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Letters to the Editor...

Terror attack show the moribound state of intelligence

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The Editor,

Terror in India has generated a devastating and chillingly familiar narrative. The Mumbai attacks show the moribund state of our intelligence networks and the attacks also tell story of inept UPA. We can no longer predict attacks nor work out a mechanism to prevent terror, let alone implement such a mechanism to root out terror. We've now become the victims of endless terror. It's no longer a question of if, but merely when and where, the next devastating attack will come. After an attack, there'll be the usual platitudes from Congress leadership and then things will be back to square one: that is, another attack. It is not only political will that is lacking, and therefore rendering the goal of eliminating terror impossible to achieve, but there is also the problem of political greed that compels the Government to go soft on terror. In my opinion, national security ought to have been insulated from vote-bank politics. It is disgusting to see desperate Congress leaders trying to malign the RSS so as to fetch some minority votes. Don't be surprised if one day Pakistan accuses India of promoting violence and terror in their country.

> -Abhay Sharma Delhi





Insightful and inspiring articles on the life and great work of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay ji are invited for publication in Kamal Sandesh. 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



Kamal Sandesh Mumbai terror attack a question mark on UPA's capability and intention

When the serial basis once again become a target of terror attack. Three serial bomb blasts killing 22 people and injuring hundreds has sent a shock wave in the entire nation. India is shocked, anguished and pained. But more than that there is a sense prevailing among the people of being ditched and cheated by its own government. It is really shocking to see that the even heart rending scenes of terror victims, blood soaked streets and mangled corpses have failed to move the government to act. What kind of politics is being played in the country? Why Congress led UPA government dismisses these incidents as something insignificant and beyond the control of the government? The irresponsible statement of Congress general secretary Shri Rahul Gandhi expressing that it is impossible to stop terror attacks only shows lack of commitment of Congress led UPA government and raises a question mark over its intention and capability. Has the government become so insensitive that it has no value for innocent human lives?

The sense of urgency that was displayed by Congress led UPA government in repealing POTA is completely missing when it comes to take strong action against terrorism. Even in the face of repeated terror attacks the UPA maintained studied silence and shamefully defended its inaction on terrorism. It often allowed the apologists of terrorism to rationalize and justify the acts of terrorism. The 26/11 terror attack on Mumbai saw some actions on the part of the government but so far these actions have remained reduced to hollow exercise in tokenism. Contrary to the argument of intelligence failure in the country, terror attacks are more the result of policy failure on the part of the government which has refused to show strong political will to respond to the threats posed by terrorism. It has been rightly observed that while UPA has all its enthusiasm reserved for the bill on Communal Violence, there is no indication of any strong bill on terrorism. It is politics at its worst. The considerations for vote bank politics have completely blinded the Congress led UPA!

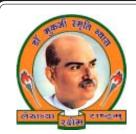
The mindless utterances of Congress general secretary Shri Digvijay Singh are yet another example of the level to which Congress can stoop to serve its vote-bank political interests. While the nation was still under shock and grief, the injured were being treated in the hospitals and last rites of those killed in the terror attacks were being performed, the Congress started indulging in narrow politics. When the tears had not even dried up, Digvijay Singh baselessly tried to blame RSS for the attack. While the investigating agencies of the country were pointing towards involvement of ISI backed terror outfits Digvijay Singh deliberately attempted to bring RSS in picture. Keeping in line with the old diversionary tactics he tried to deflect the debate which was raging in the nation. What was most unfortunate was his instigation for physically attacking the BJYM activists in Madhya Pradesh who were peacefully protesting against his remarks in a most democratic manner. Such actions only shows the most undemocratic Congress culture which seeks to destroy all democratic ethos and traditions so as to serve the dynastic interest of the Congress.

The nation now wants an answer from the Congress. The life of the people has been made

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miserable under the severe of boundless impact corruption and unabated price rise. The spectre of terror attacks is looming large on the nation as never before. Apart from refusing to act on the issues of corruption and price rise, the Congress led UPA government has so far done nothina against terrorism. Convicted terrorists like Kasab and Afzal Guru are enjoying their time in jail even after being sentenced by the highest court of the land. This has extremely demoralized the nation. There is neither a strategy nor a policy, no political will nor any action to deal with terror attacks. The government has completely failed the people of India. The Bharatiya Janata Party will have to take up the responsibility to carry forward ideological war against terrorism. A massive campaign to create awareness among the people throughout the country will have to be launched so that public opinion gets mobilized against the ideology that fuels terrorism and its supporters who provide ideological ammunitions to it stand exposed. The campaign will also help in pressurizing the Congress led UPA government to act with urgency on terrorism which is claiming so many innocent lives in the country.



"Nationalism, Good Governance and Development" to be released on 25th September 2011

We are glad to inform you that Dr. Mookerjee Smruti Nyas has decided to publish a special issue of Kamal Sandesh this year on the topic of :

"Nationalism, Good Governance and Development"

This special issue and '**The** Ajatshatru (English)' is proposed to be released on 25 September 2011, the birth anniversary of the propounder of the philosophy of Integral Humanism Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya ji.

It is to be noted that the special issues of Kamal Sandesh published every year among which Antyodaya, 21st Century – India's Century, Challenges, Samadhan, Samkalpa and Vikalpa have been widely acclaimed. All these special issues have earned appreciation for research based insightful articles.





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error reared its ugly head menacingly in the country's commercial capital Mumbai yet again on July 13, 2011 evening, killing at least 22 persons and injuring 130 others in three serial blasts that rocked the crowded market areas of the metropolis within a span of just 12 minutes. The three blasts took place between 6.54 pm and 7.06 pm. It is the fourth major attack by terrorists on India's financial capital since 2003.

The first of the three explosions ripped through the Opera House locality; a busy diamond market area; at 6.54 pm, injuring at least 50 persons, eight to 10 of whom succumbed to their injuries at various hospitals. This was the most devastating of the three explosions.

Two minutes later, another August 1-15, 2011 Q 7 powerful blast rocked Zaveri Bazaar locality a noted gold, jewellery and wholesale commodity trading hub, where an IED kept in an umbrella went off on Shakeel Memon Street, located in the vicinity of the famous Mumba devi temple. In this blast, at least 45 people were injured, with at least 10 among them succumbing to their injuries on their way to nearby hospitals.

The third blast took place at a bus stop near Plaza Cinema at Dadar in north-central Mumbai at 7.06 pm. Gory images of mangled corpses, a heavily damaged vehicles and injured people soaked in blood running helter skelter for their lives, was the scenario of that evening and it will remain indelibly etched in the collective memories of passersby.

After the last attack, slogans were chanted on the streets

against Kasab, an indication of the resentment people feel that the LeT gunman, who has been sentenced to death by a court, is still alive in jail as higher courts have still to hear his appeal against the verdict.

Anger was also directed against the failures of the authorities, Union and State Governments to anticipate and prevent July 13 serial blasts. People also question the credibility of the home ministers of India P. Chidambaram and Maharashtra state home minister and immediately asked for their resignation.

The blasts also point towards the failure of intelligence agencies. Though the police had arrested IM operatives behind the Ahmedabad blasts two days ago, the police officials do not seem to have had a clue about



the presence of waiting-to-strike terrorists in Mumbai.

A day after the bomb blast BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani rushed to the sites rocked by blasts the previous evening and also met those injured in the terror attack.

He said that repeated terror attacks are a policy failure on the part of the Union government. He suggested that the Union government should have a 'zero tolerance policy' against terrorism. ■

BJP President Nitin Gadkari condemns Mumbai blasts

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari condemning the Mumbai blasts said, "No words can ably express the anguish over these dastardly attacks. We condemn them in strongest possible words. We share the sorrow of the victims. We hope the Govt. will move beyond reacting from one blast to another and take a clear stand on issues like effective deterrence infrastructure".

He said these blasts are a reminder of the facts that cases like Afzal Guru continue to wait for final action and Governments dithers from not talking to Pakistan.

Terror attacks in India during Congress led UPA rule at a glance

2010

December 07, 2010 blast occurred in Varanasi, 1 killed and set off a stampede in which 20 people injured February 13, 2010 : Major bomb exploded at the German Bakery in Pune 16 killed, 60+ injured **2009**

December 10, 2009 : Guwahati, India kills four.

March 18, 2009: New Jalpaiguri. An explosive detonates, killing 1 person and injuring at least 12 others. January, 1st 2009 : A serial blast kills 5 civilians and injures 67 in the city of Guwahati.

