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# The whole country was his home

By Atal Bihari Vajpayee



**P**anditji's was a life of devotion. He devoted every moment of his life and sacrificed every drop of his blood for the nation. The entire country was his home and the whole society was his family. He had just one dream in his eye to realize and one vow of his life to be respected.

Politics was the means and not the end in itself. It was the way to his destination, not the destination in itself. He wanted to inject spiritualism in politics. He derived inspiration from the glorious past of India and wanted to make her future still more magnificent. His faith took inspiration from indestructible roots of ancient India but he was never a conservative. He started his journey of life with an object in mind to make India a prosperous and modern nation.

He was a great thinker. He did not believe in treading on the same path in the field of ideology. That is why he evolved such a model of Jansan which takes inspiration from the illustrious past of India and was ready to face the challenges of the future. He was never fascinated by any post. He was not a member of parliament himself, but rather he was the maker of parliamentarians. He never hankered after office. It was after a great persuasion that he could be made to accept the office of president of the Party. It was he who inspired



us to go to Kanyakumari across Vindhyanchal where the sea is washing the feet of Bharatmata to infuse the unity mantra of India. Under his leadership we had taken a vow for emotional unity of the country from Himalaya down to the Indian ocean. Party's session was held at Calicut. We went there. The session was a grand success under his presidentship. The people said the Jansangh had presented a historic display of commitment to ideology. People had concentrated all their hopes and aspirations in Panditji. People from India and abroad said that Jansangh had acquired a new identity at the Calicut session. In reality, there was a change in the perception of people rather than change in Jansangh. Some among these people were those in whose eyes was reflected the sin within their heart, a spark of jealousy and sense of violence. They could not digest this change of scene and today they have deprived us of Pandit Deendayalji. In what circumstances he died, nobody is sure about it. A person for whom millions of people were ready to sacrifice their life, were bound together, was pushed into the lap of death in the dark night far away from his followers and his countrymen. ■



## BJP led government in Jharkhand: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITY

By becoming the chief minister of Jharkhand for the third time, Shri Arjun Munda has proved that he is not only a natural tribal leader but also a political leader of the State. Everything was settled before anyone could sense the developments. We all know that coalition governments like the one formed in Jharkhand are always at risk but in the politics of Jharkhand Bharatiya Janata Party is the only party which is capable of restoring the dwindling political fortune of the State. Though it appears a difficult task but Shri Arjun Munda will have to lead the government by taking everyone along and perform to the best of his abilities. The State leadership of Jharkhand will have to stand united behind Shri Arjun Munda. It is a time when BJP has taken the risk to form the government to serve the interests of the people of Jharkhand. Congress in Jharkhand is leaderless and the situation in other parties too is well known. There may be some personality centric smaller parties but these may not survive for long given their lack of vision and commitment for a larger cause. For BJP it is a challenge as well as an opportunity. And it is more so for Shri Arjun Munda who is the first tribal leader in India to have got a third opportunity to become the chief minister of any State. He has to restart building a new Jharkhand by rescuing it from political instability, corruption, crime and Naxalism through a stable and development oriented strong government.

Bihar elections:

### Future of Bihar lies with present government

The preparations for the assembly elections in Bihar are in full swing. The six-phase elections in Bihar which will stretch upto the month of November 2010 is expected to keep the entire country deeply involved. Bihar has started charting the path of progress during the last five years of NDA rule. While faith of the people stands shaken in the political system of the country, the NDA rule under the chief ministership of Shri Nitish Kumar has generated a new confidence in the people through its good works which needs to be applauded and acknowledged. The people of India are fully aware that the soil of Magadh having the reputation of being the land of great empire builder like Chanakya is a state of politically aware people. The revolutionary land represented by Gandhi Maidan and Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan's movement now badly needs development and good governance. The people of Bihar have understood it well now.

Bihar which has moved ahead on the path of development now does not want to go back. People even now have not forgotten the stories and scandals of Lal-raj in Bihar. The manner in which the BJP-JDU government has brought law and order situation under control has been appreciated by everyone. The path to free Bihar of corruption and crime which the State has traversed in last five years needs to be continued without break and for that it is necessary that NDA government is formed again in the State.

The kind of forward looking approach with willingness for cooperation and accommodation in the interest of the people of Bihar which BJP has shown is not only appreciable but also worthy of emulation. This election is also time to test the will of the people of Bihar and time for their verdict for the future of the State. We have complete faith that the voters of Bihar will choose the path of development above caste and divisive politics in the coming elections. The path of development means to reaffirm the faith on BJP-JDU government in Bihar.

