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Arjuna, you grieve over those who should not be grieved for and yet speak like the learned; wise men do not sorrow over the dead or the living.

- (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 11)

"BJP, with good governance and development on its agenda and nationalism as its philosophy, has the capacity to change the fate of the Nation". - Shri Nitin Gadkari

"There is no leadership in the Congress led UPA-II so there is policy paralysis in the Government." -Shri Arun Jaitley

"The Prime Minister should answer why currency of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal not depreciating against dollar and the Indian rupee is falling constantly. I see a conspiracy behind this." - Shri Narendra Modi

# Letter to the Editor

The real face of Congress

### **Dear Editor**

Congress is an undemocratic party filled with people with imperialist and anti national mindset. It has allowed *Jihad* to spread all over India and allowed Missionaries to convert around 90% of people of North-East, now every State is having a separatist movement supported by various foreign churches for Christian nations.

Congress allowed DMK to dredge the Ram Sethu attached with the faith of millions of Hindus and Congress Ministers like Ambika Sonia said that 'Shri Ram' was imaginary.

Congress allowed China and Pakistan to take away Aksai Chin, PoK and Azad Kashmir from India. Congress made Afzal Guru and Kasab our *Ghar Jamai*. Congress's PM couldn't sleep when a Muslim terror suspect was caught in Australia, but he has no problem when numerous blasts and terror incident killed thousands of Indians. After Iraq it is India where in *Jihad* terrorism more people died in the last 6years, even-then our PM said Muslims have first right to Indian resources.

It is this Congress which promised to eliminate poverty 'Garibi Hatao'. But during Congress rule 1,60000 farmers committed suicide. Under Congress rule inflation went to 15% and farm land was sold for pennies to big Industrialists.

But Congress has done something for the country:-That are 'Divide and rule', on the basis of Caste and Religion. Corruption, Conversion and Manipulation. This is the real face of Congress.

Shrikant Padhi, Mumbai





QUOTES





# Can media remain oblivious of its responsibilities?

t was 131 BC in Rome when the communication system began. Messages were used to be engraved on the stones placed in public places and people came out to read Lthem. A revolution took place in the world of communication and every news whether small or big began to spread all over the world within seconds now. Therefore the responsibility of the media which is known as fourth pillar of democracy cannot be said to be lesser in any manner than that of legislature, judiciary and executive. If all three pillars are accountable to the constitution then the media is accountable to the society at large. Having worked in this field for years I know the distinction between sensation and sensitivity. And it is not me who needs to understand this but the ones who have taken the responsibility of media on their own shoulders. The fact should not be distorted; rather it should be enabled to be more meaningful. Undoubtedly, the media should not be placed under the purview of government control but it should be definitely within the parameters of social control. Media cannot be placed above the society and the nation. If the nation and society thrive, then only the importance of media will remain. India is a cultural nation. Culture is its legacy. No one has the right to play with it.

Recently an incident took place in Muraina. It was the death of IPS Narendra Kumar. The grief which his family felt at the death of the young IPS offices, the nation was no less aggrieved by the incident. An IPS belongs to the nation, not to the family alone. Can the manner in which the TV channels and newspapers tried to rake up the issue on the day of Holi, the festival of colours without going into the details as to whether it was an accident or a murder and attempted to tarnish the image of BJP ruled Madhya Pradesh government be said to be justified? CBI report has come. It has been said clearly in the CBI report that neither any mining mafia nor a willful murder was behind the death of Narendra Kumar. It means that it was an accident. But the manner in which it was stirred up by the channels and the Shivraj government was targeted – can it now be set right?

Media builds the consciousness of the people. Media has come to acquire a position from where it can even affect the families. Can it now remain oblivious of its responsibilities in such a situation? The reality should be analysed on the basis of facts and close scrutiny. Media can create faith in the system and it can even shake the faith of the people in the system. But if the society has reposed so much of faith in the media, it should also think over its mode and method of functioning. But now the question arises whether the media will undertake such exercise?

We know that media played a leading role in bringing an end to the black night of emergency. There should never be any curfew or section 144 imposed on the pen, but should media become unrestrained? Should it interpret as per its own whims and fancies? Media has no right to distort the facts. Not one, but there are many examples when media had to eat humble pie. We neither wish to sermonize nor teach. But it is our social responsibility to keep making it aware of its responsibility and duty. For the sake of creating sensation on channels the emotions of society, institutions, family and nation should not be played with. Media is also comprised of human beings therefore it cannot be bereft of or bypass the emotions. We believe that every incident gives us a lesson. The incident which took place vis-à-vis Narendra Kumar and the approach of the media on it is a matter of grave concern.

# People come out openly against UPA to support *Bharat Bandh*

The nation observed Bharat Bandh against the anti-people, anti-poor policies of the Congress led UPA government on May 31. The call for Bharat Bandh was given by NDA which received tremendous support from across the country. The call was given against the steepest ever hike of the petrol prices which has hit very hard the common men fuelling inflationary pressure in the country. As many other national and regional parties, auto- taxi unions also supported the Bandh, major shops, commercial establishment remained closed and the movement of trains and commercial vehicles was disrupted. As the Bharat Bandh came into effect, the main opposition BJP along with its allies and other regional parties led major agitation across the country to protest what is the steepest ever hike in petrol prices in recent times. The call for Bandh evoked sharp response in Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, Rajasthan and other States. The people with one voice demanded a complete roll back of the increase in petrol prices with a message to the Congress party loud and clear "if you don't roll back the hike, we will roll you back".



### DELHI

Delhi Mahabandh called by the BJP to protest against price spiral, hike in the price of Petrol and CNG was a historic success. All the Traders Organizations, Retailers, Rehdi-Patri Walas, Auto-Taxi Organizations and the people of Delhi supported the Bandh happily. The roads remained deserted in view of the Bandh call. The people of Delhi preferred to remain indoors. As a result, there was Bandh in entire Delhi since the morning. Even the tea shop owners kept their shops closed so that the deaf and dumb, paralyzed Congress Government may know the acrimony of the people. Under the Leadership of Pradesh President Shri Vijender Gupta workers blocked the traffic completely at many places in Delhi. The workers also stopped Rail and Metro Rail. The police arrested Pradesh President along with thousands of workers. After being released from the custody, he also visited Chandni Chowk, Sadar Bazar, Connaught Place, Khan Market and other places and participated in the Chakka Jam and Bandh programmes with the workers. He took stock of the Bandh in entire Delhi and thanked the workers and traders for this unprecedented support to Bandh. He further said that if Congress Government does not roll back the increase the price of Petrol and CNG then the people will roll back the Government.

The activists stopped Rail at Mundaka Railway Crossing. In Chandni Chowk and Karol Bagh the activists stopped the running of Metro Rail. Among others BJP National General Secretary



(organisation) Shri Ramlal, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Ananth Kumar and Vijay Goel, BJP National Vice President Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, BJP national headquartes In-Charge Prof. Om Prakash Kohli, BJP National Secretaries Ms. Aarti Mehra and Ms. Vani Tripathi etc. blocked traffic at various places in Delhi and courted arrest.

### CHHATTISGARH

Normal life was thrown out of gear in the city and large parts of Chhattisgarh on May 31, as all modes of public transport remained off the road and shopkeepers downed their shutters in support of the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA)

call for shutdown to protest petrol price hike. The impact of the shutdown in Chhattisgarh was widespread as the protest call of the BJP, the ruling party in the State, was supported by 16 organizations, including the powerful Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries. This resulted in a total shutdown in the industrial belt of the capital city and many other cities and towns of the State.

Colleges and universities where examinations were going on remained open though the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP)and the Bharatiya Janata

Yuva Morcha (BJYM), the youth wing of the BJP, called for the shutdown. Only retail medicine shops were open as they were exempted by protestors from the shutdown.

### MADHYA PRADESH

Barring few incidents of violence, the day-long bandh call given by NDA and Left to protest steep hike in the prices of petrol was by and large peaceful. The ruling BJP in Madhya Pradesh described the bandh as "successful as people supported it because of huge hike in the prices of petrol".

Addressing a meeting at Bhawani Chowk, State BJP President Prabhat Jha said the common man is facing lot of problems because of Rs7.50 hike in the price of petrol. The bandh was successful in the entire state with all markets and business establishments remaining closed. Though essential services, educational institutions holding exams, government offices, banks and insurance companies offices were spared from the bandh, the traffic on the roads was negligible till 1500 hrs. The wheat procurement process too was spared from the bandh as today was the last date for procuring wheat on MSP.

Reports of effective bandh were received from Gwalior, Ujjain, Rewa, Shahdol, Sagar and Bhind cities which was by and large peaceful. In Indore, all markets were shut down and public transport was off roads in Malwa region, including Indore division

### GUJARAT

The nationwide bandh called by the NDA to protest the steep petrol price hike evoked strong response in Gujarat. Shops and commercial



establishments remained closed in Ahmedabad even as the State government suspended bus services in the city after buses were pelted with stones by the protesters. Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) workers also tried to block rail traffic. Autorickshaws also joined the shutdown as party workers took to streets to seek support for the bandh call.

