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Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay alongwith other Janasangh leaders



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All these bodies pertaining to the imperishable, indefinable and eternal soul are spoken of as perishable; therefore, Arjuna, fight.

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 18)

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"India will be swamped by Chinese products if foreign direct investment (FDI) pours into multi-brand trade."

-Nitin Gadkari

"I want to ask SP and BSP leaders if they honestly oppose FDI in retail then they should immediately withdraw their support like Mamata Banerjee did."

-Rajnath Singh

"See the Congress manifesto; it says we will give jobs to people from each family. In 2009, they said one crore jobs will be given. Has it happened?"

-Narendra Modi

Letter to the Editor

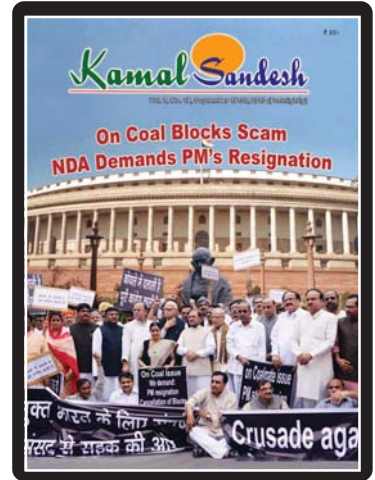
FDI in retail will ruin Indian market

Dear Editor,

Retailing in India is one of the pillars of economy and accounts for about 15% of its GDP. After Agriculture it is the largest sector, which employs the largest number of people in India. Small retail shops provide more employment than large chain of Retail stores. Big FDI Companies, instead of developing underdeveloped areas capture prime commercial property in cities. If allowed in India they will first buy goods from producers in bulk and sell it at less margin and hence routing out small traders from trades. When small traders will be out they will monopolize the trade and charge exorbitant price for goods and commodities. Independent stores will close, leading to massive job losses. Walmart will lower prices to capture the market initially and later on becoming a monopoly, will raise prices. Experience in Developing Nations as Brazil, Argentina etc. has shown how these Companies have damaged their Economy and made them bankrupt.

V.K Singh

Kankarbagh , Patna



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Editorial...

People are looking for alternative

The fate of the UPA government and possibility of mid-term poll depend on Mulayam Singh Yadav, Mayawati and Mamata Bannerjee. Today, as Mamata Bannejee has withdrawn the support, the situation is that Mulayam Singh and Mayawati have started speaking loud about their support to UPA. Here one thing is clear, anyone standing in support of Congress is at least sure to lose the support of the people. People want to get rid of the Congress but the situation is that SP-BSP and all other coalition partners of the UPA government are playing with the sentiments of the people.

Congress wants to anyhow remain in the power. The reason is that the elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh along with few legislative assemblies in different States are about to take place. The Congress is on a very weak wicket in these elections. It is not the claim of BJP but of the people. Congress knows that after that, their condition along with their allies would worsen. The condition within Congress is such that many of its MPs have started whispering that Dr. Manmohan Singh is engaged in realizing the dreams of Gandhiji. When they are asked to clarify they say that villages are crying under the burden of price rise. Congress led UPA government is not keeping the interests of rural people in mind. Naturally, people have developed distate for Congress in the entire country. But what can the Congressmen do even after knowing this reality. Congress is helpless. While its president Smt. Sonia Gandhi is not keeping well, the nation is not ready to accept Congress 'yuvaraj' as mentally mature. In any case Congress is the party of 'two persons'. If one thinks honestly then there would be no doubt that it is the party of 'maa-beta'. It is also now very clear that Soniaji and Rahulji have failed to show any charisma in the elections of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Chhatisgarh and Delhi MCD polls. In Gujarat and Himachal also BJP is going to win. What will happen to Congress after that? Whether Congress is ready to accept this or not but the nation has accepted this reality. Dr. Manmohan Singh is busy realizing the dream of Gandhiji who wanted to disband it after independence.

Today the country wants an alternative and UPA is lagging far behind in this national quest. Congress wants to remain clinging to the power so that it can continue to get the 'mota-maal'. Congress wants 'kickbacks'. The kind of language which Dr. Manmohan Singh, Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Shri Chidambaram are using clearly shows that Congress is now paralyzed. They are not in the position to rise to the occasion now but those who are expected to come to the power also need to be careful. Entire nation is speaking in one voice that never before had they seen a government like this. The situation has come to such strait that in a seminar a young man removed his shirt in full view of the public protesting against price rise and symbolizing the sentiments of the people. If Dr. Manmohan Singh and Smt. Sonia Gandhi refuse to accept this even now then it is upto them but people can now do anything publicly to register their protests. People are fed up with Congress and want to free the country from them. The time has come now. We all have to be prepared for it. And we will be prepared for the occasion!

'Sudarshan' –

A magnificent *darshan* of nationalism

By Prabhat Jha

He was a Malayali, Telugu, Tamil, Kannadiga, Assamese, Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, or he belonged to Hindi speaking states, he was a Sanskritist or an Englishmen, whether he belonged to Chhattisgarh or Madhya Pradesh – no one could have guessed as had control over all these languages. He had made his own soul united with the soul of India. Bharat Mata was present in his every breath. Bharat Mata had brought up Sudarshanji in her lap as her own child and fed him the nectar of every region. His 'kula' was the soil of India. He tirelessly made efforts not once but for many times to see India from his own eyes. Sudarshanji is the name of a person who offered his own self in the service of Bharat Mata like a saint and played the role of guarding national interests.

The nation is present in the 'persona' of those in whose mind and soul the lamp of nationalism keeps burning unhindered and who bears the soil of Bharat Mata on the forehead and moves like a wanderer with the mission of *Tamaso Maa Jyotirgamaya*. In the persona of Sudarshanji, the affection of mother, security of father, purity of *Gangajal*, loftiness of Himalayas, generosity of Karna, and capability to give up even his 'deha' like 'Videha' were

present. He was rooted to the ground. He symbolized reality. He stood for truth. He represented 'tapa'. He was like 'yajna'. He even symbolized offerings in the 'yajna'. He was worth worshipping and true to the inheritor of the tradition of 'Madhava'. He had the capability to even lift the Goverdhan.

Sudarshanji was for 'Swadesh'. He was for 'Sikh Sangat'. He was for 'Rashtriya



Muslim Manch'. He was symbol of health and sports. He was corporal. He was intellectual. He was for swadeshi. He was a yogi. He believed in experiments. To experiment was his basic nature. Being basically an engineer he was constructive in his approach. He supported new ideas but also patronized the old. He was worshipper of all the rivers including Kaveri,

Tapti, Narmada, Chambal and Shipra. He was generally a worshipper of nature. It is not easy to be tough to one's own self. If he had the courage of Hanuman, the dignity of Shri Ram can also be seen in him. He was a worshipper of humanity. He had immense courage to bear the pain of the human beings. He always kept best for the society and reserved the worst for himself. In the consumerist age of today when people do not desist from genocides for power and pelf, a person emerged from the soil of India who took historic decision to light the lamp of humanity amidst the deep darkness of inhuman tendencies.

He was the Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. He was the head of the largest cultural organization of the world. The Sangh *sakhas* are organized in other parts of world also. He was head of an organization which made the country aware of the Hindu pride and glory. He was head of the organization which kept the Indian cultural consciousness alive on the world forum and remained engaged in convincing the world about the importance of India tirelessly. He was the head of millions of swayamsevaks. He was the command. He was not a question but an answer. He was not a problem but a solution. Moreover, he held the position

of Sarsanghchhalak at the time when Prime Minister and many ministers belonged to his ideology. Though holding powerful position, he was a *rishi* as he remained indifferent to it. He desired that whoever might be in power but the nation should tread the path of 'Bharatdharma'. Bharat was never far from his sight. If Bharat remains in the focal point of power then *Bahratiyata* and *Bharat Mata* cannot be undermined. He used to say that if power is supportive then it becomes easier to carry forward national yajna but if power is in opposition then the path becomes a bit difficult. He clearly believed that Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is the national path on which everyone whether it is BJP, Congress, SP or BSP will have to move ahead because the mode of worship may be different but God is one. He used to say we should never leave our national, Bharatiya, spiritual and cultural path because if there are people, then there will be a society and it cannot survive without these elements. Therefore we should never leave our path which we have embraced on the Vijaydashami of 1925. Finally all will have to come on the national path of Sangh.

Sudarshan ji was clear in his approach. He had the balance of ideology and action. He was not only a thinker but was also well versed in practical aspects. He was the ruler of time, situation and circumstances. He was learned in astrology and he used to test his sixth sense through his gifted knowledge.

He was inquisitive. He was a symbol of inquisitiveness. He was hope. He was adorned with

One of the main duty and responsibility of human life is to find right person for the right job and pass on the mantle. Ramakrishna Paramhans might be a great teacher but he was always looking for young Narendra. When he found Narendra, he chiseled him to make Vivekanand out of him. Similarly Samartha Guru Ramdas was in search of a true patriot and when he found the son of Jijabai then he took no time in making him Chhatrapati Shivaji.... God gave him an opportunity to become 'parampujya' but when he felt that he had found the new 'parampujya', he took no time in making himself a 'former 'one.



an organized lifestyle and never believed in cosmetic life. He had childlike innocence. There were no knots or joints in the thread of his life. He was an open minded liberal swayamsevak.

