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**Cover**: BJP leaders lighting lamp at National Executive Meeting in Goa on 08-09 June 2013.

#### HISTORIC PICTURE



Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Shri L.K. Advani, Shri Kushabhau Thakre, Shri J.P. Mathur and Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi in deep thought during a brainstorming session.





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Arjuna, happy are the Ksatriyas who get such an unsolicited opportunity for war, which is an open gateway to heaven.

— (Bhagavadgita: Ch.-II, 32)

UOTES

"I would like to suggest the chief ministers of BJP ruled states that life and works of Swami Vivekananda should be included in school curriculum of their states."

-Rajnath Singh

"A party has to play its best possible card in the elections and that is what the party president has done"

-Arun Jaitley

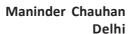
"I am very grateful to party President Rajnath Singh that he not only gave me responsibility of a new task, but he also gave me huge respect in front of workers and people of the country. I am very grateful to him."

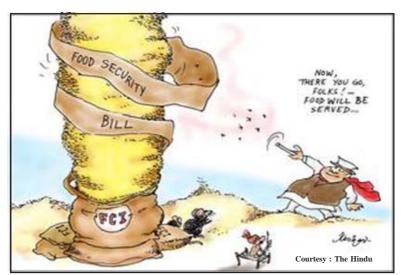
- Narendra Modi

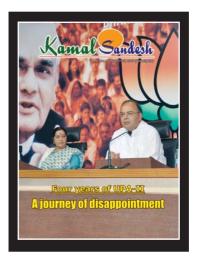
### Letter to the Editor

#### National executive sends right signals Dear Editor,

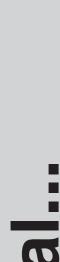
The Goa National executive meeting has rightly criticized Congress for its misrule and for putting national security at great risk. The congress has been looting the nation for last nine years and its rule has become synonymous with corruption. The appointment of Narendra Modi as chairman of campaign committee by BJP National President Rajnath Singh is a commendable step in the right direction. It is good for betterment of the BJP and the country.















## Congress should understand the pulse of the nation

ho will become the Prime Minister of India? This question has started resonating among the 125 crore people living in 35 states of India. Congress may claim that it will fight the next LokSabha elections under the leadership of Dr. Manmohan Singh. BJP cannot declare its prime ministerial candidate unless the name is finalized in BJP parliamentary board and on the forum of NDA. But both the largest parties of the country will have to understand what the nation thinks. What does the country want? The nation does not want that Dr. Manmohan Singh should become the prime minister of the country. The nation also does not want that Rahul Gandhi should become the prime minister. Therefore the Congress will also have to understand the pulse of the nation. BJP will also have to make efforts in this direction. If elections take place on time then the general elections will be held within a year.

If we look at Gujarat then we can see that Gujarat has not only made progress but there BharatiyaJanata Party has completely demolished the Congress. It can be testified by the results of by-elections held for two LokSabha and four assembly seats. The Congress could not win even a single seat and BJP was able to snatch all these seats from the Congress. It is a matter of introspection for theCongress. After the win in four assembly seats and two LokSabha seats it has been signaled that under the leadership of Modi BJP will win every LokSabha seat in Gujarat.

The most important incident that is taking place is Gujarat is the end of Congress leadership. Just look around and see who has been the chief minister for last three times. The situation is so pitiable for Congress that a third year trained from RSS who has been a declared Jansangh-BJP leader and who even today says that if Sangh orders he will leave the Congress, has been made the Leader of Opposition by Congress. Congress has become infertile in Gujarat so far leadership is concerned. Can Congress think over this and this is the reason why Shankar singhVaghela is not acceptable within the Congress. At the same time if one looks at the other side, Keshubhai Patel tried his hands by forming Gujarat Janata Party and people by ensuring his victory paid respect to his age and experience but he could not win more than one seat. Keshubhai also worked with the identity of Jansangh-BJP. After winning the elections NarendraBhaiModi first went to Keshubhai's house and paid respect to his political experience.

The land of Gujarat is not looking at Hindu-Muslim issue. It is emerging as a symbol of good will. Not wearing a cap is not against anything. If wearing something is indicative of religion then no one can force one to wear it. We cannot force any Muslim to wear 'tika'. Today the name of the most popular person among Muslims is also NarendraModi. The issue is not whether any Muslim was given ticket in Gujarat or not, the issue is whether Muslims are living peacefully in Gujarat or not and whether their dignity is enhanced or not. BJP has unflinching faith in 'sarva dharma sambhav'. Here one more thing is worth mentioning that in the name of ideological solidarity there was a conspiracy to hit Modi below the belt for last ten years. Perhaps, in India no such malicious campaign was unleashed against a leader who has been continuously winning. Every conspiracy by Congress in Gujarat has failed. And the situation has come to such a pass that Congress has completely lost its ground in Gujarat. Not only it has lost its ground, its leadership has also come to an end.

If we talk about Madhya Pradesh then in the last four and half years Congress has lost all the assembly by-elections and BJP has won each one of them.Not only this all these seats belonged to Congress where by-elections had taken place. But the popularity of Shivraj Singh Chouhan and the strength of BJP organization have together snatched all seats from Congress and made it bite the dust. Today situation in Madhya Pradesh is so that Congress has become



without leadership and bereft of any organization, although it is trying to present a united face for the assembly elections which is due in four months. Congress knows that when BJP will win the assembly elections for the third time it will also emerge like Gujarat where the development of the state will be the basis of victory and Congress will be wiped out from the state. It is time to work hard tirelessly for the coming assembly elections. BJP will have to move ahead unitedly by taking everyone together for the victory. Today the situation in Madhya Pradesh is such that as soon as the name of Digvijay Singh crops in people are reminded of ten years of his misrule. So far the name of union minister Kamalnath is concerned he has not been able to tour the entire Madhya Pradesh in last ten years. He is known as leader of Chhindwara and not as a Congress leader. And JyotiradityaScindia shuttles only between Guna and Gwalior. He has also not been able to tour all the districts. When we talk about the present leadership of KantilalBhuria and Ajay Singh then they come under the level of local leaders. Although the Congress might have made KantilalBhuria its state president and Ajay Singh its Leader of Opposition but the state level mindset is yet to develop in these leaders. For BJP it is a golden opportunity in Madhya Pradesh. It should win this election by coming together unitedly at any cost. Here, while BJP will win, the Congress will be rendered rootless for years.

After the incident of Naxal attack Chhattisgarh Congress feels that it can surge ahead of BJP but Congress is forgetting that the question is coming to the fore that after allin murder of tribal leader Mahendra Karma, Congress state president Nand Kumar Patel and his son through Naxalswhy the hands of Congressman is coming to light. Is it not true that Naxals have relations with Congress? Is it not true that there were internal fights for leadership in Congress? The people of Chhattisgarh have adorned the popularity of Dr. Raman Singh due to his pro-people projects, his simplicity, humility and attachment to tribal cause. In Chhattisgarh if BJP remains united and moves together then Congress would not be able to win even ten seats.

So far Delhi and Rajasthan are concerned, people are waiting for change in these states. The Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot is cipher before Smt. VasundharaRajeScindia in popularity. The same may be said about three-time Delhi chief minister Smt. Sheila Dixit. In these two states BJP will have to decide that if it wants to defeat Congress then they will have to instill confidence in the people that BJP is internally one and its only aim is to defeat Congress. If people are convinced that BJP is in position to defeat Congress in these two states then they will feel strengthened in ensuring the victory of BJP.

Today, the first priority of BJP is to win elections in these four states. The possibilities of victory is present in all these four states and after winning all these states BJP can march ahead for the victory in LokSabha elections.

## Shiv Shakti presents papers in US

Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi, Executive Editor, Kamal Sandesh, visited United States of America in the first week of June 2013 to present his views on different issues. He went to Houston to present his ideas on 'Formalization of Civilizational Knowledge System' in a programme organized by India Studies Programme, University of Houston. In another two-day conference organized by Global Dharma Foundation on 1st-2nd June 2013, he presented his paper on 'Colonialism and the Concept of Modernity, Renaissance and Reform: Indian Experience', in which he argued that there was no 'Dark Age' in India during 18th-19th century as assumed by many colonial historians.

Dr. S.N. Balagangadhara from University of Ghent, Belgium, spoke on 'Losing our youth: Indian traditions and their future.' Prof. Bharat Gupt gave his perspective on Murti Puja and on 'Reestablishing the Shastras in Education'. Jeffrey Armstrong took a critical look at Vedanta and Yoga in the West. Dr. Jakob De Roover and Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi went deep into the impact of colonialism in India.

Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi in his paper argued that since there was no 'Dark Age' so the concept of 'Renaissance' and 'Reform' have shaky foundations in India. His presentations received all round appreciations from the participants.



## Strive for decisive victory: Rajnath

The National Executive meeting of BharatiyaJanata Party was held on 08-09 June 2013 in Goa. Addressing the meeting BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh highlighted the poor state of economy, erosion of institution under Congress rule, long history of corruption, increasing disparity, monumnetal corruption, every day growing threat to internal security and various other issues including concerns about deteriorating relations with foreign countries under Congress led UPA rule. He said that while an atmosphere of despair and dejection prevail in the country BJP ruled states have instilled hope among the people. He exhorted the karyakartas to strive for decisive victory in the coming elections. We are publishing the text of the Presidential Address for our esteemed readers:



March, at the last executive committee meeting in Delhi. Since then many new developments have taken place. Some of them were truly sad and unfortunate. The barbaric naxal attack on the Congress Yatra in Chattisgarh shocked the entire nation. After that tragic incident the BJP called off its 'Jail Bharo Agitation' to insi in a show of solidarity. At this meeting, I offer my condolences on behalf of the BJP to all political activists, leaders, security personnel and civilians killed in that attack.

