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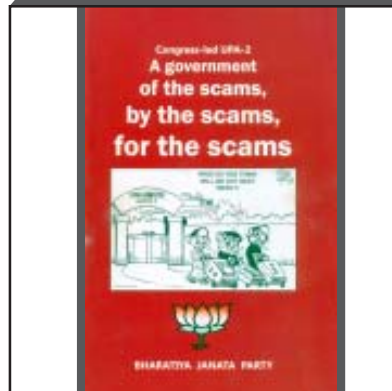
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Letters to Editor...

Dear Editor,

In the past few days the country has been shamed as corruption cases of astronomical proportions have surfaced one after the other. If the Common Wealth Games and Adarsh Society scams sullied the reputation of the country, the 2G scam unearthed the biggest ever fraud on the treasury of the nation. Incidentally, all the three cases are directly linked with the ruling Congress party. While a publication like Kamal Sandesh has done its bit in highlighting these issues, the BJP hasn't gone beyond demanding a JPC. Time has come when the real face of the Congress party needs to be exposed for the betterment of the country.

B.K.Dash
Berhampur, Odisha

Great! Our great writer Arundhati Roy is quoted by many English dailies as saying "Naxals are patriots of a kind". That means that more than 99.5 percent Indians who are not naxalites-Maoists are all 'unpatriotic' and that is why these naxalites-Maoists take pride in killing hundreds and thousands of innocents who otherwise are not "patriots" by 'patriot' Arundhati's standards. And that also means this country is inhabited and ruled by persons who are not "patriots". What a shame! 'Patriot' Arundhati is surely great!

Sanjeev Singh
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Historic BJP-JD(U) victory in Bihar

Sure to set trend in nation's politics

The results of Bihar assembly elections which were formally out on November 24 stood, in fact, already declared the day the schedule for elections was announced by the Election Commission. These were known to all those who could read the mind of the people. But the likes of Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Shri Rahul Gandhi, and the Lalu-Paswan duo suffering from self-illusion failed to judge the electorate's mood. They remained under the self-delusion that they were all going to romp home victorious to form a government. The results have now left these day-dreamers shocked and benumbed.

The people of Bihar have given a smart salute and extended a warm welcome once again to this great JD(U)-BJP alliance which had taken the State on a path to rapid progress, brought in security to their life and property and curbed lawlessness to make them send their children to school and colleges without fear. The Bihar electorate has prized the Nitish Kumar and Sushil Kumar Modi duo with the historic majority which no party has ever been able to achieve in the State. Except for NDA detractors, there was not a single voice from any corner of the State saying that the alliance is not bouncing back to power. The only voice audible was that NDA had ushered in development and it should get another chance to further accelerate the paces. It has now become amply clear that those not sincere to development can never stay on in power.

The results may have sprung a surprise to the likes of Congress, RJD, LJP, but not to the people who were the architects of this victory. During the last five years hundreds of crores of rupees were spent on various development works, but there was never even a murmur of corruption. The results have clearly indicated that the people of Bihar have come out of the narrow grooves of caste and religion. This NDA's four-fifth majority is historic, unprecedented. It could not have been possible without the overwhelming support of the minorities. BJP-JD(U) combine captured 42 of the 54 Muslim majority assembly constituencies. Those who practiced the policy of justice to all and appeasement of none have won and those who indulged in pseudo-secularism have been humbled to lick the dust of defeat.

People of Bihar are yearning for development tinged with peace. That is why Shri Nitish Kumar has emerged as the vikas purush. Development is not on paper; it is visible to the naked eye. Peace is all pervading. Law and order reigns in the State. Greater investment in new industrial ventures is a pointer to the change in Bihar. This situation is sending a smile on the face of Biharis.

The popularity of Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Shri Rahul stands exposed. If there was any doubt, Bihar people have removed it. The duo must learn to distinguish between the party karyakarta and the people. The people are not Congress karyakartas. The duo may be god incarnate for the Congress workers, but not for all the people.

People of Bihar have embraced those who lived with them and shared their feelings of joy and sorrow together. They have rejected all those who, like frogs come to raise their voice during the rainy season of elections and then disappear. Sonia-Rahul's Congress in Bihar is leaderless, directionless, lusterless, rotting and lacking vision. Nobody ever thought that Congress would fall into such bad days under them.

Congress is living in a world of its own make believe. Laluji has now been reduced to be just a matter of jokes. Paswanji is hanging in between. The sacred land Bihar which had been bestowed with greatness by great luminaries like Chanakya, Sitaji, Lord Buddha, Lord Mahavira, Guru Gobind Singhji, Kalidas, Chandragupt, Mandan Mishra and Vidhyapati, had been desecrated with the growth of political cactuses who polluted the State's environment. But the times have changed now. Bihar is fast emerging as a land of attraction for tourists and investors. The election results have put a further seal of their approval with iron determination that Bihar will continue to move fast on the path of development. By rejecting the politics of caste and creed and reiterating their faith in JD(U)-BJP government, people of Bihar have only displayed their sense of maturity, their yearning for peace and development in their own interests and the interests of the nation. ■



BJP committed to unveil real face of Congress : Gadkari

From Our Corresponden

Addressing a huge gathering of more than 50,000 people drawn from villages, Unauthorized Colonies at Najafgarh, Delhi on November 14 the BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari alleged that the present Congress led UPA and Delhi Governments are fully involved in corruption.

He said the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh has all the information about the bungling committed in the country during the UPA Government. Now the much publicized honesty of this party has been exposed. Actually Congress Party is the party of corrupt people. Congress Governments have committed scams like 2G Spectrum of about 1.76 lakh crores, Adarsh Society scam, Commonwealth Games of about 70 thousand crores, Food grains bungling in allowing Food grains to rot, IPL bungling of Shashi Tharur-Sunanda etc. He said now BJP has thoroughly exposed the Congress led Government before the people.

He further said the massive turn out of the people in Najafgarh is an illustration of this fact. Now the people want change in Government. This will be done by the BJP. He announced that BJP will organize such rallies in the other 13 Districts of the state.

this committee power to do so? If not then this inquiry is only to mislead the people.

He alleged that the son of the owner of company which constructed Khel Gaon is Secretary of Rahul Gandhi. This is the reason why EMMAR MFG was awarded contract. Only the corrupt persons,

touts, middlemen, speculators are calling the shots

Owner's Son which constructed Khel Gaon is Secretary of Rahul Gandhi

Shri Gadkari said BJP will fight from streets to Parliament to dislodge the Congress Government. We will have to go from village to village, meet person to person and dislodge the anti people, completely corrupt Congress Government which has imposed price rise on us.

Pointing towards A. Raja he said the head of 2G Spectrum Scam has robbed the nation. He asked whether the Shunglu Committee setup to inquire into the Commonwealth Games scam of 70 thousand crores interrogate Prime Minister, Cabinet ministers involved, PMO, Shri Rahul Gandhi, Smt. Sonia Gandhi? Has

during the UPA rule. The poor are becoming poorer. Villages are suffering. Farmers are suffering. Food grains worth 58 thousand crores rupees rot every year but about 42 crore people living below poverty line are not getting free food in spite of the orders of Supreme Courts. The corrupt persons of India have deposited about 70 lakh crores in the foreign banks. If this money is brought back to India then the fate of the country could be changed.

Referring to Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dixit he said that Congress is looting Delhi in the way Nader Shah had done. Delhi. Shri Gadkari called upon

the people to be ready to dislodge this shameful, inefficient and corrupt Government

The BJP Delhi State President Shri Vijender Gupta called upon the people to remove this corrupt Congress Government both from the Centre and the state. He said only a single push is enough to unseat the Congress.

He further said the Congress leaders are benefiting by acquiring the farmers lands at cheap rates but the farmers are becoming poorer. Haryana is giving 1 crore per acre as compensation whereas only 22 lakh rupees were being given in Delhi which was increased to 75 lakh rupees after the BJP and farmers fought for it. But even today they are not being paid full amount.

Referring to increase in circle rates he told that Sheila Dixit is playing in the hands of land Mafia. The Lt. Governor and Chief Minister are playing different games on the issue of circle rates. There is great acrimony among the people due to the Congress Governments in the country.

The leader of the Opposition in Delhi Legislative Assembly Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, former leader of Opposition Shri Jagdish Mukhi and other leader addressed the rally.

Among others Pradesh Vice-President Shri R.P. Singh, Shri Vijay Jolly, Shri Satish Upadhyay, Shri Vishakha Shailani, Shri Pawan Sharma, Pradesh General Secretaries Shri Ramesh Bidhuri, Shri Ashish Sood, Pradesh Secretary Shri Kamaljeet Sehrawat, Shri Rajan Tiwari, Legislator Shri Dharmdev Solanki, Shri Praduman Rajput, Najafgarh District President Shri Suman Kumar Sharma, Deputy Mayor Shri Rajesh Gahlot, Media Conveners Shri Shrikant Sharma and Shri Vivek Sharma besides District Presidents, Councillors, Mandal Presidents and Senior Karyakartas were present.

