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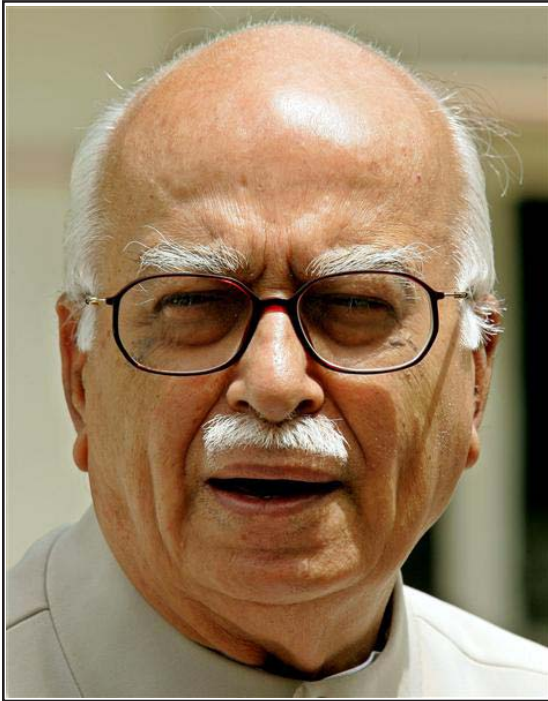
Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee along with other Jansangh leaders.



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The soul is never born nor dies; nor does it become only after being born. For it is unborn, eternal, everlasting and primeval; even though the body is slain, the soul is not.
– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 20)

“Jeevem Shardah Shatam”

Birth anniversary : 8 November



All the BJP leaders and Karyakarta led by National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Leader of Opposition in LS Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in RS Shri Arun Jaitley, former BJP National President Dr. M.M. Joshi, Shri M. Venkaiiah Naidu and Shri Rajnath Singh, National Gen. Sec. (Orgnisation) Shri Ram Lal and Shri Prabhat Jha, Editor, Kamal Sandesh and Kamal Sandesh Parivar join the nation in wishing their margdarshak Shri Lal Krishna Advani a very happy birthday and pray for his long life to continue to guide the Party and the nation for long.

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Foreign fund behind Kejriwal's game?

After ruining the Anna Andolan and in pursuit of its naked ambition Team Kejriwal is indulging in the conspiracy to create suspicion about 'democracy' and by doing so it is definitely playing in the hands of those who have no attachment either to India or Bharat Mata. The Union Government should seriously investigate the matter. The main game of Kejriwal may be related to funding. The thing to be known is whether the funds belong to India or to the forces which want to weaken the country. The Manmohan Singh government should find out as to who has given the 'supari' to Kejriwal.

Kejriwal may not be aware of the fact that the day he declared his intention to join politics and contest elections his sensex not only crashed down but it has completely nosedived. The situation is gradually becoming clearer. I still remember that Anna had once said that the former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh Digvijay Singh should be sent to Pune. Now we want to know where Anna would like Kejriwal to be sent. It is often said that a person should become respectable by doing good things in the society but here some people are nursing the ambition to earn respect by highlighting the shortcomings of others. Kejriwal is doing exactly the same thing these days. When he blackened the face of 'Vadra' he thought that the Congress may blame him of his being played in the hands of BJP. This was the reason that he distorted the things which BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari keeps saying in his speeches.

From here started the journey of Kejriwal's neutrality. The day Shri Gadkari assumed the office of BJP National President he always talked about his work which he carried through cooperative movement and the need to strengthen rural economy through alternative sources of energy. What was new in Kejriwal's revelations? Whatever Kejriwal said about Nitinji was immediately dismissed by Union Minister Shri Sharad Pawar who said that "Nitin Gadkari has done nothing wrong". It was a big slap on the face of Kejriwal. At the same time by demanding an inquiry on himself Nitinji exposed the unethical and conspiratorial design of Kejriwal.

When Sharad Pawar uttered truth, his daughter Supriya Sule was brought in the dock. It was made clear that Kejriwal who was trying to act as Raja Harishchandra and about whom we were continuously saying was thoroughly exposed. Kejriwal proved himself to be completely false. One who could not remain loyal to Anna, how can he be loyal to the nation? He is engaged in digging holes in democracy with the help of foreign funds. Kejriwal has perhaps forgotten that democracy is deeply entrenched in the soul and body of the nation. Therefore Arvind Kejriwal will not succeed in misleading the mature people of our country by leveling baseless allegations.

Who is Kejriwal? Don't the people know that he is the same person who has ditched Anna? By ditching Anna who nurtured him Kejriwal has definitely reserved his name in the list of back stabbers. Does a back stabber enjoy the moral right to accuse others?

Arvind Kejriwal wants people to vent their anger on him so that if he is chased and beaten somewhere the people of India can emotionally sympathise

Editorial...

with him. He is waiting for that. But he is not aware of the fact that many like him were seen earlier by the people of India and its mature democracy has never responded in that manner. It is the country of Gandhi (not Sonia Gandhi) where Bapu merely in a loincloth converted the desire to send the Britishers out of the country into people's power and the Britishers had to leave the country. By sitting on the heap of accusations and conspiracies the swadeshi struggle cannot be waged with the help of foreign funds. It was only due to the media channels which by believing in these 'fly by night operators' wasted so many valuable hours of these channels and got misled. But no one should doubt the maturity of the people of the country who can distinguish between reality and conspiracy, truth and falsehood, revolution and 'revelations', agitation and propoganda and so on. The entire plot was exposed, it was nothing but falsehood. It was a damp squib.

It is a matter of relief that the people responsible for wasting valuable time and human resource of the country have been exposed. How far it has benefited the Indian democracy and politics only the time will tell but it is for sure that the for saving the dignity of the Indian democracy it is good that Kejriwal has been exposed. ■

Jayalithaa urges Centre to declared Ram Setu as national monument

Tamilnadu Chief Minister Ms. Jayalithaa has urged the Centre to declare the Historic Ram Setu, through which the proposed alignment of the Sethusamudram channel is planned, a national monument, without further delay. In a communication to Prime Minister Manmohn Singh, she stated that based on strong opposition to the earlier alignment 6 cutting across the structure, popularly known as Ram Setu owing to its "immeasurable historical, archaeological and heritage value," a number of writ petitions had been filed in the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court. She had also filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court in 2007 praying for a direction to the Tuticorin Port Trust and the Union of India, Ministry of Culture, to declare Adam's Bridge\Ram Setu as a national monument and take over, preserve and maintain it. Besides, it was appealed to the court to prevent the Union of India, Ministry of Shipping\Surface Transport and Sethusamudram Corporation Ltd from destroying\damaging the Ram Setu in the process of the execution of the project. In the meantime, an expert committee under R.K. Pachauri was appointed by the Union government in 2008 based on the directions from the Supreme Court. A summary of the panel's report had been forwarded to the State government for its remarks. "I have had the report of the expert committee examined by the departments concerned of my government and a letter is being sent separately to the Ministry of Shipping communicating the views of the State government." Ms. Jayalithaa said that the case came up for hearing before the Supreme Court on March 27 and the judges directed the Additional Solicitor General to obtain the remarks of the Centre before March 29 on declaring the site as a national monument.

"In view of the strong objection raised to the earlier alignment... I request you to take necessary action to communicate the view of the Government of India to the Supreme Court that it will take immediate steps for declaring the site as a national monument without further delay. The State government will separately be filing a counter to express its stand." ■

BJP hails government stance

Bharatiya Janata Party state president Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan has welcomed the State Government's affidavit in Supreme Court that sought to declare the Ram Sethu as a National Monument. Speaking to reporters Shri Radhakrishnan said that the Sethusamudram project was approved during the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Government at the Centre in 2002.

"But the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) that came to power in 2004 hurried the project due to intense pressure from its coalition partner Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and tried to damage the Ram Sethu or the Adams Bridge.

"Chief Minister's efforts now to preserve the historic bridge is welcomed by the people of the State," he added.

Futuristic BJP Election Manifesto will take Himachal forward : Prem Kumar Dhumal

From Our Correspondent

The BJP government in Himachal Pradesh in its Election Manifesto has promised a slew of measures for the rapid development of the State. Releasing the Election Manifesto on October 22 in Shimla Chief Minister Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal said, "People would get benefit from all these new promises made by BJP and like the previous manifesto we will implement this one with full dedication". He said this manifesto will take Himachal forward.

The manifesto has promised to provide electric heaters for cooking gas users, free medicines in government hospitals, for daily wagers the BJP has promised to increase the daily wage to Rs.250 from Rs.150. Likewise, widow and social security pension will be increased from Rs.450 to Rs.650.

The BJP has promised to provide free induction heaters to all registered LPG users to answer the recent hike in cooking gas prices announced by the Congress led UPA government in the Centre. It is noteworthy, the decision of Congress led UPA government to reduce the number of

subsidized LPG cylinders to six in a year has turned people in rural areas of Himachal Pradesh towards traditional mode of cooking – using wood as fuel. Amid growing resentment against the UPA decision, the BJP has promised free induction plates (for cooking) to 16 lakh households. Chief Minister Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal said, "Providing subsidized LPG gas was the Union government's mandate and at a time when the

gas prices are getting out of reach for the common man, BJP in Himachal Pradesh would want to replace gas with electric cooking".