It is not easy for one who is king to take a decision at once while still being a king to live like an ordinary subject. True to the Sangh tradition, he was a Sarsanghchhalak who never put nation and organization at stake for the sake of 'crown' but used the 'crown' in the service of Ma Bharati. So when it came in his mind that now 'crown' should be passed on to the one who can work with full vigour, he took the decision. If today it is in the interest of the nation to give up the 'crown', abdicate the post of

king and to live as an ordinary subject then one should immediately come in the role of ordinary citizen. Such a rare decision can only be taken by a person whose soul is embedded with divinity and desires intensely to take Ma Bharati to greatest glories. How was it possible in this age? He was a king but he gave an example to be emulated in the true sense of the term "dhar dinhi chunariya".

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As a citizen also he never sat idle. He continued his work for Sangh. His tours continued. He continued to discuss with everyone like a common man. This unique quality was gifted to him by God. It was not possible without having a divine persona to give up the kingly

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Nation bids adieu to Sudarshanji

From Our Correspondent

Former RSS Sarsanghachalak Shri Kupahalli Sitaramayya Sudarshan ji (KS Sudarshan) breathed his last on September 15, 2012 at Raipur in Chhattisgarh. He was 81. The news of his passing away sent a shockwave across the country. Swayamsevaks from Raipur and adjoining areas rushed to Jagriti Mandal, where his body was

16. Thousands of RSS Swayamsevaks, BJP leaders and common people attended the funeral. Sudarshanji's younger brother Shri KS Ramesh lit the funeral pyre amidst chants of "Sree Ram, Sree Ram, Jai Shree Ram."

With the heavy waves of emotions Swayamsevaks and leaders offered their tribute at Reshimbagh. Almost all the top

Arun Jaitley, former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh, Janata Party President Shri Subramanian Swami, Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh and many other senior leaders paid their last respects to Shri Sudarshanji.

Among others senior RSS ideologue Shri MG Vaidya, BJP Deputy Leader in the Lok Sabha Shri Gopinath Munde, ABVP National President Prof. Milind Marathe, BMS National General Secretary Shri Baijnath Rai, Jamait Ulema-e-Hind National President Shri Maulana Shoel Kazim, BJP leader Shri Balbir Punj and many other senior leaders attended the funeral.

After paying the last tribute Shri LK Advani said, "Sudarshanji's death is a big loss not only for the RSS but also for the entire nation. I have seen him closely and by all angles he was a saint."

Shri Nitin Gadkari expressing his deep condolences said, "Sudarshanji was a great thinker and visionary. He was a staunch nationalist who dedicated his entire life in the service of the nation and made a remarkable contribution in promoting and expanding the RSS network", he added.

Shri Nitin Gadkari said, "Shri Sudarshanji had been a source of motivation for all the members in the Sangh Parivar.



kept for last *Darshan*. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh, his cabinet colleagues and top RSS leaders thronged Jagriti Mandal and placed wreaths on the dead body. Dr. Raman Singh said, "In Sudarshanji's death, we and the BJP have lost a guardian". Later the body was taken to Nagpur and kept in Smriti Mandir for *Darshan*.

The cremation took place at the Gangabai Ghat Smashan Bhoomi in Nagpur on September

leaders from the Sangh and BJP were present to pay the last homage to the former Sarsanghachalak. RSS Sarsanghachalak Shri Mohanji Bhagavat, former Vishva Hindu Parishad President Shri Ashok Singhal, RSS Sarkaryavah Shri Suresh (Bhayyaji) Joshi, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani, RSS Sahsarkaryavah Shri Suresh Soni, Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri

Sudarshanji being an engineer by profession was very brilliant. Coming from a very well to do family he could have lived a luxurious life but preferred choosing a simple life for the sake of the country”.

The BJP National President said that Sudarshanji believed in Swadeshi and was very familiar among people all over the country. His death has come as a big blow to the Sangh Parivar which cannot be easily forgotten. Above all, the way he had sacrificed his life for the sake of the country will remain to be a source of inspiration to the BJP, said Shri Gadkari.

“As RSS Sarsanghachalak had been guiding us till his health condition was cooperating. He resigned due to ill-health,” added Shri Gadkari.

Shri Narendra Modi described Shri Sudarshanji as a hard worker and an enriched thinker. “His death is unfortunate for all of us. He studied a variety of subjects from science to international relations. He was an ideal Swayamsevak and a rational thinker. He never took decisions emotionally. I was lucky to have worked with him for so many years,” Shri Modi said.

Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said Shri KS Sudarshan ji was an expert organizer. “I can’t believe that he is no more with us. Swadeshi and Hindi were very close to his heart. He gave his entire life for the country.”

It is noteworthy; Shri Kupahalli Sitaramayya Sudarshan ji was born on 18 June 1931 at Raipur. He started working as a Pracharak (full time worker of RSS) in 1954. In year 2000 he became RSS Sarsanghachalak. In 2009 he

handed over the responsibility to Shri Mohanji Bhagwat because of receding health and advancing age. His tenure was marked by his conscious efforts to bring forward the younger leadership in Sangh and other relevant organisations.

Shri Sudarshan ji was an engineer by training and spent more than five decades in the service of Bharatmata as a Pracharak. A strong votary of *Swadeshi*, Shri Sudarshan ji was very persistent about the *Sakha*

functioning and active involvement of youth in national politics. He became the fifth Sarsanghachalak on March 10, 2000 succeeding Prof. Rajendra Singh (Rajju Bhaiya).

He was known for doing new experiments in the Sangh. During his tenure as Akhil Bharatiya Bauddhik Pramukh, the Bauddhik activities at the Sakha also got new dimension. Throughout his life Shri Sudarshan ji had given much importance on the daily Sakha. ■



Gadkari releases book on Jagjivan Ram

BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari on September 18 released a book on former Congress and Dalit leader Jagjivan Ram. The book “*Rashtranisht Babuji*” has been authored by BJP leader and former Union Minister in NDA government Shri Sanjay Paswan. Stating that the legacy of Jagjivan Ram is respected by all political parties, Shri Gadkari added “Babu Jagjivan Ram was a big leader and someone had written about him. It is a good thing. Everyone should read this and whoever wants to endorse, it is good.” Earlier addressing the gathering, Gadkari praised Jagjivan Ram as the leader who was not swayed by caste politics.



Courtesy : Asian Age

UPA rubs salt on wounds of aam aadmi: Nation outraged; people on the streets

Bandh against FDI in retail, cap on LPG and diesel price hike evokes overwhelming response

By Ram Prasad Tripathy



At a time when the inflation rate has breached the double digits and price rise, corruption and unemployment have wreaked havoc on the lives of the common man, the least that was expected from the scam-tainted inept Congress led UPA government was to announce some relief measures for the suffering masses. But, it is as if the Congress led UPA was determined to take its insensitivity and callousness to the next level as it inflicted an all out attack on the common man making their lives miserable.

After being thoroughly exposed in the coal scam the Manmohan Singh led UPA government resorted to a series of anti-people policies in the name of saving the crisis-ridden national economy. It not only opened the retail sector for foreign investors but capped the number of subsidized LPG cylinders to 6 in a year and raised the prices of diesel by Rs 5 in the name of economic reforms.

The Union government which woke up to the reality of mounting subsidies and economic crisis happily doled out coal mines and other national resources to the private parties for a song and today the nation is being asked to pay for its sins.

Retailing in India is one of the pillars of the economy which accounts for 14 to 15 percent of its GDP. The Indian retail market is one of the fastest growing in the world and is estimated to be of the size of US\$450 billion which employs around 40 million people. India's retailing industry is essentially owner manned and small shops account for more than 90% of the retail sector. Allowing FDI in retail, therefore, has the potential to destroy the unorganized retail sector in India and rob the common man of one of the easiest means for self-employment.

The decision of the Congress led UPA to open the retail sector for foreign investment which may endanger the livelihood of millions of people was therefore opposed by almost all political parties and the masses in general. But, the adamant UPA which itself had assured the Parliament to go by the political consensus on this issue has gone ahead to implement this disregarding all norms of political sagacity.

To add to the miseries of the common man reeling under inflation the Union government has now put a ceiling on the number of subsidized

LPG cylinders at 6 which will make the lives miserable for hundreds of millions of households in the country. As if all these anti-people measures were not enough, the UPA has hiked the diesel prices by Rs 5 that will break the backbones of farmers, transporters and middle-class families and its cascading effect will push up inflation further worsening the inflationary situation in the country.

These anti-people policies not only enraged the entire nation, tired with Congress led UPA's series of scams and lack of governance, which forced the common people and Opposition parties to take to the streets. The principal opposition Party, BJP was at the forefront in opposing these insensitive measures by the UPA and it spearheaded the Bharat Bandh on 20th of September to demonstrate the collective anger of an outraged nation.



Delhi railway station, auto drivers of Delhi staged protests and refused to carry passengers. Schools, Colleges, many government and private offices in Delhi also remained closed. Even in many places the common people participated in the bandh.

