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“The international community will not take Indian claims seriously. It is not just an embarrassment for the government, but it is a national embarrassment”.

-Nitin Gadkari on the goof-up in the list of most-wanted by UPA.

“For over six months now, in every nook and corner of the country, just one issue that has dominated all public discourse has been corruption.”

- L.K Advani on rampant corruption in the country.

“They can put us in jail 100 times but we will fight for the farmers. I will continue to fight for rights of the farmers at any cost.”

-Rajnath Singh on his arrest with other BJP leaders in Ghaziabad.

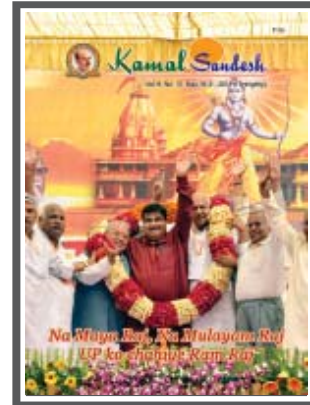
Letters to the Editor...



Congress hand in glove with BSP

Dear Sir,

Congress General Secretary Rahul Gandhi is playing hand in glove with BSP on the issue of land acquisition in Uttar Pradesh. Both are responsible for violence which is taking place at Bhatta-Parsaul village in Greater Noida. The 2007 amendment to the Land Acquisition Act of 1894, which was passed during the first tenure of the UPA government is the root cause of the peasant unrest throughout the country. By virtue of the provision, the government agrees to acquire land on behalf of private parties and thus act against the interests of the farmers. The Congress was the driving force behind this regressive piece of legislation. Sushri Mayawati and Congress both are involved land-scam in Noida. It is high time that BJP come out openly to expose both Congress and BSP and wage relentless struggle against these anti-farmer and anti-people ruling parties.



Abhishek Singh
NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh

India's secular Congress policy

Since the Partition of Bharat the congress have been following a secular(actually communal) policy in India which is both discriminatory and lacks in equality to all communities and is therefore anti-democratic.

Muslims are given special priorities in religious education, religious practice, jobs and allocation of resources. Non-Muslim majority is discriminated against. This must be totally unacceptable in an equitable democratic society. The BJP is yet to start a popular movement to rectify this inequality. Without depriving Muslims they should demand equal privilege for all Indians. This will strike at the root of a congress vote bank policy as all communities will be alerted without offending anybody. A block vote, at times, may be given in a communal self-interest and even against national interest. A nationalist party must stop it, immediately.

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In two years Congress led UPA-II left with no faith of people

Congress led UPA-II government has completed two years of office. Dr. Manmohan Singh and Smt. Sonia Gandhi have patted their own backs. But for what? Is there any achievement? A new trend is now being seen in the country for last one decade – if no one is praising you better get yourself praised through advertisements and get your pictures in the hoardings. Get yourself and your government praised by spending generously from government coffers. Good work never needs to be advertised. The people themselves start talking about it. Today people are silent. They are eagerly waiting for 2014 Lok Sabha elections so that they can give their mandate against the UPA government – a clear and stern message to oust the corrupt government to make way for a real rule of the people.

Allowing the corruption to take place, to protect the corrupt and to play with the self respect of the country for the sake of power - the people would be definitely pondering over these issues. Whatever Dr. Manmohan Singh might try to plead before the people but it is now being talked about that he too is as much guilty as Raja and Kalmadi because everything has taken place before his eyes. Was the Prime Minister unaware of the crime being committed by them? Should any Prime Minister extend protection to such individuals?

Each and every day of the UPA-II tenure is now witnessing new lows in history. Whatever the Congress may plead but it is true that it has lost as much in last two years as it had not lost even in last sixty years. Congress has become leaderless. The one who is assumed to be leader of the Congress has lost the moral standing required to be in power. The Congress which had promised to control prices within 100 days has now by dint of its wrong policies pushed the entire country into the grip of unprecedented price rise. Entire country is reeling under heavy price rise. The stories of scams and corruption have become common.

In the second year of UPA-II it has also become evident that the mother-son duo too has lost its sheen. The Congress has not been able to recover from the political jolt it had received from Bihar elections. Congress has been reduced to five seats in Bihar. Congress has been marginalized in many States including Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. Not only the Congress is rapidly becoming a non-entity, the parties in power are gaining day by day also in these States. If someone asks the Prime Minister whether there is any improvement in the terror situation in the country, he has no answer. The Prime Minister himself underlining the precarious situation of UPA has accepted before the media saying “I am *majboor*”. The sentence itself makes evident as under which kind of leadership we have placed the country. Today no one in the country feels even an iota of pride in saying that Dr. Manmohan Singh is our Prime Minister. What can be more shameful than this? Whether it is the issue of price rise, matters related to Northeastern States, anything related to internal security or the question of foreign policy, Congress has failed on all fronts. Yes, it can be said that despite having failed on all front, it has been successful in clinging to power.

There is no doubt in saying that if elections take place today the Congress will bite dust but Congress will never dare to take such a risk. Congress has now no faith in democracy that’s why there were deadlocks in the parliament in its tenure. The Congress which never wanted to have a debate on corruption has risked the future of the country for the sake of power.

The second tenure of UPA has seen an era of distrust for the politics and politicians. The country today badly needs a mid-term election because people have lost their faith on the present government. A government like this has now no right to remain in power. But alas! Congress will never try to learn its lessons. But for how long - a time will come when it will have to face the electorate...! ■

Editorial...

BJP fights against atrocities on farmers by Mayawati government

BJP leaders arrested while protesting in support of farmers

From Our Correspondent

On 07 May 2011, Bhatta Parsaul, a village in Bulandshahr district in Uttar Pradesh, witnessed brutal police assault on the farmers at the behest of Mayawati

and allegedly entered the houses of the agitating farmers and assaulted women and children. The Mayawati government in Uttar Pradesh and Congress governments in Maharashtra

leaders were taken into preventive custody by Uttar Pradesh police on May 12 after they sat on dharna at Ghaziabad in support of agitating farmers in Bhatta Parsaul village in Greater Noida.



Shri Singh started his 24-hrs *Upavaas* at 1100 hrs in Ghaziabad and was joined by Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley, NDA Convener and Janata Dal(United) National President Shri Sharad Yadav and BJP National Vice President Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi. Undeterred by his arrest Shri Singh continued his *upavaas* even in police custody.

government in Uttar Pradesh. Bhatta Parsaul which has been the epicentre of a bloody battle over forcible land acquisition of the farmer had to face the anti-farmer dictates of the UP government attempting to ruthlessly suppress the voice of the people. The village which is home of several retired police and army personnel having a population of around 10,000 people was assaulted by the UP police which set houses on fire

and Haryana have been in the forefront of bulldozing the rights of the farmers over their lands as these governments have been pursuing the policy of forcibly snatching their lands without giving proper compensation.

Former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley along with BJP National Vice President Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and a number of State BJP

The action by an insensitive Mayawati government in Uttar Pradesh which had resorted to use of brutal force against the farmers who were protesting against the forceful acquisition of lands by the government had forced BJP leaders to launch protest with Shri Rajanath Singh sitting on 24-hrs *upavaas*. Saying that the farmers in the state were being deprived to benefit some builders Shri Singh demanded that the state government should

immediately stop acquiring land in Bhatta Parsaul until the Land Acquisition Amendment Bill is passed by Parliament. Talking to reporters Shri Singh said the situation here was getting out of control and claimed that his fast is a show of the party's solidarity to the farmers' cause.

He said that he will raise the issue of land acquisition in Parliament, and added that the Uttar Pradesh government should avoid further acquisition of land so that unnecessary bloodshed is avoided. He also said that law and order does not exist and corruption was rampant. On the second day of his upavaas on May 13 Shri Singh ended his 24-hours-long fast after drinking a glass of juice offered by Leader of Opposition Smt. Sushma Swaraj.

While ending his fast Shri Singh said Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh should come forward to save the lives of the farmers and a new act should be enacted regarding land acquisition without any further delay. He added that Sushri Mayawati and UPA government were hand in glove on the issue of land acquisition. Mayawati government is anti-farmer government and a commission should be constituted to inquire into atrocities committed by police on farmers in Greater Noida, he demanded.

The farmers are demanding increased financial compensation for the land they claim has been forcibly taken away from them to build the 165-km Yamuna Expressway, between New Delhi and Agra. Ironically, the war of words between Congress and SP on the one side and Mayawati on the

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BJP sweeps all three seats in Karnataka bypoll

The Karnataka BJP has once again proved and continued its winning ways. The party on May 13 bagged all three seats in the crucial by polls held on April 9. The results also prove that the Opposition's war-like campaign to destabilise the BJP government had few takers. Both the Congress and JDS led high-voltage smear campaigns against Shri Yeddyurappa but these efforts did not find resonance with voters.

The BJP bagged all three seats, wresting two from the Congress and one from the JD(S). BJP candidates Shri CP Yogeshwar won by 12,000 votes in Channapatna in Ramanagaram district, Shri SV Ramachandra bagged Jagalur in Davangere district by 4,433 votes and Shri M Narayanswamy took the Bangarpet seat in Kolar district by 4,044 votes.

