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**Bhrastachar Virodhi Mahasangram Rally
at Ramlila ground, Delhi**



Kamal Sandesh Parivar wishes its esteemed readers on the occasions of New Year, Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Bihu and Lohri.

Letters to the Editor....

Congress misleading the people

Dear Sir,

The Congress led UPA government at the centre has so much to hide and its misdeed is so evident from so many facts, cooked up responses without substance will not help hindering transparent investigations in so many scams. They are busy destroying evidences and cover up to save the face. Aam Aadmi and India has been looted to the hoot. The BJP led NDA's opposition needs to be more aggressive in the interest of the nation.

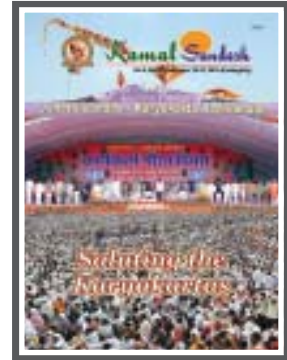
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Congress confesses corruption

Dear Sir,

Congress President Mrs. Sonia Gandhi's address to the Congress Parliamentary Party (Asian Age December 14) remains unconvincing as far as the corruption in 2G spectrum and other scams goes. Countering attacks that scams took place during non-Congress regimes too, does not exonerate Congress of the charge of having indulged in and promoted corruption. In fact, it amounts to a confession that Congress is corrupt, so are other parties. But that does not exonerate Congress of the charge of corruption. Great!

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Bhrastachar Virodhi Mahasangram : Act or Quit

India is facing a crisis due to the wrong policies of Congress led UPA government at the Centre. People are reeling under the severe impact of price rise and corruption. But the government is ignoring the problems facing the people. It has turned blind, deaf and insensitive to the concerns of the people.

Corruption is at its nadir under the UPA rule. Congress and its allies are neck deep in corruption. NDA acting Chairman Shri LK Advani has rightly said that the year 2010 is the year of scams. Scams after scams are coming to the fore. In IPL scam a Congress minister was found involved in trying to exercise his undue influence in favour of a party. India's image was got tarnished all over the world due to the loot, corruption, inefficiency and wrongdoings in Commonwealth Games. Congress was completely exposed in the Adarsh Housing Society scam in which flats meant for families of Kargil martyrs were appropriated by the Congress leaders. CAG report has unfolded a scam of about `1.76 lac crore in the 2G spectrum allotment. The amount is sufficient enough to feed every poor of the country for the next ten years.

The entire opposition is united on the issue of corruption. Opposition led by BJP, in addition to the left parties, RJD, AIADMK and SP was firm on the demand for JPC to probe 2G spectrum scam. But the government has so far resisted the demand even at the cost of allowing the entire winter session getting washed away. The Prime Minister is ready to appear before the PAC but not willing to face a JPC probe. Why? Why is he apprehensive of JPC probe? If the Prime Minister has no problem facing PAC why is he shying away from JPC? The reasons are beyond comprehension.

It is an irony that while the States are being swept by the wave of good governance and development oriented policies are being implemented there, corruption is taking its toll at the Centre. While BJP ruled States like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Jharkhand are shining in the floodlights of development with full peoples' participation, disturbing reports of loot and corruption are coming to the fore where UPA is ruling. This is because of the stark contrast between the philosophies and principles under which both parties function. While for BJP power is a means to serve the nation, for Congress to keep clinging to power at all costs remains the end in itself. Congress has nothing to do with building a strong and vibrant nation, its main aim is to loot the hard earned public money.

In the recently held 83rd Congress session, Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Shri Rahul Gandhi boasted of taking action against corruption. It is not only ludicrous but also shameful. Corruption is taking place right under the nose of the Congress president and she is merely engaging herself in issuing statements. In fact the Sonia-Manmohan led government has become dictatorial. In 1975, the then Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi had imposed emergency in the country but later people taught a lesson to the Congress under the leadership of Loknayak Jai Prakash Narayan. But Congress has not learnt any lesson. It is again showing signs of dictatorship. In such a situation the NDA should launch a movement against corruption, price rise and misgovernance in the country. The bugle has been sounded in Ramlila ground in Delhi with the launching of the "Bhrastachar Virodhi Mahasangram" with the slogan "Bharashtachariyon ko saza dilao - JPC se janch karao" (Punish the corrupt through JPC probe). This mahasangram will have to continue until the corrupt are given a model punishment. ■

Editorial...

Visit was aimed at promoting political level dialogue as well as people to people contact : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari on December 12, 2010 has visited Israel for six-day good-will visit. He was accompanied by a delegation of senior BJP leaders including BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ramlal, National General Secretary & former Rajasthan CM, Smt. Vasundhara Raje Scindia and BJP Kisan Morcha President, Shri Om Prakash Dhankar. Other members who were in the delegation included, Shri Satpal Malik, Shri Subhash Deshmukh & Shri Manvendra Singh (all ex-MPs) and BJP External Affairs Cell Co-Convener Shri Vijay Jolly.

The aim of the visit was to study joint Indo-Israel research and development projects of mutual interest in the field of agriculture, irrigation, water management, renewable energies, crop production, nanotechnology and biotechnology.

Speaking at a reception hosted in his honour by the Israel-India Friendship Association and the Marathi

Jewish Community in Israel, Shri Gadkari said his goodwill visit was aimed at promoting political level dialogue as well as people to people contact between the two countries.

He said the friendly relations between India and Israel have

appreciated the ongoing collaborative research in various agro-tech industries and expressed his keen desire to extend it to the NDA ruled states of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Karnataka and Uttarakhand. So far the joint ventures have been set up in Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

While meeting with Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Dan Meridor MK, Shri Gadkari conveyed his sympathies for the bereaved families whose member lost lives in the devastating fire in northern Israel in last week.



Shri Nitin Gadkari presenting Ganesh Idol to Deputy Prime Minister of Israel Mr Dan Meridor

been making steady progress and the two countries have expanded the areas of mutual cooperation in various fields including the high technology.

During the visit the BJP President visited some joint venture research and development projects in homeland security, agriculture, water management and irrigation. Shri Gadkari



Ms Anat Bernstein Reich, Chairperson India Israel Freindship Association welcoming Shri Nitin Gadkari

Mr. Meridor thanked the BJP President for his sympathies and said, "I know you brought the rain with you. I wish you had arrived here a week ago, perhaps there would have been no damage." The Israeli Deputy

Minister for Environment altered India's position at Cancun : Jaitley

In relation to reporting, analysis and verification of domestically supported adaptation and mitigation steps taken by India, the Minister for Environment, Shri Jairam Ramesh, has already altered India's position. The Bharatiya Janata Party on December 3, 2010 had made a detailed comment on the subject.

On December 9 at Cancun the Minister altered India's position in relation to accepting internationally legally binding emission reduction targets. India's conventional position has been that those who pollute must pay and remedy the environment. However, India as a responsible State can take voluntary cuts but not those on the basis of internationally legally binding emission reduction targets. When this issue was raised in the year 2009 the Minister on 29.9.2009 wrote to me and some other MPs clearly stating thus – "India cannot and will not take on internationally legally-binding emission reduction targets because: The UNFCCC does not require developing countries to take on any emission reduction commitments

The primary responsibility to reduce GHG emissions, as noted in the UNFCCC, is of the developed countries given their largest share of historical and current global emissions.

Our national GHG emissions are still very low, especially when considered on



Press Statement on December 10, 2010 by Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha on shift in stand of Minister of Environment Shri Jairam Ramesh

a per capita basis, and will naturally grow as we continue to develop. Poverty eradication and social and economic development are our first and overriding priorities."

Thereafter on 7.12.2009 when the issue was raised by me and some other colleagues in the Rajya Sabha, the Minister categorically stated thus –

"The first non negotiable is that we will under no circumstances accept a legally binding emission reduction cut.

The Minister made a speech at Cancun on December 8, 2010 the printed text of which is available on the internet. The prepared text stated the official position of India which made no reference to acceptance of internationally legally binding cuts. However, while reading

that speech the Minister deviated from the text and said –

"All countries must take on a binding commitment under an appropriate legal form".

The Minister claims that he is working under a Cabinet mandate. He now chooses to play with words and has been quoted by the Press Trust of India as saying – "All I said was that all countries must take binding commitments in appropriate legal form. It does not mean that India is taking on legally binding commitment at this stage; that is our position".

This obvious contradiction is incomprehensible. Either the Minister feels that he is too clever by halves or that the Nation is incapable of comprehending his volte face. The stand that the Minister has taken is contrary to the parliamentary mandate. It is contrary to India's position over the last several years. His 'flexibility' has compromised India's interest. He has broken alliances which were formed after years of hard work. The Chinese representative still remained confined to voluntary adaptations and mitigation actions and not legally binding cuts. The Government of India must explain why this 'crawl' is being undertaken in the matter under the garb of flexibility. The Bharatiya Janata Party strongly condemns this altered position taken by the Minister on behalf of the Government of India at Cancun. This stand does not represent India's aspirations.

Nationwide BJP protest against petrol price hike

From Our Correspondents

Govt. must withdraw price hike : Ananth Kumar

The Delhi Pradesh Yuva Morcha organised a protest march at Jantar Mantar on December 15, 2010 against the rise in the prices of petroleum products announced by Congress led UPA Government for the sixth time.