### BIHAR

More than 2500 NDA activists, including JD(U) National President Shri Sharad Yadav and BJP National Spokesperson Syed Shahnawaz Hussain were detained on May 31<sup>st</sup>as they tried to enforce the 12-hour Bharat bandh which hit normal life badly in Bihar. Private bus operators suspended their services across the State as bandh supporters burnt tyres and logs on the State and national highways to enforce the bandh. Bandh supporters blocked railway tracks in Patna, Sitamarhi, Samastipur and Saharsa. They also blocked national highways at different places in



Aurangabad, Sitamarhi, Motihari, Muzaffarpur and Purnia. Yadav was taken into custody when he took out procession in Saharsa town to enforce the call while Hussain, was detained in Bhagalpur town.Talking to reporters, Shri Yadav demanded that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh resign immediately for "failure" of his government to



control the spiralling prices of petroleum products and essential commodities. Several other senior JD(U) and BJP leaders were also detained while trying to enforce the bandh call at different places in the state. Major shops, business establishments and schools remained closed in Patna, Saharsa, Motihari, Bettiah, Madhepura, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Sitamarhi and Madhubani districts. Vehicular traffic too plied in depleted numbers in these towns. Hundreds of vehicles were seen standing on the roads at different places in the state. Attendance at state government offices was partially affected because of inadequate transport. In the state capital, ruling BJP and JD(U) activists burnt tyres on the busy Bailey Road and Ashok Rajpath and tried to prevent movement of private vehicles on roads. Shops in major markets in Maurya Lok, Hathua Market, Khetan Market, besides several showrooms downed their shutters because of the bandh called to protest against the petrol price hike.

### GOA

Goa witnessed a near total and peaceful bandh on May 31 barring some incidents of stone-pelting on buses and blockades on some bridges as public transport among others coming to a grinding halt since morning.

A few buses of the State-owned Kadamba Transport Corporation were seen plying on roads intermittently along with emergency services like pharmacies being open, which were spared from the bandh call. Tourists taxis, private buses, and even autorickshaws were off roads. Hotels and restaurants were closed. The call was given by the NDA at the national-level against the increase in petrol price. Left political parties and trade unions had given a call for bandh to protest against the same as well as raising other issues like inflation affecting common man. The police claimed that the strike was largely peaceful sparing a few incidents of road blockages and pelting of stones reported in some parts of the State. Attendance in government and private offices was extremely poor.

Several banks, which had initially decided not to join the strike, had rolled down their shutters as they ran short of staff to function effectively.

### KARNATAKA

The bandh called by NDA to protest the steep hike in petrol prices in the State of According to reports the bandh evoked good response in several



districts. Public transport was hit and shops and business establishments remained shut in several parts of the state. Holiday was declared for schools and colleges on that day in view of the bandh. As a precaution, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) also suspended services in some districts such as Kolar, Ramangara, Chikkaballapur, Hubli-Dharwad and Hassan.

### **TAMIL NADU**

The effect of the Bandh was also seen in Tamil Nadu. The bandh called by NDA to protest the petrol price hike evoked a strong response in Tamil Nadu. No untoward incidents was reported in the State. BJP workers, including party's State unit President Pon Radhakrishnan, were detained in



the city and suburban Tambaram for attempting to block road and rail traffic respectively. In the city, BJP workers also burnt officies of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi.

### MAHARASHTRA

Large number of protestors, including leaders from the BJP, Shiv Sena and Republican Party of



India were detained by the police for protesting in public places. Most of the shops and commercial establishments, showrooms and hotels observed a shutdown. In Saurashtra there was total shutdown in Rajkot, Amreli and Bhavnagar district, while it met with a strong response in Jamnagar. Almost all the business organisations and associations extended their full support to the shutdown and remained closed. The petrol pumps and CNG stations too remained closed. The bandh largely remained peaceful.

### TRIPURA

Almost all shops and over 7,000 garment making units remained closed in Tirupura where over 300 political workers and people were arrested for attempting to block train. In Coimbatore, police foiled an attempt by nearly 100 BJP workers to stage a picketing at the railway station.

### **PROTESTS IN KOLKATA**

In Kolkata, BJP workers tried to block the road to the airport at Baguihati. They also burnt rubber tyres. The police finally dispersed the crowd and one person was arrested. Bandh supporters also blocked the Howrah bridge, which connects the metropolis to the Howrah district. Police arrested 38 people for trying to disrupt traffic by putting up road blockades in various areas of Kolkata and Howrah.

Protestors also blocked roads at Chapadali June 16-30, 2012 O 9 More in Barasat in the Bankura district, Budge Budge and some other places.

### MANIPUR

In support of the Bharat Bandh on 31st May, 2012 called by NDA all over the country, the State Unit of BJP organized bandh in Manipur. All the concerned citizens of the State supported the Bandh. BJP, Manipur Pradesh strongly condemned UPA, led by Congress, efforts to burden common people with latest Petrol price hike Rs. 7.52 per litre. The food price inflation is hovering in the region 17% to 20% and people are feeling the real pinch of overall price rise. Instead of providing the relief to the common man, the Govt. is bent upon taking the petroleum prices to the new heights which clearly is anti people policy.

### RAJASTHAN

Markets were closed in major cities of Rajasthan and private buses off the road as the bandh called by the NDA against petrol price hike began on May 31. With trade associations extending support to the bandh called by BJP, markets in major cities like Jaipur, Bikaner, Jodhpur were closed.

### **ODISHA**

Normal life in Odisha was affected on during the bandh called by by NDA. The shutdown was peaceful with security tight across the state Shops,



business establishments, schools, colleges, banks and offices remained closed throughout the State including the State capital and at Cuttack, Berhampur, Puri, Balasore, Sambalpur, Rourkela and Paradip. In the State capital, roads wore a deserted look as public transport virtually came to a grinding halt.



### **JAMMU & KASHMIR**

Shops and business establishments in Jammu also remained closed in support of Bharat bandh. The BJP, led by Rajya Sabha MP, J P Nadda,



and Avinash Rai Khanna took out a protest march in the city against the hike in fuel prices raising slogans against the Congress-led UPA

government.

Earlier, BJP State president Shamsher Singh Manhas carried out a protest rally in the city riding on a horse-cart. Manhas said if the fuel prices continued to increase like this, the day is not far when people will have to depend upon cycles and other traditional modes for conveyance. Nadda alleged that the Congress-led UPA was working in an anti-democratic fashion and had no respect for the institutions of this country.

"It is very sad that the Parliament is being insulted. The budget session of 2012 is sine-die on May 22 and on the evening of May 23, this anti democratic government led by UPA raises the prices of petrol, knowing that people are already reeling under the serious inflation," Shri Nadda pointed. The bandh also had its effect of the other districts of the region with BJP protestors burning the effigy of UPA government in Kathua, however, the traffic movement on the national highway remained unaffected.

# We'll continue our protest against the anti-people policies of the Congress : Gadkari

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari thanked the people for their support to the successful Bharat Bandh.

The BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari has thanked the people for their spontaneous and overwhelming response to the successful Bharat Bandh demanding a complete roll back of the unprecedented hike in petrol prices. The massive turn out of all segments of the society braving severe heat conditions and active participation of NDA and other non-Congress parties made it a COALITION OF PROTEST across the country.

The people with one voice have demanded a complete roll back of the increase in petrol prices with a message to the Congress party loud and clear "if you don't roll back the hike, we will roll you back".

Shri Gadkari has praised the relentless efforts of the party leaders and the BJP rank and file throughout the country in making the Bharat Bandh a grand success.

The BJP President has also thanked all the NDA partners and other non-Congress parties for resolutely demonstrating the power and strength of the COALITION OF PROTEST which will certainly go a long way in our collective Endeavour to throw this most ineffective and corrupt government out.

We will continue our protest against the anti-people policies of the Congress and expose the all round failure of this lame-duck government. The BJP is finalizing its further course of action-A JAN SANGHARSH ABHIYAN - details of which will be announced shortly, he said.



# BJP led NDA will return to power in 2014 : Nitin Gadkari

ddressing a huge gathering of Bharatiya Janata Party Karyakartas and masses after the completion of BJP National Executive meeting in Mumbai on May 25, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said, "That the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will return to power in 2014 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress led UPA Government has been admitted in the ICU. The BJP is the only answer to every problem, "he said.

Shri Gadkari said there are three mantras for success: Expand the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), increase the BJP's vote share by 10 per cent, and concentrate efforts on building a base among the poor, the minorities and Dalits.

Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley said, "There is no leadership in the Congress led UPA government so there is policy paralysis in the Government."

He said, "Every day, there is a new instance of corruption and the aam aadmi of the country will give fitting reply to the Congress party for it ".

