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With my very being smitten by the vice of faint-heartedness and my mind puzzled with regard to duty, I beseech You, tell me that which is decidedly good; I am your disciple. Pray, instruct me, who have taken refuge in you.

- (Bhagavadgita: Ch.-II, 7)

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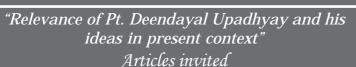
-M. Venkaiah Naidu

Letter to the Editor

BJP is a performance driven party

BJP, currently, either alone or with its allies has governments in nine states. And, by any parameter, these are better governed states than those rules by Congress and parties that originated from Congress. For example the Supreme Court of India hailed the land acquisition policies of the Gujarat government. Gujarat has the best network of roads connecting villages to urban centers and all villages in Gujarat have Broadband Internet connectivity. But, Gujarat is not the only BJP ruled state with such achievements. For example, Chhattisgarh has the best public distribution system. The Central Government advises other states to follow this model. 'Ladli Lakshmi', a scheme initiated by Government of Madhya Pradesh for the welfare of girl child is imitated by other states including Delhi and Haryana. Bihar has shown remarkable growth in recent years. Karnataka has utilized the latest technology e.g. GIS and IT to effectively predict weather. This has been a great help to farmers. There are many other achievements. Most important among those is the law and order situation is these states are far better than Congress ruled states. It shows BJP is a performance driven party and certainly better than Congress.

> Prakash Kumar Odisha



Insightful and inspiring articles on the life and great work of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay ji are invited for a special issue of Kamal Sandesh under the title "Relevance of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and his ideas in present context". Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay remains a source of our inspiration, guiding us in our journey to restore the glory and greatness of Maa Bharati. We request his associates, co-workers, researchers, writers and journalists to become a part of this vichara yatra of Kamal Sandesh.

-Prabhat Jha, Editor







MCD results will have an impact on national politics

The victory-march has started from Delhi. This trend should continue in the days to come. When all fight unitedly then the other side is defeated. If this effort of fighting unitedly continues then there is no doubt that assembly elections will also be won and BJP will win all the Lok Sabha seats in Delhi. The message which the Delhi Municipal Corporation has given will surely have an impact on the national politics. Whatever statement Congress might make and however cleverly but the people are watching that the defeat which Congress tasted in Bihar, Punjab, Goa, Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh and MCD itself tells the story of the collapsing edifice of the Congress.

The nation is ready to remove the Congress led UPA government from the power but the Congress led UPA considers power over and above the nation. It wants to complete its tenure at any cost. In 2004 the country enjoyed high reputation and credibility but in the last five years these have been not only on the downslide but an atmosphere of misrule and non-governance prevails in the entire country.

The misrule is of such magnitude that the borders are insecure. The people are hurt by the controversy in which army has been dragged. There is nothing in the name of government. The government doesn't know whether it is in government. India had never seen such a difficult situation after the independence. Executive, Judiciary, Legislature and the fourth pillar — all are shell shocked. The country wants a change but the Congress led UPA government apprehensive of its future remains clinging to the power at the cost of democracy. Currently, people are losing faith in the Indian politics. Not one but many stories of corruption and scandals of the union ministers are tarnishing our image. The Indian tricolor is not flying high but it is waiting to be rescued. The prestige and honour of tricolor should increase but there is a conspiracy to undermine its honour in every sector.

The people have made up their mind to bring an end of the Congress led UPA misrule whenever the elections are held. We can see that whether it is Mamata Bannerjee, Akhilesh Yadav, Sharad Pawar or any other coalition partner of UPA – all are waiting for an opportunity to attack the UPA. The Agriculture Minister of UPA Sharad Pawar says the UPA is anti-farmer, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherji says that prices cannot be controlled in six months, Defence Minister AK Antony says the controversy in the army is not good – all these



statements clearly indicate that the UPA is now a divided house. But the obsession for power is acting as glue for Manmohan Singh and other coalition partners. The weak coalition partners are not withdrawing their support only because the political situation in the country is clearly indicating that BJP will fare better than the other political parties if the elections are held today.

The Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party activists will have to work very hard to continue their victory march. As per the public opinion the future of BJP can be said to be bright. The kind of work which theBJPgovernments have been doing in the States ruled by it and the achievements which they are credited for make one to believe that the faith of the people in BJP has been on rise. The BJP activists with all humility will have to fight amid the people, for the people, on the demand of the people, by engaging the people to uphold the principals of democracy so that the Indian democracy becomes strong and vibrant and those who want to impose dynasty over democracy are defeated.

India launches 5,000-km range Agni-5 missile successfully

The massive, 50-tonne, 17.5metre-high Agni-5 missile was successfully launched from the Wheeler Island on the Odisha coast on April 19. Within minutes, the missile was in space, streaking southwards for 2,000 km until it crossed the equator. Then, it hurtled along for another 3,000-km, reentering the atmosphere over the Tropic of Capricorn and splashing down between the southern tip of Africa and Australia. From launch to splash-down, just 20 minutes had elapsed. The accuracy of the missile was exactly as expected," said the DRDO's spokesperson. On the occasion Dr Saraswat said "For us, the Agni-5 success is the culmination of 30 years of work that began in earnest in 1983".

With the successful test-firing of Agni 5, India joins the elite internationally missile club of ICBM holders like the US, Russia, France and China.

The Agni-5's range is carefully calibrated; it can reach targets anywhere except for America and Australia. This would allow it to



strike all of India's potential adversaries. DRDO sources say that, in case of need, the Agni-5 could easily be ramped up into an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), with a range of more than 5,500 km. ■

Nitin Gadkari congratulates Indian scientists on successful launch

The BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has hailed the successful launch of the fully indigenous missile Agni- 5 which has put India in the elite club of nations.

Shri Gadkari has congratulated the DRDO scientists for this proud milestone in the security of the nation since India has now become a missile power.

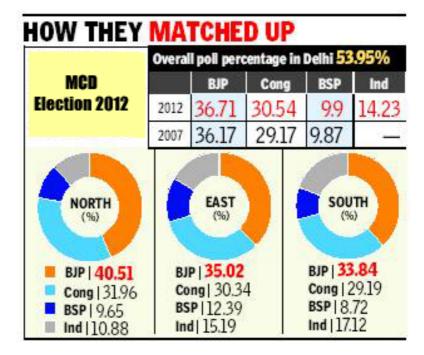


Delhi overwhelmingly votes for BJP, Congress routed

From Our Correspondent

has again BJP in voted for the MCD elections. In an impressive show, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) made a clean sweep of the MCD elections held on 15 April 2012. As the results started pouring in on 17 April 2012 it was clear that BJP was going to retain its control over Municipality Delhi Corporations, winning all three newly-carved civic bodies. In the first municipal elections after the MCD was divided, the BJP emerged victorious in 138 out of total 272 seats, while the Congress ended up with a distant second, winning only 78. With this victory BJP has also become the first party in last 50 years to beat anti-incumbency in MCD polls by retaining its hold over the civic body.

In an election that many saw as a referendum on the UPA and Sheila Dikshit governments' inability to control corruption



Delhi (MCD). People of Delhi voted for three corporations that the MCD was divided into this year — East, North and South Delhi. While the BJP won East

In the MCD elections 2012, a total of 2,423 candidates contested from 272 wards, which saw a record 58 percent turnout on the polling day. A sum total of 1.12 crore eligible voters exercised their franchise in the polls which include 42.95 lakh voters in North Delhi Municipal Corporation, 42.67 lakh voters in South Delhi Municipal Corporation and 27.16 lakh voters in East Delhi Municipal Corporation.

and price rise, the Bharatiya Janata Party retained control of the Municipal Corporation of

and North Delhi comfortably, it emerged as the largest party in South Delhi but nine seats short

of a simple majority. This is the Congress' second defeat in municipal polls in a metro this year. In February, it was defeated by the Shiv Sena-BJP in the Mumbai civic polls. Delhi State BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta, however, said that unlike the 2007 elections when sealing and demolition was immediate and visible factor. there was no such factor this time."The price rise and corruption in both Delhi and at the Centre were big issues and I feel the people of Delhi voted on these issues," he said. The Congress' move to split the MCD into three did not quite help its cause. "Anti-incumbency played



against the Congress government in Delhi and the Centre. Trifurcation of MCD has not helped the Congress get any political advantage," Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly and senior BJP leader Shri VK Malhotra said.