BJP led government formed in Jharkhand

# Good governance and development are our priority: Arjun Munda

From Our Correspondent

**B**JP has formed a new coalition government in Jharkhand under the leadership of Shri Arjun Munda with the support of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU) and JD (U). On September 11, 2010 the senior BJP leader and former chief minister of the state Shri Arjun Munda MP took oath as the new chief minister of Jharkhand. AJSU chief Sudesh Mahto and JMM leader Hemant Soren, son of former Chief Minister Shibu Soren, were also sworn in at the ceremony as ministers. The State was under president rule since June 2010.

It is Shri Munda's third stint as chief minister in the state. He first served the state in 2003 and then in 2005 when BJP led NDA government was formed in Jharkhand. The 42-year-old BJP leader, Shri Munda has the support of 45 MLAs in the assembly with an effective strength of 81.

Governor Shri M.O.H. Farook administered the oath of office at Raj Bhavan. In the 81-member Assembly, BJP and JMM have 18 MLAs each, five AJSU, two Janata Dal (United) legislators and two independents are supporting the BJP led coalition government.

Former BJP National



## Munda proves majority

Governor MOH Farooq who invited Shri Arjun Munda to form the government on September 09, had directed him to prove his majority on the floor of the House within a week. Chief Minister Shri Arjun Munda following the governor's directive proved his majority on September 14 by winning the vote of confidence in the assembly. Shri Munda notched a victory in the confidence motion with a margin of 15 votes – 45 in favour and 30 against in the House of 81.

Immediately after proving his majority Shri Munda called an all-party meeting to discuss the issues connected with drought situation in the State. Due to the deficit rains this monsoon, the state administration during President's rule, had declared all 24 districts of the state as drought hit. He said we wanted to take everyone along in dealing with the crisis. He re-affirmed his commitment to work for the welfare of the people of the State by providing good governance while working actively for the development.



**Nitin Gadkari**

National President, Bharatiya Janata Party

11 SEP 2010

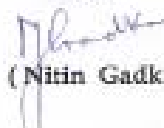
Dear Shri. Arjun Ji,

I congratulate you on my personal behalf as well as on behalf of the BJP rank & file throughout the country on being sworn in as Jharkhand's Chief Minister once again. It was my keen desire to be present at your swearing-in ceremony today. But due to Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations at my residence in Nagpur, I am unable to join other senior BJP leaders in sharing the party's success in ending the President's rule and giving the state a popular government. I send all my best wishes to you on this occasion and wish every success to you and the Government led by you in giving the people of Jharkhand what they deserve; that is a strong, stable and effective government. Tribal communities have always reposed their faith in BJP and its alliance partners and I am sure you will take every care of their agonies and aspirations.

People of Jharkhand have high expectations from you and the Party hopes that you will do everything possible to meet their expectations. BJP has always insisted on striving to give a high quality governance in the states where it is ruling and I am confident your government will offer a "government that delivers" to the people of Jharkhand. The concept of Antyodaya, which is reaching out to the disadvantaged and deprived sections of the society on priority basis, is inherent to BJP's concept of Suraj or Good Governance and we look forward to the performance of BJP led government in Jharkhand under your leadership. Ensuring that the fruits of development reach to the poorer sections of the society and overcoming the threat of Naxalism are the twin challenges before the Jharkhand government. I trust your experience of governments earlier and the administrative skills that your team possesses will go a long way in meeting these challenges effectively.

I wish you every success.

Yours,

  
(Nitin Gadkari)

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President Shri Rajnath Singh, BJP National chief spokesperson Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Chhattisgarh chief ministers Dr. Raman Singh and Uttarakhand chief ministers Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal besides JMM chief Shibu Soren and his wife Rupri Soren attended the swearing-in ceremony.

It is noteworthy that the BJP and the JMM had formed a coalition government on December 30 last year under Shibu Soren. But it lasted only five months. Jharkhand was under central rule since the BJP withdrew support to Shibu Soren government in April 2010 and the President's rule had been

imposed on June 1 with the Assembly being put under suspended animation. The BJP and the JMM came back together after three months of parting company and the central government recommended lifting of the President's rule in the state. Speaking to the mediapersons after taking oath at Raj Bhavan, Shri Munda said his priorities were to deal with the grave drought situation in the state and address the grievances of farmers and the poor. Supporting the decision of the party BJP National General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar told reporters that BJP has formed the government in

alliance with Shibu Soren's JMM and other outfits as part of its endeavour to keep the Congress out of power in the politically fragile state.

