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*“The Prime Minister had expressed his “helplessness in checking corruption which makes him a fit case to renounce his post and go for a pilgrimage.”*

**-Nitin Gadkari**

*“The Country today is in a state of drift. Series of scams, scandals, and massive corruption have become the defining features of the UPA Government headed by Dr. Manmohan Singh.”*

**-L.K Advani**

*“Shri Advaniji’s Jan Chetna Yatra holds a very special place, because of his fight against corruption, demand for bringing black money stashed in foreign banks, and in addition, creation of mass awareness and mass mobilization in support of these. I have faith that this Jan Chetna Yatra will create a new awakening against corruption and black money.”*

**-Narendra Modi**

### Letter to the Editor...

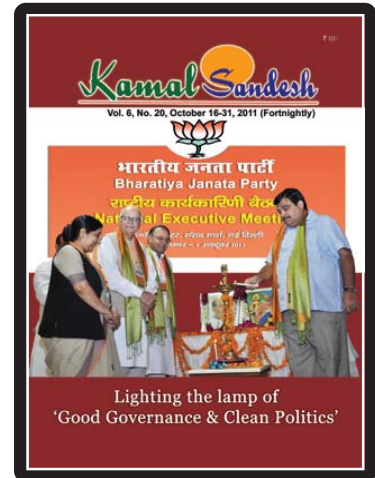


#### Corruption main obstacle in development of our country

Dear Editor,

This letter is to tell the sad and bad cause and effect of increasing corruption in India. Today people are concerned about the corruption. BJP ,through *rath yatra*, is exposing UPA at Center. Corruption is the main obstacle in development of our country. The Indian government is trying to lock this whole issue. The corruption is increasing to such a level that India has been marked among the top 20 corrupt countries in the world and people are saying that at last there is a place where India has its recognized space. This is great to see that people of India have a good sense of humour but this humour is representing here the negative part of India which is very ugly. This 2G spectrum, Commonwealth games etc. have made a huge loss to India which could have served a large number of Indians *Roti, Kapada aur Makan*. The Indian government is not taking this as a serious issue and when they are asked about this, their answers are always the same as earlier ones, always cramped statements. Sometimes the problem arises in front of government is that there are so many problems besides corruption like increasing inflation, rise in petrol prices, poverty and many others. Now people of India have expectations only from BJP which can root out corruption from the country.

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## Massive public support for 'Jan Chetna Yatra'

# Editorial...

Starting from Sitabdiara, the birth place of Loknayak Jay Prakash Narayan, 'Jan Chetna Yatra' is moving ahead continuously getting the support of the people. Bihar is the land which represents change. Loknayak is the name which symbolizes struggle. Loknayak is not only the name symbolizing a movement but a movement which is effective and result oriented. The former deputy Prime Minister of India Shri Lal Krishna Advani is on the sixth yatra of his life seeking to awaken the masses with the same spirit. He is the first leader in Indian politics who has sought to cover India the most through his 'rathayatras'. We salute his indomitable courage that he possesses even in the 84<sup>th</sup> year of his life. It is not the politics but 'rashtradharm' which is foremost for us. Advani ji has embarked on 'Chetnan Yatra' not for votes or to get electoral mileage. Neither is there a season of elections nor is he contesting any election. What is the reason? In reality Advaniji is deeply pained. Even after 64 years of independence we are afflicted with the 'ulcer' of corruption. There is no place for 'probity' in Indian politics. 'Black money' should be retrieved from the foreign countries. Whether it is judiciary, executive, legislature or administration, darkness prevails all around. If this gloomy scenario is allowed to continue unchanged, how the dream of a glorious India will be fulfilled?

People are losing faith not only in politics but in the entire system. It is a dangerous signal for democracy. The dignity of the parliament is at stake. As soon as one is reminded of the 'Cash for Vote' scam, the simple question comes to one's mind is whether it was appropriate to put the dignity of the parliament at stake for the sake of power? The irony is that the MPs who refused to sell themselves and brought the truth before the people by keeping the dignity of parliament intact and by exposing the Congress led UPA for horse-trading are in jail. The punishment for exposing this fact in parliament is Tihar jail! What kind of justice is this? Advaniji is deeply disturbed by this incident. He cannot help sitting over it. In the parliament he said on the same day that the incident exposing 'Cash for Vote' scam by his party MPs took place in his complete knowledge and with his prior permission. I am proud of my party MPs like Faggan ji, Bhagaura ji and Ashok Argal ji belonging to SC/ST sections of the society. Those attempting to buy them failed but our MPs did not sell themselves. Instead of felicitating them, these MPs have been lodged in jail. He went to the extent of saying that if these MPs were at fault, then his fault was much bigger as whatever they did was with his permission. Therefore if they have been sent to jail, he should also be sent to Tihar Jail. It was at this moment that it came to the mind of Advaniji that the time had come to awaken the nation. It was then that the idea to start Jan Chetna Yatra came to his mind. He informed about the idea to party president Shri Nitin Gadkari. Then the party decided to plan for the

*Jan Chetna Yatra of Advaniji. The plan was made and Shri Lal Krishna Advani proceeded to awaken the nation on Jan Chetna Yatra.*

*It is high time that the nation is awakened and masses are sensitized. Advaniji's Yatra is receiving massive public support. He along with his two associates Shri Anant Kumar and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad will reach Delhi on 20th November 2011 after covering 23 States. The result of his yatra is obvious as the people are getting aware of the stand of Opposition and the failure of Congress led UPA. It is rare to find someone in politics at this age who can present such an example of indefatigable spirit. We salute the courage, bold decision, patience and experience of Shri Advaniji. By taking right decision at the right time, Advaniji has his hands on the pulse of time which will surely bring result, if not today then definitely tomorrow! ■*

## Naturopathy Cell launched

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has for the first time constituted Naturopathy Cell on October 2, 2011. Famous industrialist and social worker Shri Jai Prakash was made National Convenor of the Cell. Shri Jai Prakash has been working to spread naturopathy countrywide. The mission is run by Surya foundation with cooperation of International Naturopathy Organization (INO).



On the occasion, General Secretary of International Naturopathy Organization Dr. Anant Viradar thanked Shri Nitin Gadkari for forming the Naturopathy Cell.

BJP with the help of INO has organised a function to celebrate *Prakritik Chikista Divas* on Gandhi Jayanti (2 Oct.). About 300 naturopaths from all over India participated in the programme. BJP has started the Cell to promote naturopathy in the country. BJP's Cells /Morchas incharge Shri Mahendra Pandey, Lok Sabha MP Shri Arjun Meghawal, former Health Minister of Delhi Dr. Harsvardhan, Dr. Anita Arya, BJP Scheduled Caste Morcha National President Shri Dushyant Gautam , V.K Maunga, BJP Central Office incharge Shri O.P Kohli and Dr. Murat also attended the function. ■



*Kamal Sandesh Parivar wishes a Happy CHHATH PUJA to its esteemed readers*

### Articles invited

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

-Prabhat Jha, Editor

*L K Advani begins 38-day 'Jan Chetna Yatra' from Sitabdiara*

## 'Rath Yatra' would put pressure on UPA to retrieve black money, pursue good governance & clean politics : Advani

From Our Correspondents



**B**JP Parliamentary Party Chairman and former Deputy Prime Minister Shri L K Advani began his 38-day *Jan Chetna Yatra* for good governance and clean politics from the birth place of Loknayak Jay Prakash Narayan in Sitabdiara, Bihar on October 11, 2011, which was flagged off by Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar to take on the Congress led UPA government on the issue of corruption and press for bringing back black money stashed away abroad.