Chief Minister Shri Dhumal said, "I cannot reduce the price of LPG cylinders as decision has to be taken by the Congress led Union government. But I can assure that BJP government would definitely reduce the burden by providing induction cooker to every household which would reduce the dependence on LPG. It would be a cheaper option as it would consume only 2 unit of power per day and in Himachal power is already available at cheaper rates."

He said, "BJP government in the State has been given go-ahead permission to more than 500 small hydro projects to make it the power surplus State. Even though the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission has recommended that BPL families be provided power up to 40 units at Rs 2.50 per unit and those above poverty line at Rs 2.85 per unit for up to 40 units, actually subsidized power to BPL for first 40 units is supplied at Rs



0.70 per unit and other categories get it for Rs 1 per unit. This has become possible with the state government paying Rs 190 crore to the State electricity board this year to compensate for the subsidy provided”.

The Chief Minister added that the BJP government had fulfilled all promises it had made five years ago. “We followed the last manifesto like a policy document. Not only did we implement what we promised but also came up with new initiatives,” he said, “Promises made in the manifesto are achievable. From the identified hydro power potential of 23,203 MW of power, the party would try to increase generation to 20,000 MW in the 2012-17. By the end of the year, the State’s generation capacity would touch 12,000 MW”, he said.

To attract investments, the manifesto has promised to establish Rohroo-Parwanoo and Una-Mandi economic zones, construct Express Highways with tunnels to link Jubbal with Kothai and Una with Belaspur, set up satellite towns and develop tourist hot spots, educational institutions and markets. Besides, it has promised to ensure a legitimate share in power projects under the Bhakra-Beas management.

In the education sector, the BJP promises opening of law and Sanskrit universities, free school bags with a dictionary to government school students and extension of free laptop scheme. It has also promised a medical college in Mandi, five new super specialty hospitals in various parts of the State and an engineering college in Shimla.

Other prominent promises

include ensuring solutions to public complaints within 45 days and posting a woman police officer at every district headquarters. The manifesto also promises jobs to all unemployed who are registered with employment exchanges by 2008.

The Manifesto promised per month reduction in the rate of interest for farm loans to 2% from 4%, 10 lakh jobs to the jobless and advancing loans to those opting for self-employment at 2% interest, among other measures. A small trader with a turnover up to Rs.10 lakh would be exempted from value added tax (VAT). Every unemployed youth would be given a loan up to Rs.1 lakh at two percent interest and pension of senior citizens would be increased by five percent for those above 65 years of age, 10 percent for those above 75 years and 20 percent for people aged above 80 years. For the senior citizens, the party has also promised free pilgrimages.

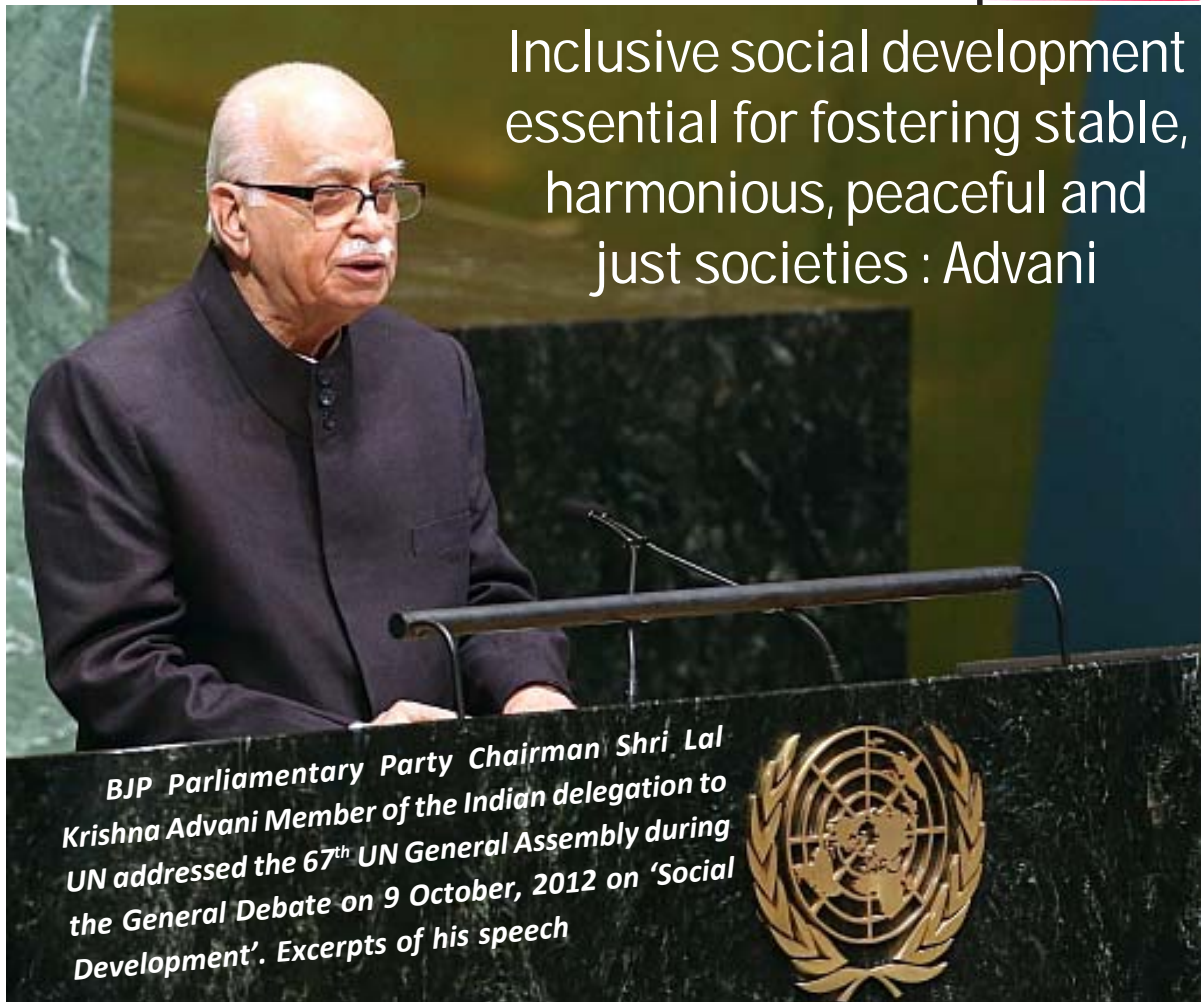
The hill State of Himachal Pradesh will go to the polls on 04 November and votes will be counted on 20 December, after the Gujarat assembly polls are over. This year’s Assembly election is expected to witness a multi-cornered contest with 459 candidates remaining in the field for 68-member Himachal Pradesh State Assembly.

A maximum number of 16 candidates are in the fray from Dehradun, followed by Dharamsala 14, Arki 11 and Mandi and Gagret 10 each. Fifteen constituencies each would witness five-cornered and six-cornered contests while seven candidates are in the field in thirteen constituencies, ten in eight constituencies and four in

remaining constituencies. The ruling BJP and Congress are contesting all 68 seats while the BSP has fielded candidates from 66 constituencies, followed by Himachal Lokhit Party 36, TMC-25, LPJ-18, CPI(M)-16, SP, NCP and Swabhiman Party 15 each, CPI-7 and Shiv Sena -4.

Other Highlights of the Manifesto

- ◆ Ensure environment audit in areas facing environment degradation threat
- ◆ Promote use of solar heater and solar cooker by increasing subsidy
- ◆ Increase seats in two medical colleges at IGMSC, Shimla, and Dr RSGMC, Tanda, in Kangra district
- ◆ Levy generation tax on power projects for mobilize resources
- ◆ Seek 12% free share of power from hydro projects set up in the state before 1990
- ◆ Ply 500 new buses in the state, especially in rural areas
- ◆ Implement Citizen Charter or Public Service Guarantee Act in all public dealing offices
- ◆ Create new districts according to need
- ◆ Extend 80% subsidy on construction of poly houses for next three years by providing Rs 190 crores
- ◆ Create 10 lakh jobs in the next five years
- ◆ Loan up to Rs 1 lakh on 2% interest to unemployed youth
- ◆ To promote sports, provide training to 500 players in each district; double sports budget; and build a stadium in each district.■



Inclusive social development essential for fostering stable, harmonious, peaceful and just societies : Advani

BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani Member of the Indian delegation to the UN addressed the 67th UN General Assembly during the General Debate on 9 October, 2012 on 'Social Development'. Excerpts of his speech

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, on behalf of the Indian delegation, I would like to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election and for chairing this important Committee.

I assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation in the deliberations and work of this Committee.

We would also like to thank the Secretary General for the various reports under this agenda item and the Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs for his statement.

India associates itself with the statement delivered by Algeria on behalf of G77.

Mr. Chairman,

Since the World Social Summit of 1995, progress has been recorded in all the three major pillars of Social Development, namely eradication of poverty, promotion of full employment and decent work and social integration. However, many challenges remain to be overcome in all three areas.

The Secretary General's report rightly points out that while many countries have

reduced income poverty, they continue to face significant challenges in ensuring access to education, food and other basic goods and services. Moreover, concerns on un-employment, food and energy remain high throughout the developing world. The continuing grim global economic situation has further undermined the limited capacity of developing countries to cope with shocks and vulnerabilities in the global economic system.

It is, therefore, of utmost importance that we collectively undertake growth stimulating

policies to boost demand and create jobs. With over a billion people in extreme poverty and hunger, we cannot afford but to make inclusive growth our priority.