In the meanwhile few encouraging developments have also taken place. We registered an emphatic victory in the Lok Sabha and assembly by-polls held recently in Gujarat. The BJP wrested all the seats from the Congress party. Our margin of victory also increased. Therefore, I would like to congratulate Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Bhai Modi and the State BJP President extend my gratitude to all the BJP workers and the people of Gujarat who made those victories possible.

Friends, we are today assembled in Goa. And while being here, I can't but help remember the great poet Krishnadas Sama. The 16th century poet Sama not only translated the epics like Mahabharata and Ramayana into Konkani and Marathi, but also rendered use Krishna story in a contemporary milieu to inspire us to confront adversity.

Goa is also witness to the time when Westren world (Europe) was eagerly looking for the viable route to reach by the sea to India. One should keep in mind that be it Spain's Christopher Columbus or Portugal's Vasco da Gama, both sought to reach India by travelling in opposite directions. Eventually it was Vasco da Gama who became the first European to chart the best sea route possible to India. Even though Goa remained under Portuguese rule for 450 years and despite being under foreign domination for many years our prosperity was so enticing to the rest of the world that everyone wanted to come over to this land.

I firmly believe that during this National



Executive meeting in Goa, we shall commit ourselves to take to newer heights of prosperity under the BJP's leadership. So much so, that anyone in the world should dream of coming to India.

#### Swami Vivekananda

The country is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. He was the first ever Indian who became the global symbol of India's emerging youth power. A question may arise that how inspiring a19th century youth icon like Vivekanand would be for youth this 21st century of rapid globalisation? Swami Vivekananda was not only a great thinker, but also a great visionary. Today, as the youth of India is looking forward to reach higher in life he should

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also pay s p e c i a l attention to both India and his own future. And in that respect, S w a m i j i's w o r d s assume all the m o r e relevance.

After returning from his historic visit to the US, at his first public meeting in Rameshwaram

on January 25, 1897, he said: "She is awakening, this motherland of ours, from her deep long sleep."

Elaborating upon the collective consciousness of India as a nation Swamiji said, "This nation still lives; the raison d'etre is, it still holds to God, to the treasure-house of religion and spirituality'."

And in the same speech he exhorted the youth of India:"... assimilate what you can learn from every nation, take what is of use to you. But stand on your own feet; hold on to your own spirituality; to your own religion; to your own values."

Today, due to the gross neglect of those core values, our country is on the decline and corruption is visible in every sphere of liferight from politics to the world of sports. We should strive to spread

the message given by Swami Vivekananda by reaching out to the people. I would like to suggest the chief ministers of BJP ruled states that life and works of Swami Vivekananda should be included in school curriculum of their states.

## **Erosion of Institutions Under Congress Rule**

The month of June reminds of yet another unfortunate incident in India's political history which was the imposition of Emergecy in the country in 1975. It was classic example of how the decline in values and the increase in lust for power can inflict a great damage on the country. But June also reminds us the fact as to how a new revolution was begun under Jayprakash Narain's leadership in 1974. The BJP too played an active role in that revolution through the erstwhile Janasangh. Therefore the month of June is quite significant in India's political history.

Today the Congress party has once again devalued many institutions in this country. We, therefore, need a new political revolution to avert the imminent multiple crises facing India.

Friends, last month the Congress led UPA government completed four years of its second term. And blowing their own trumpet, they released a report card of their "achievements." But any report card invites critical feedback too to establish the the veracity of its claims. I would like to highlight only four points from the UPA's four years in power.

- 1. CAG's observations on the 2G scam;
- 2. Supreme Courts observations on the CBI investigations into the Coalgate scam.
- 3. International credit ratings agencies on the state of the Indian economy;
- 4. And the economic growth rate dipping to its lowest level in a decade which is less than 5%.

These are not mere arguments, but hard facts... This is not logic, but pure Mathematics.

And it surprises me that despite the truth coming out, the UPA is resorting to cover up this reality through gimmicks.

A striking example of UPA's efforts at misleading people by making tall promises is their unfulfilled claim to control inflation within 100 days...

I would now like to cite another example from the World Bank's *Global Tracking Framework Report* that reveals that India leads the globe in the per capita unavailability of power. The report says



that over 300 million in India don't have access to basic needs like electricity.

The Congress party scarred our Parliamentary democracy by indulging itself in Cash for Vote scam in a desperate bid to get the Indo-US nuclear deal ratified with the support of Samajwadi Party and others in 2008? At that time, the government had claimed that the deal will soon put an end to the ongoing power crisis in the country.

Next month, it will be five years since the signing of the Indo-US nuclear deal. I would like to ask the people of the country have they got any relief from power outages?

Mind you, five years is a long time. Yet even then 300 million of our citizens are forced to live in darknessOnce again, Congress' claim has turned out to be hollow.

The Congress, Samajwadi party and all the others who voted in favour of the deal, should now, in all humility, apologise to the nation.

Making fasle promises is not something exclusive to this UPA Government led by Dr. Manmohan Singh but it has been the DNA of all Congress governments in the past as well. Way back in the 1970s Indiraji had given a populist slogan: "Garibi hatao!" (End poverty!). Do we have any less number of poor people in India after nearly four decades? Today, in 2013, in all its eagerness to get the Food Security Bill cleared the Congress that is saying that two-thirds of India are so poor that they need subsidised food. This implies that even after 40 years two-thirds of our population remain so desperately poor that it is unable to feed itself. The Congress party only likes to fool people by making hollow promises. During the Congress' long rule, the idea of India, Indians and Indianness has been badly hit.

But I would like to assure the people of our great nation, if we are given a chance to rule for at least ten years, we will make so much difference that the need for any populist measure like *Bharat Nirmaan* or Food Security Bill will be reduced to a naught. We will work to restore the image and prestige of our nation globally. You already had a glimpse of that during the NDA regime led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

#### **Long History of Congress Corruption**

The Congress has a long history of giving patronage to corruption. And I am not talking of much vaunted episodes of corruption during the time of late Narsimha Rao or late Rajiv Gandhi governments. I would rather like to remind the people of this country that after attaining Independence in 1950 India was rated tenth in the list of the most transparent countries. Pandit Nehru used to often mention about it in his speeches. But it was during the same Pandit Nehru's rule; the jeep scam involving Krishna Menon came to the limelight. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) report tabled in Parliament castigated Menon but he was made the Defence Minister by Pandit Nehru. After that in 1957 the Mundhra scam happened and the then finance minister TT Krishnamachari was first forced to resign but only to bemade a minister again.

A series of scams that happened during all these Congress regimes have culminated in India being rated today as one of the most corrupt countries in the world by a Transparency International report. As per the Transparency International list, India is ranked today with countries like Nigeria. Even Pakistan fared better than India on this list.

The Congress has continued its patronage to corruption since India's independence and it continues to haunt us even today. Now the situation has simply gone out of control. Today what is at stake is not just related to corruption at the centre, but the credibility of our system is also at stake. Therefore, to reinstate public confidence in the system, only a change of government will not be sufficient, but drastic change is required in the entire system. We in the BJP, with our vision, capability and experience, are committed to that goal. And if we get voted to power, we will prove it!

#### **Economy In Shambles**

Having completed nine years under the leadership of an 'Economist Prime Minister,' the Indian economy has so far only been able to achieve two things: 1. Ruining of the splendid growth of the economy unleashed by the NDA regime; and 2. Increase in income disparity within the country.

Two data points are good enough to prove my charges against the UPA government. In 2004 when we went out of power, the GDP growth rate was 8.4% and inflation rate was at 3.77%.

According to the recently released statistics by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), our growth rate has nowplummeted to even lower than 5%, while rate of inflation continues to remain higher around 7 percent.

The CSO has also indicated that in 2012-13,



the growth rate of our all important agriculture and manufacturing sector is periliously low at 1.9% and 1%, respectively.

Today, we also know that India's fiscal deficit is 4.8% while the Current Account Deficit (CAD) is also hovering dangerously at 6.7 percent. Yet the UPA regime chooses to blame "the international economic environment" for this miserable state of our economy. There are certain economies in the world which have been labelled fragile. But, here I would like to recall the time when Atalji despite economic sanctions, Kargil war, and the 2001 slowdown managed to maintain

an impressive growth trajectory and transformed the Indian economy as something which could be called 'Anti Fragile!' By 'Anti Fragile' I mean an economy which does not crumble under pressure but takes maximum advantage of the adversities present in the system.

The UPA's economic mismanagement and corruption have pushed the country to the brink. My charges against the government are not based on some flimsy grounds but I have hard facts to back the argument. The UPA government's biggest mistake was that it dileberately

slowed down various big ticket infrastructure projects kick-started by the NDA government. And that had adversely impacted the economic growth and job creation in the country.

Under the UPA, infrastructure projects worth billions of rupees have simply got stuck due to its inability to give clearance. Although, there has been a gradual decline in the order book of infrastructure companies in the recent past but despite that, it collectively stood more 100 billion USD. But this year the state of the infrastructure sector is so pathetic that the total order book of companies in the sector has been reduced to nearly 50 billion USD

It is pertinent to ask how does these numbers affect the common man? So I will simply throw some light on how these numbers make an impact on job sector. According to a McKinsey & Co. report published earlier in January 2013 and used by the *Wall Street Journal*, if a mere 1% of the GDP is

invested in infrastructure, nearly 3.4 million direct and indirect job opportunities are created in the economy. But we in India only invest 4.7% of our GDP in infrastructure, while in our immediate neighbourhood, China proactively spends 8.5% on infrastructure.

