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*Either being slain you will attain the heavenly worlds or by gaining victory you will enjoy the Earth, therefore, O Arjuna, confident of success rise up and fight.*

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 37)

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"We are the principal Opposition party and we have a role to play to see that the interests of the people are protected. Are we cheerleaders that we will keep clapping for you (Congress) and you (Congress) continue to indulge in corruption."

–Rajnath Singh

"While Congress is immersed in Bhakti of one family after 1947, BJP is immersed in Bharat Bhakti, the Bhakti of 125 crore Indians! For BJP, India's youth are not just voters but they are the Nation's power & strength. I appeal all youngsters to register to vote and understand their strength in the form of vote."

–Narendra Modi

## Navaratri (October 05-13, 2013 Saturday)

Navratri is a festival dedicated to the worship of Goddess Maa Durga/ Shakti. The word Navaratri literally means nine nights. During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms of Shakti/Devi are worshipped. **Like in First Navratri – Shailputri, Second Navratri – Bhramcharini, Third Navratri – Chandraghanta, Fourth Navratri – Kushmanda, Fifth Navratri – Skandmata, Sixth Navratri – Kaatyayani, Seventh Navratri – Kaalratri, Eighth Navratri – Mahagauri and Ninth Navratri – Siddhiratri are worshipped.** The tenth day is commonly celebrated as Vijayadashami or "Dussehra".

Navratri is a very important and major festival in all parts of the country. In the western States of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat it is the principal festival of the year and during which the traditional dance of Gujarat "Garba" is widely performed.

This festival is celebrated with great zeal in North Indian States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and performances of the Ramlila are the major attractions. The Dussehra of Kullu in Himachal Pradesh is particularly famous in the North India.

The large procession of Goddess Chamundeshwari on a golden throne mounted on several well decorated elephants in Mysore, Karnataka is the main attraction of the Navratri festival in South India.

In Eastern India particularly in Jharkhand, Assam, West Bengal and Odisha Hindus believe that it is lucky to start a new venture, project during Navratri or on Dussehra. So people and particularly the business community celebrate it as the New Year. The Sharad Navaratri culminates in Durga Puja and Dussehra. ■





## Not only party but entire nation decides in favour of Narendra Modi

It may be a delayed but a perfect decision. Everyone knew this was going to happen. The question was when? The decision which was supposed to be made has been done. It was supposed to be made because the people of the country wanted this to happen. No one can go against what the people of this country want. Those who might have read 'Time' would be knowing that time doesn't belong to those who does not belong to the time. It is good that BJP has recognised the time. They have deeply studied the pulse of the people and need of the hour. Here a question may be raised whether BJP has become a personality centric party?

But we all know that in the year 1995 in the Azad Maidan of Mumbai Shri Lal Krishna Advani had himself declared the then senior BJP leader Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee as BJP Prime Ministerial candidate. Nation wants to know the performance and personality of the leadership. The personality of Narendra Modi is BJP and his performance is Gujarat. It is not hidden, it is known to all. He realised the dreams of Gujarat and gave a new hope for the future of India. Even a taxi driver in Chennai started saying, "Humko, desh ko, Modi Chahiye" (I and country want Modi) at the time when BJP has no strong support base in the State. But Shri Modi was able to make his place in the heart of the taxi wallahs in Chennai even while being in BJP.

Even in the place where BJP had no reach, Atalji had reached. A person joins a person and organisation expands. Today the kind of Prime Minister the country needs, that kind of personality only Shri Narendra Modi represents. No party has a personality like him. It is a political joke to compare Congress Vice President Shri Rahul Gandhi with Shri Narendra Modi. Today Shri Narendra Modi cannot even be compared with Smt. Sonia Gandhi. Therefore the surveys so far have shown Rahul Gandhi a pygmy before Shri Narendra Modi and Congress should itself think whether Rahul can be projected as their prime ministerial candidate or not. The sentiments of the common men, assessment of different surveys, country's desire, party's desire, desire of the supporters - only and only Narendra Modi! Narendra Modi!! He has been a pracharak of Rashtriya Sayamsevak Sangh. He is single in his life and remains engaged in studies. He thinks about the nation, time and situation. While becoming chief minister of Gujarat for the fourth time he led the State to the height of development and with his political acumen he became the leading light of the nation.

This was the reason that all the members of the BJP Parliamentary Board including BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh accepted and appreciated unhesitatingly and put stamp on the decision that Shri Narendra Modi will be our Prime Ministerial candidate. People repeatedly take the name of RSS and they should do so because Shri Narendra Modi is firstly a Sayamsevak to the core and whatever success he has got has immense contribution of the *samskaras* of RSS. Neither he nor Sangh can deny this. Sangh is the strong carrier of the immortal-indefatigable Indian culture and the declaration of Indianness. It is the *panchjanya* of Krishna. It is *samidha* of the nation. He is brought up in the *samsakar*as of commitment and devotion; he has been enriched by these qualities.

One will have to salute the courage of BJP and Shri Rajnath Singh ji will have to be congratulated for giving shape to the humble sentiments of the people by taking everyone along. A person having same stature cannot do this. The person who has before him the nation's interest, party's interest as foremost and self interest last can become the torchbearer of this kind of decisions. Therefore Shri Rajnath Singh also as

leader of the party deserves to be congratulated for this decision. His open statement that Shri Narendra Modi is the most popular leader of India so he will speak before him only shows liberal political outlook. It is the need of hour that liberalism is appreciated in politics and given importance. If country survives we all will survive. Today the country is passing through a thorny path. In the country there is UPA government in power but it has nothing to do with the nation. The Prime Minister of Dr. Manmohan Singh has become a toy in the hands of the Congress. This is the reason that after returning from his foreign tour

he said that 2014 elections would be fought under the leadership of Shri Rahul Gandhi and I am ready to work under his leadership. Such helpless words should not come from the Prime Minister. India's Prime Minister should not look helpless. The helpless Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh by showing his helplessness has denigrated the office of the prime minister.

This is why the country needs unhindered development filled with immense possibilities. When the aspirations of making a glorious India awakened with its self pride and having self confidence comes in the mind of the people and when they move

forward in that direction then only one thing comes to the fore that the country now only needs Shri Narendra Modi. Though the Congressmen may not say it openly but in their private talks they also concede that Shri Narendra Modi is a kind of person in whom people see the credibility of India safe and this is the time when he is most required in the chair of the Prime Minister. Congress may oppose him tooth and nail but in its inner conscience they also feel that nation is first and Congress next. And anyone who considers nation first will say that Shri Narendra Modi should become the Prime Minister of India. ■

BJP launches poll campaign in Delhi

## Party will surely end 14 years 'Vanvas' in Delhi : Rajnath singh

**S**ounding off the conch from the Talkatora Stadium on September 17, the Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party launched its election campaign in the presence of senior party functionaries including National President Shri Rajnath Singh, former BJP Presidents Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and Deputy Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad.

Shri .Singh, who formally launched the Delhi BJP's election campaign, made it clear to party workers that he wanted the unity of the party intact for the upcoming Assembly elections. He asked that small issues be set aside and the party work hard in order to unseat the Congress Government. "The

party will surely end the 14-year 'vanvas' (exile) in Delhi and come to power," he said, referring to the three consecutive terms won by the Congress Government.

Shri Rajnath Singh highlighted the importance of Delhi Assembly polls and said that victory in these polls was crucial for the party. "Delhi is the heart of the country. So we need to conquer the heart in order to register a win at the national stage," he said.

Delhi poll in-charge and former National President Shri Nitin Gadkari called for support from party workers to shake up the sleeping Congress Government and made it clear to those eyeing party tickets that only those who will be able to win elections will

be preferred.

"Only those who will be able to win elections will get a ticket. One chair can only accommodate one person. There are 70 seats in Delhi and 1,200 contenders. It is obvious not everybody can be accommodated. Do not be angry if you do not get a ticket," he said. Shri Gadkari also sent out a strong signal against infighting among the party ranks and said: "All of you should unite so the BJP can come back with a two-thirds majority."

Noting that the decision of former NCP leader Shri Ramvir Singh Bidhuri to join the BJP was detrimental to the Congress party, Delhi party President Shri Vijay Goel welcomed him to the party.