<sup>#</sup>Addressing on the occasion Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi hit out at the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government at the centre and said the UPA had no *Neta* or *Niti* (leader or policy).

Shri Modi asked, "How long the nation can wait for this June 16-30, 2012 Q 11 From Our Correspondent

government to go. The need of hour that the entire nation should raise a united voice against this government and the people should tell the government it should not remain in power. The longer it remains in power; the nation will be ruined more severely". country at the UN. Is this also a compulsion of coalition?" Referring to government-Army Chief Gen. V K Singh standoff, he said, "The Prime Minister and the Defense Minister are of Congress. Still, the government is pitted against the Army. What compulsion is this?"



Comparing the government to the 'Darbar of Nirmal Baba', the Gujarat CM was critical of the proposed National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC). He also said, "The Prime Minister should answer why the rupee is falling constantly. I see a conspiracy behind this."

Taking a dig at the coalition trouble in UPA-II, Shri Modi quipped, "Sometimes, the Prime Minister says there are some compulsions of the coalition. I want to ask you Prime Minister, your Foreign Minister reads the speech of the leader of another Shri Modi also attacked Prime Minister Manmohan Singh accusing him of failing on the economic front to arrest the decline of Rupee vis-a-vis US Dollar. He also asked the Prime Minister, why currency of Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal not depreciating against dollar.

He said,"Madam Soniaji says, promises will not work, performance has to be there. This shows they have just promised, but not performed. From Indira Gandhi's Garibi bachao andolan to this day, they have just



promised us, but not performed!"

Shri Modi said in 20 point programme of fight against poverty, NDA states always stand in first five ranks. When I led their attention on this issue, they stopped declaring ratings instead of asking the Congress govts to improve their ranks.

He further said the PM has showed achievement in his report card that earlier our agri growth rate was 2.25 and now it is 3.25, therefore there is 1% increase. What kind of report card he is presenting? Our Gujarat has achieved 11% agri growth consistently for last 10 years, and our PM says it is his achievement that he lifted growth rate to 3.25% from 2.25%. The nation will sink and people will stay hungry if agri growth rate increases on this rate. Some states are working and satisfying country's need.

This Nirmal Baba govt says they would generate 50,000 MW power, and in this report card they say they have generated 30,000 MW. I want to ask the PM that if such power generation has happened, which states are credited for that. It is the hard work of the states.

On one side, in this nation, there's hunger for power, but due to lack of policy, due to corruption in coal sector, nation's power stations don't get coal and therefore only 60% capacity is functional and 40% power generating capacity is on halt, he said.

The Gujarat CM said, "I asked the PM in NCTC meeting that from where these Naxals, these terrorists get weapons when borders are controlled by the centre? I asked him another June 16-30, 2012 O 12

question that when terror money arrives through Havala in our nation, why it is not being stopped? I asked third question that terrorists enter into this country as intruders, when Navy, BSF etc are under your control, why they enter? I asked another question to the PM, the government of India can keep watch on communication, why the centre can't focus on that? I asked another question that till this date, not a single terrorist has been brought from the foreign nation, why? The Delhi sultanate had no answer to these questions. There's need to have determination for zero tolerance against terrorism. And these people in power in centre can't do that".

Apart from them former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh and other senior leaders of the party addressed the gathering.

## Shimla Municipal Corporation elections A historic dethronement of Congress, BJP is the gainer From Our Correspondent

In the May 2012 elections the Congress suffered the worstever defeat losing control of the prestigious State capital city Shimla Municipal Corporation which it had been ruling since 1987 when direct elections to the municipal body were ordered to be held for the first time on orders of the Himachal High Court. In elections to the post of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Congress faced the worst humiliation when its candidates were relegated to the third position.

While BJP enhanced its membership by 50 percent winning 12 seats, one seat less than the absolute majority, against 8 won last time, Congress had to feel content with just 10 seats against 16 it won last time. Communist Party of India (Marxist) won three seats, increasing its tally by one seat.

For the post of Mayor and Deputy Mayor direct elections to which were held for the first time, CPI (M) romped home winning both the posts. For Mayor CPI (M) received 42.85 percent votes, BJP 27.46 and Congress 25.98. For Deputy Mayor CPI (M) cornered 40.91 percent votes, BJP 31.69 and Congress 25.49.

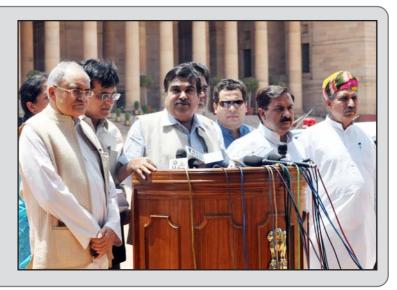
With elections to Himachal Pradesh assembly less than six months away, this stunning Congress defeat has lowered the morale of Congress and the leaders have started blaming each other for the debacle.

Congress sliding the downhill is an ominous sign for BJP. This has infused greater sense of confidence and enthusiasm in the party cadre. "It's a clear rejection of the Congress", Himachal Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal has remarked.



# BJP demands Gujarat Governor's removal

The BJP has demanded removal of Gujarat Governor Smt. Kamla Beniwal alleging that she had grabbed land agricultural in Rajasthan. A delegation led by BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari met Hon'ble President Smt. Pratibha Patil on May 30 and submitted documents to her, drawing her attention to an order of the office of Cooperative Registrar, Jaipur issued on 2 May.



### Mahamahim Rashtrapati ji,

We wish to draw your kind attention to the Order of the Office of Cooperative Registrar, Jaipur, Rajasthan, dated 02.05.2012.

The order has exposed some highly influential persons who grabbed Rs.1000 Crore worth of Government land in Rajasthan through fraudulent means. Unfortunately, those named in the order include the Gujarat governor Dr. Kamla Beniwal.

The matter was raised in both houses of parliament during the just concluded budget session. Its seriousness has been highlighted by the media as well. People are expecting a satisfactory response from Dr. Kamla Beniwal. But she is maintaining a studied silence. The Rajasthan government, too, is refusing to take any serious cognizance of scandal.

In the light of the serious strictures passed by the office of Cooperative Registrar, Jaipur, against the society and its members, including Dr. Kamla Beniwal, her continuing as the governor of Gujarat has become untenable. Constitutional propriety also demands that she must relinquish the high office of governor forthwith.

Dr. Kamla Beniwal enjoys the pleasure of the President of India in holding the office of the governor of Gujarat. The Bharatiya Janata Party, therefore, seeks your personal intervention with an appeal to withdraw your pleasure and direct Dr. Kamla Beniwal to step down as Gujarat Governor pending thorough investigations into the entire land grab scandal.

The Rajasthan government may also be asked to explain why no action was taken in, calling for action against the Society/its members.

The Registrar in his order said "the claim of doing 16 hours farm labour work (by the society members, including Dr. Kamla Beniwal) for last 58 years is a blatant lie".

It is quite clear from the order that the present Gujarat Governor illegally became a member of the Executive Committee of the Society and indulged in malpractices.

To substantiate our case for immediate action against Dr. Kamla Beniwal we enclose herewith the following:



- 1. Registrar's Order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2012
- 2. Various resolutions & minutes of Kisan Samuhik Krishi Sahakari Samiti, Jaipur.
- 3. Recent factual/Status report of Rajasthan Government
- 4. Resolution of Kisan Samuhik Krishi Sahakari Samiti, Jaipur of 2011 claiming 16 hours farm labour work for 58 years by all the members of the Society including Smt. Beniwal.
- 5. Other documents.

We earnestly hope that Mahamahim will give favourable consideration to our appeal.

Yours sincerely, (Nitin Gadkari) President

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# Stable Nepal will ensure a peaceful co-existence of both countries

Statement issued on May 27 by Former BJP President Shri Rajnath Singh on constitutional crisis in Nepal

he Bharatiya Janata Party expresses its grave . concern over the recent developments in Nepal as the Constituent Assembly's term is going to end in few hours time. Major political parties and their leaders in Nepal have not been able to form any consensus on major issues despite repeated assurances that they would deliver a fully democratic constitution to meet the people's aspiration. Failure to honour such promises would be a serious setback to Nepal's quest for Peace, Democracy, Political and Economic stability prosperity.

We in the BJP are more concerned today because India is not only a neighbouring country to Nepal but also shares a deep cultural affinity with it. A stable Nepal will ensure a peaceful co-existence of both the countries. Certain external forces with vested interests in their minds are active in the region to destabilize any peaceful political process in Nepal. The BJP appeals to the Nepalese people not to let their society and the country be divided on caste and ethnic lines as it has all along a glorious past that practised cultural, religious and ethnic harmony.

What is even more disturbing that ruling coalition government has warned that it would launch a movement against the recent Supreme Court verdict which annulled the government decision to extend the tenure of the Constituent Assembly beyond May 28 by three months. While the BJP has no intention to interfere in Nepal's internal politics but we want to share our concerns which arise out of Nepal's current constitutional crisis.