It is, therefore, evident that by slowing down infrastructure projects, the UPA government has not only weakened the economy but also deprived millions of our youth of gainful employment!

According to NSSO from 1999 to 2004, over 60.7 million job opportunities were created in the economy, while from 2004 to 2009, merely 2.7

million were added!

On the other hand, most of the BIP and NDA ruled states have successfully maintained a steady and higher growth rate and created numerous job opportunities. Meanwhile, disbursal of agricultural loans at 0% interest has helped in setting new records in food production and provided food security to over 90% of the populace in these BJP/NDA ruled states.I think that these figures make it amply clear who is actually contributing to India's growth. Ιf the BJP-led government is voted to power,

then we will once again invest in big infrastructure projects like the Vajpayee government and provide the economy a much needed boost and also create the right environment for job creation.

#### **Income Disparity**

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The misguided economic policies of the UPA government have turned our economy sluggish. Economic disparity has reached to a level where the share of 5% of our populace in the national expenditure has increased to 21.3%. Therefore, it's only the economic level of 20% people that has changed, while 80% people not only continue to live in deprivation, but even among them there is a large section whose standard of living has simply declined!

The rise in number of billionaires can be a *cause celebre* only when the number of the marginalised, those languishing below the poverty line, also delines significantly. Yet the irony is that despite having reduced the level of poverty to Rs32 and



Rs26 daily, over 30 percent of our citizens continue to live below the poverty line. And this disparity in income is a big challenge before our Nation.

As the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has rightly pointed out in a reportthat increasing economic disparity is dangerous as it could lead to civil unrest in the country.

The present dispensation could make hollow claims of development through clever statistics but the situation on the ground is gloomy as there is no glimmer of hope for the common man.

Prosperity and happiness are not mere words for the BJP but a combination of factors which includes regular jobs for millions of unemployed youth, regular income, self-respect and a deep sense of satisfaction in the people of the country. I am firmly of the opinion that it is only possible through proper job creation, and not just by providing doles a few days in a year.

The Congress does not have an economic philosophy of its own. It started out by aping the socialist ways of the erstwhile USSR during the Nehru regime. Then Narsimha Rao or Manmohan Singh governments found inspiration in the American capitalist model which stoked unbridled consumerism in the country.

Communism ended with disintegration of Soviet Union towards the last decade of the 20th century. In China, the Communist government gave Communism a quiet burial. Modern China has nothing to do with the ideas of Communism as it has welcomed capitalism and MNCs with open arms. The US today has become unstable due to slower growth it leaves little scope for unabashed capitalism to lead the global growth engine in the 21st century.

I firmly believe that Communism as an ideology is almost dead, capitalism is also choking. In both these economic arrangements the problem is the inability to give society the freedom from hardship and give the people of all sections their respective due. India needs an alternate model unlike the Communist or Capitalist model. The Indian model of growth should be inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's ideas of Swadeshi and Sarvodaya. Even in modern India these ideas have significance. The co-operative movement started from Anand in Gujarat has helped India attain new heights in milk production. If we create similar farmer cooperative committees at the block leveland encourage them to operate on commercial

level it will certainly help in liberating the people of India from hunger. It will also help usin becoming the food capital of the world. Any model for progress is meaningless unless it provides avenuves to people to come out of poverty and deprivation.

Our Nation can only progress when people are happy. The model for development should be holistic in approach. Any social and political problem in this country will then be easily resolved. Therefore, if our government is voted to power, our motto will be:

Khushali main haq ho sabka, pichda rahe na koi tabka! (Let everyone be a part of progress, with none being left behind!)

#### Naxal Issue

The misguided policies of the government on issues like terrorism and naxalism have assumed such proportions where terrorism has grown manifold due to itsappeasement policy and lack of political will and Naxalism has risen due to the failure of the government on several fronts.

Unless there is an integrated approach there will be no permanent soultion to both the problems. If even after ruling for 56 years out of the 66 years since Independence, theresource rich areas of the country are under the influence of Naxalism, the policies of the Congress are directly responsible for it. The biggest problem is that the Congress and Left parties have made huge mistakes by protecting people who believe in an extremist ideology and violent activities.

We have to understand the difference between naxalism and the extremist Maoists. While Naxalism started in 1967 as a movement by peasants against land owners, it was soon turned by some Leftist intellectuals into a violent Maoist movement where power could only be attained through the barrel of a gun. While doing that they painted such a romantic image of Naxalism, where it was made to look like autopian ideologywhichcould provide a simple solution for all problems facing the poor.

TodayNaxalism has spread to 16 states and 200 districts of India. Nearly 40% of India is under its influence. According to a credible estimate that the naxalites today nearly 18 thousand recurits and possess more than 20 thousand weapons. They are connected with many dreaded terrorist organizations. To sympathize with these Naxals is against the national interest.



The Congress has done great harm to the democracy and the interest of poor tribals by extending ideological cover to Naxalism. It is appalling that some staunch supporters of naxalism are members in prestigious committees of the Planning Commission and National Advisory Council. Using these forums they have made the government a medium to sow seeds of discord and discontentment against the State in the minds of the poor.

The BJP believes in safeguarding the rights of the farmers, labourers and tribals to ensure equitable and harmonious progress. This goal can

not be achieved through pursuing any Leftist philosophy but only through the principles propounded by visionaries like Swami Sahajanand Saraswati and the late Datopant Thengadi.

#### **Food Security**

These days the Congress is making baseless allegations that the law providing food security for two third of the population has been blocked by us.

Firstly, the Congress has to admit its mistake that even after 50 years of one party rule, two thirds of India is still deprived of food security. Whereas the BJP ruled states have been able to provide food security. The BJP ruled Chattisgarh was the first state to enshrine food security into law, and provided not just two thirds but 90% of its populacewith foodgrains at a price lower than what has been proposed by the Centre. Simultaneously Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and other BJP ruled states have done a commendable job in providing food security to the poor sections of the society.

The BJP is very serious on the issue of food security. During Atal*ji*'s time we had initiated this by launching a food security programme through 'Antyodaya Food Grain Scheme'.

In the proposed draft Food Security Bill by the UPA Government we see a lot of objectionable things. Like no importance has been given to the food producing famers in the bill. There is no guarantee of giving the farmer a minimum support price for his yield. In absence of this safety mechanism the famer will be forced to sell his produce in distress. How can food security be ensured without factoring innatural calamities such drought or guaranteeing a minimum support pricefor yield? The issue of Food Security Bill will

be taken up separately.

#### Misuse of constitutional Institutions

The Supreme Court had ordered the CBI to submit its status report directly to the court which was investigating into the Coal scam worth Rs1.86 lakh crore. But the UPA government armtwsited the CBI not only to share its report with the PMO officials and the then law minister but also changed its content.

It is now evident that changes weremade in the status report and the SC directives were ignored which was a contempt of court. If the government believed in upholding the dignity of the judiciary,

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The UPA government in its tenure has misused every constitutional institutions and post without any hesitation. Be it an investigative agency such as the CBI or a constitutional post such as that of a governor, the Congress has openly politicized these institutions and ignored the opposition.

The UPA Government has shown little regard towards the wise consul provided by the opposition. Recentlly Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley wrote a note of dissent over the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman's appointment but the simply ignored it.

Even earlier the opposition has shown its disapproval towards the appointment of the CVC and governors, but the UPA just turned a deaf ear to it. In Indian democracy the the Congress party has always functioned in an arbitrary manner. The UPA neither has the political experience to take the opposition into confidence nor the ability to avoid confrontation.

#### Telangana

The situation in the Telengana region of Andhra Pradesh is quite grim. For a very long time Telangana has not got its due. During my last



tenure as the president of BJP in 2006 I had announced that we would carve out a separate state of Telengana. I would like to reiterate our party's commitment that if we come to power in the next Lok Sabha elections, we will ensure the creation of Telangana. We created the states of Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and Chattisgarh in the year 2000 and this time the BJP will make Telengana a reality.

#### **North East**

These days the North Eastern States seem to have become a playground for the extremist forces. Illegal immigration from Bangladeshhas become a big threat. An effective policy needs to be formulated to resolve impending problems in the region. The BJP believes that by tapping the unique human resources and available natural resources a new direction could be given to development in the region.

#### Neighbourhood and Our Foreign Policy

Ever since the UPA government has come to power, India's foreign policy has become disoriented and ineffective. The UPA government's foreign policyis so weak that it is not only large countries like China, but even smaller countries like Maldives giving India a hard time.

#### China

The way Chinese troops intruded deep inside the Daulat Beg Oldie sector in the Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir in April and stayed there illegally is a sure sign that the UPA has failed in pursuing India's diplomacy and defence.

The case of illegal occupation of Indian territory by Chinese forces was presented as some routine incident by the UPA Government. But when the Chinese soldiers withdrew, they immediately claimed a huge diplomatic victory. There are media reports that the UPA Government has made some secret deal with China. If these reports are incorrect then why the bunkers build for the safety of our soldiers near the LAC close to Chumar Valley in Jammu &Kashmir have been dismantled? Why the traditional sheperds living living close to the border of India-China are being told to avoid grazing their livestock on their very own soil?

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India and China's defence capacities have no match. While our defence budget is \$36 billion China's defence budget is at a staggering \$112 billion. We have to be mindful of the fact as to how belligerant China has become in cyber warfare and about its place in space race. We cannot turn a blind eye to militarization of the Tibetan Autonomous Region: 58,000km roads, railway connectivity up to Lhasa, five airbases and a nuclear missile base.

The manner in which China is exerting pressure on Vietnam in the South China Sea it clearly reveals strong arm tacticts to tilt the balance of power not just along the borders of India, but in the Asia-Pacific region as well. Therefore, we believe that under UPA rule the strategic and economic rights of India are being compromised daily.