Thanking the people of Delhi for voting overwhelmingly for BJP in MCD elections BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said "We have had majority in all three zones. We have done a good job and the public has supported us. As long as the Congress is concerned, the issues of price rise, corruption and anger over it has come out this time against the UPA,". Attributing the victory to good governance given by BJP, Shri Gadkari said that the BIP has emerged as a strong alternative to the 'corrupt' Congress. Through these elections people have given vent to their anger against the misrule of the Congress government, price rise and corruption, he said. The MCD election results, he promised, would reflect in next

Chief Minister Smt. Sheila Dikshit on Tuesday night congratulated Delhi BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta for his party's spectacular victory in municipal corporation polls and asked him to provide better civic facilities to the people of the city. "Dikshit congratulated Gupta and asked him to keep the faith people have reposed in BJP by doing good work," an aide of Dikshit said. In her brief telephonic conversation, Dikshit promised support of Delhi government to the three newly-set up municipalities carved out of MCD.

y e a r ' s Assembly polls."

Congress after losing elections in Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation and the State assemblies in Uttar Pradesh. Punjab and O a continued on its downward trajectory biting dust in the MCD elections. It was a huge blow to the Congress and Sheila Dikshit government in the capital as the BJP won

the Delhi civic polls, sweeping all the three municipal corporations of Delhi. The people clearly voted on the issues of

corruption and price rise, the BJP trumped the Congress to retain its hold in the Delhi municipal polls winning North and East Corporations and is set to capture South where it has emerged as the single-largest party.

The BJP victory came as a shock to Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit of the Congress who has been ruling the capital for the last nearly 14 years uninterruptedly

Prominent winners

The first result to be declared was that of Shahdara (SC) in East Corporation where BJP's Shri Balbir Singh defeated Congress' Shri Jagdish by a margin of 1,28 votes. Singh polled 6,809 votes while his nearest rival got 5,571 votes. BJP's Shri Subhash Arya, the Leader of undivided MCD House, trumped his rival from Congress Shri Manmohan Singh Kochar. MCD Leader of Opposition Shri Jai Kishan Sharma (Congress) lost his electoral battle from Najafgarh. Delhi Mayor Smt. Rajni Abbi (BJP) also won in Mukherjee Nagar with huge margin. Among other prominent candidates who have won the election in their respective wards are: Delhi BJP State General Secretary Shri Ashish Sood from Janakpuri West, Shri Dharmveer (Congress) from RK Puram, Shri Radhey Shyam (BJP) from Vasant Vihar, Shri Tulsi Ram from Dharampura, BJP's Deputy Mayor Shri Anil Sharma has also won with a comfortable margin.

and trifurcated the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in a bid to weaken BJP's hold over MCD. Belying the hopes of the Congress, BJP captured North and East Corporations with a clear majority while it got 44, nine short of majority in the 104-member House in South Corporation. The party is set to muster a majority with help from independents who have bagged 14 wards.

The outcome of the municipal polls is seen as crucial for both BJP and Congress and seen as the semi final for the Delhi Assembly polls which is just 18 months away. Congress was quick to downplay the defeat saying MCD polls should only be seen as civic polls while



BJP attributed its victory to a country-wide wave against Congress which failed to contain price rise and rampant corruption. Rattled by the defeat, Congress leaders spoke in different voices. While Dikshit's son and MP Sandeep Dikshit blamed it on price rise and scams like 2G, Union Minister Kapil Sibal said neither national nor state issues had any impact on the results.

South Delhi: In South Delhi Corporation, out of the 104 wards, BJP won 44 and Congress bagged 30. Five seats went to the BSP. Surprisingly, smaller parties and independents won as many as 26 seats.

North Delhi: In North Delhi, which is known as BJP's citadel, of the 104 wards, the BJP won 59 seats, while the Congress won just 29. BSP won seven seats while RLD four, LJP one and independents four.

East Delhi: The real shocker for Congress came in its stronghold East Delhi Corporation where BJP came up with an impressive victory, winning 35 out of 64 wards while Congress could win only 19. Three seats went to BSP and the others won 7.

The results of the MCD elections have clearly re-affirmed the downslide of the Congress which is fast losing faith of the people in the face of corruption, price rise, misrule and mishandling of the country's economy.

While the Congress stands rejected the people are looking towards BJP as an alternative which has a proven record of good governance, price control and transparent and democratic form of governance during Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA government in the Centre and also in BJP ruled States.

In all the elections which were recently held, the same kind of voting trends were witnessed wherein the Congress was trounced at the polling. The unprecedented rise in prices, UPA's inability to control inflation, unbridled corruption involving senior ministers and Congress leaders, stories of scams and scandals fuelled by misrule and misgovernance are now staring back in the face of the Congress.

It now appears only a matter of time that the people bid adieu to Congress and replace it with BJP which remains committed to the principles of development, good governance and nationalism.

On MCD poll victory in Delhi People have voted against 'misrule' of Congress, says Nitin Gadkari From Our Correspondent

BJP President Nitin Gadkari April 17 attributed the Delhi civic polls victory to good governance given by BJP saying it has emerged as a strong alternative to the "corrupt" Congress.

The BJP victory in the Delhi civic polls is a



result of its good governance and a clear indicator of the anti-Congress mood prevalent in the capital, Shri Gadkari said.

Through these elections people have given vent to their anger against the misrule of the Congress government, price rise and corruption," he said.

The victories of the party in Punjab, Goa, Mumbai and Delhi have strengthened the anti-Congress sentiment, he said, adding that he was confident that it would continue in the upcoming elections to the State assembly and the Lok Sabha.

He admitted that earlier the party had not performed well in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir.

"We have reviewed the situation and hope to perform well in the upcoming elections," he said.

Taking a dig at the Congress and other political outfits, Shri Gadkari said the BJP was a democratic party and not a "private limited, public limited party or a father-son or mother-son party."

He said Delhi was the heart of India and the election results also were an indicator of the mood of the nation.

Shri Gadkari said the election results have boosted the morale and confidence of the party which will work hard to emerge as a strong alternative to the Congress.



Party expresses gratitude to the people and BJP workers for victory in Delhi

The result of Corporation elections is mandate against the Congress misrule – BJP

BJP Delhi Pradesh President Shri Vijender Gupta & Chairman of the Election Management Committee Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra have said that the credit for victory in the

credit for victory in the Corporation elections goes to all the people of Delhi and the BJP workers and added that the results are mandate against the Congress misrule. Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit should accept moral responsibility for this defeat and resign immediately.

They said that technically Sheila Dikshit may be the Chief Minister of Delhi, but she has lost her moral rights to rule Delhi.

Shri Vijender Gupta told that BJP has been claiming from the very beginning that the election to the MCD will prove to be plebiscite against the Congress misrule, corruption, price spiral and anti people policies. The way in which the voters of Delhi expressed their acrimony against the Congress Party in all the three Corporations and made the BJP candidates victorious by large margins, the claim of BJP has proved to be true. After UP, Punjab, Goa, Maharashtra Corporation elections, the MCD elections have shown the Congress the place where it stands. This Party has lost its moral and democratic rights to continue in power.

He told that Delhi Government committed bungling of thousands of crores in the CWG and rejected the recommendations of the enquiry agencies and justified corruption by the Government. The people of Delhi were very much angry.



The people defeated the Congress Party in all the three Corporations to teach a lesson to the Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit, her Government and the Congress Party. Shri Gupta told that BJP worked with purity, transparency, accountability and e-governance. The people appreciated its work and this was the reason for the victory of BJP. In the coming days it will provide sufficient amenities to the people of Delhi through all the three Corporations in a transparent and time bound manner. BJP will transform the Corporations of Delhi into model Corporations of the country.

The people of the country don't want to see the Congress rule in any State or at Centre. Lively communities do not wait for five years. The people of Delhi and country want mid term poll. Respecting the sentiments of the people, the President of

India should advise the Congress Government to announce mid-term poll so that a democratic and honest Government may be elected in the country. He has called upon all the Parties opposing Congress that they should unite to attack the Congress Government and ameliorate the suffering of the people.

Prof. Malhotra told that the MCD elections are very important because Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit had taken over the control of election campaign of the Congress Party. She should also take the responsibility of defeat in the last Corporation elections also and resign from her post in accordance with the democratic tradition and political propriety. He told that if elections are held for the Legislative Assembly today then Congress will be routed.

Now the two crore people of Delhi are not ready to tolerate the misgovernance, corruption of the Congress, price spiral and failed law & order due to Congress rule. The people of Delhi have given clear indications by making the BJP victorious in the three Corporations. Delhi has given indications of the mood of the country before the Congress. People are not ready to tolerate price corruption, spiral, misgovernance and anti people policies. ■



Countdown for Congress-led UPA has begun: Nitin Gadkari

Bharatiya Janata Party's winning streak under the dynamic leadership of its National President, Shri Nitin Gadkari, continues unabated. After BJP snatched power from Congress in Goa and made history by repeating BJP-SAD government of Sardar Parkash Singh Badal in Punjab, BJP stunned its rivals with an impressive win in the elections to Delhi Municipal Corporation (MCD) now split into three units — North Delhi, South Delhi and East Delhi.

