India great.
- Dr. Mookerjee declared his provisional working committee which as given below:
  - President: Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee**
  - General Secretary: Bhai Mahavir and Maulichandra Sharma (Delhi)**
  - Members:** Lala Balraj Bhalla (Punjab), deendayal Upadhyay (Uttar Pradesh), Dada Dave (Madhya Bharat), Bapu Sohni Saheb, Vimalchandra Banerjee (Jabalpur, Mahakosal), Dhuru Lal (Ajmer), Chranjiv lal Mishra (Rajasthan), Rajkishore Shukla (Vindhya Pradesh), Shiv Kumar Dwivedi (Bihar), PH Krishanrao (Banglore), Balraj Madhok (Punjab), mahanath Krishna (Delhi), Rangbihari Lal (Delhi), Rao Krishnapal Singh (Uttar Pradesh), and Manmath Nath Das (West Bengal)
  - Bharatiya Jansangh made Indian culture and tradition as part of its ideological commitment. It chose the path of coordination between tradition and modernity. It opened its doors to people of all castes, sects and religions. While respecting the justifiable rights of the minorities it never followed

the policies of appeasement and minorityism. It accepted the policy of tit for tat with regard to Pakistan. In place of hollow and weak kneed policies of the Congress, it accepted the realist and pragmatic approach. It gave top priority to India's unity and integrity. It accepted the principle of 'One country, one nation and one culture'. In the economic field it laid emphasis on industrialization, committed itself for the abolition of zaminadari system, accepted the role of private capital in the economic development of the country, accepted the principle of cooperation between labour and capital, gave preferences to security related industries, accepted the policy of giving encouragement to employment generating enterprises, small scale industries, cottage industries and village industries, it accepted the production policy which can cater to the basic needs of the people, gave emphasis on cow protection and cow development in both cultural and economic perspectives.

- Perturbed by the Bharaitya Jansangh's ideology which was based on Indian culture, tradition and values, Pt. Nehru started making false charges of communalism against Bharatiya Jansangh. Dr. Mookerjee logically dismissed the charges and said that Nehru's policy of appeasement was in fact encouraging communalism. Dr. Mookerjee demanded that Indian government

should follow strong and realistic approach on the question of the Hindus of East Pakistan.

- Only few months had passed after the formation of Jansangh when the first general elections were declared in India (March 1952). Bharatiya Jansangh participated in these elections. The election Commission of India had announced the allotment of 'Deepak' as election symbol to newly formed party on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1951. Three Bharatiya Jansangh candidates were elected for the Lok Sabha in the elections. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was one of them. In the first election Bharatiya Jansangh secured 3.07 percent of votes and it was given the status of a national party. The Election Commission had decided that the parties getting 3% vote share would get national party status.
- In 1980 Bharatiya Janasangh got transformed into a new political party in the name of Bharatiya Janata Party. The journey of Bharatiya Jansangh from 1951 to 1977 was very glorious. In this time period it contested the elections of 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1971 in which it got votes ranging from 3.07% to 7.36%. In 1967 Congress was voted out of power in nine States and coalition governments were formed. On the basis of common minimum programme Jansangh became part of these governments.
- Dr. Mookerjee formed the

National Democratic Front in the parliament with Akali Dal, Gantantra Parishad and other smaller parties. This front had 31 members and Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerji was its leader.

- Bhartiya Jansangh till the formation of Bharatiya Janata



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Party raised several issues of national importance and struggled for them. Kashmir movement, Kutch movement, Beruvadi movement, Goa liberation movement, Cow protection movement, Anti-Emergency movement are some of the movements organised by Bharatiya Jansangh. Among them the Kashmir movement and the movement against imposition of Emergency on the



country have special significance. While Kashmir movement was related to the unity and integrity of the country, the anti-emergency movement was related to saving democracy in the country. In Kashmir movement the first president of Bharatiya Jansangh Dr, Syama Prasad Mookerjee gave his supreme sacrifice (23 June, 1953) and in anti-Emergency movement lacs of *karyakartas* offered *satyagraha* and went to jails as well.