He said all the constituents of the BJP-led government headed by Shri Arjun Munda decided to come together at their own free will not only to keep the Congress out of power, but in the larger interests of providing good governance for the remaining four years of the term of the state legislature in Jharkhand. He said the BJP-led government will provide a good governance and development in the mineral-rich state over the next four years. ■

## Thumping victory for BJP in Gujarat and Karnataka bypolls

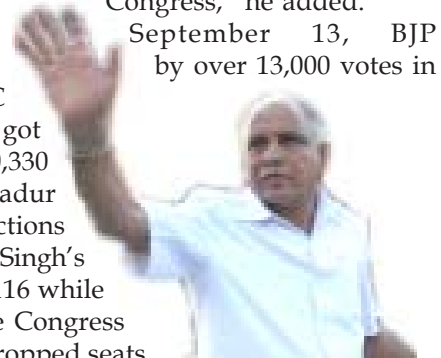


In Gujarat BJP on September 17 broke into the Congress bastion bagging the Kathlal assembly seat for the first time in five decades winning the by-poll, giving Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi a victory gift on his 61st birthday.

Shri Kanu Dabhi won by over 21,000 votes defeating his nearest Congress rival Shri Ghelabhai Zala. Shri Dabhi got 62,120 votes while Shri Zala polled 40,573 votes.

With this win, the strength of BJP in the 182-member state assembly increased to 122. Expressing happiness on the victory, Shri Modi said the people of Gujarat have defeated every conspiracy of Congress and CBI. This is people's support for the development oriented politics. Even the Congress and the CBI together, could not defeat BJP in what was considered a Congress bastion," he said. He said those indulging in secular vote bank politics have been given a befitting reply by the people of Gujarat. The victory has come from an area which is represented by Congress," he added.

In the prestigious by-election held in Karnataka on September 13, BJP candidate Shri Y C Vishwanath a medical practitioner, won Kadur, held earlier by the Congress. In Kadur BJP's Shri Y C Vishwanath notched 55,796 votes, Shri YSV Datta of the JD(S) got 41,899 votes and Shri K M Kemparaju of Congress got 30,330 votes. The Congress suffered a huge jolt as it not only lost Kadur but also its candidate Ajay Singh failed to taste success in elections for the second time despite Gulbarga being considered Dharam Singh's stronghold. The bypoll victory keeps the BJP MLA count at 116 while the Congress drops to 78 in the 224-member Assembly. The Congress has over three phases of bypolls in the state in recent times dropped seats while the BJP has made incremental gains. ■





Two day  
workshop of  
BJP Media Cell  
in New Delhi

## Modern technology needed for effective communication : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

A two day workshop for all the national and state level spokespersons and Media Cell Conveners of the BJP was organised by the national BJP Media Cell on September 13 at the Constitution Club in New Delhi. This exhaustively framed workshop was being attended by 112 delegates from all the states and it aimed at capacity building among its office-bearers and cadres.

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley, BJP National General Secretary and Chief spokesperson Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad addressed the elite gathering on the first day and trained them on how to engage with the various media – Print, Electronic etc. On the second day Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj and BJP Parliamentary party Chairman Shri L K Advani delivered the valedictory talk.

Addressing on the occasion

October 1-15, 2010 ○ 9



BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari underlined the need to study and improve content of matter while speaking or writing on issues. He also emphasized on how the cadre should use modern technology for effective communication.

Shri Gadkari said two ways consultation between centre and state parties is utmost important in order to keep strong vigil on various developments.

Addressing the gathering

Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley gave a comprehensive picture on media and politics today. He built on how news is being redefined by the emphasis being placed on camera-based electronic media.

He said news as it breaks is watched on TV but the content may be read on the net. "News is what the camera can capture," he said. However, he cautioned the spokespersons from getting 'media-driven'.

Election

campaign abroad are being played through TV debates. He emphasized the need to use the local media, regional media and every other platform.

Shri Jaitely laid emphasis for placing developing news within the framework of our ideology and analyzing them and then understanding our position.