Addressing a mammoth gathering at Gandhi Maidan, Shri Advani said, "I am formally launching my *Jan Chetna Yatra* against corruption and for bringing back black money stashed away abroad". Shri Advani praised Loknayak Jay Prakash Narayan, saying he had brought along

all non-Congress parties other than the Communists together against the corruption in Congress government in the 1970s during the time of Indira Gandhi. Drawing a parallel between the circumstances prevailing then and now, Shri Advani said, "Corruption should end in this country. There should not just be a change of leadership but also a change in the system. People have today lost faith in the potential of this country has. The biggest achievement of this *yatra* would be to restore that belief," he said.

He said the inspiration for this *Jan Chetna yatra* had come from the work carried out by Jayprakash Narayan and also emphasised that the *yatra* is aimed at good governance and clean politics, as also the issues of Lokpal and for bringing back black money stashed away abroad.

Shri LK Advani said the success of all the past movements have been in creating awareness among the people, adding both the freedom struggle and Jayprakash movement had a similar aim of educating the people about the atrocities of the British and the corruption in Congress regime respectively.

He said the 21st Century belonged to India and “we should take a pledge to ensure that the country emerges as one of the foremost nations in the world.”

### Advani, Swaraj, Jaitley and Nitish visit JP's ancestral house

Soon after his arrival from Patna BJP Parliamentary party leader Shri L K Advani, accompanied by Leaders of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Shri Arun Jaitley, Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Shri S K Modi and other party leaders visited the ancestral house of late socialist leader Jay Prakash Narayan. They garlanded his statue and paid tributes. They then arrived at the Gandhi Maidan, from where Shri Advani's *Jan Chetna Yatra*.

Shri Advani also praised the Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, saying he had brought about a sea-change in the State since the BJP-JD (U) coalition government came to power in 2005.

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt Sushma Swaraj and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley were lauded by Shri Advani for effectively taking on the Congress led UPA government in Parliament not only on the issue of corruption but also on other issues.

In his speech, Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar welcomed Shri LK Advani for choosing

Jayprakash Narayan's birthplace and his birth anniversary for starting his *Jan Chetna yatra* against corruption. He enumerated the various measures taken by his government to fight the menace.

Shri Kumar recalled that the JP movement had also started in Bihar and said nobody had then thought that the Congress will be voted out of power. Extending support to Shri Advani's *yatra*, Shri Nitish Kumar said, “We don't promise support only by words but also by deeds.”

The *yatra* will go through 23 States and four

union territories and will cover around 7,600 km and nearly 100 districts across the country. During this *Yatra* Shri Advani, will visit the North-East, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat, the southern States as well as the poll-bound states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Goa.

PATNA (BIHAR)

### 'In 1990 a Bihar CM arrested me; in 2011, another flags off my *yatra*': LK Advani

BJP Parliamentary party chairman and former Deputy Prime Minister Shri Lal Krishna Advani's *Jan Chetna Yatra* for good governance and clean politics kicked off from Chhapra district on October 11, 2011 afternoon. The campaign was flagged off



by Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, amid boisterous cheers of the huge crowd that turned in for the event despite enervating heat.

On entering the State capital thousands of people and leaders welcomed the *Yatra* of Shri Advani. The atmosphere was energized with slogans. At both the sides of the road lacs of lotus flags flutter under the Patna sky. People waving and cheering Shri Advani and other leaders atop the modified chariot. 'For an 83-year-old man embarking on his sixth *rath yatra* this is not an easy choice keeping in mind the physical and mental stamina it requires' was the general talking point of the common people in Patna city at that time.

Later the *rath* entered the rally ground. Addressing a huge gathering at the public meeting

Shri Advani heaped praise on the Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar for his good governance in Bihar. He said, "If you have a good capable leader, he can do wonders, and that is exactly what Shri Nitish Kumar has done to Bihar. He has brought about the much-needed change in Bihar, displaying courage and perspective needed for running the government so efficiently," he said.

Coming down heavily on the UPA government at the Centre, he said, "UPA's inability to deliver has forced people to lose their faith in the political system." "People are angry due to inflation and corruption," he said.

Shri Advani, who has started his *yatra* on the 109th birth anniversary of Loknayak Jay Prakash Narayan, said, "The government has been shying away from releasing the names who have money in tax havens abroad because names of important people are on that list. Even the Enforcement Directorate has information about it. The Income-Tax Department has been asked to conduct a silent investigation." He demanded a white paper on the steps taken from the government to tackle the menace of black money.

"Money power and criminalisation in polls are biggest challenges for electoral reforms. We did some reforms when we were in power but lots remain to be done," Shri Advani said.

It is noteworthy that, Shri Advani was arrested in Bihar; 21 years ago during his Somnath to Ayodhya *Yatra* at the behest of then chief minister Lalu Prasad Yadav, something which he sought to recall. "I still remember how I was stopped at Samastipur and subsequently taken to Masanjor. Call it sheer irony that today the Chief Minister of the same State has come to flag off my *yatra*. What a change it has been," he remarked.

Addressing the rally Bihar CM Shri Nitish Kumar however hit back at Lalu Prasad and said some people were scared about Advaniji's *rath yatra* against corruption and was mouthing baseless stuff. "It was JP who had given a clarion call to launch an agitation against corruption in 1974 from Bihar. So now when Advaniji decided to embark on *Jan Chetna Yatra* from Bihar for creating awareness against corruption, I chose to welcome him by flagging of his *rath*. But some people are in the habit of finding fault with everything. How can a *yatra* against corruption be

communal? Why are they scared of any move which will help weed out corruption from society," Shri Kumar asked.

VARANASI (UTTAR PRADESH)

## Loss of faith in Govt. not a good sign for nation : Advani

BJP Parliamentary party chairman and former Deputy Prime Minister Shri Lal Krishna Advani said that people's loss of faith in government was not a good sign for the future of the nation and he was taking out the *Jan Chetna Yatra* to bring self-confidence among the masses. Shri Advani addressed his second biggest public meeting



during the *Jan Chetna Yatra* in Varanasi, UP on the third day of his ongoing *yatra*, after the one at Mughalsarai, and was happy to see the enthusiastic response from the people.

While addressing a huge public meeting at Bharat Mata Mandir premises Shri Advani said, "This *yatra* is not for me or my party but for the people who are frustrated by the growing menace of corruption. When scam after scam, including 2G Spectrum, Mumbai Defence (Adarsh Society), Commonwealth Games etc. were disclosed by the courts, the PAC and the CAG, the people became frustrated as they felt that there was no existence of any government at the Centre".

"It is my sixth *yatra*. I had never received such great response from the people in any of the last five *yatras*. Right from Loknayak Jay Prakash Narayan's birthplace Sitabdiara, from where the *yatra* was flagged off, to Patna via Chapra, I was surprised to see people lined up at the roadsides, literally forming human chains," he said.

Expressing concern over corruption rampant in the country, he said he was taking out the *yatra*

to mobilise people against it and for bringing back the nation's huge black money stashed in foreign banks.

He said he had pledged to fight corruption to rebuild the nation. "Bhrashtachar mitayenge, naya Bharat banayenge," he said pointing to the slogan of the *yatra*.

Shri Advani said the main cause of price rise was corruption and if it was checked, the country would be in position to provide pure drinking water, power, roads, schools and other infrastructure in all of its six lakh villages. "We cannot build a new India until we check corruption and we cannot make it great until we make Uttar Pradesh corruption-free," he said, adding that UP was the biggest State in the country and population-wise it would be sixth in the world if treated as a country.