New list of Kisan Morcha office bearers announced

The National President of Kisan Morcha, Shri Om Prakash Dhankhad has finalised division of work in his team. All the office bearers and senior members of central executive have been made in-charge of various states and special tasks. This list is as follows:-

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3. Shri Subhash Mehriya Uttar Pradesh
4. Shri Rishipal Ambawata Uttarakhand
5. Shri Binda Prasad Singh
6. Shri Suresh Chandel, Ex.MP Punjab
7. Dr. Ravindra Kumar Rai Jharkhand, Andaman&Nicobar

National General Secretary

8. Sh Bhupendra Singh Choudasama Gujarat, Daman Dweep, Dadar Haveli
9. Shri Ishwar Chandra Hosmani Andhra Pradesh
10. Shri Naresh Sirohi Delhi & Central Office

Secretary

11. Shri P.Sugunakar Rao Karnataka
12. Shri Shiladitya Dev North East
13. Shri Anil Sharma Assam
14. Sh Madan Kerala & Pondicherry
15. Shri Ashok Patidar
16. Shri Sukhminder Pal Singh Grewal Jammu & Kashmir
17. Shri Ajit Khatri Haryana

Treasurer

18. Sh Baldev Bhandari Treasurer

Anti farmers policies of UPA Govt. increased farmers suicides

In a statement on November 10, 2010 BJP Kisan Morcha unveiled the negative side of Seed Bill 2004 which is pending with the Union Government at various levels since 2004 and unveiled the Resolution of Seed Bill-2004 passed by BJP Kisan Morcha. The farmers suicides are being increased in UPA Government due to anti farmers policies. One of such reasons for suicide is supply of spurious seed to farmers. The UPA Government failed to control the supply of spurious seeds and failed to regularize the price of the seed. The rulers and officials expressed their inability as the seed Act 1966 is not stringent to take necessary steps to curb spurious seed and with such intension the Government proposed to bring the new seed act in the shape of Seed Bill 2004. Unfortunately the Seed Bill 2004 is pending with the Government at various levels since 2004, for the reasons best known to the Congress party. The BJP Kisan Morcha finds fault with the Central Government as it colluded with the seed producers as a result the bill is kept in abeyance and it has not been introduced in the Parliament till today. ■

Opposition demands JPC UPA intransigent Parliament business continues to be stalled

From Our Correspondent

Since the day both houses of Parliament were convened on November 9 for the winter session, proceedings in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have continued to be stalled with the Opposition led by Bharatiya Janata Party insisting on nothing less than a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to probe the 2G spectrum scam.

The two lunches hosted by the Leader of the House in Lok Sabha and Finance Minister, Shri Pranab Mukherjee have so far failed to humour the opposition leaders into falling in line with the UPA-2 argument that the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) should look into the report of the 2G spectrum scam.

The CAG report had nailed the wrong doings of the former Communications Minister A. Raja who had ultimately to resign under opposition pressure.

Some cracks have appeared even within the UPA-2. Some constituents like the TMC have come out in support of the constitution of a JPC. According to media reports, instead of yielding to opposition pressure, the UPA government is also toying with the idea of adjourning the house sine die without the present session having run even for a day.

PM involved in “conspiracy of silence”, “culpability of inaction” & “guilty of gross indifference”: Ravi Shankar

It is indeed curious and surprising that since yesterday (November 19, 2010) Ministers and the leaders of the Congress have suddenly come in the defence of the Prime Minister over the massive scam concerning 2G spectrum allocation, which has led to a colossal loss of nearly 1.76 lacs crores to the nation. However, this sudden playing of the “Rag Darbari” cannot hide one stark fact. It is a glaring case where the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh is patently involved in the “conspiracy of silence”, “culpability of inaction” and

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*Press statement issued by BJP
National General Secretary &
National Spokesperson Shri Ravi
Shankar Prasad MP on 2G Spectrum
Scam on November 20, 2010*

“guilty of gross indifference” when nations’ wealth was being plundered by a Minister right under his nose by massive abuse of system and yet the head of the Government Dr. Manmohan Singh looked the other way. The orchestrated praise about the integrity of the Prime Minister cannot wash the stain of inaction and indifference. The nation is entitled to draw its own conclusion.

The BJP would like the Prime Minister to respond to some of the disturbing questions which has troubled the nation for the last more than two years.

When the open licence regime was recommended and applications were invited till 1/10/2007, then why an artificial cut-off date of 25/09/2007 created subsequently and all the applications filed between 25/09/2007 to 1/10/2007 were summarily rejected? Mr. Prime Minister why you kept quiet when the rules of game were changed after game had began and which the Delhi High Court very adversely commented.

A licence cannot be operated till one gets the

spectrum, scarce national resource. Why you allowed it to be sold in the year 2007 at the 2001 price when tele-density in the country had increased by more than seven times. This question he will have to answer because on Nov 2, 2007 the Prime Minister claims to have written to Mr. Raja to use transparent mechanism of auction for the correct price of spectrum. Mr. Raja replied on 2nd Dec. and on 26th Dec 2007 by almost flouting his direction to go for auction. Yet, the Prime

Minister chose to look the other way by his letter dated 3rd Jan 2008 which meant that the then Communication Minister Mr. Raja can go ahead with his "Operation Loot".

Why did not the Prime Minister call for the entire file himself and recorded his displeasure when such blatant violation of all norms were being done brazenly.

Why did not the Prime Minister order a review of entire allocation of 2G spectrum and

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Corruption had never been an embarrassment for Congress : Anurag Thakur

BJYM National President, Shri Anurag Thakur in a press statement on 19 November, 2010 said Congress General Secretary Shri Rahul Gandhi has given the statement that it is not a matter of embarrassment for the Prime Minister even if he is asked by the Supreme Court to clarify his 'inaction' on 2G Spectrum scam. Reacting on the statement Shri Anurag Thakur condemned Rahul Gandhi for this statement and said Corruption had never been an issue of Embarrassment for Congress.

Shri Thakur said that for Congress and its leaders, corruption had never been an issue of shame because corruption was an integral part of the work culture of the Congress. But, it is embarrassing for the country that Prime Minister has been asked to give his clarification by the Supreme Court what has never happened in the democratic history of the country.

Shri Thakur said that the whole country is now witness to the fact that the Prime Minister never tried to stop the 2G corruption in spite of knowing everything. He also refused to give permission to take action against Ex-Telecom Minister A. Raja. As a result, the Government of India lost revenue of worth lacs and crores of rupees.

Shri Thakur said that in the same way while preparing for commonwealth games, issues of open corruption were being raised by media, opposition and even Congress leaders. Still the Congress government gave an open space for corruption. Because of this, India has lost its image in international arena and lost lacs and crores of rupees.

Shri Thakur said the issues of corruption in CWG and 2G Spectrum are not raised by Opposition or any R.T.I. activist but has been un-earthed in CAG report. 2G Spectrum, CWG, Adarsh Society scams have crossed all limits of corruption. It is unfortunate that Congress General Secretary Shri Rahul Gandhi does not feel any kind of embarrassment in such kind of issues which is unfortunate. ■



SC questions appointment of CVC

Another embarrassment for UPA

Coming close on the heels of the Supreme Court comments on the 2G spectrum scam and Commonwealth Games scam, the UPA was in for another embarrassment when on November 22, 2010 the Supreme Court questioned the appointment of P J Thomas as the Chief Vigilance Commissioner. Questioning the appointment, according to the *Times of India*, the apex court said how Thomas would work as CVC when a chargesheet naming him is pending in a criminal case.

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SC query on CVC vindicates BJP stand : Swaraj

From Our Correspondent

BJP has claimed that with the Supreme Court raising questions over the appointment of P J Thomas as the Central Vigilance Commissioner, its stand on the issue stands vindicated.

"I had opposed the appointment of Thomas as CVC as corruption charges were pending against him. Now, the Government will have to show the records to the court, which has my dissent note against the appointment of a tainted person on the crucial post of CVC," said Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha on November 22. The name of Thomas figures in a chargesheet filed in a palmoleine import case in Kerala.



The Government and the UPA owe an explanation to the people for appointing Thomas as CVC, former BJP President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu said. "It is a very simple question and the Government needs to explain. The Government has appointed a person who is an accused even today". Smt. Sushma Swaraj, who as Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, was a member of the Committee along with Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and Home Minister Shri P Chidambaram that finalised the appointment of Thomas, had asked them to choose any of the two other persons whose names figured in the panel of three prepared by the Government.

She had also suggested the Government to prepare a fresh panel of candidates for CVC or postpone the decision for 24 hours so as to take some feedback about Thomas in view of corruption charges he was facing. However, the Prime Minister insisted that Thomas be appointed as CVC. It was in protest against that Mrs. Swaraj had written the note of dissent.

Who are the real beneficiaries of CWG EMAAR MGF Scam?

Who are the real beneficiaries of CWG EMAAR MGF Scam? In the name of default in executing CWG village contract, EMAAR had been gifted Rs.2,100 crores by Govt. of India/DDA. What is the real reason behind this, questioned BJP.

Is it true that a high level executive in the Secretariat of Congress General Secretary is related to EMAAR MGF Group?

After going through the papers, documents and the Agreement between EMAAR MGF and DDA/GOI, it is crystal clear that, without any logic or any supporting, Govt. had gifted Rs.2,100 crores worth property to EMAAR MGF. BJP demanded CBI investigation and criminal action against all the officials and political leaders who manipulated such horrible bail-out package to EMAAR.

Copy of the Agreement between GoI/DDA and EMAAR MGF

It may be noted that DDA allotted construction work contract of 2091 lac sq.ft. EMAAR in September 2007. EMAAR MGF was supposed to hand over 697 lac sq.ft. constructed area flats to DDA. EMAAR MGF passed on construction contract to Ahluwalia Construction.

The cost of construction anywhere in India including Delhi or Mumbai is around Rs.1,500 per sq.ft, at the most, it can go up to Rs.2,000 per sq.ft. including "kick back".

Press statement issued on November 13, 2010 by BJP National Secretary, Shri Kirit Somaiya



In the revised bail-out agreement entered in May 2009, Govt. of India/DDA has agreed to pay Rs.767 crores in cash and also 697 lac sq.ft. readymade/constructed area to EMAAR. The market value of EMAAR's 6.97 lac sq.ft. area @ Rs.25,000/sq.ft. is Rs.1,750 crores, i.e. EMAAR is earning Rs.1,750 crores + Rs.767 crores cash payment received from DDA - total Rs.2,517 crores.