"It is both a BJP victory and Congress defeat", maintains Shri Nitin Gadkari. "BJP victory because BJP had been in power in the MCD elections for the last five years and Congress defeat because its government is in power both in Delhi and at the Centre." The MCD results



are a total rejection of the local MPs and Ministers in whose areas Congress has fared very badly. People have given their verdict against the UPA government holding it responsible for unrestrained corruption, skyrocketing prices, ever recurring scams, and worsening law and order situation in Delhi which has earned the notoriety as the Rape and Crime Capital of India.

BJP National Convener, Literature & Publication Cell Amba Charan Vashishth interviewed BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari at his residence after the Delhi MCD results were out. Excerpts:

What is the message from the results of the MCD results?

The message is loud and clear. The countdown for the Congress for the State assembly elections this year and next year, and finally for the 2014 elections to Lok Sabha has begun.

Is it a victory of BJP or defeat of Congress?

It is both a BJP victory and Congress defeat — BJP victory because BJP had been in power in the MCD elections for the last five years. People have given BJP a big hand for its performance. It is a defeat for Congress because it failed on all fronts — skyrocketing prices and inflation, rising corruption and increasing number of scams, Delhi earning the notoriety as the Crime and Rape Capital of India, making the life of the *aam aadmi* miserable in the national capital.

What are the high points of the victory in Delhi?
BJP has successfully withstood the antiincumbency factor. It has been able to

convince the voter that the Party says what it performs and performs what it promises. Since civic amenities provided by local bodies concern the most in the daily life of citizens, MCD Delhi ruled by BJP has been able to provide clean and efficient services to the people. It is a total rejection of the way the UPA government at the Centre and the Shiela Dikshit government in Delhi have been functioning.

Is it a vote against the Delhi government alone?

No, no. It is as much against the UPA-2 Government led by Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. It is a vote against the Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram because law and order is directly under the Union government. Nobody in Delhi is feeling safe, be it the girl students, working women, senior citizens and the common man. As I said earlier, Delhi has earned notoriety for crime.



Will these results have any impact on the assembly elections in the States of Gujarat and Himachal later this year?

Certainly. Every election result has its effect in the coming elections. BJP-SAD government of Sardar Parkash Singh Badal made a history by winning a consecutive second term. We recorded a handsome victory in Goa where minority community of Christians gave us a big hand of support. BJP's nominees in all the six Christian dominated constituencies won comfortably. In Delhi one Muslim councilor has won and another lost by a very narrow margin. In Uttarakhand BJP lost power by a whisker. All this is going to have a positive impact on the voters in the coming elections.

Recently results in by-elections in Gujarat municipal elections had also been positive. How do you see it?

As I said earlier, these are all positive omens for BJP.

What are the lessons BJP has drawn from the recent setbacks in UP elections?

We have had a free and frank discussion on what went wrong. The only lesson is that the Party should always fight elections with a united zeal and spirit. Where it is in opposition it should perform the role of an effective and constructive opposition by raising the issues that touch the heart of the *aam aami*.

Media has started speculating on the likelihood of certain persons emerging as prime ministerial candidates of BJP and NDA?

I don't want to comment on media reports. As far as I know, BJP has not given a thought to this question as yet. The Party will take a right decision at the right time taking all the leaders in confidence.

The time-frame for organizational elections is due to be set in motion. How do you propose to manage the organizational elections?

This matter will be taken care of by the Party. Your mission for the remainder of your term?

To ensure repeat of our BJP governments in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh this year and to lay sound foundations to capture power in Delhi and Rajasthan and to bounce back to power in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. That

will facilitate our path to be in power at the Centre as a BJP-led NDA government in 2014

How far do you think the Anna Hazare and Baba Ramdev movements have impacted the election results in State assemblies and MCD?

The movements launched by Shri Anna Hazare and Baba Ramdev are social movements.

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They have played a vital role in mobilizing the masses against corruption and black money. But these are not political movements. In fact, they have nothing to do with politics; they have no political ambition. They are not campaigning for or against any political party or candidate. BJP's resolve to fight corruption is known to one and all.



BJP will make Delhi modern city, full of employment opportunity and a smiling Metropolis: Arun Jaitley

Releasing the Delhi vision document 2025 prepared for the all-round development of Delhi during the next 14 years, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley said BJP will make Delhi a world class city with all the facilities in the coming days.

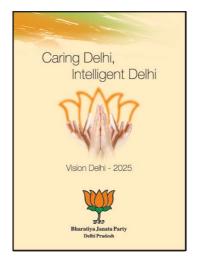
He further said that the vision 2025 contains the points of view of BJP with regard to Delhi in which there is mention about the urban reconstruction of Delhi. People are leaving their

villages and coming to the city due to the economic and political reasons in the entire world. Delhi has become a mini India. Here the priority of BJP is to improve the standard of life of the people. Garbage management, disposal of garbage, sufficient power, water, reclamation of Yamuna, environment management, control of pollution, good education,

health facility, economic activities, sufficient and safe transport system are the needs of Delhi.

During the last 13 years Congress Government of Delhi and during the last 7.5 years the Congress Government at Centre have done nothing in this direction. The CWG bungling have also tarnished the image of India in the world, he said.

Addressing on the occasion former BJP National President and Delhi Pradesh Prabhari Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu said that BJP dreams of such Delhi in which



best educational and medical facility so that they may become the engine of development of the nation and become partner in the nation building.

BJP Delhi Pradesh President Shri Vijender Gupta said on this occasion that the vision document 2025 dedicated to Delhi by the BJP Delhi Pradesh is the voice of our soul. This vision document is an important document for total development of Delhi and connected with human welfare programme. BJP



no body will be hungry. Every citizen gets pure drinking water and the city becomes free of slums. Every family gets housing accommodation so that the poor may not live under the open sky. BJP also plans that in Delhi everybody gets employment according to his skill, competence and qualification.

He further said that in any Metropolitan city, the children are the most valuable resource. As part of the vision document BJP will ensure the development of children by medical care on monthly basis and provide them

wants that such Delhi is built which may be green, smiling and prosperous capital. BJP also wants to make Delhi free from accidents, tankers, pollution, adulteration and where the economic system is so sound that the entire country may feel proud.

Among others, leader of opposition in Delhi Assembly Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, BJP National General Secretary Shri Vijay Goel, former Delhi State president Dr. Harsh Vardhan and other senior leaders of the party were present.



Express report about army movement recalls to mind a disturbing event of 1989

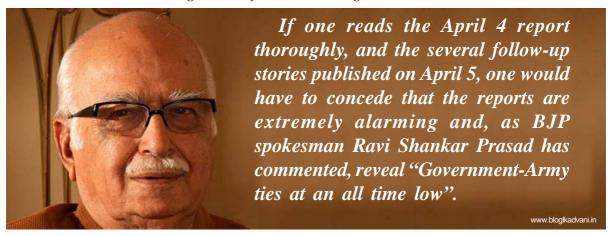
By L.K. Advani

The most shocking news of this week has been the front page story carried by New Delhi's Indian Express last Wednesday (April 4). This news story had a 6-column banner headline: THE JANUARY NIGHT RAISINA HILL WAS SPOOKED. The sub-heading

emphatically any sinister meaning being read into the story. In a box item lauding the Army Chief for his "impeccable reputation as a professional soldier", it has said that no one "is using the 'C' word to imply anything other than 'curious'."

My friend and neighbour,

autobiography given to me by the author himself ten years back. In this Bhandari recalls that he was appointed Lt. Governor in September 1988, and adds: "My tenure was fairly brief as I resigned in December, 1989 after Rajiv Gandhi was defeated in the General Elections".



reads: Two Army Units moved towards Delhi without notifying Government.

If one reads the April 4 report thoroughly, and the several follow-up stories published on April 5, one would have to concede that the reports are extremely alarming and, as BJP spokesman Ravi Shankar Prasad has commented, reveal "Government-Army ties at an all time low". The Indian Express story this week does highlight how deep is the trust deficit pervading the Establishment circles these days. One feels relieved, however, to find that the I.E. itself has taken pains to dispel

Vijai Kapoor, former Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Delhi met me and narrated to me how in 1989, following the defeat of Rajiv Gandhi's Government, then Home Minister Buta Singh initiated a serious move to call in the army and how it was aborted.