Addressing thousands of participants and supporters present in the march BJP National General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar said that the 6th time increase in petroleum products announced by the Central Government is anti-people and BJP opposes this increase. Shri Kumar said the Central Government is full of corrupt persons and has nothing to do with the problems



BJYM protests against petrol price hike in New Delhi

facing the common man.

Warning the Congress led UPA Government he said it should withdraw the increase immediately

Petrol price hike totally unjustified and anti-people : Javadekar

The sixth dose of petrol price hike is totally unjustified and anti-people. The next dose of diesel price hike from 22nd Dec. will result into building up inflationary pressure and will have cascading effect on general price line. The Govt. increased petrol prices by Rs. 3.88 on 26th June, 2010 when it deregulated petrol price mechanism. Since then Govt. has increased petrol price by Rs. 8.41 in the span of 6 months, which accounts for 18%.

The Govt. is citing rise in crude prices in the international market as the reason for this hike, which is totally unjustified. First, Govt. raised the prices, when the international market soared to \$140 per barrel. Now, it is \$100 per barrel. Govt. reduced only Rs. 1 per litre, when prices tumbled to \$80 per barrel. But has raised by Rs. 8, when the prices are at \$100. Second, in India the imported petrol cost is around Rs. 26 but Govt. levies amount to Rs. 30 per litre. This is the highest taxation in the world. Third, the phenomenon of under recoveries is notional as all the oil companies are making profits. Fourth, at this stage of economy petrol and diesel is not luxury but necessity.

BJP demands immediate withdrawal of price hike.

This hike was tailored on the presumption that the inflation is down but this is not the real reflection as far as the food prices in the market are concerned. The Govt. from August 2010 has changed the whole basis of calculating Wholesale Price Index (WPI). It has changed its base year from 93-94 to 2004. It has increased the basket of 435 items to 676 items. Due to these changes the weightage of food articles has gone down from 15.4% to 14.3%. And more surprisingly, the food grains (Rice, Wheat, Jowar and Bajra) per se account for only 0.4% in the new series. People are actually experiencing higher prices in the market than what is declared in the WPI.

157 countries are using CPI (Consumer Price Index) as the correct index of inflation.

BJP demands that Government should immediately switch over to CPI regime. ■



Press statement issued by BJP National Spokesperson Shri Prakash Javadekar MP on price hike in petrol on December 15, 2010

or get ready to face strong protest by the people of the country.

The BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur MP also addressed the meeting. Accusing the Central Government he said that as and when Congress comes into power, prices start rising.

Shri Thakur said that the Congress Government is encouraging corruption and there is atmosphere of fear and starvation in the country and it has failed on all fronts.

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, BJP State President Shri Vijender Gupta, BJP Delhi State General Secretary Shri Ashish Sood, BJYM National General Secretary Shri Manoranjan Mishra, BJP National Secretary Sushri Dhvani Sharma and BJP Delhi Yuva Morcha State President Shri Nakul Bhardwaj also addressed the meeting.

During the march BJP National General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar and Shri Anurag Thakur along with hundreds of *karyakartas* were arrested in Parliament Street Police Station after breaking the barricade. ■

Andhra Pradesh

Stop petrol price hike

Protesting against the increase in petrol price by almost Rs. 3 per litre, Bharatiya Janata Party activists on December 15, 2010 in the state capital Hyderabad staged a unique dharna at Narayanaguda Crossroads, with senior party

leaders towing a car with a rope.

Former Union minister and senior BJP leader Shri Bandaru Dattatreya and Shri B Lakshman attempted to tow a car with a rope, shouting slogans intermittently when they paused to catch their breath. Shri Dattatreya



alleged that the United Progressive Alliance government totally failed on all accounts. He said that the government had hiked the petrol prices 6 times so far, and increased the burden on common man.

The BJP activists, who were close behind the car being towed, also shouted slogans against the UPA government. They then took an effigy depicting the UPA government in a procession and burnt it at Narayanaguda Crossroads.

Senior leader Shri B Lakshman said with the hike in petrol prices, the prices of essential commodities and other goods would further increase and put an additional burden on poor and backward class people who were already reeling under spiralling prices. ■

Kerala

BJP's state-wide protest against fuel price hike

Karyakartas of BJP on December 17 blocked trains at all the major stations of the state as part of a State-wide train blockade called by the party in protest against the hike in fuel price in the country. The activists also staged a dharna in front of the Vadakara, Kozhikode and Koyilandy railway stations. Inaugurating the protest at the Vadakara railway station in the morning, BJP State General Secretary Shri M.P. Raja alleged that the United Progressive Alliance government was acting like a slave of the oil companies instead of controlling them. He said it was the responsibility of the Union government to strictly control the fuel price, without letting it affect the lives of the common man. BJP Yuva Morcha national committee member Shri V.K. Sajeewan alleged that the fuel price had gone up four times in six months of the UPA rule. "The Manmohan Singh government is waging a war against the common man by leaving them at the mercy of the oil companies," he said. The blockade at the Kozhikode railway station was inaugurated by BJP State General Secretary Shri K.P. Sreeshan. He said the Left Democratic Front government in the State had no moral right to criticise the Union government for allowing the oil companies to hike the fuel price frequently. ■

Jammu & Kashmir is and will be an integral part of India

Resolution passed in the meeting of BJP National Office Bearers on 23 December 2010 in Jammu

Sixty three years after Independence the culmination of historic blunders and monumental lapses of successive Congress Governments have resulted in the problems of the State of Jammu & Kashmir continuing to confront us. The periodic spurt of violence instigated from across the border and by the separatists results in a cycle of inconvenience and misery for the common man. The Nation today is faced with a challenge of how to resolve the repeated impasse that builds up in the State.

Jammu & Kashmir was and is an integral part of India. Its merger with India is complete and irrevocable. However, two serious challenges have confronted India in the context of the State. Firstly, Kashmir continues to be a part of unfinished agenda of Pakistan emanating from partition. Secondly, the Congress governments after Independence lacked the historic vision to visualize the problems that its policies were creating. India, in particular, continues to pay for the blunders of the Nehruvian vision on Jammu & Kashmir.

There were three monumental lapses committed by the Indian Government then headed by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. One, when millions of refugees came, from what is now Pakistan, into India, a suggestion was made to settle some of them in various parts of the country including the State of Jammu & Kashmir. This was not permitted. Two, our first Prime Minister

erroneously endorsed the demand for ascertaining the wishes of the people with regard to the accession of the State into India. This was not done in relation to any other State. This resulted in a demand for plebiscite and internationalization of the issue particularly before the United Nations. Three, without realizing the long term implications of the move our first Government agreed to constitutionalize a separate status for Jammu & Kashmir while still mentioning that this separate status would only be transient and temporary.

India has had to pay for this erroneous vision of Pt. Nehru's government for the past 63 years. As against this, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, in the three years that he lived after Independence, succeeded in integrating all the other States to give India its present geographical personality. The States integrated by the Sardar pose no challenge to India today. The only state for which Pt. Nehru took responsibility was Jammu & Kashmir. His errors cost India hugely.

Repeated internationalization of the issue, a faint hope of 'Azadi' instigation of cross-border terrorism, the efforts of the separatists to perpetuate violence and terror in the valley have all resulted in the complete failure of the separate status theory of Jammu & Kashmir. The 63 years journey of the separate status has not been towards fuller integration of the State but towards

separatism.

Today, we have different proponents of autonomy, self-rule and Azadi; all of whom want to weaken the constitutional and political relationship between India and the State. A weak and visionless Central Government is unable to understand the implications of this.

Till such time the Congress/UPA Government at the Centre realizes that this problem is created by this erroneous vision and unless an alternative vision is accepted, the problem of the State of Jammu & Kashmir will not be resolved. There is a clear cut choice between strengthening the political and constitutional relationship between the Centre and the State or weakening it further. The separatists want this relationship to be completely eliminated. Are we to fall in their trap? The demand for the repeal of AFSPA is intended to subvert the separatist purpose of giving an upper hand to the separatists and demoralizing the security forces.

The result of a separate status for State of Jammu & Kashmir has been that the Central Government has constitutional authority only with regard to defence of India, security of India, currency, foreign affairs and telecommunications. All other powers vest in the State Government. The Concurrent powers under the Indian Constitution are substantially with the State of Jammu & Kashmir. The residuary powers, which in relation

to other States vest in the Centre, are with the State of Jammu & Kashmir. As a result of constitutional changes which took place in 1953, the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the Election Commission of India was extended to the Jammu & Kashmir state. Subsequently, the power to deal with terrorism was transferred to the Centre. Today, there is constitutionally a relationship between the Centre and the States where substantial powers vest in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. There is absolutely no scope for transferring any of the existing powers in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. If at all, a parity needs to be brought eventually between the powers enjoyed by other States and the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Is it possible or even conceivable to transfer any of the powers relating to the security of the State, defence of India, currency, foreign affairs and telecommunications to the State? Is it possible in any way to dilute the jurisdiction of Supreme Court or the Election Commission of India in relation to its applicability to the State of Jammu & Kashmir? Is it possible to weaken the constitutional relationship between the Centre and the State and re-create the institution of the Prime Minister or the Sadar-e-Riyasat in the State? If such a man is? experimented it will spell disaster for the State. The faint and distant dream of 'Azadi' will appear to be a realizable reality.