Constitution making



requires adherence to some basic values and respecting the independence of judiciary even when it may go against pragmatic approach at times, are good democratic virtues. The current trust deficit among the political parties is capable of pushing the country into deeper crisis and this situation should be avoided at all cost.

A prolonged political crisis and the current level of uncertainty is detrimental to democratic health of the nation and its pride, and we call upon the people of Nepal and political actors to play their role and take the country in a way that its glorious past and its future vision meet.

## Members of Election Commission be appointed by a Collegium : Advani

BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L.K. Advani in a letter to the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on June 2, 2012 demanded a collegium with powers to appoint members of Election Commission. Calling for a major electoral reform and expressing concern over devaluation of constitutional bodies and controversies surrounding appointments of CVC, CEC etc. he said that a collegium will help in guaranting non-partisan approach in the process of appointment which may lead to strengthen our democratic system. We are publishing the full text of his letter for our esteemed readers :

Dated: June 02, 2012

Kamal <mark>Sa</mark>ndesh

#### Dear Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh ji,

I am writing this letter to you on an important subject that is agitating the minds of all those in India who wish to see progressive reforms in our electoral and governance systems.

A vacancy will arise in the Election Commission with the retirement of the Chief Election Commissioner, Shri S.Y. Qureshi, later this month. How this vacancy will be filled is a matter that has generated both interest and concern in equal measure. There is a rapidly growing opinion in the country which holds that appointments to Constitutional bodies such the Election Commission should be done on a bipartisan basis in order to remove any impression of bias or lack of transparency and fairness. The people of India wish to see that only persons with competence, integrity and an impeccable record of service get appointed to these crucial bodies, whose functioning greatly determines the quality of governance.

The present system whereby members to the Election Commission are appointed by the President, solely on the advice of the Prime Minister, does not evoke confidence among the people. Keeping these important decisions as the exclusive preserve of the ruling party renders the selection process vulnerable to manipulation and partisanship. Indeed, the credibility of this system was severely dented when a dubious appointment to the crucial office of CEC was made a few years ago. The time has, therefore, come to reform the selection process for the EC and other Constitutional bodies, as has indeed been done in the case of the CVC and CIC.

In respect of the CVC and the CIC, the change has come about because of the intervention of the Supreme Court. Let the wholesome change come this time as a result of an initiative taken by the Executive.

I would like to mention here that even the Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC), which had been appointed by your own government, recommended in its report in 2009 that the CEC and other members of the Election Commission be appointed by a collegium. Significantly, this recommendation appeared in ARC's report on 'Ethics in Governance'.

It is in this context that I would like to strongly urge you that the new member to the Election Commission be appointed by a broad based collegium comprising :

I) Prime Minister	Chairman
II) Chief Justice of India	Member
iii) Minister of Law and Justice	Member
iv) Leader of Opposition (Lok Sabha)	Member
v) Leader of Opposition (Raiva Sabha)	Member

Towards this end, Article 324 of the Constitution which deals with the Election Commission of India should be suitably amended. The phrasing of Article 324 (2) shows that this would not need any Constitutional Amendment and can be done by an ordinary enactment.

Next year, a vacancy will arise in another Constitution body — CAG. I would like to suggest in advance that, in this case too, a broad based collegium should be empowered to select the best possible candidate.

I do hope that you will take my suggestions positively and expeditiously initiate necessary action. With warm regards,

Yours sincerely, (L. K. ADVANI)



## Congress led UPA : *Mehangai Badhao Sarkar* A brief analysis of UPA's price regime

True to its colours and reputaion as a Mehangai Badhao Sarkar, Congress led UPA just after the end of 225th session of the Parliament in a sharpest increase ever hiked the petrol prices by Rs 7.50 a liter. Under Congress led UPA rule the petrol price has been increased 11 times. Not only petrol, prices of other consumable essential commodities have been skyrocketing. On the contrary during the NDA rule price rise was under control with tolerable variance.

If one compared the percentage change during NDA tenure and UPA tenure, the result will be astonishing. While there was just 48% rise in petrol prices under six-year NDA rule, eightyear UPA earned distinction of increasing petrol prices by about 120% since assumed office. While skyrocketing prices of essential commodities have already made it difficult for an average Indian to meet both ends need, the petrol price hike has rubbed salt on the wound of the common men. Apart from individual

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household budget-breakdown, the vulnerability has increased massively thus targeting poor people as well. According to economists, the hike in petrol prices will add another 0.5% to inflation.

In this situation such huge hike in petrol prices forces middle class and poor people to live a tough life. It will be not wrong if we term Congress led UPA government as people's enemy. At every quarter Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Finance Minister Pranab Mukherji promise of taming of price in near future. But the 'near future' has never come. It is complete and abject failure of UPA to control prices.

After hike in Petrol price, the Government at center told that price hike decision was of oil companies but the reality is something else.

The resons for continuous price rise are:-

 The wrong economic policies of Congress led UPA have driven away investor and brought back the licence raj.The mismanaged policies have allowed the depreciation of rupees.It affected oil prices.Because, India imports 83 % of crude oil of its total requirement from internation market.We have to pay there in dollors and rupees are going down against dollars.

- Increasing number of scandals in the Congress led UPA Government,
- Mismanagement of the food stocks.
- Allowing speculation in commodity markets.
- Not addressing supply side bottlenecks.
- Raising interest rates which fuelled prices further.
- Indian farmers grew sufficient food grains to feed the nation but UPA Govt. completely mismanaged the PDS and the food stocks. We need to maintain 20 million tones of food grains as buffer stocks. We have the storage capacity of 40 million tonnes. But Govt. stored more than 60 million tonnes of

### Price hike during NDA v/s UPA (I and II) regime

Union Government	Date	(Delhi ) Petrol Price in Rs	Increase	% Increase
<b>NDA</b> Regime (March 19, 1998 to May 19, 2004)	March 19, 1998	22.84		
	May 19, 2004	33.7	10.86	47.55%
<b>UPA I and II</b> Regime (May 22, 2004 to Current)	May 22, 2004	33.7		
	May 23, 2012	73.14	39.44	117.03%



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food grains. The food grains procured are stored in the open waiting to be spoiled by the rains.

- Despite Supreme Court directing distribution of excess food grains to the poor, government did not implemented. Millions are mal-nourished and remained hungry. Even govt. refused to bring large quantities to the market which would have softened the prices. NDA many times used this market intervention as an effective tool to control inflation.
- ▶ The government indulged into consumption expenditure on the eve of 2009 elections dolling out huge amount for retaining the power. The inflation thereafter is the result of such unproductive expenditure and can be called as expenditure led inflation.

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mid night (May 23, 2012)

- World over, the speculation is recognized as one of the main reason for inflation and many countries have put effective check on it. Indian government is totally inactive on this front.
- The prices of petroleum products are raised by the government itself.
- Govt. is rising taxes and bringing all services under the service tax regime. Thus fuelling prices further.

(May 22, 2004 to May 23, 2012 )			
Date	(Delhi )Petrol Price in Rs	Increase in Rs	% Increase
May, 22, 2004	33.7		
April 1, 2005 April 1, 2006	37.99 43.49	4.29 5.5	12.73 14.48
April 1, 2007	42.85	-0.64	-1.47
April 1, 2008	45.52	2.67	6.23
April 1, 2009 April 1, 2010	40.62 47.93	-4.9 7.31	-10.76 18.00
June 26, 2010	51.43	3.5	7.30
Oct 17, 2010	52.59	1.16	2.26
De 16, 2010 Jan 16, 2011	55.87 58.37	3.28 2.5	6.24 4.47
May 15, 2011	63.37	5	8.57
Sept 16, 2011	66.84	3.47	5.48
Dec 1, 2011	65.64	-1.2	-1.795

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73.14

Price rise in petrol during the UPA I and UPA II Regime

Retail Selling Price (RSP) of Petrol at four metropolitan cities				
Date	Delhi	Kolkata	Mumbai	Chennai
Feb 27, 2010	47.43	51.15	51.68	51.59
April 1, 2010	47.93	51.67	52.20	52.13
June 26, 2010	51.43	55.32	55.88	55.92
July 1, 2010	51.45	55.31		
Sept 8, 2010	51.56	55.40	55.97	56.02
Sept 21, 2010	51.83	55.69	56.25	56.31
Oct 17, 2010	52.55	56.44	57.01	57.09
Nov 2, 2010	52.59	56.47	57.01	57.09
Nov 9, 2010	52.91	56.81	57.35	57.44
Dec 16, 2010	55.87	59.90	60.46	60.65
Jan 16, 2011	58.37	62.50	63.08	63.36
March 2, 2011				61.93
April 1, 2011		62.51		
May 15, 2011	63.37	67.71	68.33	67.22
July 1, 2011	63.70	67.99	68.62	67.5
Sept 16, 2011	66.84	71.28	71.92	70.82
Nov 4, 2011	68.64	73.15	73.81	72.73
Nov 16, 2011	66.42	70.84	71.47	70.38
Dec 1, 2011	65.64	70.03	70.66	69.55
Mid night	73.14	77.53	78.16	77.05
(May 23, 2012)				

# If voted to power, BJP will bring back Black money stashed in foreign banks : Yashwant Sinha

The Overseas Friends of BJP (OFBJP) - USA organized a public reception and meeting in honor of the visiting former Finance and External Affairs Minister of India and senior BJP leader Shri Yashwant Sinha. The event was hosted at the local Minerva Party Hall, in Washington DC on 31, May 2012. Despite being a working day, over 200 people attended the event to meet, greet and listen to Shri Yashwant Sinha spoke in chaste Hindi in the midst of constant cheers from very receptive and enthusiastic audience.