Vijai Kapoor at that point of time was Chief Secretary of Delhi. The L.G. of Delhi then was Romesh Bhandari. When Kapoor shared with me his memories of the 1989 episode, I began to hunt for any recorded evidence of the events. I happened to lay hands on Romesh Bhandari's

Bhandari goes on to say:

"Immediately after the results of the General Elections had been declared in 1989, it was clear that the Congress Party had fared very badly. The legal procedure of dissolving the Lok Sabha had still to be gone through. Leaders of other parties were demanding this and Rajiv Gandhi was in the process of moving the papers to Rashtrapati Bhavan. The Election Commission, however, had still to notify the results. The dissolution of the Lok Sabha can only take place immediately thereafter.".

"I forget the date, but one



night I received a call from Buta Singh, who was the Home Minister, that there were rumours about lakhs of kisans from Haryana and Western UP being mobilized by Ajit Singh and others to march into Delhi and Gherao Parliament and Rashtrapati Bhavan. This was with a view to forcing Rajiv Gandhi to dissolve the Parliament without which a new Government could not be formed. Buta Singh said that Parliament was being

Parliament was being dissolved, but there were the legal aspects I have mentioned above. He said that I must take immediate preventive measures and ensure that no law and order situation arose till then. We could not permit such an invasion of Delhi."

"I had received no such report, I called Commissioner of Police, Raja Vijay Karan, and asked him whether he knew anything about this. He called back after making inquiries that they had no such reports. As the Home Minister himself had mentioned this matter, I could not let the situation be as it is. I summoned an immediate meeting at my residence at 18 Akbar Road. It was attended by the Chief Secretary Vijai Kapur who is now the Lt. Governor of Delhi, the Commissioner of Police Raja Vijay Karan and his top colleagues dealing intelligence, security etc. I also invited the officers of the Intelligence Bureau and the Home Ministry. The fear as conveyed to me by Buta Singh was discussed. Everyone said that there was no truth in what the Home Minister had heard.

Mobilization of people in such large numbers could not be done in a matter of hours. If there was any such intention, our sources would have got to know about it. I fully shared the views of all who were there and said that I would tell the Prime Minister's House and the Home Minister that there was no truth at all in the rumours. This is all that happened. Madan Lal Khurana projected this as an unsuccessful effort on my part to call in the

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TAILPIECE

Today is Sthapna Divas (Foundation Day) of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Exactly thirty two years back, on April 6, 1980, the BJP was founded at an all-India Convention held at the Ferozeshah Kotla Maidan in New Delhi.

This Convention was the upshot of a resolution passed by

the Janata Party's Parliamentary Board two days earlier prohibiting so-called 'Dual Membership', which meant membership of the Janata Party and membership of the RSS.

The Janata Party had been formed out of the merger of four Opposition Parties – the Jana Sangh, the Congress (O), the Lok Dal and the Samajwadi Party. Most of the members of the Jana Sangh were swayamsewaks of the RSS or were associated with the RSS.

Evidently, the Dual Membership resolution was initiated by some leaders of the Janata Party who had come to the conclusion that Jana Sangh had become a liability for the Party and so the earlier this limb of the party could be amputated, the better it would be. The Parliamentary Board's Dual Membership resolution

was meant to achieve this. The 'Dual Membership' was strongly opposed by Shri Morarji Bhai Desai, Shri Sikander Bakht and many other Janata Party members not belonging to the Jana Sangh.

In 1980, this resolution was adopted on April 4. That year, April 4 was Good Friday. So April 6, the Foundation Day that year was Easter Sunday.

I have often recalled in my speeches the significance of these two Christian Festivals. Good Friday is believed to be the day of Jesus Christ's Crucifixion and Easter Sunday the Day of Christ's resurrection.

For us of the Jana Sangh, the Dual Membership resolution adopted on Good Friday was tantamount to crucifixion, and Easter Sunday, the Day BJP was launched by Shri Vajpayee a kind of a Happy Resurrection.



India is for united Sri Lanka : Sushma Swaraj

eader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Bushma Swaraj met Sri Lankan President Shri Mahinda Rajapaksa in an unscheduled breakfast meeting on April 20 in Colombo. This comes soon after the one-on-one meeting she had

with the Sri Lankan Opposition Leader, Ranil Wickramasinghe. Smt. Swaraj has had meetings with all Sri Lankan Tamil leaders, and has informally met many Ministers and politicians in the past four days.

T h e invitation was extended to Smt. Swaraj, as Shri Rajapaksa, who has been closely following the

tour of the Indian joint parliamentary delegation, wanted to discuss the issues raised, in an informal atmosphere. Smt.Swaraj has been clear that the delegation, being representatives of Parliament, stood for a united Sri Lanka.

At a meeting in Jaffna on April 18, after one member went off on a tangent on the Tamil question, Smt. Swaraj said the Indian Parliament was against terrorism, and for a united Sri Lanka. Tamil National Alliance leader R. Sampanthan had repeatedly stated that he wanted a solution within the framework of a united Sri Lanka, she pointed out. The next day, handing over a railway project at Aluthgama,

for the Tamils of the Northern Province. Indian High Commissioner Ashok K. Kantha, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister G.L. Peiris and President's Secretary Lalith Weeratunga were present at the meeting.

On April 19 Smt. Swaraj



she said a genuine political solution was necessary.

She also reiterated India's commitment to remain closely engaged with the Sri Lankan government to advance the process of rehabilitation, reconstruction and national development.

'India unanimous'

She said both the ruling party and the Opposition in India were on the same side on the issue of political settlement visited Hatton to meet Tamils of Indian origin and to Batticaloa to meet Tamils in the eastern region.

In Batticaloa, she inaugurated a vocational training school, and visited SWEA, an NGO that works with young widows.

There are 45,000 widows in the Eastern Province in the districts of Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Ampara. About 13,000 are under the age of 23.



"The Censor Bench"

Judicial gag orders are as abhorrent as executive restraints on the media

By: Arun Jaitley

Some interim orders issued by the courts have restrained publication or comment on certain matters of public importance. Orders imposing judicial censorship on the media have been extremely rare. Except in the rarest of rare cases, judicial "gag orders" are as abhorrent as executive restraints on the media.

The changed situation calls for a comment on these judicial orders and the impossibility of their enforcement. The character of the media has significantly changed. The agenda is now set by the electronic media, which has redefined the word "news". News is what camera can capture. What camera cannot capture is relatively irrelevant to the electronic media. Electronic media, thus, necessarily involves exaggeration and sensationalism styled "breaking news".

The digital media has space for news, opinion, gossip and even irresponsible comments. The print media is facing a challenge as the publisher of delayed news. It cannot merely repeat what

others have seen the previous evening. The natural consequence is to either publish a story behind the news, opinion, comment, or break exclusive



stories.

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restraint order that is enforceable, it can at best be within the geographical territory of the country. To cleanse the entire digital media is difficult. If internet facilities were available in the mid-'70s, the tyranny of the Emergency would have been far less.

Freedom of speech and expression is a constitutional guarantee. They can be restrained only by law which has some nexus to the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the state, friendly relations with foreign countries, public order, decency and morality or in relation to contempt of court or incitement of any offence. It is imperative that courts bear in mind that even judicial injunctions ought not to constitutional guarantees. There is a public interest in the dissemination of

information. Information and opinions, however improbable they sound, are entitled to be published.

Thus, if a high court restrains information or a discussion on a subject relating to the

movement of troops within the country, it is clearly in excess of its jurisdiction. The courts cannot enter the political thicket. What are the consequences of the



movement of troops and issues relating to movement of troops, and whether they affect national security or otherwise, are exclusively within the political domain. Discussions on subjects this kind. including dissemination of information and opinion, even on the high improbability of an article carried by a newspaper, are entirely within the domain of the government and not courts. are no judicially measurable standards by which

injunction. The court will not restrain the publication of an article even though it is defamatory when the defendant says he intends to justify it or make fair comments on a matter of public importance."

A pre-publication injunction can only be granted in the rarest of rare cases. The jurisdiction to grant such injunction is a very narrow one and can be exercised with great caution specially in a case of libel and slander. A restraint can only be granted if

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an atrocious libel is wholly unjustified, causing serious injury to the plaintiff and it appears to a court that the defence of privilege justification is just not possible. A reputation is a matter of private interest. A publication may involve public interest. In a conflict between the two, the scales inevitably lean in favour of public interest. However, private interest and reputations will only be protected when the plea of privilege or justification of truth almost appears impossible to be sustained. The court will grant a restraint order if satisfied that no defence would be available in such cases.

However, in cases where the subject matter of publication deals with issues of governance, corruption, maladministration or on issues of misconduct, a judicial gag order ought never to be granted.