For the first time, the BJP wrested Channapatna seat from the JD(S).

Interacting with media persons after the massive victory Chief Minister Shri BS Yeddyurappa said it was an answer to the false onslaught of the Opposition's charges. He termed the BJP's victory in all three seats in the April 9 bypolls as a befitting reply to the reckless charges hurled at his Government by Opposition Congress and JD(S).

He said people have now given their reply to the allegations made against my Government. Let the Opposition learn from this and desist from making baseless allegations hereafter. With this victory, BJP's strength in the 225-member Assembly has increased to 109. (FOC)

BJP wins Bastar bypoll with big margin

BJP candidate for the Bastar Lok Sabha byelection, Shri Dinesh Kashyap won the seat by defeating his nearest Congress rival by a margin of more than 86,000 votes.

What is more important to note is that the Congress, which is the main opposition in the State Assembly, once again suffered a humiliating defeat in this tribal reserved seat. (FOC)

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other comes barely within days of the bonhomie between the three rivals in the state politics, witnessed in Parliament's Public Accounts Committee, which probed the 2G scam. Last August too, proceedings in both houses of Parliament were stalled after BJP along with some opposition parties vehemently protested the deaths of three farmers in police firing in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh. A platoon commander of the Provincial Armed Constabulary was also killed in the violence. BJP has since then resolved to fight for the rights of farmers and resist forcible acquisition of farmer's lands. ■



## Recall Karnataka Governor : BJP

From Our Correspondent

In the wake of Supreme Court judgment on the disqualification of 16 Karnataka MLAs, the Governor of Karnataka Shri HR Bhardwaj acting in contravention of all established norms and constitutional provisions declined to convene a session of the State assembly for a floor test as per the request of Karnataka CM Shri BS Yeddyurappa. What was very unfortunate to note that he went ahead with his recommendation for the imposition of President's rule in the State. Led by BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari Karnataka Chief Minister Shri BS Yeddyurappa paraded 121 Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs before President of India and submitted a memorandum at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on May 17 to show that his government still enjoyed a majority in the State Assembly.

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari along with Shri BS Yeddyurappa reached the June 1-15, 2011 ○ 8

Rashtrapati Bhawan accompanied by Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley, Former BJP President Shri Venkaiah Naidu, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Ananth Kumar and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan (Karnataka State BJP Prabhari) and other senior BJP leaders to apprise the President Smt. Pratibha Patil of the unconstitutional conduct of Shri H.R.Bhardwaj, the Governor of Karnataka. They urged to President to revoke the Presidential pleasure and to recall his services as Governor of Karnataka. The BJP MLAs were paraded before the President at around 6 PM and Yeddyurappa requested the President not to take any action on Shri Bhardwaj's report.

Submitting a list of 120 MLAs of Karnataka with their names and signatures enclosed with the memorandum Shri

Yeddyurappa said, "I informed the President that the Governor had been trying to topple my government. I told the President that we have the support of 121 MLAs. We demanded that the government should be protected. We asked the President not to impose President's Rule in Karnataka."

Shri Yeddyurappa in his memorandum wrote to the President, "The Governor being a Constitutional Head of State, is governed by the advice of the Council of Ministers. However, the Governor of Karnataka appears to think otherwise. He has refused to act in accordance with the decision of Council of Ministers on several occasions. Recently, a decision was taken to call for Legislative Session w.e.f. 16.05.2011." Despite this, the Governor has failed to give consent for calling the Session, Shri Yeddyurappa said referring to the Judgement of Supreme Court in the case of B.P.Singal Vs. Union of India (2010) 6 SCC

331.

"Since the day of being sworn in as Governor of Karnataka on 05.06.2009, Governor Shri H.R.Bhardwaj has converted the Raj Bhavan into a political weapon for harassing the State Government. He has been acting in a partisan manner. He has made several public statements criticizing the functioning of the Government, Chief Minister and his Cabinet colleagues. The Governor has stated publicly that he is first and foremost a Congressman. This itself shows that he has entered the office as an active politician and not as a neutral Constitutional Authority", said Shri Yeddyurappa in a memorandum submitted to President Smt. Pratibha Patil.

It is to be noted that the popularity of the Karnataka Government has not been in doubt and BJP, under the leadership of Sh. B. S. Yeddyurappa has swept through most bye elections, municipal elections and panchayat polls. More recently, the BJP won all the three seats in bye-elections to the Karnataka Vidhan Sabha, the results of which were declared on 13th May, 2011. After disqualification of 16 MLAs, the effective strength of the House was 207. The BJP, on 13th of May, 2011, had the support of 110 MLAs in a House of 207.

The eleven disqualified MLAs of BJP after the removal of their disqualification by Hon'ble Supreme Court have already announced their support to BJP. Pursuant to this development, the Chief Minister urged the Karnataka Governor to permit him to call the Session of the

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Karnataka Vishan Sabha to prove his majority once again. Surprisingly, instead of summoning the Assembly, the Karnataka Governor recommended the imposition of President's Rule in the state, in spite of the fact that the Chief Minister enjoys the confidence of 121 MLAs in the house of 224.

Earlier on 16 May 2011 a Memorandum was submitted by NDA leaders to the Prime Minister on Karnataka issue which stated that, "The Governor has committed a series of improprieties and unconstitutionality. Even though the Government enjoys majority support, the Governor failed to follow the advice of the Council of Ministers in convening the State Assembly on 16.05.2011. A Governor has no jurisdiction or authority to decline to accept the advice of the Council of Ministers which has a popular majority to convene a session of the Assembly. He gives interviews to the media that a floor test in Karnataka is not the best test. He is now believed to have written to the Government of India purportedly proposing action under Article 356 of the Constitution. There is no basis for his doing so."

The memorandum demanding the recall of the Karnataka Governor Shri HR Bhardwaj stated, "This is not the first time that the Governor of Karnataka, Shri H. R. Bhardwaj tried to create a political controversy when nothing exists. We on behalf of the National Democratic Alliance are constrained to approach you requesting the Central Government to out-rightly reject

## Bhardwaj can be a good assistant to Sonia : Gadkari

Making a scathing attack on Karnataka Governor HR Bhardwaj for recommending President's Rule in Karnataka, B J P National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said, "He is totally misfit for the post and should better be made AICC special invitee to work as a good assistant of Sonia Gandhi".



Interacting with mediapersons on May 16, Shri Gadkari said the Karnataka Governor's action and behaviour is a "black spot" on democracy and Constitution and he expects that the Centre will take a right decision after the criticism Congress is facing on the issue in the country and in media.

He said, "We have won all the three seats in bye-election. The MLAs who have been reinstated following the Supreme Court order are supporting BJP. We have majority, the Governor does not reply when the Chief Minister writes to him seeking permission for a floor test but recommends dismissal of the government to the Home Ministry," he informed the reporters. ■

the Governor's recommendation. We are further appealing to you that Shri H. R. Bhardwaj should not be continued as a Governor and steps should be initiated to recall him. His actions, attitude and temperament does not suit the detached office of a Governor." ■



## Resolution adopted in BJP CM's Conclave

### **Cancer of corruption eating into the vitals of our national polity and public life**



*A two-day conclave of BJP Chief Ministers was held in New Delhi on May 9 and 10, 2011 mainly to review the current political situation and to discuss the issues related to Good Governance. BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari presided over the conclave in which all the seven chief ministers of BJP ruled States, Deputy CM of Bihar, senior most BJP minister of Punjab, presidents of respective State units, Members of the Parliamentary Board and General Secretaries of the party participated.*

*The Conclave discussed Step Motherly Treatment meted out to the BJP ruled States by the Congress led UPA government at the Centre. The agenda also included Effective Use of Information-Communication-Technology (ICT) for greater Transparency and Accountability in Governance and Better Coordination between State Governments and Party Organisation at various levels. In a separate session, two recent legislations passed by the Madhya Pradesh and Bihar governments were also discussed. BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L K Advani delivered the valedictory address while Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley, Former BJP Presidents Dr. Murlidhar Manohar Joshi and Shri Rajnath Singh also guided the proceedings.*

*At the end of the deliberations, the Conclave adopted a Resolution in view of UPA's wanton disregard for the federal structure and its recent attempts at politicizing the proceedings of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) which we are publishing for our esteemed readers.*

#### **Resolution as adopted :**

We, the Chief Ministers, deputy Chief Ministers and other functionaries belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), reaffirm our commitment to the cause of National Reconstruction through Good Governance. With Nationalism as our inspiration and Development as our instrument, we are confident that we will continue to march successfully on the path of Antyodaya.

Good Governance is the key component of national polity, but under the UPA, it has become a casualty. It is our firm belief that Good governance includes the rule of law, transparency and accountability, as well as true democracy and participation. BJP has always considered Corruption as an assault on the inherent dignity of a person and a betrayal of one's responsibility to others. We recognize that all citizens have a

duty to resist corruption in all its forms and this conclave undertakes to lead and support all such efforts.