Striking a chord with the local populace, Shri Advani said he had emotional attachment with Kashi and Mughalsarai. "My ideal was Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Mughalsarai was his 'punyasthali' (place of death) as he was found death there in mysterious circumstances. When our family shifted from my birth-place Karachi (Sindh, Pakistan) during partition, my father wanted to go to Kutch in Gujarat but we migrated to Kashi on the request of my grandmother, who was 80, as she wanted to pass her last days in this holy city. I spent four years in the city before our family shifted to Kutch," the veteran leader said.

Other senior national and State BJP leaders including former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, BJP National Vice-Presidents Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Shri Kalraj Mishra, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Anant Kumar, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Senior BJP Leader Sushri Uma Bharti, Uttar Pradesh BJP President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi, former Uttar Pradesh BJP president Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi and senior leader Shri Om Prakash Singh were present.

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## JAN CHETNA YATRA IN MADHYA PRADESH



Former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani's 38-day *Jan Chetna Yatra* that entered Madhya Pradesh from Rewa on October 13 left Madhya Pradesh on October 17 and entered Maharashtra from Chhindwara district of the State.

The people of Madhya Pradesh accorded a red carpet welcome to the BJP veteran, who is on his sixth nationwide *Yatra*. Huge gathering was witnessed in the public meetings of Shri Advani in different parts of the State. Thousands of people welcomed his convoy along the route by showering flowers, beating drums, dancing and bursting crackers. Women and girls were seen standing carrying a 'kalash' on their heads. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, State BJP president Shri Prabhat Jha and other senior leaders saw off the convoy at the border of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. During his *Yatra* in Madhya Pradesh, Shri Advani addressed a number of rallies at Rewa, Umaria, Shahpura, Narsinghpur, Satna, Jabalpur, Chhindwara and other places.

Shri Advani while addressing a gathering at Paradsinga, said his Madhya Pradesh phase will be unforgettable and he was surprised by people's response to his *Yatra* on "good governance and clean politics".

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the *Yatra* will change the direction of the country's politics. BJP general secretary Shri Ananth Kumar said Madhya Pradesh is an example of good governance and the State's model of development should be adopted across the country. He expressed confidence that the lotus will blossom in the country.

BJP State president Shri Prabhat Jha MP has thanked the people of the State, party workers and office-bearers for making the *Jan Chetna Yatra* of Shri LK Advani a success in the State.



Shri Jha in a statement said, "The workers of the party carried out all the arrangements in allegiance and hard work right from the entry of the *Yatra* in the State on October 13 till its culmination from the State on October 17 from Chhindwara." He said that the way party workers followed the instructions of the office-bearers proves their loyalty towards the party and shows how disciplined the BJP workers were. The hard work and discipline shown by the workers have added feathers in the organisation already made its presence felt as party with a difference, he added. The BJP State president lauded the efforts of State organizational general secretary Shri Arvind Menon and the team of other State office-bearers for the way they energized the workers at district and Mandal level without that success of such a grand programme was not possible.

REWA (MADHYA PRADESH)

## People fed up with Congress misrule, want change : Advani

On reaching Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, State BJP president Shri Prabhat Jha, National BJP general secretary Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Shri Thavarchand Gehlot and other senior leaders of the party and thousands of common people welcomed the *yatra*. All the Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and party workers in large number remained present on the occasion.

Addressing a huge gathering at Hanumana in Rewa district, after his *Jan Chetna Yatra* against corruption entered Madhya Pradesh after passing through Uttar Pradesh the former Deputy Prime Minister Shri LK Advani said that the people of the country were fed up with the misrule of the Congress led UPA Government at the Centre. The Central Government is not taking any interest in bringing down the prices of essential commodities, he added.



He further said that people of the country still remember the six-year rule of Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA in the country, when they were much relieved from the rising prices and looking at the BJP for change of guard at the Centre. He called upon the party workers and leaders to get ready for shouldering the new responsibilities they were going to have soon. "Our target is to free the society from corruption, fear and misrule," he added. Overwhelmed with the presence of huge crowd at Hanumana, he further said the common people in all over the country must be facing similar problems.

He stated that the BJP was devoted towards uprooting corruption from the country, but uprooting corruption was possible only when black money is brought back from foreign countries. With this money, the citizens would have electricity in all the villages, pure drinking water and other basic facilities by adopting transparency in the administration.

Senior party leader and National General Secretaries Shri Ananth Kumar (*yatra* in-charge) and Ravi Shankar Prasad, BJP National Secretary Shri Shyam Jaju and others accompanied Shri Advani in the *yatra*.

BHOPAL (MADHYA PRADESH)

## 'I missed the support & guidance of Vajpayeeji during Jan Chetna Yatra' : Advani

Addressing a mammoth gathering at the Dussehra Maidan in Bhopal (MP) former deputy Prime Minister Shri L K Advani said that 'I sorely missed the support of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee during the ongoing anti-graft road show - the *Jan Chetna Yatra*'.

The former Deputy Prime Minister said, "I received support and guidance from

Vajpayeeji during my five earlier *yatras*. But I am missing it this time. I embarked on this journey only after seeking blessings from him. But there is no doubt that in this *yatra*, I am missing Vajpayeeji very much.”

Shri Advani said that since the 2009 Lok Sabha elections he had been stressing on the need to bring back black money stashed away in foreign banks by rich Indians. As regards the quantum of funds stashed away, he said that though it was not officially revealed, an agency called Global Integrity has estimated it to be nearly Rs 2.5 lakh crore. The figure was also authenticated by the Swiss Bank Association.

Shri Advani said that there are many countries including the United States, Germany, France and Russia whose residents have deposited money in tax havens like Switzerland but Indians have stashed away the maximum amount of money.

Referring to the cash-for-vote scam, he said that although three BJP members played the role of whistleblower in the matter, they



were put in Tihar jail. This is also one of the reasons behind the *yatra* as those who had given the money were roaming scot free, he said.

He also sought to know from the Congress led Centre what steps the Government had taken to identify these persons after Switzerland enacted the Restitution of Illicit Assets Act. “I demand the Government bring out a white paper on the issue in the Winter Session of Parliament,” he said.

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Earlier, addressing the meeting, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj said that even in these days of television watching, a *yatra* served a great purpose. She said that people may not watch television but when a *yatra* passes through their area they come out to have a glimpse of the leader and even listen to his message.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and State BJP president Shri Prabhat Jha also expressed their views on the occasion. Shri Advani later proceeded to Chhindwara from where the *yatra* would proceed to Nagpur (Maharashtra).

CHHINDWARA (MADHYA PRADESH)

## PM keeps saying that he was ‘unaware’ when it comes to corruption : Gadkari

BJP National president Shri Nitin Gadkari and MP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan and State BJP president Shri Prabhat Jha also accompanied Shri Advani to Chhindwara.

Addressing gatherings at various places, Shri Gadkari said roads in Madhya Pradesh had improved after Shivraj Singh Chauhan had taken over and the drive from Nagpur, from where he had come to Chhindwara, was now comfortable due to the improved roads.

The BJP President also launched an attack on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh saying that like Dhritrashtra who was blind to his son’s misdeeds, the PM also keeps saying that he was unaware when it comes to corruption.

Referring to the 2G spectrum scam, Shri Gadkari said, “While all this was happening “Our prime minister says that ‘I was unaware. What is the use of being in such a helpless position, why don’t you go

on a pilgrimage?”

Earlier, the former deputy Prime Minister Shri LK Advani in Chhindwara warned the Congress that it should not underestimate the anger of the people. He said that in 1977 when there was public anger the Congress drew a blank in the States of UP, Bihar, Delhi and Haryana.