- Bharatiya Jansangh believed in value based politics right from the beginning. Bharatiya Jansangh got a great personality Shri Deendayal Upadhyay from Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh under whose leadership it got the political philosophy of Integral Humanism for the welfare of the entire creation, got the high ideals of value based politics and organizational methodology.
- After the Emergency the new party which was formed as Janata Party, Bharatiya Jansangh was its important constituent.
- Some members/constituents of Janata Party raised the question of dual membership. They argued that the members of Bharatiya Jansangh are also members of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and they can continue to be the members of Janata party only after they give up their membership of Sangh. Bharatiya Jansangh considered this objection to be useless and mala fide. Therefore they came out of Janata Party and on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1980 Bharatiya Janata Party was formed as a new political party. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee became the first president of Bharatiya Janata Party.
- In 1980 after coming out of the Janata Party, Bharatiya Jansangh came into existence in new form as Bharatiya Janata Party. This new party was slated to play important role in Indian politics. It not only emerged as an effective opposition, it also came into power under the leadership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee from 1998 to 2004. Today BJP has formed governments in several States and also in coalition government in some other States. The BJP governments are engaged in giving *suraaj* and *sushashan* and working towards fulfilling the dreams of development. BJP is committed to give clean politics by removing corruption in the country. ■

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## BJP lashes out at BSP, Congress for Noida land scam

Lashing out at the Mayawati Government for the Noida land scam worth over 1 lakh crore, the Bharatiya Janata Party alleged that it was done with the blessings of Congress-led UPA Government and this was the reason why it did not ask the Enforcement Directorate to investigate into the matter despite the fact that it (ED) had all the necessary information.

The BJP national secretary Shri Kirit Somaiya, while addressing a Press conference at the State party headquarters in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh released documents relating to the companies of Chief Engineer of Noida Authority Yadav Singh and asked the Chief Minister and her brother Anand to reveal whose front man Yadav Singh was.

He said that if the Chief Minister and her family members have nothing to do with Yadav Singh then why does she not order an inquiry about the properties and investments of Yadav Singh.

Shri Somaiya alleged that Union Minister Jayram Ramesh and AICC generals secretary Rahul Gandhi were only befooling the people by accusing Chief Minister Mayawati but the fact remains that both the Congress and the Bahujan Samaj Party were helping each other to cover up the corruption. Why no Minister has been sent to jail in NRHM or MGNREGS inquiries?," he asked, adding that both BSP and the Congress were hand-in-glove.

Shri Kirit Somaiya said that he was still awaiting the legal notice for defamation from Energy Minister Ramveer Upadhyay against whom he lodged a formal complaint with the Lokayukta in which he was accused of a scam worth ₹ 3,000 crore in UPPCL in power purchases. "I am ready to go to jail if proved wrong but why is everyone including the Chief Minister is silent about the allegations regarding the power purchases?," he asked.

Shri Somaiya announced that he would visit Hathras, the home district of the power minister to meet the people who want to give information about the disproportionate assets and corrupt activities of Upadhyay. ■ (FOC)

## "Shri Advani : Vyakti aur Vichar" released

On the occasion of Shri LK Advani's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 08, the Swadesh Group of Newspapers released a special book "Shri Advani : Vyakti aur Vichar".

Addressing the programme Shri Advani got into tears when former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh, Leaders of Opposition in both houses Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Shri Arun Jaitley along with Madhya Pradesh CM Shri Shivraj Singh

He added that, "This institution of family separates us from other civilizations. I am fortunate to have two families - ideological (RSS) and personal. I have got lots of love from both".

