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'The economist Prime Minister has completely failed in his examination'.
-Nitin Gadkari

'The country does not want to endure this corrupt Government for a day more. We should prepare to bring it down'.

-L.K. Advani

Letters to the Editor...

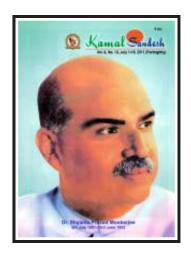
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#### **Politics of Congress behind defaming Ramdev**

Dear editor,

UPA has so far failed to use a Swiss tax provision that will allow India to not just estimate how much money its citizens have illegally stashed away in bank accounts in Switzerland but to also earn revenue from them.

The European Union was the first to seize this opportunity. Under an agreement between the EU and Switzerland that came into force in 2005, personal savings accounts held by EU nationals in Swiss banks are subject to a retention tax on interest income. Unwillingness of government at Center shows that UPA leaders 's money is deposited in Swiss bank. If deposited money does not belong to the ruling party then why are they dithering over taking action?



Santosh Kumar Lucknow, UP









## Billions stashed in foreign banks yet India remains poor

India is still poor while billions of black money remains stashed in foreign banks. What an irony? After all why the Congress led UPA government which is in power not taking steps to expose the names of those who have deposited this huge amount in foreign banks? Every single citizen of this country is raising the question as to why the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh is maintaining a studied silence over the issue. Why the Home Minster P. Chidambaram is not speaking up? The same questions are now being raised on Sonia Gandhi also. People want to know why Congress is afraid if its leaders are not involved and why it is shying away from taking any action openly against the culprits.

Why even open indictment by the Supreme Court is not having any impact on the government? During the last Lok Sabha elections Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Dr. Manmohan Singh had promised to bring back the billions of black money stashed in foreign banks within hundred days of coming to the power. Congress cannot deny that it had made such a promise. But why Congress is silent today? It is therefore fingers are being pointed towards Congress.

Today Congress may take the issue of black money lightly but it will have to pay for it in future. For how long Congress can keep misleading the people? A time will come when it will have to account for all its misdeeds. The reality will dawn on the people one day.

It is really very puzzling. When black money is in the foreign banks then it might be definitely deposited in the names of some account holders. And if it is so why India has no right to know their names and expose these account holders?

Had Congress been a truly democratic party the voice of dissent would have been heard from its rank and file but it is not so. Congress is now a party of a dynasty. Any dissenting voice cannot be heard as most of its leaders are busy singing paeans of the dynasty.

Indians are now not ready to buy the argument that India is a poor country. How can such argument be supported when everyone now knows that billions of Indian money is stashed outside the country in Swiss banks. India is anguished. India is in pain. Congress and its supporters are failing to suppress the issue which is being discussed in every nook and corner these days. The plight of the Congress may be understood from the fact that no one from among them is ready to make claim that no Congressman has an account in Swiss banks. Its silence is enough to prove its complicity. Today even its supporters and sympathizers are finding it difficult to defend the Congress. Congressmen are themselves suspicious of the intention of their leadership.

The Supreme Court intervening in such matters indicates the magnitude of concern that has gripped the minds of the million of people of the country. The right to know the truth which 115 crore people of this country have cannot be suppressed for long by Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Dr. Manmohan Singh. They will have to put the facts before the people in the days to come. If they fail to reveal the truth they will have to face the music in the next Lok Sabha elections.

# Editorial...



# Economist PM failed completely in his examination : Gadkari

#### From our Correspondent

couple of hours after Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh had an interaction with five selective editors on June 29, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari called an urgent press conference and denounced the government for the treatment meted out to yoga Guru Ramdev on the Ramlila grounds earlier this month and its failure to consult the Opposition parties before interacting with the civil society on the Lokpal Bill.

Shri Gadkari said that despite several promises that found a mention in the Congress manifesto, the Prime Minister failed to check double-digit food inflation. He questioned the veracity of Dr. Singh's claim that inflation was increasing globally. "In India, it is the result of bad governance, wrong policies and corruption. The economist Prime Minister has completely failed in his examination and the people have been betrayed," he said.

On the Lokpal Bill, he said that the BJP and other Opposition parties were not consulted or taken into confidence. Only after negotiations with the civil society reached a deadlock, did the government thought of calling an all-party meeting. The Leaders of the Opposition in the two Houses of Parliament ought to have been consulted earlier.

There was no reason now for the government to complain of non-cooperation from the BJP.

"Whenever the Bill is introduced, let the government talk to the Leaders of the Oppositions and we will make suggestions at that stage. We will express our view and cooperate with the government if we agree with the provisions of the Bill and oppose if we disagree," he said.

Shri Nitin Gadkari alleged that the Congress led UPA government was behaving like a lame duck and comatose government. A senior Congress leader had indicated that the time had come for Rahul Gandhi to take over as prime minister. This showed what the Congress itself thought of the Manmohan



Singh government, he said.

The government should explain why it sent five Ministers to receive Ramdev and then cracked down on his followers. And now, the government was threatening to give Anna Hazare a similar treatment, the BJP President added.

#### Himachal BJP MLA passes away

BJP MLA Shri Hari Narayan Saini passed away on June 22 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. A highly popular leader in the region, he was elected for three consecutive terms from Nalagarh in Solan district of Himachal Pradesh. Shri Saini first elected in 1998, was appointed Minister for Town and Country Planning in the first Prem Kumar Dhumal government. Condoling, the demise of the leader Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal described him as an upright leader, social worker and a helper of poor and needy.



## Corruption is not an aberration Dr. Manmohan Singh but the result of inaction, indifference and collusion of your Govt : Ravi Shankar Prasad

The Prime Minister has talked to a group of Editors yesterday (June 29) and his comments, observations and responses have now been widely covered. They are not only unsatisfactory highly elusive but also deeply deplorable. Today, the entire

country is very distressed and angry over a series of massive corruption of the UPA Government and wants answers and action. The Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh was in a "silent mode" for a long time and when he has spoken instead of openly acknowledging it and assuring the country about effective action has said that "Instances of corruption were just aberrations". He has further said that "the world of uncertainty under which the UPA was operating in assessing its policy decisions and their implementations needs to be

The BJP would like the Prime Minister to answer the following questions.

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 When large scale irregularity and corruption was being committed in the allotment of 2G licenses and when he himself wrote to the then Telecommunication Minister on 02/11/2007 for transparent mechanism and when Mr. A. Raja refused to follow his directive then under what state of uncertainty he did not take action expected of him as a Prime Minister when 1.7 lacs crores (approx) of public money was being looted?



Press statement issued by BJP General Secretary & Chief Spokesperson Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad MP on 30 June 2011

- What State of uncertainty compelled him not to take note of series of objections raised by senior civil servants in the Ministry of Telecom and Ministry of Finance that spectrum a precious wealth of the nation was being sold very cheap in the 2G licenses?
- What was the state of uncertainty which led him to describe the then Telecom

- Minister Mr. A Raja as innocent on 26/10/2009 when the CBI inquiry had already been ordered on 21/10/2009 and repeat it in 2010?
- When massive irregularity was being committed in the Commonwealth Games, most
  - of the clearances for enhance fund allocation and resulting corruption was approved by the cabinet Sub-committee, Group of Ministers, Expenditure Finance Committee, PMO and lastly even the Prime Minister.
  - What is the state of uncertainty because of which in spite of his public declaration Dr. Manmohan Singh is refusing to take action in the light of Shunglu Committee Report whereby serious strictures has been passed against Sheila Government and other high-ups in the State and Central Government, whose criminal complicity has been specifically directed to be investigated?
- What was the state of uncertainty under which Dr. Manmohan Singh was forced to appoint PJ Thomas as CVC even though he was facing prosecution in the corruption case which the Supreme Court quashed with

delusion.



- serious strictures against the appointment process?
- What was the state of uncertainty under which Dr. Manmohan Singh Government recommended to the President to reject the conclusive finding of the Lokayukta of Delhi recommending the removal of Delhi Minister Mr. Rajkumar Chauhan for abuse of authority and corruption?
- What prevents you Dr. Manmohan Singh to tell the nation as to how many Indians are being prosecuted under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act as amended in 2005 and in respect of how many the foreign Banks have been approached to take follow up actions where they are having their accounts?

The above are only illustrative and not exhaustive. Corruption is not an aberration Dr. Manmohan Singh but the most defining and yet deplorable feature of your Government. There was no state of uncertainty but public money systematically looted because of conspiracy of silence, culpable inaction and gross indifference by you and your Government. The people of the country have every bona-fide reason to infer that the Government headed by Dr. Manmohan Singh is the most corrupt Government since independence. But for strong opposition inside and outside of the Parliament by the BJP and others, effective campaign by the media and monitoring by the Supreme Court no action would have been taken.