2008			
26 November, 2008 30 October, 2008	Mumbai Terrorist Attacks at 13 places Assam bombings (10 blasts)	195+ Killed 84 Killed	327+ injured 470 Injured
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1 October, 2008	Aggarwal bombings	4 Killed	100 Injured
27 September, 2008	Delhi blast	3 Killed	23 Injured
13 September, 2008	Delhi bombings (5 blasts)	30 Killed	130 Injured
26 July, 2008	Ahmedabad bombings (21 blasts)	56 Killed	200 Injured
25 July, 2008	Bangalore bombings	2 Killed	20 Injured
13 May, 2008	Jaipur bombings	63 Killed	216 Injured
2007			
23 November, 2007	Uttar Pradesh bombings (6 blasts)	18 Killed	81 Injured
25 August, 2007	Hyderabad bombings	42 Killed	54 Injured
18 May, 2007	Hyderabad Bombings	6 Killed	ŕ
18 February, 2007	Samjhauta Express bombings	68 Killed	50 Injured
2006	, 1 0		,
8 September, 2006	Malegaon blasts	37 Killed	125 Injured
11 July, 2006	Mumbai train bombings	208 Killed	714 Injured
30 April, 2006	Doda massacre of Hindus	35 Killed	,
14 April, 2006	Jama Masjid explosions	13 Injured	
7 March, 2006	Varanasi bombings	28 Killed	101 Injured
2005	0		, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>
28 December, 2005	Indian Institute of Science shooting	2 Killed	4 Injured
29 October, 2005	Delhi bombings at Deepawali time	62 Killed	210 Injured
28 July, 2005	Jaunpur train bombing	13 Killed	50 Injured
5 July, 2005	Ram Janmabhoomi attack in Ayodhya	3 Killed	oongarea
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Mumbai terror attack a result of policy failure, not intelligence failure : Advani



BJP Parliamentary party Chairman Shri L K Advani taking on UPA Government said, the repeated attacks on Mumbai should be viewed as a "policy failure" and not as an intelligence failure, and demanded that the UPA government adopt a policy of "zero tolerance" towards terrorism. He demanded that the Centre move to have the ISI declared as a terrorist organisation even if it was part of the Pakistani establishment. "This repeated attack on Mumbai should be viewed essentially as a policy failure. It is not an intelligence failure," said Shri Advani, who visited the victims of the serial blasts in the city and later spoke to reporters, blaming the country's response towards terrorism for this.

"Even if it is the Indian Mujahideen, they get sustenance from Pakistan." "The last attack on Mumbai is proved to have been engineered by the ISI. The ISI is not a non-state actor but is part of the establishment," said Shri Advani. He demanded that the Centre needed to make efforts to "have ISI declared as a terrorist organisation" even if it was part of the Pakistani establishment.

Digvijay's statements give Pak chance to escape : Dr. Joshi

Former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi said that Congress general secretary Digvijay Singh's continuous tirade against Hindu organizations gave an opportunity to Pakistan to escape the blame on the issue of terrorism at international forums.

Talking to reporters Dr. Joshi said, "Digvijay's statement for the sake of few votes may put the country in danger as it gives an opportunity to Pakistan to save itself on the issue of terrorism at the international level".

After the recent blasts in Mumbai, Singh had said that 'possible role of Hindu organizations could not be ruled out during the probe'. Such things disrupted harmony in the country, Dr. Joshi added. He said people should not talk about terrorism with an eye on vote bank. ■

Centre's 'weak-kneed' approach encouraging terrorists : Modi

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi hit out at the Centre over the issue of fighting terrorism alleging that its "weak-kneed approach" was encouraging terrorists to strike India at will. Against the backdrop of the triple explosions in Mumbai at a function in Sardar Patel University at Vallabh Vidhya Nagar Shri Modi said "Weakkneed approach of today's Central government to fight terror has provided encouragement to terrorists to strike in India at their will". He said, "The demon of terrorism is responsible for killing so many people in the country. Had Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who united the country, been alive today, innocent people would not have lost their lives."

"Those terrorists, whom the court had ordered to be sent to the gallows, would have been hanged by now, had Sardar Patel been alive," he said in an apparent reference to Ajmal Kasab, the lone surviving Paksitani gunman in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack who is on the death row pending disposal of his appeals.

He further added that the Central government is very enthusiastic in bringing a law for communal violence, but has no time to root out terrorism.



Gadkari reaffirms BJP's commitment to economic reforms in India on UK visit

BIP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has reaffirmed his party's commitment to economic reforms, and said that the fast changing global scenario was helping India play a pro-active role in global recovery and redefining the new economic world order.

Shri Gadkari was in London to attend Overseas Friends of BJP(OFBJP) Convention.

Addressing a meeting of the Indo-British A11 Party Parliamentary group and Indo-European Business Forum in the House of Commons in London on July 18, Shri Gadkari said that the NDA Government led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1998-2004) had carried the reform process in a number of areas, including international trade, foreign investment, disinvestments, telecommunications, power, roads and education. He said that the BJP remains committed to taking the reform process further when returned to power at the centre.

Shri Gadkari said the rapid pace of development, favourable demography (large young population), and growing class with more and more disposable income and huge domestic market have made India one of the top investment destinations in the world.

He said India and Britain can take advantage of this potential for greater cooperation

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between the two countries in the field of research and development, science and technology, advanced manufacturing, green the Labour member of the House of Commons from the predominantly people of Indian origin constituency of Ealing-Southall Virendra Sharma, was



technologies, non-conventional energy, defence, skilled development and education.

With the changing world order, India and Britain may explore taking this enhanced strategic partnership to next level of economic cooperation in third countries, Shri Gadkari said.

Shri Gadkari added his party was proud of the immense contribution of the two million strong people of Indian origin in the development and progress of Britain.

Seven members of the House of Commons and 24 members of the House of Lords were of Indian origin and it was in a way India's contribution to British democracy, Shri Gadkari said.

The meeting, convened by

presided over by Lord Paul.

During the interaction with members of the group, including several members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, Shri Gadkari said his party has a liberal economic approach and attached highest priority to politics for development with emphasis on rural development, agriculture, water management, irrigation and power sectors.

He said all the BJP-ruled states were doing extremely well in terms of providing good governance with Gujarat showing a growth rate of 14 percent as against the average growth rate of 2.80 percent among the Indian states.

The BJP believed in complete transparency in administration



and the party-ruled states were implementing policies aimed at ameliorating the plight of farmers, removing poverty, improving health and sanitation and concentrating on power generation and alternative sources of energy.

He invited investments in the BJP-ruled States in the areas of tourism, health, irrigation, water management and infrastructure and assured a favourable investment climate.

Winding up the interaction, Lord Paul said Britain acknowledged India's potential as an emerging economy and would like to understand the economic policies of the country's main opposition the BJP which had covered a lot of ground during the Vajpayee government.

Gadkari presented hand crafted paintings from the tribal areas of Thane district of Maharashtra to Lord Paul and Mr. Virendra Sharma. Shri Sharma hosted a lunch in honour of Shri Gadkari and his team at the Westminster.

Tributes were also paid to the victims of the recent terror attacks in Mumbai at a meeting of the Indo-British all Party Parliamentary Group and the Indo-European Business Forum at the House of Commons.

Those who attended the two functions included Lord speaker Baroness Hymen, Lord Karan Billimoria, Lord Graville janner, Lord Dholakia, Lord Lumba, Lord Ghulam Noon, Baroness Sandy Verma, Barry Gardiner, Steven Pounds, Bob Blackmen, Dr. Hywel Francis (all members of the house of commons), Shri Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi (MP from New Zealand) and a large August 1-15, 2011 Q 11 number of businessmen and industrialists of Indian origin.

Shri Gadkari during his visit to British Parliament also met Keith Vaz, Preeti Patel (both MPs of Indian origin) and Baroness Flather, lord Bhiku Bhai Parekh and Lord Popat. ((With input from ANI)

Gadkari addresses the Telangana Development forum in UK

The BJP Natinal President Shri Nitin Gadkari has supported the demand for a separate Telangana state and assured the protagonists of the cause that his party when returned to power in the next general elections will fulfill the long standing aspirations of the people of the region.

The BJP has always been in favour of smaller states and was the first national political party which adopted a resolution for a separate Telangana state if elected to power, Mr. Gadkari said on July 18 in London while addressing an impressive gathering of the Telangana Development forum, UK, here last evening.