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi and Delhi BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta addressed protesters at Jantar Mantar and Chandni Chowk. BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, former BJP National President Dr. Murli

DELHI

The Nationwide 'Bharat bandh' against FDI in multi-brand retail, the hike in diesel price and limiting the quota of subsidized LPG cylinders evoked strong response in the National Capital. The bandh was called by BJP led NDA and supported by other opposition parties. Major markets of Delhi- Khan Market, Connaught Place, Greater Kailash, Karol Bagh, Chandni Chowk, Kashmere Gate, Sadar Bazaar, Darya Ganj, Model Town, Rajinder Nagar, Kingsway Camp, Sarojini Nagar, and Raja Garden – remained closed throughout the day on September 20.

In the morning, BJP Karyakartas, supporters blocked vehicular movement on Vikas Marg, Arvindo Marg, Green Park, Madhuban Chowk, Arya Samaj Chowk, Ajmal Khan Road, near Paharganj Police Station, Moti Nagar Chowk, Naraina PVR Chowk, Dwarka Mod, Peera Garhi, Rajori Gardan Market, Chandani Chowk, Burari Chowk and other prominent places across the City. They also burnt effigy of Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and ministers of UPA Government. Even in support of the bandh at New

Manohar Joshi, NDA convener Shri Sharad Yadav along with other NDA, left leaders were also present at a different protest meeting in Jantar Mantar.

"While interacting with the media persons Delhi BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta said, more than 50, 000 party workers protested at around 100 venues against the UPA Government". The bandh was made successful by the common people and traders who came out to oppose the Government. People spontaneously reacted against UPA Government's wrong policies to make it successful, he added.

KARNATAKA

The nation-wide bandh called by the BJP led NDA was total in Karnataka. Shops and offices chose to remain shut and only essential commodities like milk and medical services are available. All schools and colleges were closed. Buses owned by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation and Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation were off the road. Electronic City, where many IT and BT companies are situated, also wore a deserted look. The IT company

employees have remained absent in their campuses.

In Mysore, the bandh was successful. The bandh also affected normal life in cities like Mandya, Davanagere, Hubli-Dharwad, Shimoga,



Tumkur and Mangalore. The bandh also received good response in Gadag and Bidar districts.

BS Yeddyurappa, Ananth Kumar detained

Near Mysore Bank Circle in Bangalore Members of the Bharatiya Janata Party, the Swadeshi Jagaran Manch, the Kannada Rakshana Vedike, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad etc. staged protests and raised slogans against the UPA government. With most vehicles off the roads, the protesters set fire to a 10-headed effigy of the UPA government.

Several prominent leaders of the BJP, including the former Chief Minister Shri B.S. Yeddyurappa and party National General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar were detained when they tried to march towards the Raj Bhavan to lay siege to it after staging a dharna. The leaders were taken in 12 buses to Ashoknagar police station and later released.

GUJARAT

The NDA-led nationwide bandh against diesel price hike, cap on LPG cylinders and FDI in retail was near total in Gujarat as the protest evoked a good response.

Educational institutions, retail shops, malls, industrial units, banking operations and even

transport was closed spontaneously in Ahmedabad and other big cities.

The commercial business hubs of Ahmadabad city like CG Road and SG Road wore a deserted look. Thousands of BJP workers came out on the streets to participate in the bandh. Thousands of common people were also participated in the bandh. Transport operations of Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) and Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service (AMTS) were suspended.

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) has supported the bandh call due to which industrial operations have also been affected.

In Surat, the diamond and textile industry which are the two main sectors, supported the bandh due to which both the markets and retail outlets connected to them remained closed. In Vadodara also, the bandh evoked good response.

All educational institutes and shops in Rajkot remained closed while petrol pumps and private bus operators also extended support by joining the bandh. "Most of the private bus operators have decided to join in the bandh by closing their service till 5 pm," sources from the Rajkot Private Bus Operators Association said. Various associations including Rajkot Gold Dealers Association, Tyre Dealers Association, Chemical Dealers Association joined in the bandh. Rajkot Bar Association also joined in the bandh while BJP State President Shri R C Faldu led a rally and shouted slogans against the Congress led UPA government near Indira circle in Rajkot.

BIHAR

On 20 September BJP National General Secretary Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad along with BJP Bihar State President Shri CP Thakur has been detained in Patna during their protest against FDI



in multi-brand retail and diesel price hike. BJP- JD (U) workers participated hugely across the State.

Shri Prasad was leading a protest march in the State capital Patna shouting slogans against Manmohan Singh's UPA government who had overruled all demands for rollback of FDI in multi-brand retail and diesel price hike. Buses and auto rickshaw union supported the bandh and they were kept off the roads. Bandh was total in Bihar and more than 10,000 protesters detained in various places of the State.

The markets were closed at various places in support of the bandh. Schools and colleges too remained closed due to thin attendance.

Judicial works in various courts too were adversely affected by the bandh as the lawyers and employees directly participated in the bandh.

In Patna, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad also led a bicycle march. Other BJP leaders and workers joined in the rally to protest against the Congress led UPA government's economic policies and later courted arrested near the busy Dak Bungalow roundabout. There was no report of any untoward incident from anywhere in the State, police source said.

MADHYA PRADESH

The day-long bandh called by the NDA against the FDI in retail, hike in diesel prices and rationing of LPG cylinders was successful in Madhya Pradesh. Reports of bandh evoking a good response were received from all the divisions except Bhopal which was spared from it in view of the visit of Bhutan's Prime Minister Jigmi Yoezer Thinley and Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa who arrived in the State capital for taking part in the foundation laying ceremony of International Buddhist University at Sanchi.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan had requested the NDA leadership to spare Bhopal from bandh, which will be observed in the State capital on September 24.

The bandh was totally successful in Gwalior, Ujjain, Jabalpur and Indore divisions of the State where no major untoward incident was reported.

Educational institutions, markets and commercial establishments remained closed in all these divisions while most of the State transport

buses also were off roads.

In Indore, BJP workers were seen asking shopkeepers to down shutters in many areas. And the support was spontaneous.

MAHARASHTRA

Like in other places in Maharashtra also the nationwide Bharat Bandh was successful to protest diesel price hike, foreign direct investment (FDI) in multi-brand retail and cap in subsidised LPG



cylinders. Even without Shiv Sena's support BJP leaders with the support of common people, trade organizations and transport unions made it successful.

Local MLAs and BJP leaders in their respective constituencies picketed in market places which made the bandh successful in the country's commercial capital.

Shri Vinod Tawde, leader of the Opposition in the State Legislative Council, said, "The response to the bandh in Mumbai, Pune, Thane was good in and total in Vidarbha, Marathwada and north Maharashtra."

In Nagpur, Nashik and Jalgaon the traders downed their shutters and marched to the streets.

At Pune, the BJP unit decided to exempt itself from demonstrations in light of the Ganpati festival. However, MLAs and MLCs in Mumbai took the lead to enforce the bandh with the help of local supporters in areas like Borivli, Vile Parle, Mumbadevi, Ghatkopar and Mulund.

Shri Gopinath Munde, the party's deputy leader in the Lok Sabha who courted arrest in Mumbai along with others leaders said, "The FDI

and price hike are two issues weighing heavy on the minds of the people. Almost 50% of those who could not come out on the streets to participate in the demonstrations because of the Ganesh festival are bound to support our cause.”

Shri Munde said BJP will take its campaign against the FDI to several districts to create awareness among the people about its 'evils'.

UTTAR PRADESH

The BJP workers staged demonstrations at a number of places in Uttar Pradesh in support of the bandh called by it against FDI in multi-brand retail and hike in diesel prices. Major markets



remained closed at a number of places in UP, including the State capital, official sources said in Lucknow.

Raising slogans against FDI in retail, a group of Karyakartas held a demonstration outside the Walmart store at Sultanpur road in Lucknow. Several prominent schools remained closed as a precautionary measure in the city. In Lucknow, former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh led the protest, whereas BJP National Vice-President Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi was leading the protest in Kanpur and the State President Shri Laxmikant Bajpayi in Meerut.

Reports of similar protests also come from other places including Allahabad, Varanasi, Gorekhpur, Agra, Mathura, Aligarh, Bareilly, Faizabad, Ghaziabad etc. The protesters assembled in large numbers and burnt the effigies of the Prime Minister and Congress President Sonia Gandhi. No trucks and buses were off the road in the State and

medicine shops and other shops have also downed shutters spontaneously in support of the bandh. There have been no reports of violence.

Thousands of BJP workers have taken out a motor cycle rallies during the Bharat Bandh in several districts and cities of Uttar Pradesh.

ASSAM

The Bharat bandh called by the BJP led NDA to protest against the anti people decisions of the Congress led UPA government affected normal life in Assam.

The State government had issued a notification a day before to ensure normal functioning and attendance in all government offices and undertakings in the State in view of the nation-wide bandh. The notification warned that the government would resort to pay-cut, break in service and disciplinary action against employees who absent themselves from duties during the bandh period. Despite that the markets, shops, educational institutions, banks and private offices remained closed, while long distance buses, trains and other vehicles were off the roads, official sources said.

PUNJAB, HARYANA AND CHANDIGARH

Normal life was disrupted in Punjab and Haryana due to a bandh called by NDA, to protest against FDI in multi-brand retail and diesel price hike. Public transport services were hit with State transport undertakings suspended their long route services to different places.

