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O Arjuna the senses are so turbulent they can forcibly lead astray the mind of even a vigilant person of sound judgement.

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 60)

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"Historic results! A matter of immense happiness & pride for BJP. I salute our Karyakartas for their tireless efforts."

-Narendra Modi

"BJP`s victory in Haryana & Maharashtra is another success in ensuring a Congress Free India."

-Amit Shah

Kartika Poornima : November 06, 2014

Kartika Poornima (Kartika purnima) is a major Hindu, Jain and Sikh holy festival, celebrated on the Purnima (full moon) day or the fifteenth lunar day of Kartika (November-December). It is also known as Tripuri Poornima and Tripurari Poornima. It is sometimes called Deva-Deepawali - the festival of lights of the Gods.

Tripuri Poornima or Tripurari Poornima derives its name from Tripurari - the foe of the demon Tripurasura. Tripurari is an epithet of god Shiva. Shiva in his form as Tripurantaka killed Tripurasura on this day. Tripurasura had



conquered the whole world and defeated the gods and also created three cities in space, together called "Tripura". The killing of the demon(s) and destruction of his cities with a single arrow - by Shiva overjoyed the gods and they declared the day as a festival of illuminations. This day is also called " Deva-Deepawali " - the Deepawali of the gods. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights.

Kartik poornima is also the birthday of Matsya, god Vishnu's fish-incarnation (Avatar). It is also the birthday of Vrinda, the personification of the Tulsi plant and of Kartikeya, the god of war and son of Shiva. This day also is considered special for Radha, the lover of Krishna - Vishnu's incarnation. It is believed that Krishna and Radha danced rasa and Krishna worshipped Radha on this day. This day is also dedicated to the pitrs, dead ancestors.

Kartik Poornima is an important religious day for Jains who celebrate it by visiting Palitana a Jain pilgrimage centre.

For Sikhs, too, the day of Kartik Poornima is very auspicious, as it coincides with their festival of Guru Nanak Jayanti (Guru Nanak GURPURAB). The founder of their religion, Guru Nanak was born on the day of Kartik Poornima in 1469 AD. Apart from Sikhs, the Nanakpanthi Hindus and other followers of Guru Nanak's philosophy also celebrate this festival.

In Tamilnadu on the day of Karthik Purnimakarthigai Deepam will be celebrated .People will light rows of lamps on their balconies and other places to celebrate it. In Tiruvannamalai ten day annual festival will be held to celebrate Karthikai Deepam.



BJP moves two steps closer to 'Congress Mukta Bharat'

Editorial...

In the last national council meeting held in Delhi Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had said that we have to march towards 'Congress mukta Bharat'. He also said along with this that as people fought for freedom in the country we will have to fight for 'Congress mukta Bharat'. He said that we will have to work very hard.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi worked hard, BJP activists across the country worked tirelessly to get the full majority in the parliamentary elections the results of which were declared on 16th May 2014. Congress which always used to be in power was not even given enough seats to get official recognition for the post of Leader of Opposition. Today in the parliament the Congress is away from the post of Leader of Opposition.

BJP has decided to expand its work in the country on its own. In his first address after becoming the president of the party Amit Shah had said we have to reach where our party has no presence. He said that we have to make our party number one in every state. That's why he paid special attention in the states where elections were about to take place. He immediately started preparing for Maharashtra and Haryana elections. Not only this, Amit Shah started making plans for Jammu & Kashmir and Jharkhand by entering into deliberations with karyakartas.

BJP now wants to become stronger and come in power in the states where it is not in power. After Jharkhand and Jammu & Kashmir, steps will have to be taken towards Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. It is a golden opportunity for BJP as both the country and the BJP has got a leader who knows no rest. Narendra Modi is himself engaged in realizing the words of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay. It is really surprising that as soon as he returned from US he got engaged in 'Clean India Campaign' and the very next day he was addressing election rallies in Maharashtra and Haryana. He shouldered as Prime Minister the responsibility of PM and as karyakarta the responsibility of elections. We all should learn lessons from the untiring efforts of our beloved leader.

Two political incidents had defamed the politics in the country. First in 1977 when Janata Party formed the government in the country it dismissed the state governments in the country. Similarly when Indira Gandhi returned to the power, she also dismissed the state governments in 1980. But the present Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not do this. He has made it a policy that elections will take place when it is due. That's why elections have been held in two states just now and two more states will go to polls soon. BJP National President Amit Shah without losing time started working for elections in these states.

BJP never believes in breaking alliance. BJP has also made it clear that it will never continue alliance by sacrificing its karyakartas. National President Amit Shah clearly believes that we are with alliance but not by sacrificing our karyakartas. In Maharashtra BJP never wanted the alliance with Shiv Sena to break but party was left with no choice. Shiv Sena believed that BJP was helpless. It always wanted to pressurize BJP. Alliance has a dharma. Everyone should respect its maryada. But Shiv Sena did not do so. They started presenting their pramukh as chief minister. It was not fair. One thing that Shiv Sena should learn is that Bal Thakre was Bal Thakre because he never aspired for any position. He was pramukh and remained a pramukh throughout his life. The strong aspiration of the present pramukh to become chief minister makes him different from

the nature of late Bal Thakre. Even then BJP leader and Prime Minister of the country said it clearly, "I have decided not to speak anything against Shiv Sena." When this was decided by the BJP leader then no one from BJP spoke anything against Shiv Sena. But the kind of language used by Shiv Sena mouthpiece "Dopahar ka Samna" by taking name of the father of Prime Minister Narendra Modi cannot be justified in any manner. Every section in the country has opposed it. Who could have been behind this comment in the Shiv Sena mouthpiece, the country knows it well. Shiv Sena should not have done this. Today what is the situation? Was the demand made by BJP from Shiv Sena not right? The results have made it clear.

The decision taken by BJP National President Amit Shah has led to the expansion of BJP in Maharashtra. Today Maharashtra BJP is fully satisfied and people have given clear mandate that BJP always maintained good relations with Shiv Sena but it was not the case so far Shiv Sena is concerned.

The party with which alliance broke in Haryana could get only two seats in the state while HJC was asking for 45 seats from BJP. BJP always adjusted with others but some considered it to be a compulsion for BJP.

The party which does not assess its political strength among the people fails to do justice with itself. Therefore every political party should continuously keep assessing its political strength among the people.

While BJP has an excellent leader, it has a magnificent central leadership and lacks of committed karyakartas. When all these come together the results are favourable. Today BJP should continuously expand itself among the people. This expansion among the people will build its future strength.

BJP requests the poll pundits and media people that they should always comment on the politics and politicians but they should not indulge in personal vendetta. People are vigilant. Common people are the ones who know everything. ■

PM launches the book 'Virat-Purush Nanaji'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 11 launched the book, Virat-Purush Nanaji, which has been compiled in six volumes by the Deendayal Research Institute. The book is a collection of the writings of Shri Nanaji Deshmukh.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister appreciated Shri Nanaji Deshmukh for his energy, drive and commitment towards social welfare and nation-building. He said that it was through his efforts that "Shishu Mandir", which was initiated in Gorakhpur, has become a well-known educational institution across India. Shri Narendra Modi also praised Nanaji's ability to forge political consensus.

The Prime Minister mentioned Shri Deshmukh's decision to leave politics at the age of sixty, and devote himself entirely to the cause of rural development. He also recalled that it was through Shri Deshmukh's inspiration that many young couples devoted themselves to the cause of social upliftment.

Shri Narendra Modi said Nanaji Deshmukh even motivated several famous industrialists to work towards social causes. He said Nanaji always believed that "Science is universal, but technology must be local."

The Prime Minister said the book "Virat-Purush Nanaji" will motivate future generations of India towards nation-building. ■



People give massive mandate to BJP in Maharashtra and Haryana

From Our Correspondent

As the votes were counted on 19th October 2014, the environment in BJP National headquarters turned more and more euphoric. Maharashtra and Haryana both swung in favour of BJP where the party had decided to go alone. The assembly elections, seen as the first major test for BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity since the Lok Sabha success, reflected the continued dominance of BJP in the two states, where BJP had mounted an aggressive campaign. The BJP put up a remarkable show in Maharashtra, where it contested alone without its oldest ally Shiv Sena and bagged 123 seats in the 288-member Assembly, 22 short of majority figure of 145. It had won 47 in the last elections. In Haryana, the party got a majority on its own for the first time winning 47 of the 90 seats, up from a meagre four in the last elections. Congress, which ruled the state for ten years, was reduced to 15 from 40 seats. INLD came second with 19 seats.

October 19 saw the Indian National Congress (INC) stoop to a new low, when the results of 2014 State Assembly Elections in Maharashtra and Haryana did not go in its favour. Riding on Narendra Modi wave, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged as the single largest

party in both the states and will form the first BJP government in Haryana. Previously, both the states were ruled by Congress governments, but the Assembly Election results proved to be disastrous for them. The results not only defeated them but ensured that the party couldn't even stay at the second position and slipped to third position.