BJP National General Secretary and Chief Spokesperson Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad elaborated on how to build on an issue to underline its political importance. He elaborated using several contemporary and current examples such as Ram Setu, price rise, Amarnath, Naxal and 'My Name is Khan'. He emphasized on understanding the 'party line' and speaking with confidence and credibility.

The day also saw eminent television journalists Smt

Navika Kumar, Shri Deepak Chaurasia and Shri Pankaj Pachauri talking from their perspective.

Delivering his Valedictory address on the second day of the workshop BJP Parliamentary party Chairman Shri L K Advani said we live in a media-driven society. There is no field of social activity that remains untouched by the media. And this is true about politics, too.

I have often reflected upon the sea change that has come about in the impact of the media on politics since I became a political activist of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh nearly 60 years ago.

He said from wall-writing to websites, I have seen all the transformations that have taken place in the way political parties communicate to the people. With each new development in technology, the power of the

media to reduce the distance between the political establishment and the people has increased. Technology can change the nature of the carrier, and also its power to carry the message faster and wider. However, technology cannot change the message itself. He said the message is determined by the thoughts and conduct of the political establishment.

Shri Advani said the over one hundred media in-charges and spokespersons assembled at this conclave must realize that a very important responsibility has been assigned to them by the party. "Your function is to ensure that in the eyes of the people, your communication with the media is such that people come to accept that BJP is really a trustworthy nationalist party, committed to good governance and clean politics," he said. ■

### *Setback for J-K Congress, 5 ex-councilors join BJP*

## **Ladakh Union Territory Front merges with BJP**

In a major setback to Congress, five of its former councilors have resigned and joined BJP in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir on September 20, 2010.

The former councillors - Shri Mohammad Khan, Shri Haji Abdul Qadir, Shri Gulam Mohammad Chattapa, Shri Gulam Haider Majun and Shri Ahmed Shah - joined the BJP at a function in Nobra belt of Leh in presence of Nobra MLA Shri Tsetan Namgial and Nobra block President Shri T Namgial.

Reacting on this development State BJP spokesman said BJP got an opportunity to strengthen its position in Jammu and Kashmir in general and Ladakh in particular as five former Congress councilors of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) joined BJP.

"The party has gained strength in entire Leh district as most of the councilors of Congress have joined the BJP. It is historic decision of the people of Ladakh to repose faith in BJP and its policies," he said.

It is noteworthy, on September 16, the Ladakh Union Territory Front (LUFT) merged with the BJP in a bid to bolster their long pending demand for declaring Ladakh as a Union Territory.

Declaring it as a "historic day", as many as 17 elected councilors of the Ladakh Hill Development Council (HDC) joined the national party in the presence of former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh at a ceremony. (FOC) ■



# More youth should participate in Nation building process : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent



BJYM National Executive Meeting cum Workshop in Mumbai

The BJYM National Executive Meeting cum Workshop was held on 12-14 September at 'Ram Bhau Mahalgi Prabodhini', Mumbai, Maharashtra. The Meet was inaugurated by the BJP National President Shri. Nitin Gadkari in the presence of BJP National General Secretaries Shri Ananth Kumar and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, BJP National Secretaries Shri Kirit Somaiya & Sushri Vani Tripathi along with BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur.

On behalf the Yuva Morcha members, Shri. Anurag Thakur welcomed all the chief guests for being at National Executive meet to motivate and guide the newly formed young team of BJYM.

In his inaugural speech Shri Nitin Gadkari appreciated the BJYM team for their deep concern for Jammu & Kashmir. He applauded the Yuva Morcha

for having taken the challenge

of "INDIA FIRST CAMPAIGN" (BHARAT PRATHAM ABHIYAAN) - a movement taken up to fight against the separatist forces in Kashmir for integration of the valley into the Republic of India.

Addressing the young members he said, "BJP is truly a Democratic Party which follows the principle of country first. Nationalism is the soul of India and BJP believes to take forward this ideology to every Indian and along with Nationalism, Good Governance is what BJP will look forward when it will regain its power in the centre. Decentralization of Power and Division of Work should be accounted at all the levels for development process across the country."

He said that the biggest challenge for the country ahead his in the field of social security, economic reforms, food inflation, unemployment, law & order, Maoist - Naxalite and Kashmir issues. And now its

time for the youth of this country to handle all these challenges in a very positive way. He emphasized that there should be politics for the development oriented approach, political will to do good and Globalizing Socio-economic reforms. For more & more youth participation in Nation building process, he said Yuva Members should formulate such programmes.