#### **Human Rights Violations in Tibet**

In past few months hundreds of Buddhist monks have committed self-immolation in protest against the violation of human rights by China in Tibet. Tibet is not only a region sharing borders with India, but also the biggest center of Buddhism. India cannot remain insensitive to the atrocities being committed on the Buddhist monks in Tibet as we share a long history of cultural affinity with this region.

#### **Pakistan**

The BJP welcomes the victory of Shri Nawaz Sharif in the recently held general elections in Pakistan. Democracy gaining strength in Pakistan, guarantees peace in the South Asian region.

The BJP welcomes Shri Nawaz Sharif's statement, but we are cautiously optimistic. I am sounding caution because historically speaking the ties between Indian and Pakistan have become so entangled that to untangle them requires not just words, but also some concrete action. Pakistan's new government will have to ensure that its peace initiatives do not fail due to the presence of extremist elements on its own soil.

Recently the Home Minister has made a statement that Pakistan's intelligence agency the ISI was actively involved in misguiding Sikh youth to take up terrorist activities. If Pakistan wants to improve relations with India such activities should



stopped immediately.

Pakistan's surrender of its Gwadar Naval base to China, setting up two new nuclear reactors with China's help and a rapid increase in its missile capabilites are some as some troubling aspects. Pakistan will have to be sincere in addressing our concerns.

The UPA government shouldnot turn a blind eye on the inhumane attrocities being committed on the Hindu and Sikh minorities living in Pakistan. The government should provide visas to Sikh and Hindu refugees arriving from Pakistan, and if they want citizenship then we should definitely think about it in a sympathetic manner. It is so saddening that the Congress government, which remains so stingy in extending visas

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toPakistani Sikhs and Hindus, has no problem in turning the illegal migrants from Bangladesh into a vote bank.

#### Afghanistan

The NATO forces will withdraw from Afghanistan in 2014 and the BJP remainsconcerned about its consequences. The UPA government should actively cooperate in rebuilding Afghanistan and also draw-up an effective security strategy post 2014.

Historically speaking, the Indian Subcontinent has been peaceful only when Kabul and Kandhar have been relatively peaceful. A peaceful and stable Afghanistan is strategically important to India.

#### Nepal

In recent years some contentious issues have cropped up between India and Nepal. That has resulted in differences being created between the two nations. Nepal has become passage of infiltration for terrorist orgnisations into India. The country has also become the transit point for sending fake Indian currency notes, arms and drugs into India. India and Nepal should actively try to address these issues.

Nepal is going through a Constitutional crisis these days. The BJP desires that all political parties of Nepal should find a solution to this crisis and form a durable government which could contunie to maintain the cordial and amicable relations between both the countries.

#### Sri Lanka

In the neighbouring Sri Lanka confusion regarding the 'Devolution of Powers' provided by their 13th Constitutional Amendment still continues as the present government of Sri Lanka has gone back on its committeenteven before moving forward. Since there is no arrangement for a structured dialogue between Sri Lankan Tamils and Sinhalese speaking people even as the harassment of the latter continues unabated, the

UPA government should put diplomatic pressure on the Sri Lankan government to take significant steps towards a lasting and peaceful solution to the Tamil issue.

#### Myanmar

Of late, communal tensions have have been on the rise in Myanmar. Incidents of communal violence between the Buddist and Muslim communities have increased and it has negatively

impacted the positive environment build in the country through social and political change. If there is peace and stability in Myanmar, it will augur well for the North Eastern states by opening new avenues of development between our two countries. On the one hand the Congress led UPA government's lacklustre performanceinaddressing the economic to foreign policy issues has eroded the prestige of India, and on the other hand the BJP has set newbenchmarksin good governance and development in states ruled by it.

## Good Governance and Development in BJP Ruled States

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#### Gujarat

This National Executive meeting is well aware



of the Gujarat's development model and its performance. The people of Gujarat have reposed their faith in the BJP and its chief minister Shri Narendra Modi. Gujarat's progress is not only being discussed about at a national level, but alsoon the international arena too.

#### Madhya Pradesh

I am happy that today Madhya Pradesh is India's"No.1 state in terms of its growth rate." Under the leadership of chief minister Shri Shivraj Singh, the government has established new records in the agriculture sector. And now the Madhya Pradesh government has undertaken a programme to provide 24 hours electricity to every village in the state under the 'Atal Jyoti Yojana.'

Ifirmly believe that just like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh too will also become a state with 24 hours electricity supply.

#### Chattisgarh

For the past nine-and-a-half years the BJP has been ruling in Chattisgarh. Under the leadership of Dr Raman Singh, Chattisgarh has progressed and found stability. The successful implementation of the Food Security Law in the state has led even the Congress to come up with it's a Food Security Bill at the national level.

#### Goa

During the assembly elections held last year in the state, the people of Goa voted the corrupt Congress regime out of power. Within a year after to power, the BJP, under the leadership of the Shri Manohar Parikkar, has not only provided the much-needed relief to the people but also made Goa a unqiue state in India where petrol is cheaper than diesel.

Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parikar's ability as an administrator and his impeccable honesty is known in every nook and corner of the state.

#### Upcoming state assembly elections

In November this year, assembly elections will be held in several states, among which two states, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, have the BJP governments, while the Congress is in power in Rajasthan and Delhi. I am confident that in all the four states the BJP Pradesh units are proactively working with victory in mind.

Wherever our governments are in power, we should highlight our achievements to the people. And where we are in the opposition, we will have to awaken the belief in the hearts of the people that the BJP can perform many times better than the

Congress.

The BJP has people's good wishes to peform a hattrick bothin Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh, while in Rajasthan and Delhi we have to move forward with the determination of victory in our hearts.

Recently I got the opportunity to attend many programmes both in Delhi and Rajasthan. In both places the people want to get rid of the Congress regime.

In Rajasthan, political scenario is getting clearer with every passing day as the 'Suraj Sankalp Yatra' under the leadership of Shrimati Vasundhara Raje Scindia has successfully caught the popular imagination.

We are equally hopeful about Delhi too. Delhi might not have got full statehood, but the state assembly elections have a great significance the national level. And that is why it is soimportant for us to win in the Delhi state assembly elections. We have been out of power in Delhi for 14 years. I am confident that the combined efforts of all our workers shall bring us back to power.

## **Booth Management and Booth Committees**

In this election year we not only have to prepare for assembly elections in four states, but also for the next Lok Sabha elections. Keeping in mind the election management every state should complete the constitution of booth committees at the earliest. If booth committees are firmly in place in all the states then the BJP's victory in the election is assured.

- To set up Booth committees all over the country, a Central Booth Management Committee shall be set up to oversee the data management and operation of all booth committees;
- Together with modern technology, traditional methods should also be used for booth management;
- I believe that as soon as this national executive is over all office beares will constantly review the progress of this important assignment.
- Efforts should be madeto ensure that booth committee workers are in regular touch with the state and central leaders.

#### 100 Years of Indian Cinema

If we are in Goa the mention of Indian cinema is inevitable in this centenary year. Every year Goa hosts the International Film Festival. It was the NDA government that took the decision to make



Goa as the permanent venue for the India International Film Festival. In 1913, Dada Sahab Phalke made the first Indian feature film *Raja Harishchandra*. On this occasion we all express our deepest gratitude to Dada Saheb Phalke.

Cinema has a deepimpact on the Indian society, especially on its youth. The Indian filmmakers and artistes have contributed immensely to the world of national as well as international entertainment. In this 100th year of Indian cinema I would also like to request the celebrities related

to the film industry that keeping in mind the effect they have on societythey should contribute to uphold the values in society.

#### Youth

India has the largest youth population in the world and they want to see their country at the top in the 21st century. Today this aspiration of our youth is bestenshrined in two words: globalization and the social media. Social media is in itself one of the biggest driving forces of globalization. In today's world, its importance has surpassed social and national boundaries. The National Executive meeting will deliberate upon how social media can be effectively harnessed to connect with the youth.

#### Women

Indian women today women are making an all out effort towards attaining new heights as well as to assert their rightful place in the society. The BJP has always played an effective role in women empowerment. We are the only political party in India to give one-third reservation to the women in our organization.

In the last few months, many incidents of atrocities against women have come to light. Those problems can just not be addressed by merely changing the law, but by also working to change the mindset of the people and the social arrangement. The BJP will include this in its political campaign.

#### 60 Years of Dr Mukherjee's Sacrifice

Another point that I would like to highlight is the sacrifice that our founder Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee made for the unity and integrity of India. Coming June 23 will mark 60 years of his sacrifice. On this occasion, we pledge to stand by the ideology of Dr Mukherjee which was dedicated to maintain India's national integrity.

#### BJP'S 'Aahwahan'

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From our perspective as a political party, of late, there has not been much of good news for us. We did not succeed as much as we had hoped in the Karnataka assembly elections. We will introspect and march ahead in the preprations for coming elections.

Our friends in the Congress are claiming that our defeat in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka has paved their way to victory in the Lok Sabha.

I accept our defeat in those three states in all humility. But in the same context, I would like to remind all our workers of a famous incident from world history.

During the World War II, Germany easily defeated Poland, Austria and then on June 10, 1940, France too surrendered. Filled with a newfoundconfidence, the German war machinery mounted a campaign to defeat

Britain. On June 18, 1940, Winston Churchill gave his historic speech where he called upon his people not to lose their confidence despite the adverse circumstances and to show the world that theywould be the final and ultimate victors of the war so that even if the British commonwealth survived for a thousand years, it would be said "Thiswas their finest hour." The outcome of the war is known to the world.