At the Rio+20 Summit, the international community renewed its commitment to sustainable development, recognizing poverty to be the greatest global challenge.

The post-2015 development agenda must continue to prioritize the eradication of poverty and all efforts in the next couple of years made to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Mr. Chairman,

We agree with the Secretary General that more practical efforts are required to address the domestic financing gaps faced by many developing countries.

They need to effectively mobilise domestic resources including, inter alia, through prudent management of natural resources, governance reforms, more effective taxation policies and strengthening financial inclusion.

Moreover, the issue of corruption needs to be tackled on a war footing and transparency and accountability ensured in the working of governments. While this problem afflicts both developing and developed world, its consequences are more severely felt in the developing countries where it undermines the delivery of services and impact the people directly. The generation of unaccounted wealth or black money also has a major debilitating impact on the economy limiting growth and investment in productive sectors.

The UN Convention Against Corruption needs to be ratified by all countries and meaningful cooperation brought about at the international level to recover monies and assets stolen through corrupt practices stashed abroad.

Noting that closing the implementation and enforcement gap remains an important priority, G20 leaders resolved at their recent Summit in Mexico, to pursue those who receive and solicit bribes as well as those who pay them. They also agreed to tracing assets in G20 jurisdictions and denying safe haven to the proceeds of corruption and to the recovery and restitution of stolen assets.

Scaling up efforts to mobilise domestic resources must be complemented by official development assistance which continues to fall significantly below commitments made by developed countries.

Mr. Chairman,

In India, achieving inclusive growth underpinned by empowerment of people, especially women, good governance, and investments in social sectors, education and health, skills training, affordable housing, are a major focus. Since 65% of India's population is located in rural areas, special emphasis has been placed on rural development initiatives. There are also several programmes targeted to the needs of the women and vulnerable groups.

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is the world's largest cash for work programme, which responds to the needs of 53 million poor rural households by ensuring

them 100 days employment per year. At least 50% of the work is reserved for women. This programme has helped break down social inequalities, empower rural people, build up rural infrastructure and revive economic growth.

Initiatives in the field of education has led to India attaining nearly full enrolment in primary grades of schooling for both boys and girls and narrowing of gender gaps in middle and higher education. Similarly, health interventions have led to increased life expectancy, increased rates of immunization of children, and substantial decline in infant and maternal mortality rates.

Our targets for economic growth are anchored in measurable performance indices relating to poverty, education, health, women and children. These targets, disaggregated State-wise which implement most programmes, have helped monitor, assess and improve them.

Mr. Chairman,

India has a comprehensive legal framework to assist persons with disabilities. We seek to create an enabling environment that provides them with equal opportunities, protection of their rights and full participation in society, including in the areas of education and employment. India was one of the first countries to sign and ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2007.

We have around 100 million persons, who are over 60 years of age. We believe that the elderly can contribute beyond retirement

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India has set to herself very clear and visionary goals and objectives for the upliftment of women : Ananth Kumar

BJP General Secretary & Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs and Member of the Indian delegation Shri Ananth Kumar during the General Debate on "Advancement of Women" addressed the 67th UN General Assembly on October 16, 2012. Excerpts of his speech.

Women constitute half the population and they, therefore, have a pivotal role in the economic, social and political progress of the country. The advancement of gender equality and empowerment of women has been central to India's political

recognizes the responsibility of the State to ensure "just and humane conditions of work and for maternity relief" [Article 42]; "renounces practices derogatory to the dignity of women" [Article 51(a)]; and refers to the provision of equal pay for equal work for both men and women in Article

freedom by women on equal basis with men in all spheres - political, economic, social, cultural and civil

- (iii) Equal access to participation and decision making of women in social, political and economic life of the nation
- (iv) Equal access for women to health care, quality education at all levels, career and vocational guidance, employment, equal remuneration, occupational health and safety, social security and public office etc.
- (v) Strengthening legal systems aimed at elimination of all forms of discrimination against women
- (vi) Changing societal attitudes and community practices by active participation and involvement of both men and women.
- (vii) Mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development process.
- (viii) Elimination of discrimination and all forms of violence against women and the girl child; and
- (ix) Building and strengthening partnerships with civil society, particularly



Recognizing that rural women can leverage their strength, increase bargaining power and enhance capacities and skills through joint action, the Government has encouraged organization of Self-Help Groups (SHG) - a movement that started as peoples' initiative, and to channelize resources to these groups.

and socio-economic development agenda since our independence.

This principle found expression in our decision to grant full and equal voting rights to women six decades ago in 1950. The principle of gender equality is firmly enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The Constitution mandates that the State adopts special measures for women and children [Article 15(3)].

Our Constitution further

39(d).

As the world's largest democracy, India has set to herself very clear and visionary goals and objectives such as:

- (i) Creating an environment through positive economic and social policies for full development of women to enable them to realize their full potential
- (ii) The de-jure and de-facto enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental

women's organizations.

India proffered 33% reservation for women in rural and urban local governance bodies in 1992 through the 73rd Amendment Act of the Constitution to politically empower women and increase their participation in decision-making.

The Parliament subsequently raised the percentage of women to 50% in 2009. More than a million elected women are presently

schemes in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh; 'Jannani Suraksha Yojna' and 'Madilu' in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh and 'Janani Shishu Suraksha Yojna' in Rajasthan to provide health care, nutrition and post-natal care to reduce IMR and MMR; 'Indira Kranthi Patham' in Andhra Pradesh for strengthening of Self-help Groups with focus on women empowerment and poverty alleviation and schemes such as free distribution of cycles for

by natural calamities, women in less developed regions, the disabled widows, elderly women, single women, women heading households, migrants, etc.

India enacted a comprehensive Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act which recognizes that violence can take various forms, including physical, economic, social and psychological.

This Act provides a legal tool for women to fight violence within the family - both marital and familial abuse. The law seeks to provide support to women victim of domestic violence in form of shelter, medical help, compensation, maintenance orders, and temporary custody of children.

There is a comprehensive legislative and policy framework to address the problem of trafficking of women and girls. A draft Bill aimed at providing a safe and secure environment for women at the work place is presently before the Parliament.

India reaffirms her international obligations/commitments as set out in the Convention on All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+5) and other such instruments.

We reiterate our full commitment to advancing this goal globally and firmly support the efforts of the United Nations, in particular UN Women, which has recorded significant achievements in only two years since its establishment. ■

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represented in local bodies constituting one of the biggest political mobilizations of women in the world.

Our targeted measures and interventions have brought about visible socio-economic progress for women. Maternal and infant mortality rates have reduced significantly; gender gaps in wage rates have diminished; there is almost full enrolment in primary grades of schooling and narrowing of gender gaps in middle and higher education.

Many Indian provinces have successfully implemented and have created success stories through targeted programmes such as 'Kanyakhelwani' - education programme for girl child in Gujarat; 'Bhagya Lakshmi' and 'Ladli Lakshmi' - social and economic security

school-going girl children in Bihar, MP and Karnataka.

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There are around 6 million SHGs of which 80% (4.8 million) are women's groups, covering 97.4 million beneficiaries. Women's Self-Help Groups are, thus, a very important vehicle for economic empowerment.

We are implementing special measures and programmes for disadvantaged groups such as women in extreme poverty, women affected

Advani exhorts Indian Americans to make 21st century as India's century

From Our Correspondent

Indian - American community in US laid a red carpet for L.K. Advani. A grand reception was organized in honour of Lal Krishna Advani in Edison, New Jersey at TV Asia auditorium. This was organized by Overseas Friends of BJP (OFBJP)-US. Advani visited US after nine

Indian -American community, Shri. Advani stated that 9/11 stands as a significant date with terrorism. However, another 9/11 in year 1893 is significant, for India, because Swami Vivekananda addressed the world religious congregation in Chicago.

Party (BJP) was thus founded to bring character, nationalism, and patriotism among the people of India.

Shri L.K. Advani reminded the audience that because of the ultimate sacrifice of BJS Founder President, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherji, Jammu and Kashmir



(J & K) is still part of India today. Otherwise, India would have lost J & K. He also said, that it was an agitation led for the unity of

years, leading an Indian delegation to the United Nations. Advani was accorded a red carpet welcome at TV Asia and was received by the OFBJP National Executive Committee led by President, Shri Jayesh Patel, President Elect, Shri Chandrakant Patel, and Sr. Advisory Council Member Shri. Ram Rakshpal Sood, Smt. Kalpana Shukla and Smt. Neeraj Bhagat. Smt. Janak Anand offered flower bouquet to Shri. Advani and Smt. Kamla Advani.

Over 800 people assembled on the occasion including a large number of community leaders representing several Indian and ethnic community organizations. While addressing

Vivekananda made India famous among the comity of nations at that time. He addressed the gathering in Chicago as "Brothers & Sisters". It gave an instant depth of India's traditions to the West. Advani said, that Swami ji had expressed the desire to have "man making machine" from which he could create people with character, nationalism, and patriotism. The founder of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Dr. K. B. Hegdgevar similarly conceived RSS, a wonderful organization to fulfill the wishes of Swami Vivekanand. Bharatiya Jansangh (BJS) which was the precursor of Bharatiya Janata

India, and there was another agitation led to safe-guard democracy in India between year 1975 & 1977. Shri Advani reminisced about his interaction with late Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan. She used to say that India has autonomous election commission and apolitical armed services because of which parliamentary democracy flourished in India as opposed to Pakistan. Advani said that he considers his best days were in Bangalore prison during the period of emergency.