<u>Criticism of CAG</u> most July 16-31, 2011 O 8

#### unwarranted

The Prime Minister in his comments to the Editors has also made a most unwarranted comment against the CAG that it is commenting on Policy issue. This is deeply regrettable. Dr. Manmohan Singh with his vast bureaucratic and governmental experience surely knows that the manner of implementation of policy can certainly be examined by the CAG and there is a whole constitutional process about its preparation and acceptance by

the Parliament. In the case of 2G licenses the CAG has examined very serious infirmities and irregularities in the implementation of the policy of allotment. Most of its conclusions have been found to be correct in the investigation by the CBI being conduced under the monitoring of the Supreme Court. In spite of this if the PM has chosen to publicly criticise the CAG, then this is a serious matter concerning probity and propriety in our governance.■

#### Loktantra Bachao Diwas observed

# BJP honours brave workers who suffered during emergency

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n 25th June, BJP Delhi Pradesh observed *Loktantra Bachao Diwas* at the Pradesh office in Delhi and honoured those fighters and sufferers of emergency days who went to jail for the protection of democratic values and refused to obey the despotic orders of the Congress. It is worth mentioning that in the midnight on the 25th June, 1975, the then Prime Minister had imposed emergency and defamed democracy for the purpose of saving her post.

On the completion of 36 years of emergency 'Loktantra Bachao Diwas" was observed by BJP Delhi Pradesh workers in the presence of former Governor Shri Kidar Nath Sahani and Leader of the Opposition in Delhi Legislative Assembly Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra and again resolved to continue public awareness campaign for the protection of democracy. On this occasion Shri Sahani & Prof. Malhotra told that these workers of BJP deserved commendation and praise who fought the persons who had disgraced the democracy of India. Athough the workers and their families had to suffer during that black chapter of the Congress yet they did not surrender. This way the period between 1975 to 1977 was a period of second freedom struggle. They told that the country will always be obliged to them and the BJP salutes these brave workers.

On this occasion BJP Delhi Pradesh former President, Shri Mange Ram Garg, members of the Varisht Nagrik Evam Sahitya Kala Avam Sanskriti Prakosht SarvaShri Ram Bhaj, O.P. Babbar, Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Surender Mohan Lamba, Dr. Ved Vyas Mahajan among others said that the country will never forgive the Congress for its atrocities during emergency.



All-party meet on Lokpal unique and without precedent: L K Advani

From Our Correspondent

meet on Lok Pal Bill BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L.K. Advani termed the meet as unique and without precedent. He wrote on his blog that it was unanimous in its criticism of the government. All party meet was held on July 3 to discuss Lok Pal bill.

"I have been in parliament for 40 years, and have attended numerous all-party meetings convened by the government. The meeting held by the Prime Minister on July 3 evening, however, proved unique and without precedent," Advani said.

"Never before has an allparty meeting turned out to be so unanimous in its criticism of the government as last Sunday's," he said.

The meeting on the Lokpal bill ended in differences as parties discussed the government and civil society versions of the ombudsman bill. All parties, however, agreed on the need for a strong Lokpal.

Even as the main opposition BJP keeps its official stand on the inclusion of the Prime Minister under Lokpal reserved, Advani in his latest blog has given a list of Lokpal bill versions that wants the Prime Ministers under the Lokpal, including the one brought by the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government.

"The Lokpal bills presented

subsequently by the NDA Governments under Atal Bihari Vajpayee also covered the Prime Minister. I well remember that Atalji as P.M. was very insistent that the Prime Minister should not be kept out of the Lokpal's jurisdiction," Advani said.

He also quoted Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley to say the bill needs to be "completely overhauled".

"He wished to emphasise that the Ministerial draft would make Lokpal a pliable government person. When government introduces the Lokpal bill in Parliament let the present draft be completely overhauled," Advani added.



Anna meets BJP leaders

Social activist Anna Hazare on July 1,2011 met BJP leaders including Shri L.K. Advani, the leaders of opposition in both houses, Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley, as well as former Party Presidents Dr. Murli Monohar Joshi, Sh. M. Venkaiah Naidu and Shri Rajnath Singh, among others, to garner support for the civil society's version of the Lokpal Bill. Hazare, along with members of the joint drafting committee of the Lokpal Bill had a nearly two-hour meeting with the BJP leaders and made a formal presentation on the Bill.

Parties for strong Lokpal Bill in monsoon session

Political parties across the spectrum on July 3 unanimously resolved that the Centre bring in a strong and effective Lokpal Bill before Parliament in the next session through established procedures. The reference to the procedure means the government declare its position by drafting a Bill that is cleared by the Union Cabinet before introducing it in the monsoon session, for Parliament to take a view.



The nation observed "Balidan Diwas" on 23rd June and remembered the supreme sacrifice made by Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee on this day in 1953. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee who was the first President of the Bharatiya Jansanagh remains a beacon of nationalism and patriotism symbolising the unity in integrity of India. He remains a guiding spirit of all Indians and his memories inspire us to keep the flag of nationalism flying high so that all the divisive and destructive elements are never allowed to succeed in their conspiracies against India and its people. BJP observed "Balidan Divas" at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi where BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L.K. Advani rembered his contribution to the cause of national unity and integration. We are publishing the text of his speech for our esteemed readers.

Te have gathered here today (June 23) to pay homage to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on the 58th anniversary of his martyrdom. It was on this day, in 1953, that Dr. Mookerjee sacrificed his life for the unity and integrity of India.

Usually, a martyr is one who sacrifices his or her life on the battlefield fighting against an enemy nation. But Dr. Mookerjee became a martyr while fighting a government in our own country. His fight was for the full integration of Jammu & Kashmir with the Indian Union. He was a visionary who had foreseen the consequences of placing Jammu

& Kashmir, a strategically located state, in a separate and tenuous Constitutional relationship with the rest of India.

Sadly, neither the government of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in New Delhi nor the government of Shaikh Abdullah in Srinagar believed that Jammu & Kashmir needed to be fully integrated into the Indian Union.

Shaikh Abdullah was opposed to the very idea of J&K's full integration into India. Nehruji, for reasons that he never explained to the nation, was unwilling to put the idea into action, and hence permitted a

Constitutional perversity in the form of Article 370. In the case of Shaikh Abdullah, the problem was his ambition to become the unquestioned leader of a virtually independent Kashmir. In the case of Nehruji, it was a matter of lack of courage, firmness and foresight.

Fifty-eight years later, the position of the Congress party and the National Conference on this issue has not changed even one bit. Article 370 in the Indian Constitution, which Pandit Nehru himself had declared to be a "temporary provision", has still not been abrogated. As a result, secessionist forces in



Kashmir, aided and instigated by the anti-India establishment in Pakistan, continue to feel emboldened to carry out their poisonous propaganda that J&K's accession to India is not final and that Kashmir, in particular, is not a part of India.

The unfinished task of J&K's full integration with India: The heavy cost of Congress Party's blunders

Our country has paid an incalculable price for Nehruji's failure to settle the Kashmir issue once and for all in India's favour at the time of Partition. Nehruji's blunder was totally avoidable. After all, Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel successful in securing the integration of all the other princely states - 561 of them into the Indian Union. When a few of them dithered, or dared to express their intention to join Pakistan, Patel used the might of the newly independent Indian State to show them their place. For example, the armed resistance of the Nizam of Hyderabad was crushed with a heavy hand. The ruler of Junagadh fled away to Pakistan with his dogs.

Jammu & Kashmir was the only princely state whose accession was being handled directly by Prime Minister Nehru. In fact, Pakistan's first war against India in 1947 to capture Kashmir through force and subterfuge had given Nehruji's government an excellent opportunity not only to fully beat back the invaders but also to resolve the Kashmir issue with Pakistan once and for all.

India frittered away a second big opportunity to settle July 16-31, 2011 Q 11

the Kashmir issue once and for all in the 1971 India-Pak war, in which Pakistan was not only roundly defeated but India had as many as 90,000 Pakistani PoWs.

Hence, our countrymen should know that the Kashmir problem is Nehru family's special 'gift' to the nation.

The consequences of this 'gift' are:

- Pakistan's export of crossborder terrorism first into Kashmir, and later into other parts of India.
- Pakistan's export of religious extremism into Kashmir, which has subsequently spread to other parts of India.
- Thousands of lives of our security personnel and civilians.
- Tens of thousands of crores of rupees spent on military and paramilitary defense.
- An opportunity for external powers to fish in the troubled waters of India-Pakistan relations.

Almost the entire population of Kashmiri Pandits having been driven out of their own homeland and become refugees or "internally displaced" people in their own motherland.

Congress has blacked out Dr. Mookerejee's service to the nation

Dr. Mookerjee had foreseen that placing Jammu & Kashmir on a separate and unsound Constitutional footing would have disastrous consequences. But he not only envisioned J&K's full integration with India, but, as a brave and lion-hearted patriot, he transformed his vision into his personal mission.

He set out to implement his

mission on three terrains – political, parliamentary and onthe-ground in Kashmir.