Shri Advani further mocked the Congress saying that it “had a reason to complain in Madhya Pradesh where the party did manage to win one seat or else the record of Congress (defeat) would have become even better. That one seat was Chhindwara,” Shri Advani

told the crowd. Due to the prevailing corruption, “the anger in the country at present is similar to the anger that was seen in 1977”, he said.

He also said that in the past when he had raised the black money issue the Prime Minister had stated that he was doing it because of elections. He said he believed that the country could develop immensely once this money is brought back.

Shri Advani, who had reached Chhindwara in a helicopter after addressing a rally at Bhopal, traveled to Nagpur as his *rath yatra* entered Maharashtra after covering Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

SAONER & NAGPUR (MAHARASHTRA)

## Manmohan Singh is the “weakest” PM of the country : Advani

Stating that the by-poll results were a reflection of the government’s inability to govern, BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L.K. Advani asked the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) to heed the warning of the electorate. “It is the people’s warning to the government that they are tired of the prevailing corruption. The results of the by-polls are a reflection of the government’s inability to govern,” Shri Advani said at a press conference in Nagpur.

Shri Advani who was on the Maharashtra-leg of his all-India *yatra* against corruption, said the by-poll results were significant. For the UPA government, “the writing is on the wall”. The Congress lost the Haryana parliamentary by-election in Haryana that went to Kuldeep Singh Bishnoi of the Haryana Janhit Congress, backed by BJP. It was also defeated in the three other assembly by-elections in Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

At a public meeting in Saoner town near Nagpur, Shri Advani had contended that Manmohan Singh was the “weakest” prime minister he had ever seen. Shri Advani felt that calling Singh weak was not an abuse. “When I criticised him by calling him ‘weak’ before the 2009 elections, people asked me why I said that because he was a good and honest man. Calling him weak is not an abuse. But if the Prime Minister thinks that he cannot do anything till 10 Janpath gives its clearance, it does not behave him,” he

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said.

On reaching Nagpur, the senior BJP leader reminded the Congress led UPA Government about its inaction on the issue of black money. Referring to Manmohan Singh’s recent comments on the Right to Information Act, he said the whole country knew that the RTI brought transparency in the system and even brought the differences between two important Cabinet Ministers (Pranab Mukherjee and P Chidambaram) before the public.

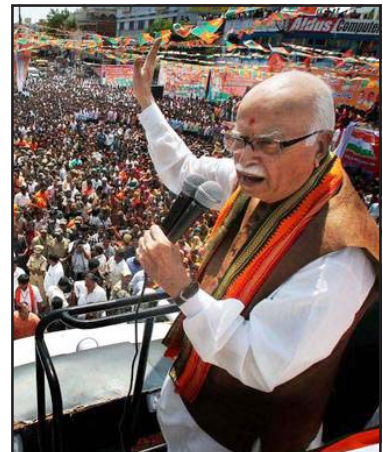
Shri Advani said that in the first seven days of his *yatra* he felt that the response of the people was increasing which gave him the feeling that he was riding a “rollercoaster” that was gaining momentum.

Apart from BJP National president Shri Nitin Gadkari, former BJP President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and BJP Deputy leader in the Lok Sabha Shri Gopinath Munde came to Madhya Pradesh-Maharashtra border to receive Shri Advani’s *yatra*. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan accompanied Shri Advani to see him off on the border. He entered Adilabad in Andhra Pradesh on October 18 and was scheduled to reach western Maharashtra and Mumbai in the first week of November.

KAMAREDDY (ANDHRA PRADESH)

## Firm action needed to make Telangana a reality : Advani

Former Deputy Prime Minister Shri L.K. Advani addressed a public meeting during his ‘Jan Chetna Yatra’ at Kamareddy in Andhra Pradesh on October 19. Shri Lal Krishna Advani said a separate Telangana State could become a reality by January 1, 2012 if Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi took a ▶▶



# 'Vikas ke path' released



BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari's compilation of speeches 'Vikas Ke Path' was released in a function at Siri Fort auditorium in Delhi on October 8, 2011. Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravishankar launched the book. The function was presided over by BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani. RSS Sah Sarkaryavaha Suresh Soni and the Editor of 'Sunday Guardian' M. J. Akbar shared the dais as special guests.

The book, has been published by Prabhat Prakashan. Nitin Gadkari's performance as Cabinet Minister for Public Works Department of Maharashtra State and Founder Chairman of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation, during 1995-99 earned him peoples' applause. He is seen as combination of a politician, an entrepreneur with a social outlook and visionary who believes in better governance. In his every speech, whether it is of a political or social genre, Shri Gadkari has always insisted on high performance with innovative ideas and has given an insight of entrepreneurship to his fellow party workers as a path towards development of common people. The book 'Vikas Ke Path' is a compilation of such selected speeches. The function was attended by Himachal Chief Minister Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal, BJP Madhya Pradesh President and Kamal Sandesh's editor Shri Prabhat Jha, BJP General Secretary Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and BJP Spokes Person Shri Prakash Javdekar, BJP Mahila Morcha President Smt Smriti Irani, and other eminent leaders and journalists. ■

►► firm decision and introduced a Bill in the winter session of Parliament.

Shri Advani said the BJP would extend its full support if the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government introduced the Bill for the formation of Telangana. The process of its formation could be completed before the end of the winter session itself, he said.

Speaking at a press conference in Nizamabad and addressing road-shows in Karimnagar and Medak districts as part of his Jan Chetana Yatra, Shri Advani said there was no need for the passage of a fresh resolution in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly on carving out a new State. "Formation of a new State is the total responsibility of Parliament under Article 3 of the Constitution. As Home Minister in the NDA government, I initiated

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the process of forming three new States after the relevant Bill was passed in Parliament. In respect of two of these States, I had to ask for Assembly resolutions as their Chief Ministers were opposed to the division and NDA constituents were not in power there. So, I asked them to consult the entire political set-up in their States."

Appealing to youth and students of Telangana not to commit suicide, Shri Advani said he had never seen a situation where so many youths sacrificed their lives for the realisation of their demand.

Coming down heavily on the UPA-II government, he said that in the last two years it was paralysed by indecisiveness and had become dysfunctional. It changed its stand on formation of Telangana within 15 days of making an

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## BJP to have no truck with BSP : Swaraj



**T**he *Jan Swabhiman Yatra* led by former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh was flagged off from Pt. Deen Dayal Dham in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. Addressing the gathering while flagging off the *Jan Swabhiman Yatra* Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj and NDA convenor Shri Sharad Yadav attacked the Congress led UPA government at the Centre and BSP led State government for failing to deliver the goods to the people.

Referring to the various scams taking place in the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance regime, Smt. Swaraj said there was a time when people used to go to jail for political reasons but this has changed and nowadays "those at the helm of affairs are being sent to jail one after another in various scams that have cost the exchequer lakhs of crores of rupees.

The opposition leader categorically stated that if the BJP got the mandate to sit in the opposition it would play the role of a constructive opposition and would not form government with the BSP. "The time has come for people to ask (Chief Minister) Mayawati what she had done for them during her tenure," she said.

Smt. Swaraj said the UPA government was the most corrupt one that the country had ever had

and Home Minister P Chidambaram was the next in queue to be sent to jail in connection with the 2G spectrum scam.

Referring to the Manmohan Singh and Mayawati governments, Shri Sharad Yadav said that both Delhi and Lucknow were in pitiable state. "Mayawati no more deserves to rule the State" he said, and added, "Both the Central and State governments are involved in cut throat competition in corruption."