In the Assembly Election results in Maharashtra BJP emerged as the single largest party as it won 123 seats in 288-seat assembly. The Shiv Sena stood at second position with 63 seats. The Congress stood third

as it won 42; one more than former ally NCP, which won 41 seats. The political scenario in Maharashtra was on cross roads until the very last minute as the state saw two long and strong alliance break. BJP decided not to take on Shiv Sena for their respect for Late Balasaheb Thackeray. However the Shiv Sena took on Narendra Modi and even made personal remarks which only made them lose their credibility. Congress and NCP took on every party with guile and ensured that there was no bit of political verbal barbs left with them. MNS under Raj



Assembly poll results 'historic' : Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday described as "historic results" the electoral victory in Haryana and Maharashtra and said it was a matter of immense happiness and pride for BJP.

Mr. Modi, who aggressively campaigned for the Assembly polls, expressed gratitude to the people of the two states besides saluting BJP cadres for their "tireless" efforts.

"Historic results! A matter of immense happiness & pride for BJP. I salute our Karyakartas for their tireless efforts," he tweeted as the party got majority in Haryana and emerged as the largest party in Maharashtra and was set to form government.

In another tweet, Mr. Modi said, "Thanks to the people of Haryana for giving us the opportunity to fulfil their dreams & to take Haryana's development journey to new heights."

Expressing gratitude to the people of Maharashtra, he said, "We are committed to Maharashtra's progress & creating a Maharashtra the world will be proud of." ■

Thackeray failed to make an impact as it couldn't make any impact and ended up winning only one seat.

Haryana results were painful for the Congress Party to bear as the party was governing Haryana for the last 10 years. The final tally of the 90-seat Haryana Assembly reads; BJP 47, INLD 19, INC 15, Independents 5, HJC-BL 2 SAD 1, BSP 1. Amit Shah led the campaign flamboyantly and left no stone unturned to break the spine (caste factor) in Haryana politics which used to be the decisive factor in the 90-seat Haryana Legislative Assembly. The BJP got a boost in the form of Narendra Modi as even the Prime Minister couldn't hold himself back campaigning for his party, to ensure that the Congress is routed in Haryana and Maharashtra too. Former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and INLD supremo Om Prakash Chautala criticised the work style of Central government in equal measure. Haryana Janhit Congress (HJC) failed to make an impact, as the pre-poll alliance break-up with BJP, cost the party big in Haryana elections.

The people voting in favour of BJP in both these states have further seen as massive support for BJP led NDA government in the centre which has unfolded many visionary programmes and generated a new hope in the country. The popularity of the party seems to be increasing day by day as youth are coming out in support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP as Congress and its allies get discredited for their failures on

'BJP accepts this mandate with a deep sense of humility'

Full text of the resolution passed in BJP Parliamentary Board meeting held on 19th October 2014

The Parliamentary Board of the Bharatiya Janata Party met at the Party Headquarters today. The meeting was chaired by the Party President, Shri Amit Shah. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and other Members of the Board were present in the meeting. The meeting analysed the results of the State Assemblies of Maharashtra and Haryana.

The BJP accepts this mandate with a deep sense of humility. It profusely thanks the electorate of both the States for the trust and confidence reposed on the Party. The Parliamentary Board thanks all the party workers for their untiring efforts which led to such a massive victory.

The Party expresses its deep sense of satisfaction over the results of the Maharashtra and the Haryana State Assemblies. This result is a reaffirmation of the popular faith in the Bharatiya Janata Party and in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, who campaigned extensively and led the campaign in both the States. It is heartening to note that the Bharatiya Janta Party, which used to contest elections from very few constituencies in both the States, had contested all the constituencies in Haryana and in 256 constituencies of Maharashtra. The rest of the constituencies were contested by our allies. Both in terms of popular vote and in terms of number of seats won, we have given our best ever performance in the two States. The elections have demonstrated that people in both the States want a stable and development oriented nationalist Government.

The fact that the Congress Party, which was ruling the two States, has been reduced to a poor third in both the States, is evidence of its shrinking electoral base.

The results demonstrate that the people have appreciated the good governance and various welfare measures during the last four months by the BJP led NDA government at the Centre ably led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who has emerged as the most popular leader of the entire nation and won the hearts of the masses.

The BJP shall form a Government in both the States. The election results conclusively reflect the dominant position that the Party has acquired in the politics of India. The electoral trend, which was visible in the Lok Sabha Election 2014, which demonstrated immense faith and trust in the Party and its leader Shri Narendra Modi, continues to rise in the country. The Party, while once again thanking the voters of both the States, assures the people of Maharashtra and Haryana that it would live up to the expectations and fulfil the mandate that they have given to the BJP.

all fronts.

Maharashtra

It is for the first time since Congress' tally of 141 seats in 1990 that a party has crossed the

agenda with great fervour could clinch just one seat, Hyderabad-based MIM opened its account winning two seats. Bahujan Vikas Aaghadi and Peasants and

form a government on its own. Meanwhile, the won NCP 41 seats and also quite unexpectedly offered unconditional outside support to BJP to form the government.

The Congress, which headed the government, was reduced to 42 seats from 81 it had in the outgoing House. The MNS, headed by Raj Thackeray, was routed getting only one seat against the 13 it had. The Hyderabad-based Muslim Majlis opened its account with two seats.

Haryana

While the BJP romped home with thumping majority in Haryana, the Congress won only 15, down from its tally of 40 seats in the 2009 assembly polls. The Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) had to settle for the second position with just 19 seats. It had won 31 seats in the 2009 polls. While BJP's former ally HJC won only two seats. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who addressed 11 rallies in the state in the run-up to the 15 October polls reaped rich dividends for the party. Hectic campaigning by Narendra Modi, BJP National President Amit Shah's micro-level management and untiring

100-seats mark in an Assembly election in Maharashtra.

Though the Sena too improved upon its 2009 showing winning 63 seats, it still fell short of its best performance in the 1995 poll when it had won 73 seats going to the hustings together with BJP and forming a coalition government.

Posting its worst performance, Congress secured 42 seats and former ally NCP, with which it had ruled the state for 15 years in a row before the poll-eve split, clinching 41.

A big surprise in the election was the near obliteration of Raj Thackeray's MNS, which many thought will be the X-factor in the poll as it managed to win just one seat.

While the party, which pursued the 'Marathi pride'

Workers Party won three seats each, while Bharipa Bahujan Mahasangh, CPI(M), Samajwadi Party and BJP ally Rashtriya Samaj Paksha pocketed one each and independents won seven.

Shiv Sena could play no significant role despite the fact that it had fought over the BJP over a chief ministerial candidate before the polls. The Sena had even said that it would be able to

Maharashtra Result Status			
Status Known For 288 out of 288 Constituencies			
Party	Won	Leading	Total
Bharatiya Janata Party	122	0	122
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	1	0	1
Indian National Congress	42	0	42
Nationalist Congress Party	41	0	41
Maharashtra Navnirman sena	1	0	1
Shivsena	63	0	63
All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen	2	0	2
Bahujan Vikas Aaghadi	3	0	3
Bharipa Bahujan Mahasangh	1	0	1
Peasants And Workers Party of India	3	0	3
Rashtriya Samaj Paksha	1	0	1
Samajwadi Party	1	0	1
Independent	7	0	7
Total	288	0	288

Haryana Result Status			
Status Known For 90 out of 90 Constituencies			
Party	Won	Leading	Total
Bahujan Samaj Party	1	0	1
Bharatiya Janata Party	47	0	47
Indian National Congress	15	0	15
Haryana Janhit Congress (BL)	2	0	2
Indian National Lok Dal	19	0	19
Shiromani Akali Dal	1	0	1
Independent	5	0	5
Total	90	0	90

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BJP's grand victory in Maharashtra and Haryana through Editorials of National Dailies

The Asian Age

2-state triumph to help PM Modi further his agenda

The BJP's capital performance in Maharashtra, and its commanding sweep in Haryana, where it cantered home on its own, were probably due almost entirely to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's indefatigable campaigning in these two states — the first being the second largest in the nation after Uttar Pradesh in terms of electoral arithmetic, besides being the seat of financial power, and the second with a fair urban population, that contains the newly emerged iconic town of Gurgaon. Coming within five months of the BJP's impressive show in the Lok Sabha elections under Mr Modi's leadership, Sunday's results underline the place of one man in his party. It will always remain debatable if the party's numbers might have been half as magical if not for this talismanic factor. This, of course, can be a double-edged sword. While the going is good, the Modi quotient may work wonders. But when rough weather strikes, the victorious contingents of today may have to run for cover. That's a given when too much reliance is placed on an individual around whom a personality cult is being built.

Sunday's results are likely to give a strong boost to the PM, and confer on him political advantages he can leverage to attain goals.....

