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"With the emergence of Jan Sangh, there arrived a party on the political horizon of democratic India that offered a promising leadership profile, a distinct ideological identity and a nationwide organisational network."

-Shri Nitin Gadkari

"Government is in an unenviable mess. This fact is also widely recognised that the mess is of the Congress's own making. I described the UPA Government as being in a suicidal mode."

-Shri Lal Krishna Advani

"This Government will not last long, and being the principal opposition party, it is our responsibility to be ready for this challenge."

-Smt. Sushma Swaraj

Letter to the Editor...

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#### IN THE NAME OF GOD

Dear Editor,

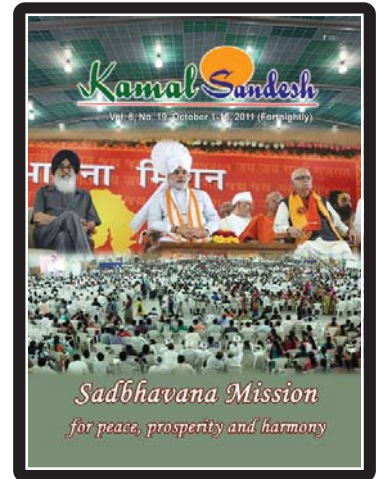
The struggle of women world over continues even though world has given us great women such as Kalpana Chawla, Florence Nightingale and many more alike. Struggle for women starts from the womb till their death but this was not always the case. In ancient India the birth of a girl child was hailed as auspicious. The coming home of daughter was considered pious with the advent of Laxmi, the goddess of wealth and Saraswati, as goddess of knowledge. But during the Middle Ages when India was subjected to frequent foreign invasion, invaders committed atrocities on women which led to infanticide and the *Purdah* system. There was sudden decline in female ratio which continues even today. Furthermore innovative techniques like ultrasound scan tests and amniocentesis were used to detect the gender of the child.

It is thus, the reason, that disparity is much more in urban areas than in rural and tribal area. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Shivraj Singh Chauhan, has risen to the occasion to launch the 'Save the Girl Child Program' - 'The Beti bachao Abhiyaan' on the occasion of Dussehra the last day of *Navratra*. BJP ruled Madhya Pradesh has already been working to increase the spiritual, political, social and economic strength of women till date. 50 % reservations have already been given to women at Panchayati Raj institutions and 50pc of posts are reserved in Van Samities As well as 33pc of Government jobs are reserved for women. This announcement was made by Shivraj Singh Chauhan at a mega event 'Mahila Panchayat' on 30th July 2009.

The State Government also constituted the village level women exclusive committees nodal implementing agency for water and sanitation work. To put an end to sex determination test Rs.10, 000 reward is given to informer who informs of test being carried out.

Financial assistance is also given under 'Kanya Saksharta Protsahan Yojana' for education. Experts say that key causes of gender disparity are Poverty and Social Stigma.

Thanks to the political will and sustained personal attention of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan, the *Laadli Laxmi Yojana* has been started to take care of the Poverty Aspect.



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## A phase of instability and unstable UPA government

# Editorial

**W**ho holds the strings of the Congress led UPA government? When it is said that Smt. Sonia Gandhi is the real Prime Minister - neither the Congress seeks to deny it, nor does the one who is made a puppet on the chair bother to clarify his position. The Congress led UPA government is finding it difficult to face the people. The situation can be gauged from the fact that the ministers of the UPA government are avoiding any visit to their own constituencies. The political atmosphere has deteriorated to such a level that except Shri Pranab Mukherji, the bureaucracy cares for none. After independence, the country saw many Congress governments but like the one presently ruling at the centre was never seen before.

The entire government machinery is in shambles. The bureaucracy while 'informing' the nation of the scams taking place in their ministries is making roadmap to Tihar for their own ministers. While celebrations of national festivals like Dusshera and Deepavali are taking place in the country, even the cosmetic smile is missing from the face of the ministers of UPA government. An impending crisis is unfolding in the UPA government and the Congress organization.

The Congress with its history of more than one hundred and twenty five years is seen to be passing through a phase sustaining itself on 'chemotherapy'. If personality centric-politics is encouraged in any organization, it is bound to meet the same fate which the Congress is experiencing today.

The future of the personality-centric organizations cannot be said to be bright. The regional parties which have been growing in numbers due to weaknesses of national parties have increasingly weakened the national politics. Everyone knows that the day the leader of any of these regional parties bids adieu, the political influence of that party too would wither away.

In such a scenario the top leadership of BJP has a great responsibility on their shoulders. Whether one accepts it or not but it is a well known fact that with the farewell of the UPA government the prospects of the arrival of NDA to power would get stronger. But the nation wishes that the BJP should not fall prey to internal crisis like the one in which Congress finds itself today. The nation also doesn't want to see non-political people ruling the country. The nation wants to see committed people at the helms of the affairs who are capable of governing the country with 'majbooti' (strength) and not with 'majboori'. In such a situation BJP should engage itself in organizational expansion and strengthen its work among the people. BJP is the hope of the nation. The BJP leadership and organization should act with commitment so that the hope of the country is not belied. Each and everyone will have to join their hands to unitedly and collectively change the challenge into opportunity.

### **Jan Chetana Yatra**

Former Deputy Prime Minister of India Shri Lal Krishna Advani who has left an indelible mark of honesty and probity in Indian politics is going to start Jan Chetana Yatra from the birthplace of Loknayak, Jay Prakash Narayan on 11 October 2011. He wants to

restore the credibility of politics which stands questioned today. The faith of the people should not be shaken from the politics. The politics should be practiced with honesty and commitment. To end 'commercialization of politics' and 'politics of convenience' there can not be any better way than the yatra to connect, awaken the masses and make the nation understand the issues before it. The decision of the party to awaken the people and mobilize their opinion through Shri Lal Krishna Advani is not only commendable but a bold and courageous one. The people will also get to know and understand as to what should be the clean politics in the country. Everyone should salute the spirit of Shri Lal Krishna Advani and contribute his efforts in making the yatra a grand success. The BJP should carry the message of Shri LK Advani's yatra throughout the country. The BJP should also make efforts to continue to tread on the path of politics which is envisioned by its tallest leaders. ■

## Pranab bowed to wishes of family head on 2G : Dr. Joshi

Former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi tore into Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee's argument that "certain inferences" in the 2G note by his Ministry did not "reflect his views" and asked him to specify with which part of the document he disagreed with. He also took a dig at the Government's chief troubleshooter saying he apparently bowed to wishes of the 'head of the family'.

Reiterating party's demand for immediate dismissal of Home Minister P Chidambaram, whose role as then Finance Minister is now under scanner, former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi also indicated that Public Accounts Committee may examine Chidambaram, despite CBI's reluctance to do so.

"Pranab Mukherjee has said that the document is right but he does not agree with the inferences. First of all, we would like to ask which are the inferences he does he not agree with? Where does he

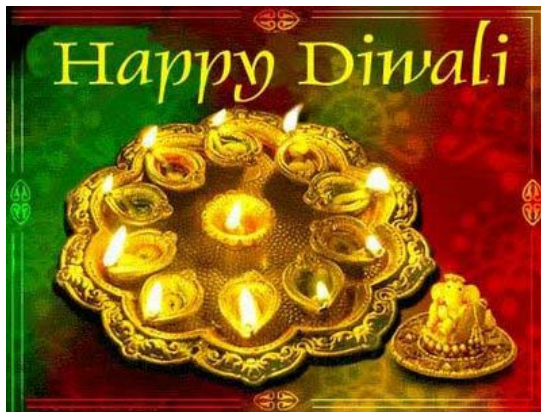
disagree? Which inference? Is there any inference in it?" Dr. Joshi said.

He described the Finance Ministry note as a "perfectly valid document" which had followed the rules of procedure set for preparing an office memorandum.

Asked if Chidambaram would be examined by the PAC, Dr. Joshi replied, "As and when the committee takes up the issue, it would be free to examine anybody, including Chidambaram."

Dr. Joshi took exception to Law Minister Salman Khurshid's "effort" to belittle the importance of the 2G note and claimed Department of Economic Affairs itself said these were facts of the case. "Khurshid is a good lawyer. But, he is trying to defend the indefensible," he added. Taking on Khurshid, Dr. Joshi asked why he was misguiding people, Parliament and the Supreme Court, which was looking into the matter?

"He has accepted that there are differences. We want to know what differences? Where?" Dr. Joshi asked Khurshid to explain. ■



Kamal Sandesh Parivar wishes a Happy Diwali to its esteemed readers

### Articles invited

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

-Prabhat Jha, Editor





# UPA has completely lost moral authority to govern the country : Gadkari

*The National Executive meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September – 01<sup>st</sup> October 2011 in New Delhi to discuss a number of important issues facing the nation. The country is facing a situation wherein the Congress led UPA government at the centre is pushing the country to a never ending saga of deepening crisis on several fronts. While charges of corruption stare at the face of the Congress, the government chooses to ignore them and continue with its policy to patronize corruption and scams. BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari in his presidential address expressed his deep concern on the overall political scenario in the country stating that there was serious internal crisis in the UPA government worsened by a Prime Minister having no authority over his ministers and the government. He further stated that while corruption and scams have become the order of the day, inflation and terrorism continue to go on unchecked, domestic policy is in perils while the Indian land is gifted to Bangladesh without any consultation with the border States. While people of Manipur are suffering and riots are taking place in Rajasthan, the Congress led UPA government is again seeking to introduce its divisive agenda through Communal Violence Bill. While appreciating the good works done by various BJP Cells, Shri Nitin Gadkari reiterated BJP's commitment to the politics with a purpose. In this context he mentioned the nationwide Jana Chetana Yatra by BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani to awaken masses in support of 'Good Governance and Clean Politics'. We are publishing the full text of the presidential address hereunder for the benefit of our esteemed readers:*

**Respected Advani ji, senior colleagues on the dais and delegate brothers and sisters,**

At the outset, let me extend a very warm welcome to all of you here in our national capital. That we are meeting at the beginning of the month of October 2011 in Delhi has its own significance. Sixty years before, it was here in this city that a new political party was established with the sole objective of using political power for the service of the motherland. In those early days immediately after the independence, our infant democracy was looking for a genuine alternative to end the apparent monopoly of Congress. With the emergence of Jan Sangh, there arrived a party on the political horizon of democratic India that offered a promising leadership profile,

a distinct ideological identity and a nationwide organisational network. Friends, thanks to the painstaking efforts of our founding fathers like Shyama Prasad Mookherjee, Deendayal Upadhyay, and several others, we performed





remarkably well as a genuine opposition party thereby winning the hearts of the people. Our pragmatic policies and bold positions on important national issues besides our performance brought us rich dividends and within a span of just about one and a half decade, we became a ruling party in several states, mostly as part of some coalitional arrangements.