In Amritsar and Chandigarh, BJP workers were led by BJP National Secretary Shri Navjot Singh Sidhu and BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur joined the protesters demanding rollback of diesel prices and FDI in retail.

Schools, colleges and other institutions in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh were closed in the wake of bandh call. However, shops and commercial establishments in Chandigarh were also closed by spontaneously by the business community.

Trucks remained off the road on the call given

by All India Motor Transport Congress supporting NDA's bandh against diesel price hike. "We are supporting NDA's bandh and Trucks are not operational today to protest the Rs. 5 per litre diesel price hike," North India Motor Road Transport, President said in a press release.

The impact of bandh was visible in several other cities and places including Amritsar, Jalandhar, Batala, Ludhiana, Mahendergarh, Chandigarh and Ambala where majority of trading establishments were closed.

Members of BJP-SAD in Punjab and BJP in Haryana took out protest rallies and procession at several places including Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Hisar, Jind, Bhiwani, Sirsa and Fatehabad to protest the Congress led UPA's decision on FDI in multi-brand retail, diesel price hike and ceiling on LPG.

BJP Punjab Media in-charge Shri Vineet Joshi said, trading and commercial establishments including shops were closed; however, he said BJP has not disturbed train service in Punjab Haryana or in Chandigarh. Our intention is not to cause inconvenience to people," he said.

The bazaars in Punjab, Haryana wore a deserted look. Even small traders interacting with media persons said, "The UPA Government will have to take back their decision on FDI as this will ruin us. The hiked diesel price has further added to everyone's miseries," small traders Union based in Ambala, said.

JHARKHAND

The nationwide strike called by BJP led NDA and supported by other opposition parties including ruling partner JMM hit the normal life in Jharkhand. Shouting slogans bandh supporters squatted on railway tracks in Koderma, Dhanbad, Jamshedpur, Bokaro, Ranchi and other places disrupting train services for over a couple of hours.

BJP activists also put up blockades on national highways, in protest against Centre's decision allowing FDI in retail, hike in diesel prices and limiting subsidized LPG cylinders. Even workers at PSUs have also supported the bandh and following disruption of transportation of coal, iron ore, bauxite and other minerals in view of the stir

the production was effected.

Addressing small road side meetings BJP leaders demanded immediate roll back of diesel prices and limitation of subsidized LPG cylinders. Most educational institutions, shops and business establishments remained closed for the day in every city and district places, BJP spokesperson Shri Pradip Sinha said at a gathering in Albert Ekka Chowk in Ranchi.

ODISHA

State government offices, banks and insurance offices, schools, colleges and other educational institutions remained closed during the bandh called by BJP in Odisha. Normal life was disrupted in the Southern and coastal Odisha, barring the western region. Train and road traffic was also disrupted during the bandh against diesel price

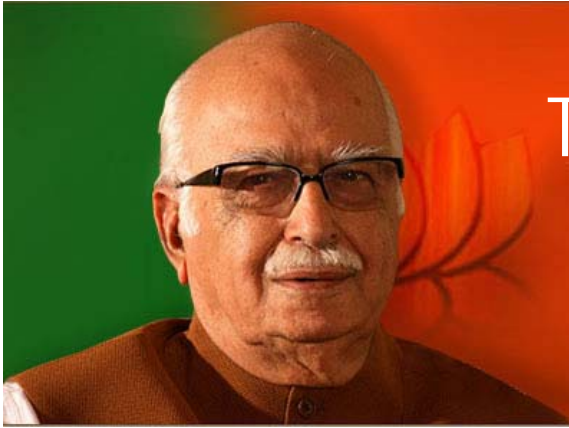


hike, FDI in multi-brand retail and ceiling on subsidised LPG.

Describing the Bharat bandh, being observed as part of a country-wide programme, BJP State President Shri Jua Oram said, "We have decided to exclude all activities related to 'Nuakhai festival' in western Odisha from the purview of bandh." Senior BJP leaders led the bandh in different cities and district places.

During the bandh over a dozen trains were stopped at several railway stations including Berhampur, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Khurda Road, Bhadrak and Balasore as bandh supporters staged dharna on the tracks, an official of East Coast Railway (ECoR) said.

Vehicular movement was also disrupted in many parts of the State as passenger buses, trucks and auto-rickshaw remained off the roads positively responding the bandh call, State police



Two achievements, one expectation

By L.K Advani

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In 1992, Francis Fukuyama, famous American political scientist wrote *The End of History and the Last Man*. Fukuyama argued that the worldwide spread of liberal democracies in the late nineties marks the end point of humanity's socio-cultural evolution. He was referring mainly to the collapse of communism. It may be an exaggeration to call this *The End of History*. But the year 1989 which saw the dismantling of the Berlin Wall was no doubt a radical turning point in global history. It heralded the dominance of democracies, and the triumph of Washington in the Cold War between the American and Soviet blocs.

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In the next decade, the BJP kept growing and the Congress Party kept dwindling until in 1996, BJP became the largest

party in the Lok Sabha, and in 1998-1999 the BJP-led NDA assumed full control of the Union Government, and gave the country a 6-year spell of stable, good government and meaningful progress in numerous fields. Since then, whenever anyone has asked me: what would you describe as BJP's main contribution to national politics, my answer has always been: transforming India's single - dominant-party polity into a bipolar polity.

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This achievement, I hold, is a boon not only for the BJP but also for the Congress, and of course for the country and its democracy. Unfortunately, the Congress does not view it that way, regards the BJP not as the principal opposition, a continuing interaction with which would be beneficial for governance, but as an enemy which has to be defeated, and decimated, at all costs.

Pranab Mukherji was an exception. As Leader of the Lok Sabha for most of UPA's tenure, he did maintain a continuing contact and interaction with leadership of the principal opposition. So, when recently after the CAG report on Coal the Congress Party indulged in some very irresponsible and even slanderous comments against the CAG, we decided to call on him and urge him to administer some sage counsel to his erstwhile colleagues.

Going through a 2-volume Constitutional Law of India edited by Shri M. Hidayatullah, I discovered that in one of his Parliament speeches delivered in 1953, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar not only described the Comptroller and Auditor General as

“probably the most important officer in the Constitution of India,” but also regretted that he had not been given adequate powers to discharge his duties properly.

This is what Dr. Ambedkar exactly said: “If this functionary is to carry out the duties - and his duties, I submit, are far more important than the duties even of the judiciary he should have been certainly as independent as the Judiciary. But, comparing the Articles about the Supreme Court and the Articles relating to the Auditor General, I cannot help saying that we have not given him the same independence which we have given to the Judiciary, although I personally feel that he ought to have far



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When I look back at the last sixty years of my political life and try to assess what can be regarded as the second most important contribution Jana Sangh and BJP have made to Indian politics, I would say that assisting Loknayak Jai Prakash Narain to bring together all non-Congress Parties, fighting the traumatic Emergency and saving Democracy is the second major contribution. In this matter, the BJP played a pivotal role.

The country’s politics has today reached a point where the ‘Coalgate’ issue raised very powerfully in Parliament by the NDA has been taken serious cognisance of by the Supreme Court.

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That on a day when the Supreme Court has put six pertinent questions to government about this coal scandal, government should have decided to announce FDI in multi-brand retail may be regarded by some as a desperate bid to shift the focus of debate from corruption to ‘reforms’. If Government really thinks so, it is gravely mistaken. The Judiciary, the CAG and the Opposition in Parliament, together with the media, have ensured that the corruption issue



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continues to dominate the people’s mind until the next Lok Sabha elections. The FDI in Retail issue may actually prove for UPA nothing other than Harakiri.

I sincerely hope that just as the 1977 election results have guaranteed that no government hereafter will think lightly of abusing the Emergency Article 352 again, the outcome of the forthcoming Assembly as well as Lok Sabha polls will make politicians realize the heavy cost they have to pay if their hands are seen by the electorate as sullied by corruption.

In an earlier blog, I had said that I would not be surprised if in the coming Lok Sabha elections, the Congress Party’s score slumps to just two digits, and that the biggest beneficiary of this would be the BJP. If and when this happens, the BJP would be able to claim as its third achievement: a major first step has been taken towards creating a CORRUPTION - FREE INDIA. ■

# UPA a government of the foreigners, by the foreigners and for the foreigners : Narendra Modi

From Our Correspondent

A political party also plays the role of direct communication channels. Direct channels of communication are those that party organizations control. Examples include local branch meetings, regional or national party conferences, local campaign rallies, candidate debates, town hall meetings, traditional leadership speeches, and whistle-stop tours. In Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Jharkhand, the BJP units of these States embarked on Yuva rallies or Yatras. Through these Yatras or rallies leaders are spreading the message of Swami Vivekanand among youths. In Gujarat Shri Narendra Modi would travel through 150 places of the States. By September 21 'Swami Vivekanand Yuva Vikash Yatra' of Narendra Modi has completed 10 days.

## 'Swami Vivekananda Yuva Vikash Yatra' in Gujarat

On the morning of 11th September 2012 Shri Narendra Modi commenced his month long Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra from the holy place of Becharaji in Mehsana district which will end on October 11th, which is the birth anniversary of Lok Nayak Jay Prakash Narayan

Shri Modi Stated that there

are two 9/11s that have left their mark on history. One was the attack on the Twin Towers that led to killing of many innocent people but there was another 9/11 in 1893 when Swami Vivekananda drew the entire world's attention towards the cultural might of India when he delivered his speech at the World's Parliament of Religion in Chicago.