The Hindu

Confirming its dominance

In winning the Haryana Assembly election, and emerging as the single largest party by far in Maharashtra, the Bharatiya Janata Party has demonstrated the ability to expand its support base at the expense of its principal rival at the national level, the Congress. From fighting elections on an anti-Congress platform, the BJP now seems to be in a position to encroach on the national political space occupied by the Congress. The go-it-alone strategy worked for the BJP in more ways than one. The Congress, which headed the governments in both

Maharashtra and Haryana, is not even the second largest party in either of these States. Clearly, the BJP was able to splinter the opposition votes, marginalising the Congress further in the process. In the Lok Sabha election, the BJP adopted a low-risk strategy of tying up with traditional allies like the Shiv Sena and the Akali Dal, and reviving seat-sharing agreements with parties such as the Telugu Desam. If electoral pacts with the Janata Dal (United) in Bihar and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam in Tamil Nadu did not materialise, this was not for want of effort from the BJP's side. Now, however, after a majority of its own in the Lok Sabha, the party is less risk-averse. The strategy to fight without major allies seems to have paid off very well, though in Maharashtra, where it fell short of a majority, the party might want to revive its ties with the Shiv Sena. With the Nationalist Congress Party offering unconditional support, the BJP knows the limits of the Sena's bargaining positions. Indeed, the Sena must be regretting it wasn't more accommodative toward the BJP during the seat negotiations. In its desperation to see its pramukh Uddhav Thackeray as chief minister, the Sena was unable to read the minds of either the BJP leaders or the voters.....

Times of India

Advantage BJP

Once again the voter signals that he cannot be taken for granted

BJP's conquest of Maharashtra and Haryana underscore show it has rapidly emerged as the principal pole of Indian politics. Its outright victory in Haryana and emergence as the single largest party in Maharashtra, when its earlier assembly tallies were 490 and 46288 respectively, is a vindication of the winning formula crafted by PM Narendra Modi and his campaign-in-charge Amit Shah. Combining the personal appeal of Modi's larger-than-life persona with local mobilisation and customised constituency-level strategies, this new political alchemy has kept BJP on a roll.

The party's decision to go for broke in Maharashtra and fight elections alone - even as Shiv

Sena remained a part of Modi's government in Delhi - almost doubled its vote share, reversing its equation with Sena and catapulting it into pole position as the state's dominant party. BJP's deep inroads into Sena strongholds like the Mumbai Thane belt would not have been possible without this gamble.

The Economic Times

A New Era Begins in Indian Politics *BJP replaces Congress as common enemy of rest*

The results of the assembly elections to Maharashtra and Haryana have these following implications. Prime Minister Narendra Modi continues to retain his hold over the electorate's imagination, even if he is not quite the master of all the surveys, as he probably imagined when he chose to break the BJP's 25-year-old alliance with the Shiv Sena. The BJP has now emerged as the single-largest threat to regional parties, wherever it has a presence, and, thus, becomes the common enemy of the rest, an honour that had been reserved for the Congress for long. Modi's popularity has demolished Haryana's traditional caste politics and its regional practitioners. In Maharashtra, the BJP, having decisively demonstrated to the Shiv Sena who is boss, should now gracefully initiate rapprochement and give Maharashtra, India's economically most important state, a stable government.....

Hindustan Times

The BJP is in the driver's seat in Maharashtra

The BJP has dramatically altered the political landscape of Maharashtra. At the time of going to press, it had won more than 120 seats in the 288-member assembly making it the single-largest party but placing it short of a majority. The BJP has several options now: It could bolster its numbers through independents, or it could consider the unilateral generous offer made by the NCP, or it can work out an understanding on new terms with its former ally, the Shiv Sena. Whatever the contours of the government, the next chief minister in a hitherto Congress stronghold state will be a BJP person. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president Amit Shah,

once again, turned electioneering into a high-voltage micro-managed combat — with positive results.....

The Indian Express

His Centre, his state

The "Modi wave" that had announced a reorganisation of the political centre in the Lok Sabha polls in May is now pushing against states' shores. At the Centre, it brought decisive single-party control for the first time in three decades. In the process, it seemed to stall and even reverse the phenomenon of the regionalisation of the Centre that had strengthened in the decade of the 1990s, after the end of Congress dominance and the onset of coalitions. Now, by taking Haryana and Maharashtra in the manner that it has — by boldly shrugging off allies and going it alone in states where it has only ever been the junior partner, never the dominant force — the Modi-led BJP has signalled a new form of federal politics. At the centre of this new politics is the same package of promise and persuasion that had won the BJP the Lok Sabha polls, in which Narendra Modi was successfully projected as the symbol of hope and change from a discredited Congress model of politics and governance....

The pioneer

BJP'S EMPHATIC VICTORY Congress going from worse to even worse

The unambiguous message in the results of the elections to the State Assemblies of Maharashtra and Haryana is that the people have emphatically rejected the Congress and placed the Bharatiya Janata Party in the pole position. The October 19 verdict confirms the continuing decline of the Congress, which began with the 2014 Lok Sabha election — and is expected to be maintained in the coming State polls in Jharkhand and Jammu & Kashmir. Not only has the Congress failed to retain both Maharashtra and Haryana, it has ended up pathetically behind in the third position in Haryana (where the BJP has got a clear majority), and was reduced to fighting for the third position in Maharashtra. The results show that the party has not been able to get its act together after it was drubbed in the general election five months ago and that both its central and State leaderships are clueless on how to arrest the accelerating loss..... ■

NDA's approach on Black Money is doggedly persistent - Not Adventurist

By Arun Jaitley

I am a little surprised by some of the headlines in today's newspapers which state that the NDA Government has done a U turn on the issue of black money stacked up in Swiss bank accounts. Nothing can be farther from the truth.

Let me begin by saying that the NDA Government WILL NOT withhold any information, including names of account holders who have stashed black money abroad, from the public; but the names will be revealed after following the due process of completing investigations and reaching conclusions about quantum of unaccounted money. After doing so, all the information including the names of account holders will become public when quoted in court proceedings arising from complaints to be filed by the Income Tax Department against tax offenders. Any premature and out of court disclosure of the names of account holders would not only vitiate the investigations but will enable such account holders to get away with their offences. It will also violate India's Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA) with other countries and will choke receipt of all further information from those countries.

The NDA Government took over in the last week of May, 2014. For 3 years, the UPA Government has been refusing

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to appoint the SIT directed by the Supreme Court. At the first very Cabinet Meeting, Shri Narendra Modi Cabinet decided to appoint the SIT. The SIT has been effectively functioning since then.

On October 15, 2014, a team of officials led by Revenue Secretary and comprising of Chairman, CBDT has signed a Joint Statement with the appropriate authorities in Switzerland with regard to investigation into black money stacked in Swiss banks. The four important aspects of that

agreement are:

- (i) With regard to the list available with India of account holders in the HSBC, where Indian tax authorities have conducted independent investigations, the Swiss would provide India with details upon our furnishing of adequate evidence in this regard.
- (ii) Whenever India has some information/ documentary evidence, the Swiss would confirm the authenticity or otherwise of that evidence.
- (iii) This would be done in a time bound manner.
- (iv) Discussion would now start on a bilateral agreement on automatic exchange of information in the banking system. If this bilateral arrangement is arrived at, it will be an important milestone in detection of black money held by Indians in the Swiss banks.

Independent of the above, the Supreme Court of India in the "Black Money Case" had directed the Government of India to furnish the names to the petitioner which have been given by Germany to India. These names were given to the petitioner who made them public. The Germans strongly objected to this as a violation of the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) which was

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Maharashtra and Haryana boldly assert – Yes, we can!

By Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi

All the opinion polls had already predicted it. The predictions were reinforced by Exit polls. Analysts were keeping their fingers crossed to see whether the impossibles as predicted in the surveys can really happen. It was a Sunday morning on 19th October 2014 when the people of Maharashtra and Haryana boldly proclaimed to the world.....yes, we can! We can vote together for a new future! We can vote together to defeat those who indulge in corruption, scams and misgovernance! We can defeat the politics of dynasty, casteism and regionalism! Yes, we can...and we have done it!

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leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Bhai Modi.

The BJP office bearers and activists had started gathering in the National Headquarters at Ashoka Road in New Delhi right from the morning. Anticipating huge victory in these states the BJP offices across Maharashtra and Haryana were colourfully decorated and wore festive look. As the trends of the counting started pouring in the drum beats became even louder and the rhythms announced massive victory of BJP in both the states. It was celebration all round, a celebration of democracy, a celebration of people's power, a

celebration of the collective will and a celebration of the politics of development and progress.

The Congress was made to bite dust from its bastions in Haryana and Maharashtra while BJP is all set to form a government in both the states. These states never had a BJP chief minister nor was BJP a major player in the state politics. But people have made it happen, they have catapulted BJP to power seeing and believing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to the people and his untiring efforts in changing the fortunes of the millions of people. It is a great phenomenon

which the country is witnessing, people are coming together to build India and to strengthen the hands that are dedicated in the service of Maa Bharati.

Soon after Narendra Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister of India, the Opposition parties instead of welcoming his appeal for unity in the interest of the nation tried to distance itself from the visionary schemes launched by BJP led NDA government. They felt that propaganda that Modi's magic is on wane may save their day and their ridiculing the 'achhe din slogan' might turn the tide in their favour. But this was not to happen as people were extending

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wholehearted support to Prime Minister and his plans to build a developed India. The launching of Jandhan Yojana, Sansad Adarsh Grama Yojana, Make in India campaign, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate and similar other initiatives have created a new zeal in the country by setting in motion high speed development with novel approach. His trips to Bhutan, Nepal, Japan and US have endeared him to the people in those countries and helped India get a new image of a confident and self-respecting nation. Narendra Modi's engagement with China and especially during the visit of Chinese Prime Minister Xi Jinping and strong presentation of his views on border incursions have shown how India can be an assertive nation while handling its other interests at the same time. Unlike the earlier Congress led UPA regime when the Pakistan's army freely indulged in border firing India under his leadership has also responded strongly returning the fire aggressively and resolutely. People in the country have been watching all these developments and seeing how a dynamic and visionary leadership which is committed and confident can turn the tide in its favour. While he won applauses and appreciation both inside and outside the country the people in Maharashtra and Haryana have reposed their faith on BJP to take them on the course of development and progress.