While granting judicial restraint orders, the courts must also be concerned with the possibility of non-enforcement of these orders. The courts ought never to grant an order that cannot be enforced. Thus, an order restraining the electronic media from telecasting a particular news may be rendered otiose if international channels decide to telecast the same news item. Digital sites can be loaded with such information from anywhere in the world. The identity of the loader would remain anonymous. E-mails, blogs and websites across the world may be circulating the restrained article. Social media would be carrying comments at length. Only the national media would stand restrained. The satellite does not respect geographical boundaries. This would lead to a mockery of the judicial order. Courts do not pass orders which are impossible or difficult to implement. Futility of judicial orders which are incapable of enforcement would have to be borne in mind by judges when they pass such orders.

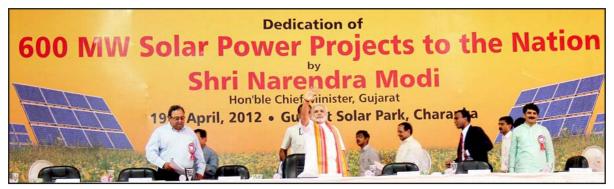
A conflict between competing public interests will always have to be considered when judicial orders restraining publications are made. There is an overriding public interest in publication, dissemination of information and discussion. It is the essence of a democratic society. Even courts ought not to offend such a public interest.

(The writer is Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha)



Narendra Modi dedicates Asia's largest 600 MW solar park to the nation

- Gujarat government will come up with a roof-top solar power policy
- Gujarat alone produces 66% of India's total solar power
- Gujarat Solar Park, largest in Asia, made functional in a record time of just one year
- A forum of 21 national and international solar power developers



From Our Correspondent

In what can be called as Gujarat's quantum leap in the field of solar power generation the Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated 600 MW solar power projects to the nation on April 19. These projects include solar power plants at the Asia's largest solar park at Charnka village as well as solar units at ten other places in Gujarat.

Spread in 3000 acre land the 'Gujarat Solar Park' at Charnka has been set up in line with the vision of Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The foundation of the park was laid by Shri Modi in December 2010. Around 21 national and international companies have invested in the park. The 500 MW solar park has been made functional in a record time of just one year. The Chief Minister took a panoramic view of the entire solar park from a huge tower. He greeted the US

Consul General Mr. Peter Hesh and the office bearers of ADB and IFC and congratulated the owners of the developer companies for being part of this historic project.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Minister said, when the entire world is engulfed by the problem of climate change, it is Gujarat's dream to demonstrate before the world an example of "This climate iustice. achievement is not merely a step in the direction of power conservation but it provides the world with a vision that how the power needs of the future generations can be solved in an environment-friendly manner", he said.

When Gujarat was ready with its own solar energy policy for the first time in the country, Shri Modi said, the Central government was mulling the nation's solar policy just on a primary level. "Due to the efforts made by the Gujarat government, the cost of solar power has come down to Rs.8.50 per unit from Rs.15 per unit", he said. He exuded faith this cost will further go down to rupees four per unit in future once the supply of solar power gets increase.

Speaking about the State government's future moves in the solar sector the Chief Minister said the government has planned to come up with rooftop solar power policy. This will enable a common man to generate solar power by putting solar panel on the roof of his house and sell the power to the State government. "Gujarat contributes 66% of the nation's total solar power generation. Though the State has already become power surplus, a budget of Rs.2000 crore has been allocated for the developments in the field of renewable energy",



said the Chief Minister.

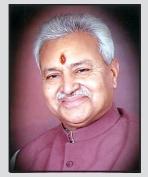
Shri Modi recalled that the nation had launched its first space shuttle 'Soyuz-1' and the first satellite 'Aryabhatt' on April 19. "Today is the day of pride for India as the nation launched Agni-5 today and the Asia's largest power plant has also been dedicated to the nation today", he said. This desert area, facing the borders of Pakistan, has seen a socioeconomic turnaround with the development in solar sector. This, otherwise an arid region, has emerged as a top power producer in the country, he said.

He said in coming time the world will have to face scarcity of conventional energy resources like coal and gas. At such times, Gujarat has opened up a door of prosperity for future generation by focusing on solar and wind power generation.

"The State has taken a giant leap and achieved a goal of 18,000 MW of power generation just in a decade, against the 4000 MW of power generation of the past", Shri Modi said. He further said that the State government is committed to encourage innovations in the field of renewable energy. For accelerating the research in this field, he said, the Pandit Dindayal Petroleum University has started 'School of Solar Energy'. With a view to create a skilled manpower in this field the State government has also started solar energy courses in ITIs, he added. ■

Lakshmikant Bajpai appointed as new Uttar Pradesh BJP President

Senior UP BJP leader and four-time MLA from Meerut, Shri Lakshmikant Bajpai was appointed as the new President of the State BJP on April 14, 2012. BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari named Shri Lakshmikant Bajpai as State President. Shri Bajpai is the first State Chief from western Uttar Pradesh since 1991. Outgoing state president Shri Surya Pratap Shahi has been made special invitee to BJP's National Executive. An Ayurvedic doctor



by qualification, Shri Bajpai was one of the 10 Vice-Presidents of the State unit. Active in politics for over 35 years, he was Minister of State for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development in the BJP government in 2002-03. He also served as chief whip of the party in the Assembly in 1996 and 2002. He has also been a member of the State Executive Committee.

Hukum Singh elected unanimously as new BJP Legislature Party leader

Uttar Pradesh BJP Legislature Party elected Shri Hukum Singh, MLA from Kairana seat in western Uttar Pradesh, unanimously, as new BJP Legislature Party Leader for Uttar Pradesh Assembly. Among others Shri Satish Mahana has been elected as the Deputy Leader and Shri Radha



Mohan Das as the Chief Whip of the party. Party spokesperson Shri Vijay Bahadur Pathak informed it to the media.

He said Shri Dharmpal Singh and Shri Kuwar Bhartendu Singh will be the Whips, Shri Krishna Paswan and Shri Bawan Singh the secretaries and Shri Jagan Prasad Garg the Treasurer.

Shri Hukum Singh's name was proposed by senior leader Shri Kalraj Mishra during a meeting of MLAs and party functionaries, including State President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi, in the presence of two central observers and BJP National General Secretaries Shri Thawar Chandra Gehlot and Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Shri Vijay Bahadur said. Shri Singh, who has been an MLA several times, was the Deputy Leader of BJP legislature party in the last Vidhan Sabha.



Development, Samajik Samrasta and good governance are inbuilt in the concept of Ramrajya – Ramlal

From Our Correspondent

he Madhya Pradesh State executive meeting of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was held on 7th -8th April 2012 at Orchha. Orchha, a place known for its temples, falls under Tikamgarh district, over 300 km from Bhopal. Sounding the bugle for the 2013 assembly elections, Madhya Pradesh

Bharatiya Janata Party has exhorted party activists to gear up and work for a hat trick win next year, saying that it would lay a strong foundation for the formation of a National Democratic (NDA) government at the centre in 2014.

BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ramlal while

addressing the meeting in the concluding session said that Madhya Pradesh was marching ahead on the path of good governance and Ramrajya. Emphasizing that Development, Samajik Samrasta and good governance are inbuilt in the concept of Ramrajya, he said that Madhya Pradesh government has not only taken up the developmental works but also laid the foundation for samajik samarasata (social harmony). Highlighting the achievements of Balram-Shivraj Sandesh Yatra, he said that the government was

able to establish direct communication with more than 50,000 villages through this unique programme. He said that Madhya Pradesh also shows the path to others in establishing better coordination between the organization and the government.

While inaugurating the two

would be voted out in the next elections. "Anarchy like situation is prevailing at the centre. Government-Army relations are under strain and Mamata Banerjee and DMK have virtually become "remote controls" of the UPA-II", he claimed.

Speaking on the occasion,



day state BJP executive meeting BJP National General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar said, "Congress is facing a leadership crisis. Rahul's charisma did not work in Uttar Pradesh. Privanka is already a political non-entity. Young Congress leaders could not even manage victory in their home turf of Amethi and Raebareli"."Its leaders are worrying about the leadership", he added. Pointing out that Congress has now been confined to a few States, he said even in these States its governments were battling for survival as they

Madhya Pradesh BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha said the party men were being asked to gear up for the next elections and to fan out through out the State to highlight the achievements of the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government which, he said, had initiated a series of welfare schemes and other measures for the uplift of the farmers and the poor. "Elections are about oneand-a-half years away. But practically, less than 300 days are left when we deduct the days of the festival season and other engagements. We have to gird



our loins to score a hat-trick", he said.

Addressing the meeting Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that Ramrajya is still relevant and even Gandhiji had emphasized Ramrajya and therefore in Madhya Pradesh it is the responsibility of the BJP to realize the dreams of Ramrajya. While speaking in the concluding session the meeting he said that the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh has pledged itself to serve the most deprived people of the State and created new dimesions of development in almost every sector governance. What the Congress could not do in 50 years the BJP has done in the last eight years, he said.