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In the end, I would like to exhort the BJP cadres to strive for decisive victory in the next elections.■



# No compromise on India's security, dignity and sovereignty



In the context of severe threat posed to internal and external security of India, a resolution on 'Suraksha and Swabhiman' was passed in the National Executive meeting held in Goa on 08-09 June 2013. The resolution was presented by former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi and seconded by Chhattisgarh CM Dr. Raman Singh. While criticizing the manner in which Congress led UPA has sought to mislead the nation by seeking to communalize the discourse of terrorism, the resolution emphasized on the growing threat of Naxalism, barbarism perpetrated by Pakistan, mockery of justice by Italian marines and drift in Indian foreign policy. The resolution re-iterated the resolve of the Bharativa Langta, Party to preserve national dignity and sovereignty while ensuring



of the BharatiyaJanata Party to preserve national dignity and sovereignty while ensuring security from both external and internal threats. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:

The country's internal and external security scenario is under severe threat. The rising incidence of Maoist violence, terrorism and incidents of incursions and intrusions along the international borders with China and Pakistan are pointers to a greater concern. The internal security situation had never been so grave and it has got further compounded by a new low in our relations with neighbouring countries.

The Congress led UPA II is completing its tenure placing at high risks our internal and external security. Our national stature and prestige

is badly eroded. Our fishermen are being captured and killed in southern seas, our soldiers are beheaded and mutilated on our Northern borders, our boundaries are violated at will umpteen times on Indo-China borders. The latest being, the incursion by Chinese troops almost 19 kms inside Indian Territory and holding its position for nearly a month. India is being dishonoured, trivialised and its legitimate authority questioned. Our government at the centre, at best is only offering platitudes to its citizens.

#### Threat to Internal Security

The Bharatiya Janata Party condemns the barbaric attack carried out by naxals on the convoy of Congress leaders in Chhattisgarh Post the Bastar attack on May 25, 2013, the Congress indulged in blame game by targeting the State Government. However, the preliminary reports emanating from the National Investigative Agency (NIA) have pointed finger of suspicion on a few congressmen as having maintained links with the Maoists even as being a part of the targeted

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on May 25, 2013 about a couple of years after the brutal killing of 76 CRPF personnel in Dantewada. With this recent attack, the Maoists have declared war against the Nation. This is a direct assault on democracy. Maoists believe in bullet and not ballot, and want to throw out democratic government through barrel of gun. Let us be clear that the fight of the Maoists is not actually about development or rights of the tribals, it is merely sheaths that cloak their real and unequivocal agenda, capturing power through violence and not democratic participation and means.

The latest attack also exposes the new aggressive strategy of Maoist, which is ambushing the security forces, targeting the political leadership, carrying out abductions of government officials, threatening local elected representatives and extorting the public. Their brutality was on display when they put placard around the neck of the abducted officer stating that he was a "prisoner of war".

The nation is facing the biggest challenge to its internal security from the Maoists. The Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh, at an earlier occasion, described Left wing extremism as "the biggest threat to India". But, there is not matching action from the government.



The incongruity in the Congress' policy of dealing with naxalism on the one hand whilst on the other, particularly during elections, doing deals with them, comes to the surface periodically. Such reports have emerged from Andhra Pradesh and from Chhattisgarh.

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Since coming to power at the Centre in 2004 and prior to the Dantewada massacre, the Congress party and the central government, have been lecturing to the states about dealing with the Naxals/Maoists. In 2005, the Prime Shri Minister Mamohan Singh while expressing his concern over the spread of the Left wing extremism referred to the "virtual collapse" of law and order

in some parts of the country.

In 2005, there were 156 districts in 13 states affected in varying degree. Media reports say the Maoists have spread to 182 districts in 15 states. The Planning Commission of India has gone further and claimed that left wing extremism prevails in 233 districts in 20 states.

There are also disturbing reports about arms and ammunitions of Pakistani and Chinese marking reaching the hands of naxals and growing Maoists links with LTTE and NE insurgent groups. Any links, however tenuous,

between the Maoists and the terrorists can pose a serious threat to India.

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The nation's resolve to fight Maoists is being compromised by the Congress at the altar of short term political considerations.

After the Dantewada incident in which 78 security personnel were massacred by the Maoists, the then Home Minister declared the policy of "Clear, Hold and Develop" the naxal affected areas. Soon Congress President Smt Sonia Gandhi and her senior party functionaries including a General Secretary wrote articles essentially sympathising with the naxal cause in various publications. It resulted in stalling the proposal and demoralising the security forces. After sometime the same Home Minister started giving excuse that he has a "limited mandate".

The Congress' hypocrisy and double-speak in this matter was further exposed when the NAC hand-picked several over ground supporters of the underground Maoists as its members. In the name of Human Rights activism, they were engaged in policy making for the government and some even were made advisors to the Planning Commission.

Till date, post May 2013, not a word has been heard from these activists. Oblivious of all this, visiting Raipur after the dreadful attack, the Congress President Smt Sonia Gandhi, making a spectacle of her uncontrolled anger asked for responsibility to be fixed!

The BJP has consistently taken a nationalist stand blending the aspirations of the people of the affected areas, particularly of the tribals. It was the BJP, during the NDA rule under the leadership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, formed a separate ministry of Tribal Affairs with a mandate to work for a holistic development of the tribal areas and its people. In the past nine years under Dr Raman Singh, the BJP led government in Chhattisgarh has undertaken various developmental projects



and enacted the comprehensive Food Security Act, which is being implemented through an efficiently run PDS.

Maoism is not a one-State issue. It is a national issue and must be dealt with a multi-pronged approach where safety and development should go hand in hand.

The BJP believes that Maoist have thrown a challenge to the idea of India and must be dealt with by united efforts of all concerned.

BJP demands that there has to be a unified strategy to deal with the naxal menace with constant consultation and cooperation of the Centre with the naxal affected states. There has to be appropriate strengthening of security apparatus, creation of Special Forces like 'Grey Hound' and a concerted and time bound action plan in place. The intelligence apparatus and acquiring sophisticated equipments. BJP underlines the importance of constant monitoring of all these steps. BJP will support such a comprehensive plane to combat Maoist menace. The BJP demands that the Centre government should take immediate step to stop the flow of fund to the Naxals.

## Invoking Secularism to communalise discourse on Terror

Home Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde has sought information about how many Muslims are languishing in jails on terror charges. The Assembly in Kerala unanimously has resolved in favour of the Coimbatore bomb blast accused Abdul Nasser Madani. The blast killed 60 people while it targeted Shri L K Advani.

The people of India have not forgotten Shri Salman Khurshid's electoral gimmick when he claimed that Smt Sonia Gandhi wept on hearing the death of terrorists in Batla House encounter. Similarly, Shri Digvijay Singh's visit to the homes of the terror suspects in Azamgarh and questioning the sacrifice of martyr Police Inspector Late Mohan Chand Sharma were desperate attempts to communalise the entire narrative on terrorism.

This agenda is in the name of secularism. While for some perpetrating terror may be driven by religious fervour, our fight against terrorism is not a fight against any religion. The former home minister Shri Chidambaram and the present home minister Shri Shinde might try to communalise terrorism by cooking up terms such as "Hindu terror" and 'saffron terror'. These are a part of the Congress' vote bank and appeasement policy.

The BJP condemns these attempts to communalise terrorism. It is in the national interest to treat terror as terror and must be dealt with full resolve.

#### Barbarism perpetrated by Pakistan

The treatment offered to Sarabjit Singh, an Indian national in the Pakistani prison stood in sharp contrast to the way in which an elderly Pakistani prisoner Dr Chisthi was released from an Indian gaol. Even if quid pro quo is too much

to expect, a fair treatment of c a p t u r e d soldiers is expected under the Geneva Convention. Sarabjit Singh is not a first case. Earlier Chamail Singh was also killed brutally in Kot Lakhpat jail in Pakistan.

Dismembered bodies captured Indian soldiers being returned to their families was adding insult to injury. India remains with a sense of outrage that Pakistan lives in complete denial about these facts even

The government's approach has been completely laid back. In fact, even as the irony of barbarism in 21st century could not settle down, our external affairs minister was hosting his Pakistani counterpart who was on a private visit to India to a lavish dinner. In 2009, the uncalled for statement issued at Sharmel-Sheikh, has in one stroke mitigated the good work done by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. During the NDA, in January 2004, Shri Vajpayee had ensured a written commitment from Islamabad that no Pakistani territory will be allowed to be used for terrorism against India.

today. The Indian government has remained inactive largely throughout these crises and spoke only at times. When it did speak, it spoke as though it was completely helpless. This has made the people angry with frustration.

Pakistan may have lost the list of the 1971 PoWs still languishing in Pakistani jails, may allow Hafeez Sayeed and the Indian fugitive Dawood Ibrahim all comfort and freedom, but does not want that India should demand its legitimate rights.

Repeated violations of cease-fire continue at the border. Fidayeen attacks in Jammu and Kashmir are increasing by the day. The twin bomb



blasts in Hyderabad in February followed by an attack on the CRPF camp in Bemina area of Srinagar in March this year clearly show government's claim of a returning normalcy as hollow. There are new revelations in the courts in Pakistan about the existence of huge quantum of secret funds ready to be spent for pursuing the 'unfinished agenda' in Kashmir.

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Congress-led UPA Government has failed to get justice for the Mumbai attack. The handlers are scot free in Pakistan. Headley is not questioned in India by our investigators. Yet this government is ever ready for composite dialogue with Pakistan.

With a newly elected government in Pakistan there is reason for cautious optimism for bettering ties, without losing our national self-respect.