## Nation is very proud of our servicemen, who make sacrifices for the nation : Narendra Modi

**S**hri Narendra Modi delivered his first speech after being announced as the BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate for the 2014 Lok Sabha elections at the ex-servicemen rally in Rewari, Haryana on September 15. Shri Modi spoke out against being selective on the issue of terror and called for fighting wars against poverty, lack of education and blind faith. He urged Pakistan to embrace the path of peace and leave the path of bombs because it has not done any good to the people, especially the youth and the poor. "From the land of Mahatma Gandhi, let us give a message of peace to the world," declared Shri Modi.

BJP Prime Ministerial candidate Shri Narendra Modi shared that it is his honour to be present at this historic gathering of ex-servicemen and other well-wishers, where lakhs of people gathered to listen to Shri Modi. He said that he is feeling more special being here than he did when the BJP declared him as their PM candidate for 2014 elections. Paying tributes to India's brave soldiers Shri Modi remarked, "Be it any battle, it is the soldiers who make sacrifices. One cannot imagine their courage, the courage that is there in this land." Shri Modi added that the nation is very proud of its servicemen. He congratulated the scientists of India for the successful launch of Agni V missile earlier today, saying that getting good news like this in

the last decade has become extremely rare.

During his speech Narendrabhai shared personal anecdotes of his desire to serve in the Army but could not sit in the exam due to financial constraints and how he volunteered to give tea and snacks to soldiers during the 1965 India-Pakistan war. He added that years later in 1995 the BJP gave him the responsibility of North Indian

kindness with which they save lives during times of natural calamities." He lauded the work of the armed forces in the wake of the Uttarakhand floods and noted that nobody can forget the work done by the army in the aftermath of the 2001 Kutch earthquake.

The Chief Minister described the armed forces as epitomizing the true nature of secularism. He said, "Votebank politics has reached new lows



states like Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, which is when he got to visit cantonments and meet officers. He opined that it is some divine indication that out of all this ex-serviceman rally became his first public meeting after the PM announcement, even though the public meeting was planned long before that.

Paying more tributes to the Army Shri Modi pointed, "The level of toughness with which our armed forces deal with enemy nations is same as the level of compassion and

and society is being divided. I want to tell those who divide the nation in the name of secularism- to see real secularism, see the army. We can learn the true essence of secularism from our armed forces and I salute our armed forces for upholding the 'Aan', 'Baan' and 'Shaan' of secularism." He recalled that right from 1857 Hindus and Muslims fought shoulder to shoulder and this tradition still goes on in the Army. However, he spoke against the decision to count the religious demographics of the army under

the Sachar Committee report and lauded the army officials who stood their ground and did not let it happen.

Expressing concern at the reduced interest among youngsters to join the army, Shri Modi pointed that educated youngsters must get drawn towards the forces because the nature of war is changing where aspects like technology are becoming more important.

Shri Modi spoke about the 'One Rank, One Pension' issue that has been a very important issue for the ex-servicemen community. He called for a White Paper on the issue and said that if the NDA Government under Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee would have returned to power in 2004, Atal ji would have found a way to this. He also talked about welfare of disabled servicemen and creating opportunities for retired servicemen so that the nation can gain out of their skills and discipline. He gave the example of how he sought the assistance of ex-serviceman in Gujarat to curb power theft.

Stressing on the need to become self sufficient in defence production, Narendra Modi questioned the reason why such a skilled nation has to get defence equipment from outside. "Delhi is not interested in Army welfare, they are more bothered about the next tender," avowed the Chief Minister. He spoke of a dream of India exporting arms to the world. Shri Modi recalled that becoming self sufficient in defence equipment production is beneficial because it frees us from being bound by the foreign policies of the nations that are selling arms to us.

Taking on the ambivalent attitude of the Centre and other members of the political class towards the issues affecting the armed forces Shri Modi remarked, "When we were praising the work of our soldiers in Uttarakhand, Pakistan was killing our soldiers. And see the misfortune, the defence minister said people dressed in Pakistan army uniform came. Imagine how our soldiers would feel. Delhi remained unbothered. For them, such events keep happening. Then a Minister said people join the army so die...what can be worse? If one cannot cry for the soldiers and is stone hearted let it be but do not insult our soldiers please."

**Narendra Modi opined that the armed forces and their welfare is not a priority for the Centre. He remarked that whenever he celebrates Diwali, he does so with Jawans on Gujarat's India-Pakistan border. He also talked about the Gujarat Government's decision to build a pipeline that carries drinking water for the Jawans in Kutch. Shri Modi also shared that the Gujarat government has built a war memorial and has put it on the tourist map as well. Shri Modi remarked that reasons behind the issues around the crisis we are facing do not lie in the army but they lie in Delhi, which is why answers must be sought from Delhi.**

Shri Modi spoke about the inherent dangers that come with terrorism and noted that the nature of war has now changed. "More than wars we are being troubled by proxy wars like

terrorism and Maoism," affirmed Shri Modi. He called for a strong and united voice against terror. Shri Modi recalled that when the world was discussing only the issue of who Kashmir belongs to, it was Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee who brought the attention of the world to the issue of terrorism. In a clear message to Pakistan, Shri Modi stated that instead of guns and bombs, Pakistan should attempt not to make their land a home for terror. "You may be anti-India by birth but your existence cannot be anti-India." Shri Modi spoke against cross-border terror, saying it does not help anybody.

He talked about the close ties between Gujarat and Haryana. During his speech, Shri Modi urged the youngsters to take up voter registration in a big way and even urged farmers to contribute their agriculture implements in the building of the Statue of Unity, which is a tribute to Sardar Patel.

Former Chief of Army Staff General VK Singh affirmed that the Indian soldier serves with the motto of 'Nation First, Always and Every time' and he praised the courage and bravery of the Indian soldier. He pointed that a nation that does not respect its soldiers cannot move ahead. General Singh's wife was also present on the occasion.

A speech was made by former Uttarakhand CM Shri BC Khanduri where he took on the UPA on the issues of corruption, price rise and a lackluster attitude towards the nation's security. Lakhs of people were present to hear Shri Modi speak. ■ (FOC)

# SP rule witnesses worst communal riots in recent memory

Communal riots in Muzaffarnagar district of Uttar Pradesh have left more than 48 people dead and approximately 100 injured. Around 43000 have taken shelter in refugee camps. The riots that took place between Hindus and Muslims have been described as the worst violence in UP in recent memory. Clashes between Hindus and Muslims in Shamli and Muzaffarnagar began on 27 August 2013. The killing of the three youths in Kawal village has become immediate cause of the riots.

Headlines today uncovered the truth behind riots. According to Headlines Today, on August 27 when a boy was



killed for harassing a teen in Kawal village and then his alleged killers were lynched too, police caught all the suspects.

## Rajnath meets President, demands President rule in UP



The Bharatiya Janata Party on September 22 demanded President's Rule in Uttar Pradesh and a probe by a Supreme Court-appointed judge in Muzaffarnagar communal riots.

"Lawlessness is prevailing in Uttar Pradesh. There is an emergency-like situation and no government exists in the state. So, we have demanded the President's Rule," the BJP president Shri Rajnath Singh said after meeting President Pranab Mukherjee.

BJP National President Rajnath Singh along with 50 MPs and MLAs from Uttar Pradesh met President Pranab Mukherjee over Muzaffarnagar riots. He demanded that chief minister Akhilesh Yadav's government be

dismissed and also wanted a probe by a Supreme Court-appointed judge into the recent communal clashes there. Shri Singh wanted immediate imposition of President's rule in UP, alleging that the state government had failed to take effective actions in controlling communal violence. Shri Singh along with other leaders including Smt. Uma Bharati, BJP leader in UP assembly Shri Hukum Singh, BJP State President Shri Laxmikant Bajpayee and Satyapal Malik, submitted a memorandum to the President. ■

Then, all eight were let off under pressure from UP government's Cabinet Minister Azam Khan. In a sting operation local inspector admitted that the DM and the SSP surrounded the village and sent a police search team. The rioters were caught that night".

Under political pressure administration let off main 8 culprits. It was Circle Officer J.R. Joshi Joshi who detained eight people for disturbing communal harmony and alleged double murders. This unfortunate incident forced Hindus to call Mahapanchayat against administration for not taking action under political pressure. Clashes between the two communities occurred at low frequencies for the next two weeks. Around 2000 Hindus returning from the Mahapanchayat held at Kawwal were ambushed by a Muslim mob armed with assault rifles and other sophisticated weapons near Jolly Canal on 7 September.