Firstly, in October 1951, he founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, as a truly nationalist alternative to the Congress. Apart from struggling for Kashmir's full integration with India, the agenda of the Jana Sangh extended to rebuilding the newly independent India in a manner that ensured prosperity, justice, security and welfare for all its citizens without any kind of discrimination on the grounds of religion, caste, language, etc.

Secondly, after the Jana Sangh made a debut in the first general elections in 1952, Dr. Mookerjee emerged as the defacto Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Here he stoutly opposed the Congress government's policy towards J&K, which, among other things, meant that no one, including the President and the Prime Minister of India could enter into Kashmir without the permission of Kashmir's "Prime Minister". Kashmir would have its own Constitution, its own Prime Minister and its own Flag! In protest, Dr. Mookerjee thundered: "Ek desh mein do Vidhan, do Pradhan and Do Nishan nahi challenge".

Thirdly, Dr. Mookerjee announced in 1953 that he would visit Kashmir without permission. On May 11, while crossing the border into Kashmir, he was arrested and held as a detenu in a dilapidated house near Srinagar. He was not provided proper medical assistance when his health deteriorated and, on June 23, he died under mysterious circumstances. Dr. Syama Prasad



was arrested on entering Kashmir on May 11, 1953.

Even though Article 370 has not yet been repealed, many of the gains in terms of extending the Central Government's powers over J&K are directly the outcome of Dr. Mookerjee's struggle and sacrifice.

After this episode, the permit system was scrapped, and the National Tricolour started flying in the State.

It is only after Dr. Mookerjee's martyrdom in June 1953 that the authority of the Rashtrapati, the Supreme Court,

the Election Commission and the C.A.G. was extended to J& K. State.

It is a shame that the history of Dr. Mookerjee's martyrdom for the cause of India's unity and integrity is not taught to our students in schools and colleges.

Our education system and the government-controlled mass media glorifies the contribution of the Nehru family, but deliberately underplays or blacks out the struggles and sacrifices of other patriots, such as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Sardar Patel, Gopinath Bordoloi, Rammanohar Lohia, Jayaprakash Narayan, Hiren Mukherjee, A.K. Gopalan and, of course, Dr. Mookerjee.

Today I would like to make two points that are directly related to the evergreen legacy of Dr. Mookerjee.

Strengthening Opposition unity is the need of the

The Opposition is getting issue after issue to corner the UPA government.

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government says that it has no magic wand to reduce prices of essential commodities, which have skyrocketed.

Dr. Manmohan Singh's government says that it has no magic wand to reduce corruption, which has scaled unprecedented heights in the past seven years.

And when a respected sadhu like Baba Ramdev, along with thousands of followers, staged a peaceful protest action at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi, demanding that the government take swift action to bring back

It is disturbing to know that, according to media reports, the government has conveyed to Pakistan that "India is 'overall satisfied' with the dialogue process with Pakistan so far and is approaching the next round of talks between the foreign secretaries with 'realistic expectations'."

> illicit Indian wealth stored in secret foreign bank accounts, the government ordered brutal police action in the middle of the night.

> All this shows the government's ineptitude, incompetence, intolerance and hubris in addressing the big issues before the nation.

It also shows that multiple centres of power are now steering the government, the Prime Minister having been reduced to a silent bystander.

The time has come to intensify both parliamentary and popular struggles against this government.

Non-Congress parties should learn from the experience of the first Lok Sabha, when Dr. Mookrejee spearheaded the formation of the National Democratic Front, which was a

pioneering experiment in alliance politics. It was a precursor to the National Democratic Alliance, which was born in 1998.

The BJP has both an opportunity and a responsibility to strengthen itself and also to strengthen the NDA.

Indeed, going beyond the NDA, the entire opposition should formulate a coordinated plan of action in Parliament to expose the misdeeds of the Congress. The forthcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament provides the right occasion to put

the government on the mat.

Talks with Pakistan: India's demand on 26/11 trial diluted

My second point today relates to India's bilateral talks with Pakistan.

It is disturbing to know that, according to media reports, the government has conveyed to Pakistan that "India is 'overall satisfied' with the dialogue process with Pakistan so far and is approaching the next round of talks between the foreign secretaries with 'realistic expectations'."

The Indian government is now seeking from Pakistan "a satisfactory closure" to the 26/ 11 Mumbai trial.

It appears that the UPA government has succumbed to pressure from foreign powers and given up its earlier demand that Pakistan must fully and irreversibly dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism on its soil and, as proof of its sincerity, bring those involved in the terrorist attacks in Mumbai to



speedy justice.

So far, the government of Pakistan has not taken a single credible step to show that it is serious about acting against the masterminds and perpetrators behind the 26/11 terrorist acts. All available evidence shows that elements within the Pakistani ruling establishment were involved in planning and executing these terrorist attacks.

Now, suddenly, the Indian government has changed its stance for the next round of foreign secretary-level talks between the two countries. Rather than remaining firm in its demand for a speedy and credible trial in the Mumbai attacks, all that the government wants from Pakistan is "satisfactory closure" of the case.

How can the UPA government talk about "satisfactory closure", when Pakistan has not shown any seriousness even in "satisfactory beginning" of the investigation and trial?

Obviously, the Congress party's ignoble tradition of pusillanimity in dealing with Pakistan that began with, Kashmir in the early years of independence has continued even today. The nation should remain vigilant to ensure that Government does not enter into a clandestine deal with Pakistan on the Kashmir issue.

As we in the BJP observe Dr. Mookerjee's Martyrdom Day, we must renew our pledge to defend the nation's interests, be it in the area of national unity and security, in the area of defense of democracy, or in the area of the welfare of the people.

Vande Mataram! ■

BJP snatches Jabera seat from Congress



Pradesh, the Congress lost the prestigious Jabera Assembly by-election by over 11,000 votes, where as the BJP completed a hat-trick of by-election victories in less than a year by winning the Jabera Assembly seat. The Jabera constituency in Damoh district was a strong Congress citadel for over two decades sending party's Ratnesh Solomon to the State Assembly. The seat fell vacant with the death of Solomon in February this year. Relying on sympathy votes, the Congress fielded his daughter Tania, a medical practitioner by profession, while the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party had fielded Dashrath Singh Lodhi.

The Congress played grand "carpet bombing" with leaders like Kamal Nath, Digvijay Singh, Hariprasad, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Veerappa Moily, Mukul Wasnik and Arun Yadav. Even before the counting started, all the Congress leaders were confident of victory. However, all the tall claims turned futile, as the BJP did a commendable job under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and BJP State President Shri Prabhat Iha by working at the ground level.

Incidentally, this is third consecutive defeat of the Congress in its party-held seats. In February this year, the Congress conceded Sonkatch and Kukshi Assembly seats. Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and State President Shri Prabhat Jha welcomed the result saying, "Jabera result symbolises the faith of people in the Madhya Pradesh Government and the mis-rule of Congress party in the Centre". (FOC)



Bitter reality of Indian politics

By Prabhat Jha

t is now high time to think over the Indian politics which Lis continuously drifting away from Indian ethos and traditions. If 'politics' itself becomes an ill afflicting India then from where the country will find solution for its problems? The moot question of today is whether politics is a 'solution' or a 'problem' in itself. The nation wants an answer. Without an answer it appears a far fetched dream that the common man will have abiding faith in politics, politicians and political parties. Such a situation cannot be said to be a good sign for democracy. Perhaps, most of the politicians are even not aware of how dangerous has the situation become. They appear unaware of the plight of the masses. The people cannot consider tokenism in the form of dharnas and demonstrations, conferences press and programmes related propaganda as 'struggles' for their cause. 'Struggle as per convenience' does not constitute the real struggle. Struggle never seeks convenience. If struggle can inspire people then only they will repose faith on it. The prevalent suspicion in the mind of the people with regard to politics can be dispelled only by mass struggle. But the question is how to start mass struggle? Who will initiate it? Whether the mass struggle should rise from within the ranks of the ruling party or from the side of the opposition?

One may easily understand

the situation wherein most of the leaders are not seen to be enjoying unflinching faith of the masses. It may also be said that the suspicion and doubt in the mind of the common people is on rise with regard to the credibility of political leaders. If a leader arrives in bus or car in a public meeting the attendance

Now people do not come to attend the public meeting, they are 'brought' with the promise of one time meal and by providing them with conveyance facilities but even then they come with the desire to make a visit to the town and not attend the meetings. The kind of indifference that is gaining currency among the masses with regard to public meeting cannot be considered healthy for the democracy.

of general public might not even cross two digit figure. The credit should go to the helicopters and choppers which enjoy better popularity among the masses even today! Now people do not come to attend the public meeting, they are 'brought' with the promise of one time meal and by providing them with

conveyance facilities but even then they come with the desire to make a visit to the town and not attend the meetings. The kind of indifference that is gaining currency among the masses with regard to public meeting cannot be considered healthy for the democracy. Gone are the days when people used to come to the public meetings on their own, now it is time when people are 'brought' to the meetings. The interesting point here is that even among the crowd which is 'brought' to the meetings, the leaders fail to earn applause for their speeches. The crowd which is 'brought' to the meetings while showing more interest in the promised meal expects effective actions from the leaders rather than their speeches. Leaders are not perturbed by the fact that the crowd needs to 'brought' to the meeting as they are not coming on their own. They are failing to distinguish between the people who come on their own to the public meetings and the crowd that is gathered on the promise of various sops. The leaders feel content in delivering speeches before the crowd that is 'brought' to the public meeting. The leaders might not be concerned with the situation but it is a matter of serious concern for the Indian politics. It now appears that Shri Atal Bihari was the last of the veteran leaders for whom people used to come in large numbers mainly to listen to him. Now people coming to meeting on their own have become a distant



dream. Now the political mood and situation cannot be judged by the crowd in any public meeting. The reason is that the crowd that is 'brought' to the public meeting gather on the strength of 'sops' and 'facilities' and not for any commitment for any cause.