#### Italian Marines Mock our Justice System

Two poor Indian fishermen while fishing were killed by Italian naval marines. When caught and made to face trial in our courts, they went home to celebrate Christmas and then to participate in the elections. They tried to negotiate to stay back bypassing a trial by an Indian court. The Indian government has not explained if they have agreed to any pre-set terms for their return to face the trial. While the permission to go home was given by the court, questions are raised as to how the Indian government could have an understanding, if any, with the accused.

#### Indian Foreign Policy on a Drift

Due to a lack of political direction, the Indian

foreign policy is on a drift. It is unable to effectively meet the challenges faced by the country. The relations with the SAARC countries had never been as low as it is now. The goodwill that we had in Maldives is all but lost. Nepal may have not drafted a Constitution yet for itself, but it seems to want nothing from India. Sri Lanka has not fulfilled its promise of devolution of power as yet.

There were more than 400 incursions by China into our territory. The recent incursion in the Daulat Beg Oldie sector in Ladakh was brazen. Dams on the Brahmaputra, building roads and

communication towers in areas in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), extraordinary claims in South China Sea affecting Indian commercial operations in Vietnam are but a few threats from China not adequately addressed by our External Affairs Ministry.

This government has also failed miserably in enhancing India's maritime and energy security. The importance of securing the Indian Ocean Region so that it becomes part of our Region of Influence needs to be urgently recognised.

The BJP is committed to developing deeper relations with countries in the IOR so that growing Chinese influence can be

countered. We are determined to carry forward Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Look East vision which the UPA has abandoned.

The UPA government has also failed in resolving the issuance of stapled visa to Indian Citizens by the Chinese government and in solving the difficulties face by the people of Arunachal due to the obduracy of the Bejing regime.

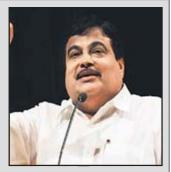
The BJP led NDA government was led by the visionary leadership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. We enjoyed the confidence and cordiality of all our neighbours. International relations improved in leaps and bounds. National dignity and sovereignty were held high.

The BJP is committed to preserve this national dignity. The BJP will not permit any compromise of India's security or strategic interests. If any such situation may arise, it shall act as may be warranted in the national interest. ■



## Defeat of UPA a national responsibility

In the political resolution passed in the National Executive meeting held in Goa on 08-09 June 2013 the Congress led UPA was slammed for its defective diarchic leadership structure which is proving detrimental to the national interests. Criticizing the Congress led UPA government for rampant corruption, devaluation of important institutions and atrocities against women the resolution said that now BJP led NDA is the only credible alternative available to the people. The resolution was presented by former BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari and seconded by Madhya Pradesh CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Goa CM Shri Manohar



Parrikar. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:

In this sixty sixth year of independence - when the post globalisation born Legeneration expected fulfillment of their great aspirations from the government of the day - the nonperforming UPA has driven all sections %.09 June.20 of the society in great despair. This National Executive of the BJP meeting at Goa, through this resolution gives voice to the

feeling of betrayal deep in the minds of the people. This resolution is the articulation of our commitment to throw this most corrupt govt. lock, stock and barrel.

On May 22, 2013 the Congress-led UPA-II government completed four years in office. Selfcertification and self-congratulation were the only noticeable features of this muted celebration. Its

leaders had nothing tangible or worthwhile that might merit commendation. The environment was dominated by gloom, pessimism negativity. UPA-II's only achievement appears to be that it has completed four years in office. As far as the people's judgment is concerned, this government has inflicted serious damage on the nation.

In the long list of crimes committed against the people of India by the Congress in the last four years, three stand out: obnoxious corruption;

malignant assault of our polity.

There has been monumental corruption, with scam following scam involving massive loot of public money,

The entire

growth story of India is in doubt because of a leadership that is unsure and indecisive. This depressing combination has seriously dented the image of India.

#### **DEFECTIVE STRUCTURE OF LEADERSHIP**

The Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh is not the real leader of this government. He is merely in office, not in authority. True power vests with

> UPA chairperson Shrimati Sonia Gandhi, who has the last word on policy issues. For its future, Congress looks towards the heir apparent, her son. The woeful weakness of the office of Prime Minister in a nation like India is evident in the fact that senior ministers and party leaders routinely signal their obedience to dynasty by demanding that Shri Rahul Gandhi be declared leader and Prime Minister candidate for the next election while Dr Singh is compelled to seek, periodically, a certificate for his continuance

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## RAMPANT CORRUPTION IS UPA'S DEFINING FEATURE

The BJP has said repeatedly that Congress-led UPA is the most corrupt government since independence; each passing day only reinforces that impression. Bribery, kickbacks, gross financial

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impropriety and endless scams have become so common it is difficult to keep count. There is no guarantee that another major scam might not explode soon.

The arrogance of power has made Congress indifferent to popular outrage. It used each day in office to loot the nation's resources, whether in farmers' land, spectrum, or mines, even as individual ministers, encouraged by laissez faire freedom in corruption accumulated private bounties wherever and whenever they could. Just a few weeks ago, one Cabinet minister was forced to resign because a relative was caught by police soliciting bribes in his name. A second had to go because he was manipulating CBI evidence to disguise the Prime Minister's authorisation for the scandalous allotment of coal mines. Like a fish, Congress has begun to rot from head down. The family of the Congress president was involved in dubious deals on farming land. And the Italian police have mentioned the involvement of a "family" within the ruling hierarchy which has been allegedly paid off to obtain the Agusta helicopter deal.

This massive loot of public money has taken place because of patronage and involvement of people at the very top of the Congress pyramid. In coalgate, the biggest of these scams, involving loot of Rs 1.87 Lakh crores, the role of the Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh himself is under serious scrutiny because he was also Coal Minister when the scam happened. When the Supreme Court began to monitor the CBI investigation in coalgate, a former Law Minister and officials tried to interfere and change the status report to dilute evidence against the highest in the land, in this case the Prime Minister. Indians were also aghast to learn, in the past few weeks, that the highest posts in the Railway Board were being sold by the family of the

Railway Minister. The PM and Shrimati Sonia Gandhi tried to protect this minister even in the face of national outrage, and they were compelled to resign only because of relentless public pressure and an assertive campaign by the BJP. The last session of Parliament was a complete washout because of the government's obstinacy in protecting the Law and Railways

Ministers. curiously, two days after the session ended the two resigned. Such is the dismal record of political accountability within this UPA government.

The massive corruption in allotment of 2G licenses by the Minister of Telecommunications remains one of the most shameful stories in independent India; here too, the PM and present Finance Minister P. Chidambaram have a lot to explain. Shockingly, their role is not being investigated at all. Similarly, there is no investigation against Delhi Chief Minister Shrimati Shiela Dikshit despite the fact that the Shunglu Committee report has exposed her government's unsavoury involvement in the Commonwealth Games scam. Besides, the Delhi Lokayukta too has recently severely indicted the Delhi Chief Minister and yet brazenly, Mrs Dikshit has the gumption to say that corruption is not an issue in Delhi.

BJP is also concerned over the reported patronage and sharing of public dais by Delhi Chief Minister Smt. Shila Dikshit with person accused of terrorist attack on an Israeli diplomat.

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In 2009, Shrimati Gandhi declared that corruption would be brought under control within

a hundred days. Instead, it has become a cancer afflicting all parts of the body politic. It was only because of the sustained campaign by the BJP, inside and outside Parliament, the splendid initiative taken media and social organizations, and intervention by the courts that investigation is underway.

## WEAKENING OF INSTITUTIONS

UPA has deliberately and consistently weakened

and disregarded democratic institutions. This has been done in many ways, both overt and surreptitious. Among them is the quality of appointees to Constitutional and statutory offices. UPA is a minority government that owes its survival to CBI, which has become pliable and partisan. Congress uses a policy of carrot and stick to retain the support in Parliament, at decisive moments, of parties like Samajwadi and the Bahujan Samaj Party. Some appointments to august bodies like the Election Commission, National Human Rights Commission and CVC have been highly questionable. Legitimate concerns have been brushed aside with impunity. There have been instances where major appointments have been set aside by the judiciary. Senior ministers have publicly criticised CAG when it has stood up, with integrity, and done its duty by the Constitution and the people of India by exposing financial improprieties of this government. The manner in which the Congress tried to belittle the sanctity of an important Parliamentary institution like the JPC forced members of this body, cutting across party lines, to

seek the removal of its chairman.

Immobilised by scandal, and bereft of national purpose, the Congress-led UPA has weakened India through a weak government. The erosion of India's credibility is visible in the aggressive postures of some neighbours, while others treat our most important concerns, like terrorism, with callous indifference. Leaders of those malignant and militant organisations who perpetrated the unforgiveable assaults on Mumbai in 1993 and 2008 are safe in their sanctuary, while we shuffle

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#### **STATE OF ECONOMY**

Statistics measure, but can never accurately convey, the painful impact of economic free-fall. We have witnessed since 2004 what can only be described as a decade of gloom. The charismatic leadership of Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee, and his wise, mature policies, set India on the path to high growth, poverty alleviation through higher national revenues, and the creation of an infrastructure for a modern economy. The Congress-led UPA has driven India into economic despond. Growth has slipped from 8.3% in 2004, when NDA demitted office, to a miserable 5% today. Inflation has robbed food from the poor and middle class, in both city and village. The whiplash of unemployment and under-employment has left scars on the minds of the poor. There is paralysis in decision-making, which has hurt the industrial sector immeasurably. There has been major growth in just one area: the wealth of those in power and their cronies.