Under the UPA, corruption has increased manifold and also has betrayed our countrymen in multiple ways. The corrupt regime of UPA has lowered our national prestige, deprived the marginal sections the benefits of welfare schemes and greatly slowed down the pace of our national development. The



cancer of corruption is eating into the vitals of our national polity and public life.

Never before in the past, had government at the centre faced such a grave crisis of credibility arising out of innumerable scandals involving people in the ruling establishment in such a large number. Against this backdrop, systematic efforts are being made to paint all the political parties with the same brush.

We firmly resolve to resist all such attempts. At the same time, we also undertake to look within. We also undertake to reform the system and rededicate ourselves to the cause of a corruption free India. It is a matter of great satisfaction that several of the BJP State governments have won laurels for their excellent achievements. We resolve to build on this further.

The UPA has been taking a crass partisan approach on several issues of concern not only in the context of National Development but also National Security. Scores of vital legislations passed by the BJP governments are pending approval by governors for a long time, for political reasons. This conclave condemns this partisan approach and resolves to fight it in every possible way.

We undertake to reach out to the people more effectively and reassure them about our commitment to Good Governance, Transparency and Accountability. To that end, this Conclave resolves to make every attempt in a determined way towards achieving the following goals.

a) Establishing an in house mechanism for reviewing the

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performance of our Governments periodically and exploring the possibility of taking measures for –

- Improving delivery mechanisms at various levels.
  - Making the processes of governance; particularly the decision making, more open and inclusive
- b) Evolving a framework for Open Government while introducing greater transparency and accountability in budget preparation, execution, and supervision of expenditure as also establishing competitive public procurement procedures.
  - c) Establishing a practice of declaring the figures of the State GDP and improvement on social indicators periodically
  - d) Developing an effective partnership with various sections of the society in not only the effective implementation of welfare schemes and development projects but also eradicating corruption.
  - e) Setting up a mechanism for punishing corrupt employees and elected public representatives administratively and legally and an element of deterrence is reinstated at various levels.
  - f) Enhancing the level of using Information Communication Technology (ICT), as a tool for introducing greater access to all information in public domain, as well as bringing in greater transparency and accountability by using devices like E-Tendering and E-Procurement.
  - g) Exploring the possibility of reducing the element of discretion in the disbursal of benefits.
  - h) Reviewing the replicability of legislative measures taken by some States for strengthening accountability of public servants and ensuring a time-bound and effective service delivery to the people at large.
  - i) Evolving consensus about some important electoral reforms aimed at curbing the role of money power. Also, exploring the possibility of experimenting with various electoral systems in local elections to find out as to which of them is more conducive for a cleaner democracy.
  - j) Setting up two Ministerial Study Groups to suggest common measures for improving the quality of Urban Governance and Rural Governance with its focus on providing hassle-free administration as well as strengthening local self governance through greater decentralization, devolution of funds, functions and functionaries.
  - k) Strengthening the basic federal structure of our constitution while withstanding all efforts of the UPA government to weaken the same.
  - l) Fighting against the policy of discrimination against the BJP ruled states as well as misuse of central agencies to harass and intimidate several opposition ruled states; adopted by the UPA government.

- m) Evolving further debate on the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission including those about the Role of Governor and following up for the implementation of its recommendations.
- n) Continuing with its war on terrorism and efforts for strengthening national security without getting influenced by vote bank politics. We also undertake to extend all cooperation to the central government for this cause.
- o) Evolving a mechanism facilitating Party Organisation to work as a bridge for the redressal of public grievances. ■

## Result of each assembly is state-specific : BJP

BJP Parliamentary Board met in New Delhi on May 13, 2011 to discuss the results of the election to the five state assemblies.

The BJP was of the opinion that the result of each assembly was state-specific. An anti-incumbency wave factor due to lack of actual development has impacted the result in West Bengal. Corruption and family nepotism has influenced the election results in Tamil Nadu. The BJP regretted that the lack of opposition unity resulted in the absence of a credible alternative in Assam.

The global decline of the Marxist ideology appears to have belatedly arrived in India. The results of the bye-elections in Chattisgarh and Karnataka was satisfying for the BJP.

The BJP congratulated the winners of these elections in each state and hoped that they would be able to live up to the faith that the voter have reposed in them. ■

### ***M. Venkaiah Naidu and other BJP leaders arrested in Hyderabad*** **Congress govt. should purchase paddy at assured** **MSP in Andhra Pradesh : M. Venkaiah Naidu**

On May 18 in Hyderabad, scores of BJP workers led by former National President of Bharatiya Janata Party, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, along with a huge number of farmers marched towards the Secretariat of the Andhra Pradesh from Indira Park demanding remunerative prices for the farmers and enhancement of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy. The police prevented Shri Naidu and other leaders from proceeding further towards the Secretariat. With the protesters insisting on proceeding further to the Secretariat, the police arrested Shri Naidu along with Shri G. Kishan Reddy, AP State BJP President, Dr. K. Lakshman, National Secretary, Shri Murlidhar Rao, National Secretary, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, former Union Minister, Shri N. Indrasena Reddy, senior BJP leader and Shri J. Shyam Kishore, President of Kisan Morcha - AP State unit and many others.



Shri Naidu said " Farmers are resorting to distress sale of paddy at Rs.825 per quintal losing around Rs.175 - 200 per quintal." He demanded that the Government should involve FCI to purchase paddy at MSP and also allow export of rice so as to create buoyancy in market. Shri Naidu said that the Congress General Secretary who had gone to Uttar Pradesh had no time to visit Andhra Pradesh when thousands of farmers are taking to streets, setting on fire their paddy and demonstrating against the State Government's anti-farmer policy. He said that both the Central and the State Governments were anti-farmer and the Congress did not provide the assured MSP. He further said that the Congress would not get minimum support in the next election. As prohibitory orders are in force in the State, the police said they were arresting the BJP leaders and were taken to Gandhinagar police station. ■

# UPA regime is a saga of betrayals

By M Venkaiah Naidu

The Congress-led UPA, now popularly reclaimed by the people as Unethical Practices Alliance and Unfulfilled Promises Alliance, at the Centre in its second stint has completed two years in office. To say the least, its performance is thoroughly disappointing. Not to speak of any positive and significant achievements, it has failed miserably to live up to even the basic expectations of the people. People have given it mandate for a second term in the hope of reaping benefits of the promises doled out by it during elections. Promises piled up but remain unfulfilled – Ornamental time-bound agendas announced but remain unimplemented. The UPA-II started its term with a flurry of announcements of 100-day agenda by several Ministers. More than 700 days later, hardly Minister remembers those agendas. There has been a huge disconnect between the rulers and the ruled.

The UPA-II regime is marked by absence of good governance. The list of unfulfilled promises is unending; right to food, right to education (only bill no political will), Bharat Nirman, physical infrastructure in rural areas, six lane highways, nine per cent growth rate, law and land acquisition and

rehabilitation, judicial and police reforms, natgrid to coordinated security, national commission to examine unorganised sector entrepreneurs and progress



report to the people from time to time – nothing has been fulfilled. Apart from this over two dozen bills have been lapsed and 20 bills are pending for the past five years.

The head of the UPA, the Congress, is a divided house. Ministers have given up collective responsibility and blame each other for mis-governance. Cohesion and cooperation have become conspicuous more by their absence. The Ministers choose to adversely comment on their Governments departments on a foreign soil. Minister reads speech of another country at the highest international forum. Ministers, including the Prime Minister, are least bothered of the credibility of the institutions while taking critical decisions based on inaccurate facts and

appoint a corruption case accused as the Chief Vigilance Commissioner and made a partisan appointment in Election Commission. The appointment of Prasara Bharati CEO who had to be removed, and appointment of NHRC Chairman, is no difference. The Government suffers from serious competence deficit.

The Government let down the nation by consciously selecting Ministers in key infrastructural ministries such as Telecom and Highways who were low on the integrity quotient. It has failed not only to take any steps in furthering the reform proposals but also in creating infrastructure of global standards, neither the flagship schemes have resulted in any asset creation. Further, the interest rates have become so high rendering our industry non-competitive.

The two fundamental issues on which the UPA-II has completely failed are corruption and price rise.

## Corruption

The UPA-2 has been the most dishonest Governments in the history. It is irony that a distinguished economist believed to be the most honest is heading the most corrupt regime in the independent India. The 2G scam involving a sum of

'1,76,000 crore, perhaps the biggest scam ever that took place in the country, is the biggest shame on the UPA-II. Scams are stupendous and stunning. The scams that have seen the light are the scam of export and import of food grains involving thousands of crores of money, the CWG Scam involving 70,000 crores, the IPL scam, the S-Band spectrum scam involving the PMO, the Adarsh Society scam involving senior army/IAS officers and Ministers and startling and shocking telephone tapping to mobilise support and harass political opponents.