The elections in the state of Maharashtra and Haryana were no cakewalks. BJP had never

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formed government in these states on its own. It remained a junior partner to its allies in these states. The analysts considered it a bold gamble for BJP to go alone in Maharashtra and Haryana. In Maharashtra BJP had fought only 119 seats out of 288 in 2009 assembly elections and was able to win 46. The rest of the seats were contested by Shiv Sena which won 44 seats last time. Similarly in Haryana while fighting alone in 2009 assembly elections won only 4 seats. So there were many doomsayers predicting that going alone may hurt BJP's chances in these states. But in democracy the biggest power rests with the people. India has a vibrant democracy and people are delivering even more mature verdict by every passing years. It was just unbelievable. While BJP got absolute majority in Haryana securing 47 seats, in Maharashtra it emerged as single largest party with 123 seats just

requiring 22 more to form the government. The people have proclaimed it that in democracy they are the kings.

The mandate given by people in Maharashtra and Haryana has a message to all the political parties in the country. The people want to move towards a bright future and want to live in a developed, vibrant and strong India. People are rising above the divisive politics of caste, region, communal, linguistic and divisions of other kinds. The young people have an aspiration and a dream of better life and opportunity where they can excel and realize their full potential. A new kind of change is sweeping across the nation. The political parties will have to understand this phenomenon. People want dynamic, confident and visionary leadership. In Narendra Modi they are seeing their dreams getting fulfilled. His short stint of around five months has further reinforced the faith that people have reposed on him. His support base has increased and he is set to enjoy their confidence as pro-incumbency phenomenon will get further strengthened by his untiring efforts and commitment. He represents a bold India which is fearless, confident and has aspirations for future. A *drashta* and a *karmayogi* combined into one. People still remember that Narendra Modi once in a public meeting in Andhra Pradesh asked people to repeat after him, 'Yes, we can!' People in Maharashtra and Haryana have overwhelmingly responded to his call by saying through their mandate - Yes, we can! ■

Adarsh grams would become place of pilgrimage : PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on October 11, the birth anniversary of Loknayak Jay Prakash Narayan launched the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, calling it a scheme that would open the door for good politics, and inviting all MPs to select a village to develop on a demand-driven, rather than a supply-driven model, with people's participation.

The Prime Minister said that development in villages was often supply-oriented. The Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, would however have three distinct features – it would be (a) demand driven (b) inspired by society (c) based on people's participation. The Prime Minister said that while democracy and politics were inseparable, damage was often caused by bad politics. This scheme would inspire a movement towards good politics, with MPs acting as facilitators and catalytic agents, the Prime Minister said.

Addressing the gathering after releasing the guidelines for the scheme, the Prime Minister said that from independence till now, all Governments have worked for rural development. These attempts should be progressively modified with time, in tune with changes happening around the world. He said though government schemes were working across the country, in each state there were a few villages that the state could

be proud of. This shows that there was something extra that the leadership and people in those villages had done, beyond government schemes. The Prime Minister said this "something extra" is the spirit behind Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana.

The Prime Minister sought inspiration from Loknayak

this timeframe. He said if even one village per block is developed, it has a cascading effect on other villages in that block.

The Prime Minister said that various government schemes often worked in isolation – and this scheme would help MPs point out the bottlenecks in these schemes, leading to an outcome-



Jayaprakash Narain on his anniversary, saying that people's participation in development was essential in building an Adarsh Gram. He also paid tribute to Nanaji Deshmukh, who had worked towards the concept of village self-sufficiency.

The Prime Minister said the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana will work through the leadership of Parliamentarians. He said that by 2016, one village will be developed by the MPs, and then by 2019, two more villages will be taken up. He said that if states also encouraged their legislators to take up the scheme – five to six more villages could be added in

oriented approach. The Prime Minister said MPs were free to pick up any village in their constituency, except their own village or their in-laws village.

Stating that the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana would provide a flexible approach towards development, the Prime Minister expressed hope that the "Adarsh grams" would become places of pilgrimage for people interested in learning about rural development. The Minister for Rural Development, Shri Nitin Gadkari, and the MoS for Rural Development Shri Upendra Kushwaha, also spoke on the occasion. ■

Objective of the SAGY

The main objectives of SAGY are:

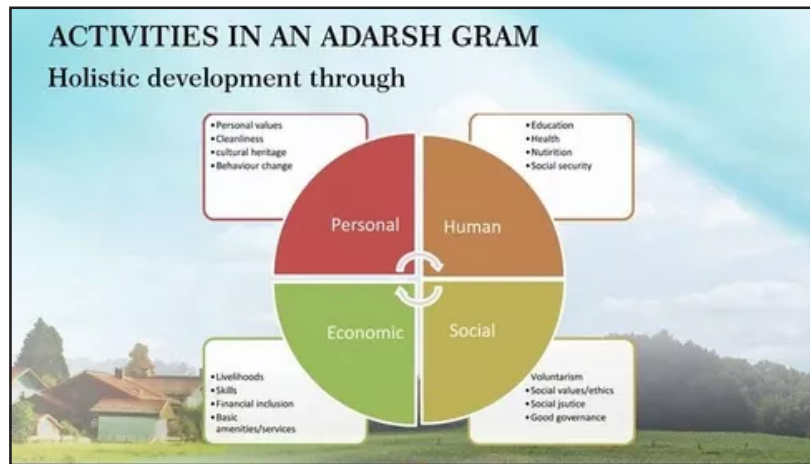
- ◆ To trigger processes which lead to holistic development of the identified Gram Panchayats
- ◆ To substantially improve the standard of living and quality of life of all sections of the population through: a) Improved basic amenities; b) Higher productivity; c) Enhanced human development; d) Better livelihood opportunities; e) Reduced disparities; f) Access to rights and entitlements; g) Wider social mobilization; and h) Enriched social capital
- ◆ To generate models of local level development and effective local governance which can motivate and inspire neighbouring Gram Panchayats to learn and adapt
- ◆ To nurture the identified Adarsh Grams as schools of local development to train other Gram Panchayats

Main highlights of the SAGY

- ◆ It aims to keep the soul of rural India alive while providing its people with quality access to basic amenities and opportunities to enable them to shape their own destiny.
- ◆ It places equal stress on nurturing values of national pride, patriotism, community spirit, self-confidence and on developing infrastructure.
- ◆ It is unique and transformative as it has a holistic approach towards development.
- ◆ It envisages integrated development of the selected village across multiple areas such as agriculture, health, education, sanitation, environment, livelihoods etc.
- ◆ SAGY aims at instilling certain values, such as people's participation, Antyodaya, gender equality, dignity of women, social justice, spirit of community service and etc in the villages and their people so that they get transformed into models for others.
- ◆ The gram panchayat would be the basic unit for development. It will have a population of 3000-

5000 in plain areas and 1000-3000 in hilly, tribal and difficult areas.

- ◆ In districts where this unit size is not available, the gram panchayats approximating the desirable population size may be chosen.
- ◆ The MP would be free to identify a suitable gram panchayat for being developed as Adarsh Gram, other than his/her own village or that of his/her



spouse.

- ◆ The scheme will be implemented through a Village Development Plan that would be prepared for every identified gram panchayat with special focus on enabling every poor household to come out of poverty.
- ◆ The constituency fund, MPLADS, would be available to fill critical financing gaps.
- ◆ SAGY gives focus to community participation.
- ◆ The participation of women in the decision-making process will be encouraged. The scheme envisages holding Mahila Sabhas and Bal Sabhas to discuss women and children specific issues and concerns.
- ◆ Ensuring universal access to education facilities, adult literacy, e-literacy are also important goals of SAGY.
- ◆ Adoption and adaptation of technology and introduction of innovations are critical to this programme. This will include use of space application and remote sensing for planning, mobile based technology for monitoring, agriculture technology for increasing productivity etc.
- ◆ At the national level, a separate, real time web based monitoring system will be put in place for the scheme covering all aspects and components.■

We must see labour issues through the perspective of labours : PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 17 made a strong pitch for understanding and appreciating labour issues through the perspective of the labourers, so that they could be understood and resolved with compassion. In his remarks after launching five new initiatives at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate Karyakram in New Delhi, the Prime Minister said that such a compassionate approach would result in the “Shram Yogi” (labourer) becoming a “Rashtra Yogi,” and hence, a “Rashtra Nirmaata” (nation-builder).

The Prime Minister said that in the nation’s development, the phrase “Shramev Jayate” had as much significance as “Satyamev

Jayate.”