Shri Modi sought support for the Gutka Mukta Gujarat (Gutka Free Gujarat) and on the same lines called for a Congress Mukta Gujarat (Congress Free Gujarat) in order to save our youth.

Earlier, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley and former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh spoke on the occasion and lauded the development in Gujarat. Shri Jaitley spoke about the CBI witch-hunt against Gujarat and Shri Singh called Gujarat a model State who has drawn praise from across the

world. Other who spoke on the occasion included BJP National



Vice President Shri Purushottam Rupala and Gujarat BJP President Shri RC Faldu. This is the land of Sardar Patel, none of the lies and arm-twisting of the Congress will succeed: Modi

On the evening of 11th September, Shri Narendra Modi's Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra reached the town of Sanand. Despite the rain, a massive crowd assembled at the venue to hear Shri Modi speak where he said that Gujarat is the land of Sardar Patel, none of the lies and arm-twisting of the Congress will succeed.

Gujarat is celebrating 'Decade of Development', Cong is celebrating 'Decade of Lies'



Shri Narendra Modi's Swami Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra entered Kadi in Mehsana district on the evening of September 11th 2012. Shri Modi spoke on a wide-range of issues and enlightened the people of the petty politics of the Congress and their injustice towards Gujarat. Shri Modi affirmed that while Gujarat is celebrating a 'Decade of Development', the Congress is celebrating a 'Decade of Lies'.

AICC is now the abbreviation for All India Coal Congress : Modi

After a phenomenal response on Day 1, Shri Narendra Modi's Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra reached South Gujarat. Speaking in front of a massive audience at Unai in Navsari district, Shri Narendra Modi announced a series of measures for farmers and took on the Congress for their divisive politics for the last 60 years. Shri Narendra Modi has announced to give 100% relief on the payment of interest on agricultural credit availed by Kharif cultivators by August 15, 2012. The Chief Minister has also announced to give 50% relief on the agricultural electricity bills. On the issue of rampant corruption, Shri Modi said that he heard of gold and diamond being stolen but the Congress people have stolen the nation's coal as well. He declared that the AICC is now the abbreviation for the All India Coal Congress! Extremely warm response to Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra in Dharampur

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The Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra reached Dharampur in Valsad district on 13th September 2012. In his powerful speech Shri Modi said that while the Gujarat Government is going on the path of development, the Congress is embracing path of lies.

CM comes down heavily on UPA for anti-people policies

On September 14 Continuing his pointed attacks on the UPA's disastrous and anti-people policies, Shri Modi took on the Congress-led UPA on a number of issues during the course of the Vivekananda Yuva Yatra. Mincing no words, Shri Modi tore apart the Rs. 5/- diesel price hike by the UPA. He said that the hike comes in a time when farmers are facing problems due to late monsoon. He added that it is not only diesel prices that will rise but also farmers and others will get affected adversely.

Shri Modi was unequivocal in opposing the decision of the UPA to ration subsidized LPG cylinders for households. Addressing the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra, Shri Modi Stated that households should see TV or read papers to see the loot going on in their daily lives.

CM addresses

Vivekananda Yuva Parishad in Bhavnagar

On the morning of 15th September 2012, Shri Narendra Modi addressed youngsters at Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Parishad in Bhavnagar. Shri Modi spoke on Swami Vivekananda's dream for a strong India and took on the UPA for its anti-people policies. On the

occasion, Shri Modi made 3 important announcements. Shri Modi Stated that the State Government would take over the public hospital in Mahuva, run it and give it the status of a district hospital. Shri Modi declared that the Gujarat Government would build a network of 62 hostels that can house more than 32,000 students. The third announcement is the building of a network of women's hostels to house 10,000 women in areas where industrial development will take place.

Development is solution to all problems : Modi

On the afternoon of 15th September 2012, Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra reached Amod in Bharuch district. In his speech Shri Modi said that the solution to all problems in development and contrasted the development oriented *Disha* of the BJP with the divide and rule mindset of the Congress. Shri Modi said that in the earlier time Bharuch district saw little development but today it is among the fastest growing districts along with Kutch. He pointed out that all this development had happened without any help from the Centre. The Chief Minister asked the audience if they are happy with the development be it roads, work of the health department, education, agriculture to which the unanimous reply was "YES!" But, Shri Modi replied that he is not yet happy as all he has done is correct the roadblocks left by 40 years of Congress rule. There is a lot more to come, he added. In his speech, the Chief Minister made it categorically clear that development is the solution to all problems.

Tremendous support for Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra on Day 4 across Central Gujarat

Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra undertaken by Shri Narendra Modi continues to draw a tremendous response among the people. On Day 4, 15th September 2012 Shri Modi visited areas of Central Gujarat including Karjan (Vadodara district), Amod, Jambusar (Bharuch district), Borsad, Petlad, Tarapur, Khambhat (Anand district).

CM Narendra Modi addresses Vivekananda Yuva Parishad in Rajkot

On the morning of 17th September 2012, Shri Narendra Modi addressed a gathering of the Vivekananda Yuva Parishad in Rajkot. Shri Modi thanked everyone for the large number of wishes he has been receiving through the day being his birthday. The Chief Minister delivered an inspiring speech in which he spoke about Gujarat's efforts towards strengthening the Yuva Shakti. He categorically opposed FDI in retail, as it would adversely affect the State's youth. During the occasion Shri Modi felicitated Olympic medal winner Mr. Gagan Narang and cricketers Ravindra Jadeja and Cheteshwar Pujara. He presented sports kits to various youngsters.

Commenting on the Statement by a Congress leader that Shri Modi is not comparable with AICC General Secretary Shri Rahul Gandhi because he is a State leader while Shri Gandhi is a national leader, Shri Modi said that he accepts 50% of the Statement with pride- he is very proud to be the leader of Gujarat and serving its people. But, he rejected the other half of the Statement and added that Shri Rahul Gandhi is not a national but an international leader who can win elections both in India as well as Italy!

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## 'Yuva Sankalp Bike Rally' in Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh BJYM set out its Statewide Yuva Sankalp Bike Rallies from Indore at SuperCorridor to mark 150 years of Swami Vivekanand's birth. The beginning of rally was addressed by Leader of Opposition Shri Arun Jaitley, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, National General Secretary & the State Prabhari Shri Anant Kumar, BJP Madhya Pradesh President Shri Prabhat Jha and other senior BJP leaders. While talking about on the motto of this kind of rally the State BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha said, "The BJYM is creating a new revolution in the history of Madhya Pradesh and the rally is a launching pad of this revolution." Through this Yatra message of Swami Vivekananda and Madhya Pradesh governments welfare programmes will be taken from village to village.

Until now the rallies were held in Rewa (August 26), Ujjain (September 1), Jabalpur (September 2), Gwalior (September 9), Sagar (September 16) and Shahdol (September 30). The series of 'mega rallies' would be concluded in Bhopal on the occasion of Loknayak Jaiprakash Narayan's birth anniversary on October 11.

## 'Yuva Sankalp Rally' in Himachal Pradesh

Himachal BJP has organised Yuva Sankalp Rally at Hamirpur where all important State BJP leaders along with former National President BJP Rajnath Singh, National Vice-President BJP Shanta Kumar, Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal, Jagat Prakash Nadda, National General Secretary BJP, BJP State President Satpal Satti, National BJP Yuva Morcha President Shri Anurag Thakur participated.

## BJYM organizes Congress Hatao, Desh Bachao rally in Jharkhand

On September 12, BJYM organised youth rally named Congress Hatao, Desh Bachao in Chaibasa (Jharkhand) in Kolhan. Despite rain people attended the youth rally in huge numbers. Speaking in the rally BJP National General Secretary Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said "Congress Party ne Jaminlok (Land Scam), Akashlok (2G) aur patal lok (Coal block) bhi bech diya (Congress has sold land, sky and hades, too.) Jharkhand BJP President Shri Dineshanand Goswami, also addressed the rally.

# Reformers of economy or deformers of nation?

By S Gurumurthy

**T**he UPA government's inexplicable rush to give Walmart and its ilk legitimacy in India threatens not just the nation's small farmers and pop-and-mom stores, but also national food security because economies of scale often don't work in agriculture

The coincidence – and contrast – is too telling, instructive and even ironical. On the same Friday (September 14, 2012) that Prime Minister

Washington DC against Walmart. "Say-No-To-Walmart" is an ongoing movement all over the US.

Why focus on Walmart? It is world's most powerful retailer; it has 'spent' a lot to get the UPA's nod for FDI in retail. Even as the lobbyists here celebrate Walmart, it has become an undesirable in the land of its birth, the US. But, why is Walmart so hated there? "Walmart will devastate local businesses," say New York trade

"compassionate" to small retailers and farmers. It guarantees they will employ "millions" here. But the evidence in the US is to the contrary. According to Atlanticcity, Walmart entered the Austin neighbourhood of Chicago in 2006. And, by 2008, out of the 306 small shops in business before its entry, 82 had closed down. The Economic Development Quarterly study found the closure rate around an average Walmart location at 35-60 per cent.