He said, "We and only we can change the scenario of this country along with ideas of Nationalism, Good Governance & Political Will."

The closing ceremony was concluded by BJP National General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar. Addressing the young members of BJYM on "INDIA FIRST CAMPAIGN" and its successful implementation of the campaign at all the levels across the country, he said through this campaign every Indian should be aware of the current scenario in J&K and

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# Lacs of rotten foodgrain bags found at FCI godowns

*BJP team makes surprise visits to Kurukshetra, Karnal & Ambala godowns*

**B**JP team on 09 September 2010 paid surprise visits to FCI's Kurukshetra, Karnal & Ambala godowns and exposed the rotten foodgrain scam. Lacs of wheat bags were found to be lying in the open. Fully rotten and insect infected foodgrains were found at the Ismailabad FCI godown at Kurukshetra.

BJP leaders Shri Navjot Sidhu, Dr. Kirit Somaiya, Shri Prakash Javdekar, Capt. Abhimanyu, Dr. Harshvardhan visited FCI godowns at Karnal and Ambala. More than half of the foodgrains stored in these godowns were lying in the open. No proper plinth, tarpaulin and other norms were followed for the scientific storage of food grains. This is the 24th FCI godown visited and exposed by BJP team led by BJP National Secretary, Dr. Kirit Somaiya in the last 6 weeks. It is observed that more than 180 lac tons of foodgrains are stored in the open. These are mainly in Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and UP.

BJP National Secretary Navjot Sidhu has charged that it is sheer criminal negligence on the part of UPA-Congress Government which has allowed Rs. 58,000 crores worth of foodgrains to go waste. BJP spokesperson & MP Shri Prakash Javdekar stated that a Parliamentary Committee should inquire in-depth into the rotten foodgrain scam. Government is misleading the Parliament in stating that only Rs.6 crores worth foodgrains have been wasted. The godown visited by

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Former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh leading a dharna along with Delhi State BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta and Delhi State BJP Gen. Secy. Shri Parvesh Varma against central govt on rotten foodgrain at Jantar Mantar on 19 Sept. 2010.

## BJP submitted two dozen rotten foodgrain samples to Human Rights Commission

On 15 September 2010 two dozens samples of rotten foodgrains collected from various FCI godowns throughout the country were submitted to the National Human Rights Commission by Bharatiya Janata Party. This is to support the Petition of BJP National Secretary Dr. Kirit Somaiya which is already admitted by the Commission. BJP charged that the horribly infected rotten foodgrains were being distributed under PDS, Antyodaya, Annapurna Schemes by FCI, Government of India. Along with the petitioner Dr. Kirit Somaiya, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi MP, BJP National Spokesperson Shri Parakash Javdekar, MP and Shri J P Nadda, BJP General Secretary met with the officials of National Human Rights Commission in Delhi.

## Congress has broken all records of corruption : Venkaiah Naidu

**T**he BJP Delhi Pradesh Incharge Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu on September 16 has said that the policy of the Central and Delhi Congress Governments has been to talk about the poor and support the rich. This is the reason why both the Governments have broken all the records of corruption.

office bearers, District Presidents etc. in the Deputy Speaker Hall of the Constitution Club here today. On this occasion, the Pradesh Spokesperson Shri Mewa Ram Arya presented a political resolution. It was supported by the Pradesh Vice President Smt. Vishakha Shailani. The resolution was passed

in hellish conditions. They have no excess to drinking water, uninterrupted power, education, health and transport facilities. The Government had promised to build 10 lakh houses for the poor. Even this promise has not been fulfilled. The way in which corruption of hundreds of crores has been committed in the name of



BJP Delhi Pradesh Working Committee meeting in progress

Delhi is a mini India but the Congress Governments have not been able to provide even the basic amenities during the last twelve years. Food grains are rotting in the Government godowns, but crores of the people of the country are starving. Praising the movements launched by BJP Delhi Pradesh, he told that other States should also learn from Delhi.

Shri Naidu was addressing an important meeting of the Pradesh Working Committee, Pradesh office bearers, Morcha's

unanimously. The Working Committee also passed a unanimous resolution demanding the President to dismiss the Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit.