Shri Narendra Modi said the Government must trust its citizens, and a big step had been taken in



LABOUR OVERHAUL	PM MODI LAUNCHES FIVE SCHEMES TO BOOST TRANSPARENCY, CREATE BUSINESS FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT
1. SHRAM SUVIDHA PORTAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allots Labour Identification Number to nearly 6 lakh firms • Allows e-filing of compliance reports 	2. RANDOM INSPECTION SCHEME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computerised system to select units for inspection • Reports to be uploaded within 72 hours of inspection
	3. UNIVERSAL ACCOUNT NUMBER 4.17 crore employees to be given portable Provident Fund accounts
4. APPRENTICE PROTSAHAN YOJANA Government to reimburse 50% of stipend paid to apprentices during first two years of training	
5. REVAMPED RASHTRIYA SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA: Smart cards of unorganised sector workers to be seeded with two more social security schemes	

this direction by allowing self-certification of documents. He said the various initiatives being launched today as part of the Shramev Jayate Karyakram were also a step in this direction.

The Prime Minister lauded the efforts of the Ministry of Labour and Employment in launching a series of schemes simultaneously, which took into account the interests of workers, as well as the employers. He said the Shram Suvidha Portal has

simplified compliance of 16 labour laws, through a single online form.

He said the transparent Labour Inspection Scheme for random selection of units for inspection, would end undue harassment of the “Inspector Raj,” while ensuring better compliance.

The Prime Minister expressed his concern that as much as Rs. 27,000 crore was lying unclaimed with the Employees Provident Fund Organization.

He said this money belonged to poor workers of India, and the portability provided for Employees Provident Fund through the Universal Account Number would put an end to such money being locked up and not reaching the intended beneficiary.

The Prime Minister said the initiative of appointing National Brand Ambassadors of Vocational Training would instill pride and confidence in ITI students. The Prime Minister also honoured selected brand ambassadors.

The Apprentice Protsahan Yojana and the Effective Implementation of revamped Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) for labour in the unorganized sector were also launched today.

The Prime Minister said the “Shramev Jayate” initiatives were an essential element of the “Make in India” vision, as they would pave the way for skill development of youth in a big way, and even create an opportunity for India to meet the global requirement of skilled labour workforce in the years ahead.

The programme was attended by Union Ministers Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Shri Kalraj Mishra, Shri Anant Geete, and Dr. Harshvardhan, and the Union MoS Labour Shri Vishnudeo Sai. ■

- ▶ Compassionate approach will ensure that “Shram Yogi” becomes “Rashtra Yogi” and “Rashtra Nirmaata”
- ▶ Shramev Jayate initiatives will boost confidence and build skills of youth, while providing ease of doing business
- ▶ Government must trust its citizens – allowing self-certification is a step in this direction.

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entered between Government of India and Germany on 19th June, 1995. The present NDA Government has unfortunately inherited the legacy of that DTAA. We may have negotiated a better deal. If we scrap the treaty, we get no further information. The covenant to the treaty is that the names of the account holders and information received thereunder will only be disclosed when charges are filed in court. They obviously cannot be utilized for political propaganda or for political mileage.

The choice before the NDA Government is clear; violate the Treaty and get no names in future or abide by the Treaty, collect evidence, file charges in courts and let the names become public so that the account holders can be named and shamed. One act of adventurism of violating the treaty and discussing the name could perhaps jeopardise future cooperation from the reciprocating state.

All that the Government has requested the Supreme Court is to clarify that it has not prohibited the Government of India to enter into Treaties with countries wherein a commitment may be made by the Government to maintain confidentiality of information received as per international standards. If such a commitment to maintain the confidentiality is not given we will not receive any information about Indians hiding their money in other countries including offshore financial centres and tax heavens. Thus the clarification sought from the Supreme Court is only to facilitate collection of information about illegal money stashed abroad.

Nobody has ever suggested that the names should not be made public. They should be made public in accordance with the existing due process of law. If that process is violated, you will never get to know the names in future. The NDA Government stands committed to detect the names, prosecuting the guilty and making them public.

We are not going to be pushed into an act of adventurism where we violate the treaties and then plead that we are no longer able to get the cooperation of reciprocating states. Such an approach may actually help the account holders. Adventurism will be short-sighted. A mature approach will take us to the root of the matter. ■

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Modi Government wins inflation battle

Brings cheers to common man on the eve of Diwali

By Ram Prasad Tripathy

The promises made by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to control price rise and subsequent strong policy initiatives to contain inflation have started showing results. Declining prices of Diesel and Petrol, softening prices of food items, including vegetables, pulled down the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation to a five-year low of 2.38 per cent in September as vegetable and fruit prices eased by over 13 per cent during the month. This is the lowest since October 2009 when it stood at 2.33 per cent.

Wholesale inflation in onion contracted to 58.12 per cent in September as compared to a contraction of 44.7 per cent in the previous month. Inflation in vegetable basket as a whole shrunk to 14.98 per cent in September. The data further revealed that inflation in milk, eggs, meat and fish continued to decline in September as well. However, there was slight increase in the prices of fruits during the period.

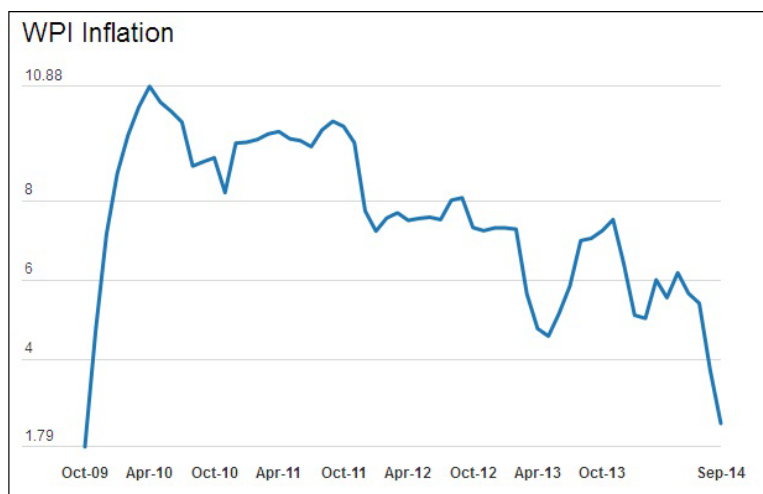
Inflation in manufactured products, like sugar, edible oils, beverages and cement, fell to 2.84 per cent in September as against 3.45 per cent in the previous month. The WPI inflation declined for the fourth straight month.

Inflation in the fuel and power segment which include LPG, petrol and diesel declined to 1.33 per cent as compared to

price rise of 4.54 per cent in August. Meanwhile, wholesale inflation based on final index for July has been revised upwards to 5.41 per cent from the provisional estimate of 5.19 per cent.

Similarly bringing good

and meat was slower in September as compared to August. The overall food inflation as measured by CPI fell to 7.67 per cent as against 9.35 per cent in the previous month and 11.75 per cent in September 2013. The retail inflation was at



news to the common man ahead of Diwali, the retail inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) dropped sharply to 6.46 per cent in September, the lowest since the data series started in January 2012.

As per the data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the CPI inflation in vegetable basket in September fell to 8.59 per cent as against 15.15 per cent in the previous month. Inflation in fruits slowed to 22.4 per cent from 24.27 per cent in August.

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7.73 per cent in August, revised downward from the earlier estimate of 7.8 per cent. As per the government data, the CPI inflation in vegetable basket in September fell to 8.59 per cent as against 15.15 per cent in the previous month.

Modi govt's big reform push: Diesel prices deregulated

The Modi government has also decided to deregulate the price of diesel. Retail rates will now reflect international movement in oil prices. As a result, rates will be cut by Rs.3.37 a litre with effect from midnight

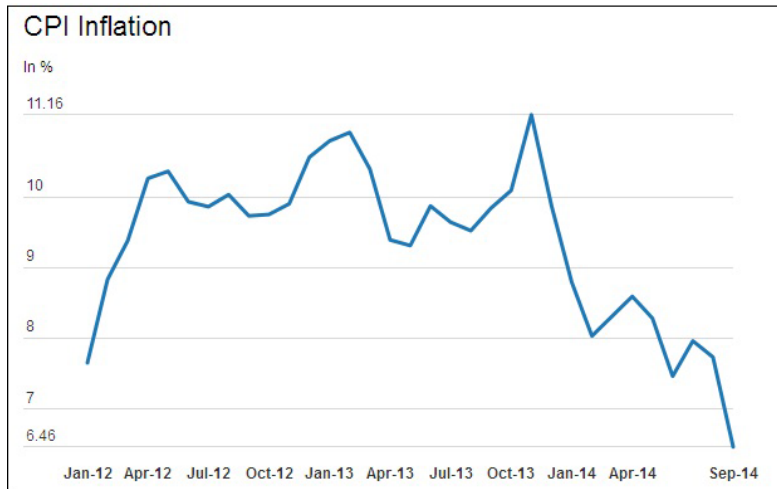
tonight.

This is the first reduction in diesel rates in over five years. Diesel rates were last cut on January 29, 2009 when they were reduced by Rs.2 a litre to

The under-recovery estimate for the current fiscal is lower than Rs.1,39,869 crore of last fiscal. In 2013-14, the government had provided Rs.70,772 crore by way of cash

had provided Rs.1,00,000 crore cash subsidy in 2012-13 when under-recoveries touched an all-time high of Rs.1,61,029 crore. In the preceding year, Rs.83,500 crore was given. Upstream firms had chipped in with Rs.60,000 crore in 2012-13 and Rs.55,000 crore in 2011-12.