He accused the ruling Congress Party for the present crisis in Andhra Pradesh where legislators, belonging to the region, from different political parties including the ruling Congress have resigned in support of their just and reasonable demand.

Shri Gadkari assured the pro-Telangana activists that the BJP, when in power at the centre, will complete the proposed irrigation projects and undertake river connectivity programme for better water management of the Krishna and Godavari rivers.

"We will ensure proportionate water for

Telangana and make it prosperous and economically viable state with improved agriculture and irrigation", Shri Gadkari said amid laud applause.

He added that his party proposes to prepare a vision document for an all round progress and development of Telangana.

Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Smriti Irani, MP and President of the BJP Mahila Morcha, recalled that the mounting discontent and disillusionment among the protagonists of separate Telangana was first reflected in the movement organised by the students of Osmania University when they launched a protest against discrimination in government jobs against Telangana people more than 40 years ago.

Those who spoke included Shri Vijay Jolly, Convenor of the Overseas Friends of BJP and Coconvenor, Shri Amit Thaker, besides the leaders of the Telangana Development forum, UK.

The BJP President and his delegation visited the Swaminarayan temple, a Gurudwara and a Sanatam Dharam Temple.

Gadkari's meeting with British Foreign Secretary

Shri Gadkari seeks greater British investment in renewable energy and Green Technology in India

Shri Nitin Gadkari on July 20 has also invited British and European Union investments in the BJP - ruled states in the field of green technologies and nonconventional energy sources like solar power, wind energy, bioenergy - bio-fuels etc.

Shri Gadkari, who is on a six-day visit to the UK, called on the British Foreign Secretary William Hague here last evening and explored the potential of enhanced Indo-British cooperation in various fields.

Shri Hague told Shri Gadkari that Britain and the European Union countries have the expertise and technologies in these fields and would be willing to share with India.

He said India and Britain have very strong economic ties and the David Cameron government would keep pushing the British companies to move this special relationship ahead.

Shri Hague said Britain would like India to open the retail, insurance and banking sectors and offered enhanced British investments if New Delhi removed some of the trade barriers.

Outlining the BJP policy on opening of the retail and insurance sectors, Shri Gadkari said a debate on these issues was going in the economic policy forums of the party with a view to evolving a consensus on such sensitive matters.

Shri Gadkari said the NDA government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee had pursued the process of economic reforms in some areas and the BJP was committed to carrying the same policies forward when returned to power at the centre in the next general elections.

He said the nine BJP-ruled August 1-15, 2011 O 12 states accorded highest priority to rural development, irrigation and water management to augment agricultural output. The other areas of focus for the BJP ruled states were infrastructure development, and



more specifically power and road development.

The BJP, when in power, would like to promote greater Indo-British cooperation in the field of R & D, Science & Technology, advanced manufacturing, green technologies, non-conventional energy, defence, skilled development and education.

The British Foreign Secretary invited Indian companies to explore the tremendous investment potential in Britain and other European Union Countries and agreed to intensify efforts to prepare favourable ground for them including exchange of information.

He informed Mr. Gadkari that India has already emerged as the second largest investor into the UK with a large number of Indian companies working in



Britain and more would be welcome.

During the 30-minute meeting Shri Gadkari was accompanied by former Rajasthan Chief Minister, Smt. Vasundhara Raje, President of

> the BJP Mahila Morcha and MP, Smt. Smriti Irani, Convenor of the Overseas Friends of BJP, Shri Vijay Jolly, Co-convener Shri. Amit Thaker and the party president's media advisor Shri Ashok Tandon.

Gadkari on Indo-British Economic cooperation

"Why should poor Britain continue its economic aid to rich India", Lord Meghnath Desai, former director of the London school of

Economics asked the visiting BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari on July 21 during a question and answer session at a dinner at the Prestigious Asia house in London last night.

Realising that the unexpected question was basically to seek his views on the on-going debate in Britain that in the face of the economic slowdown government should stop its development aid to booming economy like India.

Britain has been providing around four million Pounds worth of aid through various agencies to different Indian states for improving rural health and sanitation, drinking water facilities in tribal areas and primary education in backward area.

Shri Gadkari told Lord Desai that the British aid has been very helpful in improving the lot of



poor people in backward and tribal areas of India. It has maintained link between the two countries.

But in view of the difficult economic situation faced by the country, if the British government wants to withdraw this aid it is for them to decide.

He agreed with Lord Desai that India was very much in a position to take care of its problems and that the Indian states should be able to continue the development work without the British aid.

The BJP president said his party favoured Indo-British cooperation in areas like agriculture, irrigation, water management, power, renewable energy sources and infrastructure like rural roads and invited the British companies to invest in the BJP-ruled states on public-private partnership basis.

Shri Gadkari announced that he has authorized Shri Rajesh Shah, a member of the BJP national executive and heads of various economic cells, who hosted the Asia House dinner, to coordinate between the British opinion makers and the appropriate party forums for cooperation in different areas in the BJP-ruled states.

A large number of British industrialists, businessmen, Lords and legal experts were present at the dinner. Earlier in the day Shri Gadkari held an interactive session with the Oxford University students on climate change organised by the UK Youth Climate Coalition (UKYCC)

He also addressed the UK India Business Council (UKIBC) where he explored Indo-British cooperation in skilled management and small and medium enterprise.

The UKIBC evinced keen interest in sending a delegation to India to explore joint ventures in infrastructure in the BJP ruled states.

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Chhattisgarh BJP Defence Cell formed

Country is under threat : Malik

The Chhattisgarh BJP Defence Cell was formed at the state headquarters in Raipur. BJP National Defence Cell Convener Lt General N S Malik formally inaugurated the newly formed



Cell in the presence of National Defence Cell Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa Coordinator and National Executive member Col P.K.Panda.Addressing the gathering of Ex-Serviceman General Malik said that the repeated terrorist attacks on different places of the country during the Congress led UPA rule has posed a great threat before the country. The common people are living in fear and the lives of common people are under constant threat due to the irresponsible handling of the situation by the Home Ministry coupled with repeated intelligence failures. Due to lawlessness in the country under the Congress rule India is treading through difficult times arising out of terrorism. He said the BJP Ex-Serviceman of Defence Cell have to play a great role in instilling confidence and sense of security among the citizens of this country.

Speaking on the occasion Col P.K.Panda said the Ex-Serviceman and people those who are in service are the backbone of the country. He said Lakhs of Ex-Serviceman who are believers of nationalist ideology know that BJP is the only national political party which speaks for nation and nationalism and it is committed for the cause of Ex-Serviceman. Shri Panda further said States like Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are facing problems from Maoists and therefore the role of Ex-Serviceman in the state is extremely important for peace and prosperity. On this occasion Wing Commandant Subhash Sindhhawani was appointed as the new State Convener of Chhattisgarh BJP Defence Cell. Hundreds of Ex-Serviceman from Chhattisgarh were attended the event.

Among others, BJP State General Secretary Shri Sibrattan Sharma, State Convener IT Cell Shri Deepak Mahaska, BJP State Executive member Shri Sudip Niyogi and other senior leaders of Chhattisgarh BJP were present. ■

للاسمال Kamal There is a Communal Violence Bill but no legislation against terror : Jaitley

eader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley insisted on the need to have special laws like Terrorism and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA) and Prevention o Terrorist Activities Act (POTA to deal with terrorism.

He was speaking on

condemned the serial blasts in Mumbai. He said, The Government can not give an excuse to the people of this country that this terrorist attack took place after 30 months. He said that instead of talking about the "spirit of the people of Mumbai" in moving ahead with these terror attacks, the need of



Janlokapal in a Jan Sabha organised at Mavalanker Hall in New Delhi. He said that Time magazine had listed the 2G spectrum scam as the second biggest scam of all time, after the Watergate scandal in America." To root out corruption in the country, it is important to have an independent body with the authority to investigate, prosecute and penalize corrupt officials. The Lokpal Bill 1968 is already 42 years behind schedule and also deficient to tackle corruption. The legislation of the anti-corruption body suggested by the Jan Lokpal Bill must be established without delay.

Speaking on the recent terror attack on July13 Shri Jaitley

the hour is to have the spirit to counter terrorism.

Shri Jaitley also questioned government's approach towards dealing with terrorism, alleging "vote-bank politics" was weakening the fight against it.