Addressing the impressive gathering present on the occasion, former BJP National president Shri Rajnath Singh said if voted to power, the party would take all necessary steps to improve the lot of all sections of society and thoroughly investigate all the corrupt practices of the Mayawati government. He held non-BJP governments responsible for the lack of development in the state.

Earlier, Shri Rajnath Singh visited Chandrabhal Nagla, the birthplace of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay and offered prayers.

BJP National vice-president Shri Vinay Katiyar, BJP National General Secretary Shri Vijay Goel BJP National Secretary Shri Ashok Pradhan, party's co-incharge of the State, Smt. Karuna Shukla, former MP Shri Sakshiji Maharaj, Smt. Kusum Rai MP also addressed the gathering. ■

## Law & order all time low in UP : Kalraj



In the presence of BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani and former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, party National vice-president Shri Kalraj Mishra embarked on his *Jan Swabhiman Yatra* from Varanasi at a function in Bharat Mata Mandir, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Shri LK Advani reached the function venue on his ongoing *Jan Chetna Yatra rath* and the congregation was addressed by BJP's top national and state leaders. Later, both the *yatras* left the temple city simultaneously for Hanumana in Sonbhadra district from where they were to take separate routes with Advani entering Madhya Pradesh. Addressing the gathering at Varanasi, Shri Kalraj Mishra launched a scathing attack on the Mayawati government, claiming that corruption had not only reached its nadir but the malaise had become institutionalised with politicians and officers openly demanding bribe. "Law and order has hit an all time low in the state and women have become most vulnerable to crimes. In Mayawati's regime, even a two-and-half-year old girl was raped recently while a middle-aged woman was paraded naked publicly," he alleged.

He said, "The basic infrastructure has totally collapsed in UP. The farmers are not getting seeds and fertilisers. Their plight can be gauged by the fact that several farmers and their families have committed suicide.

Shri Mishra said corruption has plagued all

health schemes resulting in the murder of two CMOs in Lucknow and a Deputy CMO in judicial custody. Hundreds of people afflicted by Japanese encephalitis in Gorakhpur, Deoria, Basti and other districts are dying for want of proper treatment. The government, however, appears too obsessed with its own 'business'.

The BJP national vice-president said if BJP came to power in the next Assembly elections, it would provide basic amenities to people as it had done in the past. "The BJP will not only take effective measures to check corruption but also improve and ensure infrastructural facilities in rural and urban areas," he promised. Shri Mishra highlighted the glorious history of Bharat Mata Mandir built in 1936 saying that it was the only temple in the country to depict the picture of Akhand Bharat.

The meeting was also addressed by several leaders, including former Deputy PM Shri LK Advani, Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, National vice-president Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, State BJP president Shri Surya Pratap Shahi, UP in-charge Ms. Uma Bharti, BJP senior leader Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi, BJP Legislative Party leader Shri Om Prakash Singh and BJP National spokesperson Shri Ram Nath Kovind.

Also present on the dais among others were National General Secretaries Shri Anant Kumar and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and BJP city president Shri Ram Gopal Mohale. ■

## Tide is turning in favour of NDA : Arun Jaitley

*A person with deep roots the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Arun Jaitley, made his debut in politics through ABVP and was elected as President of Delhi University Students Union. A veteran of many a political, electoral and legal battles, he is a great speaker with great oratorical and debating skills. He has also been BJP national general secretary and party spokesperson. He also served as Law Minister in Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's NDA government.*

*National Convener of BJP Literature & Publication Cell, Amba Charan Vashishth spoke to him at his residence in New Delhi last fortnight. Excerpts of his interview:*



**In two years of your functioning as Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, how satisfied are you with the performance of your party in the House?**

Personally I am quite satisfied. But it is for others to observe. I am happy to say that almost every MP of my Party has made a contribution by participating in the discussions and raising the issues of vital public importance. The overall performance of the entire Opposition in the Rajya Sabha has also been commendable.

**The two Houses of Parliament on August 27, 2011 unanimously adopted a resolution or the sense of the House, whatever it may be called. Has it paved the way for a smooth passage in Parliament of a strong Lokpal Bill of Shri Anna Hazare's perception?**

The Parliament did adopt a resolution and it should pave the way for an effective Lokpal Bill. It is for the UPA to come out with its draft of the Bill with the recommendations of the Standing Committee. Congress somehow or the other appears to be trying to wriggle out of its commitment for a strong Lokpal Bill. Much will depend on the type of Bill the government comes out before the House.

**Congress is trying to belittle Anna Hazare's crusade against corruption for a strong Lokpal Bill by imputing BJP and RSS hand behind**

**the movement. How do you view the situation?**

BJP or RSS are only supporting the spirit of the movement against corruption. The movement is purely a Civil Society's movement and it is led by Shri Hazare. It would be improper for the Congress to allege that it is controlled by BJP or RSS.

**The investigating agency in the 2008 cash-for-vote scam appears to have turned the tables on BJP whose MPs and Shri Sudheendra Kulkarni were the whistleblowers. How has it happened?**

The investigation in the cash-for-votes scam is completely faulty. The MPs and Shri Sudheendra Kulkarni were whistleblowers. Once the investigation has established that bribes were indeed paid and no case has been primarily made out, it is incorrect then to involve whistleblowers in a conspiracy to pay bribes. The intention of the whistleblowers was to expose the bribery and not to participate in it.

**The last winter session of Parliament got washed out because of the intransigence of UPA to meet the Opposition demand for a JPC on 2G spectrum issue. Too frequently there are occasions of stand-off between government and the Opposition in Parliament on various issues. What should, in your view, be done to ensure that such instances do not get repeated**

**in future?**

The history has vindicated the Opposition. The winter session of 2010 was washed off because of serious allegations and demand for constitution of a JPC. All the disclosures that have come after 2010 have clearly established that there were cases of criminal misconduct for which charge-sheets have been filed and several people are in jail. Had it not been the Opposition pressure during that session, none of this would have happened.

**The PAC and the JPC were the forums which had hitherto functioned in a non-political fashion concentrating on merits and national interest involved in each case. But now it appears this spirit has started evaporating. If political and electoral considerations overweigh with the MPs overlooking merit and national interest involved, is this situation not detrimental to the strengthening of parliamentary democracy?.**

I think the distinction in the functioning of PAC and JPC is getting obliterated because the Congress wants to obstruct the proceedings of the two Committees. It does not want the two committees to give an objective finding, but do a cover-up.

**There has been lot of talk, particularly by the Prime Minister complaining of judicial "overreach". How do you see the present situation in which judiciary has had to intervene in a number of matters where otherwise the executive should have acted on its own?**

Judicial overreach should be avoided. Judicial activism and judicial restraint are two sides of the same coin. Activism can extend only to directing executive to perform its functions. It does not extend to the judiciary usurping the functions of executive to itself.

**Are you satisfied with steps taken by the UPA government to bring back the illegal money stashed by Indians in foreign banks?**

I am not at all satisfied with the steps taken by UPA government to bring back the financial assets stashed by Indians in foreign bank accounts abroad and to monitor progress. In fact government has not taken proactive steps which several other developed countries have taken.

**In scandals, like the IMM bribery case, the so far**

**not coded parliamentary privileges seem to have come in the way of dispensing justice to the wrongdoers. Parliament cannot be allowed to be turned into a den of corruption and crime behind the curtain of these privileges. How should such a situation be remedied?**

I am not so pessimistic about the fact that in the absence of codification of the privileges parliament becomes a den of corruption. After all even without the codification of the privileges, there are several cases, like cash-for-questions, where Parliament has taken action against people.