All these come at a time when further decline in inflation is anticipated given the sharp reduction in diesel prices. Inflation although the most important economic variable for an average Indian, is not the only economic index which reinforces the economic recovery in India under Modi Government. India reaping "Modi Dividend"



Rs.30.86.

Diesel prices were last raised by 50 paise on September 1 and cumulatively risen by Rs.11.81 per litre in 19 installments since January 2013.

Oil subsidy account for a quarter of Rs.2.51 lakh crore. Originally, petrol and diesel prices were deregulated in April 2002 when the Vajpayee led NDA government was in power. Administered pricing regime, however, made a back-door entry towards the end of NDA regime in the first quarter of 2004 when crude prices started inching up.

It is estimated that under-recovery or revenue loss on selling diesel, LPG and kerosene at prices lower than imported cost this fiscal will be around Rs.86,080 crore. This will have to be met by cash subsidy from government as well as dole from upstream oil producers like ONGC.

subsidy while upstream firms picked up Rs.67,021 crore tab.

Sources said the under-recovery in (April-June) was Rs.28,691 crore. This was mostly met by Rs.11,000 crore cash subsidy from the government and Rs.15,547 crore coming from ONGC, Oil India Ltd and GAIL. The remaining Rs.2,144 crore was absorbed by fuel retailers (IOC, BPCL and HPCL).

In second quarter, the under-recovery is estimated at Rs.21,198 crore with diesel accounting for Rs.2,848 crore as compared to Rs.9,037 crore in the June quarter. Kerosene under-recovery was Rs.6,950 crore (Rs.7,524 crore in Q1) and LPG was Rs.11,400 crore (Rs.12,129 crore in Q1).

While diesel losses have been wiped off, oil firms lose Rs.31.22 a litre on kerosene and Rs.404.64 per 14.2-kg LPG cylinder.

Sources said government

A lower Current Account Deficit coupled with stable exchange rate and rising exports and positive industrial growth have helped in resurrecting macro-economic stability in India. This comes at a time when India is poised to reach the numerical milestone of becoming a \$2 trillion economy in real terms. The turn of events both national and global suggests that India may be entering a new virtuous cycle of growth. As a matter of fact, major multilateral institutions are now taking a positive view in their recent forecasts on India.

The recently released World Economic Outlook by IMF has raised its medium-term assessment of the Indian economy arguing that the political stability will provide a launch pad for long-overdue structural reforms even as the Fund cut its global growth forecasts. The IMF raised its growth projection for India to

5.6% for 2014-15 from 5.4% projected a little over six months ago. For 2015-16, the Fund stuck to its April growth projection of 6.4%.

The World Bank has also come out with identical growth projections for India for the two financial years in its twice-a-year South Asia Economic Focus report released last week. The Bank has gone on to add that India is benefiting from a “**Modi dividend**” with economic activity buoyed by expectations from the new elected government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and its long-term growth potential remains high due to favourable demographics, relatively high savings, and policies and efforts to improve skills and education, facilitate domestic market integration and incentivise manufacturing activities.

Similarly, the OECD in its latest report has claimed that India was the only major economy whose indicator pointed to a rise in growth momentum covering 33 leading economies of the world.

These projections coming only weeks after the credit rating agency S&P upgrading India’s credit outlook to ‘stable’ from ‘negative’ lends credence to the fact that the India economy is now firmly on the recovery path.

The change in global perception notwithstanding, containing inflation stands out as the biggest achievement of the Modi government. High and unrelenting inflation in the last few years had put the general public at great inconvenience. The declining trend of inflation as evidenced in recent months has not only brought the smiles back on the face of the common man but it also augurs well for the health of the Indian economy.

In less than six months time the BJP led NDA government has achieved what appeared almost impossible under the previous UPA regime. With its strong dose of economic reform measures and sound fiscal management the Narendra Modi Government has won the battle against inflation bringing cheers to common man on the eve of Diwali. ■

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efforts by lacs of karykartas won the party a landslide. Haryana witnessed a wave created by the combination sweeping through all caste and community calculations by raising party’s tally from 4 to 47.

The power shift was, however, historic in Haryana, where the party won absolute majority even with a skeletal structure on the ground. It had only four MLAs in the outgoing assembly. The incumbent Congress government led by Bhupinder Singh Hooda has been decimated, coming a distant third with only 15 seats. In some of the constituencies where Narendra Modi addressed rallies, the BJP candidates have won by a huge margin like Karnal, where Manoharlal Khattar won by over 60,000 votes, Badkhal (Faridabad) where Seema Trikha won by over 35,000 votes. Narendra Modi during his campaign made the corruption in the 10-year Congress rule of Bhupinder Singh Hooda his main plank followed by Robert Vadra-DLF land deals and dynasty politics. He repeatedly gave calls for a ‘Congress-mukt Bharat’, while referring to Vadra, son-in-law of Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

The INLD, which was hoping to garner sympathy votes for Chautala who is in jail after being convicted in the teachers’ recruitment scam, too could not withstand the BJP wave. Chautala’s grandson Dushyant Chautala too could not win the Uchana Kalan seat and lost to his BJP rival Prem Lata. ■



PM congratulates scientists on the successful test-fire of Nirbhay missile

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, congratulated Indian scientists on the successful test-fire of Nirbhay missile. “Congratulations to our scientists on the successful test-fire of the Nirbhay missile. This is a great impetus to our defence capabilities,” the Prime Minister said. ■

Congress tied next govt's hands : Jaitley

Asserting that the Government has no difficulty in disclosing names of Indians having illicit money stashed abroad, Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley on 18 October 2014 said that the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) signed by the Congress-led Government with foreign countries were a hurdle in making public details of the ill-gotten money.

Shri Jaitley further stressed that the Congress-led dispensation's agreement made it obligatory on part of the incumbent Government to follow it.

He said according to the agreement the names of those having black money abroad could be disclosed or made public only when chargesheets were filed after completing

the due process of investigations. The Finance Minister aggressively rejected the charge that the Modi Government was reluctant to part with information about the names of persons having black money abroad. Shri Jaitley said Government's stand is that black money has to be brought back to India and there was no question of "propaganda".

"Is the present NDA Government led by Modi in any way reluctant to make some names public? Certainly not. We have no difficulty in making names public. But, they can be

made public only in accordance with due process of law." And the due process of law has been constrained by DTAA which was entered into between India and Germany when the Congress was in power on June 19, 1995," he told newsmen.

Shri Jaitley said, as per the DTAA, "the names can only be made public once after investigation, there are disclosures made to court, that is when charges are filed. Till such time when the investigations are on, merely for

relating to information exchange in tax matters.

He said the present Government made many breakthroughs by making Swiss authorities give names which it was refusing to provide on the grounds of "stolen documents".

Jaitley said India obtained those details from "a Third Party" what Swiss authorities called "stolen data". HSBC bank list cannot be denied to us and Swiss has to give us its confirmation when charges are filed. The Swiss Government no



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On the question whether the latest agreement with Switzerland, with regard to sharing of information, would come into effect retrospectively or prospectively, Shri Jaitley said, it would be "with regard to all information available in Switzerland... Information is not erased out".

The Finance Minister said a delegation, led by Revenue Secretary Shaktikanta Das, visited Switzerland on October 15 and held discussions with Swiss authorities on issues

longer evaded giving details in a time-bound manner and agreed on bilateral discussion "on automatic disclosure of information", the Minister said pointing to the impact of his Government's efforts in pursuing the case.

Meanwhile, in a release, the Finance Ministry said discussions with Switzerland were substantive and useful. "Switzerland has indicated willingness to provide information in respect of cases where investigations have been carried out by our I-T Department independently from what Swiss

Government considers as stolen data," it said.

According to the Government, this development is very significant because there are a number of cases of account holders included in the HSBC list which were investigated by the I-T Department independent of the HSBC list obtained from the French Government. "Earlier, the Swiss Government had not agreed to provide any information on names which were included in the HSBC list on the ground that these were stolen data and have been obtained in breach of Swiss law," the release said.

Besides, the Swiss Federal Tax Administration has agreed that their competent authority would assist India in obtaining confirmation of genuineness of bank documents on requests by the Indian side as well as details related to requests relating to non-banking information.

These developments "are very significant and would assist the Income Tax Department in its investigations. These developments are significant steps in the context of Government's resolve to combat unaccounted money and tax evasion," the release said.

SPIRITED DEFENCE

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Participate in India's growth story, Sushma Swaraj tells Diaspora

Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs Sushma Swaraj on 17 October urged the Indian diaspora in Britain to invest in India as the country offers tremendous opportunities and participate in India's growth story.

"As we rejoice in the success of the Indian diaspora, we also invite you to actively participate in India's growth story," Sushma Swaraj, who is also India's minister of external affairs, said while inaugurating a two-day Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, a conclave of the Indian diaspora.

"There are tremendous opportunities today for you to join us, especially in the fields of manufacturing, science and technology, research and innovation, knowledge economy and youth development," she said

She mentioned about the 'Clean Ganga' campaign, metro rail and smart cities projects as areas where overseas Indians could participate.