Shri Advani also recalled some untold stories of his life and admitted that Shri Vajpayee's and Smt. Sushma Swaraj's oratory gives him an inferiority complex. "I had told Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in early 1970s that I have developed an inferiority complex due to your

National President he had gone to former Prime Minister and senior leader Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee before the 2009 Lok Sabha polls to know who should be the party's prime-ministerial candidate. "Atalji said that if anybody is to be projected as prime-ministerial candidate for the 2009 elections, it is Shri L K Advani. Then for the Parliamentary Board it was a mere formality to declare him the candidate," Shri Singh said. Shri Advaniji was the party's natural choice for the post, he further added. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj described Shri LK Advani as a "father-like figure" for her who respected her so much despite an age difference of 25-26 years. She lauded him as one who encouraged talent and said leaders like her had grown under his guidance. Smt. Swaraj noted that he was the party's asset.

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley said Shri Advaniji had the talent to take up an issue and build it up to a level where it gains acceptability across the country.

Earlier, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh, Leader of Oppositions in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Shri Arun Jaitley all the Chief Ministers, office bearers of BJP and State presidents and other senior leaders wished him at his residence on his birthday. ■ (FOC)



Chouhan, Chhattisgarh CM Shri Raman Singh and Jharkhand CM Shri Arjun Munda queued up to praise him.

"I am at tears. I could not bear so much praise. I would turn arrogant if I start treating as true what all you have said. One should not be arrogant in public life," Shri Advani said, adding that he has seen people basking in self pride after becoming a simple corporator or MLA. Seen wiping tears several times, Shri Advani even left the dais for a few minutes to regain his composure.

speeches... I tell the same to Smt. Sushma Swaraj also. I really mean it," Shri Advani said.

Addressing on the occasion the former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said, "It pains me when I read in newspapers that Advaniji wants the PM position. A person of his stature and character would not do that. Even in 2009, it was the former Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who indicated that if a prime ministerial candidate was to be declared, it should be Advaniji."

He recalled that as BJP

UTTAR PRADESH

## Dividing State into four parts a political gimmick : Shahi



The UP BJP has termed the move of Mayawati government to divide the State into four smaller states 'a political gimmick' to divert focus from the government's abject failure on all fronts during its four-and-a-half year regime.

Addressing media persons, State BJP President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi said that the division of UP was a sensitive issue and no hasty decision could be taken in this regard. "We have repeatedly demanded that the State Reorganisation Commission (SRC) be set up to look into the matter on the basis of social, economical and geographical conditions of different regions of UP," he said.

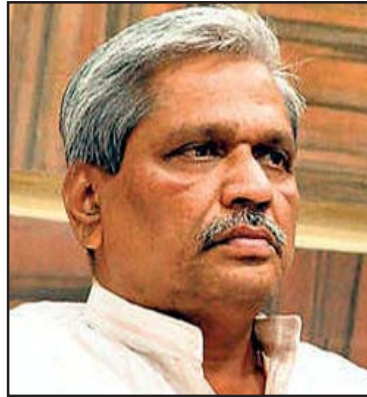
Shri Shahi said that Chief Minister Sushri Mayawati was aware of her party's defeat in the coming Assembly polls due to her misrule and the move to divide State was aimed at diverting attention from her failures. This is not an honest attempt to alleviate the plight of the people. Instead, it is a hasty move to gain political mileage which is unacceptable to the BJP, he said.

When asked whether the BJP would oppose the move in the Vidhan Sabha, he said BJP would arrive at a decision after the government would place the resolution in the House.

Lambasting AICC general secretary Rahul Gandhi for his remarks about UP residents that they should stop begging in Maharashtra, Shri Shahi said, "The people of UP are hardworking and have made a place for themselves wherever they have worked. Rahul Gandhi's statement was insulting and he must apologise to the people".

MADHYA PRADESH

## State BJP President writes to Union Railway Minister



State BJP president Shri Prabhakar Jha MP has written a letter to Union Minister of Railway Shri Dinesh Trivedi urging to provide better train facilities to citizens of Gwalior Madhya Pradesh.

Shri Jha wrote to Shri Trivedi asking to re-consider his earlier requests regarding Gwalior area under North-Central Railways. He requested to develop Birla Nagar station in Gwalior for reducing load of passengers. Birla Nagar station is 2.84 km from Gwalior station; its development work should be started earliest, he pointed out. He said Gwalior-Sheopur narrow Gauge should be upgraded to broad gauge; presently train takes upto 10 hours to reach Sheopur, crossing many small towns and villages. For the welfare of citizens of Sheopur area, BJP National General Secretary Shri Narendra Singh Tomar had launched a movement for the upgradation of rail line, he said.