#### Inflation

The biggest failure of this Government has been its sheer inability to contain the spiraling price rise of essential commodities. The rise has been so continuous and so steep that the common man is unable to have even one-meal-a-day. The tremendous rise in food prices has hurt the poor the most. Price rise and food inflation is the comprehensive failure of economic policies including lack of foresight and proper planning, lack of leadership, sheer incompetence, massive corruption in export and import of food grains at all levels in Government.

For almost three years we had a double digit inflation in the Wholesale Price Index. Fiscal consolidation is no longer the priority of the government. The prices of essential food items are sky high. The petrol prices have been increased 20 times in the name of rationalisation.

#### Neglect of agriculture sector

The UPA's policies have been anti-farmer. It has totally  
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neglected the agriculture sector. Food items became costlier and also scarcer. Farmers suffer on all counts. Thousands of farmers are committing suicide. The MSP of the paddy has not been raised by the Centre for the last two years. Not even one tonne of storage capacity is added in last seven years. There is no effort to implement Prof MS Swaminathan Commission's recommendations.

#### Security & Goof-ups

Security of the country seems to be the least priority on Government's agenda. Our defense preparedness is suffering because the ministry cannot take decisive action. The inexcusable goof-ups in the list of 'most wanted' given to Pakistan by the Home Ministry have made our nation a laughing stock in the international community. It shows the casual approach of the Government on such a sensitive security matter. There is no political leadership to guide the government and hence there is a divergent approach between the Party leadership and the Government.

Even on important and sensitive issues like internal security and Maoists, the ruling party is a divided house. Internal contradictions and lack of support between the ministers and coalition partners is forcing the Government to compromise on the security of the nation. The master minds of 26/11 are still roaming around freely in Pakistani streets and our ministers are busy having academic discussions with their Pakistani counterparts.

The threat of Maoist violence in several states and districts still remains. Nobody knows as to

what is the Government policy towards Maoism!

#### Black money

The Centre is taking no action against those who have stashed thousands of crores of unaccounted money illegally in foreign shores despite repeated rebukes from the Supreme Court. Certainly their identities are to be made public. Why the government is so active in maintaining the secrecy for which after all the defaulters have to be prosecuted? Why the UPA Government is so keen and hell bent on protecting the tax-evaders?

#### Constitutional impropriety and step-motherly treatment meted out to non-UPA States

The only achievement of the UPA-II is misusing the constitutional institutions for political ends. The Congress party is adopting all unethical, extra constitutional and immoral method by misusing various institutions to further its political interests, harass political opponents and also muster support as and when needed. The UPA Government has used its intelligence and investigative agencies like CBI, Governors institution, income tax department to subvert democracy and serve its own interests. The Congress wants to rule the country by misusing the CBI, the Raj Bhavans etc. It has grossly misused the CBI in the State of Gujarat. It is misused to strike a deal with political parties when the need arises. The divergent affidavits which are filed in the cases of the SP and the BSP leaders by the CBI are the clear evidence of it being misused for



## Continuous fluctuations forcing investors out of market : Jaitley



The National Executive meeting of BJP Investors Cell was held on 08 May 2011 in Noida (UP). The meeting arrived at the conclusion that there was overall deterioration in investment environment in the country and investor-friendly policies were no longer on the agenda of the government. Lack of infrastructure and price rise have caused decline in investment in the country.

Addressing the meeting Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley said, "It is now better for the small investors to deposit their money in banks than to invest in promising ventures". He further added that there had been continuous fluctuations in shares forcing the investors out of the market. In such a situation small investors seldom get benefited and mostly end in making losses. He advised the investors to get proper information before investing in share market and real estate and even acquire proper knowledge of the schemes of various Banks.

BJP Investors Cell also organised *Niveshak Adalat* (Investors Court) in which BJP National General Secretary Shri Vijay Goyal, Investors Cell National Convenor Shri Arun Kumar Singh and State Convenor Shri Mahesh Chauhan listened complains of several investors including some local farmers also placed their grievance before the *adalat*. The *adalat* assured the complainants to take up their cases at appropriate levels. ■

striking political deals.

The classic case before us is Karnataka Governor Shri Bhardwaj's repeated misadventures to oust the democratically elected popular Government in the State. The Congress party-led UPA at the Centre is the real Suthradhari (director) and the Governor Bharadwaj is only a pathradhari (actor) in this shameful drama. The script was written in Delhi and executed by Raj Bhawan  
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in Bangalore. The history sheet of extra constitutionalism by the Governor makes him unfit to occupy a constitutional office and the BJP demands that he should be recalled immediately in the interest of the State of Karnataka.

There is a huge discrimination in the management of economy towards the non-Congress States. The UPA does not tolerate non-Congress Governments in the

States. It continuously discriminates against the non-Congress States and extends step-motherly treatment on issues like natural calamities, power allocation and allotment of coal, sanction of rail projects etc. In all it is like, 'One step forward, three steps backward and situation is awkward and the country is moving backwards'. ■

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# BJP stages nationwide protest against petrol price hike

*The price of petrol was hiked immediately a day after the assembly poll results in five states were declared which was responded to by anger and derision from common men and Bharatiya Janata Party throughout the country. In its steepest hike so far, the price of petrol has been raised by Rs 5 per litre, an increase of over 8 percent. This is the eighth hike in petrol price since the June 2010. The steep hike in petrol price is likely to be followed by a Rs. 4 per litre increase in diesel rates and Rs. 20-25 per cylinder increase in domestic LPG price later this month. These hikes are expected to worsen the inflationary condition with people already reeling under the heavy impact of price rise. Opposing the decision a large number of people led by Bharatiya Janata Party came out on the streets to protest against the anti-people policies of Congress led UPA government in the Centre and expressed their anger on the insensitive policies of the government.*

## DELHI

### BJP protests against petrol price hike



Launching a massive protest against the steep hike in prices of petrol, BJP Karyakartas and activists on May 16

blocked roads in several parts of the Capital. Nearly 20,000 party Karyakartas, common men along with other party leaders including Delhi BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta, leader of Opposition in Delhi assembly Prof. VK Malhotra, BJP National General secretary Shri Vijay Goel and former Delhi BJP President Dr. Harshavardhana, were arrested from different locations of the national Capital.

Led by Delhi BJP President Shri Gupta and other party functionaries numerous Karyakartas gathered at 14 different locations in the morning and other parts of the city and blocked roads at Akshardham, Lal Quila Chowk, Ambedkar Nagar, Subhash Nagar Mod, Uttam Nagar, Moti Nagar Chowk, Khajoori Chowk, Richi-Rich (Ring Road), Welcome Metro Station, Vikas Marg, Jahangirpuri, Hamdard Chowk, Patparganj, Moti Bagh and Mangolpuri Marble Market.

Delhi BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta  
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addressing the karyakartas said, "Just after conclusion of the election process in five States, the Congress led UPA Government has imposed a big burden on the people. Eight months ago, the UPA Government had allowed the PSU oil companies to fix the prices and as a result, the price of fuel has been increased eight times."

## MADHYA PRADESH

### Petrol price hike draws sharp criticism in State : cycle rallies organised



The sudden declaration of massive hike in petrol price has angered people of the State, as this is the 8th time in 11 months that petrol price have gone up and are set to upset household budgets. In the biggest ever price increase of the fuel, State-owned oil companies hiked petrol price by 5.52 per litre with immediate effect.

Reacting sharply against the rise in petrol prices BJP state President Shri Prabhat Jha said the price rise are adding to the inflationary pressures

under which the common man is barely surviving.

Addressing party workers at a rally, in protest against the hike in fuel prices in Bhopal Shri Jha said that Central Government is not affected by the plight of the common man.

He said that with skyrocketing corruption of more than three lakh crore in a year, both the Prime Minister and Congress President are ignoring the people's needs, as it continues to suffer due high prices of essential items.

Protests have also been reported from Rajgarh, Harda, Sehore, Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Panna, Morena, Sheopur, Guna, Ashoknagar, Khargone, Burhanpur, Sidhi, Shahdol, Umaria, Singrauli, Balaghat, Seoni, Mandla, Ratlam, Neemuch and Bhind where BJP Karyakartas demanded for an immediate withdrawal in the petrol price hike which has left no citizen in the State and the country unaffected.

## ANDHRA PRADESH

### Petrol price increase draws flak in AP

Activists of the BJP staged agitations in Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam, Tirupati, Warangal and other cities and towns of Andhra Pradesh. In Ongol the BJP workers protest against the steep increase in the price of petrol and burnt the effigy of the PM and other leaders of Congress-led UPA government.

Scores of BJP activists led by Shri B. Narasimha Rao, BJP Prakasam district president Shri Golli Nageswara Rao and town president Shri Y.C. Yogaiah Yadav staged a road blockade and burnt the effigy of the UPA government protesting against the high rate of petrol in the State due imposition of 33 per cent sales tax on fuel by the State government.

In Khammam the town witnessed widespread protests for the second consecutive day as BJP and opposition party activists to the streets opposing the steep increase. They staged separate demonstrations to register their protest.

In Tirupati the stiff hike of petrol price by Rs. 5 in one go by the Congress-led UPA government has touched off wild protests from all the opposition parties and from the irate public as well. The BJP workers protested in several parts of the city.