Walmart radiated closure of 20 per cent of drug stores every mile from its stores; and 15 per cent in home furnishing, 18 per cent in hardware and 25 per cent of toy stores. Studies in the US nail the UPA's lie that FDI in retail will not hurt small shops. On job creation, a latest report (Jan 2010) titled "Walmart's Economic Footprint" prepared for the New York City Public Advocate says that Walmart kills three local jobs for every two it creates. So the job creation argument too is fake. The third justification that "farmers will get better prices" is a clever ploy; so needs a closer look. It suppresses the vital fact that Walmart does not buy, or pay, over the counter. It buys the nation's next harvest in the futures market and buys at prices pre-fixed. It also imports cheap goods – from China – and destroy the local production like it has done in the US. Take the first case, with the recent experience of US and the world.

Rice prices in the US and

**The government of New York City shut down Walmart. Again, ironically the very Friday the UPA government handed the FDI bouquet to Walmart, Atlanticcities, a web-cousin of the famous magazine, Foreign Affairs, carried a devastating headline: "Radiating Death: How Walmart Displaces Nearby Small Businesses". Earlier, on June 30, over 10,000 people marched against Walmart in Los Angeles shouting "Walmart = Poverty." On June 1, hundreds protested in Washington DC against Walmart. "Say-No-To-Walmart" is an ongoing movement all over the US.**

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But politicians in the US seem to be the UPA's cousins. In March last, the Los Angeles City Council had put a moratorium on big retailers, but, Walmart got building permits just a day before! Recall the 2G permit cut off date?

Yet, the UPA certifies Walmart and its ilk as

world markets shot up by three times in April 2008 as compared to January 2007. It was then that the US President George Bush made that funny remark that prices had gone up because the newly prosperous Indians had begun eating more! But what was the truth? USA Today (April 23, 2008) and CNN (April 24, 2008) quoted the California Rice Commission and USA Rice Federation as denying shortage of rice and saying there was enough stock. Why then were prices rising? Because, said CNN, Sams Club (Walmart's wholesale division), was holding huge stocks and was pushing up the prices.

American farmers accused speculators and the futures market for the high prices. Farmers sold, but did not trade in, farm futures. Investment funds accounted for 40 per cent of the wheat futures trade in the US in January 2008, which rose to 60 per cent by April. Wheat futures, which was \$4 a bushel in early 2007, rose to \$14 per bushel in April 2008. The US farmer, who had sold his harvest in futures market, lost and Walmart, which had bought the futures, gained. When some farmers wanted to sell their small balance stocks, Walmart, with cheaper stockpile, refused to buy at higher prices, pointed out the media.

Look at it this way. If the US farmers get remunerative prices from Walmart why does the US, with 2 per cent farming population, grant annual farming subsidies of \$20 billion? And, the EU, for its 5 per cent farming population, gift a subsidy of \$74.5 billion annually? The experience of the West nails all

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the three justifications of the UPA for allowing FDI in retail as lies. FDI in retail will incrementally hit the 12 million family retailers in India; it will not help farmers; it will cut jobs. Even more dangerous, it will destroy rural food security. Read on.

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Even if a small part of the 60 per cent is drawn from the farm gate to commerce, it will destroy the food security of two-thirds of all Indians living in villages. The Montek Alhwalia-led Planning Commission report laments that 'the marginal farmers are certainly going to stay for a long time' and 'what happens to them has implications for the entire economy.' But the small farmer, as Montek's Planning Commission itself notes, is no waste.

He is more efficient. His productivity a third higher, than in large farms. Shocked? The small farmers uses a third of the total cultivated area and produces 41 per cent of nation's food and 110 million tonnes of milk. If large ones replace them, the nation's food production will fall by 7 per cent.

Are the "reformers" aware that recent global studies (e.g by Dietrich Vollrath) suggests that the economy of scale does not operate in agriculture where small farms are more efficient than large ones. QED: The 'reformers' are illiterate about villages; they just clamour pink media fame as reformers; and get it at the nation's cost. Reformers of economy or deformers of nation? ■

## Madhya Pradesh becomes an ideal model of organisation & governance : Ananth Kumar

From Our Correspondent

**M**adhya Pradesh BJP's two-day Executive Meeting was held in Khandwa on September 11 & 12. The meeting was inaugurated by BJP National General Secretary and the State Prabhari Shri Ananth Kumar. On the occasion Shri Kumar said "Madhya Pradesh has become ideal model of organization and Governance. He appealed to the leaders and Karyakarta to take the development agenda of the party among the people and expose the corruption and anti-people policies of UPA. He congratulated Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, BJP State President Shri Prabhat Jha, Party leaders, Karykartas for the achievements of government and Party's State organization.

Before commencement of the meeting Shri Anant Kumar, National General Secretaries Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, BJP National Minority Morcha President Shri Tanveer Ahmad,



Madhya Pradesh BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha, State General Secretary (Organizational) Shri Arvind Menon, District party President Subhash Kothari paid floral tribute to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya, Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia along with lighting lamp.

Expressing his gratitude towards national leadership of the Party Madhya Pradesh BJP

President Shri Prabhat Jha claimed, "We are on the way towards forming for third term government in the State. Under the leadership of Shri Shivraj Singh we are doing hard work and moving ahead with the pledge of *Akhand Pravass*. *Karykartas* are resolved to bring sure victory in coming assembly elections. There are favorable situations to form government in the State for the third time. By hard work of *Karykartas* we will accomplish the mission 2013(Assembly) and 2014(Lok Sabha). "

While talking to the media on the venue, Shri Prabhat Jha said "The Madhya Pradesh government has allocated six coal blocks through auctioning with a condition that profit would be distributed between the State and the company in the ratio of 51:49." If the transparent

On the venue of the meeting, there was a photo exhibition of great writer and freedom fighter Makhanlal Chaturvedi, freedom fighter Tatyia Bhil and immortal singer Kishor Kumar. Here, these great sons of Bharat Mata were remembered. On the occasion, floral tribute was also paid on photos of party leaders Permanand Govindji Bala, Puranmal Sharma, Brijmohan Sharma, Amritlal Tarwala, and Kishori Verma.

policy adopted by the Madhya Pradesh government had been implemented by the Centre as also stated by the BJP MP from Maharashtra, Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, then the government could have earned a revenue of Rs 13 lakhs crore," Shri Jha claimed. Also, in order to win the Assembly seats lost by the party in the 2008 elections, Shri Jha said we will take out a *Yatra* on each of those seats, beginning from Raghogarh, the hometown of Congress General Secretary Digvijay Singh.

At the executive meeting BJP State General Secretary Shri Rakesh Singh moved the political resolution which was seconded by a senior minister Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya. Resolution was discussed at length in the meeting. While speaking on the resolution Shri Rakesh Singh shed light on the revolutionary steps taken by the State government and effective programmes organised by the State Party Organization. Second resolution was moved by Dr. Gauri Shanker Shejwar on agriculture. A separate resolution focusing on UPA's scams which included 2G, CWG, Adarsh and Delhi Airport was presented by MP Shri Ganesh Singh. The resolution also claimed that Rs 13 lakh crore revenue loss (as assessed by BJP) in the coal scam and demanded resignation of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

The resolution was passed on the completion of two-day State Executive meeting. Through the resolution BJP demanded that Prime Minister should immediately resign from his post. The Executive Meeting also demanded from the Centre to frame a new fertilizer policy for the farmers.

The meeting was conducted by Pradesh General Secretary Shri Kumar Chauhan. It was attended by all office bearers, ministers, parliamentarians, MLAs and member of State Executive Committee along with senior leaders like former Chief Ministers of State Shri Sunderlal Patwa, Shri Kailash Joshi, Senior BJP leaders Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, Shri Vikram Verma, Pradesh BJP Vice-President Shri Dr. Gaurishanker Shejwar and Babulal Gaur among others. ■

## Gujarat has a strong system to enable PPP projects

In London on September 18, 2012 terming the Gujarat government as "fiscally credible", a two-year review of the Indian infrastructure sector conducted by London's financial district lauds the State's performance in implementing public-private partnership (PPP) projects.

The review by the City of London released last evening during a seminar on India said that the legal framework for PPP in the State is "solid", and that the Gujarat Infrastructure Development Act (1999) sets a "comprehensive framework" for a variety of projects.

During the seminar attended by leading lights of India's business and financial sectors, development in Gujarat was described as "amazing" by Nasser Munjee, Chairman of Development Credit Bank.

The City of London refers to a small part of London and often stands for the UK's financial services industry. The City has an office in Mumbai to strengthen trade and investment links between India and the UK.

The Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB) oversees PPP projects and provides a "relatively high standard of expertise and judgement", the review said. "Institutionally, Gujarat has a strong system, with a clear delineation of responsibilities between the GIDB, and the line departments of procuring government agencies. The technical expertise of GIDB is also adjudged to be high," it added.

The GIDB provides a fair and clear mechanism for the selection of concessionaires, and "in practice, this system typically works well", the review said.

"In terms of financing, Gujarat is in a strong position, having emerged as a top investment destination in India; the government is also fiscally credible, meaning that payment risk is considered very low," it said.