He stated that BJP on coming to power would grant "Voting Rights" to Overseas Citizens of India to a standing ovation by the assembled audience. ■

BJP rally in Guwahati to mark the 50th anniversary of India-China war

BJP will seal borders, if returned to power : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent



Accusing the Congress of playing “vote bank politics”, BJP National president Shri Nitin Gadkari on 18 October 2012 said BJP would take steps to seal the country’s international borders to prevent illegal immigration, if elected to power. “If BJP comes to power, our top priority would be to seal the borders of the country... If Israel, surrounded by hostile countries, can seal its borders, why can’t we,” Shri Gadkari said.

Flagging off a rally in Guwahati, Assam to mark the 50th anniversary of India-China war this morning, the BJP National President called upon India’s leaders to learn from the experience of Israel in keeping hostile elements at bay.

Taking a dig at the Congress, he said, “To visit any country, one needs a visa, one needs to submit a number of documents. But here our country has totally opened up its borders and told (illegal immigrants) ‘come and enter our country, buy land, buy property’.”

Shri Gadkari said, “Even if you raise slogans against India, you need not worry because everything will be facilitated. Just keep in mind to vote for the Congress.”

Accusing the Congress party of being responsible for the current state of affairs, Shri Nitin Gadkari said illegal immigration pose a threat to sovereignty. “Our borders are still insecure. That is why we need to learn from shortcomings of the 1962

war and ensure that such mistakes are not repeated,” he said.

He alleged that Congress leaders in Assam, from Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed to Tarun Gogoi, have all encouraged illegal immigrants.

BJP National President said that while India and China can work together for peace and prosperity at the global and regional level, the country cannot ignore threats where they are present. He cited reports of China’s

involvement in building infrastructure in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. “Yet when we talk of defending our country, we are called communal... Has vote bank politics made us so indulgent that we have even stopped thinking about our country’s national security?” Shri Gadkari argued.

The BJP President said that the recent problems in Assam were not the result of any communal discord, but a struggle between Indians and foreigners. The BJP, he declared, was determined to change the general state of the country in which the economy suffered from problems of unemployment, farmers’ suicides and other issues. ■

Congress ignores China's hawkish posturing

By Rajnath Singh

Fifty years back, on October 20, 1962, our neighbouring country China launched a multi-pronged attack on India across the Himalayas. Our nation suffered a military setback but the issues that led to that war have not been resolved till date and it continues to make an adverse impact on our national pride & Sino-India bilateral ties.

Pandit JawaharLal Nehru led Congress Government's inability to defend our borders inflicted an immense psychological and political shock on the country. It was so mesmerised with Nehruji's ambition of becoming an international icon of peace that many political and strategic blunders were committed. The government overlooked even the basic defence preparedness and substantially reduced Army's strength that resulted into the 1962 debacle. The Congress government not failed to safeguard India's strategic interests in 1962 but also suffered massive territorial loss.

Fifty years later another Congress led UPA Government continues to follow the same elusive and self-destructive course. Ever since the UPA Government has come to power China has been claiming the entire state of Arunachal Pradesh and certain parts of Ladakh region as its own.

Growing incidents of military incursions by Chinese troops on the Indian side of LAC (Line of Actual Control) have become a cause for grave concern.

According to media reports instances of intrusion by the Chinese army have increased from 180 to more than 400 in 2012 till September alone. On many occasions direct engagement between Indian and Chinese forces has been averted at the last moment.

China's hawkish posturing in the entire South Asian and Asia Pacific region should not be ignored by the Government. China has a massive military presence in Aksai Chin area. It seems that it has encircled India through many strategic installations. It has also tested India's patience by issuing stapled visas to people living in J&K, repeatedly claiming the border lying territories and intervening in Gilgit-Baltistan region. The government's feeble response to these violations has further emboldened China.

The Congress made similar mistakes fifty years ago when it misread China's nefarious intentions. Pandit Nehru led Congress government's biggest diplomatic failure was its ambivalent China policy which resulted into a big strategic imbalance across the Himalayan region. The UPA Government's complacent China policy could turn out to be 'another historic blunder'.

China's aggressiveness and assertiveness along the LAC clearly indicate that the UPA

government has not been able to assert India's sovereignty. The Government claims that it has initiated number of confidence building measures that are supposed to be the guiding principles in any dispute with China but the government's diplomatic endeavour has failed to yield anything substantial.

In independent India, the only government which dealt with China on equal footing and successfully resolved any border dispute through diplomatic channels in our favour was the NDA government led by Shri AtalBihari Vajpayee. During NDA regime, China forfeited its claim over Sikkim and recognised it as India's integral part in 2003 and several other steps like decision of opening of Nathula pass were taken to strengthen diplomatic and trade relations between both the countries.

The UPA government needs to adopt a firm stand with China on issues pertaining to border incursions and send a strong message through its diplomatic channels and international forums. The Government has also failed to come up with robust infrastructure in the north-eastern states. There is an urgent need to strengthen existing strategic infrastructure especially in the states bordering with China.

After the humiliating debacle of 1962 the army appointed a probe committee headed by Lt. General Henderson Brooks and

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Why is there 'Negativism'

By Arun Jaitley

The Prime Minister appeared concerned with the environment of cynicism in the country on the issue of corruption when he addressed the Anti-Corruption investigators at a conference in Delhi yesterday. He analyzed the present situation as 'a mindless environment of negativism' being created in the country which is obviously not healthy for any parliamentary democracy. It would have been better if the Prime Minister had honestly introspected as to why this 'environment' has been created in the first place.

Corruption in governance and public life appears to be overflowing. It has crossed the limits of tolerance. We created several institutions which were perceived to be safeguards against corruption. They are either helpless spectators or have been seriously comprised. New rules are therefore being laid down replacing old conventions on how corruption is to be exposed. This is what we have witnessed in the recent past.

In the Bofors' bribery case indisputably kick-backs were paid. The Swiss authorities informed the CBI that kick-backs were paid to a shell company whose beneficial interests were owned amongst others by a 'politically connected' person and yet a Joint Parliamentary Committee headed by the Congress leader, Mr. Shankaranand, which submitted a report that these

were winding up charges and not kick-backs. The CBI's approach in the case depended on the political colour of the government in power. Once the Congress led government was installed, the CBI decided to collude with the accused and provide to them a burial of the case.

Even a wishy washy charge-sheet in the 'Cash for Votes' case

a situation where the JPC may find nothing wrong with what happened under the UPA government. The JPC by a majority may endeavour to give a clean chit to a monumental scam. The 'Coal block allocation' scam stinks of nepotism. Politically and commercially influential persons became rentiers and name lenders in an allotment which was made

Even a wishy washy charge-sheet in the 'Cash for Votes' case established that bribes were paid to win over the votes of Members of Parliament. The Government and the Prime Minister survived the vote of confidence after the Indo-US Nuclear deal. Could any prime Minister survive in public life in the face of voluminous evidence that his majority was procured through bribery? Yet a parliamentary committee and the police investigation were both rigged to prevent the truth from surfacing.

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through discretionary process. The virtues of a competitive bidding mechanism were ignored. An honest government would have tried to restore sanctity of governance by cancelling the allotments and resorting to a bidding mechanism and yet it chose not to do so. How can Ministers of the Government see virtues when tangible resources meant for commercial exploitation are to be allocated by a discretionary mechanism rather than a competitive bidding process. The spin given by some of them to the opinion of the Supreme Court in the Presidential reference on the allocation of natural resources was that there

Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas: My 11 Years Journey in Gujarat

By Narendra Modi

Dear Friends,

It was on this day (October 07), 11 years ago that I had got the opportunity to serve the people of Gujarat as Chief Minister. This 11-year journey devoted in service of the people of Gujarat has been memorable and extremely satisfying. It has been a learning experience for me that I tremendously cherish. Today, Gujarat has become synonymous with progress and with our Mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' we have come out with a model of development that has touched the lives of each and every citizen.

When I assumed office Gujarat was reeling under the effects of a severe Earthquake that had struck the state on the morning of 26th January 2001. Back then, people had written off Gujarat and it was deemed as impossible that the state would be up and running. But, with

speedy rehabilitation and reconstruction initiatives that have now become a role model all across as well as the unwavering spirit of resilience of the people of Gujarat we were able to begin our march to development in a very short period of time! Now, Kutch has emerged as one of India's fastest growing districts.

Back in 2001, people often requested me to at least provide electricity at the time of their evening meal. We went even further and conceived the 'Jyotigram Yojana' in 2003 that provided 24/7, 3-phase uninterrupted power even to the villages of Gujarat. The results of this are for all to see- not only has the rural economy been substantially empowered but also migration to cities has reduced.

This initiative is a first of its kind across the nation. But, we

went a step ahead in April this year when Gujarat dedicated 600 MW solar power to the nation! We are also making quick progress in other sources of renewable energy. Some people asked me, "Modi ji your state is already power surplus and still you are thinking about this?" I tell them that we are doing this not for the present but for the future generations.

Along with power, we made a determined effort to harness the Jal Shakti and in 2002 we came up with WASMO, an initiative that seeks to provide potable water in all villages across the state. Combining public participation and effective water management, today we have over 17,700 water committees across the state! You would be interested to know that most of these committees are run by women and WASMO bagged the United Nations Public Service



Award for 'fostering participation in policy making decisions through innovative mechanisms.