The mobs had set fire on 18 tractor trollies and 3 motorbikes. According to the eyewitness accounts, the bodies were dumped into the canal. Survivors of the Jolly Canal incident added that the policemen who were watching the assault did not help the victims, as they had said that 'they do not have orders to act'. This Jolly canal incident aroused people to go on a rampage against the assailants with the claim that the latter were responsible for the killings. This led to the riots, which killed around 48 people (including a news reporter and a photographer).

## 5,676 small and big riots in 2012 under Samajwadi Party rule in UP

The latest report of National Crime Record Bureau, which works under the Ministry of Home Affairs, states that Uttar Pradesh witnessed 5,676 small and big riots in 2012 against 5,022 in 2011, when Mayawati was the chief minister. More damning is the chief minister's own police department records which show that the Akhilesh government, in its last one-and-a-half-year rule, has been soft towards rioters. While 28,018 people had been arrested by the police in 2011 for rioting, only 15,457 people were arrested in 2012.

The lukewarm response to the perpetrators of riots was seen on August 17 last year when Lucknow, Allahabad and Kanpur were engulfed in violence. Pamphlets claiming victimisation of members of a minority community were said to have triggered the riots. The police did not touch rioters for mysterious reasons.

The casualties occurred before the Army was deployed and a curfew was imposed in Muzaffarnagar and its surrounding Shamli district.

Even with the curfew and use of army the clashes continued for the next three days, with casualties. A state home department official said that 38 people have died in Muzaffarnagar, 3 in Baghpat and one each in Saharanpur and Meerut.

Still, alleged culprits are roaming free and Samajwadi Government has arrested innocents BJP MLAs. They have no role in this violence. Sting operation exposed Azam Khan in riots. Sting operation has proved that UP Government's minister Azam Khan ordered officers letting off culprits. Still Samajwadi party Government in UP has not fired Azam Khan from ministry and FIR is not also lodged against the minister.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Rajnath Singh

was denied permission to visit riot-hit areas. He accused the Samajwadi Party (SP) government of selectively targeting his party leaders. He wanted to meet the families of the victims and take stock of the situation. But the district administration denied him permission.

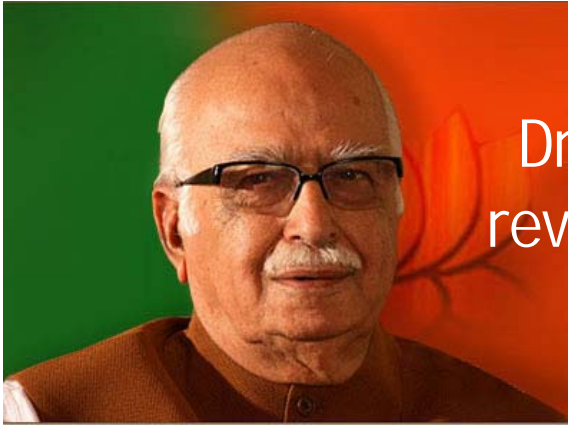
He said the recent sting operation carried by news channels has proved that those in power in UP had a role in violence.

"The SP and the BSP want to gain mileage out of the prevailing situation in UP in the Lok Sabha elections," he alleged.

He said he has set up a committee under BJP Legislature Party leader in UP Hukum Singh to prepare a report on the situation in riot-hit areas and the damage caused by the violence.

A BJP delegation led by BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh and National Vice-President Sushree Uma Bharati has met the President of India in New Delhi along with several BJP leaders and submitted a memorandum on the grim scenario in Uttar Pradesh ■





## Dr. Ambedkar's historic revelation about Savarkar

By LK Advani

**I**t was in February 2003 that Swatantryaveer Savarkar's portrait was first put up in the Central Hall of Parliament. The NDA Government was in office at the time; Shri Vajpayee was the Prime Minister, and Shri Manohar Joshi was the Lok Sabha Speaker. Rashtrapati Dr. Abdul Kalam had come to unveil the portrait.

For the first time in Parliament's history, the Congress Party boycotted the Rashtrapati's function. Since then, on every birth Anniversary of Veer Savarkar which falls on May 28, when Members of Parliament come to the Central Hall to pay floral homage to this great freedom fighter, Congress Party MPs boycott the function. The Congress Party has never offered a public explanation for its behaviour. But the unstated reason is that he was one of the accused in the Gandhi Murder Case. The party disregards the fact that the Court which tried the accused in this case sentenced two to death, and others to differing terms of imprisonment, but found Veer Savarkar "Not guilty" and acquitted him.

Two decades after the

assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, Manohar Malgonkar, a well known writer of fictional and non-fictional books decided to write a book based on this grim tragedy of Indian history. The book was to be based on his personal interviews with the accused who had come out of prison after serving their sentences as also the approver Badge who had been pardoned.

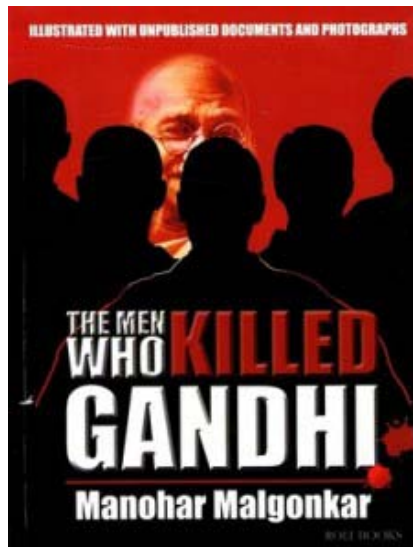
But even before the publication of this book Malgonkar provided his story to one of the most prestigious magazines of those days, *LIFE International*. This magazine's February 1968 issue published

Malgonkar's account along with photographs taken of the homes of the persons mentioned in the write-up.

In 1977, that is nearly thirty years after Gandhiji's assassination that shook the world, Macmillan, London, published Malgonkar's extremely well researched book titled "The Men Who Killed Gandhi". I had read it shortly thereafter.

Presently before me is the 13<sup>th</sup> Edition of the book, published by Roli Books, Delhi, bearing the same original title but with an additional description: "Illustrated with unpublished Documents and Photographs". In this edition, the author Malgonkar says in his introduction:

"In the mid 1960's what with the revelations made by some of those involved in the crime, there were persistent allegations that several people in responsible positions in Mumbai had advance knowledge of the murder plot but had failed to report the information to the police. To determine the truth behind these allegations, the Government had appointed a one-man



Commission headed by Justice K.L. Kapur. It was the report of the findings of this Commission that my friend had sent me.

Now I had a wide-ranging and penetrating report of the commission and all I had to do was to check out the authenticity of my own findings against those of Justice Kapur.

Sure I could still have written my book. But without the help of the Kapur Commission's report I doubt if *The Men Who Killed Gandhi* would have turned out to be so robust, or lived so long.

The book first came out when the country was in the grip of the 'Emergency', and books were subjected to a censorship of the utmost ruthlessness. This made it incumbent upon me to omit certain vital facts such as, for instance, Dr B h i m r a o

Ambedkar's secret assurance to Mr. L.B. Bhopatkar, that his client, Mr V.D. Savarkar had been implicated as a murder-suspect on the flimsiest grounds. Then again, certain other pertinent details such as the 'doctoring' of a confession by a magistrate whose duty it was only to record what was said only came out in later years.

With these and other bits and pieces fitted into their right place I feel confident that this book is now the complete single account of the plot to murder Mahatma



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Gandhi."

Anyone who reads this introduction would appreciate how important it is for the whole nation to know what Dr. Ambedkar revealed to Savarkar's counsel Bhopatkar. I therefore am reproducing excerpts from this edition of the book in that regard.

*"Why were the police so anxious to implicate Savarkar? Was it merely that, having failed in their proper function to arrest Nathuram before he killed Gandhi, they were making a bid to save face by raising the bogey of some sensational plot which involved a big leader who, providentially happened to be in bad odour with the government of the day? Or was that government itself, or some powerful group in it, using the police agency to destroy a rival political organization or at least to destroy a fiercely uncompromising opposition stalwart?"*

*Or, again, was the whole thing a manifestation of some form of phobia peculiar to India, religious, racial, linguistic, or provincial, that made Savarkar a natural target for the venom of some section of society?*

*Whatever it was, Savarkar himself was so conscious of these currents, so convinced that the authorities were determined to take him to court as an accomplice of Nathuram, that when, five days after Gandhi's murder, a police party entered his house he went forward to meet it and asked: 'So you have come to arrest me for Gandhi's*

murder?