## KARNATAKA

### BJP opposes fuel price hike Rastaroko staged



Bharatiya Janata Party Karyakartas staged protests in Hubli and Dharwad against the hike in fuel prices. Activists led by Shri Chandrakanth Bellad, MLA and Ms Seema Masuthi condemning the move staged a *Rastaroko* in various parts of the city. They said the Union Government had failed to check inflation and address the problems of the people; they said and demanded a rollback.

In Hubli, Bharatiya Janata Party workers staged a protest near Gabbur Cross. The protestors took out a rally, led by BJP Hubli-Dharwad president Shri Mahesh Tenginkai and Deputy Mayor Shri Narayan Jartharhar.

## ODISHA

### BJP holds demonstrations against petrol price hike in State



BJP activists staged demonstrations at several places in Odisha protesting against the petrol price hike and demanding an immediate roll-back. In a memorandum to President Pratibha Patil BJP leaders described the price hike as arbitrary and



illogical and sought her intervention in the matter. The activists took out a bicycle rally in Bhubaneswar and staged a demonstration in support of the demand. BJP workers also staged demonstrations and put up road blockades in Ganjam district and other districts of the state.

The activists staged demos in various parts of Berhampur city. They blocked NH -217 and NH -5 demanding rollback of petrol prices. They also burnt the effigy of Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi. The Karyakartas also threatened to intensify their agitation, while BJP Yuva Morcha threatened to close the petrol pumps if government didn't listen to the demands of the common people. Reports of protest were also received from Cuttack, Raurkela, Sambalpur and other places of the state.

The State BJP President Shri Jual Oram addressing party karyakartas criticised the Centre for hiking petrol price again. He said a day after the Assembly election results of five States the highest ever petrol price hike is a cruel joke on the democracy. This price hike proves again the double standards of Smt Sonia Gandhi and her Congress party.

#### HARYANA

### People will be forced to use bullock carts : BJP



The BJP used a bullock-driven cart during its protest against the hike in the prices of petrol and how its inflationary effect on the common man would push him to "medieval-type" existence. The local unit of the BJP also burnt an effigy of the UPA ministers and PM over the issue.

BJP workers held a demonstration at Ajranda Chowk on the Faridabad-Mathura road and raised June 1-15, 2011 ○ 18

slogans against the UPA government. The protest affected the movement of traffic on the road.

The president of Faridabad district unit of the BJP, Shri Ajay Gaur said the bullock cart was used as a symbol to stress the point that the unprecedented hike in the petrol prices would force the public to travel on bullock carts.

In Hisar BJP activists burnt an effigy of the UPA Government in protest against the increase in the price of petrol. They gathered outside Nagori Gate and raised slogans against the Centre. In Panipat and Fatehabad the youth wing of the BJP also staged demonstration against the rise in the price of petrol

#### RAJASTHAN

### BJP Mahila Morcha stages protest against petrol price hike in Jaipur

Terming the hike in petrol prices as a "cruel joke" with the *aam admi*, women activists of the BJP Mahila Morcha staged a protest in Jaipur demanding reversal of the raise. The women, under the banner of the Morcha and led by its state president Smt. Saroj Kumari, rode on a cycle rickshaw and a cart around Badi Chaupad as a symbol of protest. In her address to the women Karyakartas at the dharna site Smt. Kumari said, "It is a cruel joke with *aam admi*. The government has cheated on public and the hike in petrol prices must be withdrawn. A senior Morcha leader Smt. Suman Sharma said that both the Union and the state government were competing with each other in raising inflation. Former BJP state president Shri Lalit Kishore Chaturvedi and former Mayor Sheel Dhabai, were among others present in the protest.

#### UTTARAKHAND

### Nishank flays UPA Govt. over petrol price hike

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank flayed the UPA Government for the petrol price hike and said the measure will be a cascading effect on the prices of other goods, much to the chagrin of the common man. The common man will have to bear the burden of an unprecedented costly and difficult future being woven by the pillars of the UPA Government, he



said.

"The pillars of the UPA Government have all their preparedness to suck the blood of the poverty-ridden masses and by hiking the fuel price it is going to realize all its expenses incurred on recent elections in five States with interests," Shri Nishank added.

## UTTAR PRADESH

### Shahi criticizes Congress govt. for the crippling price hike



Criticizing the Congress led UPA government for the crippling price hike; BJP State President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi said, "Petrol has become costlier by Rs 23 per litre during the last two years of the UPA's second stint at the Centre. It has virtually crippled the lives of the people belonging to lower and middle income groups. In coming days, the party will keep on protesting against hike in prices of petrol."

Shri Shahi also lambasted the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party for their support to the anti-people Congress led UPA government at the Centre.

## MAHARASHTRA

### Statewide protests by BJP over petrol price hike

BJP workers on May 19 today staged statewide protests against the petrol price hike saying the UPA government has "back stabbed the common man" by rising the petrol prices

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"immediately after the polls in five states." BJP State President Shri Sudhir Mungantiwar led the protests at Chandrapur, while the Opposition leader in Legislative Council Shri Pandurang Phundkar led a cycle rally at Khamgaon. "Till the assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Congress had a concern for the common man. But soon after the polls, the Congress-led UPA back stabbed the aam aadmi by promptly hiking petrol prices by Rs 5 per liter," BJP workers said.

South Mumbai BJP President, Shri Sanjeev Patel said that hundreds of BJP activists participated in the protest outside the Churchgate station in Mumbai. Some party workers formed a chain depicting bullock cart and a cycle-rally was taken out to address the plight of the car owners, he said. Similar protests were also seen outside 40 major railway stations in Mumbai and the suburban areas.

## GUJARAT

### BJP condemns UPA's decision to hike petrol prices

Gujarat State BJP leaders on May 15 criticised the central government for raising the price of petrol. In its steepest hike so far, the price of petrol was raised by Rs5 per litre - an over 8 percent increase - from May 14. The price of petrol was increased for nine times from Rs47.93 per litre to Rs63.37 - in as many months through nine revisions. State BJP president RC Faldu too slammed the central government. "The UPA government has set new benchmarks and records when it comes to inflation. The latest price hike will lead to an unprecedented rise in common man's budget. The government must revoke the decision at earliest," he said. "The people of Gujarat will have to shell out Rs5.25 for a litre of petrol. Gujarat monthly consumes 11.50 crore litres of petrol which is approximately 138 crore litre annually. This means the burden on the state will be around 725 crore rupees annually," said minister of state for finance, Shri Saurabh Patel.

"The government is rubbing salt on the wounds of the common people, who are already crushed by the weight of inflation and spiralling cost of living," he added. ■

# It's in the numbers

By Soli J. Sorabjee

*On Governor Bhardwaj's reluctance to convene the House Bhardwaj has revealed himself as a combative litigant with a single-point agenda: to remove the CM. This is unbecoming of the high office of the governor, an office that needs to be preserved with dignity and decorum.*

**K**ARNATAKA Governor H.R. Bhardwaj's persistence in preventing Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa from substantiating his claim of majority support by convening a session of the assembly is a grave constitutional impropriety. It is well settled by the Supreme Court that majority support cannot be determined by the subjective assessment of the governor in the Raj Bhavan, because the constitutionally ordained method for determining whether a party commands majority is by a floor test in the House. It is also settled law that the governor must act according to ministerial advice. Therefore, he is obliged to convene a session of the House as requested by the ministry. His failure to do so is a dereliction of his gubernatorial duty.

What are the purported reasons for the governor's refusal to convene the House? Surmises and conjectures about manipulation of votes by horse trading and unethical practices. It is interesting to learn what happened in 2005 when Nitish Kumar was prevented by governor Buta Singh from staking his claim to form the government in Bihar on the allegation that a majority could be cobbled by distortion of the

system due to allurements and bribery. In his report, Singh stated that a situation had emerged in which no political party or group appeared to be able to form a government that could command a majority in the House. According to Singh, this was a case of failure of constitutional machinery. Therefore, president's rule was recommended in the state.

Based on the governor's report, the Centre imposed president's rule in Bihar.

The Supreme Court in its landmark judgment of January 2006 in *Rameshwar Prasad v Union of India* struck down the imposition of president's rule. The court endorsed the

recommendation of the Sarkaria Commission and reiterated the principles laid down in *S.R. Bommai's* case that power under Article 356 cannot be exercised for the purpose of securing good government, nor can it be invoked merely on the ground that there are serious allegations of corruption. That has to be dealt with in different fora and not by dissolving an elected legislative assembly which commands the confidence of the House as previously laid down in *Bommai's* case.

The Supreme Court held that the governor's action was "a clear case where attempt was to somehow or the other prevent the formation of a government by a



political party -an area wholly prohibited insofar as the functions, duties and obligations of the governor are concerned. It was thus a wholly unconstitutional act". Thereafter the court made extremely significant observations: "If a political party stakes claim to form a government and satisfies the governor about its majority to form a stable government, the governor cannot refuse formation of the government because of his subjective assessment that the majority was cobbled by illegal and unethical means. No such power has been vested with the governor.