Two resolutions were passed in the meeting. The political resolution was moved by BJP State General Secretary Nandkumar Singh Chauhan and seconded by BJP State General Secretary Smt. Maya Singh. While criticizing the policy of the Congress led UPA government at the Centre on the issue of NCTC, increasing tax burden on aam aadmi and jewelers, corruption, assault on federal structure of the constitution and step motherly treatment meted out to non-Congress governments in States, the resolution emphasized on developmental works of the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government in Madhya Pradesh and also laid down a roadmap of developmental activities to be initiated and implemented by the government.

Another resolution on poverty figures moved by BJP State Secretary Shri Rakesh May 1-15, 2012 O 22

Singh MP and seconded by Shri Rameshwar Sharma criticized the Congress led UPA government for juggling with the figures of poverty so as to misrepresent the real state of poverty to hoodwink the nation. The resolution laments that India is at 68th position in Hunger Index in the list of 88 countries. The resolution demanded that a scientific method be adopted in determining poverty in the country.

The meeting was attended

by BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ramlal, BJP National General Secretary and in-charge of Madhya Pradesh Shri Ananth Kumar, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Shri Thavarchand Gehlot, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, BJP State President Shri Prabhat Jha, Former Chief Ministers Shri Sunderlal Patwa, Shri Kailash Joshi and Shri Babulal Gaur among others.

Right to Service Act registers 87% success rate in Jharkhand

'Right to Service' the pioneering concept of the State Government launched in the month of February last year to make administration responsive towards common man has been a great success.

In the last one year the State Government received 32.50 lakh complaints out of which 28.30 lakh complaints were sorted out which is 87 per cent of the total complaints registered. A total of 54 services were brought within the ambit of Service Act where the administration has direct dealing with people. These are the areas which breed corruption. Maximum complaints were received regarding payments of scholarship in school and colleges and related others. A total of 23,42,509 complaints were registered out of which concerned authorities disposed of 19,26,646 cases.

"Under the law concerned officials and department have to reply within a time frame the reasons for not delivering services to the aggrieved person. There is a lot of accountability factors involved in the Act as it was framed with suitable punishment to make officials accountable. Under the Act it is mandatory for the department concerned to sort out complaints related with social security scheme within 21 days. In other cases like payment of scholarship, Act says that the complainant should get a reply within 30 days.

In other cases the Act has set a time limit for the execution of complaints - new electricity connection (30 days), faulty electricity bill (one to seven days), caste, residential and income certificate (15 to 30 days), licence for ration shop (30 days), new ration card (60 days), licence for medical shop and licence related with agricultural activities (30 days.)

The Right to Service Act is the key to the concept of Chief Minister Arjun Munda who has been stressing on a transparent administration.



It is stronger, comprehensive and inside the Constitutional parameters: Dhumal

The Himachal Pradesh Assembly passed the HP Lokayukta Bill, 2012, in the amended form with incorporation of an additional clause, empowering Lokayukta with powers of Contempt of

Court at par with the High

Court.

Claiming that the Bill would become a model for other States, Chief Minister Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal called the Opposition Congress members' "highly absence unfortunate" and said they not only missed the opportunity of being present in the House at the historic moment but also missed the chance to participate in the allimportant debate on the Bill.

Replying to the debate, Chief Minister Shri Prem

Kumar Dhumal, who had introduced the Bill in the house. asserted that Himachal Lokayukta bill was "more strong and constitutional". Referring to the suggestions of Khushi Ram Balnatah (BJP) that societies and other registered bodies should also be brought within the ambit of the Bill, the Chief Minister said that it can be considered and notified later.

The Bill aimed at curbing corruption among public servants covers all officials' right from Chief Minister to Panchayat members and complaints could

also be file against the elected members of Panchayati Raj institutions and Urban local bodies. Besides the Lokayukta, who would be a retired Supreme Court Judge of Chief Justice of High Court, there would be two



Up-lokayukts (deputy Lokayukta). The Bill would replace the Lokayukta Act, 1983, which had not been found to be effective, and bring the public servants indulging in corruption to justice.

The power to initiate an enquiry against Chief Minister, ministers, CPSs, MLAs and officers of the rank of Secretary and above and heads of the Department would vest in Lokayukta but no action would be initiated without the permission of Full Bench of Lokayukta.

Further, the enquiry, investigations and prosecution shall continue in case the complainant dies and no complaint shall be allowed to be withdrawn unless Lokayukta is fully satisfied that

the complainant had made a bonafide mistake.

However, prosecution sanction in case of the Chief Minister would be accorded by the State Assembly, against MLAs by the Speaker and against Ministers, officers of the rank of secretary to the government and above and heads of the department would be given by the Chief Minister.

prosecution sanction against judicial officers would be accorded by the high court.

A provision to keep the identity of "whistle blowers" secret and providing them security has also been made while in case of frivolous complaints a fine up to Rs 10 lakh and imprisonment of one year has also been made and no complaint would be allowed to be withdrawn unless the Lokayukta was satisfied that these has been a "bonafide mistake".

The official amendment empowering the Lokayukta with powers of contempt of Court on par with high court was carried and the Bill was passed. ■



Deal terrorism, naxalism with tough hands: Dr. Raman Singh

avouring a coordinated strategy at the national level, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh on April 15 said that terrorism and naxalism have to be dealt with tough hands. Dr. Singh also a "national for consensus" on the issue of setting up a National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) to ensure a federal structure. "I believe that the problem of terrorism and naxalism can be curbed with the coordinated efforts of the Central and the State governments. For this we have always emphasised the need for a coordinated strategy at the national level. I have always been in favour of dealing with terrorism and naxalism with tough hands," Dr. Singh said during the Chief Ministers' conference on internal security in New Delhi.

He said the issue of the establishment of NCTC requires a national consensus as "it must not adversely affect our federal structure". The Centre has scheduled a meeting on May five to discuss the proposed NCTC amid growing clamour against it in some states.

Dr. Singh said naxalites were using abduction as a strategic weapon and trying to gain control in areas with sufficient natural resources. "Naxalism poses the same threat to the internal security of the country as any other terrorist activity. Today, it is a well



known fact that the damage to life and property caused by naxalism is much more compared to terrorism. The Chief Minister slammed naxalites for causing loss to public property worth crores and charged their sympathisers with double standards.

"Naxalism is clearly against the democratic system. Naxalites spread their terror through brutal killings and destruction of private and public property.

"Every incident of naxal violence proves that the aim of the Naxal organisations is not the upliftment of the poor but only to usurp power through violent, undemocratic and unconstitutional means," he said.

Dr. Singh said that Chhattisgarh was fighting the most fierce battle against Naxalism, as the ultras have in recent years concentrated all their power in the state and tribal folks, forest dwellers, innocent villagers and government servants have lost their lives in the violence. "In this violence, maximum losses have been suffered by that very section of the society whose interests the

naxalites claim to represent to justify their existence. "The public has understood the real design of the naxalism reflected through its violence and misdeeds and the double standard of its sympathisers," the CM said.

He said that public utilities worth hundreds of crores like roads, railway property, electricity lines, hospitals, panchayat buildings, schools and public transport have been mercilessly destroyed by naxalites.

Dr. Singh also asked the Centre to either station a battalion (about 1,000 men) of National Security Guard or to provide a special package to aid the state to set up such a group to fight. Appreciating the central security agencies for their efforts in containing terrorism, the CM said "Chhattisgarh is determined to deal decisively with the challenges posed by terrorism and naxalism."

He said that a national strategy is the need of the hour. "I firmly believe that with everyone's cooperation, we will be successful in totally eradicating terrorism and naxalism, not only from the state of Chhattisgarh but also from the whole of India". Citing limited resources of the Government, he also asked the Centre to bear the expenditure of about Rs 1,400 crore on central security forces deployed in the State to fight naxalites. ■





'Per Drop – More Crop' to farmers to adopt micro irrigation system: Modi

Gujarat to spend Rs.400-cr to cover 2.50-lakh ha under micro-irrigation this year, 10-lakh ha next year

ujrat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 15 inaugurated Israel's Netafim Irrigation firm's second plant at Savli in central Gujarat. The global supplier of drip irrigation system had set up its first plant at the same place in 2001.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Modi said that Gujarat plans to bring 10-lakh hectares of agriculture land under micro-irrigation in the coming year even as 2.50-lakh hectares are projected to be brought under micro-irrigation at a cost of Rs.400-cr this year. At present about 7-lakh hectares of agriculture land in the state is being irrigated with drip irrigation system. The figure earlier was hardly 10,000 hectares.