Today, the situation in the Kashmir valley needs to be dispassionately analyzed. Article 370 has worked against the interests of the people of the State. It has created a psychological barrier between the State and the rest of India. It has prevented investments in the State. It has

prevented job creation in the State. It has prevented a natural integration of the State with India on account of transfer of human population. It has given hope to the separatists both outside and within that the political and constitutional relationship of the State with India could be terminated. It is our belief that Article 370 should be revoked.

Pakistan initially adopted the tactics of a conventional war to fulfill its design of disintegrating Kashmir from India. It succeeded in the initial years after Independence in snatching away a significant part of our territory. An environment was created for the exit of all religious minorities such as Kashmiri Pandits and Sikhs from the Valley. This was in the nature of ethnic cleansing. However, it subsequently realized that India's conventional military strength was much higher. It then attempted the cross border terrorism and a proxy war. However, over the last two decades India acquired a military and police strength to crush terror. Further, the world had lost its political appetite to enjoy the fruits of terror. The separatists then realized the futility of this move. In the last few years they adopted a methodology of mass protests and stone throwing. Their proponents claimed that they were peaceful but effectively this was an alternative form of violence. Violence is a key separatist strategy. In a peaceful Kashmir the separatist leaders lose their relevance. Violence by the separatists invite reactions. When police and security forces are attacked they defend themselves. There are casualties on both sides; peace and harmony are disturbed. The result is a curfew or a hartal. The common man's life is disturbed. He faces harassment. No one in Kashmir has realized what the political content of Azadi would be;

and yet at times harassment results in increased protests and anger. This superficially appears to enlarge the nature of the protests. What we need is a peaceful Kashmir - a Kashmir in which our citizens continue to prosper and enjoy the fruits of economic development in Indian nationalism. What they don't need is an environment of violence and terror. What they need is a complete negation of what the separatists want.

However, India needs an approach which is friendly to the citizens and unfriendly to the separatists. No concession should be made to the separatists. Any concession or signals strengthens them and increases their relevance to generate an environment of violence. We need to convince each citizen of India in the Kashmir valley that the separatists' strategy is the one which is causing inconvenience to the citizens of the State.

The present UPA Government at the Centre has completely run out of ideas on Kashmir. On each visit to the valley the Prime Minister announces some adhoc initiatives. He constituted five Working Groups during his visit in 2006. Even without meeting of some of the Working Groups, a unilateral report by the Chairman was produced supporting the demand of autonomy. On a subsequent visit the Prime Minister announced constitution of a Group which would help to generate jobs and rejuvenate the economy in the State. Little did he realize that he had already appointed the same Working Group headed by the same Chairman on his earlier visit. The Home Minister then announced an initiative of silent dialogue. Obviously, none took place. They then constituted three Interlocutors

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BJYM will start *Rashtriya Ekta Yatra* from Kolkata

Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha will start *Rashtriya Ekta Yatra* from Kolkata on 12th January, 2011 for the unity and integrity of the Nation. Passing through different states the *Yatra* will reach Srinagar where at Lal Chowk Shri Anurag Thakur will hoist the National Flag on 26th January 2011. Youth and BJYM *karyakartas* from different parts of the country will participate in the event.

In a press release the BJYM president said, Kashmir is passing through a phase of disturbances for last six months. Law and order machinery has collapsed in Kashmir. Separatist forces are trying to create disturbances in Kashmir at the behest of Pakistan. The chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir is questioning the accession of the State to India. The separatists are throwing challenges to the sovereignty of India moving around the country. Central government has appointed three interlocutors whose language and agenda are no different than that of the separatists.

Demands of BJYM:

- ▶ Kashmir problem should not be seen from communal angle. All political parties should rise above partisan politics considering it as a national problem.
- ▶ Government should shun soft approach and strongly convey the message to the separatists that everything will take place under constitution.
- ▶ Article 370 should be abrogated.
- ▶ Armed Force Special Power Act should be left untouched.
- ▶ Indian parliament had passed a unanimous resolution resolving to take back Pak occupied Kashmir. Government should initiate immediate steps to honour the resolution.
- ▶ Safe, secure and exploitation free life should be assured for the Kashmiri youths.
- ▶ The Kashmiri pandits forced to leave Kashmir should be honourably rehabilitated in Kashmir.
- ▶ We believe that entire Kashmir belongs to India and entire India belongs to Kashmiris. The anguish and pain of Kashmir is shared by the entire nation. Youth will have to march to attend to the call of *Maa Bharati*. Every Indian should realize his national duty to save Kashmir.

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Nation-wide Bhrashtachar Virodhi Mahasangram from 22nd December against corrupt Congress

As per the Press Release on December 18, BJP has appointed *Prabharis* in different states for the preparation of “*Bhrashtachar Virodhi Mahasangram*” being launched by them from 22nd December against Congress lead UPA Govt.

All prominent leaders of NDA will participate in “*Bhrashtachar Virodhi Mahasangram*” being launched by NDA in Delhi Ramlila Ground in December. BJP has appointed prominent leaders of the party as *prabharis* for all those states, where this agitation will be held in order to make this countrywide agitation against corruption more effective and result-oriented.

Senior leader and Vice-President, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi will take the responsibility of agitations/rallies to be held in Delhi, Lucknow and Hyderabad. Similarly, General Secretary, Shri Vijay Goel will look after Kolkata & Guwahati, General Secretary Shri Dharmendra Pradhan will handle Patna, Bhuvneshwar, General Secretary Shri J.P. Nadda will be given responsibility of Ludhiana, Ahmedabad, Shri Kirit Somaiya will be given charge of Jaipur, Mumbai and will also help Shri Naqvi in the agitation to be held in Delhi. Shri Bhupendra Yadav will hold the command of agitations/rallies to be held in Chennai.

Senior leader of the party and leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Smt. Sushma Swaraj will co-ordinate the agitation with other constituent parties of NDA whereas General Secretary, Shri Ananth Kumar will co-ordinate all the programmes on behalf of BJP.

NDA will organise rallies in Delhi, Mumbai, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Guwahati, Patna, Bhuvneshwar, Ludhiana, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Rohtak and Chennai under the “*Bhrashtachar Virodhi Mahasangram*” which is expected to run for the next two months.

Besides, a campaign to expose various cases of corruption and scams of Congress led UPA Government before the public will be launched at district, *tehsil* and village level in different states under this “*Bhrashtachar Virodhi Mahasangram*”. Senior leaders of BJP-NDA will participate in different programmes proposed to be organised in states.

My plan is to make Madhya Pradesh the top most state in the country : Shivraj Singh

Congratulations for completing five years as chief minister of Madhya Pradesh. When you look back how do you see these five years?

Thanks for the congratulations. I consider these five years being the golden years in the history of the development of Madhya Pradesh. In these years unprecedented achievements were made by the State in almost every sector. In the last two years Madhya Pradesh has even surpassed the national average in terms of GDP rate.

Similarly, we have registered historical achievements in infrastructure sector creating a situation in which big industrialists and investors are keen to make investments in the State.

Most recently in the Global Investors' Summit organized in Khajuraho investors have signed MoUs to the tune of 2 lac 36 thousand crores investments expressing confidence in administration and potential of Madhya Pradesh.

The most important thing is that we have been able to create a passion for development in every section of the society. The people have enthusiastically shown their interest towards the campaign 'Aao Madhya Pradesh Banaye' (Come, let's build Madhya Pradesh) and imbibed its message very seriously showing that today every section of the society seeing his own development in the development of State is keen to actively participate in it.

What are the achievements which you consider important in your tenure?

The achievements cited above are important ones but I can say with satisfaction that we were able pay attention to social sector along with infrastructure



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has completed 5 years in office. Madhya Pradesh has emerged as a fast developing state in the country during his tenure. Kamal Sandesh spoke to him on his achievements and future plans. Excerpts :

and worked for the betterment of those sections which were hitherto neglected. Kotwar, handcart puller, tulavati, hammal, housemaids, labourers from unorganized sectors, farm labourers are included among them. We took effective steps in ensuring social security and dignified living conditions to the labourers in construction sector. Annapurna yojana has been implemented to make food grains available to the poor at subsidized rates.

I consider the successful efforts to make agriculture profitable and to get relief for the calamity hit farmers as important achievements. Our decision to give loans to the farmers at 3% interest rate is a step towards making agriculture a profitable vocation.

We paid special attention on women empowerment. The

programmes implemented to control infant and maternal mortality rates in Madhya Pradesh were highly successful. *Ladli Laxmi Yojana* started with the aim of changing mindset of the society on the birth of girl child has proved to be a milestone. It is such a unique project that many states have not only followed it but expressed desire to implement it. Considering the financial difficulties faced by poor families in getting their daughters married, I have started *Kanyadan yojana* which has proved to be very helpful to the poor families.

Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country which has implemented 50% reservation for women in *panchayats* and local body elections. We have reserved 50% posts of teachers, 30% posts in government services and 10% posts in police forces for women. Our plans to encourage girl child education have been very successful. The morale of women has improved due to these

efforts and our socio-economic condition is also experiencing positive change. I feel satisfied particularly for our achievements in social sectors.