'An area in which I always wanted to leave an impeccable mark of Governance is primary education and especially for the girl child. That is why in 2004 we commenced a massive enrollment drive called the Kanya Kelavani and Shala Praveshotsav. Today we have received 100% enrollment in school and the drop out rates have successfully reduced to 2% over the last decade. I must share that even more memorable than being sworn in as CM are the times when I get the opportunity to take small children to school on their first day! This initiative has helped many youngsters in building a future for themselves and their families.

Behind the development of Gujarat is the power of our Nari Shakti! To make a difference in the lives of our women, the Chiranjeevi Yojana was born in 2005 with an aim to provide pioneering free of cost medical treatment to women in hospitals. The Chiranjeevi Yojana has left a major mark in improving maternal health and the health of the infant. For effective participation of women in the development process Nari Gaurav Niti was initiated in 2006. This is a first of its kind policy for the overall empowerment of women. In order to make women financially independent the Mission Mangalam initiative was launched in 2010. Today, I am proud to say that businesses worth Rs. 1,600 crore are in the hands of 2.5 lakh Sakhi Mandals. You can imagine the difference

it has made in the lives of so many women of Gujarat!

Earlier Gujarat was known for its industry and with a perpetual drought threat and lack of perennial rivers, agriculture and Gujarat were seen as stark contrasts. No longer today! Our Krishi Mahotsavs transformed Gujarat's agrarian landscape and have played a major role in ushering in India's 2nd green revolution from Gujarat. Not only has agriculture income increased over 4 times, Gujarat's agriculture is growing at a record 11% for the last decade. Our farmers are doing some very innovative things, which you must come and see!

Of course, industrial growth has scaled colossal heights in the past decade. Gujarat is home to a wide canvas of industries and with the biennial Vibrant Gujarat Summits started in 2003, the state has received tremendous investment from all over the world.

No progress is complete till we focus on delivery of effective healthcare and that is why this year the Gujarat Government took the path breaking decision of giving poor patients a cover of up to Rs. 2 lakh for critical treatment under the Mukhya Mantri Amrutam (MAA) Yojana. Our 108 Emergency services that have been running on the roads since 2007 have already been lauded for their operations all over. They have saved over 1.75 lakh lives and provided assistance in 10 lakh pregnancy cases.

In order to free people from the clutches of poverty the Garib Kalyan Melas were launched in 2009 in which over 85 lakh poor beneficiaries have received

assistance worth Rs. 13,000 crore through over 1000 Garib Kalyan Melas. As a means to decentralize administration and empowering our Talukas the ATVT Yojana came into being last year and Jan Seva Kendras were established that provide 124 kinds of services to the people.

Friends, through these initiatives I am trying to encapsulate the unique journey of development that we have adopted for 11 years. I always say that our sole agenda is development and it will continue to be so in the future. In the last 11 years we have achieved a lot but there is a lot more we are yet to achieve and I am sure in the coming years with your support we will create a Gujarat that is both Bhavya (Excellent) and Divya (Divine).

I am extremely thankful to my fellow Karyakartas of the Bharatiya Janata Party for their steadfast support and giving an ordinary person like me an opportunity to serve the people of Gujarat.

This journey of 11 years would not have been possible without the constant support of more than 6 lakh Karma Yogis of Team Gujarat. It is their perseverance and devotedness that has enabled Gujarat to scale newer heights of development.

And finally I bow to the spirit of the 6 crore people of Gujarat. It is your love and affection that keeps me going, inspires me to work even harder and scale newer and newer heights of progress. I consider myself extremely blessed that I have got this opportunity to work for you!

Jai Jai Garvi Gujarat. ■

BJP committed to economic reforms which are in National interest: Arun Jaitley



Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley made some points on the FDI in multi-brand retail while moving the Resolution on the Economic situation in the country during the BJP National Executive and Council meeting from 26-28 September 2012 in Surajkund, Haryana. We are publishing the brief talking points made by Shri Jaitley for our esteemed readers.

The BJP is committed to economic reforms which are in national interest. Every change is not a reform. Some changes may end up hurting National Economic interests. The BJP opposes the proposal for opening the multi brand retail for several reasons some of which are stated below:

In the first instance manufacturing sector jobs will be lost in India. Domestic retail primarily sources locally. International Structured Retail sources internationally leading to a drop in domestic manufacturing. This is all the more significant since India has not carried out significant manufacturing sector reforms.

International structured retail doesn't create additional retail jobs, it merely displaces existing jobs.

Only 18% of the Indians are in structured jobs, 51% of India's working population is self-employed. Along with agriculture, retail trade constitutes the largest fountain of self employed jobs. Structured

international retail will be harmful to job creation in India.

Fragmented markets serve maximum interest much more than the consolidated markets. FDI in retail will consolidate the retail market and restrict only to end consumer interests. In the first 12 years of opening retail for FDI, Thailand had witnessed 38% of consumer market consolidate in favour of three large retailers.

The oft' quoted example of China is misconceived. China as a low cost economy is the predominant & the largest supplier to the big retailers. It can't be argued that goods manufactured in China will not be sold only in China.

International retailers proceed on the principle of "buy cheap & sell costlier". The initial low prices facilitated by the deep pockets result in eliminating competition & then raising prices.

It is a myth that the middlemen will be eliminated & the benefits will go to the producer/farmers. The benefits of elimination of middlemen goes

to the retailer & not the farmers/producers. The International Farm Companies Network (IFCN) data shows that in the US a milk producer gets 38% of every consumer \$ spend. In the UK this figure is 36%. In India, riding on the strength of the cooperative movement, milk producers get 70% of every rupee spent by the consumer. If farmers in the USA & UK have become prosperous due to retailers, why does the USA or the EU subsidise their farmers to the extent of US \$ 400 billion annually? This is a staggering Rs. 5000-6000crores daily.

The argument that back-end operation such as cold chains & transport facility will benefit from international retailers is baseless. Building cold chain is not rocket science; why can't building cold chains, rural farm roads co-exist with MNREGA.

Basic principals of trade negotiations have been ignored while making concessions to the US & EU by agreeing to their proposal without any corresponding quid pro quo.

Manmohan Singh opposed FDI in retail, when he was Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha : Venkaiah Naidu



Former BJP National President Shri Venkaiah Naidu made some important observations in the discussion on the Economic Resolution during the BJP National Executive and Council meeting held on 26-28 September 2012 in Surajkund, Haryana. On this occasion Shri Naidu said that during the NDA rule when the Congress party was in the Opposition they opposed the FDI in retail. Congress leader Shri Priya Ranjan Dasmunshi called it “Anti National”. The present Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, when he was the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, opposed FDI in retail. In response to a representation from the Federation of Associations of Maharashtra Dr. Singh Said, “India does not required this kind of reforms which would, rather than creating employment, destroy employment”.

We are publishing the brief observations made by Shri Venkaiah Naidu for our esteemed readers.

Before I take up other issues, I would like to supplement to what Shri Arun Jaitley has said on the FDI in retail.

The Congress President said that BJP is playing negative role as an opposition party. The Congress party does not know the art of coalition. They adopt double standards and they do not take their own allies into confidence. They would give a word in Parliament and then betray the nation.

They have opposed reforms, particularly the FDI in retail. We all know that Shri Priya Ranjan Dasmunshi called it “anti-national”. The present Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, when he was Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, opposed FDI in retail. We have evidence to that effect. What was said by him is “India does not

require this kind of reforms which would, rather than creating employment, destroy employment”. This was in response to a representation from the Federation of Associations of Maharashtra. He also informed the Federation, through a letter dated 21st December 2002, that the matter regarding FDI in retail trade was raised in Rajya Sabha and that the Finance Minister gave an assurance that government had no proposal to invite FDI in retail trade. Who is adopting double standards? The Congress or the BJP?

The Prime Minister has confessed that a “1991 like” situation is emerging in the country. We would like to ask who is responsible for that. You and your party were in power for the last 8 years. When we handed over power to you in 2004, you inherited a robust economy from

us according to your own Economic Survey presented to Parliament in 2004. In its very opening sentence it said “the Economy appears to be in a resilient mode in terms of growth, inflation and balance of payments, a combination that offers large scope for consolidation of the growth momentum with continued macro economic stability”. Your Finance Minister, while presenting the budget on July 8, 2004, admitted the achievements of the NDA government said. “The economic fundamentals appear strong and the balance of payments is robust.” You have successfully ruled and ruined the economy in the last 8 years because of wrong priorities, policy paralysis and economic mismanagement.

The biggest failure of this government is on the price rise

front. Prices of every article – peas, dal, coal, tel, sugar, rice, wheat – everything has gone up beyond the reach of common man. You have increased fuel prices 24 times. You have increased the fertilizer prices 12 times in 24 months. Farmers are not getting remunerative prices. Input costs have gone up. The prices of fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, tractor hiring charges have all gone up and then farmers are committing suicides. Farmers are weeping and your government is sleeping. In fertilizers, the DAP prices have gone up by 111% to 170% i.e., from Rs.517.40 to Rs.1315. Complex fertilizers have gone up by 176% to 205% - from Rs. 472 to 1298. MOP prices have risen by 156% to 282%. Tractor hiring charges in 2010 was Rs.800/- per acre and now it is Rs.2500/-.