It is shocking that the total cost of construction work of all these 4,000 bedrooms was coming to less than Rs.400 crores. Then also this Rs.2,100 crore bonanza. BJP charged that this abnormal, hefty package was given to EMAAR just due to the Owner Gupta family member is an executive in Congress high profile General Secretary's Secretariat. ■

CWG scam of Rs. 2,100 crore gift

EMAAR MGF contract with GoI/DDA for CWG village

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| • Total construction | 20,91,525 sq.ft. |
| • Total construction cost @ Rs,2000/sq.ft. (maximum) | Rs.400 crores |
| • Constructed area/flat available for sale to | |
| • DDA | 13.44 lac sq.ft. |
| • EMAAR MGF | 6.97 lac sq.ft. |
| • DDA's contribution/payment to EMAAR MGF - | |
| • Cash paid | Rs.766.89 crores |
| • Gift of constructed area/flat | 6.97 lac sq.ft. |
| • Sale price/market value of constructed area/ Flat (EMAAR's share) - 6.97 lac sq.ft. @ Rs.25,000/sq.ft. | Rs.1,750 crores |
| • Net gift/benefit from Govt. of India/DDA to EMAAR MGF - Sale price/market value of constructed Flats | Rs.1,750 crores |
| Less: Total construction cost | Rs. 400 crores |
| | Rs.1,350 crores |
| Add: Cash payment by DDA | Rs. 767 crores |
| Net benefit to EMAAR MGF | Rs.2,117 crores |

Break your silence, Mr. PM : Gadkari

At a time when there was so much furore over the rampant corruption prevailing under the nose of UPA, the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh was maintaining a stoic silence. On November 18, 2010 BJP National President, Shri Nitin Gadkari posed a set of Questions to the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh challenging him to break his silence and take the country into confidence on the issue.



Q.1. Why no criminal action has been taken so far against the Prasar Bharti CEO Shri B.S. Lalli who overruled the objections by the Finance Department and gave the Rs 246-crore telecast rights of the Commonwealth Games to an illegal entity which produced a fake registration number and had no service tax number?

Is Mr. Lalli, who speedily paid out 80% of the contract fee even before the Games concluded, is being shielded because of his high connections?

It is astonishing that the UPA government has so far maintained a studied silence over the findings of the Income Tax department that the broadcast deal was bagged by a little-known UK-based company, SIS Live, which came into being in January 2010, four months after the bidding formalities were over.

The Income Tax department on October 6, 2010, sent a letter to Prasar Bharati asking it to freeze all future payments while seeking attachment of the company's account in a Mumbai branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

When I-T officials surveyed SIS Live office in

Delhi they found that the company had maintained no accounts nor kept any bills. Further probe revealed SIS Live had violated several conditions. It had outsourced the work to a company, Zoom Communications, which was also found to be operating from the same premises in Okhla. SIS Live officials failed to produce the papers related to the sub-contract worth Rs 177 Crore.

In its observation, the I-T report says SIS Live was formed "solely with the purpose of...implementing the CWG contract...and the assessee is not likely to remain in India."

Q. 2. What are the connections of Mr. Kanishk Singh, a close aide of Mr. Rahul Gandhi, with the proprietors of the EMAAR MGF, the company which built filthy CWG flats?

At whose instance the DDA paid a bailout package of Rs. 750 Crore plus Rs. 827 Crore for the international zone? Don't you think merely invoking EMAAR MGF bank guarantee for not fulfilling the responsibility is only an eye-wash to absolve Rahul Gandhi's aide Kanishk Singh and his family?

Q. 3 Can you deny the fact that the provision of Rs.

126 Crore in the plan budget of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for OVERLAYS in the year 2009-2010 was revised to 687 Crore of which Rs. 557 crore was given as an advance to the Organising Committee? Will you please enlighten the country about the rationale of the steep escalation in the provisions for the CWG OVERLAYS?

Q. 4 Your Sports Minister has admitted in the Rajya Sabha that there were cost escalations in the CWG projects because the preliminary estimates were approved on the basis of INCOMPLETE/ SKELETAL information and all the estimates of various CWG related projects were approved by the Union Cabinet. Isn't it an admission of the criminal negligence on the part of the government, which you are heading?

Q. 5 Who is responsible for approving an advance of Rs. 1669.42 Crore to the Organising Committee for the sporting event and another Rs. 687 Crore for OVERLAYS (temporary fittings and fixtures etc.) of which Rs. 557 was actually disbursed, and another Rs. 87 Crore as grant for Timing, Scoring and Results Systems (TSR) and Games Timing Equipment of which Rs. 81 Crore was actually disbursed?

Now that the total earnings have fallen short of the estimated income from the games, how are you going to realise the huge balance? There have been no earnings from advertisement as such and the sale of tickets has generated only revenue of Rs. 39.17 Crore, while sponsorship of Rs. 114.5 Crore was received as against the contracted value of Rs. 375 Crore and in granting the international TV rights Rs. 137.71 Crore was received against the contracted value of Rs. 213.45 Crore.

Q. 6 Whom will you blame for the dismal turnout for the CWG events and the ticketing mess? Are you aware of the fact that only half of the eleven & a half lakh tickets printed were bought by spectators?

I think you must have been told by your Sports Minister that widespread ticketing bungling was reported during the Oct. 3 opening & the Oct. 14 closing ceremony with spectators complaining that they were often surrounded by empty seats, despite officials

claiming that all tickets had been sold out. Whom are you going to make a scapegoat for indiscriminate printing of complimentary tickets and multiple tickets with the same seat numbers for the opening and closing ceremonies?

Q. 7 Your government claims to have initiated action against contractors, officials and some firms connected with the CWG projects. What about action against the political masters who connived in the CWG loot?

According to your Sports Minister, 14 meetings of the Group of Ministers were held under the chairmanship of the HRD Minister from March 22, 2007 and another 34 meetings were held under the chairmanship of the Urban Development Minister who headed the reconstituted GOM from June 23, 2009 till the games.

Who will probe their share in the CWG booty? The behind-the-scene actors in the CWG scam can be unmasked only by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) which the BJP has been demanding in Parliament & outside.

Q.8 What about the Rs. 300 Crore your government allocated to Delhi University for CWG project which it handed over to Nagarjun Constructions? The work was hardly of few Crores covering 7000 sq ft. construction work and one acre of beautification. Where has the money gone?

Q. 9 Similarly the nation is awaiting your response to some of the irregularities and corruption cases relating to – Queen's Baton Relay, SMAM scam, Treadmills, Sponsorship, Games Website, Tennis surface, Catering, Merchandising, Accreditation for 22,000 volunteers, over 2,000 staff and thousands of media, sportspersons and delegates, Parking, Connaught Place redevelopment plan, Chandni Chowk, Paharganj, Karol Bagh, Shivaji Stadium, Talkotra Stadiums.

Q. 10 What is preventing you from answering a simple question about the lengthy delay on your part in taking a decision on a plea to sanction the prosecution of Mr. A Raja in the controversial 2-G spectrum allocation issue. Why don't you explain it to the people. ■



BJP to save poor farmers from committing suicides : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

The BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has voiced serious concern over the plight of poor farmers in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra and exhorted the party rank and file to work for their emancipation so that they could be prevented from committing suicides. "Cap of a farmer is mortgaged with land development bank, Kurta is mortgaged with Co-operative bank and Dhoti is mortgaged with the money-lender" Shri Gadkari said while addressing a massive rally in village Jamni in Seloo Tehsil of Wardha district, Maharashtra on November 21, 2010 after laying the foundation stone of a power generation project.

He said the BJP will make every possible effort to rescue poor and marginal farmers from exploitation by money lenders and ensure their welfare.

BJP President reiterated BJP's commitment to promote growth of the agriculture sector in the country.

Shri Gadkari, who is also Chairman of PURTI Group of Industries, said the Group was committed to the welfare of the farmers and the common people.

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He said for the benefit of the farmers, the PURTI Group was continuing operations of all three sugar factories including the one at Jamni despite incurring loss of Rs 15.

He said PURTI Group was generating power worth Rs. 17 crore from ethanol derived during manufacture of sugar and it was being supplied to Mumbai. This helps PURTI Group to offset losses being incurred during operation of its sugar factories, he said.

Around 13,000 farmers have contributed Rs 90 crore to PURTI Group of industries while his personal contribution was only Rs one lakh, Shri Gadkari said.

He urged farmers to have faith in their own capability and appealed to them to work with a strong will-power rather than depending on government support.

Referring to the social welfare schemes launched by the PURTI Group, the BJP President said the group has granted scholarship worth Rs 1.5 crore to the children of poor farmers. In all, 1,400 people suffering from heart ailments were operated upon free of cost with the support of PURTI Group. Profits earned

by PURTI Group companies were being spent for the education and health care of the families of the poor farmers and also for the agriculture growth. Solar energy operated bore wells would be installed to grapple with the problem of load-shedding in the region, he observed.

BJP State President Shri Sudhir Munghantiwar, State BJP General Secretary Shri Ashok Shinde, senior BJP leader Shri Arun Adsad, Shri Datta Meghe MP from Wardha, Shri Devendra Fadnavis MLA and, Shri Hinganghat MLA, Shri Suresh Deshmukh Wardha MLA, Shri Dadarao Keche Arvi MLA, Shri Sudhakar Rao Deshmukh, West Nagpur MLA, Shri Krishna Khopde, East Nagpur MLA, Shri Chandrashekhar Bawankule, Kamptee MLA and Nagpur district president of BJP and other dignitaries were also present.