Sixty Years of our struggle

Looking back, I must say that in the last sixty years, we have established as to how a political party can make a difference mainly due to its ideological positions, grounded in pure

While BJP will continue to work for establishing a strong LOKPAL relentlessly, it is deplorable to note that the even after all the recent happenings, the UPA continues shielding the corrupt elements. On the contrary, UPA has shown no evidence of any Political Will to bring black money stashed illegally in Swiss bank or any other foreign banks. By their acts of commissions and omissions, UPA leadership is not only harming their own government but also bringing a bad name to the entire political class.

nationalism. In every possible way, we have tried to take politics beyond power play making it a true instrument of serving the people.

Friends, I bow my head to all these great personalities who worked hard to build this party, literally brick by brick. At this occasion I salute the memories of the entire galaxy of our departed leaders like Dr. Mookherjee who literally started from a scratch. Deen Dayal ji, who laid the foundations not only of our political philosophy but also our organisational network. Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia who dedicated her life sacrificing all royal comforts for the cause of this party. This list is endless. We just cannot forget that our great leaders like Jagannath Rao Joshi, Nanaji Deshmukh, Sunder Singh Bhandari, Kushabhau Thackrey, and Bhaironsingh Shekhawat. Towering personalities of our leaders like Atalji and Advani ji braved innumerable obstacles including paucity of all kinds of resources simply to ensure triumph of patriotism in politics.

We are aware that in power politics, the importance of the longevity of the tenure of your rule is undoubtedly important. But perhaps, more important is the quality of governance that you

give. Friends, when as President of BJP I look back, I realise that there are many firsts to our credit. In Atalji, the nation initially saw its first external affairs minister who continued with the legacy of foreign policy establishment, and yet brought in a remarkable change. Thrice he became our Prime Minister and established the fact that non-Congress parties can rule successfully at the national level for the entire term. Besides, Atalji's leadership heralded the era of successful coalition politics. Like pseudo-secularism, Advani ji introduced several coinages dotting the nations' political discourse for over two decades. He popularized slogans like 'justice for all and appeasement of none', and thereby effectively articulated agonies and aspirations of all the patriotic people.

We are in Delhi and this city-state has always stood behind Jan sangh and BJP. I need not elaborate on the fact that the humanitarian service rendered by our party workers as well as well wishers from our ideological movement always remained a key to the groundswell of support that we enjoyed in this region. It was here in Delhi that we came to power for the first time on our own strength.

At this juncture, let me recall that when we had gathered together at Guwahati in January this year, we had decided to observe October 21, the foundation-day of Jan Sangh as *Kritagyata Diwas*. I appeal all our state units to organise felicitations to all our senior party workers who are active right since the Jan Sangh days and completed 75 years of age as a mark of respect and gratitude towards them.

Politics for a Purpose

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Like UPA at the centre the BSP has established a thoroughly corrupt regime in Uttar Pradesh. This State provides us an example of how unchecked



corruption damages the fundamentals of governance severely. The National Rural Health Mission illustrates as to how Congress and BSP are hand in glove. UPA sends crores of funds, refuses to conduct any audit thereby allowing day light robbery of public exchequer. In return, BSP goes soft at the corrupt UPA in centre. Uttar Pradesh is the symbol of coalition of the corrupt. Mayawati represents bad governance, corruption and destruction of democratic governance. SP, BSP and Congress are trying to fool the people. Whenever the UPA requires support at the centre, BSP and SP willingly offer it. When they offer support, CBI says the cases against Mulayam and Mayawati are not worth pursuing. We have to fight with all these three.

In our roadmap for a corruption free India, Uttar Pradesh is on top priority. We have unearthed many scams and scandals in UP and we will continue to do so. While preparing for UP elections, we promise to redefine governance and instill confidence in the minds of the people.

**Corruption in the mining sector in Goa is the latest in the series of scams under Congress dispensations. The state is tiny but the size of scam is huge. According to reports the illegal mining in Goa is valued between Rs.1, 200 and Rs. 10,000 crore. We are confident voters in Goa will throw away this corrupt regime in the forthcoming elections.**

Friends, the nation recently witnessed mass upsurge of popular support for the anti-corruption movement under the leadership of Baba Ramdev and Anna Hazare. People were reminded of emergency when in June last, innocent and peacefully gathered demonstrators participating in Baba Ramdev led movement were mercilessly beaten. Raj Bala ji, who succumbed to the injuries recently is the first martyr in this struggle. No self-respecting society can tolerate such injustice. People will not stop till the murderers of Raj Bala are punished. I am happy, as principal opposition we raised all issues related to corruption in the Parliament and outside aggressively. The contribution of the Public Accounts Committee in unearthing all illegalities especially in the 2G scam is also noteworthy. When the government appeared clueless in handling this agitation and caught in a web due to its own inept handling, our leaders played a key role in ending the deadlock.

Let me emphasise here that corruption has a

huge cascading effect. The starting point of corruption is the Crisis of Purpose in politics. Accustomed to all the material benefits of being in power for a long time, Congressmen just cannot leave without power. To remain in power they indulge in every possible compromise. Corruption is central to this vicious circle of compromises. Lately, unbridled exploitation of natural resources has acquired centrality in corrupt practices under the UPA regime. Land, water and now even airwaves are being exploited to the hilt. The model of economy perpetuating license and permit raj, vote-bank politics based on divide and rule policy and reducing governance to day-to-day politics of personal patronage are the three pillars of misgovernance of Congress at every level. It is this misgovernance that contributed in providing a fertile ground for terrorism too. Congress has exhausted its ability of offer any solutions to the problems before the nation. In the process, Congress itself has become a problem and we have to solve it by ensuring its electoral defeat.

*Yatra* for Good Governance and Clean Politics

I am happy, through the nationwide *Yatra* of our senior leader Lal Krishna Advani ji, which is all set to commence from Jay Prakash Narayan ji's birthplace in Bihar on 11<sup>th</sup> of October, good governance and clean politics will now become the focus of public discourse. I must point out here that 11th October is the birth anniversary of three great leaders Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, Shri Nanaji Deshmuk and Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia. Let me mention here that BJP has always been a votary of clean politics. Thanks to the efforts of Advani ji that BJP has the distinction of being the only party to have a systemic mechanism for collection of funds for election campaign and other party expenses in the form of Ajiwan Sahayog Nidhi. A leader with unblemished political career of over 50 years, Advani ji has all the moral authority to lead us in our struggle for good governance and clean politics. Through our *Jan Chetana Yatra* we will try to focus on multi-sectoral reforms like Administrative Reforms, Electoral Reforms, Judicial Reforms and Political Reforms.

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ensure that their functioning remains corruption free. I am happy to reiterate here that all our State Governments are taking important measures for improving the twin elements of accountability and transparency in governance. We are proud of the fact that several other State governments are now trying to replicate the two laws viz Lok Sewa Guarantee Act and Special Courts act after they were first enacted in Madhya Pradesh and later by Bihar followed by Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttarakhand.

Besides, in many States effective steps for curbing corruption are being taken in a resolute manner while using information technology and e-governance systems. Let me also share with you that a study group on electoral reforms set up by the Party has already prepared its report. Soon we will be preparing a BJP Agenda for Electoral Reforms in tune with our overall objective of cleansing politics.

I must take this opportunity to reiterate that in BJP there is absolutely no place for any body indulging in corruption. About corruption we have a Zero Tolerance policy and we will

pursue it vigorously in the days to come. Let me point this out here that the credibility of the Bharatiya Janata Party is far greater than any other party in so far as reforming our polity is concerned. The Justice Venkatchalliah Commission that was appointed by the NDA had discussed all kinds of reforms that several civil society organisations are now talking about at length. We believe that some key recommendations of the Venkatchalliah Commission merit greater attention.

#### The National Scene

On the national scene, the image of the UPA government is at the lowest ebb. There is a serious crisis of leadership within the government. The authority of the prime Minister has been compromised. Ministers are at loggerheads. Within the UPA the negative returns of relying on

dynasty are now being felt.

A policy paralysis is plaguing the Indian economy. The investment environment in the country is suffering. The government has not been able to take any major economic decisions. Unchecked inflation has adversely hit the common man, particularly with rising food prices. The government seems to have abandoned its responsibility of controlling inflation and given it entirely to the Reserve Bank of India. RBI has only one instrument at its disposal namely monetary

policy. RBI has raised interest rates for 12 times in the recent past without any impact on inflation, which continues unabated. Rising interest rates have cast an unbearable burden on the middle class that had borrowed to construct or purchase their own accommodation.

The gloomy process of slow down stares us in the face. We are moving towards a dangerous cocktail of economic slow down coupled with unchecked inflation. This abnormal situation will involve less money in the pocket of the common man and higher prices to pay for. The investment environment in

the country is suffering. Corruption is acting as a disincentive against investment. Not only has global investment into India suffered, even domestic industry is getting greatly dis-incentivized.

The 2G-spectrum scandal, corruption involved in the organization of the Commonwealth Games, the Cash-for-Vote have adversely affected the credibility of the government. A blame game within the government is on. The leadership appears helpless. The internal environment of the government appears to be one resembling the eve of the cracking up of the Raj.

#### Cash-for-Vote

Recently two of our former Members of Parliament Fggansingh Kulaste and Mahaveer Bhagora along with Sudheendra Kulkarni – who

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in fact acted as whistle-blowers in the Cash-for-Vote case – have been arrested. This is a classic example of how a guilt-ridden establishment desperately tries to cover up its misdeeds. We once again strongly condemn their arrest and demand that real perpetrators of this entire shameful episode be brought to the book forthwith. We are confident that regardless of all out efforts of the government to push the reality below the carpet the truth in this case will ultimately triumph.