*Savarkar being made an accused in the Gandhi-murder trial may well have been an act of political vendetta. Of course, Badge, on his track record is a slippery character and not to be relied upon, but he was most insistent to me that he had been forced to tell lies, and that his pardon and future stipend by the police department in Bombay depended upon his backing the official version of the case and, in particular that, he never saw Savarkar talking to Apte, and never heard him telling them: 'Yeshaswi houn ya.'*

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*While in Delhi for the trial, Bhopatkar had been put up in the Hindu Mahasabha office.*

*Bhopatkar had found it a little puzzling that while specific charges had been made against all the other accused, there was no specific charge against his client.*

*He was pondering about his defence strategy when one morning he was told that he was wanted on the telephone, so he went up to the room in which the telephone was kept, picked up the receiver and identified himself.*

*His caller was Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, who merely said: "Please meet me this evening at the sixth milestone on the Mathura road," but before Bhopatkar could say anything more, put down the receiver.*

*That evening, when Bhopatkar had himself driven to the place indicated he found Ambedkar already waiting, He motioned to Bhopatkar to get into his car which he, Ambedkar himself, was driving. A few minutes later, he stopped the car and told Bhopatkar : There is no real charge against your client; quite worthless evidence has been*

**Before reading this book I did not know that when Savarkar was arrested by the police shortly after Gandhiji's assassination on January 30, 1948, it was an arrest made under the Preventive Detention Act, "one of the most malignant pieces of legislation with which the British had armed themselves when they ruled India."**

**The Bombay police first raided Savarkar's residence near Shivaji Park, seized all his private papers, consisting of 143 files and as many as 10,000 letters.**

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*concocted. Several members of the cabinet were strongly against it, but to no avail. Even Sardar Patel could not go against these orders. But, take it from me, there just is no case. You will win." Who... Jawaharlal Nehru?... But why?"*

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Despite the Congress Party's decision, I am happy that Smt. Meira Kumar, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, has during her tenure turned up some times to pay homage to the great revolutionary. One of my earlier blogs had urged the Congress Parliamentary Party to reconsider its attitude. Shri

Shinde is today not only the Home Minister but also the Leader of the Lok Sabha. I wish the Hon'ble Speaker and Shri Shinde took a fresh initiative to correct a patent but serious lapse.

**TAILPIECE**

Before reading this book I did not know that when Savarkar was arrested by the police shortly after Gandhiji's assassination on January 30, 1948, it was an arrest made under the Preventive Detention Act, "one of the most malignant pieces of legislation with which the British had armed themselves when they ruled India."

The Bombay police first raided Savarkar's residence near Shivaji Park, seized all his private papers, consisting of 143 files and as many as 10,000 letters.

Malgonkar comments : "There was no evidence at all. What was known (from those papers) was the affiliation of the conspirators to the Hindu Mahasabha and their personal veneration for Savarkar.

The author concludes:

"He was sixty-four years old, and had been ailing for a year or more. He was detained on 6 February 1948, and remained in prison for the whole of the year which the investigation and the trial took. He was adjudged 'not guilty' on 10 February 1949. The man who had undergone twenty-six years of imprisonment or detention under the British for his part in India's struggle for freedom was thus slung back into jail for another year the moment that freedom came." ■

# Diluting Nuclear Supplier's Liability

By Arun Jaitley

A news item appeared in the national newspaper "The Hindu" on September 3, 2013 to the effect that Government of India is planning to permit the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) to enter into arrangement with American nuclear vendors wherein the written contract between the NPCL and the American vendors would contain a clause to the effect that the operator NPCIL has abdicated and waived off the 'right of recourse' as provided under section 17 of the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act. The news item stated that this stand was based on the opinion of the Attorney General for India, to the effect that section 17 of the Act expressly provided for a contract in writing and it was the operator to choose an incorporation in such a contract which itself may exclude the 'right to recourse'.

The Government of India under pressure from the nuclear vendors wanted to eliminate the 'right of recourse'. The original Bill as introduced in the Lok Sabha was referred to the Standing Committee contained a provision in section 17 which made it mandatory for the light of recourse to emanate from a willful act of gross negligence. Section 17(b) as originally drafted made it a pre-requisite for the exercise of the right of recourse that the act of the suppliers must be willful act which resulted in a tort. This

provision was referred to the Standing Committee. The Government of India entered into negotiations with the Opposition parties and particularly with the principal Opposition party, the BJP. A series of amendments were suggested by the BJP to the Government. I was a privy to these discussions.

Section 17(b) was re-written and a consensus language arrived at which introduced the principle of strict liability. A

discussion on the subject the word 'and' was introduced in the report of the Standing Committee. It was a shabbily done exercise where the word 'and' was not in the original draft of the Standing Committee report which was circulated to the members. It was added as a stapled page as an after-thought replacing the original page of the Standing Committee's recommendations. I had strongly objected to this on the

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willful act or gross negligence of the supplier was not necessary if it could be demonstrated that the equipment supplied by the supplier had a patent or latent defect or that the services rendered were sub-standard. This altered language which was amongst various alternative suggestions to the Government was much to the discomfort of the vendors. Even though clauses 17(a) and 17(b) of the Bill were independent of each other - one not being dependent on the other - without any

ground that section 17(a) and 17(b) of the Bill were distinct from one another. The exercise of the operators right of recourse could not be made dependent on an agreement in writing if there was a patent or latent defect in the equipment. The efficacy and utility of clause 17(b) was completely destroyed by the supplier if the right of recourse was dependent on an agreement in writing which could result in abdication of this right.

The UPA Government's bluff on this issue was called off.

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## Narendra Modi declared BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate

"I bow to *Karyakartas* of the Party & will leave no stone unturned in working for a massive BJP victory" : Modi



On 13 September 2013 the Bharatiya Janata Party Parliamentary Board announced that Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi would be BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections, which are scheduled for 2014.

BJP National President Shri

Rajnath Singh said, "The BJP has a tradition to declare the PM candidate before Lok Sabha elections and I called for a Parliamentary Board meeting to discuss this. The Parliamentary Board has decided to project Shri Narendra Modi as the Prime Ministerial candidate. We have taken this decision seeing the

mood of the nation and the views of the *Karyakartas*."

Shri Singh added that the Parliamentary Board congratulates Shri Modi and expressed confidence that the BJP will form the next Government. The BJP President added that all allies of the NDA have been taken on board in this

### Political career of Shri Narendra Modi

*Shri Narendra Modi has devoted his entire life in service of the people. He made a mark for himself as an organization man, who played a major role in making the BJP a force to reckon with in Gujarat during the late 1980s and early 1990s. In 1995 he went to New Delhi and was made National Secretary. During this period he was given the responsibility of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. In 1998 he was appointed the General Secretary (Organisation) and on 7 October 2001 he took over as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, a post he continues to hold till date. Shri Modi is the longest serving Chief Minister of Gujarat and led the BJP to victory in 2002, 2007 and 2012 Assembly Elections.*

*On 9 June 2013 BJP President Shri Rajnath Singh appointed Shri Narendra Modi as the Chairman of the BJP's Election Campaign Committee for the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. Shri Modi also serves on the Parliamentary Board, the BJP's highest decision-making body.*





decision.

Speaking after the declaration, Shri Narendra Modi thanked the leadership and the Karyakartas of the party for reposing faith in him by giving him this very important responsibility. He said, "For several years as a Karyakarta I have undertaken several tasks and all the strength that I have got has gone in service of the nation. The Party has given a big task to me, someone who came from a small family. The Party has been built by the hard work of Atal ji and Advani ji and the blessings of the Karyakartas will give us success."

Shri Modi added, "I bow to the Karyakartas of the Party and I assure that I will leave no stone unturned in working for a BJP victory in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. I seek the blessings of the people in our efforts to free our nation of the

**candidate Shri Modi drove to the residence of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and former Deputy Prime Minister of India Shri LK Advani to seek their blessings.**

Grand welcome for Shri Narendra Modi at Ahmedabad airport

Shri Narendra Modi landed in Gujarat late in the evening of 13 September 2013. He landed to a rapturous welcome by Gujarat BJP leaders and Karyakartas at Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport. There were ecstatic cheers hailing the decision to appoint Shri Modi as the BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate for 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

Speaking to the Karyakartas and leaders assembled, Shri Modi said that the BJP is the only ray of hope for the common man and woman and



turbulent times we are going through." Shri Modi thanked the NDA allies for their blessings and also thanked the friends in the media. Shri Modi affirmed that in 2014 the country will fight corruption and price rise and support development and *Suraj*.