Shri Sudhir Diwe, CEO and Managing Director, PURTI Group of Industries, made introductory remarks while Shri Vijayrao Mude, Vice-Chairman, Mahatma Sugar and Power Limited, proposed a vote of thanks. ■



Four-fifth majority for NDA

RAHUL BUBBLE BURSTS

Lalu-Paswan shown the door

From Our Special Correspondent

The results of the Bihar assembly on November 24 have been historic in more than one ways.

It is a vote for development, good governance and law & order. It is a rejection of the politics of caste and creed. Lalu-Paswan's alliance subsisting on MY (Muslim and Yadav) factor stood completely flooded. The verdict is a vote for a true concept of secularism practiced by NDA, particularly the BJP, which stands for justice to all and appeasement of none. It is a rejection of the politics of pseudo-secularism which actually means favouring one community at the cost of the other.

It is a vote for the good work done by the NDA and reiteration of

people's faith in the government so that it can achieve still better in the field of development, removal of poverty and unemployment, check price rise and usher in peace and tranquility. The people, particularly women and students, felt more secure under the Nitish regime. More than four-fifth majority

The NDA, which in Bihar was only JD(U) and BJP, won a historic victory — 206 seats, a more than four-fifth (84.8 percent) majority which no party in the past ever won

BJP for the first time won 91 seats in Bihar. It recorded a winning percentage of 89.2 having contested only 102 seats out of a total of 243. Its alliance partners JD(U) had contested the remaining 141 seats,

winning 115 seats with a success percentage of 81.5

Muslims rally around NDA

The marvelous NDA win in a State where Muslims constituted about 20 percentage of votes is a clear pointer that both BJP and JD(U) received an overwhelming Muslim support without which it could never register such a great win.

Bihar had 54 Muslim majority assembly constituencies and the JD(U)-BJP alliance recorded a magnificent win in 42 constituencies.

The worst drubbing was received by the Congress which had contested all the 243 seats. Its tally went down from 9 in the earlier house to just 4, less by more than

NDA supported Putul Singh wins Banka LS bypoll

NDA-supported independent candidate Smt. Putul Singh, widow of former Union minister Shri Digvijay Singh, won the bypoll to the Banka parliamentary constituency. She defeated her nearest RJD rival Shri Jaiprakash Narayan Yadav by a margin of little over 48,000 votes. While Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had announced the support of NDA to Smt. Putul Singh, Congress did not field its candidate from the constituency. The bypoll was necessitated following the death of Shri Digvijay Singh, who won from the seat as an independent in 2009 Lok Sabha elections. It is notable; Shri Singh had died of brain stroke in London four months ago.

half, just 44.4 percent. Its winning percentage was just 1.6. This score for a national party ruling at the Centre is all the more not graceful, particularly when the Congress supremo Smt. Sonia Gandhi, the heir apparent Shri Rahul Gandhi and the Prime Minister himself had campaigned extensively. Media bubble Rahul bursts

Since Shri Rahul Gandhi assumed the frontal role and assumed the task of reviving the party's fortunes in States where its performance had been dismal, there had been a sponsored media hype of his working wonders for the party. It was widely reported that Shri Rahul had assumed the direct command of Bihar elections and his

stamp in the selection of candidates was quite visible. His extensive campaigning failed to bring cheers on the face of Congressmen.

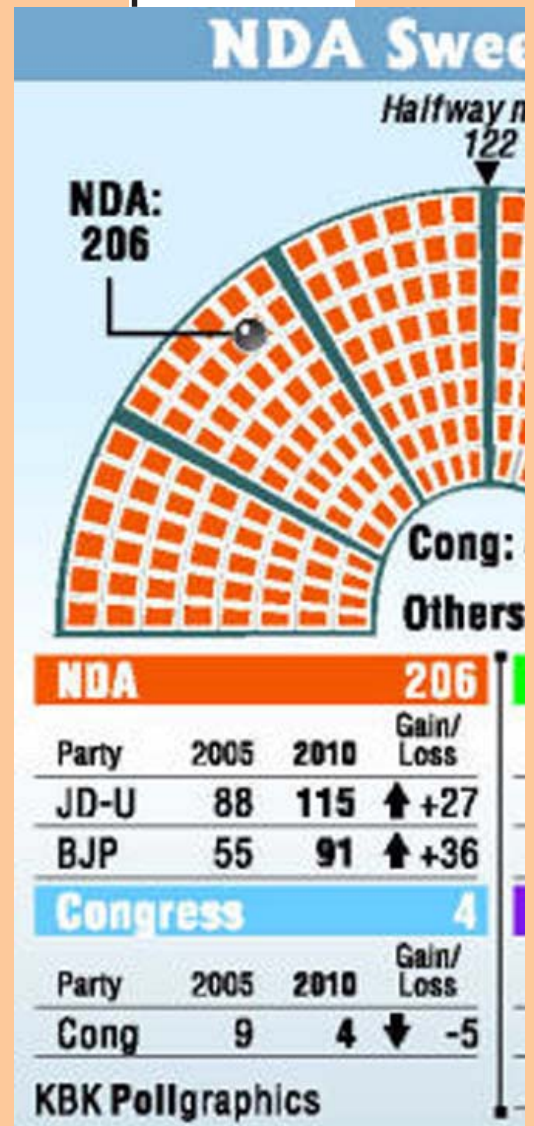
As per a media report, **Shri Rahul campaigned in 19 assembly constituencies and Congress won only just one.**

The Congress had employed all the tricks of winning the assembly elections it could. It changed its State President and nominated a Muslim leader to appeal to the minority community. Congress had fielded more than 50 Muslim candidates.

Even Shri Rahul's controversial statement comparing RSS with SIMI was also directed at appeasing the Muslim voters. But it boomeranged.

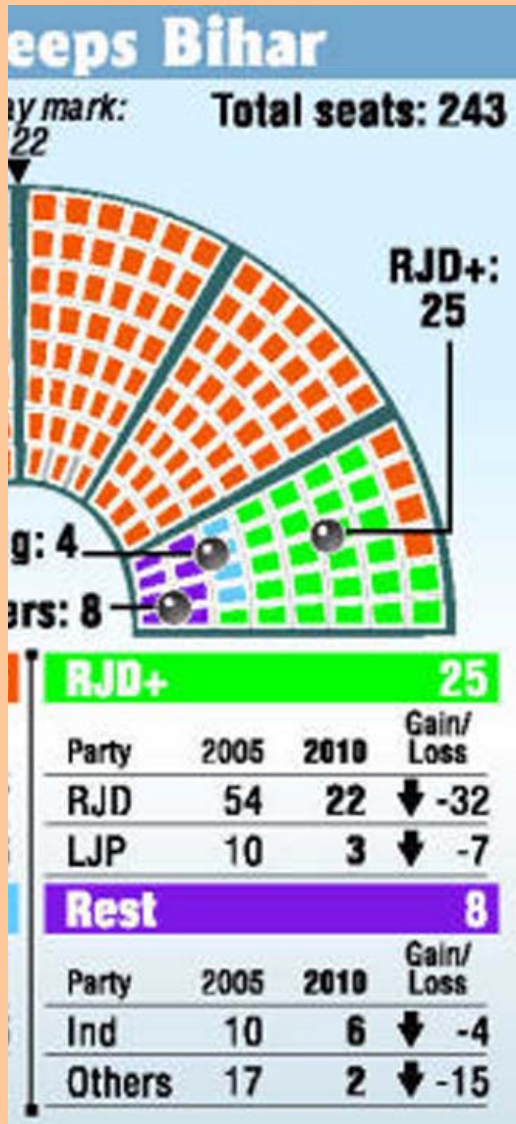


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| Seats won of seats | |
| | 2005 |
| JDU | 63% |
| BJP | 54% |

| Party | JDU+ BJP | | RJD+LJP |
|---------|----------|------|---------|
| Yr-2005 | 143 | + 63 | 64 |
| Yr-2010 | 206 | | 25 |



BJP wins in Muslim-dominated areas

The verdict of the Bihar assembly election indicates that a good chunk of minority votes went to the JD(U)-BJP alliance. As the result in Muslim dominated Amour and Kadwa shows, it wrested both the Muslim-dominated constituencies. Muslims comprise 15% of the electorate in Bihar. They have the potential of tilting the scales in over 60 assembly segments, particularly in Katihar, Purnea, Kishanganj and Araria, which border Bangladesh, as well as Siwan. In the 16 assembly segments falling in four 'Seemanchal' districts, BJP bagged 10 seats. JD(U), LJP and Congress won two seats each and RJD drew a blank.

Voter rejects caste, creed

The NDA led by Shri Nitish Kumar had sought renewal of people's mandate mainly on three planks of development, good governance and law & order.

The Bihar results have sent out a clear message: People have voted for performance and development; they have rejected those who indulged in false propaganda. While the people of Bihar could very well see the great strides made by the State in the field of all-round development, the likes of Lalu-Paswan and Sonia-Rahul duo who visited the state as electoral tourists tried to throw dust into the eyes of the electorate to make them not see what was a reality of development the JD(U)-BJP government led by

Shri Nitish Kumar and Shri Sushil Kumar Modi had ushered in the State.

Shri Rahul Gandhi propounded a new theory. He accepted that Bihar under NDA rule had developed, but said Biharis had not. He tried to create a wedge between Bihar and its people. He failed to realize that without Biharis there cannot be Bihar and without Bihar there cannot be Biharis. That is why the Biharis doomed Congress fate in Bihar and threw them out of Bihar politics.

The return of JD(U)-BJP alliance to power once again is all the remarkable because it has weathered the anti-incumbency factor which every ruling party has to face. By bouncing back to power, after Chhattisgarh and Madhya

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82%

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| JP | -39 | CONGRSS | -5 | OTHERS | -19 |
| | | 9 | | 27 | |
| | | 4 | | 8 | |

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Pradesh – and earlier Gujarat – Bihar is another bounty in the NDA bag where BJP alliance government has been voted into power for another consecutive term.