All the political analysts in the country are now facing problem in assessing the real situation. They can speculate on the wave which is in the making but cannot judge when the wave is sought to be 'created'. The

situation at the national level now is such that in their homes only selected few can reach while the common masses are kept away from their houses. When efforts were made to analyze the situation it was found that all the means to connect to the people and to establish dialogue with

them stand abandoned. Once elections are over, leaders disappear from the scene.

Responding to the letters from the people is now considered obsolete. A survey has revealed that all these letters fail to cross the level of the government bureaucrats. The letters never reach to whom they are addressed to. Even in the age of communication revolution netaji is not available on the mobile. It is even difficult for netaji to touch the letters what to speak about his responsibility to respond to them. After all for how long people will make a laughing stock of themselves. Earlier, information used to induce a sense of responsibility but now information themselves are dying their own death.

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the political leaders are making Indian politics lifeless and insensitive. The growing insignificance of human beings from the Indian politics is raising a question mark on its humaneness. After all if a human being is not made for another human being then how can we claim to be humane?

One more thing will come to the fore if we look at it. People are nowadays not approaching the offices of the political parties for their problems. Even the character of the offices of the

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most political parties has undergone a change. The importance of 'Sahib' increasing there too. 'Sahib' only meets the ones selected by him. 'Sahib' never meets everyone. In the offices the 'staffs' are now influential instead of kayrakartas. The offices of the political parties used to function not on the basis of the insensitive approach of the secretariat type staffs but on the strength of sensitive karyakartas. The political offices used to be the centres of samsakaras. There, discussions on how to strengthen the roots democracy used to take place. But these days these offices are themselves becoming haven of conspiracies. The character of most political offices is now becoming similar to that of the government offices - opening at

10.00 AM and getting closed by 05.00 PM. The offices of the political offices should remain open for their commitment to serve the people. Wish this could happen!

Earlier the importance was given to human touch in the political parties but now that 'touch' has been limited to political techniques. The human touch used to inspire the political activists but this 'technical touch' is demoralizing them. He has become a victim of complex wherein he finds himself misfit

in the system. But alas, the politics, most of the politicians and political parties are not able to understand the pain of the *karyakartas*.

In most of the bungalows of the elected representatives, not the *karyakartas* or masses but the relatives of the

political leaders are seen. Earlier the house of the leaders used to house the people. The people were made available with all kinds of arrangements. But today only relatives use to find place in these houses which have gone out of reach for the people. One more thing has come to light in the survey. Earlier 'gifts and presents' were not accepted in these bungalows but now the situation is such that anyone meeting netaji without 'gifts' is seen as an insult to the leader. If the change in character in the Indian politics is not reversed then the decline of our democracy will continue and a time might come when we will be forced to witness a situation in which everything will be lost.

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NATIONWIDE BJP PROTEST AGAINST PRICE HIKE OF DIESEL, KEROSENE & LPG

From Our Correspondent

Taking a step that will disturb the household budgets of aam aadmi, the Congress led UPA government at the Centre raised the price of LPG by a massive Rs 50 per cylinder, diesel by Rs 3 a litre and kerosene by Rs 2 per litre on June 24. After the hike, Petroleum minister Jaipal Reddy said the increase was "minimal" and the increased price of the three fuels would enable the public sector oil companies to earn "only an additional Rs 21,000 crore". It is noteworthy, that the Congress government in June last year had increased the price of diesel by Rs 2 a litre and that of LPG by Rs 35 a cylinder and the poor man's cooking fuel, kerosene, by Rs 3 a litre. Cooking gas has now turned costlier by a massive Rs. 85 per cylinder over a year. The Centre had also allowed the oil companies to hike the price of petrol in May this year by Rs 5 per a litre, making it costlier by 32 per cent in less than a year. It was the tenth increase in the price of petrol during the two years rule of UPA-II and the highest ever in one-go. The BJP has severely condemned the move of the UPA government and organised nationwide protest marches against this anti-poor decision.

DELHI

BJP stages protests in Delhi



Bharatiya Janata Party *karyakartas* held a demonstration at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi and later courted arrest, protesting against the increase in the prices of cooking gas, diesel and kerosene.

The Delhi Police used water canon to stop the protesters when they tried to break through barricades put up outside the Parliament Street police station and proceed to the Prime Minister's residence to submit a memorandum.

Addressing the protesters, who carried banners and raised slogans against the Congress led UPA government at the centre, Leader of the Opposition in Delhi Assembly Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra said the UPA government has become so corrupt, despotic and anti-people that it has heavily

increased the prices of liquid petroleum gas, diesel and kerosene without any justification and this will only lead to higher inflation.

He said farmers and truck operators would be the worst affected by the hike in diesel prices. The cost of farming would increase by 20 per cent and farmers, who were not getting a remunerative support price for their produce, would be forced to take more loans to survive. Many of them committed suicides in the past. Similarly, the increase in the price of cooking gas would affect household budgets. The price of milk had already shot up, and almost all other food items also showed a sharp increase in rates over the past few years.

Prof. Malhotra said though the people were facing such hardship, the Congress-led Manmohan Singh government is interested in neither curbing price rise nor getting back black money stashed away abroad. The government has put the future of crores of people in the dark by increasing the prices of all essential commodities.

After addressing the workers, BJP leaders moved towards the barricades put up outside the Parliament Street police station. As they broke a couple of the barricades and began moving ahead, the police used water canon. Thereafter, the leaders submitted an open memorandum to the Prime Minister, demanding a rollback of the increase in the fuel prices.



MAHARASHTRA

BJP took out rally against price hike in Mumbai



In Mumbai, the BJP took out a rally against price hike of diesel, kerosene & LPG from the party office to the Petroleum Bhavan, where hundreds of workers were detained in preventive action.

Addressing the participants former Union Petroleum Minister Shri Ram Naik said, "This price hike is like rubbing salt into the wound of the common man. Never till now have the rates been increased so much at one go".

He said Petroleum Minister S. Jaipal Reddy's statement that the hike was the least minimum reflected the insensitivity of the Congress to the poor and the middle class.

He said when Mr. Reddy quoted the prices of kerosene in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, he was only speaking half-truth. He should also have said petrol prices, which are Rs. 68.33 here, are Rs. 46.28 in Sri Lanka, Rs. 45.16 in Bangladesh and Rs. 42.23 in Pakistan. Even diesel prices, which are Rs. 47.25 in India, are Rs. 31.55 in Sri Lanka and Rs. 26.66 in Bangladesh.

ODISHA

BJP protests through out the State

Vehemently opposing the steep hike in the price of diesel, kerosene and cooking gas, the BJP came down heavily on the UPA government at the Centre. The party organised rallies throughout the state, demanding an immediate rollback of the anti-poor decision. Expressing his grave concern BJP state president Shri Jual Oram said that the decision was anti-people. He said BJP would continue its protest on different fora till the rollback.

The BJP *karyakartas* staged a massive protest March in Bhubaneswar protesting against the hike in the fuel prices. They demanded immediate rollback of the price hike. The BJP also held a demonstration at the Ram Mandir Square and burnt effigies of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and UPA chief Sonia Gandhi at various places of the city.

The women activists of the party took out a procession with gas cylinders on their heads while decrying the decision of the Centre for the hike in



cooking gas price.

Opposing the price enhancement, members of BJP and state BJYM organized demonstrations and blocked national highways at different places in Berhampur.

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha *karyakartas* closed down petrol pumps and markets at various places of the city. The BJYM President who led the protest march in Berhampur demanded immediate rollback and said we will take up the matter with the people and continue our stir against the Congress led UPA's anti-people policies.

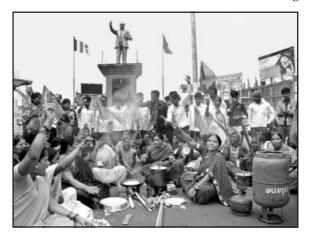
In Dhenkanal the BJP took to the streets demanding withdrawal of recent hike in petrol prices and blocked National Highway 55 at Dhenkanal College Bypass Chhak for an hour. Similar protest rallies were also organised in various other cities like Sambalpur, Rourkela, Balasore, Puri, Cuttack and other towns.