In his address, Shri Sinha enthralled the gathering first by outlining BJP's vision to solve the current problems facing by India on all fronts. He painted a very grim picture of India under the misrule of Congress led UPA-II which has failed on all fronts.



Shri Yashwant Sinha. Many Overseas Friends of BJP (OFBJP) workers even came from neighboring states of New Jersey and New York to attend the programme.

The program started with the lamp lighting ceremony and paying floral tributes to the portrait of Maa Bharati and the founding fathers of Jan Sangh and BJP, followed by Vandemataram.

Addressing the gathering June 16-30, 2012 Q 18 He said Scams are tumbling out from the cupboards of every ministry in Congress led UPA government. The country is facing the worst economic crisis, inflation is skyrocketing, unprecedented rise of the petrol prices, sharp falling of rupee against Dollar, deficit is of record level and the UPA government is sleepwalking.

Shri Sinha praised NRIs and thanked them for rising to the

nation's call during 1998 post Pokharan economic sanctions and buying India resurgent bonds whose targeted amount was reached within 10 days after He further issuing them. elucidated about NDA government policies whose fruits were reaped by the UPA government after 2004 and added that because of the Congress leaders are visionless, India's growth rate and economic index are coming down very steeply.

He said that only BJP led NDA government can revive and revitalize the Indian economy and national growth.

Recalling his trip to Pakistan as part of India's delegation led by Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2001, where Atalji subtly but firmly put forwarded India's position on cross border terrorism. Similarly, he recalled how during NDA regime India had established herself at a very high position in the comity of nations so much so that the heads of USA, UK, and USSR used to listen very attentively the opinion of Vajpaveeji on many international matters of mutual interests.

He exhorted the Indian American community and OFBJP *karyakartas* to help BJP win the next parliamentary elections whenever they are held.

While replying to a question he categorically stated that if BJP led NDA is voted to power it will bring all the black money stashed in foreign banks. He further mentioned that there are



no treaties that prevent Government of India to disclose the names of the account holders in foreign banks.

On another note, he also said that Pakistan must fulfill previous promises before engaging in future talks.

Earlier, Shri Raghu Varma, Chief co-ordinator, Washington-DC OFBJP Chapter welcomed the elite gathering. Former President Dr. Adapa Prasad, recognized and welcomed the community leaders as they presented flower bouquets to Shri Yashwant Sinha. Leaders from eleven Indian and ethnic organizations attended the meeting to felicitate Shri Sinha. Dr. Prasad introduced Shri Javesh Patel, OFBIP President and Shri Yashwant Sinha to the audience.

Dr. Prasad also briefed about the OFBJP organization and how OFBJP has been interacting with local, state and federal lawmakers and members of think tanks. He also mentioned the OFBJP initiatives of interactions with republican and democratic parties and cited the recent visit of Republican Party Institute (RPI) delegation to India.

Shri Jayesh Patel was given a rousing reception by the community. Later, he briefly described OFBJP activities in the last one year all across the country. He reminded how OFBJP has been in the forefront in taking up the issues pertaining to NRIs and India at various forums. For example, OFBJP conducted a nationwide survey on Indian American community's nightmarish experiences regarding visa, and passport issues at India June 16-30, 2012 Q 19

consulates. OFBJP had presented the survey results at *Pravasi Bharateeya Diwas* in India. The President informed that Shri Yashwant Sinha actually forwarded those results to the external affairs minister Shri S. M. Krishna's attention for further action. He exhorted the community leaders to work with OFBJP shoulder to shoulder in highlighting the causes of India and Indian Americans.

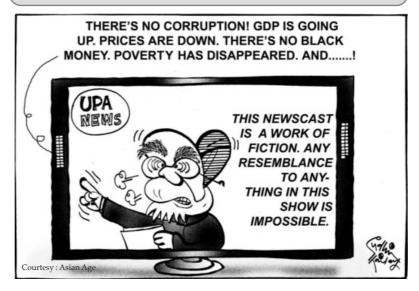
Shri Sinha's speech was followed by a vibrant question-

answer session conducted by Shri Sameer Chandra, an executive member of OFBJP, Washington-DC Chapter and Shri Mahesh Kuruba. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Joint General Secretary Dr. Satish Misra. The local organizing committee members and BJP National Council member Shri Madhu Bellam , Shri Giri Sadu, Shri Ramesh Kalwala, Shri Srinivas B were appreciated in helping organize this event. ■

## CPM's language is similar to terrorists: Narendra Modi

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi took on CPM saying that the language used by them is similar to that of terrorists. Shri Modi was reacting to a speech made by CPM's Idukki district secretary M M Mani in which he stated that 'there had been instances of the party eliminating political rivals'.

"When leader of a political party says that we murder our political rivals, it is dangerous to our democracy. Where is NHRC (National Human Rights Commission)? We should raise our voice against such acts. Our workers keep giving their lives in Kerala," Shri Modi said. He remarked, "Is Delhi government sleeping and what is Kerala government doing on the issue". "This language is same that of terrorists, Maoists and Naxalites," he further said. ■ (FOC)



# <u>Kamal Sandesh</u> BJP to launch a campaign for Nirmal Ganga, Aviral Ganga

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Ganga as a holy river is worshipped by crores of people across India and the world. The callousness of the *Government has led to its pollution to such an extent that* it survival stands threatened. Former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Sushri Uma Bharati gave a presentation on protection and de-pollution of the sacred Ganga. We are publishing the presentation for our esteemed readers :-

AP CONNEXECUTIVE The Bharatiya Janata Party expresses its profound concern over the alarmingly high level of pollution in the River Ganga, made worse by several obstructions in its B flow. These developments have threatened the natural life of a river that has been regarded by successive generations of Indians, since time

immemorial, as one of the most sacred symbols and sustainers of India's cultural and civilisational identity.

The BJP also deplores the failure of the Ganga River Basin Authority, chaired by the Prime Minister himself, to find viable and enduring solutions to the various issues brought up by religious leaders, environmentalists and social activists in an insistent manner over the past several years.

The people of India venerate all rivers and water bodies. However, they have a special emotional and spiritual attachment to the Ganga. This is evident from the fact that both Gangotri in the Himalayas, where the river originates, and Ganga Sagar in Bengal, where it merges into the sea, are among the holiest centres of pilgrimage in India. Situated along the course of the river are other holy places - Hardwar, Rishikesh and Varanasi, the City Eternal.

'Ganga Jal' is believed to be holy not only because of the people's religious sentiments. Scientific research has also established its unique character. The Ganga provides water to over 40 percent of India's population in 11 states.

Sadly, even though the Ganga has nurtured and protected the Indian civilization over the millennia, today the Ganga itself is in need of protection. urbanization Unplanned and indiscriminate industrialization have

raised the level of pollution in the river to toxic levels. Study after study has shown that the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BoD) and Fecael Caliform, which measure the contaminants in the Ganga, are dangerously high. Large numbers of people die each year due to ailments caused by river pollution in the states through which the Ganga flows.

The Prime Minister himself stated in the third meeting of the Ganga River Basin Authority, held in April, that out of the 290 crore litres of sewage that is allowed to flow into the Ganga daily, only 110 crore liters of sewage is treated. This illustrates the utter failure of the Ganga Action Plan, which was launched with much fanfare by the former Prime Minister, the late Rajiv Gandhi, in 1985, and on which thousands of crores of rupees have been wastefully spent so far.

It is indeed an alarming situation that very little pure water is found in Prayag, where crores of devotees from all over the country and the world come for the Kumbh. No less worrying is the fact that, due to obstructions and diversions created by



dams, long stretches of the river remain dry.

### Nirmal Ganga, Aviral Ganga

The BJP regards this condition of the Ganga to be totally unacceptable. We believe that it is a pious national duty of the people and the governments (at the Central, State and local levels) to restore the purity and unobstructed natural flow of the Ganga – and, going forward, of all the other rivers in India. This is what is meant by our commitment for *Nirmal* and *Aviral* Ganga.

It is necessary to recall here that the call for Aviral Ganga was first given by Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, when the then British government tried to divert the flow of the Ganga near Hardwar. The massive campaign launched by him forced the colonial authorities to respect the sentiments of the Hindu society and enter into an agreement in 1916 to guarantee the Ganga's aviral flow. The BJP resolves to carry forward this important legacy of Malaviyaji, whose 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary was celebrated last year.