#### Terrorism

With even rudimentary governance process becoming non-functional, dealing with challenges like terrorism and secessionism continue to be neglected. Terrorism has remained unchecked in the last few months. Terrorists continue to strike at will. Our intelligence agencies have no prior indication of the modules, which are organizing these attacks. Post attacks; the investigative agencies appear to be at sea in investigating the villains of these attacks. Recent bomb blasts in Delhi, Mumbai and some other places are a telling commentary on the law and order machinery's continued unpreparedness. Similarly, we also cannot be unmindful of the Naxal threat. We all will have to be further watchful as Naxalites are now out to develop some centres in urban areas in some cases masquerading as Non-Government organisations.

About Kashmir, some people are irresponsibly talking about referendum. We will oppose any such move tooth and nail. The much talked about Report of Interlocutors is likely to come soon. We forewarn the government that if it allows any move for going back to pre-1953 status it will have to face nationwide opposition from all patriotic people and BJP will lead his struggle.

#### Farmers' Woes

**I am happy that satisfactory monsoon this year has raised hopes for a bumper crop once again. But we must caution the government that failed distribution system together with crippled post-harvest infrastructure may again lead to rotting of food grains. In this context, I am happy to point out that the Supreme Court has recently praised BJP governments in Chhattisgarh and Gujarat for an efficient PDS. I congratulate both these governments.**

Today, fertilizers have become costlier by 40% than the last year and prices are rising

continuously. The government is neither controlling prices, nor allowing new fertilizer factories. Helpless farmers today are compelled to purchase fertilizers in black market. We have to voice the woes of these unorganised farmers effectively.

While discussing agriculture, one wonders how many times we will have to discuss the same old issues like remunerative prices for the agricultural produce. We are all aware of what is happening in states like Andhra Pradesh where hapless farmers have opted for a crop-holiday. Farmers are constrained to announce this unusual holiday as growing kharif crops has become unviable. The cost of production is far higher than the returns they get.

Remember, these farmers are not from rain-fed or drought-prone regions. They belong to the water-rich districts of East and West Godavari, Krishna and Nellore. If this trend continues, prospects for food security are bound to be greatly hampered. We demand that the government takes immediate action and do everything possible for ending this crop-holiday phenomenon.

#### Politics of Statistics

Talking but not walking has become the hallmark of UPA. They speak of *Aam Admi* but act against the very interests of the poor when it comes to definition of the poor. What is more disturbing is the fact that slogan mongering about *Aam Adami* has taken the UPA leaders in a world of make-believe where they have become totally insensitive to the woes of the deprived sections of our society. It is because of this UPA believes that those earning more than Rs 32 and Rs 26 everyday have become moneyed individuals. The UPA is not only anti-poor but has the arrogance of has mocking them once again through the affidavit it has filed in the Supreme Court.

Let us not forget that today being identified as poor has become a matter of life and death for the poor in both cities and villages. Completely unmindful of the multiple dimensions of poverty, this government is indulging in 'politics of statistics' by putting an artificial cap on the number of poor in every district regardless of the situation on the ground. Instead of including the excluded, they are excluding the included.

The government has realised that it cannot bring the poor sections above the poverty line. Hence it is indulging in the gimmickry of lowering



the line itself to derive pseudo satisfaction of eradicating poverty. This is outright cheating and BJP opposes this vehemently. The failure on the part of the government in defining poverty in a realistic manner is going to affect the lives of crores of our countrymen who would be deprived of the benefits like subsidized food grains, Indira Awas, Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, Pension for the Handicapped and a large number of other schemes. I urge all the BJP-NDA ruled states to contest this approach of the UPA government and fight it out for the benefit of the poor and underprivileged sections.

We have always been saying that the root cause of unchecked poverty, hunger, unemployment and price rise is in the wrong economic policies and bad governance of Congress. With every new day, the government is proving this point through its actions.

#### Wrong precedent

Friends, see the unmistakable irony of the situation. On the one hand, this government is utterly insensitive to those farmers who are forced to commit suicide; on the other attempts are going on for saving the life of convicted criminals like Afzal Guru. BJP has a clear position on this issue. We believe that when capital punishment is announced and mercy petitions disposed off by the President of India, no attempt to have a settled case reopened be tolerated at all. Since this has been allowed, a plethora of cases are being re-debated mainly for political purpose. Let us not set wrong precedents. We already have opposed this tendency and we will continue to do so.

#### Communal Violence Bill

We had discussed about the Communal Violence Bill at our Lucknow meeting. Our parliamentary leaders and Chief Ministers voiced their apprehensions about this bill at the recently held meeting of the National Integration Council. Many echoed these apprehensions. We can only hope that wiser counsels will prevail and the UPA will have a second thought about this bill. Should it move ahead with this bill, I reiterate that BJP will oppose it at any cost.

#### Telangana

The Congress led UPA came to power at the Center both in 2004 and in 2009 by winning about 35 MPs each time from the State of AP with the  
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main electoral promise of granting the Statehood to Telangana. It has been in their election manifesto, was in the common minimum program of UPA, and was also part of the President's speech in

Parliament. Only after the suicides of nearly 600 Telangana youths and after the all party meeting of State parties recommending Telangana Statehood, the Union Cabinet announced the decision for formation of the State of Telangana on December 9, 2009. The next day the Government informed both Houses of Parliament amid acclamation. Since then the Congress Government

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has been playing a dangerous game of delay and deceit and showing its incapacity or unwillingness to abide by a decision.

Fed up with this delay, the people of Telangana are on complete strike. Over the last 18 days or so, no bus, no train, no auto rickshaw is moving in the region. All coal miners are on strike and the power stations are closing down due to lack of coal. Severe power cuts are imposed. All 9 lakh government employees, teachers, students and even temple priests are on strike.

The BJP has always been a strong supporter of the cause of Telangana. We are of the firm opinion that Telangana can be carved out without doing any injustice to the people in the remaining parts of Andhra Pradesh. Once again, we strongly demand that the government should place the Telangana bill in the Parliament forthwith. BJP reiterates all its support to the same. Early creation of Telangana remains the only way to end this situation.

#### Manipur

Friends, let me now discuss the grave situation in Manipur. After nearly more than two months of the crippling economic blockade on the National Highways, when one has to shell out anything between Rs 45 and Rs 50 for a kilograms of potatoes, Rs 100 or so for a kilograms of tomatoes, Rs 70 to



Rs 90 for a kilograms of onions, Rs 140 or so for a liter of petrol in the black market, people in Manipur are facing multiple challenges. This situation is the making of the incapable political leadership of the ruling SPF-Congress-CPI combine. Arrogance and indifference have become the inalienable characteristic of the present Government. Bharatiya Janata Party expresses complete solidarity with the people of Manipur. Manipur deserves greater attention, more assistance and much better governance. BJP promises to work towards a genuine regime change in this State in the coming elections.

### Rajasthan

Situation in Rajasthan continues to be grave. The Ashok Gehlot government is trying to hide a huge political failure and blaming its own local administration and the law and order machinery. This has demoralized those who should be building confidence in the people. The situation continues to be aggravated. On this background we demand all possible steps to ensure that harmony returns back in the area, normalcy is restored and migration of the distraught people from this area is prevented at any cost. We also deplore the State Home Minister for his utterly irresponsible utterances adding insult to the injury.

### Natural Calamities

Friends, we all join our brethren in Sikkim and some parts of other States in mourning the death of victims of massive earthquake. It is a matter of satisfaction that several BJP workers in Sikkim and North Bengal as well as other adjoining regions have engaged themselves in relief and rehabilitation activities immediately after the quake. I must also note here that all our State Governments too have immediately extended every assistance to this tiny State. Besides a team of BJP MPs under the leadership of Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari also has visited the state to review the situation. We express solidarity with the people of Sikkim. This natural calamity has once again focused on the urgent need for upgrading all kinds of communication infrastructure in such border areas. Like quake-affected victims, we are equally concerned about the flood-affected in certain parts of our country, especially Orissa and Arunachal Pradesh as well as Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh.

Our respective State units are already proactively trying to help people in these areas.

### Blow to federalism

All of us are aware as to how politics of destabilization has been continuously played by the UPA government in the case of Gujarat. Through the State governor attempts are being made to run a parallel government. The controversial appointment of State Lok Ayukta in Gujarat by the State Governor without any consultation with the Chief Minister is the latest example in this regard. When we had met at Lucknow, we had reviewed as to how many of the bills passed by State Legislatures continue to remain stuck at the Raj Bhavans. Situation has worsened thereafter. Just as constitutional authority of the governor, this government is also abusing the CBI for crass political purposes.

We also very strongly condemn the UPA's decision of withdrawing the special packages earlier enjoyed by Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. This is nothing but an example of petty partisan politics of this government.

### Indo-Bangladesh relations

**BJP has always supported all serious efforts for improving India's bilateral relations with the neighbouring countries. However, in the context of Prime Minister Man Mohan Singh's recent visit to Bangladesh, we believe that the visit could contribute only marginally in strengthening bilateral relations mainly for want of proper homework.**

It is a fact that the UPA failed in taking its own ally and West Bengal Chief Minister as well as the people of the State on board on the issue of Teesta waters. Apparently, no serious efforts were undertaken to evolve some understanding between West Bengal and Sikkim on distribution of waters of Teesta. Apprehensions in the minds of West Bengal government about the likely starving of agriculture in the northern part of the State remained unaddressed. All in all, it is deplorable that the government has lost an important opportunity due to its inept handling of the matter within India.

About Assam, let me reiterate that the Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi has compromised with the interest of the State in the Indo-Bangladesh land swap deal. The State government chose to ignore the people's





sentiments and followed the diktats of the Congress bosses. Recently, the Party appointed study committee has visited Indo-Bangladesh border and collected official documents from people in border areas who are now left in the lurch. The report of this study group will be presented in this National Executive.

#### Situation in Afghanistan

The geopolitical and security situation in South Asia, more specifically, in the 'AF-PAK' region, has become extremely volatile and precarious. This certainly has ominous repercussions for India's National Security and Regional Stability, alike. The recent spate of Taliban-Al Qaeda sponsored assassinations first, of the half-brother of President Hamid Karzai, and later of former President Rabbani, is a revealing pointer to the fact that the US War on Terror remains a work-in-progress.

These developments have seriously circumscribed the latitude for President Obama to realize his designs of scaling-back US military presence in the war-torn country, without jeopardizing Washington's enduring and legitimate regional-interests. New Delhi and Washington

share a common interest in ensuring a democratic, stable and terror-desiccated Afghanistan. Hence, any changing US politico-diplomatic and military strategy, including a potential troop reduction, ought to be coordinated, with beneficent partners in the region, such as India.