"There is a communal violence bill but no legislation against terror. This is vote-bank politics. It is this line of thought that is giving muscle to terrorists," Shri Arun Jaitley said.

He referred to repeal of antiterror laws like TADA and POTA, while the UPA government has drafted a bill to prevent communal violence.

He made a plea to all parties and civil society to put aside differences and adopt a common approach to end terrorism. "Every political party needs to ponder. There is no need to indulge in a blame game. I appeal for a national consensus to weed out terrorism from its roots," he said.

Describing the government's policy towards terror as "lopsided", he said it had not learnt any lesson despite there being several attacks on Mumbai.

"Withdrawing the TADA and POTA Acts reflect that the Government does no feel that there is a need for special law to deal with terrorism," he said. Shri Jaitley also insisted that like USA, UK and Australia, India also needs special terrorist act in place. He said, In US, after 9/11, not a single act of terrorism has taken place. Why cannot the UPA Government protect the lives of Indians. UPA will have to come out from narrow politics of vote bank to save life of innocent people, added Shri Jaitley. He further insisted that India should continue dialogue with Pakistan only after Pakistan stops being a breeding ground for terrorists targeting India.

The meeting was presided over by Delhi BJP president Shri Vijender Gupta. National General Secretary Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, State co-incharge Shri Rameshwar Chaurasiya National Spokesperson Smt. Nirmal Sitharaman, National Secretary Sushri Arti Mehra and Delhi's Mayo Smt. Rajni Abbi shared the dais with Shri Jaitley. (FOC)



'Fear, hunger and corruption' everywhere in Uttar Pradesh : Gadkari



A BJP delegation led by BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari on July 13 met Hon'ble President Smt. Pratibha Patil demanding an inquiry into the alleged corruption, abuse of power and worsening law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh under Chief Minister Mayawati's rule. Briefing the condition of UP to the President Shri Gadkari said that, "the situation in Uttar Pradesh is worsening day by day. Dalits, women and the weaker sections are living under fear, the rape of Dalit women is on the rise, there is a complete breakdown of the constitutional machinery and more than 100 scams have taken place during the four years of Mayawati regime and the total worth of these scams is around Rs 2,54,000 crore".

Raising its voice against these atrocities of the State govt. the BJP in its memo said that despite strictures by UP Lokayukta and adverse remarks and recommendations of strong action by the Supreme Court, there has been little impact on the government. Adding that there is "fear, hunger and corruption" everywhere in the state the memo said the BSP government is indulging in abuse of power, acquiring land from farmers in the name of public purpose at cheaper rates and handing them over to big builders.

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari led the delegation in which among others former BJP National Presidents Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Shri Rajnath Singh, National Vice President Shri Kalraj Mishra, Sushri Uma Bharti and Shri Vinay Katiyar were present.

A documentary film "Mayajal"- on the situation in UP - is among the documents submitted by BJP to Smt. Patil.

Her Excellency Mrs. Pratibha Patil Hon'ble President of India Rashtrapati Bhavan New Delhi Sub: Chargesheet against Mayawati Government's Scams & *Ghotalas* Your Excellency,

Mayawati's BSP Government has completed 4th year in office in Uttar Pradesh. The people of UP had given full, clear and unambiguous mandate for a strong and clean administration to BSP.

Today, the situation is altogether different. People of U.P. find themselves in turmoil. The



administration has become totally indifferent to the sufferings of common people while the key administrative functionaries are busy with swindling crores of rupees earmarked for development purposes.

- 1. 100 scams of Rs.2,54,000 crores
- 2. Criminality in corruption.
- 3. Murder, suicide by and of Government officials
- 4. Rape and threat to the lives of girl students and young women
- 5. Corruption at high places
- 6. Strictures against Ministers by Lok Ayukta
- 7. Strictures, adverse remarks and recommendations of strong action by judiciary including the Supreme Court
- 8. Worsening situation of farmers
- 9. Abuse of power, acquiring land from farmers in the name of public purpose at cheaper rate and handing over to big builders
- 10. Abuse of Government machinery including Police for corrupt practices including threatening the common man.

To put it in one sentence, the situation in U.P. may be explained as "full of BHAY, BHOOKH and BHRASHTACHAR'.

BJP, in the last couple of months, has exposed several instances of high level corruption. We are enclosing few for your ready reference :

- 1. 40,000 crore Noida Maha Ghotala
- 2. Noida Farm House *Ghotala*
- 3. Mayawati Sarkar ke 100 Ghotale FIR: First Information Report
- 4. Documentary proof of FIR.
- 5. Uttar Pradesh Sugar Mill Ghotala
- 6. "Mayajal" A short documentary/CD
- *Bhrashtachar* has become a *Shishtachar* during the last 4 years of Mayawati-BSP regime.
- The Murders of CMO's in past few month is an example.
- Corruption which used to be in percentage earlier has turned into 'LOOT' in last four years of Mayawati-BSP rule.
- It seems there is a competition between Congress Govt. at the Centre and Mayawati Government in UP competition for corruption and loot.
- New terminology evolved in Government Tax system "MAYA TAX".
- Every transaction from the bottom to the top[e.g. *Garib Rozgaar Yojana, Bal Pushta Aahar, Vidhwa* and *Vridha* Pension at the bottom or land allotment schemes and Group Housintg schemes at the top, all have a percentage of cut Every transaction to happen has to pay 'MAYA COMMISSION'.
- Government system as an ATM Machine. Any team money and poor public in UP keep funding this ATM in disguise of a telephone booth, where one gets response only by putting in a coin. What a mockery of both the government system and the governed?

On 9th July, we produced documentary evidences of Rs.40,000 crore Noida Maha Ghotala.

- Rs.60,000 CRORE ki zameen ' Aune Paune daam mein' sold to Builders for only Rs. 19,490 CRORE.
- 16 prime plots handed over to 10 handpicked builders.
- The investment seems to be received from tax havens like Mauritius
- 8 out of 13 companies involved in the NOIDA Scam have been incorporated between 2010 & 2011 with capital of Rs.1 lac only.
- AIMS SANYA DEVELOPERS PVT LTD. was incorporated on 06/05/2010 but the deal was finalised on 26/03/2010.

		<u>Kamal Sand</u>
• • • BJF	Farm House Ghotala In 2010, Noida Authority/Mayawati Government acquired land from far industrial development They were paid Rs.880/sq.mtr The land was gifted in 2010-11 to "big" people for farm houses Market price is Rs.15,000/sq.mtr. Preleased the First Information Report (FIR) on Rs.2,54,000 crore Mayawati' n on 7 th April 2011 at Lucknow. None has been spared – people from down	s 100 Ghotale a
	to the traders. sent Situation which may be explained a scam.	Rs. crore
* *	Forcible land acquisition and gifting to selected corporates Gift of precious Govt. land at Noida to Selected Builders	40,000 1,00,000
•	Sale/giving away of sugar mills with thousands of crores land value at pennyrate Power projects have been given away in scandolous manner	25,000
•	resulting into thousands of crores loss to the common customer and the State Exchequer Agra Power Distribution Franchisee along with thousands of	20,000
•	crores assets presented to torrent power Lanel sand, quarry stone mines were leased in non-transparent,	25,000
•	manipulative manner Illegal tax, hapta, which is now known as Maya Tax. At each and	15,000
•	every liquor shop, Maya tax is charged at Rs.5-10 per peg/bottle All Govt. contracts from liquor licences to road construction contract, etc.,	10,000
•	are allotted to selected Thekedars. Thousands of crores loss to the Govern Thousands of crores Ghotala in stones for the Smarak. Unique loot in the smarak can be seen in BSP regime In <i>Vruddha & Vidhawa Vikalang</i> Pension <i>ghotala</i> : Power brokers/ruling	ment 10,000 5,000
	party leaders/ Govt. officials have their cut in the small pension paid to widows and old age people and handicapp	2,000
		2,54,000
The	== pees Two Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Crores – Amount involved in a dozen e normal life of common man is disturbed. The people are scared, if this co tem can collapse. People's faith in democracy will get shaken.	
"Cł	are submitting herewith marge-sheet on Ghotalas of Mayawati Government" ourself with a request – Proper investigation Stop corruption at high places Protect lives of common man and honest government officials. Action against the scamsters and recover Government/public money Punish the guilty.	

Supreme Court verdict on Salwa Judum Can courts enforce ideology?