Dynastic politics rejected

The voter dumped the Lalu-Paswan duo to ignominious rubble of defeat. It could just manage scrape through victory in 25 seats (RJD 22, LJP 3).

The polls marked the rejection of the dynastic politics of the Gandhi, Lalu and Paswan families. Shri Lalu's wife and former Bihar chief minister Smt. Rabri Devi was humiliated in both the constituencies, one of which was her parental one. Both the brothers of Shri Ram Bilas Paswan were defeated in the polls. Shri Lalu had projected himself as the chief ministerial candidate with Shri Paswan's brother as the deputy chief minister.

The voter also called the bluff of the Congress and Lalu-Paswan who, according to media reports,

had an indirect understanding with each other. They were chums at the Centre, each supporting the other in Parliament. During the last assembly elections, Shri Paswan had insisted on supporting any party that promised to make a Muslim as chief minister. But this time he forgot his own words and projected his brother as deputy chief minister.

This severe drubbing received by Shri Lalu Prasad Yadav in Vidhan Sabha elections after a defeat in 2009 Lok Sabha elections has given a fatal blow to the electoral fortunes of RJD

Both the BJP and JD(U) fought the elections unitedly with a spirit of complete camaraderie and understanding.

Election peaceful

The conduct of the month long poll is a matter of pride for the people of Bihar and the Nitish government. The Election Commission of India too deserves full credit for ensuring a free and

fair election. Otherwise, Bihar had been notorious for poll related violence.

First great victory under Gadkari

Bihar was a great victory after Shri Nitin Gadkari assumed office as the National President of Bharatiya Janata Party about 11 months back. It has boosted the morale of the party karyakartas in the country.

BJP leaders and workers too worked day and night to ensure the victory of the alliance candidates. Bihar BJP President Dr. C. P. Thakur marshaled all his resources of men and materials to leave no stone unturned to ensure the alliance victory. The Bihar *prabhari* Shri Ananth Kumar MP and *sah-prabhari* Shri Dharmendra Pradhan spent most of their time looking after the campaigning.

Besides extensively campaigning himself, Shri Nitin Gadkari exercised full command over

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Victory of democracy



State have strengthened the "politics of development", he added.

■ BJP president Nitin Gadkari said the election results had made it clear that only "politics of development" worked in the country. "This (victory of NDA) proves that there will be no space for politics of caste in 21st century politics. Politics of progress and development are only possible," the party president said. By ending the "politics of caste", people of th



■ Describing the victory in Bihar as "unprecedented", BJP leader Sushma Swaraj said the election results indicated that only those Governments would sustain that worked for development. The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha wondered where the Congress "magic" had gone. "The message of the Bihar election is that the Governments which work for people, which ensures development will only able to come back to power," she stated.

■ BJP leader Ananth Kumar asked the Congress why did the Rahul factor not work in Bihar. "Congressmen were blowing their trumpet and chanting Rahul Gandhi's name. Where is that Rahul factor?" Kumar demanded to know, adding that the 'Rahul factor' did not work in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat either. "The Rahul factor was also not there in Uttar Pradesh. And now the people of Bihar have said there is no Rahul factor," Kumar stressed. "Rahul Gandhi goes in search of real India during his visits across the country. But there (in Bihar), a situation prevails where Congress needs to be searched," Kumar said.



■ Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday described the landslide victory of the JD(U)-BJP alliance in Bihar as a message that elections could be won on the "development agenda". Talking to newsmen on the sidelines of a *Sneh Milan* (luncheon) he hosted in connection with Gujarati New Year, Modi said the victory of the JD(U)-BJP alliance "vindicates the common man's faith in development politics". He also sent congratulatory messages to Kumar and Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi.



Our rainbow coalition has many colours : Sushil Modi

Soon after landslide victory of NDA in Bihar election Deputy Chief Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Modi spoke to VANDITA MISHRA of Indian Express about the verdict, the “rainbow coalition” the NDA has crafted in Bihar and the BJP’s relationship with the JD(U). Excerpts :



Has the BJP’s performance surpassed your expectations?

Since 1996, the BJP’s strike rate in Bihar has been at par with that of the JD(U), with a variation of 2-3 per cent. In the 2009 Lok Sabha polls, our strike rate was better than that of the JD(U). We fought 15 seats and won 12. In the bypolls too, our strike rate was better than that of the JD(U).

We never doubted that we would not fare better than before. The media’s projection reflected its tendency to always under-assess the performance of the BJP. But when the media started writing that we would not do well, it ended up helping us. We put in more effort.

What do you think really worked for the BJP?

The micro-management of the campaign. In this regard, the BJP has always been better than other parties, not just the JD(U), but parties across the country. The six-phase election also helped us.

We were able to transfer our team of workers – dedicated workers that other parties lack – to constituencies across the state. Key BJP workers from other states where the BJP is strong, like Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh had camped in Bihar for one and-a-half months. ...

Then, there should be a team to look after the campaign while the candidate is out addressing rallies. We were the only party in Bihar that distributed a voter slip to every voter, telling him the booth number and other details. In this way, we could contact almost 80 per cent of the households in Bihar, even if our candidates couldn’t reach everyone.

We also kept in mind the social dynamics of Bihar. We have accommodated all major social groups.

Much will be said about the Bihar coalition model. What do you think defines the alliance between the BJP and JD(U)?

Every state has a different model of development, or of coalition. There cannot be any one model. But it was our effort that no section of society should feel left out and Muslims, who are a large community at over 16 per cent, should not feel alienated or neglected. In Bihar, the BJP’s image has been different, we take up issues of development. In the last five years, all the initiatives for Muslims of the Nitish government have been taken in consultation with us.

We have tried to make a rainbow coalition that has many more colours. In this election, the JD(U) fielded 23 Yadav candidates, the BJP

fielded 10. The single largest group of JD(U) candidates is Yadavs.

There has been no controversy in the alliance, and both sides have shown maturity. It's been a long association. We've all emerged from the JP movement. Also, Nitish Kumar has worked with Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji. He has learnt many things from Vajpayeeji.

Is your personal equation with Nitish Kumar key to the alliance's stability?

It is not just about my personal equation with Nitish. Both parties have been together since 1996. And Nitish has very good personal relations with the central BJP leaders as well.

Nitish is not an extremist. He knows the psyche of the BJP. He knows the limits, the point beyond which the BJP would feel hurt. He has never tried to cross the Lakshman Rekha and tread on the BJP's sensitivities.

In the next five years, what do you see as your government's greatest challenge?

Now people will expect much more from us than they did in the last five years. The last mandate was against Lalu. This is no more an anti-Lalu vote.

It is a bigger challenge for us this time.

The Nitish government was seen to deliver most on law and order and on roads. What have you flagged as your priorities this time?

In the next five years, we will address the issue of electricity. The second challenge will be irrigation, especially in central Bihar. Then, reaching foodgrain to the poor. Corruption has increased at the lower levels. People are fed up. They want action ■

First National Training Meeting of BJYM organised

The first national training meeting of BJYM was held on November 12, 2010 at the BJP Central Office, New Delhi.

The meeting was inaugurated by BJP National Executive Member, Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma, in which he stressed, the need for the training of the political workers in the present political and ideological situations and challenges. This structured training would play an important and significant role in enhancing the capability of the cadre.

The second session was addressed by the BJP Training Cell Co-In charge, Shri Ram Pyare



Pandey, in which he emphasized on the main points related to an effective training camp.

National Convener, Training Cell BJP Shri Alok Kumar took over the third session explaining the third level training programme constructed by BJP in an elaborate manner. The 3-level training programme has been categorized as follows: The First level as "Pravesh", the second as "Pragat" and third as "Praveen".

Addressing the last session of the meeting the BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur stated that in accordance with the organisation's strategy regarding BJYM's training would be carried down to the Mandal level cadre. This structured training would be imparted to the State Executive level workers with the deadline of 31st December 2010 and to the district level by February 2011

This meeting was co-ordinated by National General Secretary BJYM, Shri Manoranjan Mishra.

The training meeting was attended by workers and NEC member Shri Pushyamitra Bhargav, Shri Rajesh Yadav, Ms. Vandana Bhagat, Shri Rakesh Sharma, Shri Manoj Pathak, Ms. Harshika Verma, Shri Hitesh Shukla, Punjab State President BJYM Shri Guru Parvez 'Shelle', State Gen. Sec. BJYM Shri Raghvendra, Shri Siddesh Nayak, Shri Samay Singh Bhati, Shri Yashveer Raghav, Shri Satyawar Shera, Shri Sunil Thakur, Shri Hitesh Patel, Shri Manjit, Shri Krishan Dixit, Shri Ram Kumar Deepak, Shri Amit, Shri Harsh, Shri Kamal Garg etc. ■

Who spawned this culture?

By Chandan Mitra

Sonia Gandhi's lament against greed and graft sounds ironic considering the Congress's predominant role in breeding corruption in the country

UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi has lamented that “greed and graft” are increasing by leaps and bounds in India even as the country is growing rapidly. Few would disagree with her profound observation. But some may well find it difficult to suppress a snigger. Of all the mind-boggling scams that have come into the public domain in recent days, almost each has a Congress imprint on it. So, are we to conclude that a saddened Sonia Gandhi actually had in mind the culpability of the very party of which she is president? There is hardly a single major case of financial irregularity, defalcation of public funds, suppression of evidence and dilution of cases against the accused, in which the Congress is, willy-nilly, not involved.