It is now being said that Madhya Pradesh is speedily moving in the track of development and it can now no more be counted among *Bimaru Pradesh*. Other states in the country have also taken steps towards development. How the development model of Madhya Pradesh is different from other States?

You have correctly said that the speed with which Madhya Pradesh is now moving on the path of development it may no more be counted among *Bimaru* states. It is true that other states in the country are also moving towards development but the development which is taking place in Madhya Pradesh is significant. There are many reasons. Madhya Pradesh has been trailing in terms of development since the early years of its formation due to various reasons. In 1956 after the reorganization of states on linguistic lines, the areas which were left behind got constituted as Madhya Pradesh. The people of different regions found themselves culturally nearer to the contiguous States and therefore a sense of *Apna Pradesh* was missing among some sections of the people. All the chief ministers who assumed the office and the governments that were formed worked hard as per their capacity for the betterment of the State but none paid attention to the works for cultural and emotional integration of the State. I feel satisfied that I made efforts in this direction and got success.

As far as the developmental model of Madhya Pradesh is concerned, it is an inclusive model of development which is for the development of everyone with the active participation and support of every citizen. It is the demand of today.

How do you see the Centre-State relationship in five years of your tenure? How do you feel the relation may be strengthened and improved?

My experience has not been good in the last five years so far Centre-State relation is concerned. In our federal system it is expected of the central government that it treats all the states equally and keeps development above partisan politics. It may be seen in the issues related to either allocations of coal or allocation of food grains, fertilizers, Indira Awas, Prime Minister Rural Road Development project or the maintenance

of National Highways. I have experienced that the central government is discriminating with the State on political basis. I have even agitated openly on the issue of blatant discrimination on the issue of coal allocation. There are many other issues on which the approach of central government is not impartial. I believe that in democracy one should not only be impartial but also appear to be so. This relation may only be strengthened when the central government rises above politics on the issue of development.

Are you fully satisfied with your last five years of work? What are your plans for the future?

Those who want to work for public welfare in public life are never satisfied and they should never be satisfied. The same principle also applies to me. For me even sky is not the limit. In my plans for future the foremost is to make Madhya Pradesh the topmost state in the country in terms of development. In addition to this I will give priority to make agriculture more profitable, to make rapid employment oriented industrial progress without causing any damage to environment, to scientifically use the unlimited natural resources of the state for the holistic progress and to give positive direction to the energy of the youth. My priority is also to give good health and education facility to those living in distant areas and to create an environment in which the involvement of everyone in planning and implementation of the policies for people of every section is assured. I'll pay special attention to make Madhya Pradesh a power surplus state by 2013. We have also implemented an ambitious project of ' 5,000 crore for feeder separation so that people in rural areas can get 24 hour electricity. Once it is implemented the power cut in rural areas will become a thing of the past.

The plan to make Madhya Pradesh a model State in terms of trained human resource is one of my ambition projects. For this we have conceptualized a *Kaushal Vikas Karyakrama* and started implementing it. A well organized network of Industrial Training Institutes will be developed in the entire State. We have plans to establish Industrial Development centres on the cluster of every 10 villages. We have also decided to increase seats in Industrial Training Institutes from 27,000 to one lac. It will surely help Madhya Pradesh emerge as a model state in trained human resources. ■

2010 a year of scams : LK Advani

Either constitute JPC or quit : NDA



National Democratic Alliance has demanded that if the Prime Minister is unable to constitute a JPC to probe the 2G spectrum scam then he should better step down on moral grounds.

The leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party, Janata Dal (United), Shiv Sena and Shiromani Akali Dal addressed a massive *Bhrastachar Virodhi Mahasangram* rally on 22nd December 2010 in Ramlila ground in Delhi. A large number of people including women and youth participated in the massive gathering. The anguish on the face of the people was quiet evident, they were protesting against corruption and uncontrolled price rise. The air renting slogans were raised amid lots of people protesting in their own unique styles wearing garlands of onions, vegetables and other attires depicting the strong mood prevailing among the participants. 'Baimano ko saza dilao - JPC se jaanch karao' (punish the corrupt, probe them through JPC) and 'Ghotalon ki yeh sarkar - nahi

chalegi yeh sarkar' (the government of scams will not last) were the slogans raised by the participants. NDA Acting Chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani, NDA Convenor Shri Sharad Yadav, BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Arun Jaitley, former BJP Presidents Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Rajnath Singh, Shiv Sena leader Shri Anant Geethe, SAD leader Shri Ratan Singh Ajnala, Deputy Leader of BJP Parliamentary Party in Rajya Sabha Shri SS Ahluwalia, BJP National Vice President Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, BJP National General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra and other senior leaders were seated on the dais. National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal was also present.

NDA Acting Chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani said that year 1950 is celebrated as year of



The year of stinking scams

"The government not accepting the JPC is a big reason for this rally, and I once again appeal to him to accept the demand. Or else, 2010 would be remembered as "the year of stinking scams."

-L.K. Advani

Constitution, 1975 is remembered as the year of Emergency and the year 2010 will be remembered as year of scams. "The Prime Minister should accept the demand for JPC because he is the only person who has the power to do so", he said. He appealed to the Prime Minister to realize the power he has as Prime Minister of the country. He should have the courage to face JPC but unfortunately he waits for directives from 10 Janpath on every issue, he said.

He said that the prime Minister erred on only receiving the letter sent by A Raja without acting on it. This was the letter in which A Raja had indicated his plans of allocation of 2G Spectrum. Shri Advani also



informed the people of the plan to hold *Bhrastachar Virodhi Mahasangram* rallies to be held in different parts of the country to take the issue to the people's court.

NDA Convenor Shri Sharad Yadav said public money is being looted openly. He said that the *mahasangram* will continue until there is a remedy for corruption. Referring to the Prime Minister he said that the one

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- ◆ Loan bribery case
- ◆ 2G Spectrum scam
- ◆ Scam in Common
- ◆ Adarsh Housing s
- ◆ Rotten grain scand
- ◆ Rice import scand
- ◆ CVC appointment
- ◆ LIC appointment s
- ◆ IPL Kochi scandal
- ◆ Public distribution



Chor machaye shor

BJP president Nitin Gadkari said that while the money involved in the spectrum scam accounted for about three per cent of the GDP, the recent counter-allegations by the Congress leaders made at the party plenary amounted to *chor machaye shor* (the thief raising the alarm)."

-Nitin Gadkari



who is responsible for running the government in the country cannot absolve himself by saying that he is innocent. If there is a theft in a house the guard is removed. The demand for JPC is constitutional and it is not for the first time that such demand has been raised. JPC has been constituted on four earlier occasions also, he said. Why then this government is running away from JPC, he asked.

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said that the central government is a government of scams which is looting the public money. The groom in this government is A Raja and the agents in the Congress are the *baratis*. Congress is encouraging corruption in the country by not

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UPA allowing food grain to rot in godowns

"The UPA government do not care for the poor and the needy and ignored the Supreme Court's directive to distribute foodgrain to the poor free of cost instead of allowing it to rot in godowns."

-Sharad Yadav

accepting the demand of JPC, he said. He once again demanded JPC to probe 2G spectrum scam.

Referring to a question from a media person who queried as to what he will say on the resolve taken by Congress to fight corruption in its session, Shri Gadkari said the resolve can be better termed as '*chor machaye shor*'. Scams are taking place even today and that too in Congress ruled States. In the Adarsh



PM involved in the appointment of tainted CVC

"There were only three persons who were to select the candidate from a panel of names. Though I opposed the selection of the present CVC as he had a criminal case against him, the Prime Minister and the Home Minister went ahead with the decision, despite my written dissent." -Sushma Swaraj

Appoint JPC or quit

"You (the Prime Minister) should form the JPC, answer our questions and if you cannot answer our questions, step down from your post on moral grounds."

-Arun Jaitley



society scam 70% flats were allotted to the relatives of Congress leaders. These flats were meant for the families of Kargil martyrs. He said that the Congress should first try to clean its own house and then talk about corruption.

Giving a call to unseat corrupt UPA government Shri Gadkari said that the prime Minister and Smt. Sonia Gandhi should first give the names of all the Congress leaders involved in Adarsh society scam, 2G Spectrum scam and CWG scam. Thanking Shri Arun Jaitley and Smt. Sushma Swaraj for waging a struggle in the parliament he said we could not get relief in the parliament so we are now going to the people's court.

The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj said the the Opposition had demanded JPC to facilitate effective probe in the cases of corruption related to 2G scam but the Congress led UPA government resisted the demand to protect the system which breeds corruption. "Why are you afraid of JPC? If you're opposed to JPC then it is quite understandable that you have

many things to hide", she said posing question the Prime Minister.

Smt. Sushma Swaraj said that the Radia Tapes expose has exposed the real face of the four pillars of our democracy – legislature, executive, judiciary and media. "If they have nothing to hide then why are they opposed to JPC – Mr. Prime Minister why no JPC – Mrs. Sonia Gandhi why no JPC", she asked.

The Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley said that if the Prime Minister is not ready to constitute JPC then he should resign. Only JPC can probe the 2G spectrum scam and no other agency has the required mandate to do so, he said. Never before there was a situation when Prime Minister had to clarify that he had nothing to hide and he can appear before PAC but cannot face JPC, Shri Jaitley said. He also criticized the Prime Minister for appointing a tainted person as CVC.