You have increased diesel prices by Rs.5 per litre. This is something which has never

happened after independence. You said diesel is used only by rich people. Do you mean to say farmers are all rich? The passenger carrying vehicles use diesel. Tractors run on diesel! The pump sets used by poor farmers need diesel! It will affect agriculture very badly. Farmers who are already in distress will be totally helpless.

Their input costs will go up further and large scale migration will take place. The cost of transportation will go up. Tractor hiring charges will also go up further. Already every State Government is moving towards increasing the passenger fares of State Transport Corporation buses. This burden will amount to 40,000 crores of rupees. Road transport cost will also go up. All India Motor Congress has already announced an increase of 15%. What sort of a reform it is? First perform and then reform.

You have put a cap on LPG cylinders and said that more than 50% of people use only 6 cylinders a year. What a great statement? An average poor family needs 12 to 15 cylinders a year. If what you say is correct then why the Congress President advises State Governments to give 9 cylinders per annum. You own President is contradicting you.

Compare the NDA regime with that of your UPA. During our regime prices were under control – no lines, no queues, no waitlists, no shortages, no black-marketing. Connectivity revolution took place – rail connectivity, highway connectivity, rural road connectivity, port and airport connectivity. Telecom revolution and IT evolution took place. Kisan Credit cards, rural godowns and cold storages happened. Earlier, during the 50

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M.R.P. PRICES OF FERTILIZERS YEAR-WISE FROM 2010 – 2012

(For a 50 kg bag - In Rupees)

Product	17.06.2008 to 31.03.2010	01.04.2010 to 31.12.2010	01.01.2011 to 31.03.2011	April 2011	July 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Jan 2012	Feb/Mar 2012	Apr/May 2012	Jun 2012	Jul/Aug 2012
D.A.P.	486.2	517.4	559	624.00	635.00	800.00	953.00	955.50	1014.00	924.00 to 1014	955.00 to 1023.75	1087.00 to 1260.00	1023.75 to 1315.00
M.O.P.	231.66	262.86	262.86	312.00	315.00	442.00	594.00	594.00	594.00	592.00 to 630.00	588.00 to 834.80	592.55 to 885.00	592.55 to 885.00
Complex	266.00 to 425.00	309.00 to 480.61	469.00 to 581.41	430.00 to 615.00	560.00 to 715.00	624.00 to 728.00	636.75 to 981.75	636.75 to 981.75	609.97 to 981.75	-	689.53 to 1113.00	735.00 to 1297.80	735.00 to 1297.80
Urea	250.08	275.76	275.76	281.10	281.10	281.10	281.10	281.10	281.10	281.10	281.10	281.10	281.10

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 - MOP prices have risen by 156% to 282%.
- Tractor hiring charges in 2010 was Rs.800/- per acre. Today it is Rs.2500/-
 - Diesel prices too have gone up during the period.

Prosperity of the last in the line is the declared mission of the party : Gadkari

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari on October 18 said in Karimnagar that the party has declared war on poverty. He was attending the programme 'Interaction with poor & deprived of North Telangana' organised by Martyr's Memorial Research Institute of Hyderabad. He along with BJP National Secretary Shri Muralidhar Rao

fathers like Deen Dayal Upadhyay.

No parameter is as revealing as 'suicide' to measure the depths of rural poverty. The North Telangana when measured with such a parameter is one of the most poor areas of the country with about 2000 farmer suicides every year, thousands of suicides of handloom weavers, gulf returnees caught in the vicious circle of indebtedness,

a entire community of beedi workers living under poverty line.

Despite of the gruelling number of suicides, the government both at centre and state, have

Rural indebtedness has increased enormously. About 50% of rural indebtedness is due to the expenditure incurred on medicare. The Government has completely withdrawn itself from medicare, thus indirectly shifting the entire burden of medical expenditure on people. Rural people are disposing their lands and other assets and are borrowing heavily to pay hospital bills. There is a large population of tribals in North Telangana. More than half of the lands owned by tribals were usurped by unscrupulous elements. Even after the recent (2006) Central Tribal Rights Protection Act, there is no change in the situation.

Shri Nitin Gadkari also pointed out that thousands have been displaced by the Singareni open cast mine, but the government has not done the needful for rehabilitating them even after these many years. Shri Gadkari promised hundreds of the displaced people who attended the programme that the BJP will do all the needful for their speedy rehabilitation. The nation is facing serious problems related to agriculture including agricultural inflation, scarcity of electricity, no assured prices for farmers, increasing prices of fertilizers pesticides etc. He assured the farmers that NDA is evolving peasants' welfare schemes which will enhance their purchasing power and per capita income. The BJP will keep on the war on poverty and if voted to power in 2014, it will change the face of rural India by ensuring that prosperity reaches every individual. ■



interacted with 3000 people from deprived sections of North Telangana, including farmers, weavers, gulf returnees, people displaced by Singareni open cast mining, bidi labourers and tribals. The programme was one of its kinds where not the party cadre but the most deprived people of one of the poorest area of the country rallied to interact with the BJP leaders.

Listening to their issues, Shri Gadkari said that Antyodaya – prosperity of the last in the line – is the declared mission of the party since the days of Jansangh and this was the dream of its founding

continuously shown an insensitive attitude. A good example of this is that the water from Godavari river flows into the sea unutilised and is a wasted resource, when the farmers who live on its sides do suicides due to absence of irrigation facilities. More than 20000 people are in jails of Middle east, but the Indian government and the AP government are least bothered about them. He said that irrigation special economic plans should be implemented in North Telangana to reduce the poverty, unemployment and forceful migration from India to gulf countries.

BJP National Convention on Socio-economic development held in Delhi

The BJP's Economic Cell had organized on October 6 a day long National Convention on 'Socio-economic Development: Allocation of National Resources' at the NDMC Convention Centre. The convention had separate session on land, mineral and water resources where academicians, Social activists, Intellectuals,

have occurred had the philosophy and the policies of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee led government had continued.

Criticizing the current government at the centre for economic mismanagement, corruption and inflation he promised that NDA government would ensure that the economic potential of the country is

sex. He emphasised that the party is pro-reforms and in favour of forward looking towards economic development. He took a range of questions from the audience and clarified party position on such issues like FDI in retail etc.

Elaborating on the theme Shri Gopal Agarwal, Convenor-Economics Cell, said that the recent growth expedience had made it amply clear that 'trickle-down' theory was not working in the Indian case. National resources, which belong to the citizens of the country, were being pocketed by a handful of well-connected individuals. The moot questions is that who owns these National Resources, particularly Land, Mineral and Water? Broadly there are three forms of ownership: individual/private, state ownership or nobody. Our Constitution guarantees the Right to Use and acknowledges that state is a TRUSTEE of all Resources.

It recognizes the doctrine of EMINENT DOMAIN under which the State can usurp the rights over the resources, in the larger interest of the community for PUBLIC PURPOSE. But the corruption in the State has started defining all kind of activities as public purpose; from making of cycles to shoes etc. when individual resources or Common Properly Resources are lost on above pretext, it is bound to agitate everyone. According to him a strong need was being felt by the right thinking citizens of



Journalist, Professionals, Research scholars shared their views.

Speaking at the special session at the Convention, party President Shri Nitin Gadkari highlighted BJP as the party of 'Good Governance'. According to Shri Gadkari, 'Antyodaya' continues to remain the driving philosophy of the party. He also highlighted the good works being done by the NDA-ruled states. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi that India lives in her villages he said that widespread distress in rural areas would not

realized. Taking pride in the fact that BJP is referred to as a nationalist party he said that 21st century belongs to India and BJP led government would ensure that the country achieves its destined place among the comity of nations.

Calling BJP a democratic party he said BJP's purpose is not to make an individual Prime Minister or CM. Laying out the future roadmap for the BJP, he recognized the need to increase its basic vote share and said that the party does not play politics on the basis of caste, creed and

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'Shivaji & Suraj'- A blueprint for Good Governance

By Vikash Anand

Midnight of 15th August 1947 we the people of India, after a long struggle against the British, did attain *Swaraj* (Self rule) but not *Suraj*. Still, we have to make true the dream of *Suraj* (good governance or *Ram Rajya*) as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi and others. Today, we find a peculiar situation in our country. All ills like Corruption, leakages of development funds and so on are palpable at every strata of governance. Our governance is facing some serious problems. We need to learn from our glorious history. Historically, India has witnessed the great rule by the great rulers. We should learn from their statecraft. One of them was Shivaji. A lot of thing can be learnt from statecraft of Shivaji Maharaj who had established *Suraj* in his kingdom.

Recently Prabhat Prakashan has published a book in Hindi on Shivaji titled '*Shivaji & Suraj*'. Anil Madhava Dave authored the book. The book is outcome of intensive research. The author enlightens how Shivaji's statecraft is relevance even today. He, with examples, has proved applicability of Shivaji's art of governance in present times. Author in the book also points out where the crisis lies in the present system and in administrator's behavior. This book deals the political pragmatism of Shivaji. It will not



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be overrated if one compares it to Kautilya's 'Arthashastra' and Machiavelli's 'The Prince'.

Shivaji communicated successfully concept of *Swaraj* as he never said that *Swaraj* was his idea. He always said *Swaraj* desired by Shree(God). But, today, situation is just opposite. Whether be it government or be it leaders of organization they all in a race taking credit of every *Yojana*(scheme) and address it as 'My-Yojana'. That is why the *Yojana* run by particular person falls flat when he/she loses power. Author termed '*Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana*' most successful, more beneficial and

most acceptable scheme. Main mantra of success of this scheme lies in its name. It might have been named '*Atal Gram Sadak Yojana*'. But successful leader never functions like that. Individual initiates work but it is developed and extended by team. By dint of such practices plan never flops.