The Gujarat State Guarantee Redemption Fund (initiated in 2010) acts as a cushion for contingent liabilities arising out of state guarantees, the review adds, and quotes a recent report of the Asian Development Bank that the State is the "best destination" in India for PPP projects.

Overall, the review for the years 2010-2012 concludes that while India's PPP framework has improved, further coordination at a central level is needed, "as well as improvement to governance capabilities for infrastructure projects across India if it is to meet its infrastructure development target". ■

## Main goal is to ensure equality for everyone at every level : Gadkari

**B**haratiya Janata Party Scheduled Caste Morcha organized the All India Office Bearer conference on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 in Delhi. Coming from across 30 states more than 10,000 office bearers from Mandal to National level attended the conference. The programme was inaugurated by Bharatiya Janata Party President Shri Nitin Gadkari.

In his inaugural speech BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said that in 21<sup>st</sup> century developmental issues are main agenda of politics. "Only winning elections is not our goal. Good governance and development would be our core agenda", Shri Gadkari added. He said that during the time of Jan Sangh it was rumoured by the Congress that Jansangh was anti-dalit, anti-poor and anti-backward. The concept of Antyodaya (rise of last man in last row of society) has been dreamt by Pandit Deen Dayal, our principle ideologue and inspirational guide for the political movement that has been inspiring Bhartiya Jana Sangh and later the Bhartiya Janata Party. It is only BJP which actually cared for the Dalits. He said that main goal is to ensure equality for everyone at every level. He mentioned that 21<sup>st</sup> century politics is all about development, biotechnology and training. BJP wants to focus on good governance and development. He said few things are extremely important in

politics like decision making, decision implementation, good leadership and visionary leadership.

While comparing the present Congress regime with Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA Government at Center former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said BJP led NDA government was corruption free, accountable and transparent but

community."

Speaking on the occasion BJP General Secretary Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot said that Congress Government is playing politics on the issue of reservation in promotion. He alleged that Congress has a pact with Samajwadi Party which is creating hurdle in passing the bill. He gave his own example and said that BJP is the only



the present government has crossed all the limits and it must be thrown away. Opposing the FDI in retail sector Shri Singh said that in a country where farmers are committing suicide, FDI in retail sector could not be a good step. He added "Numbers of poor are increasing in this neo-liberal regime. We should take preventive measures to eradicate poverty as most of the poor come from scheduled caste

party where Scheduled Caste community is given appropriate representation and hold important positions.

National President of BJP Scheduled Caste Morcha Shri Dushyant Gautam said this corrupt Congress Government has not given the Scheduled Caste community anything other than deceit and poverty. Today almost 70% of the Scheduled Caste population in India lives

under poverty. According to UNICEF India is leading the world in malnutrition among the children and around 4,700 children under the age of five die every day. He added that under the regime of the UPA government inflation has grown uncontrollably. Petrol prices have been increased from time to time and have reached a record high.

A poor man is not even getting food to eat. Wheat storage is not being maintained properly due to which huge amounts of wheat is being wasted. This is the result of poor policy making of the UPA government.

Independent India has seen scams like 2G, Commonwealth and now Coalgate during this UPA government. This corrupt government should be overthrown immediately.

BJP Spokesperson and former BJP SC Morcha President Shri Ram Nath Kovid presented the resolution in which it was said that congress is always misrepresenting facts. He quoted data of Below Poverty Line (BPL) and said how it is possible that in a country with such an inflation rate, 32 rupees is bench mark for below poverty line. It was said that Central government has reserved 15% of seats for Scheduled caste in government jobs but since the last 9 years the Central Government has not been able to fill the reserved posts for the SC population. (FOC) ■

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'crown' and to continue working with the sense of citizenship by becoming an ordinary subject. It is for these reasons it appears that he had divine attributes. Had there been no divine attributes it would not be possible to continuously tour as ordinary citizen to look after the work of King. Basically he was a harbinger of social change. It was the divine inspiration that took him where family of his brother lived – his native village in Mysore. And he left his body while doing *pranayam* in Raipur which was also his place of birth. It is also interesting to note that one and half months back he also went to Jabalpur from where he earned his engineering degree. It was not a coincidence but a result of divine attributes that he went to his native village and also met everyone. After that he went to his place of education and also went to the programme of the family of which each and every member is engaged in the Sangh work. There also he met all new and old people. Then he went to Raipur where he was born. He left his body in the place where God had given him the body. These are not ordinary things, such things happen when someone is extraordinary. Truly, he was extraordinary. ■

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BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari joins the Yatra in Ambaji

On Monday 17th September 2012 Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra continued its journey from temple town of Ambaji. BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari was also present on the occasion and he lauded the development in Gujarat under Shri Narendra Modi. He Stated that the development of Gujarat has been noticed by the entire world. He also took on the UPA for their flawed policies. Speaking on the occasion Shri Modi said that the Congress has betrayed the spirit of democracy by being only bothered about getting votes to enjoy power. On the occasion Shri Modi announced creation of new district of Aravalli and a new Taluka of Poshina.

L.K Advani joins Yatra in Bhuj

On September 21 Former Deputy Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Shri LK Advani joined the Yatra. He shared anecdotes of his relation with Kutch and paid rich tributes to Swami Vivekananda. Shri Modi thanked Advani ji for gracing the Yuva Parishad with his presence despite the heated political atmosphere in Delhi. Several other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Addressing a packed Vivekananda Yuva Parishad gathering in Bhuj, Shri Narendra Modi ripped into the policies of the UPA Government. Quoting former USA President Abraham Lincoln's phrase, Shri Modi affirmed that in the wake of the events in Assam and the Centre's decision to roll in FDI in retail, Dr. Manmohan Singh has modified it and given a new definition of the UPA as a Government OF THE FOREIGNERS, BY THE FOREIGNERS AND FOR THE FOREIGNERS! ■



sources said.

In Bhubaneswar, the BJP Karyakartas blocked roads and picketed at different places in a bid to make the bandh a success. However, the common people of the State spontaneously supported the Bandh called by the NDA. Shops, business establishments and commercial centers automatically downed their shutter in support of the bandh in major cities and towns including Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Cuttack, Jaipur, Parlakhmundi, Balasore, Baripada, Bhadrak, Jagatsinghpur and Puri.

#### JAMMU & KASHMIR

BJP activist beat drums and shouted slogans during Bharat Bandh to protest over FDI in multi-brand retail and increase in diesel prices in Jammu & Kashmir. Markets, public transport and other businesses remained closed in Jammu city.

Like other parts of the country attendance in government offices, banks, post offices and government-run educational institutions remained thin. Peaceful protests were held at many places in Jammu city. Reports from



rural areas in adjoining districts also indicated the Bandh had adversely affected life there.

In the Kashmir Valley, the normal life was badly hit by Bharat Bandh call. Educational institutions, markets, public transport, banks, post offices and government offices remained closed.

#### WEST BENGAL

Life in the Kolkata city and elsewhere in West Bengal was disrupted by a 12-hour bandh called by BJP led NDA to protest against the anti people steps of the Congress led UPA government at the Centre.

Train services in Eastern Railway and South Eastern Railway were disrupted, officials said. Eastern Railway spokesperson said that train

services on Howrah division of ER were disrupted as Karyakartas and bandh supporters blocked rail tracks at several stations. Even services of the underground Metro rail, the city's lifeline, were also disrupted. Air services were also hit in the morning in Kolkata.

Buses and taxis were mostly off the roads in view of their 72-hour strike started on September 20 in support of fare price hike. The strike coincides with NDA's Bharat Bandh over the same issue. Educational institutions, shops and business establishments were by and large closed in the city.

Interacting with media persons during the bandh BJP National General Secretary Shri Vijay Goel demanded that there should be an immediate survey to determine the subsidised LPG cylinder requirements of the poor. Shri Goel, who led a procession in Kolkata during the bandh, also demanded complete roll back of the hike in diesel price and scrapping of FDI in multi-brand retail.

#### MEGHALAYA

BJP activists were detained in Meghalaya when they were asking shopkeepers to close the shutters in view of a bandh called by them to protest FDI in multi-brand retail and diesel price hike. BJP General Secretary Shri Dipayan Chakraborty along with 26 party volunteers were picked up by the police while asking shopkeepers to down shutters in Shillong.

Public transport, city transport vehicles and taxis off the roads during the bandh. Banks, markets, shops and educational institutions were closed, with government offices recording low attendance, reports said.

The BJP led NDA bandh was also being supported by the opposition National People's Party and the Federation of Khasi Jaintia and Garo People.

#### KERALA

The dawn-to-dusk Bharat Bandh called by BJP led NDA to protest hike in diesel prices and curtail LPG subsidy was near total in Kerala. Reports from different districts said the hartal was successful in majority of the districts and common people participated in a large number.

Transporters kept the vehicles out of the roads and shops and hotels remained closed.

## HIMACHAL PRADESH

An almost complete bandh was observed in Himachal Pradesh on 20 September on the call given by the NDA and other opposition parties. The protest was total with shops and commercial establishments remaining closed for the entire day, said the BJP activists. Essential services, educational institutions, banks and State transport services remained undisturbed and there were no reports of any untoward incident.

The BJP held a rally outside the District Magistrate's office. BJP National General Secretary Shri JP Nadda led the protesters who included a number of sitting and former MLAs.