KARNATAKA

Massive protest against price rise in Bangalore

Condemning the failure of the Congress-led UPA Government at the Centre to contain the rising



prices of essential commodities, activists of the BJP Kishan Morcha staged a protest in Bangalore. Shri K.M. Hanumantharayappa, Chairman of Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation said, "The rate of dal and paddy fluctuates every week due to the oil price hike, which is not feasible for farmers. So we want the UPA to fix a reasonable support price for these commodities." He said the BJP would continue its struggle against price rise and take it to Delhi if necessary.

In Bidar members of the BJP Mahila Morcha protested against the hike in fuel prices by cooking on the road. The Mahila Morcha took out a march to Ambedkar Circle shouting slogans against United Progressive Alliance (UPA) chairperson Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

They prepared chapattis and rice on the road using firewood. BJP State executive committee member Smt. Shakuntala Beldale said that UPA leaders were more worried about the country's economy than the common man. She said they had totally forgotten about the people. The Prime Minister and other leaders were merely speaking of the country's economic progress but not doing anything about it. Similar protests were also organised in Mangalore, Hubli-Dharwal, Belgaon, Mahisur etc.

ANDHRA PRADESH

BJP Protests across Andhra Pradesh against fuel price hike

The hike in prices of diesel, cooking gas and kerosene evoked a strong reaction in Andhra Pradesh with the BJP staging protests across the state and demanding an immediate rollback.

Activists of the Bharatiya Janata Party took to streets in Hyderabad and other cities and towns to protest the fuel price hike.

The activists condemned the UPA government's move and said this would add to the burden on the common man. Raising slogans and burning effigy of the government, the activists staged protests at several places in the state capital. 'The hike is not acceptable.

We want the government to immediately withdraw it,' demanded the protestors.

In Vijayawada, the city unit of Bharatiya Janata



Party staged a dharna in protest against the increase in prices of kerosene, diesel and LPG. The BJP workers burnt an effigy of the Prime Minister at Mutyalampadu Government Press Centre demanding the government to rollback the increase immediately.

The BJP leaders wanted the government to provide subsidy on LPG, cut taxes, and Cess on petroleum products.

The BJP also took out rallies in Visakhapatnam, Guntur, Tirupati, Nizamabad, Karimnagar and other towns. Women carrying empty cooking gas cylinders and common people also joined the protesters.



UTTAR PRADESH

BJP gets spontaneous support from *aam aadmi*

Hundreds of Bharatiya Janata Party activists clashed with police in parts of Uttar Pradesh while protesting the hike in the prices of diesel, kerosene



and cooking gas. Demanding a rollback, the BJP activists burnt effigies of the central government in various districts, including Lucknow, Meerut, Jalaun, Allahabad and Varanasi. Police used force to disperse the agitators at these places.

Shouting anti-UPA slogans, the BJP activists blocked roads at several places in this state capital. State BJP spokesperson Shri Vijay Pathak said, "The Union government merely projects that it is working for the common man. The reality is that the Manmohan Singh government is really not bothered about the common man". "The government has miserably failed to contain inflation and therefore lost every moral right to remain in power," he added. During its protest March BJP got spontaneous support from the common people of Uttar Pradesh. With the BJP karyakartas the Common people also shouted anti-UPA slogans and participated in road blocks.

Petrol, diesel prices hiked again and again

The government on June 29 hiked petrol and diesel prices Rs 0.27 a litre and Rs 0.15 per litre respectively. This hike in prices just came after 5 days when prices had been increased on June 24 diesel by Rs. 3 a litre, kerosene by Rs. 2 a litre and domestic LPG by Rs.50 a cylinder.

MADHYA PRADESH

BJP women's wing protests fuel price hike



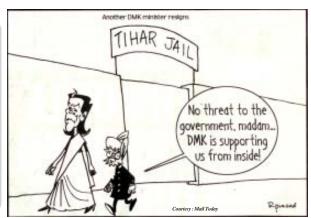
Madhya Pradesh BJP Mahila Morcha in Bhopal, Jun 26 staged a state-wide protest against the hike in the prices of petrol, diesel and LPG.

Led by state BJP Mahila Morcha president Nita Pateria, the women with LPG cylinders, protested near Rangmahal Chowk here and demanded the Centre to scrap the hiked fuel prices.

Addressing party women in Gwalior, State BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha lashed out at the Congress and said instead of checking inflation in 100 days, as promised during general elections, the UPA has effected a steep hike in the prices of petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG.

He said the hike in the fuel price is bound to affect the people, especially the poor as prices of all essential items will shoot up.

At Indore, state BJP vice-president Smt. Anju Makhija led a rally. In other divisional headquarters of the state, the BJP Mahila Morcha took out rallies and burnt effigies of UPA government.





Jaitley Welcomed to the United States By lawmakers on Capitol Hill

From Our Correspondent

he U.S.-India Political Action Committee (USINPAC) has welcomed the visit of Shri Arun Jaitley to the U.S., the first after he took over as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. Shri Jaitley was accompanied by Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Shri Janardhan Swamy and former Rajya Sabha member Shri Chandan Mitra during this visit to Washington, D.C. It was Shri Jaitley's first official visit to the U.S.

Shri Arun Jaitley met with leading members of the Congress, think tanks, and key members of



administration during his official trip to the U.S. from June 22 – June 24. He started his visit in D.C. with an address at the Heritage Foundation on: "Indian F o r e i g n

Policy - Priorities in a Shifting Global Landscape." Shri Jaitley subsequently interacted with prominent lawmakers at the Hill including Congressman Steve Chabot, Faleomavaega, Howard Berman, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Senator Joe Lieberman, Senator Richard Lugar, and Senator Heller. Shri Jaitley stressed on the growing strength of the U.S. India relationship and its strategic nature. He also talked about the convergence on various issues between the two countries especially relating to terrorism and growth of trade.

The Co-chairs of the India Caucus in the U.S. Congress: Congressmen Joe Crowley and Congressman Ed Royce held a reception on behalf of the Caucus for Shri Jaitley in the Rayburn Congressional Building. Representative Crowley

BJP delegation visits Washington

The four day visit of the Bhartiya Janta Party to the US on the invitation of the International Republican Institute Washington ended on the 23rd of June 2011 after four days of deliberations for better understanding Indo-US relations, capacity building, leadership training and also further party to party contact between the two parties.

The delegation led by the BJP National General Secretary Shri Dharmendra Pradhan included BJP National Secretaries Ms. Saroj Pande MP, Ms Vani Tripathy (Coordinator), Ms.Poonam Ben Jat MP, Shri Sanjay Jha MLC, Shri Raghav Lakhanpal Sharma MLA, Shri Ravindra Sathe, Executive Director, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini and Dr. Jitendra Singh. Spokesperson BJP, Jammu and Kashmir.

The deliberations were wide ranging and the delegation met with some very important people from the United States system, state dept, think tanks and academics from all across the forum.

The people whom the members met were former US ambassador to India Frank Wisener, President of the International Republican Institute Lorne Craner, public opinion strategies expert Jim Burton, Senator John Thune, chairperson Ileana Lehtinen, National Security Council Senior Director Michael New Bill, President of the National Federation of Women Sue Lynch, Congressman Ed Royce among others.

Both the BJP and the IRI are very hopefully of taking this dialogue forward and to cooperate with each other in more strategic and mutually viable ways.

Later this year an IRI- led delegation is expected in India hosted by the BJP for taking this cooperation forward and to learn more about the governance structures of the BJP ruled states and to cooperate more on capacity building.



welcomed Shri Jaitley, highlighting the importance of Indo-U.S. relations in the fast-changing global marketplace: "Shri Jaitley's visit represents a great opportunity for the U.S to continue building a strong relationship with India. In an increasingly globalized economy, it is important for the U.S. to continue to foster friendship with India, which is emerging as a leading growth economy despite the difficult economic landscape." Congressman Ed Royce too praised the economic growth of India and hoped that the relations between the two countries would continue to strengthen. He pointed out how important it is for both the countries to work together as both of them have several common values.

The Congressional India Caucus event was attended by Congressmen Joe Crowley, Joe Wilson, Ed Royce, Hansen Clarke and Congresswomen Corrine Brown and Judy Chu, cochair of the Asia-Pacific Caucus.

Sanjay Puri, Chairman, USINPAC introduced Mr. Arun Jaitley in the Congressional Caucus reception. He said, "Mr. Jaitley is a senior and respected Indian politician who had been Minister of Law & Justice, Minister of Shipping, and Minister of Commerce and Industries." Mr. Puri hoped that Mr. Jaitley's visit would further strengthen the growing bond of friendship and trade between the two countries. ■

BJP will raise Katchchatheevu issue in Parliament : Sushma Swaraj

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj promised to raise the resolutions passed by the Tamilnadu Assembly retrieving Katchchatheevu and seeking economic sanctions on Sri Lanka Parliament.