Such a power would be against the democratic principles of majority rule. The governor is not an autocratic political ombudsman. If such a power is vested in the governor and/ or the president, the consequences can be horrendous. The ground of maladministration by a state government enjoying majority is not available for invoking power under Article 356" for imposing president's rule.

This clear judicial precedent Bhardwaj has chosen to ignore. It is a grievous error not to learn from lessons of the past in deciding one's future course of conduct. Bhardwaj has, in a recent press release, sought to justify his action by relying on the recent judgment of the Supreme Court which held that the disqualification of 11 BJP MLAs by the speaker was invalid. The court in validated the speaker's order on the ground that there was breach of natural justice because adequate opportunity was not given to the legislators, that the speaker had

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## Advani flags off Border Darshan yatra

Shri L.K. Advani flagged off on May 14, 2011 a unique Border Darshan Pilgrimage from his residence in presence of senior BJP leaders and Uttarakhand CM Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank. The Border Darshan, first of its kind



post independence is aimed to create awareness about threats to our borders and salute Jawans. The young Yatris, including artists, writers, journalists, photographers, poets and academicians will visit various border posts in a span of one year and prepare a status report on India's borders. Speaking on the occasion he said that the Border Darshan is an effort to focus attention on the areas which have been in the forefront of the country's defence. He said that border areas in Kashmir and North East need special care and we have to ensure our defence preparedness to face challenges emerging from various factors across the border. He also underlined the need to propagate the two unanimous resolutions passed by Parliament on Chinese aggression and the second one to take back land occupied by Pakistan illegally and to create an atmosphere so that the spirit and the command of these resolutions can be realized.

The Darshan yatra, Shri Advani said the BJP was a product of the sacrifice of the Jana Sangh founder who laid down his life for the sake of integrating Jammu and Kashmir into the Indian Union.

acted in hot haste and that his action displayed a partisan trend.

There is not a single para or sentence in the said judgment that passes any strictures on the chief minister or indicts the state government. There is no finding whatsoever of collusion or conspiracy of the chief minister with the speaker. It is incomprehensible how this judgment can justify imposition of president's rule on the ground of failure of constitutional machinery when there is no deadlock or impasse which prevents the assembly from functioning normally.

The most distressing part is

that Governor Bhardwaj has thrown impartiality to the winds as is evident from the tone and language of his utterances and his recent press release purporting to justify his recommendation for the imposition of president's rule. He has revealed himself as a combative litigant who has a single-point agenda -namely to remove the chief minister. This is totally unbecoming of the high office of the governor, an office which needs to be preserved by dignity and decorum and by not indulging in partisan politics. ■

(Courtesy: The Indian Express)

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## Prabhat Jha has set an example for *Karyakartas* : Shivraj Singh Chauhan

From Our Correspondent

A grand programme was organized in Chief Minister's House in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 08 May 2011 on the completion of one year of Shri Prabhat Jha as BJP State President. BJP

power in 2013 assembly elections under the leadership of Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan and Shri Prabhat Jha.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan in his address

which are unnecessarily erected at several places by publicity seeking people displaying pictures of national leaders along with their own and thereby causing embarrassment to national

leaders and organization as well. Shri Chauhan further said that Shri Jha was relentlessly working on the basic principle of *chairavati-chairavati* enunciated by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay in trying to connect with the masses while chanting the mantra of *sangathan garhe chalo-*



*Karyakartas* and office-bearers from across the State gathered in Bhopal to celebrate the occasion and to reiterate their commitment to return BJP to power in the State for the third time in 2013 assembly elections. Applauding the role played by Shri Prabhat Jha in the first year of his tenure, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj said she was confident that BJP will return to

recounted the novel experiments undertaken by Shri Prabhat Jha in the organization and appreciated his organizational skills and capabilities.

He said that in an era when people are hungry of publicity Shri Jha has set an example before the *Karyakartas* by instructing that his pictures should not be displayed in posters, banners and hoardings

*supanth par barhe chalo.*

He also underlined the fact that the party was able to enroll eight lac new members in last one year and a decision has now been taken to initiate *Hitgrahi Sammelan* at organizational level to connect to the people benefiting from the schemes of the government. He expressed his happiness over a new trend in the party wherein young *karyakartas* were taking



initiatives in the tribal areas of the State and trying to serve the scheduled tribe people by launching simple yet effective programmes for their welfare.

He said that Shri Prabhat Jha who is a very hard working leader and faced adversities in his life with strength and courage while simultaneously working for the organization has now been trying to give new dimensions to organizational work in the State. He praised Shri Jha for his tireless efforts and commitment.

Shri Prabhat Jha in his address stressed that his sole aim was to return the party to the power in the State for the third time in a row so that Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan again becomes the Chief Minister of the State.

He said that he had so far not done anything extraordinary for the party to celebrate, he was merely trying to come up to the expectation of the organization which had reposed such a huge responsibility on him.

He called upon the *karyakartas* to start preparing for the 2013 assembly elections and actively participate in the mission. Shri Jha also presented bouquets to the senior BJP leaders present on the occasion and sought their blessings.

Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan presented Shri Prabhat Jha a shawl, a *shriphal* and a memento on the occasion. The *bhajans* by famous singer Smt. Anuradha Paudwal and her daughter Kavita Paudwal created an ambience fit for the occasion. Along with a large number of *karyakartas* who came from across the State to attend the programme BJP National General Secretary Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, BJP State General Secretary (Organization) Shri Arvind Menon, Shri Bhagwat Sharan Mathur, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Shri Kailash Sarang, Shri Meghraj Jain, Shri Kaptan Singh Solanki, Shri Satyanarayan Jatia, Shri Krishnamurari Moghe, Shri Raghavji, Shri Babulal Gaur, MPs, MLAs from the State were also present on the occasion. The programme was conducted by Shri Nandkumar Singh Chuhan. ■

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On performance parameters in Parliament

## “GOOD SHOW” by Anurag : *The Week* Rahul puts a “BAD SHOW”

In its issue of May 15, 2011 the weekly newsmagazine *The Week* came out with a special story headlined “HUSH PUPPIES” on the performance of young MPs in Parliament during the last two years. “They came with a bang, and fell quiet” states the sub-heading. “Young MPs who were expected to bring change, changed nothing”. The report further added: “But



two years (after their election in May 2009) down the line, they have failed to live up to the expectations. Rather than bringing about any change, they have quietly become part of the system”.

The assessment of the Weekly gave five MPs a “GOOD SHOW” and five as “BAD SHOW”. It has mentioned the name of BJP MP and BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur as the first. Among the MPs whose score the *Week* has given, Shri Anurag Thakur, second time MP from Hamirpur parliamentary constituency in Himachal Pradesh, is the youngest who recorded an 86 percent attendance in the house, participated in 39 debates and put 283. Though two more MPs have been included in the “GOOD SHOW” category, yet they have either participated in less debates or put less questions.

Prominent among the “BAD SHOW” category is the Congress General Secretary Shri Rahul Gandhi who, the *Week* says, has put zero questions and participated in no debate. His attendance record too stands at 47 percent. ■

# For Congress *thodi khushi, zyada ghum*

By Amba Charan Vashishth

The results of the assembly elections concluded in five States recently have not been up to the BJP's expectations. But for the Congress-led UPA-II too, beleaguered by a "scam a day" syndrome there is hardly much to smile. The results are a mixture of *thodi khushi* and *zyada ghum* (less mirth, more disappointment). For this party the only consolation is that though it has lost much, yet everything has not yet been lost as it managed to retain power for the third time in a row in Assam.

**KERALA: A razor-thin win**

In Kerala Congress-led UDF did succeed in being voted to power dethroning CPM-led LDF but with a whisker thin majority of two, thanks only to the CPM which persevered hard to ensure the defeat of the V. S. Achutanandan government. Till the last moment CPM had maintained the suspense whether Chief Minister V. S. Achutanandan would be allowed to contest again or not. When finally he was allowed to contest, it turned out to be a contest not between the CPM-led LDF and Congress-led UDF but Achutanandan versus the CPM plus the UDF. A Hindi daily has aptly headlined the report saying "Achutanandan won even in his defeat". The rallies addressed by Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi and heir-apparent Shri Rahul Gandhi, as per media reports,

were "noted for their poor attendance".

A stunning victory in 2009 Lok Sabha elections winning 13 out of the 20 seats in the State was, then, construed as a death-knell signal to the ruling UDF whenever the assembly elections are held. In two years, the Congress-led UPA seems to have lost - and CPM-led LDF regained - ground. This time Congress could just win in 38 seats against 45 by CPM. The Congress-led UDF gained just 72 seats in a house of 140 while UDF was successful in 68.

Shri Achutanandan who refused to form a rag-tag government with some disgruntled MLAs from other parties and declared that he would prefer to sit in the Opposition.