Arguably it was a DMK Minister who was involved in the “mother of all scams” which cost the exchequer Rs1.76 lakh crore. Certain other cases concerning possession of assets disproportionate to income hanging fire in the Supreme Court concern non-Congress leaders such as Ms Mayawati, Mr Mulayam Singh Yadav and Mr Laloo Prasad Yadav. But in these cases too, the Union Government is a big player because it happily uses the CBI to turn the heat on or simmer it down as and when political expediency demands. The Congress is past master at manipulating the system and the

two UPA regimes, directly controlled by Ms Sonia Gandhi, have employed these skills to the hilt. Her party's Governments in the States have deftly garnered vast sums of money by processing deals involving land, power projects and other development works. By all reckoning the Congress has accumulated a huge stockpile of cash over the last few years.

I know Ms Sonia Gandhi does not like to be reminded of Bofors. Arguably, she may not have had any direct role in the case that marked the beginning of the contemporary saga of corruption in high places. Many believe her deceased husband was too new to politics, too naïve and too malleable when the scam happened and probably got trapped into it. But if Ottavio Quattrocchi, the controversial India head of Snam Progetti, had nothing to do with the Bofors kickbacks, why did he run away from India and why has he fought bitter legal battles in Malaysia and Argentina to ward off deportation? Why was the UPA Government in unseemly hurry to close the Bofors case and unblock Quattrocchi's bank account in London in which the Government suspected the Bofors kickbacks were stashed away? The country could never authoritatively find out who got the bribe money although it was admitted that Rs 64 crore (a laughable amount by today's scam standards) was paid back to

‘facilitators’ in the Bofors deal.

To be fair, not every major instance of corruption in high places involves the country's First Family. Rajiv Gandhi's successor, PV Narasimha Rao, did not emerge unscathed from charges, first in the Harshad Mehta suitcase transaction and later in the urea pilferage. In the second case, although the investigative agencies got two Turkish dealers back to India and locked them up in Tihar Jail (they have spent more than 15 years behind bars for being stupid enough to return to the scene of crime), the money is nowhere near recovery. A sum of Rs 150 crore was paid by way of kickbacks although not one kilo of urea actually landed in India. So, where did the money go? Although the needle of suspicion points to the obvious, we will never know. Indian investigative agencies are well trained in the art of obfuscation and diversion of inquiry to ensure that the real culprits are never brought to book.

Similar instances involving the Congress and its exalted leaders can be multiplied indefinitely. The point, however, is simple. The culture of “greed and graft” that suddenly appears to have worried Ms Sonia Gandhi is a gift to the nation by the party over which she has presided continuously for the last 14 years. She is not responsible for spawning this culture; but certainly she has done nothing to curb it and, many

believe, she has been one of its biggest beneficiaries. It is not that other parties are doodh ka dhula (sparkling clean). The BJP came under fire during its tenure at the Centre for scams of various magnitudes although most turned out to be inconsequential. Even the CPI(M), which prides itself on probity, has been charged with corruption in the Lavalin scandal in Kerala and certain land deals in West Bengal.

Giving the benefit of the doubt to Ms Sonia Gandhi, it is possible that after successive jolts over CWG, Adarsh Housing Society and 2G in recent months, she has decided things have spun out of control. She may have realised that the brazen actions of Spectrum Raja have ignited fires that may singe even 'Mr Clean' Manmohan Singh. That realisation may have prompted her to don the mantle of crusader against graft, no matter how ill it might fit on her frame.

If so, Ms Sonia Gandhi would do well to call for some material on how her native country combated the scourge of corruption in public life in the 1980s and 1990s. She could look up case studies of the so-called Tangentopoli trials in Milan in which public spirited citizens (today's civil society), the media, some honest law-enforcement officials and sections of the judiciary came together to expose a section of politicians, bureaucrats and the underworld that had corrupted the system almost beyond redemption. Maybe the model is not entirely replicable. It hinged on a few local politicians being arrested for graft and then tried in court, which in an unprecedented move ordered that the trials be televised live. People sat glued to their sets for months as politicians and bureaucrats were

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grilled, and those found guilty handed severe jail sentences. Fear gripped the corrupt throughout the country and Italy cleaned up its act.

But will Ms Sonia Gandhi have the courage to order a purge? Will she direct the agencies to round up all the scam tainted Union and State Ministers and put them on trial? Can she afford to put in the dock babus who have done her party's bidding all these decades? Can it be ensured that the cases will be heard only by judges that are comparable to Caesar's wife? Will the Government at least agree to remove its handpicked CVC who as Telecom Secretary had drafted a

note arguing that telecom issues must be kept out of the CVC's purview? Despite intense media activism in India can it be said with certainty any more that top bosses in media houses are not susceptible to influence-peddling if not direct beneficiaries of the prevailing culture of graft?

All this may sound cynical, although I am not a pessimist by nature. But one thing is certain: As long as the Congress retains its dominance over India's political culture, greed and graft will only rise, never abate. ■

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BJP President condemns innocents Killings in Assam

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has condemned the recent killings of innocent people in Assam at the hands of militants and warned that the nation will have to pay a heavy price if the Government failed to take immediate and effective action against the culprits. In a statement issued on November 14, 2010, Shri Gadkari said that the tall claims of the Congress govt. notwithstanding, Assam is passing through an extremely dangerous phase with extortion, kidnapping and murder becoming an order of the day.

The BJP President said 23 innocent people lost their lives due to vengeance of NDFB militants. These militants killed mostly Hindi speaking people in different parts of the state of Assam. NDFB has already vowed that if one BODO is killed they will kill 20 and this is a serious challenge to the Nation's sovereignty. Shri Gadkari has urged both the Govt. of Assam and the Union Govt. to take firm steps in this behalf and ensure that the life and property of all the sections of people in Assam were effectively protected. He said the BJP firmly believes that the challenge thrown by the BODO militants is one of the gravest and unless the govt. shows requisite political will it can not be effectively met. Even three days after these brutal killings, the Govts have done nothing significant to generate confidence amongst the non-BODO and especially the Hindi speaking people of Assam, he said. ■

Let's work for world-class infrastructure & high quality life in our cities : Gadkari

Form Our Correspondent

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has made a fervent appeal to all BJP Mayors and other office bearers of municipal corporations to develop a vision for developing their cities, cultivate a collective political will and work towards the goal of making cities in India more livable. "Let's have world-class infrastructure and greater quality of life in our cities where all the disadvantaged sections of the society are taken care of through innovative development ideas", said Shri Gadkari. Shri Gadkari was addressing the inaugural session of the two-day National Convention on Urban Good Governance (*Nagariya Suraj Sankalp Sammelan*) organised by the Good Governance Cell at Lucknow on November 19, 2010

He dwelt at length on several new ideas about infrastructure development; most of which necessarily had his own stamp. This convention is perhaps a unique attempt by any political party with a clear objective of making elected representatives more alert to the changing contours of urban administration and empowering them through developing a perspective on key policy issues.

BJP General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal addressed the delegates followed by presentation on best practices adopted by Nagpur and Ahmedabad municipal Corporations with reference to Solid Waste Management and

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Speaking at the valedictory session of the two-day National Convention BJP National General Secretary and

former Himachal Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda exhorted all BJP Mayors and other office bearers of BJP ruled civic bodies across the country to focus on protecting both the environment, natural and cultural. He further said that the Charter of Commitments adopted by the delegates at this convention should serve the purpose of a set of guiding principles and if Party Mayors strive to translate these commitments into reality, BJP will be able to successfully expand its urban base.

In the afternoon session, Party National Secretary Smt. Saroj Pandey delivered a Key Note address focusing mainly on greater powers to the elected representatives. She stressed the need for ensuring greater devolution of administrative powers to the elected representatives leading to greater financial and functional powers to the urban local bodies. Shri Vivek Shejwalkar, former Gwalior Mayor and Convener of BJP's Urban



Municipal bodies Cell chaired the session.

Lucknow Mayor Dr. Dinesh Sharma welcomed all the delegates while Party Secretary Shri Bhupender Yadav made introductory

remarks.

BJP National Vice-President Shri Kalraj Mishra and State BJP President Shri Suryapratap Sahi also spoke at this occasion. In his speech Shri Suryapratap Sahi came down heavily on the UP State Govt. for its crass disregard to the needs of urban bodies especially its apathy towards the spirit of the 74th amendment.

In the evening, there was a group discussion session wherein all the delegates dwelt on the Draft Charter of Commitment prepared by the Party.

On November 20 the participants discussed about three major national policies viz. Urban Sanitation Policy, Urban Transportation Policy and Hawkers and Street Vendor policy. After adopting a Charter of Commitments a special resolution on situation in urban municipal bodies in Uttar Pradesh was also passed.

Following is the text of the Charter of Commitments adopted at this National Convention: ■

Development of Gujarat is all inclusive

By V. Shanmuganathan

"What is the secret of success in Gujarat? What is the basic factor that has contributed to the all round development of the State?" I put this question to Gujarat Chief Minister Shri. Narendra Modi when I met him. He said "Credit for all this goes to the people of Gujarat. Without their active participation, the impact of government run schemes would have been lost. Therefore, we involve people in every development programme. We have converted every adversity into an opportunity". Shri Modi has indeed ushered in a sustained, all-round development in the state with power and passion.

Gujarat was a perennial water scarce state because of traditionally hit by less rainfall, faster run off into the sea, few perennial rivers, uneven distribution of water across regions, low ground-water levels, salinity and desertification. Shri Modi took it as a challenge and harnessing of water was given topmost priority. Completion of multi-purpose Sardar Sarovar Narmada Project was expedited. A mega project of constructing 400 km long recharge canal to carry extra flood waters to dry areas was undertaken. These efforts were supplemented by interlinking of rivers of the state and water conservation was made a people's movement. More than 3 lakh check dams, village and farm ponds, Borihunds have been raised in recent years. The age-old step wells are also being revived. This resulted in underground water levels started rising every year.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Successful interlinking of a dozen rivers
- ▶ 24 hour uninterrupted three phase electricity to all the households in all the 18000 villages
- ▶ Water now flowing in the rivers which had dried up long back
- ▶ Rural productivity has gone up
- ▶ The migration from rural to urban areas has come down.
- ▶ Per capita Income of Gujarat Muslims of Gujarat is the highest in the country
- ▶ Because of administrative excellence corruption has come down.