Author by this type of example tried to prove relevance of Shivaji's art of governance. To bring *Sushasan* or good governance the statecraft of Shivaji's kingdom is worth following.

This book tells that any type decision whether be taken by a family or by an organization should be based on belief or faith. Faith of associates in their leaders or bosses or faith of people in administrator, leaders or institution is must. Winning faith of people is must for a successful leader. Just because of faith, Shivaji along with merely fifteen to sixteen thousands of soldiers defeated thirty to thirty-five thousands army of Afjal Khan.

Present Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh gives excuse that because of non-cooperation of his alliance-partners he is unable to take decision. It reflects clearly that the alliance partners have no faith in Dr. Manmohan Singh's leadership.

Author argues that values

and traditions set by great and successful rulers are having importance. Worth perception leads towards good governance and solution.

The book based on the statecraft of Shivaji is divided into six parts-preamble, *Pratima Nirman*, important ministries of Shivaji's Kingdom, *Sanket*, Personality and Communication between people and king.

In Chapter titled *Pratima Nirman* discussed the qualities through which a person evolved into a great and successful leader. The author advised leaders to emulate Shivaji's quality of flawless evaluation. The ministries of Shivaji which has been mentioned in the book are Finance Ministry, Home Ministry, Agriculture Ministry, Justice & Law Ministry, Foreign Ministry, Industry & Trade, Science-tech &

Navy, Labour & Rojgar, Language & Cultural, Communication & Defence Ministry.

In Chapter titled '*Sanket*' reflects Shivaji's farsightedness. The chapter highlights Shiva's concern for forest & Environment, women empowerment, minority, corruption. Shivaji had made state policy on these issues. These are burning issues of today. And how Shivaji was farsighted may be known from the fact that he took these issues seriously in seventeenth century. For example, in one of his writ (Agya Patra), Shivaji had ordered as far as possible to cut only dried and dead tree. Unlike today, Shivaji had never allowed corruption whether be it in administration of state or be it in conduct of individual or be it in economy. The author mentioned an incident which tells how corruption was intolerant for Shivaji. Once Shivaji's maternal uncle took bribe. The incident came to the knowledge of Shivaji Maharaj. Without any delay Shivaji sent him to jail.

The book will be more useful for the people who are directly or indirect related to administration. This is blueprint for bureaucrats, politicians, policy makers and diplomats.

Atal Diary for 2013 features rare Jan Sangh day released



At a brief ceremony at the BJP headquarters on October 20 was held on the eve of the 61st anniversary of the Bharatiya Jan Sangh. On the occasion BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari released the Atal Diary 2013 and presented its first copy to BJP parliamentary Committee chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani. Party MP Balbir Punj and economist S Gurumurthy, among others were also present at this occasion.

Published under the Samagra Atalji project supported by the Party and being carried out by the Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP), this pictorial diary has been published for the second year consecutively. This sleekly produced new year diary has been made available at the BJP offices in State capitals and could be also ordered through placing orders via the websites of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini and the BJP.

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the country to take concrete steps to address the situation before it spins out of control.

Economics Cell has undertaken the task of studying three sectors in detail- land, minerals, water resources. A large number of stakeholders were consulted for each of the three topics. Invitations were sent to about 500 organizations all over the country working in respective areas and many of them participated. The Guest Speaker and Delegates from far off places like Kerela, Jabalpur, Mumbai, Pune, Jaipur, Amritsar etc. and from institution like CII, ASSOCHAM, Financial Markets, IIM, Krishi Sangathan, Universities, Organizations like PRS Legislative Research, Jalyudha, Yamuna Bachao Andolan, DSE etc. A booklet on 'Development V/s Displacement-Land Acquisition issues' was also released at the event.

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Brigadier PS Bhagat to examine the conduct of military operations leading up from the outbreak of hostilities till the ceasefire. The committee had submitted its reports to the Government in April 1963 but even after five decades the Government has refused to make it public.

The Brooks-Bhagat committee report is still a classified document and prevents the people of this country to get the facts pertaining to 1962 war. The people of India have the right to know why the Government could not protect India's national pride and interest. The BJP demands that the Brooks-Bhagat committee report should be declassified and made public. Under the UPA regime India's defence expenditure has steadily fallen to below 2 percent. In the current fiscal year India's defence expenditure is a meagre 1.9 percent of the GDP. Keeping visible external threats on both the sides of India's international borders in mind our national defence expenditure should be increased substantially. If NDA government comes to power, we will not only increase India's defence expenditure but also address the grievances of our ex-servicemen.

The present dispensation at the Centre has played a cruel joke by not giving 'One Rank One Pension' to ex-servicemen. The NDA will certainly provide for 'One Rank One Pension' to all ex-servicemen within 100 days of coming to power.

Our armed forces have always made supreme sacrifices defending the country from invaders and enemies. In a welcome move, the Defence Ministry led by Shri A.K. Antony on this 50th anniversary has finally recognised the sacrifice of our soldiers who fought the 1962 war and paid homage at the 'Amar JawanJyoti'. But the government's responsibility doesn't end with it. The Government should also come forward to build a National War Memorial at New Delhi to commemorate the valour, sacrifice and uphold the honour and dignity of our soldiers. ■

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That an option has been given to the states to implement FDI policies is a myth being spread to mislead people. "FDI investment" is a central subject & not a state subject. International treaties on investment to which India is a party, require a "national treatment". The deception is a trap for future litigations for the FDI to spread to the rest of the country.

BJP's commitment to reforms is a commitment to 'Reforms' which are in national interest. "Reforms" are not what western powers define "Reforms" to be. Let the western powers realise that the biggest reforms required are in Elimination of agricultural subsidy Removal of restraints on outsourcing Removal of unreasonable restriction on visas Dismantling of unfair trade barriers on products of smaller economies.

The government had an option of large numbers of domestic economic reforms which are pending. There is a broad consensus on these reforms. The government has chosen to ignore these reforms but implemented a decision which will hurt national interest. ■



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to their place of work and their communities. We have taken a number of steps including through enacting legislation to ensure that older persons live a life of dignity.

These measures include supplementing the care provided by the family, providing adequate healthcare facility, setting up old age homes, promoting research and training facilities to train geriatric care givers and providing protection including legal services.

We consider it important to also strengthen our endeavours as a global community to address gaps in the implementation of the 2002 Madrid Plan of Action and other related issues.

Mr Chairman,

Comprehensive and inclusive social development is essential for fostering stable, harmonious, peaceful and just societies and bringing about broad-based improvement in the quality of life of all people

Let me reaffirm our commitment to all necessary action at the national and international level to translate this aspiration into a global reality.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

is a vindication of discretionary allotments.

The manner in which senior ministers of the government have jumped to defend the indefensible commercial transactions of a member of the Congress Party's First family indicates that the current controversy is being utilized to display loyalty rather than to enforce probity. Politically connected people cannot be debarred from business. However, the kind of entrepreneurship displayed in this case where windfall gains are monumental and investment is miniscule. Somebody needs to look into these transactions to determine whether they are bonafide business transactions or favours.

There obviously is a lot more than what meets the eye. The possibility of windfall gains emanating from a 'political equity' investment intended to reap 'political dividends' cannot be obviated.

Each one of the above instances establishes existence of unfair and unacceptable transactions. There is a legitimate apprehension that institutions intended to be a watch-dog on these practices have been seriously compromised. Citizens Groups are being told that the State will not take any action. Loyalty is more important than probity. The citizens must go to court and establish a case. The citizens are mere whistle blowers; they have to bring these cases into public domain. It is the responsibility of the State to investigate these cases. If the State shirks from its responsibility, unconventional methodologies of exposure will

overtake the existing public discourse.

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) is an established institution performing its functions. The government prefers to assault it rather than follow its' sage audit advice. The experience of the Joint parliamentary Committees (JPC) shows enormous clout of the government to prevent truth from surfacing on the mere strength of numbers. Even the public Accounts Committee (PAC) is being prevented from doing its' job particularly in the case of 2G spectrum allocation scam. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was statutorily created to investigate and prosecute cases of corruption. Its' credibility is today a suspect. The CBI is currently functioning on a premise that the UPA must be helped wherever it can be; the

opponents of this government must be framed and those in the middle such as the Samajwadi Party and BSP must be under a perpetual sword hanging on their head. This is the methodology for managing parliamentary numbers.

Yes, the Prime Minister is right when he says that there is an environment of cynicism or negativism. The poison which perpetuates this negativism therefore must be expunged from the system. That alone will create a positive environment. Banish corruption, investigate corruption cases honestly and punish the corrupt - that will create a more positive environment. If you put a lid on cases of corruption, the cynicism in negativism will grow. Popular anger has emerged because of lack of accountability. Probity and accountability alone will eliminate this 'negativism'. ■

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years of Congress regime, one highway and sometimes no way. During our time four-lane highway. Rupee was strong and foreign exchange was robust. 23 parties were led by an able leader and gave a stable government by following coalition *dharma*. Your government did not follow that *dharma*. That is why in your governments left hand proposes, right hand opposes and finally mind disposes. Your government is like one step forward and three steps backward and then the situation becomes awkward.