The announcement to declare Shri Narendra Modi as the BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate was made by BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh at the BJP's National Headquarters in New Delhi after Shri Modi's name was approved by the Party Parliamentary Board. Present on the occasion were Leaders of Opposition in both Houses Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Shri Arun Jaitley, former BJP National Presidents Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Shri Venkaiah Naidu and Shri Nitin Gadkari, BJP National General Secretary Shri Thawarchand Gehlot and Shri Ananth Kumar and BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal. Later all the BJP leaders and Karyakartas congratulated Shri Modi.

**After being declared the Prime Ministerial**

that it is the only party that can remove the nation from this atmosphere of gloom and unhappiness.

Shri Modi pointed that the inner democracy is the true strength of the BJP and that the party hears the voice of the countless small Karyakartas. The fact that an ordinary Karyakarta like him got so much respect and love in the BJP shows the true character and value systems of the Party. He declared that Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Shri Lal Krishna Advani created a banyan tree and that it is now on the leaders and Karyakartas to expand it with their hardwork and sweat. Shri Modi stressed on the need to take India to new heights of progress and remove it from the mess that it is currently in.

He stressed that the hope in the hearts of the people should not get dampened.

Describing the BJP as a cadre based party, Shri Modi stated that the BJP derives strength from its Karyakartas and works on idea of team spirit. It is on this basis that the BJP will fulfill the aspirations of the people, he avowed.



He recalled that like the last decade, the decade from 1988-1998 witnessed India falling to abysmal lows with no pride left among the people and that is when the nation chose Atal ji and the NDA to serve them. Shri Modi affirmed that when the NDA got a chance to serve the nation, a new trust was created that the dreams of the people would be fulfilled and that India is ready for the 21st century. However, he opined that the last decade the hardwork and good performance of the NDA has been washed away and at the same time the country has reached such lows that there is no trust in the minds of the people.

Shri Modi pointed that as BJP Karyakartas who have dedicated their lives to strengthening the nation; it is very difficult to see what is happening in the nation. He emphasized on the need to get the poor, the Dalit and Tribal communities out of the hardships they have to face.

Those present at the airport included Gujarat BJP President Shri RC Faldu, former BJP Vice President and Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat Shri Parshottam Rupala, Finance Minister Shri Nitinbhai Patel, Education Minister Shri Bhupendra Singh Chudasama, Minister of State Shri Pradeepsinh Jadeja and other senior dignitaries. ■

LK Advani praises Narendra Modi, says BJP will secure a record victory in 2014

BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani praised BJP Prime Ministerial candidate and Gujarat Chief Shri Narendra Modi and said that the BJP was going in the right direction under the guidance of Shri Modi. He added that BJP will secure a record win in the 2014 General Elections. Shri Advani also praised Shri Modi for an earlier campaign he had launched asking young and first time voters, among others, to register themselves as voters with the Election Commission. The senior leader said these aspects are very important as the main aim is to bring the voters to the booth and ensure that they cast vote.

Modi is BJP's 'best product', says Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi

"NaMo (Modi) is BJP's 'best product' " the veteran BJP leader told reporters, after the anointment of Shri Narendra Modi as party's Prime Ministerial nominee. Modi has left others by miles behind in popularity chart : Arun Jaitley

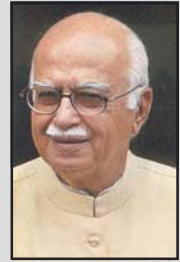
Hailing Shri Narendra Modi's elevation as BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate for 2014 Lok Sabha polls, Leader of Opposition Shri Arun Jaitley said that the decision to anoint Shri Modi as the party's face for next general election was taken by an overwhelming majority in the party keeping in view larger interests. He said, at the moment, my strategy, my party's strategy is that we win maximum number of seats and said that Shri Modi has left others by miles behind in the popularity chart of all opinion polls.

BJP will form govt. at Centre under Modi's leadership : Raman Singh

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh congratulated his Gujarat counterpart Shri Narendra Modi on being made BJP's Prime Ministerial nominee for 2014 General Elections and expressed confidence that the party will form government at the Centre under his leadership. Narendra Modi's anointment like nectar after 'Samudramanathan' : Uddhav Thackeray

After 'Samudramanathan' (ocean churning), the nectar has emerged was how Shiv Sena President Shri Uddhav Thackeray described Narendra Modi's anointment as the BJP's prime ministerial candidate. SAD welcomes Modi's anointment, terms it a right decision

SAD president Shri Sukhbir Singh Badal, while congratulating Shri Narendra Modi said, people of the country are eager to topple the "directionless UPA government" led by Congress.



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The pressure of the 'hidden hand' of the nuclear vendors continued to remain. The language of section 17(b) was again altered and a word 'intent' was smuggled into the provision of section 17(b) thereby eliminating the principle of strict liability and make it conditional on the defect being intentionally created by the supplier. I again objected to the same and had it deleted. Section 17(b) which operates independent of the agreement in writing under section 17(a) was approved by both Houses of Parliament. This distinction is adequately borne out in my speech in the Rajya Sabha and the Minister's reply.

But a leopard never changes its' spots. The Government's intention to dilute the right of recourse and make it dependent on an agreement continued. When the Rules under the Act were notified such an intention as apparent in the language of Rule 24. Rule 24 deals with section 17(a) of the Act and permitted the contract to specify the duration of initial licence. The 'product liability period' is defined as a period for which the supplier has taken responsibility for a patent or latent defect in the product. Even though Rule 24 deals with section 17(a) of the Act, the language of section 17(b) of the Act was lifted bodily and incorporated in the definition of the product liability period thereby creating an ambiguity that clauses 17(a) and 17(b) would be read in conjunction with each other and not dis-junctively. The fact that sections 17 (a) (b) and(c) are independent of each other is

further apparent from the language of section 17(c) in which a right of recourse is even available for an act of omission or commission of causing nuclear damage. Obviously, such an individual is a person other than the nuclear supplier.

Having been associated in negotiations between the Government and the Opposition when the Bill was being drafted and re-drafted and having been a privy to the Parliament debate wherein this Bill was legislated, I have not the least doubt that for invoking section 17(b) of the Act the existence of an agreement in writing under section 17(a) of the Act is not a condition precedent.

The two provisions operate independent of each other. The repeated efforts of the Government at the drafting stage to dilute section 17(b) of the Act

had failed. Contemporaneous media reports would evidence this. Any attempt now to permit the NPCIL to abdicate the right given to an operator - a Govt. company, would be compromising with State revenue. It would be a contract contrary to the provisions of section 17(b) of the Act. If a Public sector company willfully enters into an agreement with a foreign vendor and abdicates its' right to recourse which section 17(b) otherwise provides for its' benefit, it would not only be violating the provisions of the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damages Act but also section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act wherein a wrongful loss would be caused to the revenue of a Public Sector company. ■

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

## BJP to hold *Maha Deeksha* for Telangana

In an attempt to bring pressure on the Congress led Union government to expedite the State bifurcation process, the BJP district unit has decided to conduct 'Maha Deeksha', a day-long protest demonstration in Karimnagar on September 24. Andhra Pradesh BJP State President Shri G. Kishan Reddy and other party leaders from the district will participate in the *Deeksha*.

Announcing this at a media conference in Karimnagar, BJP State vice-president Shri G. Ramakrishna Reddy and others said that the BJP was the only party that had taken a stand in favour of the Telangana State and would intensify agitations for the cause. They said that all other political parties had changed their stand on the issue after the announcement of Telangana by the CWC, adding that the BJP would pressurize the Central government to carve out the Telangana State at the earliest. The leaders pointed out that despite the series of protest against the bifurcation in Seemandhra region, the BJP cadres there were voicing for separate Telangana State.

He further alleged that the Congress leaders from the State had changed their stand on the statehood issue. In Telangana, the Congress leaders were celebrating the announcement of the separate State, while their Seemandhra counterparts were out on the streets, opposing the move. ■

# Innocent victims of sham secularism

By Balbir Punj

*Whether it is Muzaffarnagar or elsewhere in the country, the problem is to do with the politics of appeasement. Issues are decided not on the basis of constitutional and legal propriety, but on grounds of religious affiliation.*

Who is responsible for the death of over 50 innocents, the maiming of hundreds of others, displacement of thousands and destruction of property in Muzaffarnagar and its neighbouring areas in western Uttar Pradesh? The answer to that in one word is: Sham secularism.