#### Developments in our neighbourhood

We also have to take into consideration the unfolding vexations in Washington's politico-diplomatic relations with Islamabad. India had always tried to convince the international community about the severity of dangers of the terror infrastructure alive and kicking within Pakistan. Now, it seems that countries like US are convinced about the handiworks of ISI and the Haqqani Network. This may strengthen all those fighting against terror. If recent developments really lead to the US demanding greater accountability and transparency from Pakistan with Washington's readiness to exert its instruments of leverage, it would be a welcome course-correction

in US policy in the region.

Remember, India always wanted good neighborly relations with a democratic and stable Pakistan. But even as one might want to foster this 'ideal', it cannot happen, so long as an extensive terror infrastructure continues to flourish in the top echelons in Pakistan's policy-making establishment. It's time for India to impose greater pressure upon Islamabad through bringing the weight of Global Community to bear upon Pakistan. We must note that despite the established Sino-Pakistani axis, there is discernible disquiet even in Beijing. China too is concerned that Pakistan originated terrorism may further infiltrate some of its restive regions. China had to issue a not-so-veiled warning, to Pakistan to rein in terror groups and radical outfits. In this situation, much depends upon how adroitly we work and consolidate our position in the international community so as to overcome the terror threats from across the border.

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BJP is concerned about some latest developments in India-China relations. China's repeated incursions in Laddakh and Chinese view about India's recent oil deals with Vietnam in South China Sea are the twin issues

that require skillful handling for resolving them without hampering Indian interests. Some important organisational activities

Now, let me recount some important organisational activities in the recent past. Some of the Cells we have established are functioning remarkably well. Cells like Education cell, Panchayati raj cell, IT cell, Fishermen cell, Investors' cell, Commerce cell, Sports cell as well as Co-operatives cell had national meetings of their respective teams in the last four months. External Affairs cell, Human Rights cell, Right to Information cell and Communication cell are also engaged in multiple initiatives. It is noteworthy that our Govansh Cell successfully conducted a meeting of Chairpersons of Go-Sewa commissions and boards in BJP ruled states. Doctors cell recently had their all India training workshop. Artisans and Bio-energy cells are also actively engaged in the process of setting up their network.





Our Antyodaya programme is also picking up but I would call upon all of you to take more interest in the same.

All our Morchas too are actively engaged through multifarious activities in the task of spreading the message of the Party in respective sections of the society. Forthcoming elections

I am sure all of us are aware of the challenges before us in the early part of 2012. Assembly elections in Uttarakhand, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Goa and Manipur will put our organisational prowess to test. We have to renew our mandates in Uttarakhand and Punjab and regain in UP and Goa. In Manipur too, we desire to become a significant political force. Also, we have a daunting task of winning back popular mandate in Delhi, Mumbai and several other Municipal Corporations. Preparations for a resounding electoral success in all these elections are already afoot. But we just cannot be complacent and laidback. Healthy and harmonious interpersonal relationship in party organisation, effective showcasing of our distinct achievements on the fronts of Development and Good Governance in States where we are in power and efficient election management are the keys to our success. I would appeal very earnestly to all our party workers in these States to ensure that all your actions contribute to the consolidation of our organisational base.

#### Tasks Ahead

Friends, we are determined to represent the national aspiration for good governance for cleaner politics. In doing so we have to bring to the fore all the good work that our governments are doing. In the days to come our Good Governance Cell will bring out a series of monographs under the title 'The Difference That We Made'. Starting from Public Distribution System in Chhattisgarh, this series will cover topics like Bus rapid Transport System in Ahmedabad, Environment Protection in Himachal, IT for Urban Administration in Bangluru and Public Private Partnership in Road Construction in Indore.

**The BJP, as the alternative pole to the Congress, has succeeded in building up a national momentum against the UPA Government. We must all bear in mind that our structured strategy in exposing this government can be further strengthened through our united efforts. We must be**

conscious of the fact that a collective strategy evolved by all of us should be implemented in this regard. We have to be cautious that our demeanor and statements are all being carefully watched by people and we must not allow any controversy to be created.

The year 2011 has some distinct historic importance. Exactly hundred years before, in 1911 the colonial powers that experimented with the divide and rule politics and went ahead with the partition of Bengal had to annul their own decision in the face of our strong cultural unity. Again, in the same year Lokmanya Tilak completed writing of his scholarly treatise called Geeta Rahasya. Both these events have a place of pride in the recent history of India's quintessential spiritual democracy and sustainable pluralism. Friends, we have a great legacy and a responsibility to strengthen our rich heritage. This cannot happen if we failed in developing internal organisational harmony. A party run on the basis of healthy organisational practises alone can create necessary confidence in the minds of the voters. Collective Leadership is a model of organisational governance that sets BJP apart. If we fail in developing on our unity of purpose organisationally, we will do an injustice to the very mission that we have set for ourselves.

**Friends, the destiny want us to shoulder a historic responsibility. The nation is witnessing the most corrupt government of independent India. Engaged in loot and robbery of public exchequer, this government has brought a bad name to our country. UPA has become a liability. It has completely lost the moral authority to govern this country.**

On this backdrop while going back we have to commit ourselves to the triumph of good over evil. We will be celebrating Vijaya Dashmi in this week. I offer all my best wishes for a happy Navratri and a happier Vijaya Dashmi. In our war against wrong economic policies and bad governance of the present establishment, galvanized organisational functioning has remained our principal instrument. Just in case we have ignored this fundamental fact, let us take this instrument out, sharpen it and engage once again in our struggle aimed at giving fellow countrymen what they deserve, that is Good Governance and Clean Politics. ■

Bharat Mata Ki Jai

# UPA responsible for stagnation in growth saddled with high inflation : Jaitley



*The Congress led UPA government at the centre has despite its tall claims failed to generate confidence in the economy leading the country towards an economic mess with weak indicators and worsening prospects. It is an irony that an economist prime minister has presided over this entire mess which has been rightly described as one of stagnation in growth saddled with high inflation. Highlighting the dismal economic scenario, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley elaborated on various areas of concerns like GDP decline, credit squeeze, unsatisfactory revenue situation, current fiscal deficit, declining FDI inflows, flight of Indian industries etc. We are publishing the brief talking points from the address of Shri Arun Jaitley on dismal economic scenario for our esteemed readers:*

The current economic situation in India is quite worrisome as we watch helplessly the growth momentum slipping rapidly on account of high inflation and loss of business confidence because of failure of governance and corruption in high places.

The economic environment in the country has suddenly become dismal. The UPA blamed the Left Front for the paralysis in economic decision making during UPA-I. However, there is no such compulsion during UPA-II. The nation had expected the government to take policy decisions so that the economic activity in the country could be expedited. Regrettably, India is no longer being show-cased as an investment destination. There is a decline in economic activity. Infrastructure creation has taken a back seat. Success stories like the National highway Development programme and the Telecom sector have been plagued by scandals. The ministerial choice in some of these departments has been questionable. The government has run out of ideas on how to control inflation. The only step taken so far to control inflation is to hike the interest rates repeatedly which are creating a credit squeeze in the country. No effort is being made to generate further economic activity in various sectors so as to address the supply side problem. Policy initiatives in the matter of economic reforms have come to a stand still. The situation created on account of increase in oil prices has added to the woes of the common

man. Not only is he burdened with increase on account of the rise in the price of international crude, he is further burdened by the ad-valorem tax structures where government revenue also increases with every hike in prices. The entire burden has been passed on to the consumers adversely affecting the *Aam Admi and the farmers*. A heartless government ruthlessly increases the oil prices periodically and hikes interest rates every quarter. This is making the economy sluggish. The lack of initiative in infrastructure and policy formulation fronts has contributed to the depleting investment environment in the country. India is now in the news for the wrong reasons. The maximum cases of corruption particularly corruption of high values and in high places has adversely affected the investment environment in the country.

The cumulative effect of the above situation is that it has contributed to decline in economic activity, loss of jobs, depleting revenue and a flight of investment. High levels of inflation have worsened the investment environment. We are now on the door steps of a visible slow down coupled with high inflation.

Though the monsoon this year has been encouraging and it promises a good agriculture harvest, the Indian farmer is still faced with the inevitable sequence of the rising input costs and moderate procurement values. The indebtedness of the farmer leading to several suicides still



presents a gloomy picture.

The UPA Government came to power on the slogan of watching the interest of the *Aam Admi*. It has played a cruel joke on the poor of this country by having the planning commission recommend that Rs.32/- per day (less than 1 Dollar) is enough for a person to be classified as non-poor. Being non-poor would deny to such a person the benefit of State support in many areas where subsidies are intended to help the poor man. Having committed this blunder, there does not appear to be serious introspection in the Government to retract from this position.

#### GDP Decline

When the FM presented Budget 2011, he was very optimistic that he would achieve a growth rate of 9 per cent with an outside band of +/- 0.25 per cent in 2011-12. But the latest trends paint a rather gloomy picture. The first quarter GDP growth rate is only 7.7% in 2011-12.

The precipitative fall in GDP is because of the slowing IIP (the Index of Industrial Production). The IIP was a mere 3.3% in July 2011 as compared to 9.9% in July 2010. The IIP growth in April to July 2011 was 5.8% as compared to 9.7% in the April-July 2010 .

The industrial growth slowdown is markedly severe in Mining and Construction . The growth in Mining is only 1.8% in first quarter of 2011-12 as compared to 7.4% in the first quarter of 2010-11 and 7.2% in the first quarter of 2009-10. For construction, the growth in the first quarter of 2011-12 is 1.2% as compared to 7.7% in 2010-11 first quarter and 5.4% in 2009-10 first quarter. The manufacturing sector is showing all signs of a major slowdown. The quarterly growth rates which increased from a low of 4.3% in first quarter of 2009-10 to peak at 15.2% in the last quarter of 2009-10 declined steadily during 2010-11 and the first quarter of 2011-12 it was at 7.2% growth rate. There are thus significant possibility of a major slowdown. With interest rates tightening and inflation leading to rising input costs, the industrial growth story is in complete disarray as on date.

#### Capital Goods

In fact, if the components of IIP are analyzed, it

is seen that growth in Capital Goods which was 40.7% in July 2010 is now a negative of 15.2% in July 2011. The growth in capital goods in April-July 2010-11 was 23.1% has reduced to 7.6% in April-

July 2011-12. Similarly, in intermediate goods , the growth in July 2011 turned negative to 1.1% as against 5.8% in July 2010. The growth in intermediate goods which was 10.1% in April-July 2010-11 declined to 0.8% in April-July 2011-12.