Shri Modi gave mantra 'Per Drop – More Crop' to farmers to adopt micro irrigation system. Shri Modi recalled that during his visit to Israel he was impressed by the country's unexpected success in the field of water management through a scientific method to overcome the shortage of water for agriculture purposes in its large tracts of semi-arid land. Israel has taught him the worth of water and use of water in agriculture in life.

He said that farmers of Gujarat were initially benefited by application of 'electricity' for pumping 'water. He realized that it is 'water' rather than 'electricity' which is more vital for farming and Gujarat Government had in a movement of sorts built nearly six

lakh structures to check and store rainwater flowing down the countless rivulets and smaller rivers into the sea. The massive campaign resulted in the rise of underground water table by three to 13 meters depending upon the local soil conditions. Gujarat's success story in water revolution has been published in Gujarat Government's

Reports. This Government has

adapted a new policy to encourage

drip and sprinkler irrigation system in the State, as the farmers reaped bumper crops by allowing drops to percolate down near the roots of the plants, rather than entire field.

Shri Modi asked particularly small and marginal farmers to take benefit of scientific farming, greenhouse and net-house to make a success of water revolution, thereby enriching the soil fertility.

Civil and military tensions affecting internal security : Modi

Slamming the centre over recent controversies involving the Army, Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi said tensions between the civil and military wings are bound to adversely impact the internal security of the country. Speaking at the Chief Ministers' Conference on internal security, Shri Modi said, "it is unfortunate that the present Union Government has failed to instill faith and confidence about our defence preparedness in the common man". Shri Modi said the internal security of the country cannot be viewed in isolation as it is intertwined with the external security scenario and the armed forces play an important role in anti-infiltration and anti-insurgency which directly impinges on the internal security of the nation. "In this context, any lacunae in our defence capabilities on account of resource constraints, demoralisation of the rank and file and tensions between the civil and military wings is bound to have an adverse impact on the Internal Security of the Nation," he said.

The chief minister said the centre should take proactive steps "to clear the fog of mistrust and suspicion" that has arisen on account of the "recent unseemly controversy" and not "remain content with mere issuance of statements". Criticizing the centre for its "non-consultative" approach with State governments on key security issues, Modi said the centre was creating "State within State" by amending RPF Act, BSF Act which take away powers from State police and meddling with subjects under the state list. He said politicisation of central agencies, including the CBI, is increasing and they are used to harass and victimise political rivals of the ruling party at the centre. "This approach has gravely compromised the credibility of agencies like CBI and is a matter of concern since these agencies are also involved in internal security matters," he said.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

65th Himachal Day celebrated with great zeal in the State



The 65th Himachal Day was celebrated with great e n t h u s i a s m throughout the State on April 15 with the main function held at Ghandir in Bilaspur district, where Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal unfurled the National Flag and inspected the

parade. The parade was presented by police, home guards, NCC (men and women) contingents and several cultural programmes were held on the occasion amid huge gathering of people.

On April 15, 1948, Himachal Pradesh came into existence after merger of 31 odd princely States. Functions were organized across the State at district headquarters to mark the occasion, where several Ministers were present as chief guests.

Prof. Dhumal, addressing the gathering, greeted the people of the State on the occasion. "Starting from a scratch in 1948, the State has made rapid progress and emerged as a pioneer in development not only for hill States of the country but for other States also," he added.

Chief Minister, as per his budget announcements for the sportspersons, said that the winners hailing from HP in the Olympic Games to be held in London would be awarded with Rs 1 crore for gold, Rs 50 lakh for silver and Rs 25 lakh for bronze medal.

The Chief Minister also announced enhancement of cash prize of Parshuram Award from Rs 20,000 to Rs 50,000, along with giving Rs10 lakh to Kumari Priyanka who participated in Indian team which won World Kabbadi Championship. He also announced Rs 50,000 each to four State-level coaches. In addition, Prof. Dhumal also announced enhancement in diet money for players from Rs 80 to Rs 120 within the State and from Rs 125 to Rs 200 outside.

"Having gained fame as 'Apple State' of the



country, it is poised to become 'Fruit Bowl' of the country, besides power State and tourism State. The Endeavour of the Government is to ensure speedy and uniform development of the State with special attention to backward and far-flung areas besides ensuring public welfare," he said.

He added that a number of educational institutions had been opened in the State during last four years including Central University, IIT and Technical University. Prof. Dhumal also conferred various awards upon sports persons, civil servants and total sanitation awards. Prof. Dhumal conferred 'Prerna Strot Award' upon Additional Chief Secretary S Roy and Environment and State Pollution Control Board secretary Dr Nagin Nanda for launch of Aryabhatta Geoinformatics and Space Application Centre (AGISAC) in Shimla.

MADHYA PRADESH

Congress synonymous with corruption, inflation: Prabhat Jha



Madhya Pradesh BJP State President Shri Prabhat Jha said that the Congress led UPA Government at the Centre had forgotten the promises it made in the Parliamentary elections of 2009. Addressing a meeting of the State Working Committee of Janani Suraksha Yojna Cell, Shri Jha said that the

Congress has become a synonymy to corruption, inflation and misrule. The UPA Government has forgotten its social responsibility and therefore the people of the nation are looking towards the BJP with hope.

The Janani Suraksha Yojna Cell represents half of the State's population and it will be conclusive factor in the coming election. The meeting was headed by the Cell's State convener Shri Kranti Joshi who informed that around 37,000 members have been made from 37 districts through a special membership campaign while the programme was



directed by Smt. Gayatri Sharma. The members of the Cell will deposit an amount of 5 lakh in the party fund with 100 from each member.

Shri Jha said, "The credit in which BJP has developed itself in such a short duration of time goes to the party's diligent workers and activists and the public who brought the party in governance a second time in the State. And due to this support we will succeed in making the Government a third time also."

He further said that Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has relieved all sections of the society with his revolutionary speed of social and financial development. Madhya Pradesh has reached close to becoming a developed State and we hope that the *Janani Suraksha Yojna* Cell will strengthen itself in urban, rural and tribal areas and will succeed in increasing the vote bank by three per cent.

Shri Prabhat Jha said, "The Central Government's policies are anti-poor and the recent act of the Centre of depriving 6.75 crore poor people from the benefits of BPL is a cruel joke. The BJP will unmask the Centre's real anti-poor face next month in people's court."

He further added, "A signature campaign will be commenced from May 1 and with the help of millions of signatures the party's MPs, MLAs, Mayors and district Panchayat heads under the leadership of BJP State president and will demonstrate a sit-in at Delhi and the president of India will be given a memorandum by the party."

Cabinet nod for free pilgrimage sponsored by M. P. Govt.



Shri Shivraj Chouhan led BJP government in Madhya Pradesh gave the nod to the ambitious Mukhya Mantri Teerth Darshan Scheme under which a person of any religion can visit a pilgrimage site of his/her choice with

the Government bearing the expenses. The <u>decision was taken at the meeting of State Cabinet.</u>

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Chief Minister Shri Chouhan had announced the scheme at a gathering of senior citizens at his residence a few days ago. The Religious Trust and Endowment Department would act as the nodal agency for the scheme. The cabinet also decided to form a sub-committee for framing the rules and regulations for the scheme. The scheme aims to cover a minimum of one lakh persons a year. Recently, the State government also decided to subsidise visits to religious places outside the country.

Under the pilgrimage scheme, followers of "all religions and communities can undertake journey to any pilgrim centre of their choice". The 15 centres it covers are Badrinath, Kedarnath, Jagannath, Dwarka, Haridwar, Amarnath, Vaishno Devi, Kashi, Tirupati, Ajmer Sharif, Gaya, Shirdi, Rameshwaram, Amritsar (Sikh) and Sammed Shikhar (Jain). A minimum of one lakh people would benefit from the scheme every year. Group applications would be accorded priority under the scheme. The State Department of Religious Trusts & Endowments will be the nodal agency for the scheme.

The State Government had recently announced subsidies on "pilgrimages" to Cambodia (Angkor Wat temple) and Sri Lanka (Sita Mata temple). Under this scheme the State Government will provide a one-time 50% subsidy on the expenses incurred by the "pilgrim", up to a maximum of Rs. 30,000.

Note worthy, the Government already subsidizes pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar (in China) and Hinglaaj Mata temple and Nankana Saheb Gurdwara (both in Pakistan).

In that meeting the Cabinet gave in-principle sanction to the Technical Education and Skill Development Policy for making more job opportunities available to the youth of the State. The objective of the policy is to create a conducive atmosphere for all-round development of technical education and vocational training. Under it, appropriate steps will be undertaken for expansion of technical education and vocational training.

Opportunities of training and certification will be made available to school drop-outs, working labourers, child labourers and labourers who have undergone non-formal training. To safeguard mutual interest, linkage of technical education institutions with academia will be strengthened.