The Supreme Court of India has quashed the appointment of Special Police Officers (SPOs) by the State of Chhattisgarh as unconstitutional and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution. The effect of the judgement of the Supreme Court is that the institution of SPOs working in the State of Chhattisgarh and under similar

conditions in other of parts the country would cease to operate. SPOs have been appointed in areas where the environment has been threatened by insurgency to perform the functions of regular police by protecting themselves and their fellow citizens.

In Jammu & Kashmir it is these SPOs who constitute village

protection committees which protect the village communities from insurgents. The same mechanism was effectively used in Punjab during the days of insurgency. SPO's is a system where the members of the community are empowered to protect the Community. Policemen cannot be present in

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every house or every village, Areas where there is an apprehension of breach of peace and security due to insurgency requires the appointment of SPOs.

The Police Act 1861 provides for the appointment of SPOs. Various State police legislations have similar provisions for such SPOs to be appointed. The language of the legislations may situation. The State would now have to recover arms back from the SPOs. This would itself be a daunting task. Every SPO realises that he would be on the Maoist hit list. He would have only two options left – either to join the Maoists or to continue to retain his arms to protect himself from the Maoists. Having been identified as an SPO without the backing of the State or arms to p r o t e c t



be different. Those familiar with the ground realities of India would necessarily realise the utility of such SPOs. They are representatives of the community to protect the community. They supplement the normal police administration.

The judgement of the Supreme Court creates a crisis

SPOs would now be sitting ducks. The battle against the Maoists has loaded been against the Indian state. Maoists are now laving down terms for grant of amnesty to the SPOs. The vacuum created by their removal cannot be filled easily by the local police. The tranquility in the region is going to

themselves, these

be disturbed.

A reading of the judgement of the Supreme Court prima facie indicates that ideology of the author of the judgement has prevailed over the constitutionalism. A legitimate question that arises is whether the courts enforce the constitution or do they enforce ideologies. The Maoists are no reformers. Their principal objective is to destroy India's parliamentary democracy and establish а Communist dictatorship in India. The Maoists wish to dismantle every established democratic institution. If the Maoists were to take over India, the author of the judgement and others well meaning judges like him will not be manning the Supreme Court. The court would be controlled by ideology and ideological objects of the Maoists. The judgement itself makes an interesting reading. It is an ideological rationalisation of why the Maoists exist and fight for their causes. It is a denunciation of those who fight the Maoists. The judgement states -

"The State of Chhattisgarh claims that it has a constitutional sanction to perpetrate, indefinitely, a regime of gross violation of human rights in the same manner and by the same mode as done by the Maoists".

It further states that - "Set against the backdrop of resource rich darkness of the African tropical forests, the brutal ivory trade sought to be expanded by imperialist-Capitalist the expansionary policy of European powers, Joseph Conard describes the grisly, and the macabre states of mind and justifications advanced by men, who secure and wield force without reason, sans humanity, and any sense of balance."

The judgement rationalises Maoist ideology by stating –

"People do not take up arms, in an organised fashion, against the might of the State, or against <u>human beings without rhy</u>me or August 1-15, 2011 O 19 reason. Guided by an instinct for survival, and according to Thomas Hobbes, a fear of lawlessness that is echoed in our conscience, we seek an order. However, when that order comes with the price of dehumanisation, of manifest injustices of all forms perpetrated against the weak, the poor and the deprived, people revolt."

The judgement approvingly quotes- the book titled 'The Dark Side of Globalization' where it is stated - "Thus the same set of issues, particularly those related to land, continue to fuel protest politics, violent agitator politics, as well as armed rebellion... Are governments and political parties in India able to grasp the socio-economic dynamics encouraging these politics or are they struck with a securityoriented approach that further fuels them?"

The judgement denounces a contrarian approach where it says-

"Rather than heeding such advice, which echoes the wisdom of our Constitution what we have witnessed in the instant proceedings have been repeated assertions of inevitability of muscular and violent statecraft. The root cause of the problem, and hence its solution, lies elsewhere. The culture of unrestrained selfishness and greed spawned by modern neoliberal ideology, and the false promises of ever increasing spirals of consumption leading to economic growth that will lift everyone, under-gird this politically socially, and economically unsustainable set of circumstances in vast tracts of and India in general Chhattisgarh in particular."



This judgement challenges India's fragile national security. Undoubtedly, the judges have entered the political thicket. The court has acquired an ideology. It has chosen a preferred course of economic policy. It has also substituted the wisdom of the Executive for its own wisdom of how Maoism is to be tackled. The Judgement disregards the basic constitutional feature of separation of powers.

The law declared by the Supreme Court binding on all subordinate authorities now is – "Predatory forms of capitalism supported and promoted by the State in direct contravention of constitutional norms and values, often take deep roots around the extractive industries."

After a detailed ideological discourse, the Court goes on to find faults with the deployment of SPOs even though the Centre and the State legislation specifically empower them. It is held to be violative of Article 14 because youngsters with little education background from amongst the tribals are being given these appointments. It is held to be violative of Article 21 the right to life and liberty because SPOs have low educational qualification and cannot be expected to understand the danger of fighting Maoism. Hiring such SPOs would endanger their lives and lives of others and therefore encouraging them is violative of Article 21. The payment of honorarium while performing the onerous task is yet another ground for quashing their appointments.

If the court found the honorarium inadequate it could always direct a more humane



honorarium. If the court found that educational qualifications for becoming SPOs were inadequate, it could always direct the State to formulate a policy so that persons with reasonable qualification are appointed as SPOs. The court failed to realise that the life of ordinary citizens including SPOs is threatened by the Maoists. Their life and liberty is already in a jeopardy. With the facility available to a SPO they could protect themselves and others from the Maoist attack. Thanks to the Supreme Court, it is 'advantage Maoists'.

A reading of the judgement unquestionably indicates that the reasons for quashing the institution of SPOs on grounds of unconstitutionality are weak. The rationale of the judgement is ideology not constitution. When a court acquires an ideology it decides to frame a policy. It dismantles the constitutional mandate of separation of powers. It enters the domain of the Legislature and the Executive. The rationale in this judgement has upset the constitutional balance.

If the ideology of a judge decides constitutionality, the socio-political philosophy of the judge would become relevant. When the social philosophy of a judge is relevant you are back to the Emergency eve days. There is no greater threat to judicial independence than a judiciary committed to a socio-political ideology and not the Constitution. India's political process and Parliament must consider the seriously consequences of this judgement.■

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Hillary Clinton meets Sushma Swaraj

US secretary of state Ms Hillary Clinton, who was on a three-day visit to India, on July 18 met leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj. Ms Clinton met the Bharatiya Janata Party leader at Smt. Sushma Swaraj's residence. "Had a very good meeting with Ms Hillary R Clinton US secretary of state at my residence today," Smt. Sushma Swaraj tweeted after the meeting.

"The meeting lasted for 45 minutes," she added.(FOC) ■



BJP Mahila Morcha two-day executive meet held in Rishikesh

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha Members held its two-day(July8-9) National Executive Committee meeting at Rishikesh in Uttarakhand. Mahila Morcha expressed deep concern on rising prices, corruption, terror attacks, atrocities on women etc in the country. The Morcha in the meeting lambasted the UPA at the center for making life of common man miserable.

In the meeting various issues were disused on which resolution was passed and separately a resolution was passed which condemned atrocities particularly rape of women in UP.

BJP former president and Lok Sabha MP Shri Rajnath Singh, addressing Mahila activists, highlighted the role played in the past by the women power and also the positive role being played by the women in the country in maintaining the cultural identity, ethos and shaping the country's destiny.

Shri Rajnath inspired the women participants to go to the field and solve the women's problem. The meeting was also addressed by Sushri Uma Bharti and Mahila Morcha President Smt. Smriti Irani.(FOC)

Ravindra Bhusari appointed General Secretary (organisation) of Maharastra

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari appointed Shri Ravindra Bhusari as General Secretary(Organisation) of Maharastra Unit of BJP on July 13.Shri Bhusari is from Nagpur city and since last 30 years, he has been a full-time *Pracharak*. At present, he is RSS central office secretary, the sources added.(FOC) ■

-<u>Kamal Sandesh</u>

Forcible acquisition of land not BJP policy anywhere in the country : Dharmendra Pradhan

B JP National General Secretary and in-charge of Karnataka Shri Dharmendra Pradhan praised Chief Minister Shri B S Yeddyurappa for his decision to halt farmland acquisition for POSCO steel plants in Gadag district.