There is a marginal slowdown in the Core infrastructure supportive industries such as steel, cement, fertilizers, coal, oil and gas from 6.5% in April-July 2010-11 to 5.8% in April-July 2011-12.

#### Credit Squeeze

The monetary market has undergone a process of tightening as RBI increased the Repo rates 4 times so far in the current financial year, a cumulative of 150 basis points. With the cost of borrowing moving northward, business is finding it all the more disheartening to pump fresh investments.

#### Revenue Situation

The revenue position of the Government is also not satisfactory. The budgeted revenue projections (18%) were based on an assumed GDP growth rate of 9% and an anticipation that inflation would remain pegged at around

5%. In the current scenario, the GDP has already slipped to 7.7% and given the inflationary trend close to double digits and the international situation , with US and EU economies faltering under sovereign debt defaults/ downward ratings, one would not be surprised if the current years' GDP falls further. That would throw the revenue receipts off gear completely. The signs of a major slippage in revenue growth are already there. Tax revenue (net) during April-July 2011-12 recorded an increase of only 1.1%. The tax -revenue growth during the corresponding period of 2010-11 was 30.7%. The drastic reduction is certainly indicative of the shrinking health of the economy.

#### Fiscal Deficit

This brings us to the issue of the fiscal deficit. Containing the fiscal deficit to the levels promised in the Budget (4.6% of GDP) is important to manage and contain public debt to sustainable levels in

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the long term and inflation in the short term which is the major concern. The current situation is that fiscal deficit as a percentage of the revenue receipts of 2011-12 (BE) is 55.4% as compared to 23.8% of the corresponding period in 2010-11. The revenue deficit is at 63.4% of revenue receipts of 2011-12 (BE) as compared to 18.1% of the corresponding period in 2010-11. The primary deficit is at a whopping 111.3% of the revenue receipts of 2011-12 (BE) as compared to 24.5% of the corresponding period in 2010-11. If today's media reports are seen, the Government has decided to borrow Rs. 53,000 Crores more from the markets than budgeted. This can hardly be called fiscal consolidation, it is in fact fiscal derailment. With no scope for another windfall bonanza like the 3G auction, the Government seems to be in a desperate situation. The UPA which has all along given lip service to disinvestment now seems to be clutching this as the last straw to bail itself out. With a Government crippled from within, there is not even a ray of hope that anything significant would happen.

#### Inflation

With ballooning fiscal deficit funded by increased public borrowings, the economy which appeared to be coming out of the grip of high inflation of around 20.2% in February 2010 to 9.3% in January 2011 is once again being lapped up by another vicious inflationary spiral as the inflation is inching up again towards the double digit figure. The inflation in August 2011 is reported at 9.78% which is the highest in the last 13 months. The inflation for July 2011 is 9.22%. Sustained high inflation is the cause for slackening business confidence and a declining trend in investments.

#### FDI inflows Declining

FDI in India has been on the decline since 2008. In 2008, the FDI was 42.5 billion USD which reduced to 35.7 billion USD in 2009 and 24.6 billion USD in 2010. (UNCTAD report). As per the DIPP, the pure equity FDI inflows in India declined from 27.33 billion USD in 2008-09 to 25.83 billion USD in 2009-10 to 19.4 billion USD in 2007-08. The trend in the current year is not too encouraging as in April 2011 only 3 billion USD inflow is recorded. As per a UN report, FDI inflow increased significantly in other BRIC countries during the same period. India's position in FDI slipped from 8<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> position. Even Bangladesh has

registered a growth in FDI during this period.

Indian Industries moving out

On the other hand, there is a trend of Indian industries investing abroad in greater measure as they find other economies as more conducive. The outbound FDI which was in the range of 20 billion USD in FY 2009 and FY 2010 has more than doubled in 2011 to 44 billion USD. With capital flight, there is loss of jobs and growth opportunities. The UPA has miserably failed in inspiring the investors both inland and external. Exports

There seems to be some good music on the Exports front which increased by 81.8% in July 2011 as compared to July 2010 while imports grew at 53.98% during the same period. The export growth in August 2011 is 44.2%. To a dispassionate viewer, this data would be rather puzzling. We all know that the US and EU economies are going through a very trying time. They are traditionally India's trading partners contributing the maximum export demand. If these economies are not importing as much as they should be, the question arises as to who is importing from India. There are media reports that a recent IMF study showed that imports from India as reported by other countries do not add up to these exports figures. There are also reports that black money stashed abroad is being illegally brought back as export proceeds through over invoicing. But if the Government is serious to know the truth and plug the loopholes, it should examine these allegations seriously instead of trying to bask in glory where none exists.

There has been much talk by the UPA of channelizing investments in to the infrastructure sector through the PPP route. It has been seven years of UPA rule but no major achievement is worth citing. To sum up, the current economic scenario in India is one of stagnation in growth saddled with high inflation. Whether it can be strictly called stagflation is a technical issue, but the features all seem to be there. There is a decline of growth with all round increase in prices. It is a structural problem created by the UPA's inability to bring forth the correct policy prescriptions to a dynamically changing scenario. The reforms that were due have not happened. There is crony capitalism, corruption and the increasing tolerance for the same within the UPA. The economist Prime Minister appears to be helpless. ■





# UPA has left a legacy of an insecure India : Ravi Shankar

*In the National Executive meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September – 01<sup>st</sup> October 2011 in New Delhi the overall political scenario of the country was discussed and a resolution was adopted unanimously. The resolution states that ‘committing corruption and shielding the wrong doers with impunity’ has become the hallmark of the UPA government. It has also been noted that while corruption in the country continues unabated, the whistle blowers are being politically targeted showing lack of political commitment to check corruption. The present Congress led UPA regime has not only presided over the weakening of institutions in the country, it continues to settle political scores with non-Congress, non-UPA governments in the States seriously undermining the federal polity of the nation. While noting that new BPL category as devised by the government is an insult of the poor, the sufferings of the farmers continue unabated. The resolution was moved by BJP National General Secretary and Chief Spokesperson of the party Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and seconded by BJP National General Secretary Smt. Kiran Maheshwari. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:*



In the last National Executive Meeting at Lucknow, the BJP in its resolution had stated that Dr. Manmohan Singh presides over the most corrupt Union Government since independence. Each passing day only confirms this impression. Corruption is not because of compulsion of coalition politics as Dr. Manmohan Singh frequently states; rather the UPA Government itself is a coalition of the corrupt. Committing corruption and shielding the wrong doer with impunity is the hallmark of its governance. Though, off late different standards are being followed in case of those of the allies who are accused of corruption and those who belong to the Congress Party.

In spite of damning revelations Dr. Manmohan Singh repeatedly asserts that the present Home Minister Shri P Chidambaram continues to enjoy his full confidence. The Office Memorandum of the Finance Ministry of March 25, 2011, which was in fact approved by the present Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukharjee raises serious questions about the role of Shri Chidambaram as Finance Minister when the whole 2G scam

happened, which remains the worst case of corruption since independence. Now, Shri Mukharjee has confirmed that this memorandum was a collective effort of the Finance Ministry, the Prime Minister Office and the Cabinet Secretariat besides the Telecom Ministry.

The case against Shri Chidambaram is simple and straight forward. Confronted with the repeated stand of very senior officers of the then Finance Ministry as to how the rate determined in 2001 could be applied in 2007 without any proper current valuation, he as the Finance Minister send a note on 15/01/2008 to the Prime Minister inter-alia stating that “Spectrum is scarce resource and the most transparent method of allotting Spectrum would be through auction.” Not with standing this opinion for allotments already made the Minister observed “in such cases the past may be treated as a closed chapter”. The Prime Minister in his statement in the Rajya Sabha on 24/02/2011 also confirmed that though the Finance Minister had a different view when he sent his note on 15/01/2008 but subsequently in consultation with the Minister of Telecommunication the two worked



out an agreed stand on the spectrum charges, which was reported to him on July 04, 2008. The latest Finance Ministry note dated 25/03/2011 which was prepared from the inputs of the PMO as well clearly mentions that the loss of revenue has occurred because “thus the Ministry of Finance implicitly agreed to the imposition of the same entry fee as prevailing in 2001 for licences allotted up to 31 Dec. 2008”. The country is entitled to know as to why Shri Chidambaram and his Ministry changed its position. Admittedly the changed position caused loss to the public exchequer and a substantial pecuniary advantage to certain private entities. In terms of the Union Cabinet decision of 2003 spectrum prices were to be determined by the Telecom Ministry in consultation with the Finance Ministry in a fair and transparent manner.

Shri Chidambaram as Finance Minister failed to safeguard public interest and public revenue and colluded with Shri A Raja the then Telecom Minister in this case of massive corruption. If Shri A Raja is being prosecuted for causing wrongful loss of public revenue and of causing gain to certain private entities how can Shri P Chidambaram continue to enjoy the confidence of Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh when the same charge is clearly maintainable against him. Did the Prime Minister do his home work well about the role of Shri Chidambaram or there is compulsion for him to express confidence in his favour lest “the embers of 2G fire may not reach the PMO”.

We need to remember that the entire decision to exclude spectrum pricing from the Term of Reference of GoM was taken unilaterally by Dr. Manmohan Singh without any Cabinet approval in the year 2006 at the instance of the then Telecom Minister Mr. Dayanidhi Maran. This led to the beginning of the spectrum scam. The Government on the other hand earned huge revenue of nearly Rs 67,000 crores against the target of Rs 35, 000 crores when the 3G spectrum was allocated in the year 2010 through transparent auction mechanism. The point to note is that Shri A Raja is in jail and Shri Dayanidhi Maran is to follow there very soon. What about the culpability of the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh who by passed the cabinet and excluded spectrum pricing from the GoM jurisdiction which facilitated the massive 2G scam

**Emboldened by the brazen support of the Prime**

Minister the CBI is refusing to investigate the role of Shri P Chidambaram in spite of mounting evidence against him. On the contrary it has questioned Ministers during the NDA regime Shri Jaswant Singh and Shri

Arun Shourie both of whose reputation for impeccable integrity is too well known. They are being questioned for transactions which were transparent, in public domain and greatly benefited the Telecom sector. The credibility of CBI is again suspect. Now Shri Pranab Mukharjee has issued a curious statement on 29 Sep. 11 that the note of 25 March 2011 does not represent his view. He himself acknowledged that this office memorandum authoritatively prepared in consultation with many departments including the PMO had seen by him. This note raises serious questions about the role and complicity of Shri Chidambaram in not safeguarding public revenue by over-ruling the firm and consistent stand of his officers for a transparent mechanism for spectrum pricing. We also saw the theatrical comment of Shri Chidambaram in the presence of Shri Mukharjee that he accepts his explanation. It is not an internal matter of the Congress Party that efforts are being made for two senior Ministers to arrive at a patchwork solution with the intervention of the Party Chief and then to suggest that the crisis is over. It deals with the public exchequer and public revenue and loss caused to the country. Shri Chidambaram has no moral authority or jurisdiction to comment about the acceptance of the explanation of Shri Pranab Mukharjee. He is himself under serious cloud who contributed in the substantial loss of public revenue.