Another major work undertaken has been to supply water to far off areas like Kutch district through Narmada by laying bulk line and distribution of water. Gujarat has successfully interlinked a dozen rivers including Sabarmati. The river which had dried up since long started flowing with water.

Paying special attention to the energy sector, BJP government facilitated new investments in power generation, transmission and distribution facilities. New transmission lines covering 58,599 km were laid. New transformers numbering 12621 across 18000 villages were incorporated. New power plants were launched. The biggest achievement of Shri Narendra Modi has been to provide 24 hour uninterrupted three phase power supply to all the households in all the 18000 villages. It has not only illuminated life but has also energised economic activities in the villages with enormous success. The rural productivity has gone up. Migration to urban areas has come down. In the power sector, Gujarat is Number 1 state in the country. Renewable sources of energy have been developed including wind and solar energy.

Another innovating effort is in the matter of motivating parents to send their children to school. In June every year the Chief Minister along with his Cabinet colleagues visits remote villages to motivate parents to enroll their children in school. Young children in lakhs get en-

rolled in standard 1 all over the state. Members of Parent-Teacher associations, self-help groups, and donors present the newly enrolled children with gifts of school bags, slates, textbooks, note-books and uniform. To motivate parents to send their girl child to school, the Government has launched a "Vidya Laxmi" scheme providing for a fixed sum when the girl gets admitted to standard 1st and 8th which can

mortality rate of mothers and newly born children. Government has exempted stamp duty if a house is registered in a woman's name. State attracts investments to the tune of lakhs of crores in various sectors of industry and infrastructure from domestic and foreign investors through a special campaign called Vibrant Gujarat.

Law and order situation is much better. According to the

applicant. At that time, the applicants are free to interact or interrupt the authorities. Since the Chief Minister interacts personally, the administration is on its toes. This has proved a very effective system of grievance redressal.

At the district and taluka level, concerned authorities hear the public grievances on the same day and redress them.

Malicious lies about the condition of Muslims in Gujarat stand falsified by facts. A study made by the Sacchar committee appointed by UPA has revealed that the economic, social and educational condition of Muslims is much better than elsewhere in the country. This report shows that Muslims are the happiest in Gujarat. They receive mainstream education. Their literacy level is fast improving. The proportion of Muslims in high government services is better than in UP or West Bengal. Their per capita income too is highest in the country.

The model of governance practiced by Shri Narendra Modi is based on performance, not appeasement. While fixing rational electricity charges, he went by the professional advice of the Electricity Regulatory Commission. To the agitating farmers he assured that he was aware of their requirements of water. In the following years, he implemented surface water schemes. Now the farmers can get water for irrigation at much less cost.

The encroachments obstructing road traffic were removed. Electricity thefts were dealt with iron hand. There were no protests because people understood that it was all in their own interest in the long run. ■

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be encashed after she has passed standard 5th and 12th respectively. In addition, Shri Modi has also extended an insurance cover of one lakh to all the school and college students. Government also pays special to higher, technical, medical, engineering education in institutions of excellence to ensure better quality.

Shri Narendra Modi launched a unique scheme to improve health service by involving the private medical doctors to undertake safe deliveries of pregnant women. This approach helps poor mothers to undergo safe delivery at clinics of private medical practitioners and the cost is reimbursed by the government. This has resulted in substantial increase in safe deliveries and drastic decrease in the

annual report of the National Crime Records Bureau, the incident and rate of violent crimes place Gujarat in much better position in comparison to many other states.

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Dhupal takes Himachal to the top

The small State makes it big

From Our Correspondent

Himachal Pradesh made it a big winning the top position winning the highest number of five awards in the country. The State led by BJP Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhupal broke the seven-year unchallenged stint of Punjab to grab the No. 1 position among the 20 big states in the eighth State of the States report released by *India Today* on November 19.

A beaming Prof. Prem Kumar Dhupal at the recognition of the good work done by his BJP government during the last three years received the trophy from the Vice-President of India, Shri Hamid Ansari to the cheering and clapping by a galaxy of chief ministers from almost every State in the country present at the prestigious occasion.

Though a small State with just 4 member representation in the Lok Sabha and in population less than Delhi, yet Himachal was considered in the category of big States. BJP-ruled four States of Himachal, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, and Chhattisgarh and three NDA States have cornered great honours in various categories.

Since 2003 the *India Today* has been publishing, every year, the State of the States report. It measures the performance of



Himachal leads big states

states in nine critical areas, including agriculture, infrastructure, investment, health, education and governance. A notable addition to this year's report is an exhaustive study of the socio-economic and law and order situation in 72 Naxal-affected districts spread across nine states.

Achievements speak eloquently

At the opening of the State of the State Conclave, where the report was formally released and 17 states were honoured, *India Today* Group chairman and editor-in-chief Aroon Purie described the document as "a portrait of a country where the ruler can no longer win by words but by actions that can make a difference to the lives of the people for the better." The winner, he said, "is not the manipulator of mass minds but an action hero for whom development is not a slogan but an article of faith. Good politics is all about good governance."

Himachal Pradesh, according to the report, is at the top because it has invested in infrastructure and kept its priorities right in health and education. Himachal also led in the macro economy category.

In the individual categories, Himachal topped in investment environment, followed by Uttarakhand, which has taken a big leap forward from its seventh position last year.

An interesting indicator of real progress being made by the states is the roster of fast movers. Here, the heavy hitters are Chhattisgarh in electricity, gas and water consumption and Jharkhand in gross primary school enrollment. Gujarat has established itself as the fastest mover in agriculture. ■

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ordered enquiry when the 3G spectrum auction against the target of 35,000 crores earned the Government a huge benefit of 1 lac crores.

Why did the Prime Minister chose to keep silent when about 85 ineligible companies (as found by the CAG) were granted letters of Intent and more surprisingly the companies which won the licences were permitted to trade in spectrum. As a result Swan telecom which won the licence for about 1500 crores and Unitech which won the licence for about 1600 crores and many others sold a part of their equity to foreign partners, who sprang overnight at a price ranging from 7000-9000 crores. When all this was happening why did the Prime Minister yet kept quiet when confirmed evidence of deliberate underpricing of 2G spectrum became evident?

The entire issue was debated extensively in the Parliament in July 2009, yet a vague reply was given though, all the above facts and much of what the CAG has said today was brought to the notice of the Government by the BJP.

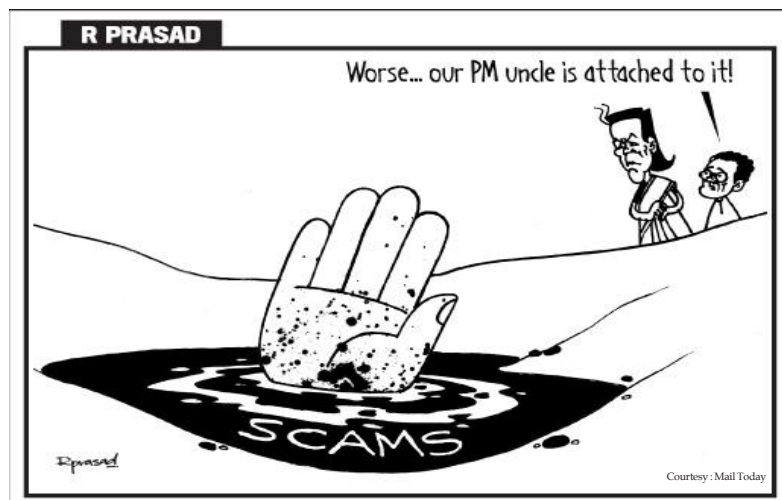
The CBI started investigating the matter in Oct. 2009 and in the interim report found that a scam of nearly 25000 crores has taken place. Why was the CBI not allowed to interrogate the secretary Telecom, and other key officials in spite of a raid in the Ministry of Telecom. Leave aside permitting the interrogation of A. Raja or even changing his Department (much less removing him), the Prime Minister brought

the integrity standard to an all time low by forcing the appointment of the Telecom Secretary as the CVC.

These are only some of the uncomfortable questions Mr. Prime Minister whose reply you have deliberately and consciously avoided. India is witnessing a deeply disturbing and distressing spectacle. The Prime Minister claims, he is a man of great integrity and professes probity and yet right under his nose lacs of crores of public money is being looted systematically by people who are part of the system and work under him. Be it the 2G spectrum scam or, the commonwealth Organising Committee massive scam and other scams. The nation is not going to believe the "Besura Rag Darbari" and the people would draw their own conclusions.