Gross economic mismanagement and



miserable governance by an "economist" Prime Minister has punctured and paralysed India's growth story. UPA inherited a growing and booming economy in 2004. The initial years of UPA showed growth because of the impetus of its inheritance. The unprecedented price rise during UPA years has caused immense hardship to the common man. The investment environment in the country has been strangled. One a showcase for the world, the Indian economy has lost its bounce and attraction. A reverse flight has begun in investment; Indian industrialists are finding better investment destinations abroad. Unemployment is rampant as job creation has taken a massive hit. Growth has plummeted to 5%, a stark statistic reeking of failure.

Even success stories such as telecom, power, national highways, rural roads and seaports have suffered setbacks under the UPA. The rupee has weakened to dangerous levels. A decision like the government's move to allow FDI in the multi-brand sector is a serious setback to domestic retail, manufacturing and consumers.

Agriculture is suffering because of policies that can only ensure calamity. The Indian farmer suffers from heavy debt; irrigation facilities are meagre. The agricultural growth rate in most parts of the country is inadequate. Farmer suicides continued unabated, and UPA remains an indifferent, heartless spectator. The agricultural growth that we see now is predominantly on account of significant growth in states like Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Bihar.

Dr Manmohan Singh tried to explain this on the fourth anniversary of UPA-II by saying that the glass is half full. He forgot that Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee left him with a glass rising towards the brim. After nine years, that glass is full only of corruption.

#### **ATROCITIES ON WOMEN**

The sanctity and security of women has become extremely vulnerable under UPA. Gender atrocity has become the order of the day. Rape, gang rape, sexual assault, acid attacks have become commonplace. Popular protest forced tightening of the law, but its effect is still not being felt in real life.

## BJP-LED NDA IS ONLY CREDIBLE ALTERNATIVE

BJP congratulates its State governments in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh,

Punjab and Goa for a sterling performance that has won the hearts of people. These governments, alone or in alliance, have lifted millions from the degradation of poverty through economic growth and honestly-administered welfare programmes. They have ensured peace and harmony between communities. Every community, whether of the majority or minority religious or caste persuasion, is equal. The true meaning of secularism is sarva dharma sambhav. Our positive discrimination programmes have recognised hunger as the true problem that needs emergency attention; and our gender promotion programmes cut across every divide.

In contrast, the record of UPA is one of despair. The people are enraged by corruption, price rise, bad governance and the indifference of those in power. The BJP shall continue to serve the people by taking up their cause, and challenging this decrepit government.

We promise the people that it shall restore our nation's pride in itself, and relieve our country from gloom and depression. It is a proven fact that NDA under the able leadership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had taken the country way ahead on the path of progress.

We had converted the economy of scarcity into an economy of surplus. Connectivity was the watch word of those days. From telecommunication to highways we had successfully tried for integrating this great nation.

Our credibility on the front of Good Governance is further consolidated by the performance of BJP-NDA states. Remember, all the important and prestigious awards for Good Governance, nationally and internationally; have come to our State Govts and we take pride in this fact.

The nation has been driven back to the edge of an abyss. In such a crisis, the defeat of the UPA is not merely a partisan wish, but a national responsibility.

The people have already decided to kick out the UPA and welcome the NDA. BJP is the vehicle for bringing this resolved into reality.

We must remember that since a BJP-led NDA is the only credible alternative to a defunct UPA we have an onerous responsibility. Dethroning this government that dithers is now our historic duty and we must discharge the same with all our strength.



## **Should CBI uncover the IB**

#### By Arun Jaitley

The misuse of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) by the UPA Government has been repeatedly commented upon. This misuse is essentially for a political purpose. Not only has this seriously damaged credibility of the CBI but has also lowered level the professionalism the organization. The gathering of evidence during investigation seriously suffered. Investigations are increasingly becoming tainted with a political

motive. The conviction rate in CBI cases has declined.

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Jahan. Media reports and court documents available with regard to this case reveal that the IB through its' intelligence gathering network including electronic surveillance received information that a Lashkar-e-Taiba module was active in Western India in the year 2004 with the object of wanting to assassinate Gujarat Chief Minister - Narender Modi. In accordance with its' own practice, the IB alerted the Gujarat police. It can be safely presumed that the Central

Intelligence agency was also a part of the operation in which the four activists of the module were intercepted, and killed in an encounter with the police and security agencies. The Lashkar in its' Lahore-based mouth-piece "Ghazwa Times" admitted to her being an LeT activist, paid homage to her martyrdom and took umbrage in removing her veil by the Indian police.

A Public Interest Litigation was filed in the Gujarat High Court by the mother of the deceased Ishrat. The Union of

investigative agency was given an opportunity to interrogate the Pakistani American David Hedley who was amongst the masterminds behind the 26/11 carnage at Mumbai. Hedley is believed to have told his interrogators that Ishrat was recruited by top Lashkar commander - Muzammil and was a key Lashkar operative.

The political regime in Delhi saw an opportunity in the alleged encounter in which this LeT module was liquidated. The Government of India decided to

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India was also arrayed as a respondent in the said petition. The Government of India's affidavit in the said case strongly contested the contentions of the petition. It asserted that its' agencies received intelligence inputs which were shared with the State Government. All available evidence with the Central Government established that this was an LeT module which was active with the devious purpose of wanting to liquidate a prominent political leader in India. The national

change its' affidavit before the Gujarat High Court. The new affidavit almost disowned the intelligence inputs. deponent of the affidavit states "I say that it should be clear to all that such inputs do not constitute conclusive proof and it is for the Government and the State police to act on such inputs. The Central Government is in no way concerned with such action nor does it condone or endorse any unjustified or excessive action". This assertion of the Central Government was



politically motivated. It smelt an opportunity in the PIL in the Ishrat case. The volte face of the Central Government damages the consistent stand of the Government of India that whereas "public order" and 'law

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and order' are a state subject, the battle against terrorism deals with the security of India and national sovereignty. It is therefore a shared responsibility of the Centre and the state.

Acting in tandem with government of India, the then banned Lashkar-e-Taiba in its' fresh incarnation as Jammat-e-Dawa disowned its earlier owning up of this module and issued an apology to Ishrat family for having called her an LeT cadre. The investigation of the case was handed over to the CBI. Over the years, the political strategy of the Congress party in Gujarat is hardly guided by its' state leadership. It has been guided by a few disgruntled police officials who have been accused of indiscipline by the state Government There is reason to believe that having shed all its' professionalism, the CBI in most Gujarat cases is being guided by this disgruntled group of state policemen.

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accused was necessary if CBI was to reach the Chief Minister. Investigating officers putting this noting and those approving this noting deserve to be sacked from the Government, altogether and not merely removed from the CBI. In the recent case against the former Home Minister of Rajasthan Shri Gulab Kataria the charge sheet reads like fiction. Another charge-sheet against Rajendra Rathore a former Raiasthan Minister was

officials of the Gujarat police. They were released on bail since the charge-sheet was not filed within the statutory period. Since the participant in the liquidation of the module was a Central intelligence agency, the CBI has now decided to uncover the functioning of the intelligence bureau. The cost of the Modiphobia will now be paid by the intelligence bureau. Its senior officials will be grilled. They will be asked details of their intelligence collection methodologies. They could be questioned on the legalities of the means deployed by them to collect intelligence. They will be asked questions with regard to authenticity of the intelligence which is collected. Motives could be attributed to them for having collected material against the Lashkar-e-Taiba and passed it to the Gujarat police. Only Pakistan

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judicially commented upon as being based upon no evidence. In all these cases the political leaders targeted were easily released on bail. Regimes are not immortal. I do hope one day a commission of inquiry will investigate the functioning of the CBI, its politicization and all these above cases.

Coming back to the Ishrat case, the CBI arrested some

and LeT would have the last laugh.

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(The writer is Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha)



# Our dream should be *Congress-mukt* country: Narendra Modi

fter national executive meeting BJP leaders Shri Arun Jailtey, Shri Rajnath Singh and Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Karyakarta meeting at Taligaon Community Center in Panaji on June 9,2013.

Addressing the workers BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said his decision to make Shri Narendra Modi as the campaign committee chief was not for the party but for the country. He said he had no hesitation in taking this significant decision as this waswell deserved.

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Addressing the party's cadre, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley said that by naming Modi as the head of poll panel, BJP president Rajnath Singh had given a new direction to the politics of this country. Taking about a strong leader, the senior party leader said, "Taking decisions is the hallmark of a strong leader." Comparing the BJP and the Congress, Shri Jailtley said, "Our party is not a dynastic party. In a party where views are taken from thousands of workers, taking decisions are not easy." "I always compare this to the American system where in the primaries decisions are taken as to who will be the face of party," he added. Shri Jaitley further added, "By taking a decision on Modi, Rajnath has given a face to not only the emotions of the cadre of BJP but that of crores of people of this country."

However, he added that the responsibility bestowed on the Gujarat CM was not easy.

Lambasting the Congress for policy paralysis and corruption, Shri Jaitley said, "Congress has made this country leaderless. It is not being able take decisions." "The

economic situation of the country is in a bad shape. Investment is down. Poverty is rising. Corruption is on a high," he added. "This is the most corrupt government in India's history," Shri Jailtley said without mincing words. The BJP leader also did not spare Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and criticized him for being seen a weak PM.

"Never in the history of India has the office of PM been seen in this manner. The office of the PM has become a target of humour, jokes and sarcasm," he said.

Shri Jaitley also praised all the states

where the BJP was in power and extolled the party's CMs for their ability to take decisions. He categorically stated that for the BJP, the poll campaign for 2014 General Elections had started from today.

Chairman of the Election Campaign Committee for 2014 General and Assembly Elections and Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing the workers, said that he was just a worker of the BJP and would carry out any responsibility that was given to him.