The BJP demands that Shri Chidambaram be removed from the Union Cabinet and he should also be prosecuted like Shri A Raja in the 2G corruption case.

Prime Minister trying to divert from the main issue

When the BJP exposed the series of scams and acts of corruption of this Government suddenly we found the Prime Minister accusing the opposition of trying to destabilize the Government and force a mid-term poll. This is a comment of desperation by the Prime Minister designed to divert from the main issue. Neither the 2G nor the Commonwealth Games or many other scams of the UPA are attributable to the BJP or, the Opposition. The beneficiaries of the cash for Vote



are in the Government. There is a civil and uncivil war between the Ministers. The Government is in destructive mode. It does not need the opposition to destabilize it.

### Weakening of Institutions

Deeply enmeshed in corruption the Government is out to weaken various institutions and also compromise their integrity. Decisions taken and approved by the Cabinet are unilaterally changed by the Prime Minister. A proper authoritative note in the shape of a Government Memorandum prepared after elaborate inter Ministerial consultation including the PMO and approved by the Finance Minister is suddenly disowned because it points to the culpability of Shri Chidambaram. Institutions like CAG and CVC has rarely been subjected to such vicious attacks by the Ministers of the ruling party as has been done recently. The prestige of CVC could be restored only with the intervention of Supreme Court. Telengana Manipur are in deep turmoil but the Union Government appears to have almost abdicated its responsibility. The CBI is being abused to save Congress Ministers like Mr. Chidambaram and for other political considerations.

Whistle blowers targeted in the cash for Vote Scam

The manner in which the Delhi Police has sought to prosecute the whistle blower like the former BJP MPs Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Shri Mahavir Bhagora and Shri Sudhindra Kulkarni in the cash for vote scam is atrocious. It is too well known that Dr. Manmohan Singh Government survived the confidence vote during UPA I through corrupt and dubious means. About 19 MPs were induced to do cross voting in favour of the Government. The whistle blowers were exposing this most shameful saga of Indian democracy. For three years the Delhi Police did not undertake any investigation. In spite of repeated reprimand of the Supreme Court it did not investigate as to who were beneficiary of this scam. Shri Amar Singh was not a Minister in UPA-I nor, was his then Samajwadi Party a part of Government. On whose behalf Shri Amar Singh

was active in luring MPs to vote in favour of the UPA-I is the most important obvious question. Instead of investigating into the role of the leaders of the Congress Party and the Government who benefited directly

from this scam the Police is harassing innocent whistle blowers. The BJP strongly stands with them and would further expose the sheer duplicity of the Congress led UPA Government in the entire country.

Congress not serious in the fight against corruption

When the UPA-II completed its second year in office both the UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi and the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh declared their resolve to take strong action against the menace of corruption. Nothing could be more ironical and hollow. But for a very assertive campaign notably by the BJP, a vigilant media and because of monitoring by the Supreme Court no action would have been taken in any of the scams. On the contrary the Government abuses its authority to cover up the misdeeds of those who commit the worst sins of corruption. Former Telecom Minister Shri A Raja was given the certificate of innocence twice by the Prime Minister as is Shri Chidambaram who has his full confidence.

On the contrary the Government has sought to victimise those who have sought to expose

the repeated acts of omission, commission, corruption and misdeeds of the UPA Government and sought accountability. The way Shri Anna Hazare was initially arrested and put in the Tihar Jail where all the other scam accused are lodged and subsequently released because of national outcry only confirms this. The brutal Police lathi-charge over the peaceful supporters of Baba Ramdeo in the midnight in the Ramlila Maidan which subsequently led to the death of one of his supporter Rajbala Verma only shows the extent to which this Government can go in crushing the voice of those who demand accountability. The BJP has always supported their cause because they were articulating the deep sense of disgust and

Emboldened by the brazen support of the Prime Minister the CBI is refusing to investigate the role of Shri P Chidambaram in spite of mounting evidence against him. On the contrary it has questioned Ministers during the NDA regime Shri Jaswant Singh and Shri Arun Shourie both of whose reputation for impeccable integrity is too well known. They are being questioned for transactions which were transparent, in public domain and greatly benefited the Telecom sector. The credibility of CBI is again suspect.



distress which the people of India felt over the massive corruption of the UPA Government. The wrong doing of many other Ministers severely indicted for massive irregularity by the CAG including the role of Delhi Chief Minister Smt. Shiela Dixit in the Commonwealth Games, is being defended in the most shameful manner. The Shunglu committee earlier has pointed to serious wrong doings of the Govt of Shiela Dikshit in the arrangement of CWG games. The workers of the BJYM were mercilessly beaten by the Delhi police under the order of the Govt when they were protesting against the rampant corruption of the UPA.

The BJP is in favour of an effective Lokpal which covers the office of Prime Minister as well. The country recently has seen a great movement in support of this cause all over the country. Whether the UPA Government will indeed bring about a proper and powerful Lokpal Bill still remains in doubt in view of its past record.

Shri L K Advani, former Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the BJP Parliamentary Party, right from 2009 has been demanding consistently that earnest and effective steps be taken for recovery of black money of Indian nationals deposited in foreign banks which are profits of crime and corruption. The BJP has made this issue almost a national movement and there is a great sense of outrage in the country. Even smaller countries of the world are taking effective steps in this regards. We repeatedly hear Constitution of multi disciplinary committees five prong strategy against black money. These are just hollow declarations and the Government lacks the political will to execute an effective and well meaning time bound programme to unearth black money and share with the people of the country the details of account holders abroad who continue to enjoy the profit of their crime. The Government knows that revealing the names of account holders will only cause embarrassment to it.

Terrorism continues unabated

Terrorists continue to strike at will causing the death of many innocent Indians. Right in the heart of the capital terrorist struck with impunity before the Delhi High Court recently in which dozens of innocent people were killed. Before that the Jhaweri Bazar in Mumbai was also the target of terrorist attack leading to massacre of many.

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There has been no worth while progress into the investigation of any of the terrorist attacks in the last two years. The terrorists ably supported by their patrons from across the border continue to commit terrorist acts in Delhi which is the Political Capital of India, Mumbai, the Financial Capital of India, even Varanasi, the spiritual capital of India and Bangalore, the knowledge capital of India. It is indeed a tragedy that Afzal Guru till date has not been given the capital punishment inspite of so many years of SC judgement. In place of taking effective measures to contain it with resolute political will, the Government is giving the impression that it has almost given up. Now it is being advised by the eminent members of the National Advisory Council headed by Smt. Sonia Gandhi, to consider an ill conceived, ill advised and divisive Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence Bill 2011.

This Bill is rank discriminatory and has very dangerous implications for the unity, integrity and security of India. It proceeds on a dangerous presumption that only a majority community can commit communal violence and they can never be the victim of the same.

It also seeks very unfortunately to subject even the justice delivery system on purely communal considerations because the underlying premise is that a minority group can get justice only if the National Authority for Communal Harmony and Justice (the body proposed in the Bill) has a majority of members belonging to the minority community. The Bill gives sweeping power to the Union Government to unsettle any democratically elected State Government. The BJP strongly opposes this Bill.

New BPL category an insult to poor

**The Planning Commission, headed by the Prime Minister, in an affidavit formally filed before the Supreme Court has stated that in order to qualify for below the poverty line (BPL) category daily earning of Rs. 32 in the urban area and Rs. 25 in the rural area should be the benchmark. In view of all round inflation and difficulty being created by the UPA even in the availability of the very basic necessities for daily existence, this benchmark amounts to rubbing salt into the wound of aam adami.**

The BJP firmly rejects this patently anti people





move and demands its recall and a fair revision of the same. The BJP demands that a proper pro-poor mechanism must be developed to identify and prepare a genuine list of people below the poverty line. There are many reports in this connection, which are also contradictory as far as the BPL category is concerned. The insistence by the Govt. to cap the number of BPL category in the different States is not fair because it will tend to conceal the real number of poor people.

The suffering of farmers continues

The Congress led UPA Govt. is completely indifferent to the plight of farmers. The scarcity of fertilizers as also its distributions is in a very sorry state of affairs. The centre discriminates in the allocation of fertilizers to non-UPA State Govts. Even reduced quota is not supplied causing misery to the farmers at the high of sowing seasons. Agriculture activity is now becoming costly because of inputs becoming costly itself. There is the need to develop a proper transparent mechanism to give good remunerative prices to the farmers.

Targeting non-UPA State Governments continues unabated

The UPA record of selectively targeting non-Congress non-UPA State Governments continues unabated. If it is the BJP State Government then it is subjected to all the more vicious attacks. Raj Bhawans in many of the BJP ruled States are increasingly becoming Congress Bhawans where a pliant Governor is violating all Constitutional propriety in destabilising democratically elected Government in the effort to bring Congress into power from the back door.

The federal principal is being violated with impunity. The latest example concerns the appointment of the Lokayukta in Gujarat where the Governor acting in concert with the Congress leaders in the State completely by passed a democratically elected BJP State Government and without any consultation appointed the Lokayukta.

The BJP strongly condemns this patent unconstitutional trend and demands the recall of Gujarat State Governor. In the State of Bihar the governor continues to appoint with impunity Vice Chancellors to different Universities without the consultation with the State Govts in spite of legal

obligations. He is doing so even when courts have struck down such appointments. On the one hand the Congress led Govt. protects corrupt leaders and the other hand the special courts of Madhya Pradesh Govt. to fast track the cases of corrupt employees is being kept pending by the central Govt.