That is why people are angry with you. Election after election, State after State, City after City - your party is loosing. Scam after scam. Your government is trying its best to protect the guilty. The people of the country are waiting for an opportunity to throw your party out. That is why you have suddenly thought of reforms. If reforms are so important for your party, why now and no initiative for the last 8 years? What were you doing?

While concluding his speech, Shri Naidu called up the party workers to corner the Congress party, expose UPA's scams, price rise, agricultural distress and highlight the NDA's achievements. ■

MAHARASHTRA

BJP exposes multi-crore irrigation scam in Marathwada region



The BJP's unit exposed another irrigation

scam in the water-starved Marathwada region of the State. The former BJP MLA from Partur, Jalna district Shri Babanrao Lonikar has filed a public interest litigation petition with the Aurangabad Bench of the Bombay High Court, seeking investigation of an alleged multicore scam involving 11 barrages across the Godavari whose costs have escalated to Rs. 2,452 crore. The BJP also named the contractors who were beneficiaries and some of them are from the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

Shri Lonikar said the initial cost of the barrages was Rs. 20 crore in 2007 which went up to Rs. 200 crore and more. He raised the issue several times in the Assembly and in 2008 the then Water Resources Minister Ajit Pawar ordered a probe by a one-member commission, headed by the former Secretary, Water Resources Department, M.K. Kulkarni, whose report was submitted in 2009.

The report was never tabled in the legislature saying nothing came of it and the BJP produced the report on October 18, 2012. "The only action taken was that the government spent more money. Till 2009, Rs. 1,164 crore was spent on the barrages, but after the enquiry report the government spent another Rs. 1,300 crore," BJP Spokesperson Shri Madhav Bhandari said.

The Kulkarni panel report examined the 11 barrages and pointed to several irregularities, corruption and favours to contractors. However, no corrective action was taken nor were any of the offending parties punished. The barrages proposed around 2004-05 were aimed at increasing irrigation in the drought-prone region of Marathwada after the Governor's directives to mitigate the backlog in that region. However, BJP said that the barrages

were not based on any scientific design and there was no hydrological estimate of water flows or how much water would be impounded. Besides, the area was so low on electricity and high load shedding that farmers would find it difficult to lift the water.

The BJP demanded a special investigation team to probe the alleged scam. The High Court issued show cause notices to the executive engineers of all the divisions in the Marathwada region. However, recently Shri Lonikar filed complaints with the magistrate in Aurangabad asking the police to register criminal cases against the contractors responsible for the barrages.

UTTAR PRADESH

SP Govt. converted NRHM scheme into a money melting machine



The BJP has said that like the previous BSP government, the present Samajwadi Party led state dispensation has also converted the National

Rural Health Mission scheme into a money melting machine which was aimed to improve the medical and health sector in

the rural areas.

Citing the alleged abduction of the Gonda CMO and resignation of the minister of state subsequently, the state BJP Spokesman Shri Hriday Narayan Dixit while talking to media persons said that SP Government was going all out to pressurize the official machinery to get their blue eyed boys recruited in NRHM against the rules and the procedures.

"The bad intention of the state government is evident from the fact that it only ordered the inquiry of the roles of the official machinery in Gonda episode while no legal action was initiated against the erring minister of state" said Shri Dixit.

He added that, "By its biased approach, the SP Government has conveyed the message to the official machinery that they better follow the

directives of the SP leaders”.

The BJP Spokesman further said that the flouting the rules and regulations was the essential element of the SP and deep rooted in its behavior and approach. “ Not only the opposition but even the SP supremo Mulayam Singh Yadav is asking his ministers and MLAs to mend their ways which was indicative of the fact that SP leaders are acting in way to create terror among police and administrative machinery” alleged Shri Dixit. Shri Dixit further said that Uttar Pradesh under the rule of Samajwadi Party is heading towards ‘party dictatorship’.

MADHYA PRADESH

BJP welcomes HC order on mall land allocation scam in Indore

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has welcomed the order of the



Indore Bench of High Court directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate

the allegations of irregularities in land allocation for Treasure Island Mall in Indore. “The CBI investigation will expose the reality of former Chief Minister Digvijay Singh who along with Rakesh Chaturvedi figure prominently among the 10 persons against whom the Court has directed CBI to register cases and complete the investigation within six months,” said BJP State President Shri Prabhat Jha.

Criticizing the former Chief Minister, Shri Jha said that Digvijay Singh is a seasoned politician who stays clear of any direct responsibility while making his moves. “But the Court has got better of him this time,” he said. Shri Jha further said, “While the nationalist organizations are always in the line of fire of Digvijay Singh who has a penchant for making baseless allegations against such organizations, now he will himself stand in the dock to be questioned by the CBI.”

He also said the CBI inquiry of Treasure Island Mall will expose the irregularities which were done by state administration on direction of the then Chief Minister Digvijay Singh. “The people will eagerly wait for the CBI report which will show the reality of those who take pleasure in laying false allegations of corruption and irregularities on others. Once the facts are clearly established and the guilty are brought to the book the faith of people in justice will increase,” he said.

ODISHA

Pyarimohan Mohapatra’s morcha last nail in BJD coffin : Bijay Mohapatra

BJP National Executive member and State BJP Senior leader Shri Bijay Mohapatra

while interacting with media persons



said that Patnaik in The State has completely stopped functioning for the last few months as the ruling BJD is embroiled in infighting and corruption.

He further said, “A government does not function properly when there is dissidence in the ruling party”. “The regional party is also now facing the same situation since May 29, when several BJD and ministers MLAs assembled at the house of Rajya Sabha member Pyarimohan Mohapatra,” he said. “While ministers are busy trying to protect themselves, the government has stopped functioning. The bureaucrats are only taking decisions” he said.

Shri Mohapatra said that BJD would be ruined by the newly-floated Odisha Jana Morcha (OJM) by BJD’s own MP Pyarimohan Mohapatra . “It would be the last nail in the government coffin,” he said, while ruling out any pact between Pyari’s OJM and BJP.

“There is no possibility,” he said. Shri Mohapatra also said the BJD Mahasamavesh at Berhampur on October 19 won’t solve the dissidence within the party. ■

Glory of Ramanama

By Sri Swami Sivananda

Lord Rama was the prince of the Ikshvaku race. He was virtuous and of manly strength. He was the Lord of the mind and the senses. Brave and valiant, he was yet gentle and modest. He was a sage in counsel, kind and sweet in speech and most courteous, and handsome in appearance. He was the master of divine weapons, and a great Atiratha. Ever devoted to the good and prosperity of his kingdom, he was a defender of the weak and the protector of Dharma. Endowed with wondrous powers of the mind, he was well versed in all sciences, in the science of arms or Dhanurvedya, as well as in the science of the Self.

Deep and unfathomable like the ocean, firm and steadfast like the Himalayas, valiant like Vishnu, he was the joy of Kausalya. Though fierce like fire on the battle-field, he was calm like the cool breeze of the Mandara Hills, patient like Mother Earth, bounteous like Kubera and righteous like Dharma, the Lord of justice himself. In pains or griefs of his people his heart swiftly sympathised with the sufferer. In the festive scenes which held them in joy, he, like a father shared their joy. By his honour and heroism, as well as by his gentleness and love for his subjects, he endeared himself to the heart of his people. Such a great Lord, Rama was, and his birthday which you are

celebrating today, is equally great and auspicious to us all.

The Name of Sri Rama is sweeter than the sweetest objects. It is the haven of peace. It is the very life of pure souls. Blessed is the pious soul who drinks uninterrupted the nectar of Sri Rama's Name, which has been churned out of the ocean of the Vedas, which removes the impurities of Kali Yuga or the iron age, which lives constantly on the tongue of Lord Siva, which is a sovereign remedy or unailing specific to cure the disease of worldly existence and is life itself to mother Janaki.

Tulsidas says, "Name is even superior to the Lord because the Aguna and Saguna aspects are tasted and realised by the power of Name. Rama delivered from the curse a single lady, Ahalya, whereas His Name has purified crores of wicked men! Rama gave salvation to two of his faithful servants, Jatayu and Sabari, but the Name has been the saviour of countless wicked persons."

He further says, "The two sweet fascinating letters RA and MA are like the two eyes of the alphabet and the very life-breath of the devotees. They are easy to remember and delightful to all. They are beneficial in this world and sustain us in the other world." He tells the Sadhaka thus: "Put this jewel—Light of Rama-Nama at the gate of your door—the tongue, if you want to illuminate yourself, both inside and outside. All the world



knows that by uttering the Name even in the opposite way, as 'Mara, Mara' instead of Rama, Rama', the great saint Valmiki became Brahman Himself." When such is the glory of the repetition of the Lord's Name in the opposite way, then what to speak of the utterance of the right and proper Name!

The means by which Sri Rama can be reached is to take His Name and to remain saturated in it. There is no unholy object in this world. Should there be any, it becomes the holiest of the holy by contact with the Lord's Name.

Lord Rama was Maryada Purushottama. He was a Prema Moorti. He was an ideal son, an ideal brother, an ideal husband, an ideal friend and an ideal king. He can be taken to embody all the highest ideals of man. He led an ideal life of a householder to teach humanity. He ruled his people so nicely that his rule came to be called "Rama Rajya," meaning "the rule of righteousness," the rule which bestows on all happiness and prosperity. ■

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