Appreciating the stand of BJP government in the state Shri Pradhan said, "Shri Yeddyurappa took the right decision, responding positively to the appeal by farmers and religious heads." He, however, advocated for a balance between agricultural and industrial growth for creating a market and better price for farmers' produce.

Speaking after inaugurating the twoday BJP State Executive meet at Gokul Garden, in

Hubli, Karnataka Shri Pradhan said forcible acquisition of land was not BJP's policy anywhere in the country, since industrialization was vital for economic growth, he said, increase in spending capacity would create new markets.

Shri Pradhan said increased demand in the market would in turn help agriculture growth and farmers would get a fair price for their produce. Therefore, the government should involve both <u>industries and farmers</u> for August 1-15, 2011 O 21 From Our Correspondent

inclusive development of the State.

He, however, attacked the Opposition for its slander campaign against the state BJP government. He questioned AICC general secretary Rahul Gandhi's plan to protest land acquisition in Karnataka when He said, "I have already issued instructions to the Gadag DC to immediately stop all proceedings pertaining to the acquisition of land. There is no question of acquiring land forcibly. If the farmers are willing to give their land voluntarily, POSCO will set up the plant. If



he "supported forcible land acquisition in Orissa".

Shri Pradhan said the Congress led UPA Government at the Centre failed in all sectors of administration and has deceived the common man.

Addressing the two-day BJP State Executive meet, Chief Minister Shri B.S. Yeddyurappa said that the POSCO steel will not come up in Mundargi taluk of Gadag district if the farmers refuse to give their land voluntarily. not, the project will be shifted to some other district where the farmers come forward to give their land".

Shri Yeddyurappa said the BJP government in Karnataka is committed for the all-round development of the State and as the Chief Minister of the state he will do every thing possible to achieve that target.

During this two-day meeting the BJP condemned the noncooperation of the Opposition in the State and the Government at



Centre with regard to development of the State. A resolution in this regard was passed on the first day of the executive committee meeting.

After the completion of the two day meet, interacting, with presspersons, BJP state spokesman Shri Ayanur Manjunath alleged that the Congress led UPA Government had been partisan in the release of funds for projects in the State.

Listing out some of the projects which had been dogged by delay, Shri Manjunath said the Centre had not sanctioned the Rs. 1,400-proposal under the 9th phase of the Prime Minister's *Gram Sadak Yojana*, and clearance for 16 power projects involving an investment of Rs. 10,000 crore had not been given. Not only that, the Centre is not giving Karnataka its due share of power, and since the last three years the coal requirement also hasn't been met, he added.

He said that both the Congress and Janata Dal (S) were silent over the step-motherly treatment to the State.

He said a former Prime Minister belonging to the Janata Dal(S) and Union Ministers from Karnataka have failed to raise their voice on issues concerning the development of the State. Instead, they are busy trying to destabilise the BJP Government in the state," he charged.

State BJP president Shri KS Eshwarappa, Ministers Shri Jagadish Shettar and Shri V.S. Acharya, and party senior leader Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda were among those present on the dais. All the office bearers and a large number of *Karyakartas* of the party were present on that occasion. ■

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No Indian should forget the importance of Dr. Mookerjee's martyrdom : Advani

Welcoming the formation of a new government in West Bengal under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee, BIP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L. K. Advani in Kolkata on July 11 said that the end of 34 years of Communist rule in the State was the beginning of a new chapter in its politics. "I welcome and commend Ms Mamata Banerjee for



being able to end 34 years of misrule in West Bengal. Overall the change that has come here has been good," Shri Advani said.

Speaking at a function to observe the birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, he described Dr. Mookerjee as "the first martyr for the cause of an undivided India after Independence" emphasizing his contribution to the formation of the nation.

He hoped that the problem of infiltration along the India-Bangladesh border and illegal immigration would now be addressed.

Shri Advani said, "We have heard that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is going to Bangladesh and that West Bengal Chief Minister Ms. Mamata Banerjee will accompany him. We hope that both the Union government and the West Bengal government will try to resolve the problems of illegal immigration and infiltration".

Shri Advani further said, "Recently suggestions are again being made restoring the pre-1953 position in Kashmir. We want to assert that the dream of separating Kashmir from India will never be realised. We should not step back an inch from the integration that has been possible because of the sacrifice of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and it is our aim to ensure that one day, Article 370 of the Constitution (regarding the special provisions for Jammu and Kashmir) is repealed".

He said no Indian, particularly no *Karyakarta* of the BJP, should forget the importance of Mookerjee's martyrdom and what it achieved. In the end, it resulted in the need for a special permit to go to Jammu and Kashmir and hoist the Indian Tricolor there, he added.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh, West Bengal BJP President Shri Rahul Sinha and many senior leaders of the party were present on the occasion.(FOC) ■

Two-day Odisha State BJP Executive meet in Cuttack



BJP is the only alternative in Odisha : Venkaiah Naidu

Since the ruling BJD under the leadership of Naveen Patnaik is fast losing its popularity day by day and the Congress has reached a point of no return in the State, BJP is now

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that the people of the country are now facing the most. Congress party is at the root of all these troubles, he said.

Shri Naidu further said the Congress party cannot revive Odisha In-Charge Shri Santosh Gangwar formally inaugurated the meeting by lighting the lamp.

BJP State President Shri Jual Oram inaugurated the Meeting and extensively dealt with the



emerging as the only alternative to fill the political vacuum in Odisha. This was stated by former BJP National President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu at Saheed Bhaban in Cuttack on July 21 while addressing the concluding day meet of the twoday State BJP Executive Meeting.

Shri Venkaiah Naidu, however, cautioned the State party leaders saying, "It would be a challenge for the party *karyakartas* to fill the vacuum in the State and fulfill the aspirations of the people unless and until we work hard."

Shri Naidu said the Congress party at the Centre is totally responsible for all the woes of the country. Corruption and price rise are the main issues August 1-15, 2011 Q 23 itself in Odisha anymore as it has become very unpopular here. He also said that the popularity graph of the BJD in the State is also sinking as new scams are emerging here at regular intervals in which BJD leaders are involved.

Criticizing Congress and the BJD, Shri Naidu asserted that BJP is a democratic party where a humble party worker could become its National President. Ours is a party with a mission and not with a commission, he said, adding that the BJP is the only party in the country whose leaders work for the country first.

Earlier on day one of the twoday BJP State Executive Meeting BJP National Secretary and corruption charge against the Congress led UPA Government at the Center as well as the BJD government in the State and charged both the Governments for having tacit understanding in promoting private companies like POSCO and VEDANTA in Odisha violating the statutory norms. He said the manipulation of sanction by the MoEF involves the PM Dr. Manmohan Singh, P. Chidambaram then Finance Minister, A. Raja then Minister of Environment and Forest, Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik.

Shri Oram said BJP had been opposing both the POSCO & VEDANTA projects in Odisha right from the inception while BJP was a partner with the BJD



in the State Government.

Shri Jual Oram also referred to the charge sheet framed by the BJP against Naveen Patnaik Government, covering eleven major allegations released in May this year related to illegal Mining, Coal, *Dal*, NREGA, Water, Forest Land, Sri Jagannath Temple Land, Police Atrocities, Maoist menace etc.

Addressing on the occasion BJP National General Secretary Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said the Naveen Patnaik led BJD government in the state has let down the people of the state. He said the people of the state know every thing about the loot of the state exchequers and they will give fitting reply to Naveen Patnaik in coming days.

National Executive Member Shri Bijay Mohaptra said the recent police firing incidents at Kodala, in Ganjam district where four innocent people were killed was in favour of setting up of a judicial commission to go into the "uncalled for" police firing. The inquiry should be made by a sitting judge of the Orissa High Court, he added.

Among others BJP State In-Charge Shri Santosh Gangwar, BJP National Secretary Smt. Surama Padhy, National Executive Member Shri Bijay Mohapatra, former state BJP President Shri Suresh Pujari, BJLP Leader K. V. Singhdeo, Senior leader Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan and Rajya Sabha MP Shri Rudra Narayan Pani and nearly 200 executive members of the party, including invited office bearers and functionaries at district level attended the meeting.

Two-day Gujarat State Executive held in Vadodara BJP capable of taking Country out of prevailing atmosphere of despair : Modi

wo-day BJP State Executive Meeting was held at L Vadodara in Gujarat. Addressing the first day of the meeting Gujarat BJP President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Shri R C Faldu asked the party workers to gear up for the 2012 Gujarat assembly polls.He also urged them to get ready for a proposed nationwide agitation by BJP aimed at pulling down the UPA government in the next Lok Sabha polls. "Party workers should educate the masses on the welfare steps taken by the BJP government in the state and expose the corrupt policies of the UPA government to dethrone the Congress from power in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls," Shri Faldu said.