The *Jan Chetana Yatra* of Shri L K Advani

The UPA rule has left a legacy of an insecure and suffering India. Common people are the worst hit. Inflation couple with soaring prices of the most basic food products and a general slow down has made their life miserable, continued terrorists attacks makes them insecure.

All round rampant corruption patronised and protected by the UPA Government has deeply angered them. There is deep sense of distress and dismay and cynicism in the country over the repeated loot of massive amount of public money at the instance of those in the Union Government who were duty bound to protect it. Good Governance has become a casualty under the UPA. It has no political will to contain corruption.

Many Congress leaders at senior level are deeply involved in promoting and patronising corruption without any fear of remedial action against them. In such a scenario of gloom Shri L K Advani has decided to undertake a *Jan Chetana Yatra* around the country to awaken the people of the country against the cancer of corruption and the quest for good governance.

Shri L K Advani, one of the tallest national leaders, epitomises a long career of selfless service for the country whose personal integrity is indeed impeccable. The BJP National Executive calls upon all the party members around the country as also the people at large to make this *Yatra* a great success. The party exhorts the people of the country to join in this yatra in large number where ever it goes and convey their profound disapproval over the manner in which the Cong led UPA Govt has sought to shame India by its monumental corruption and bad governance.

The BJP is confident that the people of the country who are mature and have the good of the country in their hearts would surely rise to the occasion and create conditions to awaken India once again for clean politics and good governance. ■



## Bangladeshi migrants have severely affected the identity, social cohesion of Assam and Bengal : BJP



*The decision to transfer land to Bangladesh by Congress led UPA government during the visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to this neighbouring country without consulting the Indo-Bangla border States has raised several questions which still remain unanswered. In a resolution passed in the National Executive meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September – 01<sup>st</sup> October 2011, BJP expressed its serious reservations on the issue demanding that the government should place the complete details of the ‘deal’ in the parliament in the winter session and explain its decision which has adversely affected the interests and sentiments of the local people. Taking note of the illegal Bangladeshi infiltration, the resolution emphasized that any decision compromising the national interests should not be tolerated any more. The resolution was moved by senior BJP leader and Prabhari of West Bengal*

*BJP Shri Chandan Mitra and seconded by BJP National Vice President Smt. Bijoya Chakravarti. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:*

The BJP National Executive notes with concern that the India-Bangladesh Land Transfer Agreement reached in Dhaka during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s visit to Bangladesh on September 5-6, 2011 has ignored the feelings and sentiments of the people of the border States of Assam and West Bengal.

In the name of rationalisation of adversely possessed lands and exchanging enclaves of Bangladesh in India and vice versa, the rights and interests of the local population have been severely compromised, leading to unrest throughout Assam and in many parts of North Bengal. The BJP had, during the Monsoon Session of Parliament, warned the Government of India not to undertake this exercise without appropriate consultation with the affected people or taking the sentiments of the States into account.

At the behest of BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, a committee of MPs and other Central and State leaders under the leadership of Shri SS Ahluwalia, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, recently visited the

affected border districts of the two States. The team examined the ground situation and spoke to a large number of persons to assess their grievances.

The team found widespread confusion and anxiety prevailing among the people because they had not been taken into confidence in this matter. The people are agitated because they rightly feel that the Government of India has legitimised encroachment of Indian territories by Bangladesh

through the September 6, 2011 Agreement, which amounts to formally transferring land illegally occupied by erstwhile East Pakistan and later Bangladesh over the years. Apart from Assam and West Bengal, there are anxieties in Tripura and Mizoram. In Tripura some land near Chandan Nagar is scheduled to be transformed which is being opposed by the settled population of Indian there.

Although nearly 1,500 survey maps were exchanged between Indian and Bangladeshi officials before re-demarcation of the border, these maps are not in the public domain. Indian Security forces stationed on the border are also in

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the dark about the precise redrawing of the border. Indian farmers who appear to have finally lost their ancestral lands as part of the exchange are in the dark about whether they will be allotted equivalent land inside Indian territories or receive monetary compensation in lieu thereof. They fear they may become refugees in their own country.

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While the BJP is in favour of improving ties with Bangladesh and appreciates the present Government in Dhaka for the steps it has taken to curb activities of separatists operating from there, this cannot be at the cost of the livelihood and properties of Indian citizens living in the affected border regions.

The BJP is of the view that the demographic invasion of India by illegal Bangladeshi migrants has already severely affected the identity, culture and social cohesion of many parts of Assam and West Bengal. No further compromise with the country's national interests can be permitted.

The BJP pledges to fight for the rights of people adversely impacted by the Land Transfer Agreement of September 6, 2011 and demands that the Government come clean before Parliament. ■

Alpsankhyak Swabhiman Sammelan held in Lucknow

## BJP blames Congress and BSP for Muslims' woes in UP

The BJP attacked the Congress and BSP for all the problems of Muslims in Uttar Pradesh during the 'Alpsankhyak Swabhiman Sammelan' held at Ravindralay in Lucknow on October 03.

Addressing the *Karyakartas* BJP National Vice-President Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said the Congress-led UPA government was responsible for the miseries of Muslims and Muslims have themselves blacklisted those self-styled secular parties who are saying that the BJP is a threat to them.

He said the ruling BSP and Chief Minister Mayawati have done nothing in Uttar Pradesh for the betterment of Muslims except sending the innocent people

amongst the community to jails. He said that talk about reservation to Muslims was nothing but a political gimmick.

Shri Naqvi said that the money supposed to be used for the betterment of Muslims was spent on the welfare of BSP members during its rule. "What has Mayawati done to improve the lot of the weavers?," he asked.

On the occasion BJP National Spokesman and former Union Minister Shri Shahnwaz Hussain said that putting on a scarf and wearing a 'topi' to look secular during the Iftar parties must come to an end. "Muslims can not be fooled any more by these cheap tricks," he said.

He said if the Sachchar Committee has found the Muslim community in a pathetic condition then only the Congress has to be blamed which has ruled the country for more than 50 years.

He said the Gahlot led Congress government is responsible for the recent riots that took place in Bhartpur district of Rajasthan in which nine Muslims were killed and a mosque was destroyed. "Has Congress general secretary Rahul Gandhi or any other self-styled secular leader visit Bhartpur?," he asked.

Defending Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Hussain dismissed all charges against him of being anti-Muslim. The truth is that no riots took place in Gujarat during the last nine years and Muslims along with the rest of the society were making remarkable economic and social progress, he said. (FOC) ■





# Jan Chetna Yatra for Good Governance and Clean Politics

The veteran BJP leader Shri L.K. Advani will lead a *Jan Chetna Yatra* for good governance and clean politics from October 11, 2011 from Sitab Diara in Bihar the birth place of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narain.

Detailed schedule of the *Yatra* was finalized at a meeting chaired by the BJP president Shri Nitin

Rule of law, transparency in administration and people's participation will also be the principle themes of this *Yatra*.

The *Jan Chetna yatra* will also focus on the need to educate the masses about the details of the monumental corruption scandals of the Congress government at the centre going beyond the rhetoric



Gadkari. The meeting was attended by several BJP leaders from different states.

The entire party organization has been galvanized to make the *Yatra* a great success.

Shri Nitin Gadkari has appointed party general secretary Shri Anant Kumar as Chief Convener. Party general secretary Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad along with two party secretaries Shri Murlidhar Rao and Shri Shyam Jaju will be co-conveners of this *Yatra*.

Main objective of the *Jan Chetna Yatra* will be to create awareness among the people about the need to establish an accountable, transparent democratic system which is sensitive to the problems facing the common man and is free from corruption.

The country is deeply distressed and disgusted with the series of scams causing massive loot of public money in the UPA regime.

of media headlines.

The *Yatra* will also address the wider issues of reforming the entire system.

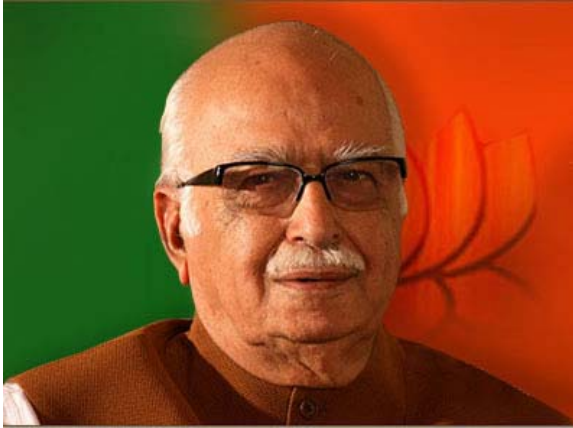
An important role of the *Yatra* will be to initiate a debate in the society on reforms in four significant sectors: Administrative reforms; Electoral reforms; Judicial reforms and Political reforms.

The *Yatra* will also apprise the people of the BJP's approach on the vital issues of good governance and clean politics as well as the multi-pronged strategies adopted by the party in this regard, inside and outside the parliament.

Along with public meetings during the *Yatra*, the party also plans to organize joint meetings with various social organizations.

All the elected representatives of the BJP will be asked to hold conferences at different places during the *Yatra*. (FOC) ■





# UPA AND LEMMINGS

By L.K. Advani

**A**t the valedictory session of the BJP National Executive in New Delhi last weekend, I referred to the Prime Minister's comment about the opposition becoming impatient to see the UPA Government's ouster in order to have an early poll. I said that in the country today, not only in the media, but also among the people, opinion is unanimous that the UPA Government is in an unenviable mess. This fact is also widely recognised that the mess is of the Congress's own making. I described the UPA Government as being 'in a suicidal mode.'

I can never forget the six-seven months period just before the formation of the BJP in April, 1980. Before that we were part of the Janata Party. At that time I had said publicly about my own party that we are in a suicidal mood.

In one of the pieces I wrote those days I had referred to a Scandinavian rodent-like animal known as lemming. Ordinarily, I had written, only human beings are known to commit suicide. But lemmings are unique creatures.

Without rhyme or reason,

large numbers of lemmings start marching towards the sea. Some swim and survive. Most die. These mass suicides of lemmings have long intrigued biologists. I wrote then that the Janata party seems to be "in the grips of a lemmings complex." One can say the same thing about the UPA Government today.

In December 2001, the Law Commission of India published its 179th Report strongly recommending enactment of laws to provide protection to whistle blowers who expose corruption.