She was speaking to reporters after meeting AIADMK general secretary and Chief Minister Ms Jayalalithaa in Chennai on June 26.

Smt. Swaraj said she requested Ms. Jayalalithaa to send copies of the two resolutions. "We will raise both these issues on the floor of the Lok Sabha."

Describing the meeting as a courtesy call, Smt. Swaraj pointed out that this was the first time they had met after Ms. Jayalalithaa's victory in the Assembly election.

On the hike in prices of petroleum products, Smt. Swaraj said the Congress led United Progressive Alliance Government was insensitive to the common man. Despite saying time and again that it had been working for the welfare of the common man, its decisions hurt the same class of people.

Noting that this was the 10th hike in the price of petroleum products, she said kerosene was used by poor people who would be seriously affected by the increase in price. Similarly, the increase in price of liquefied petroleum gas would affect the middle class women very badly. (FOC)

BJP got a massive victory in Purnea

The ruling NDA won the Purnea by-election in Bihar with the BJP candidate Smt. Kiran Keshri defeating Ramcharitra Yadav of the Congress by 23,665 votes. The by-election was necessitated by the murder of the BJP's Raj Kishore Keshri, who was stabbed to death at his home in January.

She polled 53,732 votes against the Lok Jan Shakti Party-backed Mr. Yadav, who secured 30,067 votes. The BJP has, in fact, polled 8,066 more votes than what it secured in the 2010 elections.

Reacting after the victory, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Modi said, "This reveals we have retained the confidence of all sections of Society". (FOC)■



Congress grossly neglected villages, rural areas, labourers in Delhi: BJP

public meeting was organised on 30th June to commemorate the occasion of 4th death anniversary of BJP leader and former Chief Minister of Delhi Late Sahib Singh Verma at his 'Samadhi Sthal', Ghevra Mod. In this meeting the BJP leaders resolved to realise the dreams of

late Shri Vermaji for the upliftment of farmers and common man. Addressing large number of people assembled from the villages, rural areas, unauthorised colonies etc. of Delhi, former BIP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said that the UPA and Delhi Government have failed on all the fronts. Corruption, price spiral and anti people decisions of the Government

have made the life of the common man difficult. The meeting was presided over by BJP Delhi Pradesh President Shri Vijender Gupta.

Mentioning about the simple life of late Sahib Singh Verma dedicated to farmers, rural areas and common man, Shri Rajnath Singh said," It is difficult to find a dedicated leader like Sahib Singh in the political history. His morning started with public work and he continued to work for the people till he went to bed. Every citizen of the capital fully remembers his selfless service and his dream to develop Delhi. The UPA and Delhi Government do not want the welfare of the common man. BJP is the only alternative which can fight for the rights of every class of our society. Every person in the

construction of a grand memorial of late Shri Vermaji, BJP will not tolerate this kind of response to a leader of such high stature. The people of villages of Delhi and urban areas want to see a grand memorial of their beloved leader at Ghevra Mod so that they may be able to offer their tributes every day to him."



country and Delhi want to see BJP in power so that once again they may be able to see the good governance like the NDA Government."

Shri Singh added, "BJP will request the President to convene special session of Parliament on the issues of corruption, anarchy, Government dictatorship and anti-democratic policies of the Government. He told that the Congress Government is not allotting land for

Delhi BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta, Sarvashri Vikram Verma and Shahnawaz Hussain also addressed the public meeting. Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor Rajni Abbi, Yogender Chandoliya, Subhash Arya, Jagdish Mukhi, Anita Arya, Mange Ram Garg, Ramesh Bidhuri, Ashish Sood, Legislators, Councillors and District Presidents were present in large numbers in the public meeting.(FOC) ■



A deluge of words, drought of deeds

By Amba Charan Vashishth

Party function the Congress President Mrs. Sonia Gandhi declared that Congress-led coalition would "take corruption head on" and "demonstrate through actions, not words that we mean what we say". She went on to claim that "transparency,

accountability and probity are the very heart of our governance". In that very function, Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh admitted that the people's anxiety over the "pervasiveness of corruption" was legitimate and pledged to take 'corrective action" and act "the against misuse of public office".

T h i s vociferous oratory seems to have

flowed from the mouth and not emanated from the heart. The speech writers are adept at tossing words like jugglers. But to translate these sentiments into concrete action is the bounden duty of those who provide voice to these solemn pledges.

Deeds speak louder than the words. Had both of them kept their word, the Prime Minister would not have had to undertake the PR exercise he did on June 29 to interact with a select group of editors. He deprived the people the opportunity to witness it live on the television.

In the history of parliamentary democracy Dr. Singh will go down as the only person who could never muster the courage to face the electorate

to get elected to the Lok Sabha, to which he is responsible. He takes pride in claiming that "the Congress Party and the Congress President (Mrs. Sonia Gandhi) have entrusted me with this job (of prime minister)". Lacking roots among people he stands on the rug laid for him by Mrs. Gandhi who can pull it any time.

P M 's interaction was marked with a deluge of words and drought of deeds. He had profundity of promises and paucity of tangible action. He was hardly specific or clear-cut on any issue. On black money, he repeated the old hackneyed assertion that "whatever is possible is being done" without spelling the "whatever possible" or what has been or "is being done".

He questioned the '4 lakh crore figure of black money being mentioned and the "basis of calculations". assertion lacked conviction in the absence of his not volunteering, for unexplained reasons, to come out with the 'correct' figure in government's hands. Nor did he explain why his government was afraid of making public the names of those known to it having stashed money in foreign banks.

His opening remarks that "the role of the media today in many cases has become that of the accuser, the prosecutor and the judge" holds a mirror to the fascist tendencies emerging in the Congress mind not to tolerate the voice of dissent. castigating the media and the CAG Dr. Manmohan Singh gave the impression that his government believed regimentation of all the four pillars of democracy — executive, legislature, judiciary and the media – who should just clap in appreciation of whatever Congress government did. He seemed not to believe in checks and balances which are a democracy's pillars of strength. That is why when there is, what Mr. P. Chidambaram calls, the "governance deficit" and judiciary jumps in to fill the vacuum, Dr. Manmohan Singh cries of a judicial "over-reach". When CAG presents reports inconvenient to government he advises this institution to make

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a distinction between a "genuine error" and "wrongdoing".

Media is a whipping boy handy to any government when anything goes wrong. Whether it was the CWG, the 2G spectrum, the Adarsh Housing, or the Antrix Devas deal and other scams, the first reaction of Manmohan government was to outrightly reject it as untrue, unfounded and baseless. He then forgot the dictum to respect which he preached quite often: "The facts are sacred". It was the media which persisted with its side of the story and facts that the UPA-II government had to yield under pressure of the CAG report and judicial intervention. Till then, both Mrs. Sonia Gandhi and Dr. Manmohan Singh were busy issuing certificates of honesty and innocence to the then telecom minister A. Raja. Now — how ironic! — they take credit that both A. Raja and Suresh Kalmadi are behind bars.

He came out with a strange logic claiming that sometime the government had to take decisions "in the national interest when all facts are not known, they will never be known". That implies his government just gropes in the dark, directionless. It takes half-baked decisions, without considering the pros and cons in the absence of facts. For him ex-facto decisions taken by his government are pious and the post-facto examination by CAG and courts a sin.

A government is the repository and custodian of all facts and information, including secrets, of the country. What conclusion should one derive from a government which takes pride in having extended the right to information to the people July 16-31, 2011 O 24

but is itself not able to exercise the same right in eliciting information in public interest from its own agencies?

Refuting the impression that he was a lame duck prime minister keeping the seat warm for Rahul, he said that succession issue was not on the Congress leadership's table. At the same time, he went on to say that "Rahul Gandhi had all the

qualities and capabilities" to become a "good prime minister". Where does Dr. Singh stand on these parameters? He does not elaborate.

Dr. Singh called the chorus to bring in Rahul the "right sentiment" adding that "the younger people should take over". If Dr.

Manmohan Singh is doing a good job and the party is satisfied, why and what is the rationale behind the talk of finding an alternative to him? He is though sportive to say that he would be too glad "to step down" the moment party asks him to do so.

On Lokpal, Dr. Singh appeared utterly confused. He doesn't "believe Lokpal is a panacea". But no law of the land has proved to be so for eliminating the ills for which it was enacted. PM is just the first among the equals in the council of ministers. Why should he not be brought under Lokpal when his ministers can be? PM is the not immune to the provisions of law and the IPC. Yet, this reality

did never, in the past, "create an element of instability, which at times, can go out of hand", as is feared from bringing PM under Lokpal. Then he speaks of PM being "a 24-hour public servant ... equally covered by the anticorruption act and.... One can dismiss the Prime Minister of India most easily.... All that is necessary is for Parliament to pass a vote of no-confidence."

In spite of the fact that "we have mechanisms, much more effective mechanisms, in place" UPA ministers could get away with the 2G spectrum and CWG scams to create a 'scam a day' syndrome.