The Pradesh Incharge further told that the Pradesh Congress Government which claims to be the well-wisher of common man and the poor supplies only 19 kg of wheat and 4.5 kg of rice per month to the BPL and APL cardholders through the Government Ration Shops. 55 lakh people of 1639 unauthorized colonies are living

Commonwealth Games, one can not find such example any where. Sheila Government allowed the loot of 680 crore rupees of SC welfare fund in the name of the Games and also misled the Legislative Assembly. The people of Delhi are also facing the problem of traffic jams every other day due to Games and the cases of accidents have increased. The Government is not concerned about the people of Delhi.

The meeting was presided over by the Pradesh President Shri Vijender Gupta. He told

that since it is a question of national prestige and national honour hence the BJP will raise the issue of corruption and other irregularities after the conclusion of Games. He told that due to the Games entire Delhi has been dug up. Diseases like Dengue etc. are spreading due to water logging in the potholes. The BJP will compel the Government to account for every act of corruption committed in the name of the Games.

The BJP will see that the corrupt persons are sent to jails. Referring about the two rounds of floods in Delhi, he told that he himself visited the flood affected areas alongwith BJP team. The people were facing the problem of drinking water and attend nature's call. The BJP workers provided relief to the flood victims. The Government machinery remained idle. Delhi has become a centre of criminal elements. The clouds of terrorism is also hovering on the Games.

Shri Gupta told that the condition of rural areas and slum clusters is very bad in Delhi. Mrs. Sonia Gandhi and Sheila Dikshit had distributed provisional certificates to the people of unauthorized colonies on the eve of Assembly elections two years ago, but not a single colony has been regularized till date. The Lokayukta has also summoned Delhi Government on this issue. Even after the orders of the DERC the power tariff has not been reduced. The Congress Government is deliberately avoiding the hanging of Afzal Guru. Due to this the incidents of terrorist activities are being seen in Kashmir and naxal areas. The

Government is helpless. The terrorists are openly committing abduction, murder, railway accidents and arson.

The National Secretaries Mrs. Arti Mehra, Sushri Vani Tripathi, former State Presidents of Delhi SarvaShri Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Prof. Om Prakash Kohli, Mange Ram Garg and former Chief Minister Madan Lal Khurana

participated in the meeting. By presenting a resolution, the State Vice President & Spokesperson Shri Vijay Jolly demanded the State Incharge and the State Working Committee that the BJP Delhi State Shri Vijender Gupta should be given powers to form Election and Disciplinary Committees. This resolution was passed unanimously. ■

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the BJP team today has proved that in this godown alone more than Rs.10 crores worth foodgrains have been criminally wasted.

BJP is planning to take up the issue in the Parliamentary Committees, Privileges Committee and also at the judicial level.

BJP has requested for -

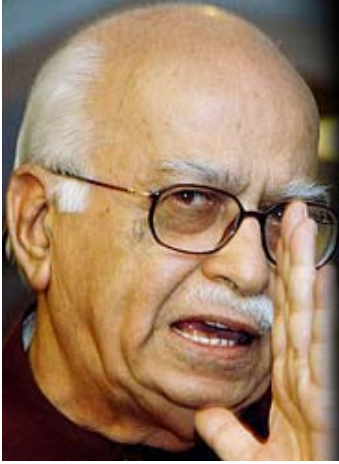
- i) Directives to FCI, Government of India for compulsory laboratory testing of all foodgrains lying in FCI godowns.
- ii) 180 lakhs tonnes foodgrain lying in open - A special team of the Commission to visit these open warehouses.
- iii) Directives asking FCI to stop mixing rotten foodgrain with good foodgrain.

BJP visited following FCI godowns-

- i) Rajasthan - Udaipur, Jaipur, Chittorgarh, Sikar.
- ii) Uttar Pradesh - Kanpur, Lucknow, Shahjahanpur
- iii) Haryana - Bani, Bhagola, Karnal, Sirsa, Ambala, Kaithal, Kalayat, Ismailabad
- iv) Punjab - Firozpur
- v) Maharashtra - Mumbai
- vi) Andhra Pradesh -

Nalagonda  
BJP observed -

- i) The condition of foodgrain is almost similar in most of the FCI godowns.
  - ii) The conditions of godowns/foodgrain are horrible.
  - iii) No proper arrangements, as prescribed by FCI are done for storing the foodgrain in Open/CAP godowns.
  - iv) It is understood around 180 lakhs tonnes of foodgrain are lying in open.
  - v) The condition of foodgrain is not only rotten but infected with insects.
  - vi) Horrible smell
  - vii) Not only unfit for human-being but animals also won't eat it.
  - viii) The rotten foodgrain being mixed with good quality of wheat.
  - ix) It is understood that the same is being distributed through PDS without doing proper laboratory testing.
  - x) The food grains found at various ration shops infected with insects and fungus.
- The Commission has assured BJP leaders that the samples and representation of the petitioner will be put before the whole Bench of the Commission. ■



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## The importance of September

By LK Advani

Personally for me, today's is a memorable date. It was exactly on this day in 1947 that I left my birthplace Karachi for good. In these last 63 years since, I have visited Karachi only twice - first time in 1978, and the second time in 2005.