The 113 page report opens with a letter addressed to the then Law Minister, Arun Jaitley by the Commission Chairman, Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy, in which he quotes Prime Minister Vajpayee affirming that the country's attitude to corruption should be of "zero tolerance". The Report has a couple of chapters describing in detail the kind of statutory protection given to Whistle Blowers in UK, USA, Australia and New Zealand.

On the basis of this Law Commission Report, the Manmohan Singh cabinet approved a Bill which protects Whistle Blowers and which in

2010 was formally introduced in the Lok Sabha by Personnel Minister, Prithviraj Chauhan. Presently this Bill is being considered by a Standing Committee of Parliament.

The Bill has not become law as yet. But the Cabinet having approved of it, Government should feel committed to its core principle.

Last week, accompanied by Arun Jaitley I visited the Tihar Jail to meet Sudheendra Kulkarni, a close associate of mine for many years, and two former Lok Sabha colleagues Kulaste and Bhagora who together had rendered a signal service to Democracy by blowing the whistle to expose how in 2008 crores were given as bribes to Lok Sabha MPs to cross vote in favour of the Congress, and enable UPA-2 to win a vote of confidence even after the Left Front had parted company with them. The Left Front had quit the UPA because of its opposition to the Indo-US nuclear deed. Along with Ashok Argal, the third BJP MP who was approached by the UPA, the three were offered 3 crores each, and paid Rs. 1 crore in advance.

*The Hindu* published a

Wikileaks report showing that the Manmohan Government not only indulged in massive bribery to buy MPs to its side, but had no shame flaunting its dirty plans before U.S. Embassy officials only to reassure them that the UPA Government was not going to fall, and that the Indo-U.S. Nuclear deal will go through. It is indeed shocking to find that the ruling party these days is exerting its utmost to protect corrupt ministers but has no qualms putting whistle blowers behind bars.

An organization which surveys the level of corruption in various countries of the world, computes a Corruption Perception Index for each country and publishes a comprehensive list every year is the TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL.

The CORRUPTION PERCEPTION INDEX assigns scores to countries on a scale of zero to ten, with zero indicating very high levels of corruption, and ten showing very low levels.

The list published for 2010 shows India's score as 3.3, and out of 178 countries is ranked at a lowly 87th.

Three countries - Denmark, Singapore and New Zealand - have scored 9.3 and thus tied for first place in 2010's List of 178 countries. While Pakistan scoring 2.3, is 143rd in the List. Afghanistan, Burma and Somalia are the last three in ranking - 176, 177 and 178.

TAILPIECE

On September 30, the Congress President foisted a 2G Truce on the two senior-most ministers of the Union Government. That night when I switched on the TV I saw Salman Khurshid virtually jumping with joy shouting "ALL IZ WELL", the punchline of a recent popular movie.

Of the mediemen present on the spot, one told me later: from the media persons a voice was heard asking: "Salman Saheb, can you name the THREE IDIOTS?" ■

(Courtesy : [blog.lkadvani.in](http://blog.lkadvani.in))

## BJP's Karadi Sanganna wins Koppal by-election

**B**JP continued with its successful run in Karnataka when it won the by-election to the Koppal Assembly seat on September 29, 2011. The election to the Koppal seat had been necessitated by the resignation of sitting JD(S) MLA, Shri Karadi Sanganna. He had quit the party in March and had joined BJP. He was declared as the BJP candidate for the by-election.



JD(S) nominee Pradeep Patil was relegated to the third spot. Congress candidate Basavraj Himal came second. The victory by a margin of over 12,000 votes should come as a shot in the arm to Karnataka Chief Minister Shri DV Sadananda Gowda, who was sworn in less than two months ago. Shri Sanganna polled over 57,000 votes, against

the nearly 45,000 votes secured by Hitnal, the Congress nominee. The JD(S) was way behind with its nominee Pradeep Patil getting a little over 19,000 votes only. Over 70% of the around 185,000 voters had cast their ballot in the polling held on September 26 for Koppal, which is located some 300 km from the state capital, Bangalore. With the Koppal victory, the BJP's strength in 225-member Assembly has gone up to 121, including the Speaker. Besides the backing of a nominated member, the BJP enjoys the support of one independent. Chief Minister Shri DV Sadananda Gowda said the people of Koppal had supported the BJP because of the Government's development initiatives and collective leadership. He said his Government was committed to develop the constituency. (FOC) ■

## BJP condoles death of Bhagwat Jha Azad and Hari Prasad Sah

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari expressed shock and grief at the passing away of Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad in New Delhi on October 4, 2011. Shri Azad was chief minister of Bihar between February 14, 1988 and March 10, 1989, and had also been a Lok Sabha member. In a separate condolence message Shri Gadkari also condoles the demise of Bihar Minister for Panchayati Raj and Backward Welfare Shri Hari Prasad Sah. Shri Sah was an MLA from Lokahah in Madhubani district and was also chairman of a State JD-U parliamentary board. He died of brain haemorrhage at All India Institute of Medical Science in New Delhi. He was 74. Shri Gadkari added, I pay obeisance to them. Our heart goes out to their family and friends at the time of this irreparable grief. May God give them courage to weather the storm. ■

## MADHYA PRADESH

## MP BJYM takes out 'Chunari Yatra' against UPA's corrupt regime at Center



Highlighting the issues of black money and 2G scam, MP BJYM on October 02, 2011 took out a *Chunari Yatra* against the UPA government on the occasion of the 142nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. BJYM's *Chunari Yatra* covered for about six km and held '*bhajan-kirtan*' in front of the Mahatma's statue. State BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha was also present on the occasion.

## MAHARASHTRA

## BJP demands CBI probe into Kandivali land scandal : Kirit Somaiya



The Bharatiya Janata Party demanded a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the Kandivali land scandal in Maharashtra. "Now that the Ministry of Defence has ordered a Court of Inquiry in the matter, it is clear that the State government wants to protect the culprits. The CBI should investigate into this," BJP national secretary Shri Kirit Somaiya, said at a press conference in Mumbai.

He said that 13.28 acres of land in Akurli, Kandivali, was taken on lease by the Army from the State government in 1940 for a period of 99 years. "The State government, however, sold a portion of the land - without obtaining proper permission from the Defence authorities - to a private company, Neo Pharma (Kalpataru group). A 31-storeyed building stands there compromising the security of the nearby Central Ordnance Depot and the builder has gained crores from it at the cost of national security," Shri Somaiya alleged.

He said the Congress governments both in the State and at the Centre have given contradictory answers to the same query raised in legislature. The Defence Minister admitted about the scam, but the State government has denied it. There is Congress government in both the Centre as well as the State. They have to decide who is speaking the truth," he said.

Corruption has not reduced under the new Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan, in fact, he is shielding the corrupt, he alleged.

He said that the property register of 1967 showed that the Defence authorities were in possession of the land. "In the property card that was made later, the column of owner has been deliberately kept blank," he said.

## UTTAR PRADESH

## Under Mayawati's rule maximum crime against Dalits committed : BJP

Reacting to the fresh letter written by State Chief Minister Mayawati to the Prime Minister, the Bharatiya Janata Party said it was an election gimmick that showed how panicky the Bahujan Samaj Party had become as the Assembly election neared.

Referring to Mayawati's latest letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, BJP State Spokes person Shri Manoj Mishra asked why she had kept silence on the issue for the last four-and-half years.

The people know well why she (Mayawati) is writing these letters at this point if time Shri Mishra said, and added, that the BSP has become



desperate with the success of the Dalit conference of the BJP and has made an attempt to divert the attention of people by writing the letters.

The BJP State Spokes person said that the National Crime Record Bureau statistics showed that the maximum crime against Dalits were committed in Uttar Pradesh during the Chief Ministership of Mayawati.

The crime against Dalits in the state proves that Mayawati has miserably failed to protect the community which was instrumental in bringing her to power, Shri Mishra said.

## ARUNACHAL PRADESH

### BJP seeks special Arunachal session to discuss hardship faced by common people



Opposition BJP demanded an immediate session of the Arunachal Pradesh Assembly to discuss and remove the post-monsoon hardship faced by people of the State.

Addressing a Press conference former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi and BJP National General Secretary Shri Tapir Gao said at least half of the cabinet of Congress-led Arunachal Pradesh government was camping in New Delhi since last four months to seek a leadership change. People are suffering and these Congress leaders are holidaying, they said.

Shri Tapir Gao said due to monsoon, most of the district headquarters are cut off, medicines and essential commodities are not reaching the interior and border areas. But half of the cabinet was staying in five-star hotels in Delhi and this had led to all development work in the north-eastern state coming to a stand-still.

He said though this was an internal matter of Congress, the State was suffering and the ruling party as well as its central leadership, including party president Sonia Gandhi, should be held solely responsible.

All developmental activities are at a standstill and the law and order problems are increasing day by day," Shri Gao said, adding this was being done with the blessings of AICC.

He said with three countries at its borders, Arunachal has to be governed with a stable government. The internal leadership tussle in Arunachal State Congress unit has paralysed governance in this strategically located State," he said. ■



## Abhya Varg held in Dadra Nagar Haveli

Dadra Nagar Haveli BJP organised three-day (September 15 to 17) *Abhyas Varg* at Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini. Dadra Nagar Haveli having three lacs population is Union territory now had been colonized by Portugal from 1883 to 1954. In 1954 RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh), Jansagh and other organisations fought against colonial ruler and liberated Dadra Nagar Haveli from Portuguese. Under the leadership of RSS's Swayamsevak Shri Raja Kanwar and Shri Nana Kajerkar, freedom fighters besieged the fort of Silvassa. 150 soldiers of Portugal, who were inside the fort had to surrender. In this way Dadra Ngar Haveli got freedom and became integral part of Bharat in 1961.

Earlier BJP considered it as a district from organizational point of view but it has now been recognised as a State. In this *Abhyas Varg* 84 people including MP Shri Natu Bhai, State President Shri Digvijay Parmar completed the training. National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ramlal, Training Cell Convenor Shri Alok Kumar, Political advisor to BJP National President Shri Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, former Cabinet Minister Shri Ram Naik, and Shri Manish Chaudhary were present in the session. Addressing the *Abhyas Varg* BJP State President Shri Parmar said that such type of training was organised for the first time in the State. In the *Varga*, history, contribution of BJP, life and approach of Deendayal ji, development of tribal development and plans related to tribal people present situation and challenges before the nation etc. were discussed.