If bringing chief ministers under Lokayukta did not "create an

element of instability, which at times, can go out of hand", how could it by bringing PM under Lokpal?

Deliberately or otherwise, the PM feigned ignorance of the constitutional provision that "the council of ministers is collectively responsible" for all its acts of commission and omission when he said "deliberately because if the (telecom) Minister takes a decision it is his responsibility rather saying that the Prime Minister has also endorsed it". Admitting that "I may have been soft....And I was told that this may be true that it was within the rules of procedure" (in respect of the action of Mr. Maran as telecom minister). But was it

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not the PM's duty to ascertain that "it was within the rules of procedure"?

Taking the same plea, he shrugs off any responsibility for the CWG scam.

Prime Minister had since day one been assuring the people that price rise and inflation shall be reined in. But it is the opposite that has happened. "Inflation is a global problem", he said. On the authority of Dr. Rangarajan he assured that "by the end of March, we should have an inflation rate of 6.5 percent". Each time his words have not proved prophetic. PM said he had no "magic wand" for an instant solution in controlling price rise and inflation and excused himself by calling it a global phenomenon over which he had no control.

Manmohan government is facing, as Congress spokesman put it, the tyranny of "the unelected and unelectable" not only from the Civil Society members but also from the extraconstitutional authority of National Advisory Council whose members (except the chairman) too are similarly "the unelected and unelectable". NAC too is trying to overawe the government into 'signing on the dotted lines' and this has put strains between Manmohan government and Sonia's NAC on many issues and enactments drafted by it.

Even in the prevailing situation of drift in the government. Prime Minister draws sustenance and satisfaction from the fact that "no one wants an election at this time" and "self-preservation instincts will work to our advantage".

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Joshi demands removal of Chidambaram

Interacting with media persons on July 2, former BJP national president and PAC Chairman Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi demanded that Home Minister P Chidambaram be removed from his ministry as he faced varying allegations.



"Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa raised an election scam against him. He was the Finance Minister during 2-G Spectrum scam and is Home Minister when the controversial wrong list (of terrorists) was submitted to Pakistan. He should not be in the cabinet following all these serious charges against him, "Shri Joshi said.

Chidambaram recently reacted to Jayalalithaa questioning his election from Shivaganga Lok Sabha seat saying the matter was pending before the court and that such statements amounted to gross contempt of court. "

Shri Joshi was in Ranchi to attend a function organised by Jharkhand Mitra Parishad on the 75th birth anniversary of Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker Kariya Munda on July 2. ■

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# Rajnath to pay special attention to UP and Uttarakhand

On July 3, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has entrusted responsibility to pay special attention of party's preparations for next year's Assembly elections of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand to former National President Shri Rajnath Singh. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan will assist in Uttarakhand while BJP National General Secretary Shri J.P Nadda has been made incharge of Punjab.

Incharge and Co-incharge of States were also appointed by the National President. Dr. Harshvardhan and Shri Jagdish Mukhi were appointed incharge of Haryana and Jammu-Kashmir respectively. Dr. Anil Jain, Shri Shyam Jaju were appointed co-incharge of J&K and Himachal Pradesh respectively and two co-incharge Shri Navjot Singh Sidhu and Shri Rameshwar Chaurasia have been appointed for Delhi State.



# Uttrakhand developed enormously during BJP rule : Nishank

ttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank who completed two years as Chief Minister of Uttarakhand on June 27, organised a *padyatra* between the CM's residence and the

Secretariat to protest against the fuel price rise.

Interacting with media persons he said during this period the State's GDP has reached 9.5 per cent from 2.9 per cent. The national average is a mere 8.6 per cent. The State's

per capita income has increased from Rs15, 000 to Rs 56,000 and a Rs 7,800 crore annual plan has been sanctioned which was slated at Rs 1,000 crore last year. Seeing proper utilization of funds, the 13th Finance Commission has sanctioned an additional grant of Rs 1,000 crore to the State. The results will soon be on the ground," he said.

He said Uttarakhand has been accorded the status of 'best Northern State'. It has been ranked first in the country with a 0.8086 Environment Performance Index. As per reports of Central Statistics Organisation, the growth rate of Uttarakhand has been consistently better than the national growth rate. Uttarakhand is among the first three States of India in this field. The Government of Uttarakhand is committed to make it an "ideal State" under Vision-2020 he added.

He said to help the farmers; the State Government has started *Krishak Mahotsav*, where 50-90 per cent subsidy is given to farmers on purchase of fertilizers, seeds and agricultural equipment. The State has a tremendous potential for

cultivation of f r u i t s, vegetables, flowers and spices, so a Bagwani Vikas Parishad has b e e n established.

T o encourage teachers, the Uttarakhand Government

has started the *Shailesh Matiyani*State Educational Award. It will now open the *Syamaprasad Mookerjee Abhinav Vidyalaya* at Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Uttarkashi, Bageshwar and Udham Singh Nagar. A *Pahal Yojna* has been launched to ensure basic education to poor rag pickers he said.

The CM said Uttarakhand has declared Sanskrit as the second official language of the State. The State has launched an *Ashirwad* scheme to provide better employment opportunities to the unemployed. Private player Ashok Leyland has been imparting world-class engineering training to students in remote areas of the State. Students are also getting scholarship during the training.

He said the BJP led State Government has also been developing Panch Prayag, Panch Badri and Panch Kedar tourist circuits on lines of Char Dham Yatra. The State Government has prepared a State Tourism Mega-Plan for the period till 2022. Various tourist places have been developed circuit-wise in a planned manner which includes the Nirmal Gangotri Mega-Circuit and Panch Prayag Circuit. Tourist activities through eco-tourism have been encouraged at the same time.

He said by organising the SAF Winter Games at Auli, the Government has established Uttarakhand on the world tourist map. Auli had got recognition in the whole world after holding the SAF Winter Games. It is hoped that Olympic-level players would be prepared from the skiing Institute located at Auli.

Shri Nishank said to ensure allround development of the villages. the Atal Adarsh Gram Yojana has been launched in the 670 Nyay Panchayata at the first stage. Sixteen departments have been assigned individual targets. The BJP Government has made wheat and rice available to BPL families of the State at the rates of Rs 2 and Rs 3 per kg, respectively. A concession of Rs 2.6 per kg in wheat price and Rs 2.45 in the price of rice to APL families of the State has also been announced and will be implemented shortly he said.

Shri Nishank further said in a bid to maintain natural and incessant flow of water in river Ganga, the *Sparsh Ganga* campaign has been launched and renowned actress Hema Malini made its brand ambassador.

#### KERALA

## Scams follow a pattern: Nirmala Sitharaman

Bharatiya Janata Party National Spokesperson Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has said that all recent corruption scandals in the country had a pattern.



She was addressing an anti-corruption meet in Thrissur on June 27 organised by Kerala BJP.

She said, "Investigations into all recent corruption scandals in the country have a pattern. The Congress led UPA denies the charges when the scandal is uncovered and orders an investigation as protests mount. The Centre appoints a committee for inquiry and later denies its findings. Delay tactics are employed at every phase of investigation. During the process, most of the important documents related to the scandals go missing. The whole episode reveals the fact that corruption is perpetrated with the full knowledge of the Prime Minister".

She alleged that the Congress led UPA government was giving low priority to governance. The Centre is not bothered about the people's troubles over rise in the prices of essential commodities and petroleum products. Internal security is under threat. It shows that the Congress has not changed since the days of the Emergency," she said.

Smt. Sitharaman said the UPA government could not answer serious questions about black money.

#### ANDHRA PRADESH

#### A. Narendra back in BJP folds

Former Union Minister Shri A. Narendra, who returned to BJP along with three former MLAs Shri Mechineni Kishan Rao, Shri Mandadi July 16-31, 2011 Q 27



Satyanarayana Reddy and Shri Vasu Reddy on June 27 in Hyderabad, said that he would work for the party with commitment and without any aspirations.

While speaking at a meeting organised to admit the leaders into the BJP fold Shri Narendra said, "It's like homecoming to me and others as we have been associated with the party since the days of Jan Sangh". It was a happy reunion for him as he was welcomed back without any qualms, he said.

On this occasion BJP State president Shri G. Kishan Reddy said people were fed up with continuous deceit by the Congress and the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) and the 'two eyes' theory of Telugu Desam Party (TDP), and were



turning to BJP with the belief that it alone could achieve statehood for Telangana, he said. He stated that BJP would play a crucial role in Telangana in the coming days.

BJP National Vice-President Shri Purushottam Rupala asked people of the State to strengthen the party further so that they could serve them better. Shri Satyanarayana Reddy and Shri Kishan Rao urged the party leadership to utilise their experience and services for the cause of Telangana. Party leaders Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Shri K. Laxman, Shri N. Indrasena Reddy and others also spoke on the occassion.

#### CHANDIGARH

## BJP holds Padyatra against Congress, corrupt Ministers

Chandigarh BJP on June 28 organised Padyatra and raised slogans against the Congress-led UPA Government and its corrupt Ministers and demanded disclosure of names of persons having



accounts in foreign banks.