The popular expression to describe this unique Indian political phenomenon of pandering to radicals in minority communities in the name of secularism is, of course, 'pseudo secularism'. The word 'pseudo', however, has an implied or feigned tribute to the original thought as well. In the relentless race for vote-bank politics, self-proclaimed secularists have dropped even the fig leaf of pretension. For want of a better expression, one may call it sham or counterfeit secularism. Suggestions from readers in this respect are welcome.

Here is a brief chronicle of the Muzaffarnagar incident. The violence was triggered by the State Government's outright partisan response to an incident of eve teasing of a Hindu girl by Muslim boys. In a fight that followed the eve teasing,

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flag-bearer of the sham secularism school of thought, was quick to express his concern over the murder of Shahanawaz but said nothing about the brutal killing of the two Hindu boys. Following the trend set by his political masters, Additional

Director General of Police Arun Kumar visited Kawal on August 28 but had no time to go to nearby Malikpur. Why?

The sham being played in the name of secularism was on open display in dealing with these unfortunate murders. While Uttar Pradesh Police registered a case against unidentified people from Kawal for killing the Singh brothers, they registered a case against members of the Singh family for the killing of Shahanawaz, even though they were not present at the spot when he was attacked.

The blatant injustice obviously left the Hindus stunned and then galvanised them into action. On September 7, a mahapanchayat was summoned and there was a rally to "save daughters and daughters-in-law". While the rally was dispersing, the unarmed participants were ambushed, fired upon and several of them lost their lives.

Scores of tractors and trolleys, that they had used to get to the rally, were torched. Policemen, though present in strength at the scene, refused to intervene for want of orders.

The attack on those returning from the rally was not

sudden but pre-meditated. Leaders belonging to 'sham secular' parties were working over-time to make a political killing out of the sordid incident of August 27 at Kawal. BSP Member of Parliament from Muzaffarnagar Kadir Rana and his party MLAs Noor Salim and Jameel Ahmed from Charthawal and Meerapur constituencies respectively held meetings on August 30, but only with Muslims. Mr Rana held another meeting on September 5 and called upon the crowd to show aggression. Throughout this crisis, only one community and its sentiments mattered to the 'sham secular' parties.

And the administration, taking cue from its political masters, neglected its duty. For the police, it was not the gravity of the crime, but the religion of the criminal that mattered. The Akhilesh Yadav Government had already been frozen after it punished a young IAS officer for doing her duty in demolishing an illegally constructed wall around a mosque in Greater Noida and her zeal for enforcing the law against the sand mafia. The message from this Government to the local administration has always been: Close your eyes where the ruling party's interests are concerned.

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out that since the Samajwadi Party Government came to power, some 50 communal incidents have sullied the image of Mr Yadav, hailed at the time of his swearing-in as a young Chief Minister with a fresh vision. But soon after his regime was installed, there was a huge cry about how it was allegedly ignoring Muslim interests without specifying what those interests were. Interestingly, it all began with a rift between a Muslim cleric from Delhi and the Samajwadi Party's Muslim face, State Cabinet Minister Azam Khan. The latter even put his wrath on public display by absenting himself from his Cabinet duties.

After this rift surfaced, the young Chief Minister sought to escalate the demonstration of his appeasement of "Muslim interests" to save himself from the competitive communalism between the Delhi cleric and Mr Khan. Across many towns and major villages, small incidents involving only a handful of people began to be magnified into communal clashes (not caste clashes — just to remind Mr Mulayam Singh Yadav). Why

the Chief Minister did not take action to nip the mischief in the bud is for him to explain. But most observers know where the rot lies. And more importantly, the administration knows where the political sensitivity of the Chief Minister lies.

The Durga Shakti Nagpal incident only defined it in more explicit terms when the Chief Minister let the administration know that no Government officer would escape the wrath of the man at the top of the heap if his sensitivity is ignored. Justice is not what the law says but which community the Chief Minister wants to genuflect to. And that is the message that the officers in this key city in western Uttar Pradesh followed resulting in a huge conflagration.

But to be fair to the Chief Minister, why should one only blame him for defining secularism as appeasement of fundamentalist Muslims? There are other so-called 'secular parties' which lead State Governments that are no less keen on the competitive politics of appeasement.

Whether it is Muzaffarnagar or elsewhere in the country, the problem is simply this appeasement. Issues are decided not on the basis of what is constitutionally and legally right but which community the accused belong to. The entire event, that has caused many Muslim families to flee from their village, would not have occurred if the State Government had acted impartially. Both Hindus and Muslims who suffered in these riots, are victims of sham secularism. ■

*(The writer is BJP National Vice President)*

# On bended knee, we approach Terrorism

By Joginder Singh

The way terrorists, in the guise of separatists, spit fire against India in the Kashmir valley, leaves one wondering at the amazing capacity of the Union Government to tolerate what goes on there. As for the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, one thing is certain: It is mostly appeasing the bullies and tormentors, and following their dictates. But it is fruitless to bend over backwards in this manner for people who will not even lift a finger for you in reciprocation.

It is worthwhile to recount that, while dealing with terrorism, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had said: "Publicity is the oxygen of terrorism". But in India, not only have Governments violated every rule and policy essential for dealing with the menace, they have also given financial support to media outlets which espouse terrorism. I have one advantage here when it comes to understanding the media in Kashmir: I read Urdu.

An ancient worthy, call him whatever you will – separatist, terrorist supporter or Pakistani agent – called for a bandh to protest musician Zubin Mehta's concert in Srinagar this past Saturday saying these events "can be used to change Kashmir's disputed nature".

The German Embassy in New Delhi organised the event with the Government's help, as part of its broader engagement with India. The terrorist asked

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the people to hold demonstrations and observe a complete shut-down. The worthy I mentioned said, "Such musical programmes do not warrant to be held at a place where human rights violations are taking place...Any sort of international activity, be it political, diplomatic, cultural or sports, will have an adverse impact on the disputed nature of Jammu & Kashmir." In other words, he and his ilk get to

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dictate what kind of cultural activities the Government should or should not undertake.

The mighty Government of India, with nearly two million defence and paramilitary forces, however, appears only to appease terrorists and separatists. The latter even issue a weekly protest calendar on various issues, including the hanging of Kashmiri terrorists, and also direct Government employees not to work or abstain from work on those days; students are told to neglect their studies and sit in dharna. They are not bothered that some of the terrorists were responsible for the attack on the country's Parliament.

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According to the Jammu & Kashmir police chief: "He has revealed a lot of things during interrogation. We are compiling them, we are taking further action on that; financing for stone-pelting has also been revealed. His contacts, who have emerged as facilitators of pelting in Kashmir, are also being rounded up. Many of them have been booked under public safety

act cases also and we will follow it up." When asked if there was any connection between the sponsorship of the protests and Syed Ali Shah Geelani, he said: "No, it has been coming from various separatists including him too."

The State Government has been, at best, a silent spectator and has abdicated its responsibility in ensuring that its writ, and not that of the terrorists, runs.

In a quiet but clever manner, these people are carrying out the Pakistani agenda and have overawed the State administration, which to speak plainly, has been their bed fellow. Anywhere else in the country, such persons would have been rounded up. But the Government of India, which has been spending Indian taxpayer's money to provide for the well-being and security of these terrorists, does not do anything. It is voiceless.

But then again, not a word did the Government of the day speak when 3.70 lakh people of the minority Kashmiri Pandit community were forced to leave the valley in 1989. Even today, there is not a word in condemnation when security forces are killed or attacked by terrorists.

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forces not stay in the valley or if they stay, they be sitting ducks. In the protests that took place in the valley after Afzal Guru was hanged, 359 Central Reserve Police Force jawans were injured while 134 CRPF vehicles were damaged by protestors.

Separatists or terrorists are not bothered by attacks on the State Assembly or Parliament.

Reinforcing the Centre's policy of appeasement in Kashmir, Union Minister for Home Affairs Sushil Kumar Shinde, obviously ignorant or

unmindful of the ground reality as well as Pakistan's separatist intentions, said, "In Jammu & Kashmir, we do not want guns to always do the talking. So, all paramilitary soldiers were not armed at the time... We want to bring peace in Kashmir by giving a special package there... we, too, do not want to keep the military there for long."

But in New Delhi, Mr Shinde speaks in another tongue. He has been able to bully the State Government into adopting anti-India policies such as those that allow terrorists to return to Kashmir after spending 20 to 25 years in Pakistan. There is no way to find out if they have come on their own or have been sent by the Inter-Services Intelligence.

As per media reports, three families that came to India have since returned to Pakistan. Such policies have taken a toll on the police and the paramilitary forces; many security personnel have quit their jobs.