Obliquely referring to Radia Tapes Shri Jaitley said that under Congress led UPA government portfolios to ministers are allocated by the corporate

houses and lobbyists. Had the opposition not raised the issue of 2G spectrum scam A Raja would not have quit, he said.

Lambasting the Prime Minister, Leader of the Shiv Sena Parliamentary Party Shri Anant Geethe said that his government wants to ignite sentiments in the name of 'Hindu Terror' and reap political dividend out of it.

SAD leader Ratan Singh Ajnala attacking the Congress said that it has looted the country so much that even Britishers and Mughals will feel ashamed. He said that the country was earlier looted by Mughals and Britishers and now this is being done by Congress.

The rally saw the people marching towards Ramlila ground from every nook and corner of the State. The ground was packed to capacity with overflow of participants and a large number of people had to take position on the adjoining roads to listen to the NDA leaders. The proceedings were conducted by Delhi State BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta. BJP National General Secretary Shri Vijay Goel gave vote of thanks. ■



CM has no moral right to stay in power any longer: BJP

From Our Correspondent

A two-day state executive meeting of Odisha BJP was held at the state party headquarters in Bhubaneswar on December 14 and 15. BJP made a 15-point demand note in its 3rd State executive meeting held under the chairmanship of BJP State President Shri Jual Oram. It passed a resolution to fight for the interest of the farmers and against all the illegalities of the State Government in the wake of Supreme Court and High Court directives on various issues.

The meeting on December 14 was inaugurated by former Union Minister and State BJP-in-charge Shri Santosh Gangwar. He said "I did not understand why the Odisha Chief Minister went ahead for acquiring lands for a private company like POSCO with no experience in the education sector. The Odisha Government has violated many laws including Forest Conservation Act, Environment Protection Act, Land Acquisition Act and Sri Jagannath Temple Act. The High Court verdict on Khandadhar Mines licence and Vedanta University land acquisition deal has proved it". He also demanded the Chief Minister's resignation in this context and said the common people of the state will

give a fitting reply to this government.

Addressing the gathering Shri Jual Oram demanded that the State Government should provide compensation of Rs. 20,000 per acre and waive all the loans of the farmers in the wake of heavy crop loss due to untimely rain occurred from December 6 to 9. Seeking loan waiver for untimely rain-hit farmers he also demanded Rs5 lakh compensation to each to the kins of farmers who allegedly committed suicide due to crop loss and loan burden and demanded a white paper on the situation arising out of the unseasonal rain.

He criticised the Chief Minister for allegedly showing undue favours to the Vedanta Group and said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had no moral right to stay in power any longer. The State President also called upon all the youth to take the State Government's anti-people issues to the common people and to open Naveen Patnaik's real face before them.

He said that while the Hon'ble High Court directed the State Government to restore acquired lands for Vedanta University to original owners; the State Government has remained silent. Similarly, the State Government's

inaction on Khandadhar Mining license issue is most unfortunate.

On the occasion BJP National General Secretary Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said while Congress-led UPA Government at the Centre has indulged in various scams like 2G spectrum scam, Adarsh Housing scam and Common Wealth Game funds fraud scam, the State Government is indulging in illegal selling of water, forest and land to private companies. The party would continue its protest against both the Central and State Government, he said.

He alleged that the Chief Minister has knowingly sold out Jagannath temple land to a private company in the name of setting up of a university. Shri Pradhan declared that BJP would not remain silent until the lands are restored to the original owners and the Chief Minister resigns over High Court verdict to this effect.

The party executive also demanded regulation on mushrooming of micro-finance institutions in the state.

The meeting was attended by all the state office bearers, State executive body members, district presidents, district general secretaries, state chiefs of all frontal organisations and senior leaders. ■



To hide its misdeeds Congress never wanted Parliament to function

By Ram Prasad Tripathy

The winter session of Parliament got completely washed out without the house transacting any substantial business due to the stand-off between the government and the BJP-led Opposition over demand of formation of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to go into the 2G spectrum scam. Parliament could function barely for a few hours during the 23 sittings, which began on November 9. The united Opposition forced adjournments as the UPA government failed to concede opposition demand. It is the primary responsibility of the ruling party to create conditions in which the parliament is made to function normally. The scam had cost the national exchequer a loss of Rs 1.76 lakh crore through illogical sale of 2G-telecom spectrum in 2008. The Congress government stubbornly rejected the demand for JPC maintaining that the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was adequately equipped to probe the irregularities. Having scuttled the Winter Session of Parliament through its sheer obstinacy, the Congress Party has mounted a campaign to mislead people into thinking that the BJP led opposition was responsible for the entire

Session ending in a fiasco, not the Congress led UPA.

As the entire nation watched with shock and disgust the charges of monumental corruption and massive scams committed by the Congress led UPA Government the least that was expected of the UPA government was to ensure a thorough investigation into all these scams if its hands were clean. However, what baffled the entire nation was the thick skin, blind eye and deaf ear that the Congress party exhibited towards corruption. Evidently Congress Party not only maintained an enigmatic silence on the demand for JPC raised by the entire opposition but instead charged the opposition of wasting precious time of the Parliament as if they were shouting over a non-issue. While some of its own allies backed the opposition demand for JPC the Congress Party pretended as if nothing significant has happened that warrants a JPC.

On top of this is the issue of appointment of a tainted former telecom secretary as CVC of the country and the corporate influence over the government exposed the true colours of the Congress Party and raised doubts on its sincerity for a thorough and impartial probe.

JPC as a tool of Parliamentary oversight has been resorted to on many occasions in the past and hence there was nothing illegitimate in the demand of the opposition parties. Yet, the Congress Party was so arrogant and obstinate that it went on to abuse the opposition parties of functioning like Maoist agents. Why is the Congress afraid of a JPC remains beyond comprehension. Does the Congress fear that it will open a Pandora Box of troubles for it if the demand was met?

Now it is common knowledge that the corruption-ridden and scam-tainted fragile UPA Government made Parliament helpless to perform its constitutional duties only to protect the guilty involved in the most gigantic loot of taxpayers' money in the nation's history. Over the last several decades, successive Congress Governments have scripted a saga not only of open pilferage of public money but also weakened institutions, subverted the democratic process and indulged in other forms of self-serving practices that have fundamentally damaged the moral fabric of the nation. The Bofors scam still rattles the psyche of every Indian. The Congress Government at the Centre went to the extent of

de-freezing the London bank account held by Italian wheeler-dealer Ottavio Quattrochchi, in which the Bofors kickbacks were believed to have been parked. Emboldened by getting away with digging the Bofors pay-off case grave, successive Congress regimes engaged themselves in mass scale corruption and tweaked the system to ensure that no action was taken against the culprits. The urea scandal, in which public money was siphoned off to pay dubious traders based in Turkey although no fertilizer ever reached India, has also not faded from public memory.

With massive scams worth lakhs of crores in the CWG, Adarsh Society and 2G spectrum allocation irregularities, if any one was answerable to the nation, it was the Congress Party only. Similarly, the Congress alone is responsible for the non-functioning of Parliament this time. The stubborn attitude of the Congress in not accepting the demand for JPC shows that Government has a lot to hide. The government had offered to attach a multi-disciplinary agency to support work of the public accounts committee (PAC) to break the logjam over a JPC probe but the opposition rejected it.

A sham probe

The Telecom minister had also constituted a one-man committee headed by a retired Supreme Court judge to look into alleged irregularities in the allocation of the 2G spectrum allocation processes and policies between 2001 and 2009 and submit a report within a month. But in contrast to that the One-Man panel immediately after its appointment said it would not question the former telecom minister A. Raja. "I cannot question the minister. It is not in my jurisdiction. I cannot question the officials

(involved in the 2G scam). I am not supposed to make any investigation". Justice Shivraj V Patil further said, "My mandate is limited to examining the internal (intra-departmental) procedures adopted by DoT during the period 2001- 09 for issue of telecom access service licences and allocation of spectrum to them during this period".

The Congress dispensation under the tutelage of an apparently honest Prime Minister has surpassed all benchmarks set by predecessor Congress Governments in the matter of corruption. Here question arises: if Dr. Manmohan Singh believes he and his Government have not done anything wrong, why is he getting into this PAC vs JPC debate? Why did the wise PM induct Mr. A Raja in UPA II in spite of lot of complaints and corruption in telecom ministry under Mr. Raja in UPA-I? Why the gentleman PM kept silent when Mr. Raja disregarded his advice on auction of 2G? Why CBI took more than one year to take substantive action on 2G? Why Dr. Manmohan Singh did not respond to the request for sanction of prosecution for more than one year? Why PJ Thomas was appointed as CVC despite a criminal case against him and despite a note of dissent submitted by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Smt. Sushma Swaraj? Was Manmohan Singh not aware of what was happening in his own cabinet under his nose? Congress Party has said opposition's act is criminal. Is allowing a scam of ₹ 1.76 lakh crore to happen under the sharp eye of our innocent prime minister a pious act that he calls raising questions on this scam as a criminal act? Allowing a scam of ₹ 70,000 crore in organizing the Commonwealth Games an act of crime or questioning it is a sin? The Congress and the PM owe an

explanation to the Nation.