Party in-charge for Gujarat, Shri Balbir Punj said, "The works and actions of the Modi-led government reflected hope and aspirations of the nation and Gujarat is a model state for the entire country."

State BJP also adopted several resolutions on holding UPA government responsible for a steep hike in the prices of essential commodities, various scams and failure in eliminating terrorism from the country.

BJP MP and member of National Executive Committee of BJP Shri Balkrishna Shukla and BJP spokesman for Gujarat I P Jadeka said that more than 400 members from various parts of Gujarat are participating in the meeting.

On the eve of the meeting

former minister and Congress MLA from Halol Uday Sinh Bariya, former minister Shri Jashpal Sinh and JDU leader and former Vadodara Deputy Mayor Shailesh Mehta had joined the BJP.

On the last day of the meeting Gujarat BJP Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed party workers. Addressing the party activists Shri Modi said, "It should be our firm and united resolve to fight against the Centre which is spreading lies (about Gujarat government)."

Our government in the State has shown path to others by adopting a novel approach of resolving the issues," he added.

He criticised UPA government over issues such as inflation, and various scams.

"BJP leadership is capable of transforming prevailing atmosphere of despair in the country through the democratic way," Shri Modi said.

The people of the country were disappointed by the behaviour and deeds of several political parties and the BJP workers from Gujarat "have to get ready for launching a movement for future of the country", he said.

The Rs 600 crore *"Apno Taluko vibrant Taluko"* programme being implemented in all the 225 talukas of the state from this year was a step in the right direction in decentralization of power, he said. ■



UPA's reshuffle an "aimless rotation" falling far short of public expectations

Railing his own promises of sweeping changes in the UPA-II midterm, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on July 11,2011 carried out a cautious and limited reshuffle of his council of ministers, dropping seven ministers, inducting eight and promoting five others.

The councils strength is now 68, up by one from the last council. No explanation was forthcoming from the 78-year-old Singh or his aides over the tepid reshuffle.

And by stating that this is the last reshuffle before the 2014 polls, the prime minister has effectively missed his last opportunity to rejuvenate a government whose image is tarred by a series of corruption scandals involving senior ministers, stubborn inflation and economic slowdown.

Bhartiya Janata Party dubbed the reshuffle an "aimless rotation" falling far short of public expectations. Party spokesperson Syed Shahnawaz Hussain lambasting the Union Government said "The reshuffle clearly shows that the government does not care about popular sentiment. People expected significant changes this time."

The PM's decision to retain those hitting headlines over the Lokpal fracas like Home Minister P Chidambaram and telecom minister Kapil Sibal is astounding, he added. From Our Correspondent

After the first rejig of the UPA-II ministry in January, Singh had been talking of big changes that led to speculation of changes in the four major ministries of home, defence, finance and external affairs.

News papers' editorials also termed the reshuffle a disappointment move by UPA-II. The Leading news paper Indian express wrote on the reshuffle "Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has reshuffled his council of ministers, in a move long anticipated.

Yet the disappointment engendered by the exercise turns out to be as great as were the expectations from it. And the main reason is the Congress party has again shown its inability to prioritise issues of governance and of accountability.

UPA 2 has faltered, and it has faltered on issues of governance. It has been cursory with its reform efforts, going for incremental changes, and postponing any heavy-duty legislation that prunes the thicket of laws constraining India. Its ministries have been lacklustre, unable to rework their functioning for a larger, more complex economy. Many hoped that reshuffling would impart some momentum to a drifting administration. But what we have eventually been given is a massive let-down. The UPA is still undermining itself through its own complacency - or

lethargy."

It added "What was needed was a clear signal of accountability. Underperformers should have been dropped; those who had demonstrated capability, promoted. Instead, we get coy sideways moves.

There is no reason to suppose that Veerappa Moily, for example, who has not been a success as law minister, would be able to steward the ministry for corporate affairs through these tough times. There are few new faces, young or otherwise.

The whole exercise – typified by Vilasrao Deshmukh's puzzling move to science and technology - seems to be an exercise in balancing the Congress's politics. No defining big idea seems visible; instead, it is impossible to read this as being about governance. This is a pity; because it is on governance that UPA 2 will be judged by the electorate. The lack of big ideas extends beyond the lack even of an acknowledgement of the principle of accountability. The Congress seems to have forgotten that elections, even national elections, are won and lost in the states, and parties build strength through the power of their statelevel stalwarts; it has shown no inclination to free its magnates up to go back to the states and help out their embattled partymen. That is a bad sign for 2014."



BJP ruled states take initiatives towards computerization of PDS

BIP ruled States have taken initiative to bring reform in Public distribution System which includes improvement of infrastructure for distribution and storage of PDS food grains. The initiative has been proving a good step towards curbing corruption and bring transparency in the system. As per information available, States are taking following initiative

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- Unified Ration Card database: New bar-coded Ration Cards have been issued. The maintenance of the ration cards database is done through a web based module.
- Automated allotment: Chhattisgarh has FPS Database with attached ration card information. This has enabled automated shop-wise allotment by entering per card parameters every month on a web-based application.
- Chhattisgarh state civil supplies corporation (CGSCSC) Distribution Centre Module is implemented at 120 Warehouses of 108 distribution centres. The stocks and sales figures of previous month of all the FPSs are entered into this module and the actual amount of PDS commodities to be issued to FPS is

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calculated by this web based software and delivery order and truck challans are issued thereafter. Receipts and movement of commodities between distribution centers is also done through this application. Thus stock position at any point is available on web.

- Jan Bhagidari: This web site has all information relating to PDS including lists of all Ration Card holders, list of FPS, details of lifting and sales of PDS commodities by FPS etc.
 - Whenever PDS commodities are dispatched to FPS from the warehouse, an e-mail message and an SMS is sent to all the e-mail Ids and mobile numbers registered for that FPS.
- Call-Centre with a toll free number is in place to get necessary information about food department and lodging of complaints. Complaints are monitored at all levels though the system. Reports like ration card holder details, FPS details, FPS wise allotment and lifting details rice procurement details and complaints lodged and their status are generated by system on web, which are accessible to the public.

Gujarat

- Comprehensive application

form prescribed for issuance of bar coded Ration Card in lieu of existing Rations Cards.

- Photograph & biometric details of at least one family member of the Card holder at the time of issuance of Bar coded Ration Cards is being carried out initially.
- Delivery of food grains through bio-metric based bar coded coupon system started on pilot basis in village Moriya (Banaskantha) in April 2011.
- Complete computerisation process for allocation and distribution of essential commodities to FPS likely by June 2011.

Himachal Pradesh

- Issuance of smart card on biometric basis will be taken up as pilot project in Mashobra and Shimla districts as soon as *Aadhaar* numbers are issued.
- Enrolment work under UIDAI is likely to be completed by end of year 2011.
- Fully computerizing TPDS including issue of smart card in place of ration card is being planned.

Karnataka

- The data of all families falling within the PDS have been computerized. In addition to the particulars like name, gender, income and photographs of the



Art of Living fostering global harmony, brotherhood and peace : Gadkari

JP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari in his keynote address at the valedictory session of World Cultural Festival held in Berlin, Germany praised the role of Art of Living in fostering global harmony brotherhood and peace. He said that the organization has done a remarkable work in bringing together people from different cultures and societies on a common platform for sharing the message of fraternity, love and unity.

He thanked the organizers for spreading the message of *Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam* which represents one of the cardinal principles of India culture and civilization. BJP Economic Cell Convenor Shri Gopal K Agarwal and BJP National Executive Member Shri Ram Das Agarwal were also invited as special guests on the occasion. From Our Correspondent

Т h e World cultural festival was held on 2nd and 3rd July in the Olympic stadium at Berlin Germany. This event was a celebration of t h 3 0 anniversary of

Art of Living, an international organisation with humanitarian activities in 151 countries around the world.

The aim of the festival was to foster harmony in diversity and international dialogue by organising various conferences, as well as showcasing dance, music and food from around the world. The festival brought together a diverse group of about 30000 participants from different parts of the world. Thousands of



people came from diverse countries like Argentina, South Africa, Europe, Canada, India, Israel and many Arab Countries to name a few. Leaders, peacemakers and renowned personalities created a unique platform to spread the message of world peace, unity and harmony in diversity. The guest list included several heads of governments, parliamentarians, diplomats, politicians and heads of religious organizations.