Nowhere in the world has terrorism been quelled by talks or by prostrating before terrorists who only understand the language of force. But in our country, the Government believes only in talks, when nobody in the valley wants to talk to the Prime Minister even.

Ultimately, the fact of the matter is that those who cannot abide by the Constitution of India and do not want to follow the law of the land, such as the terrorists and the separatists in Kashmir, are free to migrate to any other country. In fact, the Government of India should give them a little push and shove them across the border to the land of their dreams in Pakistan.

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# Congress is leading us to national catastrophe

By Meenakshi Lekhi

**P**ublic servants, including ministers, who misappropriate public property or take bribes belong to the category of open thieves. The King shall detect both open and secret thieves and shall punish them according to their bodily strength and pecuniary value of the theft committed."

This verse from one of our scriptures may well apply to the Congress. The party promised in 2009 that within 100 days of assuming office, prices will be controlled. This is just one of those scores of false promises made ever since the party was created way back in 1885. Instead of solving problems, it has been tinkering with unnecessary things like coins. In 2004, the Congress-led UPA government changed the Indian coin by replacing the agricultural symbol of "wheat barley" with a "folded-palm-depicting-thumb". Worth far less than before? Reuters Chronologically, the main considerations influencing the "coinage policy" in India have been the incorporation of symbols of "sovereignty" and "indigenous motifs on independence". Only god knows what significance an "angutha" or a "thenga" has to the theme of independence, unless it was meant to give free publicity to the Congress party's election symbol of the hand. Perhaps the symbol was meant to convey a "thumbs down" to the rupee. The Indian rupee has become the world's worst performing currency. In 2006, the

second year of UPA-1, a two-rupee coin was also issued depicting an "equal-armed cross with the beams divided into two rays and with dots between adjacent beams", resembling a religious European symbol of deniers issued by Louis the Pious.

Such acts depict an arrogant regime's oppressive attitude towards its citizens. Should I call it economic colonisation by vested international interests, which the Congress seems to represent? Be it naming of cities, statues, bridges or any public property, the Congress party uses taxpayers' money to build and name them after their leaders.

A covert form of indoctrination, advertising and imposition of its image into the national mindset. The real problems that needed fixing were not coinage, but the economy. But when this didn't happen, the rupee fell all the way to 69 to the dollar, and the currency had few takers anywhere. The UPA has created a unique "Bharat Nirman" where the currency has crashed and the economy has slumped to 4.4 percent GDP growth. While few economists around the world believe that India has

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misfortunes, has sheepishly devised two excuses for bad economic performance - "global economic conditions" and "obstructionist opposition". But has there been any era when there were no global economic problems? Yes, currently there is a serious crisis in Syria, previously there was anarchy in Libya, then there were wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and there was a recession in US followed

by the 2011 eurozone downturn. Why do we imagine that something will not be wrong in some part of the world? International problems have always happened in the past and will always happen in future too. Therefore to make a stable global scenario a pre-condition to India's economic growth simply is too naïve. Finance Minister P Chidambaram claims that because the US dollar is becoming stronger, the Indian rupee is drifting along with currencies of many other countries.

There were grave, if not graver, problems even during 1999-2004. Have we forgotten the Pokharan nuclear tests and the resultant worldwide sanctions, the attack on the World Trade Centre in the US, followed by war in Afghanistan, the Kargil war, the great tsunami, and the 1997 Asian financial crisis? Unlike today, the post-Pokharan sanctions were directly aimed at us. Did the then government, under the leadership of Atal Behari Vajpayee, take refuge behind the veil of global problems?

Unfortunately, the present leadership displays genius only for manufacturing excuses instead of working for solutions. Between 2 May and 28 August, the Indian rupee plunged 28 percent while the Sri Lankan rupee fell only 5.5 percent, the Pakistani rupee 5.6 percent and the Indonesian rupiah 12.27 percent. Why did we fare so badly if all our problems are the result of global issues? Surely, the same global issues were there for everybody?

It is in this background that the disruption of parliamentary

proceedings should be viewed. Parliamentary productivity is the result of a cooperative and accountable relationship between government and opposition. The Congress party, with its arrogant attitude and irresponsible conduct, engineered a parliamentary paralysis. Its purpose is to discredit the BJP as an obstructionist party and extend the non-governance policy to facilitate a further breakdown of socio-economic discourse. Its foreign friends are direct beneficiaries of a crippled Indian economy. Any responsible government could have taken several executive decisions and made course corrections. This rogue regime is deliberately crippling socio-economic activity. It is painful to note that the country witnessed a midnight sine die adjournment of the Rajya Sabha in December 2012, and a parliamentary minister was found whispering (and caught on camera) that the chair could adjourn the house. Several times, the government

has itself created or planted disruptions. Mr Prime Minister, please remember "where there is no will, there is certainly no way." India is drifting towards a Congress-made national catastrophe.

It needs someone who has shown steely leadership and produced results, who can motivate and appeal to the young and idealistic, across agriculture, industry, services, etc. We need a role model who has a vision for Mother India. Whenever India faced difficult times, leaders such as Lal Bahadur Shastri, Morarji Desai, PV Narasimha Rao and Atal Behari Vajpayee successfully led the country out of trouble. If a strong leader is not chosen now, the currency can depreciate, and the economy can decline. The only things rising today are prices – petrol, milk and onions are all over 100 percent more expensive since the NDA period. We certainly need to Modi-fy India! ■

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## BJP welcomes court verdict in December 16 gang rape case

A special Delhi court on September 13 awarded death sentence to all four convicts in the December 16, 2012 gang-rape and murder case. The four were convicted by the court on September 10 for the gangrape and murder of a 23-year-old paramedic student. The juvenile accused was on August 31 convicted and sentenced to a maximum of three years in a reformation home. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha reacting on verdict said, "I welcome the judgement in Delhi gang rape case. This will serve as a deterrent for such offences". Shri Shah Nawaz Hussain, National Spokesperson of BJP said "Today's death sentence is a warning for all rapists. This will instill fear into hearts of those who even think of committing such a crime." ■



# North-East will always be a priority area for BJP : Rajnath Singh

BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh along with Shri Ramlal, National General Secretary (Org), Sri S.S. Ahluwalia, National Vice President & Prabhari for Assam along with other National Office Bearers reached Guwahati on a two day long visit to North-East India on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19 September

exhorted the workers to take the message of BJP to the masses. He expressed his anxiety on the deteriorating condition of the national economy and expressed his shock over the indifference of the UPA Government to the woes of general people. He reminded the workers that North-East will always be a

East region that is why under Prime Minister ship of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and during the BJP led NDA Govt a 'DONER' Ministry was created and development activities increased in North-East.

Shri Rajnath Singh also highlighted the focus of BJP's campaign for the North-East is Peace, Progress and Prosperity.

Speaking on the occasion BJP General Secretary (Org) Shri Ramlal highlighted that BJP has always accorded high priority for the North-East.

This is evident from the fact that the BJP's National President has called this meeting at the beginning of a series of meetings that he is holding across the country for preparation of Lok Sabha Elections specially after the announcement of BJP PM's candidate Shri Narendra Modi. Shri S.S. Ahluwalia and Shri Sarbananda Sonwal, President Assam also addressed the meeting.

North-East Working committee is chaired by Shri S.S. Ahluwalia and the members include Shri Tapir Gaon, Shri Prakash Javadekar, Smt. Bijoya Chakravarty, Shri Padmanabh Acharya, Shri P. Chandrashekhhar, Shri Sunil Deodhar, Shri Kiran Rijju and Shri Nalin S. Kohli. The Meeting is attended by the State President and all senior leaders of North-East states. (FOC) ■



and held elaborate & detailed discussions and deliberations with the Office Bearers and Leaders of BJP from all the seven States of North-East on ensuing Lok Sabha Elections and general political scenario of North-East. They held day long meetings with leaders of Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura & Mizoram.

National leaders also held discussion with leaders of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

The Party national President Shri Rajnath Singh called upon the workers for value based politics and

priority area for BJP as it was during in the last NDA Government when the NDA Government allotted an earmarked 10% of all funds of all Ministries for North-East and made the funds non-lapsable. He further reminded that a special ministry was created for development of the North-East during NDA regime.

He exhorted the leaders to take advantage of the euphoric support of Indian public for BJP which India has not seen for any political party since 1977.