The Person of Indian Origin (PIO) card was now valid for a lifetime and not just 15 years for visits to India, she said, reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assurance on the subject during his visit to New York last month.

Furthermore, PIOs will not have to report to police even if their stay in India exceeds 180 days, as was the previous requirement, the minister said.

"The government is working on a new scheme that will merge the PIO and OCI (Overseas citizen of India) schemes," Sushma Swaraj said.

Appreciating the achievements of the 1.5 million-strong people of Indian origin in Britain, she said: "We are proud of the great accomplishments of the Indian community in the UK and other European countries in all areas of human endeavour and the great reputation they have earned as industrious, law abiding and peace loving citizens, while retaining their Indian roots."

According to the minister, the second and third generation British Indians have "clearly made an impression in British life"."They have made a mark in almost every profession from business, finance, politics and medicine to sports and life sciences," she said. ■



Pakistan's India policy is quickly falling apart

By Balbir Punj

With a strong Government in New Delhi, Islamabad is realising that border skirmishes are futile, as the Indian Army is hitting back hard. This is as Home Minister Rajnath Singh had warned earlier.

Every autumn, the Pakistani Army resorts to firing across the border in Jammu & Kashmir, largely to allow infiltration by terror groups before winter sets in and freezes the routes. However, it has been a different story this year as intensified firing has specifically been targeted at Indian civilian settlements.

Pakistan has an elected Government but, at every moment, it must earn its legitimacy by keeping the Army and mullahs in good humor. For this, the Pakistani Government plays one card against the other.

Attacking or embarrassing India, without actually provoking a war, fits into this Pakistani plot – which is to keep the Army happy by demonising India, the *raison d'être* of the Armed Forces' clout in Pakistan's power structure. The mullahs, who form the third leg of Pakistan's power structure, also need their daily bread of planned terror strikes against India for the civilian Government to get all the other two off its back.

Former Pakistani diplomat Husain Haqqani in his book, *Pakistan between Mosque and Military* described the power structure in Islamabad as between the Military and the Mullah. This has now been confirmed in another study, by

an American researcher, Christine Fair in her book 'The Pakistan Army's Way of War.'

The provocative border firing and continued sending of terrorists into Kashmir and elsewhere in India have to be seen in political context in order to trigger our response to these regular challenges. Ms Fair who teaches at Georgetown University says Pakistan's mental make up has a kink in its brain: Anger at the whole world, refusing to accept its own perception that it should be treated at par with India.

Refusal of the world and continued poverty of Pakistan

are behind both – flaunting of its military might and planned terror attacks on India, Ms Fair finds. "Why does Pakistan persist in repudiating India's ascendancy as the principal power in South Asia and insist upon being treated as India's equal?"

As "Pakistan is a weak state with enervated governmental institutions, it is chronically unable to assert its writ through much of restive and insurgency-prone areas of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and tribal areas. Ethnic and sectarian violence is a recurring menace in Pakistan's rural and urban areas alike".

The professor mentions how terrorism nurtured by both the state and its military for use as a coercive element against India and Afghanistan, has now turned against its masters. To any sharp observer of Pakistan scene, the civil authority in that country has to play power games with the military and the mullahs to retain its ever challenged, ever shrinking balance of advantage.

When Islamabad pleads that terrorists from its territory are seeking to bomb many countries besides India (the chief conspirator of 9/11 against the US was a Pakistani whom the Central Intelligence Agency finally caught and got into America where he is serving life

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sentence), are “non-state personnel”, the world knows that such “non-state actors” are actually the trained people that Pakistan state utilises for its policy goals hoping to gain political weight against India.

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Soon after that, the Pakistan High Commissioner in India deliberately disrupted the proposed Secretary-level talks between the two countries by inviting Kashmiri separatists into his residence in New Delhi (as Mr Nawaz Sharif’s foreign policy adviser Sartaj Aziz admitted later indirectly).

Next, the Pakistan Prime Minister raised the Kashmir issue in the United Nations and even asks for foreign intervention despite the prevailing Simla agreement between the Prime Ministers of the two countries in 1971 to treat Kashmir as a

bilateral issue.

That brings no support for Pakistan either from its benefactor, the US or from other Islamic countries. On the other hand, India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi gets a great reception from President Barack Obama and America’s leading business tycoons who also queue up to have one-to-one talk with Mr Modi. Only a few days earlier Mr Modi also got a tremendous welcome in Tokyo

and even China’s President Xi Jinping was in New Delhi.

With America and Japan, a strategic alliance is shaping up with Mr Modi’s initiative underlining the importance of India in the international and regional context.

There is a surge in global business confidence in India after Mr Modi took over and its economy is on the mend.

Naturally all this has increased the Pakistan military’s frustration at its failure to get international community treat Islamabad at par with New Delhi or to give it a free hand in Afghanistan.

In Kabul the political crisis has ended and the new Government with bipartisan support has signed an agreement with America to station a 10,000

strong North Atlantic Treaty Organization force in that country.

At the same time, a rival and even more barbaric Armed group has arisen in Iraq with a territory across two nations that are now a rival to the Pakistan Army nurtured Al Qaeda that seems to capture Jihadi initiative and allurements to Islamist youth. But this has also steeled the global powers to combine and fight this menace of the Islamic State.

India has been accepted as a member of this group though it is not committing troops. India’s international stature and internal economy are rising in the eyes of global community and Pakistan’s Kashmir ratings are not receiving any response.

Comments on Mr Modi’s visit to the prestigious Wall Street Journal that “America anticipates an Indian resurgence that could tilt Asia’s power balance in a democratic direction and drive global growth” would not have been music to the Pakistan military and mullah combination.

More specifically when the think tanks and policy makers in America believe as Wall Street Journal added that “a thriving India could also uplift the region, including troubled Pakistan.”

A weak India is a sitting duck for Pakistan whose origins and existence are steeped into burning hatred for the infidels. And a strong India is a bug bear which a wobbling Pakistan just cannot accept.

In either case, India has to deal with a Pakistan which is programmed to be anti-India because of its faulty DNA. ■

India needs to step up medical research to keep pace with a changing world : Narendra Modi

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, delivering the Convocation Address at the 42nd Convocation of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, in New Delhi on 20 October, said "This is not the end

Highlighting the importance of the "convocation" (deekshant) in a student's life, the Prime Minister said the first reference to a convocation was found in the "Taittiriya Upanishad" Shri Narendra Modi said a small action of a

that they could become doctors, the Prime Minister urged them to keep this in mind in their profession.

He exhorted them to work with patients with the spirit that the patients have a 'right' over them. He expressed hope that society would gain from their work, and the dream of a healthy India would be achieved.

The Prime Minister said that while Indian doctors have made a name for themselves across the world, India needs to step up medical research, to keep pace with a fast-changing world. Therefore, he urged the young doctors to record case-histories in specific areas as they go about their profession. He also urged them to work towards achieving a higher number of publications in scientific journals.

He urged the graduating students to keep a cheerful attitude towards life, even as they fulfilled their responsibilities as doctors and medical professionals, in all seriousness.

The Prime Minister suggested that students from poor backgrounds, from nearby schools, could be invited as "special guests" to such convocation programmes. Such events could serve as unique inspirational moments for them, he said. The Prime Minister also presented lifetime achievement awards to eminent professionals in the field of medical science, and medals and prizes to meritorious students. ■



of your learning – rather you are now going from a closed and protected classroom, to an open classroom." Therefore, he added, they should keep the student mindset in them alive, so that they could scale great heights in their profession.

He urged the graduating students to follow the examples set by the doyens of the medical fraternity who were being given lifetime achievement awards today. He said the student mindset keeps one energetic throughout life.

doctor, or a small interaction with a patient can provide life to that individual – since doctors are trusted a lot by society.

He urged them to keep this in mind in their daily conduct. He said some doctors become popular because they bond with the patient, thereby giving the patient the confidence and strength to fight the disease.

Explaining to the graduating students through several illustrations, that many people and sections of society, had done something, or made sacrifices, so

Withering of the dynasty is the best thing to ever happen

By Kanchan Gupta

Narendra Modi commands ten times more media mention than Sonia Gandhi, Rahul and Priyanka put together. That would surprise only the classes who know nothing of the masses

In a brief data-based analysis of media trends in India, the Wall Street Journal's 'India Real Time' wonders, "What happened to the Gandhis?" The question is prompted by the writer's presumably stunning discovery that there are far more news stories about Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the man voted to power by the unwashed masses of India, than Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul, the scion of the Nehru-Gandhi Dynasty hailed as India's 'Prince' by an awestruck Western media before the Congress was routed in last summer's election. That would make his mother India's 'Queen'.

Given their exalted status in Lutyens's Delhi and the cringe-worthy manner in which a craven elite fawns over them, and the fact that our so-called 'national media' is yet to accept that the glory days of Congress Raj are over, it is not surprising that a comparison of the sort done by the Wall Street Journal should cause amazement and prompt profound commentary. Clearly, there were high (though illogical) expectations that the Dynasty would continue to dominate the

mediascape as much in defeat as it did in victory.

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country for most of its independent history – has all but disappeared from the front pages of India's newspapers."