- beneficiaries, the fingerprint bio-metrics of all the beneficiary families have been captured.
- An exercise to identify ineligible ration cards and improve the database is going on.
- The computerisation of the taluk offices and godowns and connecting the systems to the department database is to be undertaken.
 - Action initiated to set-up

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electronic weighbridges in all godowns and links them to State and FCI network.

- UID project has been taken up on pilot basis in two districts of the State. Once the UID project is extended to all the districts of the State, UID numbers of the beneficiaries will be incorporated in the beneficiary database.
- Panchayats are processing beneficiary data and

managing distribution system using the broadband connections provided to them. Village panchayats in the State are now being used to set right the beneficiary database.

The ration card beneficiary data has already been transferred to the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department database which is accessed by the panchayats.

State Reports

GUJARAT

State tops India's decadal agri growth

hief Minister Shri Narendra Modi led Gujarat topped the country's agri growth with around 10.97 per cent decadal growth rate between 2000-01, according to a study conducted by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM).



The industry body compared 15 non-special category states in which Maharashtra emerged second at 10.50 per cent growth rate.

Secretary General of ASSOCHAM DS Rawat said, "Improved agricultural infrastructure, including outstanding irrigation system, adoption of technologies availability of power are some of the reasons for the growth rate that Gujarat has achieved".

Another BJP led State; Chattisgarh has ranked third with six per cent followed by Orissa, which registered 5.28 per cent.

MADHYA PRADESH

BJP's motive is to bring better change in the society : Prabhat Jha

Madhya Pradesh BJP State president Shri Prabhat Jha MP while addressing the joint convention of district office-bearers and party workers of Shahdol, Umaria and Anuppur in Shahdol said, "BJP's motive is not to enjoy the power on the contrary its aim is to make politics a mean for bringing about better change in the society and prosperity in the lives of the last man of society."

Shri Jha said, "Party workers should make inroads in the weaker sections of the society and should earn their faith and ensure them that BJP's motive is the betterment of society and to serve the last man of the society." August 1-15, 2011 O 28 He said that the Congress forgot its deal with the masses by remaining in power for long and has formed nexus with capitalists and business houses to push the people of the country into the web of corruption and *Mehangai*. The people of the country are looking towards BJP



and we should come forward to accept this challenge. Workers should always remember their social obligations and should work in the interest of people to earn their faith, he added.

The BJP State president said that in the recent past BJP has registered victory in six of the seven municipalities that went to polls and attributed the victory to the BJP Government of the State and that to the ideology of the organisation.

He said that dialogue and contact programme is the treasure of every party worker and they should keep patience in their speech because speech generates peace and revolution both. We have to ascertain that social change be brought in the society. This we could do by our sweet practices and serving attitude, he added.

Shri Jha further said that BJP believes in communal harmony but some forces are active in the State that wants to destabilise the peaceful atmosphere of the State with the conspiracy of evangelists.

Mukhyamantri Gramin Awas mission : Each homeless to have own house

A Memorandum of Understanding between the State Government and Bank of India was signed in Bhopal on July 19 to provide houses to 38 lakh homeless people through the *Mukhyamantri Gramin Awas* Mission. It is part of strategy of the State government to provide house to each homeless person in coming years. The Panchayat and Rural Development Minister, Shri Bhargava said that the Union Government is constantly curtailing the allotment being given to the State to provide houses to homeless people. Compared to other States, Madhya Pradesh is getting lowest allotment under the Indira Awas Yojana. Keeping this in view, the State Government





has launched the *Mukhyamantri Gramin Awas* Mission through its own resources. The State Government has decided to provide house to every homeless rural person under the *Mukhyamantri Gramin Awas* Mission in three-four years with the help of banks.

KERALA

Restore alienated land to tribal people: Muraleedharan

While restoring the encroached land in Idukki district, the United Democratic Front (UDF) government should also restore the alienated land of tribal people in the State, BJP State president Shri V. Muraleedharan said. Talking to reporters



Shri Muraleedharan said thousands of acres of tribal land had been alienated in the State and the government should restore the land as per the Kerala Scheduled Tribes Restriction on Transfer and Restoration of Alienated Lands Act, 1975.

He called upon Minister for Welfare of the Scheduled Tribes P.K Jayalakshmi to clarify the UDF ministry's stance on alienated tribal land issue.

Regarding the eviction drive in Idukki district, Shri Muraleedharan said the government should carry out the eviction drive without considering the colour of flags.

Anti-corruption drive

Shri Muraleedharan further said the nationwide agitation of the BJP against corruption and black money would be intensified in the State, and added that the Sate committee meet of the party to be held in Thiruvananthapuram would decide the course of the agitation. Regarding the budgetary allocation of the UDF government, he said the government had not taken into consideration the development needs of the State. Instead, it chose to protect the political interests of the Indian Union Muslim League and the Kerala Congress, he said.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

BJP government to ease Shimla's parking woes

To ease the parking woes of the tourists visiting this queen of hills and the local population, Himachal Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal on July 17 laid the foundation stone of a



Rs 1.5crore project to constructa n e w parking lot, a community centre

and a langar bhawan adjoining the gurdwara near the main bus stand at Shimla.

He eulogized the services of the Sikh community in the freedom struggle, in the armed forces for preserving the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country besides Guru Shri Teg Bahadur for protecting the Kashmiri Pandits. He said BJP government had always stood by the Sikh community and extended it every assistance at all times. He assured that his government would continue to do so in future also. He appreciated that the Sikhs had always been maintaining cordial and friendly relations with all other communities and the contribution made by them could never be forgotten, he added.

Prof. Dhumal said the state government had set up a University at Rajgarh in Sirmaur district where students from within and outside the state were being imparted quality education. According to an assessment by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, there was need for opening of about 1,000 more private universities in the country. He said with the opening of private universities, students from every walk of life were getting quality education at their doorstep.

Jathedar Avtar Singh of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Amritsar thanked the Chief Minister for introducing Punjabi as a subject in one



hundred schools in the State. He also appreciated his gesture of providing land for the construction of parking and community centre.

Earlier, Sardar Daljit Singh, an officebearer of the Himachal Pradesh Akali Dal, welcomed the Chief Minister. President, Shri Guru Singh Sabha, Shimla, Sardar Jasvinder Singh, thanked the CM for fulfilling the long-pending demands of the community. 🔳

Sushil Modi elected new chief of Empowered Committee on GST

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Modi was on July 18 elected the new chairman of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers which is spearheading the implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Shri Modi, who also handles the finance portfolio in the Bihar government, replaces Asim Dasgupta, who had served in the post for over a decade since the formation of the body. The committee had earlier overseen implementation of



the Value Added Tax (VAT) system across the States. The post of the chairman of the group fell vacant after the defeat of Dasgupta in the West Bengal Assembly polls in May. Dasgupta, who was the West Bengal Finance Minister, had headed the Committee since its formation in early 2000s.■

Homage to the Victims of Mumbai Terror Attack Candle light vigil organised at India Gate by BJP NHRC

BIP National Human Rights Cell organized a Candlelit vigil at India Gate in the memory of those who were killed in the terror attack in Mumbai on July 13 and offered prayers for early recovery of injured.

The program was attended by people from all walks of life. BJP National Secretary Shri Sham Jaju and National Convener of Human Rights Cell Shri Sudhir Aggarwal led the protest.

In their statement full of anger and sorrow against the triple bomb attack in highly congested areas of Mumbai BJP leaders said that this act of terror as an act of cowardice and this act should be condemned by all sections of society. They further said it was a well planed and a coordinated Attack. BJP leaders



expressed sympathy towards family members of victims and requested for global support on the Issue.

The Human Rights Cell also demanded a high level inquiry in to terror attack, bring perpetrators to justice.

Among others Shri Vijay Bansal, Dr. Pradeep Poswal, Shri Rakesh Khanna, Ms. Archana Singhal, Shri Prashant Bahl, Shri Shiv Kr.Aggarwal, Shri Mohd.Irfan, Shri Thakur Shailendara, Shri Neel Kamal Bhardwaj, Shri Himanshu, Shri PN Sharma, Shri Gautam Seth, Shri Raj Kr Sharma actively participated in the protest.(FOC) ■