The Congress seems to have remained adamant after knowing fully well that the opposition was demanding a JPC into the major scam only to expose some more faces in the Government and Party. The BJP led NDA and particularly the Leaders of Opposition both in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha clearly said the BJP wanted the Parliament to function because it wanted to debate other massive scams like the Commonwealth Games, the Adarsh Housing Society scandal, the disbursal of large sums to dubious companies by public financial institutions like LIC and PSU banks, the huge pilferage of funds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA). Not only scams, the BJP led NDA also wanted to raise burning issues of national concern such as the situation prevailing in Jammu & Kashmir. It would have questioned the Government on the bizarre remarks made by the so-called official interlocutors whose role remains undefined and the Nira Radia tapes. BJP would have also asked the Government to tell the country what it has done to implement the unanimous resolution seeking urgent steps to contain inflation and bring relief to the aam aadmi. The Congress Government has merrily ignored the letter and spirit of the resolution adopted in the Monsoon Session, while the common man continues to reel under galloping prices of essential commodities. So, to suggest that the BJP was not interested in the Houses functioning is a mockery of the truth and the Congress knows that very well.

Why did the Congress not agree to a JPC? The people of India have a right to know. But many believe that the UPA had two

concerns. First, it did not want the corruption issue to be examined minutely by parliamentarians. Second, it had become increasingly apparent that disgraced former Telecom Minister A Raja was not the sole beneficiary of the spectrum swindle. The money trail would have led to persons whom the Congress party was desperate to shield. BJP led NDA's stand has been vindicated at every step by pronouncements and observations made on this issue in the Supreme Court. The Government's attempt to prevent a Vigilance Commission probe into this has been snubbed by the apex court, which has questioned the appointment of PJ Thomas as Central Vigilance Commissioner. The fact of the matter is that the Congress-led UPA had a vested interest in not creating an environment conducive to the conduct of Parliament in a peaceful manner. Had it done, it would have felt more humbled, embarrassed and exposed. By refusing to constitute a JPC, Congress has only served its own political purpose at the cost of the nation.

A thick-skinned Congress Government has chosen to brazen out the mounting criticism of its shameless robbery of the public exchequer and the subsequent cover-up. Corruption has always been a permanent part of politics and government under Congress. And the recent exposes during the rule of UPA-II have revealed the extent of the spread of this disease. It almost seems like India is a patient terminally ill with the cancer of corruption. It has now spread everywhere, Commonwealth Games held in the name of Indian pride and sportsmen, Adarsh land scam in the name of Kargil war widows, 2G spectrum scam and powerful corporate lobbyists like Niira Radia who seem to be influencing things for the appointment of ministers and PSU chiefs. These are pathetic stories that show how every aspect of our system of government and pillars of democracy are compromised during the rule of Congress led UPA. ■

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I am inspired by Modi's "beautiful book": Kalam

From Our Correspondent

'Convenient Action: Gujarat's Response to Climate Change' a book, which details the steps taken in Gujarat to meet the challenge, written by Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi was released in Ahmedabad on December 21 by former President Shri A P J Abdul Kalam and TERI director-general Shri R K Pachauri.



Convenient Action: Gujarat's Response to Climate Change released

Speaking at the book release function Shri Kalam said the problem of climate change could not be

viewed in isolation and that India must immediately adopt long-term programmes like the Integrated Water Connections and Energy Independent Mission and focus on renewable sources of energy to achieve the goals in the next two decades.

Shri Kalam said he was "inspired" by Shri Modi's "beautiful book" and Gujarat's programme on linking rivers, which helped rejuvenate the Sabarmati river and solve many of health and other problems in Ahmedabad. Appreciating Gujarat's agricultural growth, which was three times higher than the national average, despite it being a drought-prone State —Shri Kalam said that the construction of a series of check-dams, village bunds and other water conservation methods had largely contributed to achieving the goal. He said Shri Modi is only the second political leader in the world, after former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore, who has written a book on climate change.

Stressing on the need for concept of "climate justice", Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi said future generations will have to pay for the actions of this generation. He said that Indian scriptures written thousands of years ago had mentioned possible climate change and had given solutions, but not many people had the intention to follow the same. He said his inspiration came from Mr. Gore's book 'An Inconvenient Truth', which highlighted the resistance that people usually develop for any inconveniences caused by the problems arising out of climate change.

In his speech Shri Pachauri recommended that climate change should become the centre of all developmental policies and actions and advised other States to follow the lead given by Gujarat in this direction. ■

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who started the dialogue through the media even though the response received from the valley was somewhat lukewarm. Today, Kashmir stands at a historic crossroads. Most people of the Kashmir valley want peace; they want progress. This will not be achieved by a weak central government which is willing to dilute India's sovereignty. Further it will be achieved by the BJP's approach of a full constitutional integration of the State of Jammu & Kashmir into India; a comfort and growth to the lives of the people and a complete negation of what the separatists want.

There are different regions in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. However, since Independence the State has been administered predominantly by the representatives of the Kashmir valley with a marginal participation of the people of Jammu and Ladakh. This has resulted in a feeling of discrimination in both Jammu and Ladakh regions. There is a growing need for decentralization of power and an equitable distribution of resources between the three regions. This discrimination is today evident in allocation of number of parliamentary and Assembly seats in the regions. In distribution of jobs in the Government and semi government organizations and even in matters of admissions to Government colleges including professional colleges this discrimination is evident. The delimitation of parliamentary and assembly constituencies is avoided essentially because of preventing an equality in power sharing. Refugees who came from west Pakistan and POK have still not been given the status of state subject. All this has led to a strong sense of discrimination in

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Jammu and Ladakh regions. The lack of development in these regions adds to this sense of discrimination. There is thus a growing need to set up constitutionally empowered provincial councils for these regions.

Kashmir continues to perpetuate as the longest surviving problem in Independent India. It needs a Nationalist vision and a determination to uphold India's sovereignty. The BJP categorically states that discrimination against Jammu and Ladakh must end. The environment of terror and the

violence in the valley must end. Circumstances must be created for the return of Kashmiri Pandits and Sikhs who have been compelled to leave the valley due to prosecution.

The separatists must be marginalized and not legitimized. The Government of India must work strictly under the parameters of the unanimous resolution of the Indian Parliament that POK is an integral part of India. The people of the State have suffered enough. Now is the time to provide comfort, peace and security to the residents of the State. ■

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Prime Minister assured Shri Gadkari that his government would be too glad to expand the scope of the Action Plan 2008-2010 to the other Indian states as well. Under the Action Plan, projects are being undertaken with the help of experts from CINADCO.

The Israeli Knesset (Parliament) on December 16 welcomed BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari when he arrived in the distinguished visitor's gallery along with the delegation.

The Speaker welcomed the BJP President Shri Gadkari and the delegation to the Israeli Knesset and he was joined by Treasury as well as the Opposition benches who applauded with thumping of desks. Later, the Israeli Deputy Prime Minister, Shri Dan Meridor MK, told Shri Gadkari that the rules of procedure prohibit applauding any visiting dignitary in the House. But members of the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) belonging to all political parties set aside the rules and greeted the BJP delegation with thumping of desks because of the strong friendly Indo-Israeli relations.

The Israeli Prime Minister Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu on December 18 reaffirmed his government's commitment to promote Indo-Israel cooperation in fighting terrorism in all its manifestations. Shri Netanyahu said that Israel shared India's security concerns and was cooperating with New Delhi in this regard. The Israeli Prime Minister spoke to Shri Gadkari over phone and thanked him for visiting Israel at the invitation of his government. The BJP President apprised Mr. Netanyahu of the research and development projects he had visited in the fields of homeland security, agro-tech industries, including fisheries, irrigation, water management etc. Shri Gadkari assured the Israeli Prime Minister that he would explore the opportunities for collaborative research and development and training in these areas in respective institutions of the two countries, particularly in the NDA ruled states. ■

RAJASTHAN

Congress Govt. failed comprehensively : Arun Chaturvedi

Rajasthan BJP President Shri Arun Chaturvedi on December 14 described the two years of Ashok Gehlot-led Congress Government as a failure “on all fronts”. Talking to media persons on completion of two years of Congress Government, the State BJP president said it could not fulfil even a single promise that its leaders had made during the Assembly elections.

Shri Chaturvedi said the Chief Minister, in his previous two budgets as Finance Minister had said he would provide Government jobs to 1 lakh youth, but not a single person had been employed. Now, he has again said at least 1.25 lakh youth would be given Government jobs in the next one year, but I am doubtful whether he would keep his promise,” he stated.

Shri Chaturvedi said that at present, there were about two lakh vacant posts in Government departments. On the financial front, he said State GDP had slipped to 2.51 per cent, whereas it was nearly 7 per cent during the BJP Government. The BJP Government during its term, presented a surplus budget, indicating good financial health. However, with the change of Government, budget deficit has reached nearly 5,000 crore, Shri Chaturvedi said.

The BJP President added that, during the BJP Government, Rajasthan stood third among States in providing good governance, whereas it had now slipped to 8th place during the past years.

Massive BJP victory in municipal polls

The ruling Congress, in less than six months, tasted another electoral defeat on December 18, 2010 in Rajasthan, when it lost municipal elections in Bharatpur and Bhilwara to BJP and



independents.

Out of eight municipal bodies, for which elections were held on December 13, the Congress was able to win the post of chairperson in only one, whereas the BJP won in three and BJP rebel independent candidates in four bodies.