Aviral Ganga does not mean that there shouldn't be any dams at all across the river. Experts have averred that it is possible to ensure unobstructed and continuous flow of at least a part of the river along its natural course even when dams are built for irrigation or power generation purposes. This becomes easier when small-scale and run-of-the-river power projects are designed in such a way that they generate nearly the same amount of power as is promised by big dams.

In order to translate into June 16-30, 2012 O 21

concrete action the Party's commitment to protect and depollute the Ganga, The BJP's National Executive resolves:

- 1) The Ganga River Basin Authority should be given a specific and time-bound mandate to make the Ganga *nirmal* and *aviral*. Since the Ganga has been accorded the status of India's National River, the developmental/energy/ financial needs of the riparian states should be suitably borne by the Central Government.
- 2) Instead of first allowing the pollution to take place and then searching for solutions to address this problem which is a thoroughly unscientific and unsustainable approach – the Centre, State governments and local selfgovernments should jointly draw up strict guidelines for stopping the emission of untreated sewage and industrial effluents into the river. Industrial units should be enabled to adopt effective pollution-control measures. Where necessary, they should be relocated to places away from the river. Penal action should be resorted to in the case of violators.
- 3) State and local selfgovernments should be assisted to set up sewage disposal and treatment plants for all untreated sewage. This is best done in a decentralized manner by empowering Gram Sabhas and other Civil Society bodies.
- 4) Since experience has

shown the Ganga River Basin Authority to have failed in its mandate, the BJP demands a law to be enacted by Parliament to ensure that the Ganga is made *nirmal* and *aviral*, by suitably strengthening and empowering the Authority. The law should also declare the Ganga to be India's Invaluable National Heritage.

- 5) Monitoring of the implementation of the decisions taken by the River Basin Ganga Authority should be entrusted to an independent Constitutional body like CAG.
- 6) The BJP believes that the task of protecting and depolluting the Ganga should be treated as a national mission. It demands cooperative and enthusiastic participation of all the stake-holders. We recognize that a large number of religious, social, cultural and environmental organizations have been already active in this mission. The BIP commends their efforts. We express our readiness and commitment to collaborate with a11 such organizations, and also with other political parties and their governments, in advancing this important national agenda.

The National Executive resolves to launch a mass awareness campaign to mobilise broadbased popular support for its demand for *nirmal* and *aviral* Ganga.

# Kamal Sandesh Gird up loins for Lok Sabha elections early 2013 Gadkari exorts party workers

JP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has called upon the BJP workers to gird up their loins for the Lok Sabha elections which could be held even in early 2013 instead of 2014.

Gadkari Shri was addressing a meeting of all the prabharis, National Conveners and co-conveners of the Cells of the Bharatiya Janata Party on June 7 in New Delhi.

He exhorted the Cells to strain every nerve to ensure that in the next Lok Sabha elections BJP was able to get additional ten percent votes from those sections of people who had earlier never voted for the Party. If we succeed, nobody can stop BJP-led NDA government from power at the Centre, he was sure.

Shri Gadkari disclosed that when BJP got the lowest number of seats in Parliament, its share of votes remained 19% while

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Congress got 27% at the lowest ebb. He, therefore, called upon the Cell conveners to reach out to the unharnessed unorganized sector comprising 42 crores. BJP should penetrate into the intelligentsia too to earn greater acceptability, he added.

Shri Gadkari called upon the workers to make the 7-12 June Jansangharsh Abhiyan all over the country a great success to pursue Party's demand for rollback of Rs. 7.30 raise in petrol prices, mis-governance and antipeople policies of UPA government during the last eight years. Every worker should court arrest on June 22, he said.

BIP Morchas and Cells National Co-ordinator, Shri Mahinder Pande. set the tone of the meeting when he gave a birdeve view of purpose of the meeting. He said such meetings shall be held after every three months to review the functioning of the Cells.

All the Cells were put in five groups where their activities were reviewed in a detailed manner and the Cell Conveners gave an account of their future plans.

The meeting concluded with National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal exhorting the Cells to involve the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, dalits and every other section in their activities. He gave some very useful hints at achieving greater efficiency and success in the performance of the Cells.

The meeting was also attended by BJP National Vice-Presidents Mrs. Najma Heptullah and Mrs. Kiran Ghai, senior BJP leader, Prof. Bal Apte, BJP National Secretary Shri Murlidhar Rao, BIP Headquarters incharge Prof. O. Ρ. Kohli, Shri Vinav Sahasrabudhe and Shri Sudheendra Kulkarni.



### Nitin Gadkari congratulates Viswanathan Anand on retaining world chmapionship

World chess champion Viswanathan Anand defeated Israel's Boris Gelfand in Moscow to retain his title on May 30. The popular Anand, world champion since 2007, won the junior title in 1989 and became India's first Grand Master at the age of 16. Anand became the first Asian to win the FIDE world chess championship after defeating Spain's Alexei Shirov in Tehran in 2000. His title win on May 30 was his fourth in a row – he also won in 2007, 2008 and 2010. The BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari has congratulated Viswanathan Anand on retaining the World Chess Championship title for the 5th time.

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# Indeed, it's Gujarat shining!

A ccording to Indian Oilseed and Produce Export Promotion Council estimates, the summer groundnut production in Gujarat this year stands at around 4,59,000 tonnes, which is about 56 per cent higher than 2,94,000 tonnes recorded last year. Gujarat dairies send 20 lakh litres of milk to Delhi, eight lakh litres to Mumbai and five lakh litres to Kolkata daily,

metres. The farm miracle in Gujarat has come full circle in a decade. Gujarat has a total geographical area of 19.8 million ha, of which about 9.8 million ha is utilised under agricultural purposes.

About two-third of the land in the State falls under arid and semi-arid tropics. This area receives scanty and uneven rainfall, while marginal lands have low soil fertility and less moisture holding capacity. Despite, all these odds, Gujarat has maintained a remarkable growth rate of 11 percent in agriculture as compared with just 2.5 percent for the rest of the country.

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besides supplying milk power to the Armed Forces.

The world's largest irrigation network is made possible by the Sardar Sarovar Project on the Narmada river, with the dam height of 121.9 June 16-30, 2012 Q 23 The double-digit growth stands testimony to Gujarat pioneering a second 'Green Revolution' in India.

Gujarat set a benchmark in milk production with its white revolution. The production of dairy items in the State has increased by 68 per cent during the last 10 years. It is evident that the share of cooperative dairies has increased from 46 lakh litres to 100 lakh litres per day, a big leap from Rs 2,400 crore to Rs 12,250 crore, over the same period.

The number of primary milk cooperative societies in Gujarat has increased from 10,000 to 16,000, membership from 22 lakh to 32 lakh. and the number of milk societies formed and run by women from 800 to 2,250. Gujarat has created history in water conservation by launching its blue revolution – constructing check-dams, boribunds and khet talavadis (farm ponds). The Sardar Sarovar Project on Narmada river has made immense contribution towards irrigation, hydropower and drinking water supply in the State.

Recognised far and wide as the "growth engine of India" for its industrial growth per se, Gujarat is now a leading State of agricultural and milk produce. This has been made possible by the progressive agriculture policies of the State Government leading to construction of water harvesting structures and use of modern technology in agriculture sector.

The team effort of farmers with the supportive infrastructure from the State Government and guidance of agro-scientists has yielded desired results.

However, the gains are not overnight miracle but a steady



outcome of meticulous planning, sustained hard work and effective allocation of available resources. Gujarat's achievement in agriculture sector by leaps and bounds has drawn the attention of researchers, economists and various national and international institutes.

The foundation of the agricultural revolution in the State was laid between 2002 and 2003 when Chief Minister Narendra Modi decided to revamp the supply of electricity to farms and industries. Plagued by mounting power losses (caused by lines tripping and also by theft), he decided to supply quality power to the farms for at least four hours without any interruption – but only at night.

He sold the idea to farmers thus: Accessing power at night would allow them to run their pumps on three-phase electricity, thus saving them the cost of diesel-powered pumps.

The new and innovative approach adopted by Gujarat to rejuvenate its virtually defunct farm extension system involves bringing farm scientists and service providers on the same platform and taking them to the farmer's doorstep, rather than the other way round.

To galvanise the farming community, State the Government organises a monthlong event called 'Krushi Mahotsav' every year where a team of officials from agricultural department accompanied by agricultural scientists visit each of the 18,000 villages and farmers with provide information and guidance about latest technology available, creating marketing linkages, June 16-30, 2012 Q 24

micro-irrigation, use of pesticides etc.

Shri Narendra Modi kicked off the eighth *Krushi Mahotsav* in Manavadar of Junagadh district earlier this month. Along with this festival, the State-wide cattle health fairs have also begun. The *Krishi Raths* will move across all the 224 seats of taluka panchayat of the State.