## ANDHRA PRADESH

The nation-wide shutdown called by the BJP led opposition to protest hike in diesel price, cap on subsidized LPG cylinders and FDI in retail by the Congress led UPA II government evoked near total response in Andhra Pradesh. Former BJP National President Shri M. Venkaiya Naidu led the protest movement along with other senior leaders in Hyderabad. Other senior State leaders led the bandh in other cities and district places.

Buses of State-owned Andhra Pradesh State



Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) went off the roads in most parts of the State. The road transport came to a grinding halt with over four lakh trucks across the State joining the 24-hour strike since midnight. A section of auto-rickshaw drivers in Hyderabad and other towns too joined the strike. Shops, business establishments and educational institutions were closed in several parts of Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Guntur, Nellore, Tirupati, Kurnool, Karimnagar and other cities and towns of the State.

Thousands of BJP Karyakartas courted arrest

during the bandh in various parts of the State. Police also arrested scores of BJP supporters who were trying to stop buses and forcing shops to down shutters.

In Hyderabad, almost all schools and colleges were closed. The RTC was running few buses while three-wheelers were off the road. Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS), the biggest bus station in the State capital wore a deserted look with RTC suspending bus services from districts.

## TAMIL NADU

Traders, small, medium and big, responded in a big way to call by BJP led NDA for a general strike against the nod given by the Union government for the entry of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the retail sector, hike in diesel price and rationing of domestic gas cylinders, as the day-long protest remained incident free in Tamil Nadu.

BJP along with almost all political parties, including the DMK, an ally of the Congress-led UPA, supported the strike call. Mostly leaders and Karyakartas of BJP participated in direct action in various parts of the State.

BJP State President Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan, former BJP State President Shri L. Ganesan and others were arrested for staging road roko on Anna Salai. Thousands of BJP workers and party functionaries were taken into custody across the State. They were released in the evening.

In Chennai, the bandh remained peaceful, even though barring medical shops, the near-total participation of traders had a huge impact. Even restaurants, which normally keep away from strikes and bandh, put up the shutters.

Lorry owners too joined the bandh and 70 per cent of the 10,000 vehicles transporting goods in and out of the city stayed off the roads demanding a rollback of diesel price hike. Around 10,000 members of Tamil Nadu Hotels Association joined in the bandh to protest the stringent penalty clauses and standards prescribed in the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Several hotels, tea stalls, sweet stalls, restaurants and bakeries remained closed till 4 p.m.

In cities like in Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirapalli, Tiruchi, Karur, Pudukottai, Perambalur and Ariyalur etc the Bharat Bandh was also successful. The BJP members also protested in Hosur and Krishnagiri ■

## GUJARAT

## CM announces Mission *Balam Sukham* to combat malnutrition

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Panchayati Raj Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a *Sarpanch Mahasammelan* in Gandhinagar. *Sarpanchs* from across the State attended the programme. Addressing the gathering Shri Modi announced the setting up of Mission *Balam Sukham*, the Gujarat State Nutrition Mission to combat malnutrition across the State. He declared that the Government would make Gujarat free of malnutrition. He also presented cheques of Rs. 2 lakh initial grant to villages to implement this programme.

The Chief Minister termed Panchayati Raj as an essential step in the history of Independent India and told about the Samras Gram and Tirth Gram initiatives of the State. Speaking about the *Jyotigram Yojana*, Shri Modi recalled that when he first assumed office people requested for electricity so that they may be able to have the evening meal but said that with *Jyotigram Yojana* it has gone much beyond that. Shri Modi said that when 19 States and 60 crore people of India were in darkness the world took note of Gujarat as the State that was bright and shining. He also added that a lot became possible in education with *Jyotigram Yojana* most notable long distance education and computers.

The Chief Minister also spoke on how round the clock electricity enhanced income opportunities for villages. Shri Modi said that while in the first 40 years a total of 10 lakh houses were built, the State Government gave 22 lakh houses in the last decade and is also taking on the responsibility of rebuilding those houses built earlier that were of poor quality. He said the government is determined to give everyone *Pukka* houses and said that if there was anyone with a *Kuccha* house, their photo along with the occupant should be taken and submitted to the authorities. Shri Modi sought the cooperation of the *Sarpanchs* to ensure that all these houses are equipped with toilet facilities.

On that occasion Shri Narendra Modi reaffirmed the Gujarat Government's *Mantra* of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. BJP Gujarat Prabhari Shri Balbir Punj, BJP National Vice-President Shri Purushottam Rupala, BJP National Mahila Morcha President Smt. Smriti Irani and other senior leaders of the party and ministers attended the programme.

## UTTAR PRADESH

## Six month rule of Samajwadi Party disgusting : Laxmikant Bajpai

Launching a blistering attack on the six-month rule of the Samajwadi Party, State Bharatiya Janata Party President Shri Laxmikant Bajpai said it was disgusting as the government ruling the State was a conglomeration of five Cs—corrupt, confused, communal, compartmentalized and crime-oriented people. Addressing a press conference in Lucknow, Shri Laxmikant Bajpai said if the Akhilesh Yadav government had done anything praiseworthy, it was only on communal front.

"The SP government has worked only for a particular community, which is against the Constitution. Members of this community have gone berserk on many occasions and during the six-month rule of the SP, the State has witnessed six communal riots with curfew continuing for several weeks at some places," he said.

Citing the example of Ghaziabad violence that took place on September 14, Shri Bajpai said despite having full knowledge of the violence, the police and local administration remained inactive for several hours only to appease a particular community. He demanded transfer of all erring police and administrative officials from Ghaziabad.

The BJP State President said that be it wheat procurement, power sector, medical and health or law and order, the SP government had failed miserably to deliver good. "There has been a vast difference between the words of the government functionaries and their deeds and all hopes and expectations of the people from SP government have been dashed," Shri Bajpai said.

Taking a pot shot at Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav for his claim of providing "freedom" to people from fear, the BJP State President said that terrorists lodged in jails were getting freedom as the SP government was freeing them one by one.

"During the last six months, 799 murders,

158 rapes, 822 cases of loot and 62 cases of abduction have taken place in the State. These figures show complete collapse of law and order in the State," Shri Bajpai said.

## CHHATTISGARH

### Chhattisgarh first State to have pension for unorganised workers

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh launched the nation's first pension scheme for unorganised workers in the construction sector. Named the Chief Minister's Construction Worker Self-Reliance Pension Scheme, it is among three other schemes launched by him on Vishwakarma Puja and State Labour Day for the welfare of workers in the State.

Addressing a massive gathering of construction workers at the newly-constructed Agricultural Produce Marketing Yard Raipur, Dr. Singh Stated that employees in the organised sector of the country invariably get to receive some or the other financial security. Chhattisgarh is the country's first State to launch a slew of welfare schemes for unorganised workers in the construction sector with a view to improving the quality of life of the work force, he said.

He said that the State Government has earmarked a sum of 150 crore for the implementation of schemes targeted at the welfare of unorganised workers in the construction sector. "It is the aim of the Chhattisgarh Government to bring a smile to the faces of the people coming from the lowermost economic strata of the society," the Chief Minister said.

Dr. Singh, while launching another major scheme on the occasion, Stated that the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme would be fully implemented within the next three months benefiting 56 lakh families. The scheme, while making no differentiation between the rich and poor, will offer health care facilities to beneficiary families on the basis of a 'Smart Card' amounting to Rs 30,000 in registered Government and private hospitals of the State.

The pension scheme would be implemented by the State Labour Department, Chhattisgarh Bhavan and other labour welfare bodies in the State, all the workers in the unorganised construction sector between the ages of 18 and 55

years will be included in the pension scheme. The scheme would comprise payment of an annual premium of ₹200 with the eligibility of receiving a pension of ₹1,000 after attaining the age of 50 years.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister presented a cheque of ₹1 crore to the Life Insurance Corporation of India for the launch of the Pension Scheme. Dr Singh also launched the Chief Minister's Construction Labourers Skill Development and Family Empowerment Scheme. Under the scheme, workers aged between 18 and 50 years will be imparted training to hone their professional skills for finding suitable jobs in the construction sector. The Chief Minister launched two other schemes under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Unorganised Worker State Social Security Board.

## JHARKHAND

### Congress has become a party of thieves and robbers : Goswami

The BJP State president Shri Dineshanand Goswami has said Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay should be sent to Tihar Jail for managing a coal block for his brother Sudhir. Addressing party Karyakartas in Lohardaga Shri Goswami said, "The Congress has become a party of thieves and robbers. UPA-II is gifting price hike and scam after scam to the common people as value to their precious votes," he said.

He also criticised the Congress and counted failures of UPA Government. He said CAG had estimated a loss of Rs 1.86 lakh crore to State exchequer in coalblock allotment and Rs 1.76 lakh crore in 2G spectrum if these schemes had followed Government procedure honestly.

This huge amount of money could have been used in infrastructure development in the rural backward parts like Jharkhand. 'If corrupt culprits like Kalmadi, A Raja and Kanimozhi went to Tihar for the involvement in scams, why not Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who was involved in coal scam be given the same place!'

Shri Goswami said skyrocketing price hike has given common man extra burden which is affecting their monthly budget. He criticized Congress led UPA Government's decision of foreign investment in retail sector of Indian market and said this will increase unemployment. ■