In the by-elections for chairperson of Bhilwara Municipal body, the BJP retained the post when its candidate Shri Navin Baldwa was declared elected. In Bharatpur, the BJP has won the chairpersonship in Kaman, Kumher and Bayana, whereas Congress could win only in Nagar. In Deeg, Bhusawar, Weir and Nadbai, independents emerged victorious.

Commenting on the outcome, State BJP President Shri Arun Chaturvedi said the people had rejected the ruling Congress party again. In the elections to 126 municipal bodies in August last, the BJP won a majority of the bodies. “Today’s results have reconfirmed that political countdown of Congress party has started”, he said.

MADHAY PRADESH

BJP launches ‘Coal Satyagrah’

The Bharatiya Janata Party on December 14 launched a symbolic ‘Coal Satyagrah’ from Shahdol district against the alleged short supply of coal to Madhya Pradesh by the Congress led UPA Government at the Centre.

BJP State President Shri Prabhat Jha MP led thousands of party supporters and *Karyakartas* to stop trucks laden with coal at Dhanpuri. The trucks were taking coal from

Madhya Pradesh to other States. Addressing the party *karyakartas* on the occasion Shri Jha said, Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has also sought permission from the central leadership of the party to participate in the agitation in the interest of the seven crore people of the State.

He further said if the Central Government



continues to overlook the interest of the State, the central leadership of the BJP would be forced to permit the Chief Minister to go on hunger strike.

He said the people of the State elected and sent the Union Ministers from the State to Delhi for advocating the cause of the State, but they are out to punish the seven crore people of the State.

Shri Prabhat Jha who staged a sit-in protest, threatened to hold protests in the entire State if the Central Government did not give adequate quota of coal to the State. Later, Shri Prabhat Jha, along with other party *Karyakartas* courted arrested and were released afterwards.

UTTAR PRADESH

BJP launches Gaon Chalo Abhiyan

The BJP on December 15, 2010 launched *Gaon Chalo Abhiyan*, in which senior party leaders led the campaign across the state, highlighting the misgovernance of the State and Central governments. Launching a public awareness campaign against corruption and highlighting the achievements of the BJP-ruled States are the other objectives of this campaign.



Former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh led the campaign in Meerut, BJP State President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi in Pyali village in Gautambudh Nagar, National Vice-President Shri Kalraj Mishra in Chauri Chaura in Gorakhpur and National General Secretary Shri Narendra Tomar in Ghaziabad.

The BJP campaign has received huge response from people who voluntarily marched with the leaders and raised slogans against the anti people

BSP Government and anti-poor Congress.

Addressing the *karyakartas* in Meerut Shri Rajnath Singh said People are facing the brunt of the faulty policies of the two governments. The law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh has gone from bad to worse because of BSP Government giving patronage to criminals while due to Union Government's faulty economic policies the prices of essential commodities have touched the roof.

State President of the party Shri Surya Pratap Shahi has asked the Union Government to rescind its decision of petrol hike immediately. The increases in petrol prices have a cascading effect as it results in increase in prices of food grains and other essential commodities.

The State police used force against BJP workers in Bareilly when they were holding protest under the leadership of former state minister Shri Dharampal Singh.

As per the decision during this period BJP leaders will spent nights in the villages, hold *chaupals* and establish a one- to- one contact with the people by visiting their homes. The intent is to establish a direct connect with the *aam aadmi* in the rural areas of the state. The *Gaon Chalo Abhiyan* will cover the maximum number of the 57,909 gram panchayats in the state.

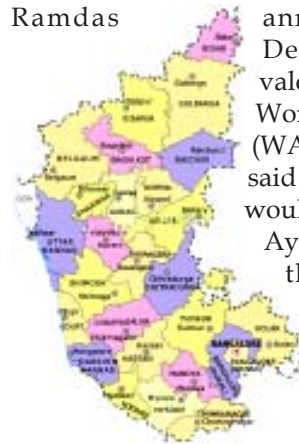
KARNATAKA

State to celebrate World Ayurveda Day

To popularize Ayurveda in the state, the BJP government in Karnataka has decided to celebrate one day every year as World Ayurveda Day. Medical Education Minister Shri S A Ramdas

announced this on December 14 at the valedictory function of 4th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo. He said preferably December 28 would be celebrated as World Ayurveda Day. On this day, the state government would hold a mega event on Ayurveda.

Shri Ramdas pointed out various announcements that



were made during WAC setting up an Ayurveda university, statewide promotion of medicinal plants, setting up a pharma SEZ and All India Institute of Ayush. He said the government would present a report on the progress of these works to the public and media in 100 days. He informed that the government would also form an Ayurveda policy and would get separate allocation in the next budget.

GUJARAT

Land to be acquired only with farmers' consent

In a bid to encourage farmers to part with their land for industrial development, the Gujarat government has formulated a new land acquisition policy to make them partners in the development. Announcing this, Minister for Industries Shri



Saurabh Patel

said the State-owned Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) henceforth would acquire land only with the "consent" of the concerned farmers, pay them at the prevailing market price, and give them a share in the higher price after the infrastructural development.

He said the market price of each piece of land would be decided not by the government or any middlemen but by the Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology University (CEPT). Besides getting the market price, farmers would also be paid later 10 per cent of the price secured from the industries allotted to the developed plot. One per cent holding of the developed plots would also be given back to the original land-owning farmer for the purpose of commercial activities or bought back by the GIDC at commercial rates.

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ASSAM

Govt. registering Bangladeshis for sake of its vote bank

Announcing BJP's decision to contest the 2011 Assam Assembly elections from all the 126 Assembly constituencies, BJP National General Secretary and State Prabhari Shri Vijay Goel in Guwahati on December 15 sharply criticized the Congress led State Government for allegedly allowing Bangladeshis to occupy Assam land and register themselves for the State voters list for the sake of its

vote bank. Addressing a press conference he said Bangladeshis who have changed the demographic profile of Assam, are now ready to become kings in the 2011 State Assembly elections.

Shri Goel said a BJP team would urge the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) to ensure holding of the next Assam Assembly elections on the basis of a constitutionally correct voters list including genuine indigenous people who are eligible to vote in elections.

He demanded disfranchising of all the illegal immigrants before the 2011 Assam Assembly polls, Assam's political leadership in the hands of the Assamese people and allotment of five *bighas of patta* land to every indigenous landless person in the State.

He expressed concern over the rise in the population of some districts in lower Assam bordering Bangladesh. "Assam's electorate growth trend of 2004-06 shows that illegal immigrants have infiltrated into every nook and corner of the State. Out of the 126 Assembly constituencies in Assam, 82 have recorded an annual increase of over 7 per cent in the number of electors between 2004 and 2006 as against the all-India annual voter increase of 1.67 per cent during the period from 1999 to 2004. Of the 82 constituencies, 18 have recorded over 10 per cent voter growth per annum, the highest being an unbelievable 22.5 per cent in Dhekiajuli constituency," he said.

DELHI

Sheila Govt. failed on all fronts : Vijender Gupta

With the Sheila Dikshit-led Congress Government in Delhi completing 12 years in office, the BJP on December 15, 2010 accused the Chief Minister of failing on all fronts. BJP Delhi President Shri Vijender Gupta raised 12 questions on several

issues claiming that the Government was indifferent towards the interests of the city.

He said later this month, the Delhi Government will complete 12 years in office. He said we want to tell people how the indifferent attitude of the Chief Minister towards the common people and the massive corruption during its rule, is affecting the progress of Delhi.

The BJP Pradesh President also criticised the Congress Governments in Delhi and Centre for their failure to curb price rise. While the Government has failed on all fronts as facilities on health, education, security for common people is decreasing, it is the price of necessary commodities which is on the rise, he said. He further added that in the last two years, the Government has raised fuel prices seven times which has spiraled the prices of essential commodities. You can compare this with the NDA's tenure. While the NDA managed to control the prices, the present Government has failed. It has no answer.



CHANDIGARH

BJP memo to Governor seeks booking of Mirwaiz

A delegation of the city BJP led by Bharatiya Janata Party Chandigarh unit President Shri Sanjay Tandon on December 14, 2010 submitted a memorandum to Punjab Governor and City Administrator Shivraj Patil seeking registration of a case against Mirwaiz Umar Farooq.

Interacting with media persons Shri Tandon said that on November

25, the Kashmiri separatist Mirwaiz Umar Farooq



visited Chandigarh to address a seminar organized by the Internationalist Democratic

Party. During his speech he made anti-national remarks and described Kashmir separate from our country challenging the unity, integrity and sovereignty of country. With his anti-national remarks he incited disaffection towards the Government of India.

The city BJP demanded that a case of sedition along with other offences be registered against the Mirwaiz, organizers and office bearers of Internationalist Democratic Party. The concerned officers, who gave the permission to hold such a programme in Chandigarh and allowed Mirwaiz to deliver speech inciting disaffection to the Government of India, should be penalised. ■

BJP pays condolences on demise of Surendra Mohan

Renowned socialist thinker and activist Shri Surendra Mohan passed away on December 17, 2010 after suffering a cardiac arrest in his sleep. BJP National President and other BJP leaders expressed deep sorrow on demise of the veteran socialist leader. Shri Gadkari said due to his sudden demise Indian politics lost a great socialist leader. He was a Gandhian thinker and popular social worker. He added he was main pillar of socialist movement. Shri Mohan was a member of the Rajya Sabha from 1978 to 1984. He played a key role in the country's politics in 1977 when the Janata Party coalition government was formed at the Centre, and in 1989. Shri, Mohan was 84. He is survived by his social activist wife Manju Mohan, a son and a daughter.