In Shri Modi's words, the nation's agricultural growth was hindered primarily because of the water shortage. But the water conservation initiatives of Gujarat have shown a new direction to the country. "Only the use of drip irrigation and the approach of 'more crop per drop' will make the farmers prosperous".

Gujarat is the first State in the country which issues Soil Health Cards to farmers. Growers who used to grow oneto-two crops now cultivate threeto- four yields that give huge margins of profit. In addition, new concepts of contract farming and micro irrigation have helped farmers increase their earnings by more than double.

Gujarat's success story in farm revolution is far from over. In last seven years, the agriculture income rose over four times from Rs 14,000 crore to Rs 59,000 crore. The Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2011 saw investments of Rs 37,000 crore pouring in for agro-based projects.

It is a remarkable achievement of the Government of Gujarat which initiated public-private partnership model to set up more than six lakh check dams, khet talavadis and bori bandh. This endeavour resulted in recharging of more than 10 lakh wells and borewells in the State during last decade. Due to this, irrigation facilities covered an additional land of 33 lakh ha and ground water level rose from three metres to 13 metres.

Till year 2001, drip and sprinkler irrigation technique was available in only 10 thousand ha land but now this figure has been increased to seven lakh ha. This technique has changed the face and fate of Kutchh district. The region, once known to be a totally arid land, now produces fruits like Amla, date, fig, pomegranate, Kesar mango, Colocasia etc. Kutchh alone exports more than 70,000 tonnes of the popular Kesar mango variety to West Asia.

Besides cereal production, Gujarat has become the topmost State in fruit and vegetable production with farmers producing 78 lakh tonnes of fruits and 73 lakh tonnes of vegetables.

Gujarat received a feather in its cap with an international organisation, Washington International Food Policy Research Institute, praising the State for attaining new heights in agriculture sector while Chief Minister of Maharashtra Prithiviraj Chavan recently accepted that his State is far behind in agri-sector as compared to Gujarat.

The State Government has played a pivotal role in changing the mindset of farmers for adopting advanced cultivation technology and left no stone unturned in providing the basic necessities — abundant power and water supply. Indeed, it's Gujarat Shining! ■

(Courtesy : The Daily Pioneer)



Thamarai Sangamam in Madurai (Tamilnadu)

# BJP has the capacity to change the fate of Nation : Gadkari

The fifth State conference of the Bharatiya Janata Party, *Thamarai Sangamam* commenced in Madurai on May 10 with a call by the BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari to develop the party as an alternative force capable of coming to power in the place of major Dravidian parties in Tamil Nadu.

Addressing on the occasion the BIP president said that the BJP, with good governance and development on its agenda and nationalism as its philosophy, had the capacity to change the fate of the State and the Nation. He was confident that BJP would gain in strength in Tamil Nadu after the conference and send representatives to Parliament and the State Assembly. BJP would make major gains in the

State in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, he said.

Shri Gadkari accused the United Progressive Alliance government of failing to stop the genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka. The *Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam*, a constituent of UPA, also did not do anything to protect the Tamils. The BJP wanted Sri

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Lanka to stop atrocities against the Tamils there and ensure that they lived with dignity.

Former BJP National President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu said that the time had come to tell the people that there should be a change in government. Shri Naidu claimed that the country badly needed major Dravidian parties. He hoped that the conference would be a turning point in State politics.

BJP National Secretary Shri P. Muralidhar Rao, , said the party's objective should be to organize the next conference in Chennai, while holding the reins of power in Fort St. George. If the



the BJP now. It was the only party that remained united and all others were fragmented. The Madurai conference, he said, would mark a new chapter in Tamil Nadu politics.

BJP State president Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan called upon the workers to take up the challenge of being an alternative to the two BJP became powerful in Tamil Nadu, there would not be any challenge from divisive forces in the form of bomb threats and blasts. The BJP was the only party which was capable of protecting Tamil pride, culture and language.

Shri Muralidhar Rao said that the two-day, *Thamarai* 



Sangamam, the fifth State conference of the Bharatiya Janata Party had evolved a political action plan for Tamil Nadu, according to party secretary. The meet would set out a political agenda for the party to evolve as a formidable player in Tamil Nadu politics, Shri Rao said. He said the plan has covered all issues of the State, including of fishermen, Sri Lankan Tamils and those related to the development and governance of Tamil Nadu. It had highlighted the need to change the politics of corruption at the national level. Participants have taken a pledge to bring about a change in Tamil Nadu politics and also work for the economic and social empowerment of the State.

### Resolutions

A resolution urged the State government to fix a timeframe for retrieval of temple properties from encroachers and collection of pending dues from occupants. Immediate steps were required to renovate ancient temples that were in a dilapidated state. The executive appealed to the government to close down all liquor shops run by the Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation in order to retrieve people from drunkenness and make Tamil Nadu a productive State.

It felt that there would be no need to depend on TASMAC liquor shops for revenue if the government chose to do away with freebies. By other resolutions, the conference called for the starting of skill development centres for youth in all districts and an IAS Academy in Madurai to train Civil Services aspirants. ■

#### June 16-30, 2012 Q 26

# Punjab BJP MLA Amarjit Singh Sahi passes away



Chief Parliamentary Secretary in SAD-BJP led Punjab government and two-time BJP MLA from Dasuya constituency MLA Amarjit Singh Sahi, who passed away on June 3 after a cardiac arrest at Chandigarh, was cremated with full State honour at his native town Dasuya on May 4.

Prominent among those present in the funeral included Punjab Chief Minister Shri Parkash Singh Badal, Technical Education minister Shri Anil Joshi, Rajya Sabha MP Shri Avinash Rai

Khanna and, Punjab BJP chief Ashwani Sharma. Paying floral tributes to Shri Sahi, Shri Badal said that with his death the SAD-BJP would face an irreparable loss and that he was a balanced, hardworking and honest politician who worked for the downtrodden of Kandi area. Shopkeepers of Dasuya town kept their shops closed on June 4 as a mark of respect to the departed soul. Sahi was 55 and is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.



### Radha Mohan Singh appoints State Membership in-charge

All India Membership Incharge Shri Radha Mohan Singh, MP has appointed the following persons as State Membership Incharge for conducting Membership for the term-2012-2014 in their respective states.

### Membership Incharge

### Shri Sanjeev Chaurasia Shri Chainsukh Sancheti Shri Jeevan Gupta Shri Prabhakar Tiwari Shri Yanglet Haokip Shri Gauri Shankar Aggarwal

### <u>State</u>

Bihar Maharashtra Punjab West Bengal Manipur Chattisgarh

### **GUJARAT**

## Success of *Krishi Mahotsav* shattered illusions of many regarding agricultural growth of Gujarat : Modi

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi kicked off the month long *Krishi Mahotsav* at Manavadar in Junagadh district. He said that the success of the *Krishi Mahotsav* has shattered illusions of those who mislead farmers regarding G u j a r a t ' s a g r i c u l t u r e growth.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Modi said that when he had visited Junagadh for Sadbhavana fast, people from Manavadar had requested him to visit them the next time he comes. 'Today I have kept that promise', Shri Modi said.

Shri Modi said that the times are such that the gains from Krishi Mahotsav no longer need to be explained- the farmers are well versed with it now. He said earlier people had some strong clichés about what 'Utsavs' were. 'Utsavs' were supposed to be casual fairs but Gujarat had successfully transformed 'Utsavs' to 'Karm Mahotsav'. He said that in Gujarat, it is no longer the case that plans and schemes remain stuck to their files or in Gandhinagar. The Gujarat government has taken every scheme to the doorstep of the beneficiary; the Chief Minister pointed adding that gone are the days when schemes for widows and the poor remained merely on paper.

Shri Modi pointed out that earlier many farmers did not even know that there is an agriculture department to provide help during times of need. Krishi Mahotsav has changed that practice. Today, farmers are interacting with agriculture universities and agriculture scientists whenever they feel the need. This is unprecedented in Gujarat's history. Through Gujarat's efforts even dairy production has received an impetus in Gujarat.



On the occasion, the Chief Minister pointed out that Gujarat has maintained a growth rate of around 11% whereas the nation's agricultural growth rate is mere 2.5%. Centre should compete with Gujarat on the front of development, rather than entering into conflicts with it, he said. The Chief Minister expressed dissatisfaction over Centre's disapproval for putting gates on Sardar Sarovar dam. He said that there was a time when the issue of Dark Zone confronted Gujarat when ground water levels went down. But because of the massive water conservation efforts the water levels have increased by 3 to 13 meter. And so, the state government has lifted the Dark Zone restrictions from 57 talukas, he said.