BJP State president Shri Sanjay Tandon said that the local MP and Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal are involved in corrupt practices. BJP had given sufficient time to the administration to take appropriate action against the Congress Minister and other corrupt Congress leaders. When nothing was done in the matter, Bharatiya Janata Party decided to take the matter to the streets and started the Janjagran Abhiyan to make the masses aware about the corrupt practices of Congress and its leaders.

The party is covering 26 wards of the city from June 15 to August 7 to spread awareness among the general public about the rampant corruption prevailing in the tenure of the UPA Government.

#### **UTTAR PRADESH**

#### BJP State President, Mahila Morcha President & activists held during protest march in Lucknow

BJP State President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi and hundreds of activists of BJP Mahila Morcha were arrested on June 28 as they attempted to march towards Raj Bhawan in protest against increasing incidents of crime against women in the BSP regime.

BJP State spokesman Shri Hardwar Dubey informed media persons that party's national vice president Smt. Karuna Shukla suffered injuries on her legs during the scuffle with the police. State Mahila Morcha President Smt. Madhu Mishra along with hundreds of women activists gathered at the BJP office at Qaiserbagh on June 28 morning. The protestors carried placards with slogans against Mayawati government inscribed on them.

Barely had they marched for a hundred meters, when they were stopped by a heavy contingent of policemen who had put up barricades on the road near Nur Manzil psychiatric hospital.

In his address to the party activists, State BJP President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi said that the Mayawati government should refrain from underestimating women's power as they could easily transform themselves into Goddess Durga.

After jostling with the demonstrators for a while, the police arrested the BJP activists and

took them to the Reserve Police Lines. Those arrested included State General Secretary Ms. Premlata Katiyar, Vice-President Ms. Lajjarani Garg, MLA Ms. Krishna Raj, State Secretary Ms. Anupama Jaiswal and Mahila Morcha media incharge Ms. Meena Chaubey. Several office-bearers of the state BIP and MLAs too courted arrest.

Meanwhile, BJP National Vice-President Shri Kalraj Mishra and MP Shri Lalji Tandon condemned the arrest of BJP workers and said that the Mahila Morcha activists should have been allowed to march up to the Raj Bhawan.

#### MADHYA PRADESH

# Human development & environmental conservation must go simultaneously: Shivraj Singh



Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has underlined the need for defining a development model in the context of climate change and global warming. He was holding discussions with Nobel laureate and noted environmentalist Shri RK Pachauri on

climate change related issues in Bhopal on June 01.

During discussions, Shri Chouhan said that human development and environmental conservation must go simultaneously. Apprising Shri Pachauri of initiatives taken in the State Shri Chouhan said that solar energy is being promoted on a wider scale. Besides, hydel and thermal power projects are also being implemented to meet energy requirements while remaining sensitive towards environment.

He said that the strategic policy initiatives are being implemented intending to have a balance between industrial development, environment conservation and development of tribal communities living in and around forests. Stressing the need for having an early warning systems to combat the harmful efforts of global warming and climate change, Shri Shivraj Singh gave



instructions to chalk out immediate and long term action plans.

Shri Pachauri informed the Chief Minister that a model of providing solar lanterns in 108 villages is being developed in the State. A solar lantern charging station will be set up in a cluster of 10 to 15 villages and local woman entrepreneur would be given responsibility of operating the system as service provider. He informed that joint initiatives to fight out harmful impact of global warming have been taken up in other states also. He informed that computer-engineered early warning systems will be set up.

#### **GUJARAT**

#### Eminent Music director Ismail Darbar joins BJP



Eminent Bollywood music director Shri Ismail Darbar formally announced his induction into the Bharatiya Janata Party on Jun 29, 2011. Shri Darbar, who hails from Surat, had called on Gujarat Chief Minister

Shri Narendra Modi and expressed his desire to work for the party which has given a boost to the State's growth chart.

BJP National Vice-President Shri Purushottam Rupala presided over the function at the party headquarter, in Ahmedabad where Ismail Darbar was inducted in the party.

Among others state BJP president Shri RC Faldu and state spokesperson Shri IK Jadeja were present. On that occasion he vowed to work for the people of Gujarat. Shri Ismail said, "My mom always used to say that you must do something for your people in Surat. Now to fulfil my mother's wish I couldn't think of a better way than joining the BJP."

When asked about his future assignments in the party, Shri Darbar replied that he was willing to do whatever the party assigned him with.

He said, "I am ready to do anything to serve BJP and the people of Gujarat. If the party asks me to compose a tune I would do so, if they ask me to pick up a broom I'll do that too".

#### HIMACHAL PRADESH

## Dhumal inaugurates bridge connecting 3 districts

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal dedicated the landmark double

lane 214 meter long Harsi Pattan Bridge on June 30, constructed at a cost of Rs. 17.69 crore benefiting 50,000 population of the three districts of Mandi, Kangra and Hamirpur residing on the bank of river Beas. Shri Gulab Singh Thakur, PWD Minister, Shri Ravinder



Ravi, IPH Minister, Shri Narender Bragta, Horticulture Minister, Shri Mahender Singh, Transport Minister, Col. Inder Singh MLA and many leaders were present on the occasion. He also inaugurated Tehsil Office and ITI at Sandhol and four roomed block of GSSS Sandhol completed at a cost of Rs. 28,31,240 and laid foundation of the additional accommodation for PWD Rest House at Sandhol estimated to cost Rs. 59.85 lakh.

Addressing a mammoth public meeting at Sandhol on the occasion, Prof Dhumal said that a long pending demand of the area had been fulfilled. He said that it was during his Chief Ministership last time that the *Bhoomi Poojan* of the bridge was solemnized on October 29, 2002 and an estimate of Rs. 781 lakh got approved from NABARD funding. He criticised the Congress Government for ignoring the most genuine need of the residents of the area by not providing funds for the project from 2003 to 2007 which also resulted in cost escalation of the project from Rs. 8 crore to whopping Rs. 18 crore. He said that it was only when he returned to power on December 30, 2007 that adequate funds were made available and work was taken up on war footing. He said that now the entire 23 gram Panchayats of three districts would be getting all weather connectivity reducing the distance between Sandhol and Dharamshala via Sujanpur by 20 kms.

Prof. Dhumal said that polytechnic and engineering colleges were being opened in all the districts and 82 ITIs were functioning in the State. He said that emphasis was on giving boost to the



vocational education so that the youth could get employable skills to earn their livelihood.

Prof. Dhumal said that VAT on diesel had been slashed from 14 percent to 9.70 percent while there would be zero VAT on kerosene oil. He said that the LPG cylinder cost only Rs. 200 during NDA regime at the Centre which now was over Rs. 400 per cylinder. He said that Re. 1.70 relief would be available to the consumers on purchase of diesel. He said that Rs. 125 crore were being spent on subsidizing essential commodities to every ration card holder and every family was being benefited of about Rs. 1000 per month for purchase of ration under PDS scheme.

#### DELHI

# Shiela Govt giving step-motherly treatment to poorvanchal people: Vijender Gupta

Speaking in a programme organised in new Delhi on July 4 by BJP Poorvachal Cell, BJP Delhi Pradesh President Shri Vijender Gupta said that since the Congress Government came to power in Delhi 40 lakh people from Poorvachal living in the capital are being neglected. Truth is that the Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit considers the people of Poorvachal as a burden on Delhi. He told that most of the Poorvanchalis live in unauthorised colonies and the Delhi Government has taken a vow to neglect these colonies. Congress



Government is fully trying that the people from Poorvachal may migrate out of Delhi, but the BJP will not allow the plan of Congress to succeed. The contribution of the people from Poorvachal has been unprecedented in the

development of Delhi. Thinking of about development of Delhi without the people from Poorvachal is like a terrifying dream.

In this programme newly appointed Co-Incharge of Delhi Shri Ramesheshwar Chaurasia was accorded grand welcomed who is also a Legislator from Bihar. In his address to the Poorvanchalis he called upon them to be ready to dislodge the Congress Government in the near future. He further said that by making contact with old and new workers at the BJP Mandal level the movement against the Congress will be made more forceful. He warned Delhi Government that if it does not stop discriminating against the people of Poorvachal then it will have to face the anger of the 40 lakh Poorvachalalis living in Delhi. The programme was presided over by the Convenor of BJP Delhi Pradesh Poorvanchal Cell Shri Abhey Verma. He appealed to the people of Poorvachal that they should unite under the banner of BJP to fight against the corrupt incompetent Delhi Government.

### Bharatiya Janshakti Party merges with BJP

On June 29 Bhartiya Janshakti Party merged with BJP at BJP Central Headquarters in New Delhi. Hundreds of Bhartiya Janshakti Party workers were inducted into the BJP in the presence of Sushri Bharti by the BJP President. Shri Gadkari gave a special welcome to Bhartiya Janshakti party President Sanghpriya Gautam on the occasion.