Important events of 2010

January

Jan 14 : *Maha Kumbh mela* after 12 years started in Haridwar on Makar Sankranti

Jan 20 : A deputation of BJP leaders and MPs presented a memorandum to the Prime Minister and asked to take immediate step to control soaring prices of essential commodities.

February

Feb 6 : A gang of 30-35 men attacked Hindu Temple((An ancient Sonargaon temple)and destroyed idols in Bangladesh's Narayanganj district.

Feb 9 : Shri Nitin Gadkari was elected BJP National President.

Feb 17 : Three-day(Feb 17-19) BJP National Council Meeting was held in Indore.

Feb 27 : Shri Nanaji Deshmukh, a renowned nationalist, karmayogi and sage, one of the leading lights of JP movement and coalition politics who later devoted himself to social work breathed his last on February 27 in the evening at Uttar Pradesh's Chitrakoot district.

March

Mar 20 : Former Prime Minister of Nepal Shri Girija Prasad passed away on March 20 in Kathmandu after a prolong illness.

Mar 25 : Bangladeshi writer Taslima Nasrin was roughed up by legislators of the Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM) and a mob led by them in the Press Club of Hyderabad on March 25.



Mar 29 : Hyderabad riot took place. With the help of international terrorists organisations, local outfits(MIM) unleashed systematic violence against Hindus with the larger design to change the demography of the old city.

April

April 21 : a massive crowd responded to the call of the BJP National President Shri Nitin Gandkari hailing from every part of the country thronged the Ramlila Maidan to show their ire against the Congress-led UPA government for unprecedented price rise.

May

May 06 : A trial court in Mumbai on May 06 sentenced Pakistani gunman Mohammed Ajmal Kasab to death on four counts - mass murder, criminal conspiracy, waging war against the nation and committing terror activities - in the 26/11 attack case.

May 9 : Tireless Voice-Relentless Journey' an ensemble of select speeches of Sri Venkaiah Naidu was released

May 15 : Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, a renowned nationalist stalwart, a former Vice-President of India, three-time Chief Minister of Rajasthan passed away.

May 20 : In Ram Janmabhumi disputed structure demolition case, the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court rejected a CBI petition to revive criminal conspiracy charges against the BJP leaders Shri L K Advani, Shri Murli Manohar Joshi



Major train accidents in 2010

2 January 2010: Three accidents involving five trains took place in Uttar Pradesh due to dense fog conditions, killing 15 people.

16 January 2010: Three people died and around a dozen were injured when two express trains – Kalindi Express and Shram Shakti Express – collided in thick fog in Uttar Pradesh.

May 28, 2010: Jyaneshwari Express derailed by Naxals killing at least 148 people.

19 July 2010: –Sainthia train collision occurred in Sainthia, West Bengal, India, when the Uttar Banga Express collided with the Vananchal Express. Casualties stand at 63 people dead and more than 165 people injured, with many still trapped in wreckage.

20 September 2010: 33 died and over 160 injured when speeding freight going towards Indore, Madhya Pradesh collided with Indore - Gwalior Intercity Express at Badarwas, Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.

and 19 others.

May 21 : UPA-II has completed its one year in office.

July

July 5 : Aam admi's anger and impulsive support against price rise brought India to a complete halt as the nation witnessed a historic bandh called by BJP-led NDA and supported by all major Opposition parties.

July 7 : Noted journalist and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Pracharak Shri Ramashankar Agnihotri (84) died at Raipur in Chhattisgarh.

July 28 : SC rapped Central Govt. for letting food grains rot.

July 29 : A high level BJP delegation submitted 10 crore signatures along with the memorandum to highlight the abject failure of UPA Government and the need for urgent action to ameliorate the sufferings of common people.

August

1st Aug : Chief Editor of Malayala Manorama K M Mathew passed away.

August 02 : BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated BJP Online Membership Gateway.

August 6 : More than 103 were killed and over 350 injured in flash floods triggered by a massive cloudburst that hit Leh town of Jammu and Kashmir's Ladakh washing away several buildings and houses of that region.

August 4 : The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad

(ABVP) swept the Delhi University Students Union (DUSU) polls winning three of the four seats.

September

Sep 11 : BJP formed a new coalition government in Jharkhand under the leadership of Shri Arjun Munda.

Sep 6 : Communal violence took place at Deganga in West Bengal. A number of Hindu areas, looted and ransacked many Hindu shops and Hindu temples, severely beaten up many Hindus, torched 4 public buses.

Sep 30 : Historic judgement delivered on Ramjanmabhoomi by the Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court sixty years after the matter first went into litigation.

Sep 30 : The Supreme Court criticised the government and said the Commonwealth Games project bred corruption. Declaring that it would not shut its eyes on the "rampant corruption".

October

Oct 12 : India elected to UN Security Council as non-permanent member.

Oct 27 : V K Shunglu was appointed head of the two member high-level probe committee to investigate into the financial irregularities in CWG.

November

Nov 1-12 : November Destruction unleashed by cyclone Jal in the three states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Nov 7 : United Sate President Barack Obama arrived New Delhi on his three-day visit.



Major scandals

Loan bribery case

Top officials of Indian banks, lenders and financial firms have been accused of taking bribes to grant corporate loans.

2G Spectrum scam (The Largest scam of India)

Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) exposed that the telecom ministry gave lucrative licences and spectrum at below-market prices, depriving the government of up to USD 39 billion in revenues.

Commonwealth Games Scam

The sporting extravaganza in October, which cost up to USD 6 billion, was dogged by several cases of alleged corruption, including the purchase of equipment and issuing contracts. The anti-corruption watchdog identified more than 16 projects with possible irregularities.

Adarsh Housing scam

Congress party politicians, bureaucrats and military officials have been accused of taking over land meant to build apartments for war widows.



Major Maoists attacks

Feb 15: At least 25 policemen die after Maoists overrun a security camp in West Bengal state.

April 6: Maoists killed 75 policemen in a jungle ambush in Chhattisgarh in the worst-ever Maoist massacre of security forces.

May 17: A Maoist landmine in Chhattisgarh tears the front off a bus, killing 24 civilians and 11 police personnel.

May 28: Maoists sabotaged a railway track in West Bengal, causing a packed express train to derail, killing at least 65 people.

June 29: At least 20 CRPF personnel killed in a Naxal ambush in Naraynpur district of Chhattisgarh.

Nov 9 : Maharastra Chief Minister Ashok Chavan *resigns over* the startling revelations of *scam* in Adarsh Housing Society

Nov 14 : Telecom minister A. Raja had to resign in the wake of allegations that he caused a loss of Rs.1.76 lakh crore to the exchequer while allocating 2G Spectrum two years ago.

Nov 15 : Jammu and Kashmir was removed from the United Nations(UN) list of unresolved disputes.

December

Dec.4 : The French president Nicolas Sarkozy came India with a delegation of 50 senior businessmen as well as top cabinet officials including Economy Minister Christine Lagarde.

Dec7 : Bomb blast occurred in Varanasi next to Dashashwamedh Ghat during 'Ganga aarti'.

Dec.13 : BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari left India for six-day goodwill visit to Israel.

Dec 15 : Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived India on three-day Visit.

Dec 20 : Russian President Dmitry Medvedev came to India on an official visit. ■

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Country wants to know why Afzal Guru has not been hanged: Sushma Swaraj

On the occasion of the ninth anniversary of Parliament attack, the BJP questioned the government that Country wants to know why terrorist Afzal Guru has not been hanged.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj raised the pitch and asked the UPA Government that the country wants to know why Guru has not been hanged despite the Supreme Court confirming his punishment but Home Minister P Chidambaram countered it by saying he had explained the exact status of the terrorist's case several times. She said the Supreme Court has pronounced punishment to those guilty of Parliament attack and the



second thing is that it has also confirmed their punishment, then why government is silent on it. Only paying tributes without giving punishment to the convicts, seems an observance of a ceremony. Smt. Swaraj said the government should act on giving punishment to the convicts so that not only the family members of the attack victims but the entire country can get relief. ■

Sushma Swaraj discusses key issues with Wen Jiabao

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj called on Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao before his departure from New Delhi on December 17 and raised several key issues that have become irritants in the bilateral ties.

She pointed out that while China always maintained that it remained "neutral" between India and Pakistan, the fact was that while India was a victim of terror, Pakistan was the perpetrator. In such a situation, the question of neutrality should not arise. Interacting with media persons BJP national spokesman Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said Smt. Swaraj also raised the issue of stapled visas China gives to Jammu and Kashmir residents and alleged Chinese incursions into Arunachal Pradesh. Both issues have been raised repeatedly by the party in and outside Parliament.

She also welcomed the prospect of more trade between the two countries, but highlighted the need for China to open up its market to Indian pharmaceutical products and software.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao asked Smt. Swaraj about Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's health, while recalling the former Prime Minister's visit to China as Prime Minister. ■ (FOC)