"... Modi has proven particularly adept at managing the media... Modi has been mentioned in no fewer than 55,000 stories in the last three months. That's more stories than former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh appeared in during all of 2013."

"... A quick tally of all the news stories that mention all three Congress party royals – Sonia, Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi – shows that Modi was mentioned in 10 times as many articles in September."

There are several explanations for these findings. For instance, Modi's soaring popularity means an insatiable demand for information related to him. That demand continues to increase with each passing day. This, in turn, means higher ratings for news channels that lavish time on him and more subscribers for newspapers that feature him prominently.

It is also true that the very mention of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty evokes revulsion among

the voting classes – old India was (and remains) appalled by the cash-and-carry decade when Sonia Gandhi ruled the roost; new India could not care less for either the ‘Queen’ or the ‘Prince’. Gone are the days when the Dynasty clouded judgement.

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While comparisons are inevitably odious and more often than not silly – no two situations are ever similar – it would be in order to recall that

certain section of the non-voting classes genuflects at the altar upon which she resides. Yes, the commentariat still sees in her the last hope of saving their perverse ‘Idea of India’ from total repudiation. Yes, editors who hopped, skipped and jumped their way to the top by choosing to be her poodles still yearn for the good times they had.

But not so the masses. The magical, mesmerising hold the Dynasty had over them once upon a time is now a mere footnote of free India’s political history.

Sonia Gandhi and her son are held in contempt; they represent everything that new India wants to reject and discard. That rejection is not to be confused with voting for or against the Congress, although the two cannot be entirely delinked. Indira was Congress; Sonia is not; Rahul even less so.

The White House came to be known as Camelot, after King Arthur’s legendary castle, during the dazzling presidency of John F Kennedy. After he was assassinated, his widow recalled Kennedy’s favourite lines from Camelot, the popular musical:

Don’t let it be forgot,

That once there was a spot
For one brief shining moment

That was known as Camelot...

As we witness the withering away of the Nehru-Gandhi Dynasty, those words could be said of the Palace, also known as ‘10 Janpath’. ■

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And so it is that the ‘Family’, as the Wall Street Journal calls the Dynasty, finds itself dumped and forgotten. It’s a cruel world. Gone are the days when every gesture, every word made headlines. Gone too are the days when stories would be spun out of not what was said by either Sonia Gandhi or Rahul Gandhi, but what was never said. Silence, we learned, especially over the past decade, can be astoundingly eloquent.

Commercial interest motivates big media’s coverage of individuals and events. Modi at prime time means higher ratings; Modi on the front page means more eyeballs. This is not to suggest that commerce has triumphed over personal loyalties. Editors who fattened themselves on scraps from the Congress’s high table would want Sonia Gandhi and her son to be the focus of their channel’s (or newspaper’s) coverage but they are clever enough to avoid simmering discontent in the newsroom to turn into open rebellion.

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though this is not the first time the Dynasty has fallen from grace, never before has it been ignored by the media as is now being witnessed.

Indira Gandhi remained in the news after her spectacular defeat in 1977. True, the Janata Party Government did its best to ensure she did not fall off the media’s radar, but that was not the only reason. Embittered and alone, with a viciously hostile Government in power, she faced a far more uncertain future than her daughter-in-law and grandson. Yet she commanded space in media because, despite her many sins of omission and commission, in spite of the Emergency she ruthlessly imposed snuffing out democracy, there was sneaking respect for her.

Truth be told, Sonia Gandhi does not command even a minute fraction of that respect. Yes, courtiers and flatterers lavish praise on her. Yes, a

PM Narendra Modi conducts aerial survey, announces Rs 1,000 crores for Andhra Pradesh

Does an aerial survey of cyclone affected districts of South Odisha

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Visakhapatnam on 14 October immediately after the cyclone devastated Vizag city, to personally review the relief and rescue operations in the aftermath of Cyclone Hudhud. He travelled extensively by road through the city of Visakhapatnam, which bore the brunt of the cyclone. He was accompanied by the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Shri ESL Narasimhan, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Chandrababu Naidu, and Union

satisfaction at the excellent coordination between the Union and State Governments, which helped minimize casualties.

In a statement to media after the meeting, the Prime Minister announced an interim assistance of Rs. 1000 crore to the state of Andhra Pradesh. He also announced an ex-gratia amount of Rs. 2 lakhs for the next of kin of those who lost their lives due to the cyclone, and Rs. 50,000 to the seriously injured.

South Odisha, as well as the city of Visakhapatnam. The special jet of the Indian Air Force swooped low over the affected areas, as the Prime Minister was briefed about the situation.



Minister Shri M Venkaiah Naidu.

The Prime Minister reviewed the situation at a high-level meeting in the Collectorate at Visakhapatnam. He appreciated the role played by technology, including satellite imagery and advanced weather forecasting techniques, in minimizing loss to life and property. He also expressed

The Prime Minister said he was deeply touched by the love that tens of thousands of people of Visakhapatnam had shown him today, lining the roads of the city, despite having faced such a devastating cyclone.

Earlier, the Prime Minister also carried out an aerial survey of cyclone affected districts of Koraput and Malkangiri in

The Prime Minister has repeatedly emphasized the need for long-term planning for disaster management, taking into account the lessons learnt from Cyclone Hudhud. During the meeting, he also offered Andhra Pradesh full support from the Centre, towards this task.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi arrived in cyclone-hit Visakhapatnam afternoon to take review damage, rescue and relief operations in the city. Andhra Pradesh Governor Shri ESL Narasimhan, Chief Minister Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Civil Aviation Minister Shri P Ashok Gajapathi Raju, BJP MP from Visakhapatnam Shri K Haribabu and state ministers welcomed Modi at the airport, which itself was damaged by the storm.

Yoga

By Sri Swami Sivananda

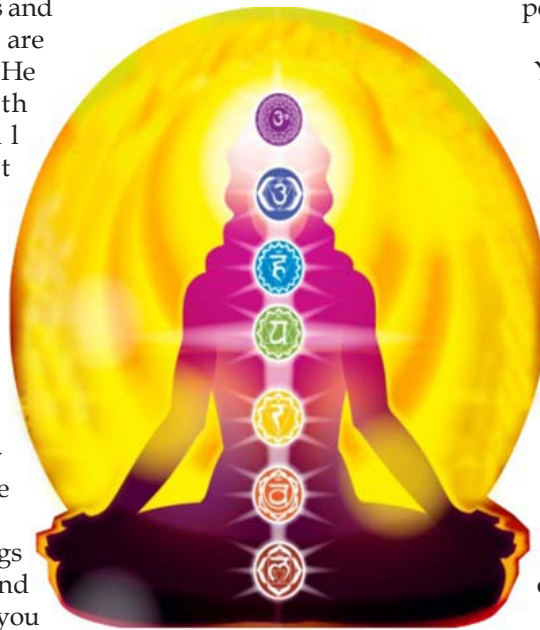
This is not Yoga

A man gets himself buried in a box underneath the ground. He does this by plugging the nostrils through Khechari Mudra. This is no doubt a difficult Kriya. He gets Jada Samadhi. This is a state like deep sleep. The Samskaras and Vasanas (subtle desires) are not fried by this Samadhi. He does not return with superintentional knowledge. This cannot give Mukti or Liberation. This is kind of feat only. This is not a sign of spirituality. People use this Kriya for acquiring money, name and fame. When they come out of the box, they stretch their hand for money. They make transactions before they enter the box.

Tie the hands and legs of a man with iron-chain and shut him in a room. Before you lock the door he will stand before you. Get inside the room. He will be again there. No doubt this is very, very astonishing. It is a mere trick. It is a kind of Jaalam (illusion). Some people can seat on a plank studded with sharpened nails and chew snakes like chocolates. If you pierce a long needle in their arms, no blood will come out. Some can draw water from stone. A Yogic charlatan can perform all these things through some

trick or Jaalam. But these have nothing to do with real Yoga.

The public will take a man to be a Yogi or Guru only if he exhibits some Siddhis. It is a serious mistake. They must not be overcredulous. They will be



easily duped by these Yogic charlatans. They must use their power of discrimination and reasoning. They must study the ways, habits, nature, conduct, Vritti, Svabhava, antecedence, etc., of the Gurus and test their knowledge of scriptures, before they come to any definite conclusion.

Prerequisites for Yoga Practice

Moral purity and spiritual

aspiration are the first steps in the path of Yoga. One who has a calm mind, who has faith in the words of his Guru and Sastras, who is moderate in eating and sleeping, and who has intense longing for deliverance from the Samsara-chakra is a qualified person for the practice of Yoga.

An aspirant in the path of Yoga should have faith, energy, cheerfulness, courage, patience, perseverance, sincerity, purity, lack of despondency of mind, dispassion, aspiration, concentration, serenity, self-restraint, truthfulness, non-violence, non-covetousness, etc.

An austere and simple life is indispensable for Yoga. The foundation of Yoga is self-control. Discipline is the essence of Yoga, discipline of the body as well as discipline of the mind.

In the practice of Yoga, there is a reversal of the normal outgoing activity of the mind. Steadiness of mind is very essential for a reversal of the normal outgoing activity of the mind.

Unless the mind is first made steady and brought under complete control, it will not be possible to change its course to the opposite direction.

To be continued... ..

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