Shri Singh highlighted the strategic importance of North-

# BJP IT Cell National Executive held

BJP IT-Cell in its 9th National Executive on 6-7 September took a serious note of the continuing retrograde policies and actions of UPA government which is affecting the ICT sector in India. There has been an unprecedented loss of jobs under this government and millions of engineers and professionals stare at a bleak future.

Addressing the executive BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said UPA government is displaying fascist mindset in trying to curb criticism of its failures and hide misdeeds by enacting laws which impede free speech. Each day this government is compounding the problem and is leading to widespread discontent, hopelessness and frustration.

He said BJP IT Cell strongly opposes Sec. 66A of the IT (Amendment) Act, 2008 in its current form. The draconian nature of the clause demonstrates the fascist mindset of the party leading this government and seeks to enforce emergency like curbs on free speech on a new age medium like cyberspace

BJP IT Cell dedicate itself to the Cause of the IT Professionals

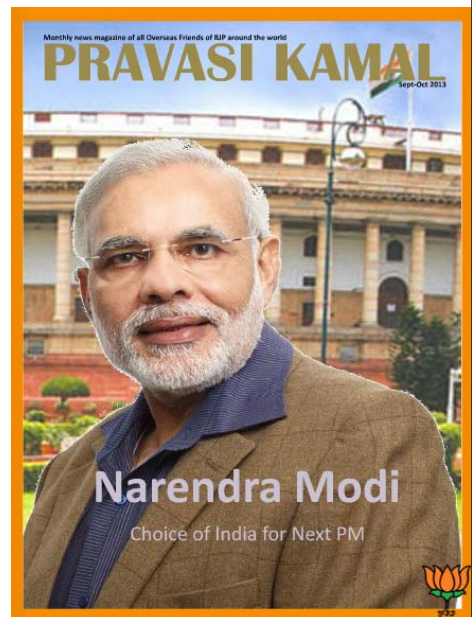
At the National Executive Meet in New Delhi, the BJP IT Cell dedicates itself to the cause of IT Professionals and Youth of the nation and assure them that based upon its record of incentivizing entrepreneurship, good governance, of promoting growth with equity, probity and its impeccable record of nationalism, BJP shall undo the damages done to the IT sector and to the aspirations of the youth and restore pride of the country. ■



## Online Monthly Magazine 'Pravasi Kamal' launched by Overseas Friends of BJP

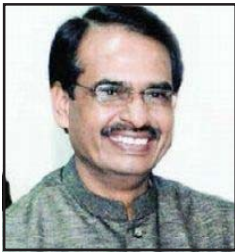
Overseas Friends of BJP, USA has started publishing an online monthly magazine for all BJP friends across the world on 21 September 2013 in Washington D.C. (USA). This initiative is taken to connect all Non Resident Indians together who support BJP's nationalistic ideals and want to see Shri Narendra Modi as India's next Prime Minister.

The magazine can be read online at [www.pravasikamal.com](http://www.pravasikamal.com) and will open another channel of dialogue and idea exchange between scholars, thinkers and all persons concerned for India irrespective of their geographical boundaries. Articles and suggestions can be emailed to Sameer Chandra, Editor-in-Chief of Pravasi Kamal at [editor@pravasikamal.com](mailto:editor@pravasikamal.com)



MADHYA PRADESH

### Congress has devastated the nation, says Shivraj Singh Chouhan



MP Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the Congress has devastated and ruined the country in its 55-year rule. The ten year tenure of the Congress rule in Madhya Pradesh led by Digvijay Singh made the State a

BIMARU State. Shri Chouhan expressed these views while addressing a public meeting at Karpa village of Pushprajgarh in Anuppur district during his ongoing Jan Ashirwad Yatra.

Shri Chouhan further said that the Congress led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government of the centre has increased the costs of everything by time and again increasing the prices of diesel. The fertilizers bag that used to cost Rs525 during the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) rule now costs Rs1275 forcing the farmers to leave agriculture business, he added.

He said that on the one hand the Congress has forced the farmers to commit suicide by increasing agriculture production cost and on the other, the BJP Government is providing interest free loan to farmers and is providing special bonus of Rs150 per quintal on the support price.

The Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister said that after assuming power in the State the BJP Government has done unprecedented development works due to that the State moved in line of the developed States.

The State Government has launched many schemes public welfare schemes keeping in mind all the sections of the society, these schemes have helped in improving the standard of living of the people of State, he added.

He said that to ensure that no one sleeps unfed in the State the State Government is providing wheat at Rs1 per kg, rice at Rs2 per kg and iodized salt at Rs1 per kg to the poor. To ensure better medical facilities to everyone in the state the State Government runs free medical treatment scheme

in which free medicines are also provided to the beneficiaries, he added.

Madhya Pradesh is continuously moving on the path of development, when the BJP took over the reins the development rate of the State was minus four per cent and it was used to be known as BIMARU State. But in the nine years rule of BJP, the State has become known among the developed States.

ODISHA

### BJD Govt. responsible for Chit fund scam: BJP seeks Governor's intervention

Odisha Bharatiya Janata Party has sought Governor S. C. Jamir's intervention into expeditious and proper investigation into multi- thousand crore worth chit fund scam in the State. A five member BJP team met Mr. Jamir at Raj Bhawan in Bhubaneswar and drew his attention on slow progress of the investigation into the scam. "The scam has affected more than three lakh people, mostly poor and from the rural areas. While the Biju Janata Dal-led government is responsible for the creation of the scam of this magnitude, the follow up in the investigations is shocking.

The government is not at all serious to bring the culprits to book, or to take measures to see that the amount embezzled is returned to the poor depositors," BJP's memorandum says. "The Justice R. K. Patra Commission of Enquiry has already received more than 1.5 lakh affidavits. At least another one lakh will be submitted from all over the state. Many of the small investors in the rural areas are not even aware of the constitution of the commission, as the government has not placed sufficient advertisement. The commission is understaffed and is deluged with the complaints," BJP alleged

It added, "The government is not investigating into the matter with the intention of uncovering the officials and politicians who helped the scammers to subvert the system. The political patronage extended by many of the ruling party MLAs was instrumental in the crooks pulling off such a scam. The chit fund companies had the patronage of the ruling party." In its memo it demanded CBI investigation into the matter. ■

# See God in All

By Sri Swami Atmaswarupananda

**A**s we are aware, Gurudev always used to remind his disciples that the goal of life is God-realisation. To achieve that goal he advocated integral yoga – yoga of the head, heart and hand. It is not that we haven't had many examples, even in the past century, of great saints who have realised God by following a single yoga – yoga of the head or the heart or even perhaps with Mahatma Gandhi, yoga of the hand. Ramana Maharshi believed in the path of enquiry as did Nisargadatta Maharaj. Papa Ramdas believed in repetition of God's name and total surrender to God. His leading disciple Krishnabai was surrendered totally to him. So we don't require integral yoga to realise God, but Gurudev believed it was the best way because it included all parts of our being; it didn't leave anything out.

But perhaps there is another reason that Gurudev believed in integral yoga, because in the final analysis God-realisation is not about us. As Gurudev rather humourously answered one day, "Who is left to realise God." In other words the condition of God-realisation is that we disappear and God alone

remains. The real purpose of God-realisation is that God alone remains serving Himself in all these names and forms. Thus, integral yoga allows us to acknowledge God in all parts of our being, so that there is no "I" left over either in our head or our heart or our hand.

Many years ago, back in the 50's, there was a devotee of Gurudev's living in Canada. He



was not very sophisticated, and so he would write to Gurudev about all sorts of things – complaints about this, questions about that. And then he would laugh, "No matter what I say, all Gurudev tells me is, See God in all. See God in all. See God in all." And perhaps there is nothing else we need to be told. Whatever we're thinking, see God in it. Whatever we see, hear, smell, taste, touch, see God in it. Whatever there is in the world,

see God in it. Acknowledge God. If we're angry, see God in it. If we forget God, see God in it. Is this some sort of a cop out to make excuses for what we do? Let us try the practice. Let us practise seeing God in all and see if we remain the same person.

One of the conditions of total surrender is that we must risk everything. If we turn everything over to God, we don't know how we're going to behave, and we must risk that. But, in fact, if we turn everything over to God, we actually become a different person. And that different person's behaviour – while we don't know what it's going to be – is not likely to be the behaviour of the old man.

And so it is when we practise seeing God in all. We ultimately become a new being, because we don't have any of our old reference points left. The old man, the human being, is a separate individual seeing everything outside. When we see God in all, even in our own ego, we become a new being, because to us God alone is. This is the true integral yoga that Gurudev wanted us to practise and to become. ■

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