He added, "I am indebted to Rajnath ji for giving me an added responsibility. He has given me respect in the eyes of not only party



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"Time has come to give the country a strong leadership", says Jaitley.

workers but also the people of this country," "We are all workers of the party. And as workers, we are obliged to do our best to fulfill any responsibility that has been given to us," he added, saying, "Well begun is half won." He also said that the party had guided him at all juncture and had helped him in removing his weaknesses. "Today, after being elevated as the chief of



party's poll panel, I want to tell everyone that in the BJP, position is responsibility. And a balance has to be maintained between position and responsibility," Shri Modi said. The Gujarat CM added that he had full faith in the workers of the Bhartiya Janata Party. Praising the states where BJP was in power for its growth and development all Modi said, "None of our chief ministers have been accused of any wrongdoings. Those who are accused of corruption are sitting in Delhi. But it does not seem to bother them." Shri Modi attacked the Congress for wasting crores on ad campaigns. "The government at the Centre cannot be trusted," he said without mincing words. He asked the cadres to dream for "Congress-free Bharat Nirman" and work in this direction by ousting the UPA government in the next elections.

Describing the UPA as a "sinking ship", Shri Narendra Modi said BJP's agenda is not the change of government but development of the nation and giving it its due prestige. He said the people of the country have lost trust in the UPA government and cited safety of women and problems faced by farmers to buttress his point. On internal security, Shri Modi said the UPA government was talking about dealing with naxalism with firm hand but some people said to be sympathisers of the Left wing ideology had been appointed to Planning Commission and Sonia Gandhiled National Advisory Council.

He also took at dig at NAC, saying it had been set up above Planning Commission which is headed by the Prime Minister. "If you had to set up NAC, then why need the Prime Minister?"

Mr. Modi also accused the UPA government of not being serious about the future of youth and warned that if their energy is not properly channelised, there could be unrest. The workers meet was attended by Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar,Goa Deputy CM Shri Francis D'Souza ,BJP General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar, Goa BJP Prabhari Smt. Smriti Irani ,BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur and other BJP leaders. ■

## Rajnath appoints Narendra Modi as Campaign Committee Chairman

BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh on 9th June 2013 appointed Shri Narendra Modi as the Chairman of the 2014 Lok Sabha Election Campaign Committee of the BJP. The announcement was made by BJP National President during the Party National Executive Meeting in Panaji (Goa). Shortly after the announcement, Shri Modi Tweeted, "Senior leaders have reposed faith in me. We will leave no stone unturned for Congress Mukt Bharat Nirman. Thanks for support & blessings." Shri Modi called up senior BJP leader and former Deputy Prime Minister of India Shri LK Advani who blessed Shri Modi. Shri Modi wrote on Twitter,

"Spoke to Advani ji on the phone. He gave me his blessings. Honoured and extremely grateful to receive his blessings."

Shri Rajnath Singh Tweeted, "I have appointed Shri Narendra Modi as the Chairman of BJP Election Campaign



Committee." Former BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari affirmed that the party will do well under Shri Modi's leadership.

Wishes poured in from all sides to wish Shri Modi on this new responsibility by the party. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Tweeted, "I congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on being appointed as the chief of BJP's campaign committee. We shall collectively ensure BJP's victory."

Goa Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar congratulated Shri Modi and described this appointment as a step in the positive direction. He said that everybody wanted this in the party and that there was clapping for five minutes after Shri Modi's name was announced.

NDA allies Shiromani Akali Dal and Shiv Sena welcomed BJP's decision to anoint Narendra Modi as Chairman of its Election Campaign Committee for the 2014 polls, saying the decision would be "catalytic" in the alliance's victory march.

The Punjab Deputy Chief Minister said that Modi has shown his capability and calibre in successful poll campaigns of Gujarat. "We should utilise his services to effectively chalk out NDA's campaign, and projecting the failures of UPA-II," he added. ■



# Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee: A short biography

yama Prasad Mookerjee (July 6, 1901 - June 23, 1953) was a nationalist political leader of India, and is considered a champion of modern Hindutva and Indian Nationalism. Mookerjee founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the first Indian nationalist political party of its kind, and was also the leader of the Hindu Mahasabha and closely associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

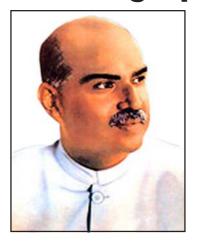
#### Early life

Mookerjee was born on July 6, 1901 in Calcutta, a major Indian city and capital of Bengal. His father was Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee, a well respected advocate in Bengal, who became the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta, and his mother was Lady Jogmaya Devi Mookerjee.

Mookerjee obtained his degrees from the University of Calcutta. He graduated in English securing first position in first class in 1921 and also did MA in 1923 and BL in 1924. He became a fellow of the Senate in 1923. He enrolled as an advocate in Calcutta High Court in 1924 after his father's death. Subsequently he left for England in 1926 to study in Lincoln's Inn and became a barrister in 1927. At the age of 32, he became the youngest Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta (1934), and held the office till 1938.

#### Political career

He was elected as member of the Legislative Council of Bengal, as a Indian National Congress candidate representing Calcutta University but resigned next year



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when Congress decided to boycott the legislature. Subsequently, he contested the election as an independent candidate and got elected. He was the Finance minister of Bengal Province during 1941-42. He emerged as a spokesman for Nationalism and shortly joined Hindu Mahasabha and in 1944, he became the President. Mookerjee was not anti-Muslim, but a Hindu political leader who felt the need to counteract the communalist and separatist Muslim League of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who were demanding either exaggerated Muslim rights or a Muslim state of Pakistan.

Mookerjee adopted causes to unite Hindu voices, and protect Hindus against what he believed to be the communal propaganda and the divisive agenda of the Muslim League. To Mookerjee, the Muslims were a minority and thus could not in any reasonable system be given a status superior to the majority Hindu masses. Mookerjee and his future followers would always cite inherent Hindu practices of tolerance and communal respect as the reason for a healthy, prosperous and safe Muslim population in the country in the first place.

Mookerjee was initially a strong opponent of the Partition of India, but following the communal riots of 1946-47, Mookerjee strongly disfavored Hindus continuing to live in a Muslim-dominated state and under a government controlled by the Muslim League.

Mookerjee supported the partition of Bengal in 1946 to



prevent the inclusion of its Hindumajority areas in a Muslim-dominated East Pakistan; he also opposed a failed bid for a united but independent Bengal made in 1947 by Sarat Bose, the brother of Subhas Chandra Bose and Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy, a Bengali Muslim politician.

He wanted the Hindu Mahasabha not to be restricted to Hindus alone or work as apolitical body for the service of masses.

#### **Post-Independence**

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru inducted him in the Interim Central Government as a Minister for Industry and Supply. Mookerjee was widely respected by many Indians and also by members of the Indian National Congress, and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of its chief leaders.

But on issue of the 1949 Delhi Pact with Pakistani Prime Minister Liagat Ali Khan, Mookerjee resigned from the Cabinet on April 6, 1950. Mookerjee was firmly against Nehru's invitation to the Pakistani PM, and their joint pact to establish minority commissions and guarantee minority rights in both countries. He wanted to hold Pakistan directly responsible for the terrible influx of millions of Hindu refugees from East Pakistan, who had left the state fearing religious suppression and violence aided by the state. Mookerjee considered Nehru's actions as appeasement, and was hailed as a hero by the people of West Bengal.

After consultation with Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar, leader of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Mookerjee founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (Indian People's Union) on October 21, 1951 at Delhi and became its first President.

The BJS criticized favoritism to

India's Muslims by the Nehru administration, and promoted free-market economics as opposed to the socialism in Nehru's economic and social policies. The BJS also favored a uniform civil code for both Hindus and Muslims, want to ban cow slaughter and end the special status of Muslim-majority Jammu and Kashmir. The BJS founded the Hindutva agenda which became the wider political expression of India's nationalism. In the 1952 general elections to the Parliament of India, Mookerjee and the BJS won 3 seats.

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## BJP sweep Gujarat by polls, wins all six seats previously held by Congress

By Swept all the six seats - two of Lok Sabha and four Assembly which were previously held by the Congress in the recently concluded by-election held in Gujarat on June 02, 2013. "BJP candidates have won in both the Lok Sabha seats of Banaskantha and Porbandar and four Assembly seats of Limbadi, Morva Hadaf, Dhoraji and Jetpur. All the six seats had earlier been held by Congress candidates.

Noteworthy, Shri Vithhal Radadia won from the Porbandar Lok Sabha seat with over 1,28,000 votes and the Sabarkantha Lok Sabha seat, which fell vacant after the death of Congress MP Mukesh Gadhvi was won by Shri Haribhai Chaudhary of BJP with the margin of more than 71,000 votes over his Congress rival Krishna Gadhvi, wife of Mukesh Gadhvi. BJP's Shri Jayesh Radadia won the Jetpur Assembly seat from Jagdish Pambhar of Congress. Shri Nimisha Suthar from BJP won the Morva Hadaf (ST) Assembly seat by defeating Congress candidate Bhupendrasinh Khant. The seat was held by Bhupendra Sinh's mother Savita Khant, who died during the counting of Assembly elections last December. Former state minister and BJP leader Shri Kiritsinh Rana won Limbadi seat by defeating Congress candidate Satish Patel and BJP candidate Shri Pravin Mankadia won the Dhoraji Assembly seat, which fell vacant after Vithhal Radadia left Congress to join BJP and resigned as an MLA. Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked the people of Gujarat and congratulated the Karyakartas and winning candidates of the BJP after the party swept the by polls in Gujarat winning all six seats that went to the polls on 2nd June 2013. Shri Modi said that the BJP's strong victory is an ultimatum to the Congress-led UPA Government at the Centre and a clear message of the people expressing their unhappiness with the state of affairs in New Delhi.