**WEST BENGAL: Congress piggy ride**

Sushri Mamta Banerjee led TMC overran the West Bengal Red fort which had remained invincible for the past 34 years. On its own Didi won a landslide victory scoring 184 seats (in a house of 294) out of 227 it contested. Congress won 41 seats. The TMC-Congress alliance scored more than three-fourth majority scaling a total of 228 seats. 26 ministers, including the Chief Minister Shri Buddhadev Bhattacharya, lost the election. It was a remarkable win - a win for Didi alone. Congress won riding the piggy back of TMC and was more attributable to the Didi wave than to

Congress's own popularity. Notable is also the fact that TMC was formed by Sushri Mamta Banerjee as a revolt against the Congress policy of not forcefully opposing the Left front government in West Bengal. By dint of its persistent struggle against the Left government TMC overtook its parent organization by giving CPM a hard time even when Left parties were supporting the Congress-led UPA-I at the Centre. Congress then looked askance whenever CPM government in West Bengal committed atrocities against the people, particularly farmers.

**TAMIL NADU: Total Congress-DMK rout**

In West Bengal it was a total rout of the Congress-led UPA-II in the State with DMK contributing a major chunk of the defeat. 17 DMK ministers had to lick the dust of defeat. But Congress's own loss was no less. It could hardly win 5 out of the 63 seats it contested. The voter punished both the DMK and the Congress for their act of promoting corruption and protecting the corrupt in scams. The DMK indulged in corruption and Congress extended its hand of patronage on the perpetrators of corruption. DMK's tally was reduced to just 23 in a 234-member house.

Notable has also been the total rout of the Congress and DMK alliance candidates in the assembly segments forming part of Sivaganga parliamentary

constituency represented by Home Minister P. Chidambaram. PUDDUCHERY: Congress out

The Congress-DMK alliance government was voted out in Pudduchery too. Shri N. Rangasamy, a Congress chief minister till 2008, was removed by the Congress high command. He formed the All-India Namathu Rajyam Congress and contested election in association with AIDMK and won 15 seats in a 30-member house, with 5 seats going to AIADMK. Congress strength was reduced to 7 from its earlier tally of 10 and DMK's to 2 from 7. Rahul brigade flops

The Rahul's experiment to induct youth leadership by imposing candidates handpicked by him failed both in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Almost all the candidates, about 10 (out of 63 seats Congress contested) nominated by Congress General Secretary Shri Rahul Gandhi were humbled, with huge margins. State Congress President Shri K. V. Thangqabalu was defeated by a huge margin of about 30,000. ([www.hindu.com/2011/05/15/stories/2011051564330900.htm](http://www.hindu.com/2011/05/15/stories/2011051564330900.htm))

The results stand in contrast to the boast made by Shri Rahul Gandhi during one of his tours to Tamil Nadu in 2010 to build the party strong enough to return to the past glory of a ruling party on its own. This claim had raised eyebrows among the DMK leadership which took the remark as a challenge to the regional party.

In other States too, Rahul's young buddies did fare no better. Only eight out of 18 "Amul babies" could win in Kerala and

three out of eight in West Bengal. Congress humiliation in AP

The worst electoral drubbing the Congress party ruling in the State and at the Centre received was in Andhra Pradesh when all their efforts to defeat the late AP Chief Minister YSR's rebellious son Shri Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy from Kadapa parliamentary seat and his mother Smt. Y. S. Vijaylaxmi from Pullivendula assembly fell flat. Shri Jaganmohan won by the highest ever record margin of 5,21,635 votes. Both his Congress and TDP rivals lost their security deposit. Jaganmohan Reddy's win is all the more remarkable as compared to the then Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao's victory from Nandyal constituency in Andhra Pradesh by a margin of more than 5 lakh votes. It is worth recalling that Shri Rao had contested when he was already a Prime Minister and the TDP had not put up its candidate against him. But here Shri Jaganmohan Reddy was

pitted against the whole might of the Congress government in AP and UPA government headed by Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi at the Centre.

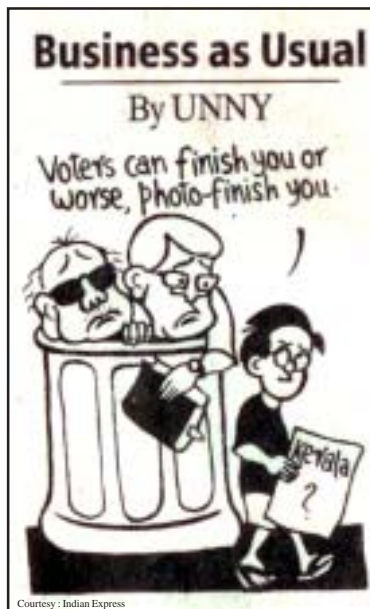
Another interesting aspect of this bye-election was an attempt made by the opponents of Jagan and his mother to confuse the voter, particularly the illiterate and semi-literate ones, by putting up 10 Jagans and six Vijaylaxmis in the election. This dirty trick too failed to click. A zero for Congress in bye-elections

In other bye-elections to eight assembly constituencies and one Lok Sabha seat, the Congress failed to open an account. BJP made a clean sweep of all the three bye-elections in Channapatna, Jagalur and Bangarpet constituencies in Karnataka snatching two seats from Congress and one from JD(S). BJP also retained the Bastar Parliamentary seat in Chhattisgarh winning it by a respectable margin of over 86 thousands votes over Congress candidate.

Usual Sonia-Rahul euphoria missing

Whenever and wherever the Congress won, even a bye-election, a hype was always generated that it was solely and solely due to the mother-son duo of Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Shri Rahul Gandhi. But this time deafening is the rare silence and absence of this euphoria by the Congress. The usual drum-beaters seem to have vanished into the blue. ■

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## Human Rights violations against minorities in Pakistan

A delegation led by Shri Avinash Rai Khanna (MP) and Sh. Sudhir Aggarwal, National convener, Human Rights Cell comprising members Shri Rakesh Khanna, Shri Prashant Bahl and Smt. Archana Singhal, on 3rd May met Hon'ble President of India Smt. Pratibha Patil and conveyed their concerns about gross Violations of Human Rights against minorities in Pakistan. While talking to the Media persons Shri Sudhir Aggarwal said that a copy of memorandum has also been handed over to the High Commissioner of Pakistan in this regard and a letter to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

He added that Pakistan's leading Human Rights Association has voiced concern over forced conversions of members of minority and vulnerable communities. The incident was mentioned in Pakistan's Human Rights Commission's report for 2010. The report described forced conversions as "one of the biggest concerns for minority and vulnerable communities in Pakistan for many years".

Several members of the Hindu community became victims of abduction and violence in Baluchistan, where they had

lived in relative safety for generations", the report said. The Report also warned that "Worse Times are in store".

The above atrocities and violations also become serious, while knowing the fact that Pakistan is home to about 3.5 million Hindus, who make up about two per cent of the population of the Muslim-

who will ensure law being implemented.

Condemning the silence of Indian Government the BJP Human Rights Cell demanded that :

(i) Pakistan Government should immediately take action against people involved in violations and also issue stern warning of heavy



majority country of some 180 million. And there are very few positive developments with regard to "Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion". The Country witnessed series of faith based attacks.

He also cautioned about the wordings of Dr. Mehdi Hassan, Chairman , Human Rights Commission of Pakistan that most of the Human Rights Violations were being conducted by Government functionaries, including police. If it is so then

penalties and punishments if violations are repeated in future.

- (ii) Pakistan Government should provide adequate security to the members of minority community.
- (iii) Pakistan govt. should make adequate compensation to the victims for there sufferings.
- (iv) Pakistan Govt. should ensure minorities freely enjoy there basic and fundamental rights.■

## **Prime Minister morally responsible for 2G & CWG scams : Gadkari**

**A**ddressing the closing session of the one-day All-India Lawyers Conference at CMS Degree College, Lucknow on 15 May 2011, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari held Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi responsible for the corruption in the country. The conference was organised by BJP Legal and Legislative Cell in which around 2500 delegates from across the country participated.

He accused the Congress-led UPA government of using the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as an instrument to frighten and browbeat alliance partners and political opponents. Stating that the Prime Minister owed moral responsibility for the 2G spectrum and Commonwealth Games scams as the files related to the two matters "were approved by Dr. Singh," Shri Gadkari said, "why did the Prime Minister remain silent and not know that something was wrong." The "DMK alone was not responsible for the Rs.1.76 lakh-crore 2G spectrum scam," he added.

Earlier in the day the Conference was inaugurated by Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley who emphasized on the need of formulating principles on the appointment of the judges. Shri Jaitley also suggested that the Legal Cell should work to advise

and assist the party on various legal issues.

Expressing concern over erosion of credibility of the judiciary, senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley emphasised the need of setting up a National Judicial Commission.

"To maintain credibility of judiciary, constitution of National Judicial Commission is need of the hour. Also, retired justices should not be given government posts as it affects decision delivered by them in their tenure," Jaitley said at a national lawyers' conference here. Referring to the Supreme Court setting aside the disqualification of 16 MLAs in Karnataka, he said that those associated the BJP's lawyer cell will study such decisions.

BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) while discussing the activities of the Legal Cell emphasized on the organizational aspects and said that the Cell should try to create local level organizational mechanism which can effectively work on legal issues. Cell Prabhari Shri Satpal Jain presented the roadmap of the Cell and apprised the delegates about the activities of the Cell. BJP National secretary Shri Bhupendra Yadav moved a resolution on "Transparency in Governance and Challenges before Legal Fraternity" which was unanimously adopted. The proceedings were conducted by BJP Legal Cell National Co-Covenor Shri Bala-subrahmanyam Kamarsu. ■

### **Commemorative volume on Dr Saheb Singh Verma**



Many people had very close relations with late Dr Saheb Singh Verma. During his decades long social and political life people met him in connection with different activities. They must be having some very touching and inspiring memories. In view of this Dr Saheb Singh Verma Memories Collection Mission has decided to collect all those memories so that

the young generation can draw inspiration from the dedicated soul. People are requested to send the memories before May 31, 2011 to Shri Suresh Shrivastava, Dr Saheb Singh Verma Memories Collection Mission, C-7/84A, Keshav Puram, Delhi- 110 035

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## BJP National Executive meet to be held in Lucknow

A three-day BJP National Executive meeting will be held in Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) on 03-05 June 2011. In these three days, National Executive will meet on 3rd and 4th of June and State Presidents, State General Secretaries, and State In-charge will meet on 5th of June. The party is holding its National Executive committee meeting in Uttar Pradesh after six years. Last time the meeting was held in 2005.

BJP National Vice president Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said that the three days national executive meeting will discuss along with several political, economic, national-international issues the overall failure of UPA government at the Centre in checking inflation to corruption. The meeting will also chalk out and formulate effective strategies to counter anti-poor and anti-farmer policies and actions of BSP govt. in UP. The meeting will also discuss the politically prejudiced actions of Congress led UPA government and misuse of constitutional powers by governors in BJP ruled States.

The National Executive meeting is also expected to discuss various issues relating to the forthcoming State Assembly elections in different States including Uttar Pradesh to achieve the goal of *Sankalp Sushasan-Vikalp Bhajapa*. Coming State assembly elections, organizational issues and

agitational programmes are also on the agenda of discussion in the meeting of State Presidents, State General Secretaries, and State In-charge on 05 June where strategies to implement National Executive decisions will be finalised.

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L. K. Advani, Leader of

Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley, Former BJP National Presidents Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Rajnath Singh, Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Minister of BJP-NDA ruled States and many other senior BJP leaders are expected to participate in the meeting. FOC■

### BJYM launches nationwide campaign against corruption

Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, National President Shri Anurag Thakur gave a clarion call for party's fight against corruption and said that corruption was like a



termite which was making the nation hollow from within. As part of BJYM nation-wide Run Against Corruption campaign kicked off on April 27, Shri Thakur was addressing thousands of youth at Indore who braced the scorching sun to register their dismay over state of affairs.

"Ek Daur Bhrastachar Ke Khilaf" is aimed at capturing the agonies and anxieties of modern youth and the responses so far have been extremely encouraging," Shri Thakur said. He added "We are tired with the spate of corruption cases and the inaction of the Central government. It's going on unabated and it's time the youth took the cudgels." Our party men have vowed to go all out, every nook and corner of the country, and expose the duplicity of the UPA government which is overwhelmed with corruption cases yet silent like a crocodile," Shri Thakur.



MADHYA PRADESH

### BJP Govt. committed to the welfare of minority communities : Shivraj Singh Chouhan



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the State BJP Government does not apply different yardsticks for

different people. The objective of welfare schemes of the State Government is to install an egalitarian society without discrimination. The people from all walks of life are availing the benefits of the Government's welfare schemes. Shri Chouhan was speaking during "Islah-e-Muashara" organised by Jamiat Ulema at Iqbal ground, in Bhopal on May 16, 2011.

He underlined the need for imbibing noble truths of holy books into lives. There is only and almighty, but there may be many ways to approach him. He said that to serve poor and humanity is the only true religion. He said that the State Government is committed to the welfare of minority communities and the state government has launched several welfare schemes for the development of the minority communities. He added that the BJP government would soon provide hostel facilities to the Muslim girl students, one lakh students of minority communities were provided scholarships and the children from first standard to XII standard are being given free textbooks and uniforms. Shri Chouhan said the State Government would not let poverty emerge as major impediment on the way of obtaining education.

Shri Chouhan further said that discrimination with minority community would not be tolerated at any cost. The amount is being handed over to the guardians to purchase uniforms and bicycles for their wards.

Discussing about 'Sparsh Abhiyan', the Chief Minister said that the people struggling physically would be made capable by operating surgery, providing equipments and monthly pension of Rs 500 to the needy disabled person. All these

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schemes are for all sections of the society, no matter what caste and religion they belong to.

The Chief Minister said that sharing dais together by Shankaracharya Swami Jayendra Sarswati, Imam of Moazzin Organisation, Mohammed Umer Ilyasi and Bhopal Shahar Mufti Abdurazzaq is a goodwill gesture. The Chief Minister said that the State Government is committed to maintain religious harmony and fraternity among the people of all persuasions.

ODISHA

### BJD-Congress nexus looting the State : Jual Oram



Addressing a huge gathering in *Bhrastachar Hatao Abhijan* Rally (anti corruption campaign) in Narasinghpur, on May 14, State BJP President Shri Jual

Oram said Odisha is now being ruled by the Naveen-Sonia coalition as evident from their showy opposition to each other while in reality, both the BJD-Congress allies have been resorting to a clandestine deal in Delhi for looting the State.

He said eyeing the prospective support of the Biju Janta Dal MPs, the Congress-led UPA Government at the Centre is deliberately maintaining a mysterious mum and turning a blind eye to the scams and bad governance of the BJD Government in Odisha.

Lambasting the evil intentions of the State government behind every project, Shri Oram said that the people of the State have already realised the 'evil designs' of both the Congress and BJD in the POSCO and Vedanta issues aimed at 'fleecing the treasure trove of the State'.

He said the BJD government is involved in mining scam, Dal scam, MNREGA scam and many other scams and looting the treasury of the state in broad daylight. He further said the common people of state whose money is being looted will give fitting reply to BJD and its chief, Naveen Patnaik.

UTTAR PRADESH

## BJP to hold *Kisan Panchayat* in villages : Surya Pratap Shahi



Supporting the cause of farmers, BJP announced to hold 'Kisan Panchayat' in every village in Uttar Pradesh, where land has been acquired for the Yamuna Expressway project. Criticizing the Congress led UPA government for the crippling price hike; the BJP also lambasted the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party for their support to the anti-people Union government. Addressing media persons at the party headquarters in Lucknow on May 16, BJP state President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi said BJP had authorized Kisan Morcha's National General Secretary Shri Naresh Sirohi to visit villages where land had been acquired for the Yamuna Expressway. He said five units will be formed and senior BJP leaders will participate in the proposed *Kisan Panchayats*. Shri Shahi announced that the BJP would hold its sixth 'Mahasangram' rally at Gorakhpur on May 24. He said the rally would be attended by BJP President Nitin Gadkari along with other leaders. He said the party planned to constitute 1.27 lakh polling booth level groups, to be called 'Vijay Vahini', between May 16 and June 15. "The booth-level convenors will be imparted training between June 16 and 25. BJP will hold 'Vijay Sankalp Diwas' in every Assembly segment between June 25 and 30," Shri Shahi added. ■

## BJP condoles Mahendra Singh Tikait demise

The BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari on May 15 expressed his profound grief and sorrow on the sad demise of the renowned Kisan leader Shri Mahendra Singh Tikait. The 76 year old President of the Bharatiya Kisan Union, who died in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, on 15 May 2011 due to protracted illness from cancer, was instrumental in launching several popular mass Kisan movements against the anti-Kisan policies of the central government and in support of the rightful demands of the farmers in different states. He also worked in close cooperation with international organizations like La Via Campesina, Farmers Coordination Committee India etc. and fought against the anti-farmers' lobbies in the WTO. Shri Gadkari said "In his untimely death the Kisan movement in India has lost a versatile leader, a genuine and honest grass root-level champion of their just demands." Former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh also expressed profound grief over demise of Shri Mahendra Singh Tikait. Shri Singh said that whole life Mahendra Singh Tikait had been concerned about the *farmers' cause*. He was main pillar of Kissan movement, he added. ■

## Bharatiya Janata Majdoor Mahasangh holds it executive meet

Bhartiya Janta Majdoor Mahasangh (BJMM) held its first National Executive meeting on May 16, 2011 in Delhi. It was inaugurated by BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari who stressed on the need of an organisation which could raise the issues of the labourers and unite them for their rights and duties. He expressed his hope that the BJMM will meet the expectations of the working people and herald a new era in the country. BJMM discussed extensively problems of labourers particularly those from unorganized sectors. The Executive Committee acknowledged lack of legal framework for providing security to the labourer belonging to unorganized and other vulnerable sectors of the economy. The executive committee also discussed organisational issues like membership, State wise activity of BJMM. The meeting was presided by BJMM President Shri Prahlad Patel. ■