**A new phenomenon has emerged under UPA where if a person hurls accusations of corruption against Congress ministers and leaders, the person and the party instead of trying to prove their own innocence, hit back by trying to paint their accusers more corrupt than the person accused. How do you react to this phenomenon?**

Two wrongs do not make one right. Merely making counter-allegations does not make you clean. We should be able to rout out corruption wherever it is found irrespective of the party where it is found.

**Union Law Minister Salman Khurshid has challenged BJP to block the passing of the Prevention of Communal Violence Bill if it can. What do you say?**

I don't think any chief minister or any sensible person with some political vision is willing to support this Bill. It is going to demolish the very federal structure of the Constitution. It is highly discriminatory. It depends upon the birthmark of the offender whether any offence is made out or not.

**In democracies like USA and UK, law-makers act according to their conscience to safeguard the interests of the nation on national issues, like fight against terrorism, against corruption and black money. They do not look up to their political bosses for a nod how to act or what to speak on the issue. Why is it not so in India?**

UK particularly has had a political switchover when there were defections in their system but it has never affected the morality of British politics. In India defections did impact the morality of politics and therefore it was felt

necessary to ban defections and a defection law had to be formulated to ensure that whips are not defied in the house.

**Till the bursting out of the 2G spectrum scam Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh had been viewed as a 'clean' person. With fingers now being raised on Home Minister P. Chidambaram and A Raja trying to claim that everything was done with PM's knowledge, has it not affected PM's image?**

The Prime Minister is a weak leader. He has been making compromises in order to continue in power. The effect of this has been that even though he personally claims to be clean, yet he heads one of the most dishonest governments in the history.

**If P. Chidambaram has to resign under Supreme Court pressure, do you think the Manmohan government will totter and elections to five State assemblies could also see mid-term poll for Lok Sabha?**

I do not know what Supreme Court would say in the case of Shri Chidambaram. But prima facie it appears that he had agreed with Raja's

proposal about the allotment of spectrum in 2008 and 2010.

**What, in your view, would be the outcome in the mid-term poll in Lok Sabha?**

I think if elections are held today, the Congress will be on the back foot. It is on the defensive. Its image has been badly tarnished. There is a serious crisis of credibility and a crisis of leadership in the UPA.

**With reports of UPA graph considerably down and that of BJP-led NDA going up, the media has started speculating about NDA's prime ministerial candidate. Have you anything to say?**

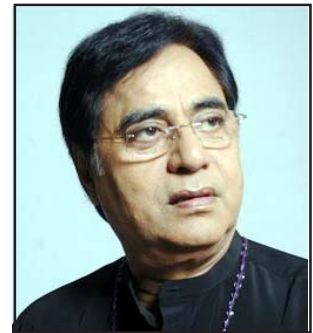
Obviously we are living in a two alliance system. If the UPA goes down the NDA benefits. As it is, the activities of BJP have substantially improved and the atmosphere in the party is much better. Therefore, people are speculating about what would happen if the NDA comes to power. But it is too early to speak who the prime ministerial candidate would be. We shall decide at the appropriate time and decide in a proper democratic process. ■

## BJP condemns killing of farmers in Police Firing in Assam

BJP Human Rights cell has strongly condemned the killing of the farmers in police firing in Assam. BJP Human Right Cell National Convener Shri Sudhir Agarwal said, "The act of State Administration and State Government of Assam is highly condemnable. The action resulted in gross violation of 'Right of expression' and 'Right of raising voice for their aspirations'. Sudhir Aggarwal raised a voice and said, though the matter was simply of demand of Minimum Selling Price fixed by Govt. for jute produce, 1st buyers tried to break the norms and offered price much below the Fixed Rates and then State police opened fire on farmers protesting for their demands of the prices fixed by the Govt., in which form farmers were killed about 25KM from Magdoi, District HQ, Assam. ■

## Ghazal singer Jagjit Singh no more BJP condoles the demise

BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L.K. Advani condoles the demise of ghazal singer Jagjit Singh on October 10, 2011. The 70-year-old singer, who along with his wife Chitra almost rediscovered the ghazal genre for common Indian in 70s and 80s, was admitted to the Lilavati hospital on September 23 and was in coma since then. Shri Advani described him as "an extraordinary personality who took ghazals to the common man in an effective way." Paying his tributes to the singer, Shri Advani said Jagjit Singh's genre also extended to devotional music. "It is a huge loss to the world of music and art...He was an extraordinary personality," Shri Advani said. BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said Jagjit Singh took ghazal singing to a "new height." ■



## SI presents e-Ratna award to Gujarat Chief Minister



### *Gujarat initiates pilot projects in 19 technical modules in e-Energy, to announce success stories soon*

**G**ujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi on October 17 in Gandhi Nagar called for the use of e-Energy projects for qualitative improvement in power generation, transmission and distribution with the application of Information-Communication Technology (ICT).

Inaugurating the 8th international conference on e-Governance jointly organized by Communication Society of India (CSI) and Gujarat Government at Nirma University, he defined e-governance as easy-effective-economic governance with a view to applying the technology in everyday life for the welfare of the common man.

Gujarat has laid an ICT network to redress people's grievances down to the village level.

The Chief Minister was presented with the e-Ratna Award of CSI at the function. Explaining the details of e-Energy projects in Gujarat, he said that all the 18,000-odd

villages in the State is connected with three-phase electricity supply for 24-hour under *Jyotigram Yojna*, with separate lines for agricultural and domestic consumption.

The Chief Minister said that pilot projects have already been started in developing 19 different technical modules for improving all round efficiency in the cost of producing and revenue, checking theft in different sources of energy, with the synergy between research and technology.

The results would be announced in the coming months as and when each becomes a success. As to how Gujarat remains untouched by severe coal shortage stalking the country, he said, it is because the plant load factor in coal-fired thermal plants has been increased from 60-65 to 85, with the application of technology, stringent monitoring of the inventory and each process of production.

Computers are not just like

flower vases on desktops at government offices but are there to help the people.

He said the need is to create computer literacy as a powerful tool. It has been deployed in computerization of RTO, check posts in remote areas, increasing the state's revenue by Rs.400-crore.

The success of 108-Emergency Service, faster than that in America or Europe, is because of its link with communication technology. He listed GSWAN solving 1.85-lakh problems out of 2-lakh raised by the public, forensic science, crime detection, investigation and punishment, wildlife protection, BRTS in Ahmedabad as some of the other applications. Prominent speakers included Central Government IT and Telecom Secretary Mr. Chandrashekhar, Gujarat's Chief Secretary Mr. A.K. Joti, CSI chief Mr. M.D. Agrawal, GTU V-C Prof. Akshay Agrawal and Additional Chief Secretary (S&T) Mr. Ravi Saxena. ■

## Mayawati wasting public money under guise of Dalit uplift : Gadkari

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari on Oct 15 slammed UP Chief Minister Mayawati for installing her own statues, spending public money on parks and memorials and alleged corruption in land allotment.

Addressing a rally of scheduled tribes and dalits in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Gadkari said, "Mayawati is spending huge sums on the construction of memorials and statues in the name of uplift of dalits. In fact, by doing so, she is misleading them."

Shri Gadkari said people in Sonbhadra were deprived of quality education, roads and power. He said the farmers were

for their miserable condition, he said they never agitated for their rights.

Mayawati to power to get rid of poor law and order of the SP government. "But now



"The money spent on statues here could have been used for

Mayawati government has overtaken Mulayam Singh government in 'Gundaraj', " he said.

Shri Gadkari said if the BJP came to power, it would ensure the tribals and scheduled castes get their rights.

Smt. Uma Bharti said the BJP gives due respect to poor tribal. "We all have gathered here for pride and rights of poor tribals and schedule castes," she said. Party national vice-president Kalraj Mishra said the BSP and SP governments had harassed poor tribals by implicating them in fake cases.