The Prime Minister has appealed to the opposition to allow the Parliament to run and debate and discuss. The BJP would like to ask the Prime Minister that we have debated, re-debated discussed, re-discussed and asked questions

repeatedly. Mr. Prime Minister, you had defended Mr. Raja initially and be very honest but for the Parliamentary pressure you would not have even asked him to resign. Mr. Prime Minister you want debate, the BJP wants action and those responsible must be arrested and sent to jail and prosecuted under the Prevention of Corruption Act. We want A. Raja and company including the beneficiaries to be interrogated, arrested and prosecuted. JPC is the only instrument to ensure that all this is done. It is to be recalled that there was a meeting of all the Opposition parties in the Parliament with Shri Pranab Mukharjee where the entire Opposition unanimously demanded a JPC in which the Leaders of Opposition of both the Houses Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Shri Arun Jaitley were also present. Shri Pranab Mukharjee assured in the meeting that he would revert to them after consultation with the Prime Minister. Till date he has not conveyed any formal proposal to enable the opposition to take a final view. ■



UTTARAKHAND

State emerging best State for investment : Ramesh Pokhriyal

Uttarakhand has been selected as the best emerging State for investment at a programme, which was organised by India Today, on November 22, 2010. For this Chief Minister Ramesh



Pokhriyal Nishank has received prize from Vice-President Hamid Ansari in New Delhi. While addressing the media persons, Chief Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank said

that the State has made commendable progress since its inception. For instance the State's GDP was mere 2.9 per cent at the time of formation of the state, while it is now 9.4 per cent and per capita income was mere 14,000 but now its has reached 42,000.

The State has made progress in financial management which is why the 13th Finance Commission has given '1,000 crore to the State. The State has made vision 2020, under which the State is making all effort to make Uttarakhand as model State, the Chief Minister said.

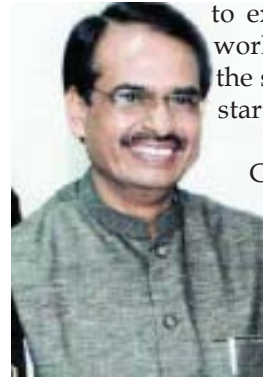
Talking about the State's industrial package, which was given by then Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA Government in 2003 for next 10 year, he said it was curtailed by the Congress led UPA Government up to 2010 and it was against the interest of the newly-born State. The State Government has developed own infrastructure in industrial sector and sought industrial package up to 2013 on the pattern of the North-Eastern States. Highlighting the priority of the State Government Nishank said that the Government is making special effort in the field of education, Ayush and tourism. Char Dham is being connected with air service and the State is having national and international educational institutes.

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MADHYA PRADESH

CM's Vanvasi Samman Yatra**Development of tribals is my first priority : Shivraj Singh Chouhan**

MP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan's third stage of Vanvasi Samman Yatra reached Dadar Tola of Chada in Dindori district on November 19, 2010. With a view to redress the problems of tribals and



to expedite the developmental works in the backward areas of the state the Chief Minister has started this Yatra.

At Dadar Tola Shri Chouhan had tea at the house of a tribal Koili Bai Baiga and appreciated the taste of tea. Koily Bai was surprised to see the Chief Minister at her residence. She said that this was the first time in history that a

Chief Minister visited the house of a tribal Baiga and had tea. Koily Bai and other members of her family presented Shri Chouhan with their traditional gift. Shri Chouhan said that these gifts are priceless and he would take it home and give it to his wife. The Chief Minister directed to give Government job to Satia Bai, granddaughter of Koili Bai. He also directed to give old-age pension to Koily Bai and promised that next time he would come with his wife.

On November 23 the CM met the tribals in Shahdol district. Shahdol is a predominantly tribal district and meeting the tribals was the main purpose of CM's visit. He heard them patiently and promised that development of tribals is the priority and responsibility of his Government.

That was not an empty promise. He laid foundation stones for several development works in the district. To make his trip to Khamhariya Village in Shahdol district memorable, Shri Chouhan distributed forest land right certificates to 88 forest dwellers and National Savings Certificates to 105 girls. Agricultural implements were given to 120 tribals. The CM also presented cheques worth Rs 8.50 lakh to 28 persons under House-Cum-Construction Workers Scheme. The Chief Minister also announced to open ITI at

Jaitpur, upgraded high school to higher secondary school at Khamharia and inaugurated a girls' hostel. He also expressed grief over the death of three persons at a tractor trolley accident recently in the area and announced to give Rs one lakh as relief each to the dependents of the dead, Rs 50,000 each to the seriously injured and Rs 20,000 each to the victims who escaped with minor injuries.

Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan assured a large gathering of tribals assembled at the function that there will be no shortage of funds for development and welfare of tribals. All out efforts will be made for their progress. He said that first priority and importance will be given to those who are deprived of and are at the end of the line in the society. He said that *Vanvasi Samman Yatra* was started for solving problems of the tribals and their problems will be solved on priority basis. The Chief Minister assured that number of Adivasi Ashram Schools and hostels will be increased with a view for better education of tribal children. He said that for higher education of children of *tendu patta* collectors, financial assistance will be given. He said that enough money will be given to them for studying in medical and engineering colleges so that they also reach higher posts.

BJP highlights poor maintenance of National Highway

The Bharatiya Janata Party on November 23, 2010 conducted a State-wide agitation to highlight the poor maintenance of national highways passing through Madhya Pradesh. There are around 4,000 kilometers of national highways passing through the State.

State BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha, who led the agitation in Bhopal, said, "Even though the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shri Kamal Nath, hails from the State, we must struggle to save our national highways."

Accusing the Union Government of adopting a step-motherly attitude with respect to the State, Shri Jha alleged that it did not spare even a single penny for the maintenance of the highways in the past one year. Over seven crore people of the State are facing problems owing to the deplorable condition of the highways.

Shri Prabhat Jha said that there are four Ministers in the Union Government from Madhya Pradesh. They were elected by the common man,

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who believed that they would contribute their efforts for the development of his home State, but they have reneged on their promise, he said.

The BJP leaders and workers took out a foot march from the 11-mile trisection on Hoshangabad road-NH-12. Those who participated in the march were State BJP Spokesperson Shri Vijesh Lunawat, State BJP media in-charge Shri Hitesh Bajpai, State office secretary Shri Alok Sanjar, State Vice-President Smt. Sadhna Singh, Smt. Seema Singh, district president Shri Alok Sharma and others.

Several other foot-marches were organised all over the State including Rewa district headquarters where former Chief Minister Shri Kailash Joshi MP spearheaded the rally. At Shajapur, the agitation was led by Shri Makhan Singh, while senior party leader Shri Kailash Sarang led the agitation at Shyampur in Sehore district.

Protest demonstrations were reported from Budhni (Sehore), Pandhurna (Chhindwara), Amarpatan (Satna), Jabalpur and Jabalpur (rural), five places in Guna district, four places in Shivpuri district, Betul, Rajgarh, Indore, Jhabua, Gwalior, Dhar, Bhind, Chhatarpur, Panna, Sidhi and Seoni.

ANDHRA PRADESH

Congress betraying Telangana people : G. Kishan Reddy

Bharatiya Janata Party AP State president Shri G. Kishan Reddy has demanded that the Congress introduce a bill for creation of separate Telangana State in the ensuing Parliament session to prove its sincerity on the statehood issue.

Shri Reddy visited Karimnagar on November 17 to participate in various party programmes. He was accorded a rousing reception by the party



rank and file who took out huge rallies. He launched his party programmes by garlanding the statue of Telangana Thalli amid slogans of "Jai Telangana."

Speaking at the party workers' meeting in the evening, he launched a

scathing attack on the Congress for betraying the people of Telangana by going back on its promise of carving separate Telangana State. Flaying the Congress for distributing compensation to the Telangana martyrs' families and shedding crocodile tears for the cause of Telangana State, he said that the Congress was insulting the Telangana martyrs and their families by paying the compensation of Rs.1 lakh.

Reminding that the Telangana youth were not committing suicides for compensation, he asked the Congress leaders whether the Congress leaders were ready to commit suicide for Telangana. He also alleged that the Congress was responsible for the suicides in Telangana.

DELHI

Shiela Govt. responsible for Lalita Park incident : Vijender Gupta

BJP Delhi Pradesh President Shri Vijender Gupta has held the Delhi

Government and Ce Urban Development Mit directly responsible fo death of more than 55 p and injuries to 70 people incident of collapse of a fi storied building in Garwali Mohalla of Lalita Park area and demanded registering case under section 304-A of IPC and punishment to the guilty persons. He has also demanded Delhi Government to give immediate compensation of five lakh rupees to each of the family of deceased and two lakh rupees compensation to the injured persons.



Shri Gupta said, "I visited the place of incident immediately after the incidence and saw the

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mismanagement of the Delhi Government. The claims of Disaster Management by Delhi Government was seen nowhere. JCD machines, Gas cutter, Tractor, Ambulance etc. reached 3 hours after the incident and could not go inside. The local people showed courage and due to this the number of deaths could not increase. People saved lives of about 70 people in no time and admitted them in hospitals". Shri Gupta has asked Chief Minister where were the emergency service of the government of Disaster Management ?

He said even at present the slumber of Flood Control Department, Delhi Jal Board, Disaster Management Department and Chief Minister have not ended. There is also flood water under the basement of many buildings of the area in which this incident occurred. There is danger of collapse of hundreds of houses in the surrounding areas. ■

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the conduct of elections and he monitored the progress every other day personally. The Bihar BJP received full *ashirwad* and guidance from the Central leadership. National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal kept a finger on the pulse of the party apparatus and ensured that the organization was in full gear for the great challenge. Chairman of the BJP Parliamentary Party, Shri L. K. Advani, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Arun Jaitley, MP BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha MP, BJP Chief Spokesperson Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, BJP MPs Sarvshri Shahnawaj Hussain, Shatrughan Sinha, J. S. Sidhu, Rajiv Pratap Rudy and others campaigned extensively during the one month long election period.

Party's morchas and cells, particularly Mahila Morcha national President Smt. Smriti Irani and BJYM national President Shri Anurag Thakur MP mobilized women and youth to ensure party's win. Mood upbeat in BJP

As the reports of BJP's unprecedented victory started pouring in, there was an atmosphere of celebration at the Party headquarters in Ashok Road, New Delhi and Patna. Workers and leaders danced to the beating of drums. Shri Gadkari and other leaders came out in the open to join the karyakartyas in their merry-making to the bursting of crackers. ■