He also requested for upgrading 59822/59821 Bhind-Kota passenger to express and extended upto Neemuch. Presently it takes 13 hours to the passengers to complete the route. By upgrading it, a lot of time of passengers will be saved and passengers will be directly connected to Neemuch from Gwalior. Shri Jha also requested that Taj and Chambal express trains should halt at Sonagiri station near Datia, Sonagiri is a famous holy place of Jain community. Pilgrims will be benefited by halt of these trains at Sonagiri.

Shri Jha further demanded that the 14317/14318 Dehradun express presently runs twice a week, should run daily and its timing should also be rescheduled, it should depart from Dehradun in evening, reaching Gwalior in morning and Indore in evening. It will be a day inter-city between Gwalior and Indore. Similarly, Shri Jha also gave other valuable suggestions to the minister for providing better train facilities to the citizens.

UTTARAKHAND

## Foundation stone laid for 40 developmental schemes

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Maj Gen BC Khanduri laid the foundation stones of 40 development schemes, at Ramnagar. On the occasion, he emphasised on the need for taking up ideal development works and on inculcating strength of mind and character in order to achieve the desired goals of putting the State ahead of all others. He laid the foundation stone of 25 development schemes and, dedicated to the people 15 schemes.



Addressing a public meeting on the occasion, Shri Khanduri said that besides the political leadership, all sections of the society including officials, employees, traders, intellectuals, and the youth would have to play a role in the development of the State. A strong Lokayukta Act and the Right to Service Act have been formulated for the sake of the people, he said.

He gave ample credit to ex-servicemen in dedicating themselves in the service of the country. Paying tributes to martyrs, Shri Khanduri said that honoring the brave soldiers has been part and parcel of Uttarakhand's rich traditions.

KERALA

## Attack by moral police a shame : BJP

At a press interaction the Bharatiya Janata Party State president Shri V. Muraleedharan has said that the attack on a youth by a group of people at Kodyathur for alleged immoral behaviour, causing his death, is a big shame on the people of Kerala. The BJP President said that what had happened at Kodyathur was unheard of in the history of Kerala and was indicative of religious fundamentalists gaining strength in the State.



He said the episode was symptomatic of "Talibanisation" slowly taking root in the State.

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The incident should be seen as a continuation of the heinous act of chopping the palm of a college lecturer by a group of fundamentalists at Muvattupuzha a year and a half ago.

Asking the government to take strong action against the perpetrators of the crime, Shri Muraleedharan said that only then could a strong message be sent to such intolerant criminals who took law into their hands. It is an opportunity for the government to send a strong message to the perpetrators of such a fanatical act, he said.

WEST BENGAL

## BJP demands all-party meet on Maoists

Describing the surrender of a Maoists couple at the State Secretariat in the presence of West Bengal Chief Minister Sushri Mamata Bannerjee in Kolkata as "completely orchestrated," the State unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party called for an all-party meeting to tackle the Maoists problem. In the last six months the government had called all-party meetings on various issues. When this is a very important matter why cannot the government call for an all-party meeting on the issue and take inputs from the discussions to decide its future course of action?" said BJP State President Shri Rahul Sinha.



Shri Sinha also raised questions on how the Maoist couple could make it into the Secretariat and surrender before the Chief Minister, pointing out that those who surrendered were not associated with Maoist activities for a long time. A few months ago the Chief Minister said they are not Maoists. Now she is saying that they are biggest threat. She should come clean on what her stand on this issue is," Shri Sinha said. For the last six months the joint forces were made to sit idle and the State was bearing their expenses. On the one side you are saying that the State has no money to pay salaries, on the other you have not allowed the joint forces to do their work. If you do not need these forces let them go," he said. On reported differences between the interlocutors and the State, he said that any person with an independent opinion could not work with this government for long. ■