The Cabinet decided to increase the retirement



age of cadre personnel of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Ltd from 58 to 60 years. It was also decided to give option to Class I, II and III workers of Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board, whose services have been finally merged into Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Limited that they can opt for retirement at 60 years of age. But the retirement age of Class IV employees will remain the same at 60 years.

It was also decided to appoint the Madhya Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation as a nodal agency for e-tendering work in place of MAP-IT. E-tendering has an important contribution towards ensuring impartiality, transparency and promptness. This is an innovative practice in the sphere of good governance. The process of linking contractors with e-registration and e-tendering will be made safer, less expensive, modern and user-friendly. The Cabinet decided to exempt from stamp duty and registration fees the exchange of 16.153 hectares of Government land with 16.315 hectares of land acquired from farmers for construction of the building of an IIT at village Simrol (tehsil Mhow) in Indore district.

JHARKHAND

Birsa Munda's prison will be developed as a museum : Munda

The masterpieces of Birsa Munda, and his stay in the old prison at East Jail road during the struggle for freedom, will be exhibited in the museum to be developed on the lines of Vigyan Bhavan to reflect the cultural, traditional and artifacts of the State, artistically in the land-area



of 40 acres spread across the green area of the prison premises.

The premises of ancient Birsa Munda prison has reminiscence of the struggle for freedom and it is our duty to preserve them as heritage site, said Jharkhand CM Shri Arjun Munda during inspection of Ward number-05, Veer Birsa cell situated in the old prison. The CM instructed the concerned officials to develop this area as heritage May 1-15, 2012 O 28

museum, for people to know about the sacrifices of Birsa Munda.

Shri Munda also instructed the officials that the structural model of the prison should be conserved in the similar style as it was in the year 1900. Shri Munda said that the State Government was thinking on the lines to develop the rest of the prison area with underground parking, green area facility akin to Vigyan Bhavan situated in New Delhi.

"The model of Birsa Munda prison must be developed in a way that it reflects the culture and tradition of Jharkhand. Rest of the part of the area must be developed as convention centre with instalment of new tower area, protecting the minute details of the age-old prison building," directed Shri Munda, giving the nod to develop the prison as a heritage site and museum depicting the life and history of Bhagwaan Birsa Munda's struggle for freedom.

Home department, the nodal department behind the development of the heritage site will look after the coordination with necessitating agencies, preparation of designs and modules by various departments and experts to be involved in this work.

The inspectional tour of Chief Minister Shri Arjun Munda to Birsa Munda prison was accompanied with Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, Urban Development department Secretary, Planning and Development Secretary and the CM directed the officials to expedite this work.

UTTAR PRADESH

Stop SP workers from taking law into hands : BJP

Citing the latest incident of Budaun district, the Bharatiya Janata Party has asked Samajwadi Party chief Mulayam Singh Yadav to curb his party men who were openly flouting the law and resorting to goondaism in the state. State BJP spokesman Shri Vijay Bahadur Pathak said that SP MLA from Budaun Abid Raza and his supporters had made mockery of law and order.

"The SP MLA's goons abducted one Mahesh Prakash and forced him to sign the sale deed of his land to his supporters," he said. "Despite the fact the victim has lodged a complaint with the local



police, no action has been taken against the erring SP MLA and his supporters," Shri Pathak said.

The BJP spokesman said that Kannauj, the Parliamentary constituency of the Chief Minister, has become a safe haven for kidnappers and ever since the SP came to power many abductions have taken place there and the police have failed to nab any of the kidnappers. He said that during the last one month more than a dozen districts witnessed violence and high-handedness of SP leaders. "It is Mulayam and Akhilesh Yadav's duty to stop SP leaders to take the law into their hands," Shri Pathak demanded.

BJP demands compensation for Bundelkhand farmers

The Bharatiya Janata Party has demanded adequate compensation to farmers in view of damage to crops in all the seven districts of Bundelkhand. The party also asked the state government to stop recovery of loans from farmers keeping their plight in view. Talking to media persons, BJP State General Secretary Shri Vindhyawasini Kumar said that torrential rain and cyclone had caused extensive damage to crop in Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Chitrakoot, Jalaun, Jhansi and Lalitpur.

"Unfortunately, Bundelkhand has been witnessing drought for past several years due to which the farmers there are reeling under debt and now they have suffered heavy losses due to adverse weather," he said.

The BJP State General Secretary said that damage to the crop could be gauged from the fact that farmers in many villages of Banda could harvest very little crop. "The situation has been no different in other districts of the Bundelkhand," he said, adding that the State government should send a team to assess the damage to crop and provide adequate compensation to farmers.

Meanwhile, BJP's former State President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi will go to Mau to May 1-15, 2012 **Q** 29

meet the bereaved family of Ramji Barnwal, who was killed by two criminals who forcibly entered his house and held the family members as hostage during encounter with police. The police had gunned down both criminals while police inspector Govind Singh had also lost his life in the encounter.

TAMILNADU

It will be clean sweep for BJP in the next polls: P Radhakrishnan

The victory of Bharatiya Janata Party in all the three municipal corporations of Delhi has clearly indicated the clean sweep of BJP in the ensuing polls both for Assembly and the Lok Sabha elections, said BJP Tamilnadu State president Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan.



He said, the people were fed up with the anti-people policies of the United Progressive Front Government in the Centre, especially skyrocketing price of essential commodities.

Speaking to media persons he said that the anti-UPA wave helped the BJP win the elections conducted recently throughout the country and it clearly indicated that BJP would form the Government in the coming elections.

He said more over 2.50 lakh people would be expected to attend the 'Tamarai Sangaman' (lotus conference), which is to be conducted for two days from April 27 at Madurai. The conference would definitely be a turning point in the history of Indian politics and this is evident with more and more workers from various political parties voluntarily coming forward to join the BJP. More than 30,000 party workers from Kanyakumari district would be expected to participate in the conference, he added.

Tamil Thai Ratha Yatra

An exhibition to highlight the achievements of the nine BJP ruling States would be displayed in the conference venue. The party would flag off a 'Tamil Thai Ratha Yatra' from Kanyakumari to promote Tamil culture and ensure the welfare of Tamils. Ratha Yatra would reach Madurai on April 27 after going through villages in southern districts of the State.



Be what you want to be

By P V Vaidyanathan

ention the word 'freedom', and every person on earth would wholeheartedly agree that freedom is a necessity. What most of us mean by this is freedom f r o m something or freedom to do something.

Children are always looking for opportunities to get free of rules laid down by their parents. Adults want more freedom in their relationships, while older people want freedom from disease, insecurities and loneliness.

True freedom, however, is none of these things. True freedom means the power to be really you. Every one of us

is unique, with our own basic personality, wants, desires, likes and dislikes. The sum total of all these makes us what we are. However, few of us are lucky enough to be in control of internal and external circumstances to be able to express our true selves. So we could end up being what we're not. Family and society, friends colleagues circumstances – albeit perhaps with good intentions - that condition us, often forcing us to do or become what we are not. Invariably, it suits many of us too, to be what others want us to be, rather than to be ourselves.

A child who is well mannered and well behaved gets appreciated and rewarded,

while one, who is rebellious, gets scolded and punished. In order to gain approval from others and to get rewarded, children automatically start playing roles which are different from their true selves. In this way, right from



childhood, we lose our freedom to be ourselves, and become what others want us to be.

This situation could create plenty of conflicts and turmoil in us. When there is a mismatch between what we truly want to do or say, and what we are forced to, it results in stress. And stress, as is scientifically proven, acts on our body and mind, producing a lot of psychosomatic diseases.

As an adult, when we suffer from chronic problems like headache, backache, acidity, hypertension, fatigue or diabetes, we seek medical attention, often not knowing that the root cause of these problems is our lack of freedom to be ourselves and to express ourselves freely. Medical

science often treats the symptoms or the end results, without going into the metaphysical aspects of the disease. As a result, most treatments are lifelong, and although many of the diseases are controlled or cured at the

symptom level, the cause which gave rise to these problems persists.

So let's give ourselves absolute or total freedom, to think, to speak and to do what we really want to. This does not mean becoming selfish or having license to cause injury to others. On the contrary, a person who values his freedom will immediately realize the value of others' freedom.

Absolute freedom means freedom for all. It means giving up controlling ourselves and controlling others.

Once we have given ourselves total freedom, we need to think what we really want, how to go about it, and at what cost we want it. And having given the whole thing a lot of thought with our free mind, we can choose the correct action. When we think with a mind that is not free, when we are worried about what others will think or say about us, when we are always playing to the gallery, we might give some happiness to others, but we will find ourselves under duress, and so will never know peace and joy. ■

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