Along with this eighth consecutive Krishi Mahotsav, the Statewide cattle health fairs have also begun. The krishi-raths will move across all the 224 seats of Taluka Panchayat of the State. A team of 90,000, comprising officials of Agricultural department and Agriculture scientists will meet lakhs of farmers and provide them information and guidance about latest technology and methods in the field of agriculture. Speaking about State's water conservation initiatives and promotion of modern methods of farming the Chief Minister said, "Only the use of drip irrigation and the approach of 'more crop per drop' will make the farmers prosperous", he said. Shri Modi said that in 50 years only 10,000 hectares of land had come under drip irrigation whereas in the last seven years, 4.5 lakh hectares were brought under drip irrigation.

### CHHATTISGARH

### Five million families under free health insurance scheme soon : Dr. Raman Singh

The Chhattisgarh Government has begun process to bring about five million families under the ambitious free health insurance scheme to help out poor people in the State, Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh announced this project on 03 June 2012 in Raipur.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of a twoday convention of the *Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh* that witnessed a turnout of thousands of people,





Dr. Singh said the scheme would prove a boon for the families in the State as it would provide health benefits up to 30,000 families per annum.

The Chief Minister said that workers' interests are top priority of his

Government, adding that the State Government would provide smart cards under the scheme to the beneficiaries which will help them avail the services at the Government listed hospitals. Officials said that the State Government has tied up with dozens of the private hospitals across 27 districts to make the scheme a huge success.

Dr. Raman Singh said that workers community has a great role in development of State and the country and the Chhattisgarh Government was committed to take care of their interests. Home Minister Shri Nankiram Kanwar, Agriculture and Labour Minister Shri Chandrasekhar Sahu and a galaxy of the key leaders from the *Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh* addressed the function.

#### MADHYA PRADESH

### Developed nations exploited nature: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Developed countries are exploiting nature, which is leading to its imbalance. We will have to conserve the environment to save the earth," Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said while addressing a workshop organized by Jan



*Abhiyan Parishad* to mark the World Environment Day on June 05 in Bhopal.

Shri Chouhan said that cycle of nature has changed as a result of felling of trees and destruction of forests and the world is facing problems like global warming. He said that it is the priority of the State Government to conserve plantations and rivers. A campaign is being launched to make Madhya Pradesh's lifeline Narmada River pollution-free. Every section of <u>society should cooperate in this campaign</u>, he said. June 16-30, 2012 O 28 Country's first cow sanctuary is being developed in Shajapur district. Society should link with such programmes for conserving water as *Jalabhishek Abhiyan* and *Hariyali Mahotsav*. The Government and society will develop golden Madhya Pradesh only through joint efforts.

The Chief Minister said that conservation of environment and global welfare are enshrined in our culture for thousands of years. It has been said in our culture that nature should be tapped and not exploited. There is also a tradition of worshipping flora, fauna and rivers in our country.

At the programme, Shri Chouhan released a CD of *Parishad's* Song and special issue of its monthly magazine focused on agriculture. He also honoured *Parishad's Prasphutan Samitis* which performed excellently towards environmental conservation.

MP State Forest Minister Shri Sartaj Singh, BJP National Mahila Morcha President and Member of Parliament Smt. Smriti Irani, Jan-Abhiyan Parishad vice-chairmen Shri Ajay Shankar Mehta and Shri Pradesh Pandey were also present on the occasion.

#### WEST BENGAL

### Trinamool Congress-led government practicing a policy of political vindictiveness : Tathagata Roy

Former BJP State President and national executive member Shri Tathagata Roy has charged the Trinamool Congress-led government of practicing a policy of political vindictiveness.



Interacting with media persons in Kolkata Shri Roy said, "This was amply evident during the recent all-India Bandh called by the National Democratic Alliance". Shri Roy, along with some other senior BJP State leaders, also met West Bengal Home Secretary, in this regard, he informed.

The party has also placed its grievances in this respect before the State Human Rights Commission, bringing to the Commission's notice the death of Shri Rambrij Chowdhury, a 68-yearold party worker, a day after the Bandh. "He, along with 90 party supporters was crammed into a small



lockup at the police headquarters on the day of the Bandh, with very few amenities. He fell ill and died a day later," Shri Roy said.

Shri Roy further said the police picked up the group while they were assembling, before taking out a procession on Bandh-day, at a busy junction in South Kolkata. He also said that 29 persons have been arrested under non-bailable sections, and even the BJP State president Shri Rahul Sinha, wasn't allowed to meet them in custody.

"We have held many Bandhs in this state in the past, but this attitude reeks of political vindictiveness," Shri Roy said.

### UTTARAKHAND

### Khanduri criticizes Congress Govt. for abolishing Transfer Act

Sharpening its attack on the Vijay Bahugunaled Congress Government, former State Chief Minister Maj Gen Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri alleged that the 'Uttarakhand Transfer Act' was formed to weedout corruption and



manipulation in the interest of the employees and the people of the State but incumbent Government has abolished the Act. He said by abolishing the Act, the Congress Government has sent a message to the effect that it would promote corruption while hapless employees who don't have any political link, will suffer and will have no option but to continue working in the remote areas.

He also asked the Congress, which did not raise any question while the bill was being passed in the Vidhan Sabha in September 2011, how they have abolished the Act within two months of its inception. Besides this, State Government is going to sell off free power, which State Government gets from power Generation Company in lieu of State land. He said that the decision of the State Government to sell the power to outside agencies instead of its own UJVN Limited would also cost the consumers in the State dear, because if UPCL does not get free power then it will have to buy more power from Power trading corporation at <u>market rate and ultimate</u>ly the corporation will June 16-30, 2012 Q 29 pass its monetary loss over to the consumers by raising power tariff.

Gen Khanduri said the State Government should tell the people what errors in the transfer act forced the Government to cancel it and replace it with a new policy.

Shri Khanduri also expressed his surprise over the fact that the act which was replaced had also received tremendous support from the Congress MLAs and it was passed unanimously by the State Assembly on September 29. "I am surprised that the same Congress party now wants to repeal it," he added. The former Chief Minister claimed that the Congress Government has taken the decision under the pressure of some vested interests and 95 per cent of Government employees would suffer for only five per cent of their colleagues, who can manipulate their transfers by corrupt means.

### **UTTAR PRADESH**

### BJP demands compensation for Mathura communal violence victims

Interacting with media persons the BJP state spokesperson Shri Manoj Mishra said the communal violence in Kosikalan area of Mathura district showed the ineffectiveness of the Samajwadi Party government in maintaining law and order in the State. He demanded a high level inquiry into the incident and stern action against the district officials who failed to discharge their duties. Shri Manoj Mishra said that the communal violence had shattered the life in Kosikalan. He said due to the minority appeasement policy of the SP government, the district police and administration were taking action only against members of a particular community. "Only innocent persons are being arrested while the real culprits are at large," he said.

Shri Mishra said that it was shocking that the arsonists kept on torching the business establishments of a particular community but the police did not intervene. The BJP spokesman said the SP government should desist from patting its own back and concentrate on ensuring that the rule of law prevailed in the state without any discrimination.

Shri Mishra also demanded adequate compensation for the families of the victims and stern action against the erring officials. ■

# BJP calls for *Jansanghrash Abhiyan* and *Jail Bharo Andolan*

haratiya Janata Party has given a nationwide call Jan Sanghrash Abhiyan from 7th June to 22nd June, 2012 which will culminate into Jail Bharo Andolan on 22nd June 2012. The decision was taken in the meeting of BJP national office bearers held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012. While BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari thanked the people for their tremendous support in making Bharat Band on 31st June, 2012 a huge success, it was decided to intensify the movement through nationwide Jansanghrash Abhiyan and Jail Bharo Andolan.

The three major demands of Jansangharsh Abhiyan are-

- (1) Complete roll back of recent hike of Rs 7 in the petrol price. The Government of India has once again tried to hoodwink the people by reducing the hike by Rs 1.60 per liter, but the people of India have now refused to be misled by this gimmick and are not satisfied with the partial roll back.
- (2) In the last seven years of

UPA rule, the n a t i o n a l economy has been in complete mess and the unabated price rise has made it extremely difficult for the common man to survive. The

common man is suffering the inflation and carrying unbearable burden. The led. UPA Congress Government should immediately take steps not only to check this price hike and inflation but also bring down the price of essential commodities by taking stringent action against black marketing and by putting an end on anti people economic policies.

(3) The last 7 years of UPA misgovernance has been a sad saga of injustice and discrimination to the noncongress government and is a threat to very basis of federal structure of the



country. It is because of the policy of apathy and inequality and stepmotherly treatment to the non-Congress State governments that these States are facing hardship in infrastructure, rural power, irrigation and problems in

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PDS system.

The BJP demands this discrimination and step motherly treatment should be stopped and State should get their due of natural resources for their development. As a part of Jan Sanghrash Abhiyan the party will organize State and District level meeting in which National leaders and State leaders will participate. On the final day of Jan Sangrash Abhiyan, the 22nd June 2012, the party will hold huge protest and demonstrations at all levels across the country which will culminate into Jail Bharo Andolan. The BJP gives a call to the people of India to participate in this national movement.

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