State BJP President Surya Pratap Shahi said the tribals were deprived of the right to contest in panchayat elections and said the BJP, if came to power, would ensure the tribals get their rights back. (FOC) ■



not getting fertilizers, seeds, power and water for irrigation. "Power plants in Sonbhadra generate thousands of megawatt of power but a large population here is not getting it," Shri Gadkari said.

improvement of the living standard of the poor in UP," he said.

Alleging corruption in Noida land allotment, Gadkari said the BSP was following UPA in corruption.

He said people had voted

Holding locals responsible

# 14,000 crore Vodafone Scam : Chidambaram-Pranab contradict again

## BJP wants CBI inquiry : Kirit Somaiya

**N**ow in October 2011, Pranab Mukherjee-Finance Ministry accepted Vodafone-Hutchison deal of 2007 is a "Fraud". Once again Chidambaram and Pranab Mukherjee have contradicted each other. This time it is Vodafone Telecom Scam of Rs. 14,000 Crores.

Dr. Kirit Somaiya, BJP National Secretary & Chairman Scam Expose Committee, released various documents of 2007 to October 2011 of Congress Government's Vodafone Scam. It is shocking, in spite of strong objections of Finance Ministry, Shri Chidambaram, then Finance Minister authenticated the fraudulent Vodafone-Hutchison deal. In his own 2 paragraph notes of 04th May 2007 Shri Chidambaram set aside Finance Ministry' objections and supported Vodafone-Hutchison - a scam of Rs.14,000 crores.

In its Affidavit filed before the Supreme Court in September, 2011, the Finance Ministry has acknowledged that Vodafone International had misrepresented facts, manipulated Indian laws and violated FIPB and TRAI Norms, Telecom guidelines in its deal to acquire stake in HEL in India. Surprisingly in 2007 the then Finance Minister Shri P. Chidambaram had taken an

exactly opposite stand. Shri Chidambaram's decision not only encouraged Vodafone to violate FDI guidelines regarding sectoral cap of FDI investment in Telecom but also evaded up to Rs.14,000 Crores taxation dues under Indian laws.

This is another incident where Shri Pranab Mukherjee



# vodafone

and Shri Chidambaram crossed each other, said Dr Kirit Somaiya. This has encouraged and supported Vodafone-Hutchison to Pocket Rs.14,000 Crores. The matter is in final phase in the Supreme Court.

Solicitor General, Shri Rohinton Nariman, says - "Vodafone-Hutchison transaction is BOGUS"

In October 2011 while arguing the case on behalf of Government of India, Solicitor General, Shri Rohinton Nariman says that the entire corporate structure of erstwhile Hutchison Group's investment was bogus.

Shri Nariman further added that Vodafone-Hutchison sale of shares through investment companies via Cayman Islands was nothing but an artificial tax avoidance scheme. The solicitor General argued that the 20 percent stake in HEL held by Shri Analjit Singh and Shri Asim Ghosh was controlled by HTIL through framework agreements. Shri Nariman further added that over 18,500 companies were registered at the same address as that of CGP the Vodafone Hutchison group Co.

Pranab Mukherjee's Finance Ministry now says Vodafone is 'Fraud'.

In an affidavit filed by the Finance Ministry before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in September 2011, the Ministry stated that the Vodafone-Hutchison representations and transaction is nothing but a fraud. Various benami bogus, non-transparent companies investment, transactions were to bypass the FDI/FIPB guidelines and avoid taxes of Rs.14,000 crore. Finance Ministry's strong objection in 2007

The officials in the Finance Ministry have taken the same view when Vodafone-Hutchison submitted their proposal to Ministry of Finance in October 2007. The matter went up for examination in the Foreign Trade



Division of Ministry of Finance, whereby it was noted under the signature of Shri P. K. Bagga, on 20.04.2007, that "the representatives of HEL could not give satisfactory reply to the specific queries raised by the Board".

Shri Anup K. Pujari, the then Joint Secretary, FT Division, MoF, on 26.04.2007 noted "the clear intention was that Analjit Singh and Asim Ghosh Group of Companies are holding the shares in their name only to circumvent the sectoral limits imposed on FDI." Chidambaram Overruled Finance Ministry Objection

Despite the above two notings clearly establishing the fact that the transaction was violative in all respects, Shri P. Chidambaram, the then Finance Minister, in his notings on 04.05.2007, approved the transaction and supported Vodafone. He stated the same in following words:

"The AG Group, AS Group, and SMMS, shall each separately undertake that notwithstanding any agreement it may have entered into with any other party, it will not transfer to any foreign entity its financial and economic holding and interest without the prior consent of the Government, which consent shall not be withheld if the proposed transfer is compliant with Press Note No.3 of 2007 as may be modified from time to time"

The interpretation was done in a favourable manner of all the applicable clauses to deliberately approve the transaction.

Explaining these facts Dr. Kirit Somaiya, has demanded that the Finance Ministry and the PMO should probe the role played by Shri P. Chidambaram as Finance Minister in overruling his Ministry's opinion and sanctioning Vodafone's acquisition of stake in HEL, which caused blatant violation of FDI norms and led to subsequent evasion of taxes worth Rs.14000 crore. ■

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announcement in both Houses of Parliament, something unparalleled in the 60 years of independent India's history. People were now expressing their anger against the government for deceiving them, he said.

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## ***Ladli Laxmi Yojana* will be implemented if NDA comes to power at Center : Advani**

Former Deputy Prime Minister Shri L K Advani's Jan Chetana Yatra reached Ranchi on October 21. Addressing the rally in Ranchi Shri Advani asked all the BJP ruled states to accomplish the twin objectives of his Jan Chetna Yatra — good governance and clean politics. "If we can't provide good governance, then how can we excuse ourselves" Shri asked. He said he was happy with the performance of the Arjun Munda government in Jharkhand.

"I am happy that Mundaji is honestly trying to give good governance. He has initiated Ladli Laxmi Yojana. If we get an opportunity to come to power at the Centre we will implement the programme at the national level," he said.

Shri Advani recalled how the NDA had been "instrumental in creating Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh" (all ruled by BJP-led governments).

Referring to the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government's State Reorganization Bill to create Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand, Advani said, "I saw curiosity of the people in these parts for separate states when I used to go to Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh." ■

## **'Helplessness in checking corruption' makes PM a fit case to renounce his post: Gadkari**

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh should go on a pilgrimage if he was helpless in checking corruption, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said on October 9, 2011 in Dehradun. The Prime Minister had expressed his "helplessness in checking corruption which makes him a fit case to renounce his post and go for a pilgrimage", he told a convention of party workers. The convention was held to kickstart BJP's election campaign for upcoming Assembly polls in Uttarakhand. "If you are so helpless Manmohan Singh ji, you must take rest. Either go to Badrinath and Kedarnath or to the Golden Temple," Shri Gadkari said. ■

## Hisar voted against corruption, Congress: BJP

People's anger against corruption had led to the Congress loss in the Hisar Lok Sabha by-election in Haryana, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said on October 17, 2011.

The Congress lost the Hisar by-election to Kuldeep Singh Bishnoi of the Haryana Janhit Congress (HJC), an alliance partner of the BJP. While the Indian National Lok Dal came second, the state's ruling Congress finished third in the election.

BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari said that the by-polls results prove people's dissatisfaction against the ruling government.

"Not only Hissar (in Haryana) and Khadakwasla (in Maharashtra), the polls that have taken place across the country have made one thing clear that the public opinion is against the Congress. The various corruption scams including the 2-G spectrum scam and the people who are distressed with inflation and the way the government is functioning, the masses have a major dissatisfaction against it and this has been represented through the by-polls (results)," Gadkari told media persons in Nagpur.

"This is a victory of democracy...It also indicates which way the political wind is blowing in the country," he said.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, thanked the people of Haryana and said their alliance with the HJC would continue.

"Thanks to people of Haryana particularly the electorate of Hissar for supporting the BJP-HJC alliance and electing their joint candidate Shri Kuldeep Bishnoi," Smt. Swaraj tweeted.

"The BJP-HJC alliance will continue in future also," she said.

BJP's Lok Sabha MP Murli Manohar Joshi told reporters that it was a victory of democracy.

"The by-election results show that the people of India have voted against corruption and the Congress," Shri Joshi said.

The Hisar seat fell vacant in June following the death of three-time chief minister Bhajan Lal, Bishnoi's father.

## BJP wins Maharashtra assembly by-election

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-Shiv Sena-Republican Party of India (RPI) alliance registered its first electoral success in the state with the victory of Shri Bhimrao Tapkir in the Khadakwasla assembly by-election, the results of which were declared on October 17, 2011. Shri Tapkir won 59,634 votes and defeated his nearest rival, the official Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)-Congress candidate, Harshada Wanjale, by a margin of 3,625 votes. The death of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) MLA, Ramesh Wanjale, in June had brought about the by-poll, which was marked by high profile campaigning by both alliances.

## NDA wins Siwan By-poll in Bihar

Bihar's ruling NDA retained the Darounda assembly seat in Siwan district in the by-poll with Kavita Singh winning the seat. She defeated on October 17, 2011 Parmeshwar Singh of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) by over 20,000 votes. Poll was held on October 13 after JD-U MLA Jagmato Devi died. Kavita Singh is the daughter-in-law of the late legislator.

## BJP supported TRS wins Banswada with huge margin

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) on October 19 won the by-election to the Banswada Assembly seat in Andhra Pradesh with a huge margin of nearly 50,000 votes. TRS candidate P Srinivas Reddy wrested the seat from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), which did not contest in view of the strong Telangana sentiments in the region. Over 77 percent of 1.60 lakh eligible voters had voted in the by-election on October 13.

GOA

## Parrikar demands Goa CM's ouster, CBI probe into mining scam

The BJP has demanded immediate dismissal of Goa Chief Minister Digambar Kamata and a CBI probe into the iron ore mining scam. The Opposition party also sought a separate probe by the Finance Ministry and PMO into the role of P



Chidambaram as Finance Minister in sanctioning Vodafone's acquisition of stake in Hutch in 2007, "leading to subsequent evasion of taxes worth Rs 14,000 crore". "The illegal mining scam in Goa is on a large scale. The scam during the last five years of Congress Government is of Rs 22,000 to Rs 25,000 crore, about 15 per cent of what you find in 2G scam," former Goa CM Shri Manohar Parrikar said reporters in Panaji.

Seeking immediate removal of Kamata, he said the files show a "very clear nexus between the politicians and bureaucrats", while citing the instance of one particular file which he claimed has been cleared at all levels in just eight hours. He also alleged that there was an attempt to scuttle the PAC probe, which was based on documents from the mining and other concerned departments of the State.

JHARKHAND

## Give back to State, Munda tells NRI investors



On the first day of his meeting with NRIs and industrialists in New York, Chief Minister Shri Arjun Munda urged Non-Resident Indians to come forward for investment and technical assistance for industrialization of Jharkhand. Outlining the

availability of natural resources, labour and infrastructural facilities that are conducive for investment in the State, Munda appealed to the NRIs to help in the overall development of the State.

NRI industrialist Brahma met the CM and expressed his willingness to establish a chain of pharmacy products and a biotechnology park. NRIs Madhusudan and Chittaranjan Sahay said that they would like to provide technical assistance in dousing the underground fire in Jharia. They also expressed their willingness to produce and export products made of rice husk in the US and other countries. The CM welcomed the initiative of the NRIs and invited them to the State.

Indian Consul General at New York Prabhu Dayal also met the CM. In the next day the CM went for Toronto from New York to participate in the India Show 2011. A high-level delegation including Chief Secretary SK Chaudhary and other Secretaries accompanied the CM.

KARNATAKA

## BJP unhappy over Centre's response to demand for power



Chief Minister Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda ruled out taking an all-party delegation to New Delhi to request the Centre and Union Ministers to help Karnataka with more power to tide over the crisis, especially after Union Power Minister Shushilkumar Shinde's

lukewarm response to Power Minister Shobha Karandlaje, when she met him and other Ministers from the State.

Speaking to presspersons at Krishna, the Chief Minister said there was no need to take the Opposition leaders to Delhi to convince the Centre, and added that his government would wait for some more time. However, he said, the government would initiate steps to reduce the hardship to the people affected by load shedding.

Shri Gowda said his government would come out with a White Paper in 10 days on what

happened in the power department in the State from 2000 to 2011, explaining the mistakes that were responsible for the present situation. Smt. Shobha Karandlaje was also present.

The Chief Minister said that thermal power units (TPS) would be set up in Gulbarga, Bijapur, Edlapura, Eramarus and third unit at Bellary Thermal Power Station. The Udupi Thermal Power Station unit would start generation of power from March next year. He urged the Union Power Ministry to ensure supply of coal supply to these units for ensuring uninterrupted generation. He said a proper coal linkage should be created for the purpose.

WEST BENGAL

## BJP criticises Mamata's earlier ties with Maoists

The State leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party criticises the role of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in handling the Maoist threat in West

Bengal and for her earlier sympathies with them.

BJP State president Shri Rahul Sinha said that her recent utterances against the Left wing extremists and the seven-day deadline set for them on October 15 to lay down arms "is nothing but a political stunt".

Shri Sinha said that six months ago Ms. Banerjee had said that there were no Maoists in the State. "Now, after four months in power, she is talking of operations against the rebels."

Accusing the Chief Minister of double standards, he said that she had not opposed joint security operations against the Maoists (when she was not in power) as she was "under pressure from the Maoists". Ms. Banerjee is responsible for the Maoists digging their heels in West Bengal after fleeing from Jharkhand and Orissa in the face of security operations against them there, Shri Sinha alleged. ■



### *Another feather in the cap of Karnataka BJP Government*

## First phase of Bangalore 'Namma' metro inaugurated

The Metro rail chugged into the IT hub of Bangalore on October 20, promising the beginning of the end of the city's traffic woes. Union Urban Development Minister Shri Kamal Nath inaugurated the service in the presence of leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley and Karnataka Chief Minister Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda. Several Central government ministers, State government ministers, senior BJP leaders, and a number of State Congress leaders were



present at the inauguration at the decked up M.G. Road station. Almost all of them, along with senior officials of the State government and the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd, special invitees and media personnel took the first ride in the "Namma Metro" (Our Metro). Metro, a DIWALI gift to State and Bangalore city: Gowda

Interacting with media persons after the inauguration of the Reach 1 of the first phase of Bangalore metro Chief Minister Shri D V Sadananda Gowda said that, "Namma Metro is a special Diwali gift to the people of Karnataka and Bangalore city in particular". He said he was apprehensive that there would be delay in the launch of Metro rail but he was happy that the reach 1 of the project was completed. The Chief Minister said, "The encouragement of the people will enable the BJP government to complete the remaining project well in time and we are committed to fulfill the aspirations of the people of Karnataka," he said. Bangalore South MP and BJP National General Secretary Shri H N Ananthkumar has called Namma Metro a 'dream project'. ■ (FOC)