Gen. Musharraf of Pakistan was born in Delhi. When he visited Delhi in 2001 he had come here for the first time since independence. I referred to this in my very first interaction with him at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"Don't you think it unfortunate" I said, "that in these over five decades after 1947 you are visiting your birthplace for the first time, and that I have also been able to visit Karachi, my home city, only once (my second visit as indicated earlier came later)!"

In that first meeting with the General, while exchange of pleasantries about our days at St. Patrick's High School, Karachi where both of us had

studied, created some little cordiality, my suggestion that a dramatic change could come about in Indo - Pak relations if Pakistan were to hand over Daud Ibrahim, the main accused (and absconder) in the 1993 serial blast case of Mumbai, precipitated quite a tense situation making Gen. Musharraf assert sharply : "Well, Mr. Advani, let me tell you, Daud Ibrahim is not in Pakistan".

Every one of the nearly one dozen officials from India and Pakistan present at the meeting knew that the Pak President's had resorted to a gross untruth.

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I could not complete this yatra. I was arrested at Samastipur in Bihar on October 23, and flown by helicopter to Massanjore (Dumka District) to be kept there in detention on the Bihar - West Bengal border.

Since 1990 I have been visiting Somnath every year on September 25 to seek the blessings of Bhagwan Somnath, the foremost among the twelve jyotirlings. This month too I propose to go there on that date. This year would be the 20th anniversary of my Ram Rath Yatra, which has been a landmark event in my life.

What a remarkable coincidence it is that the Allahabad High Court has announced last week that the Bench considering the title suits

# I challenge Soniaji to provide women reservation within Congress: Smriti Irani

Smt. Smriti Irani, the legendary "Tulsi" of a popular TV serial that created history, needs no introduction. As the new national President of BJP Mahila Morcha her vision is to keep the flag of India's rich culture and hoary traditions fluttering high at all the times. Even in films, she has remained grooved to the Indian culture and samsakaras. Her roles have always depicted the life, trials and tribulations of a truly Indian woman. Initiated into Sangh ideology when just 7 years old, she has plans to involve more and more women into politics and BJP.

Amba Charan Vashishth interviewed her last week in Delhi. Some excerpts:



## What is your vision of an empowered woman?

Every woman in the country should be aware of her rights and be vigilant to exercise and protect them. She should be aware of the rights bestowed to her under the Constitution of India. She should be the master of her own destiny and lead a fuller life. At the same time, she should devote her life to the service of the society and the nation.

## What made you to jump into politics?

My grooming into politics was as natural a process as my upbringing. My maternal grandfather (*naanaji*) was a *swayamsevak* of RSS. My mother was a Jana Sangh *karyakarta* content with working at an election booth. I was groomed into this nationalistic ideology; so my joining BJP was like being in my own family. My elders in the family did not get any office; they remained committed to the ideology. When I got a responsibility in the BJP organization, they were all very happy. It is an opportunity for me to prove myself and march forward. It is an onerous responsibility for me.

## A woman has a very important role in her home.

### How important is her role in politics?

Men and women are the two wheels of the same

cycle of politics. Without either of the two, the cycle can't move forward. At present grant of only 33 percent reservation to women is being talked about though we women deserve 50 percent reservation. Women and men are equal partners and play a role complementary to each other. The task of reconstruction and rejuvenation of society can be accomplished only by the combined efforts of both.

## As Mahila Morcha President, what are your immediate plans to involve more and more women into politics and BJP?

As per our party constitution, about 100 women get office at the *mandal*, *tehsil*, district and State level. During my tours to the States I exhort women to involve themselves more and more in politics and tell them that they can get no platform better than BJP to serve the society and the nation best. Male *karyakartas* are there at every election booth. I wish to involve more and more *mahila karyakartas* at every booth. I wish to associate more and more women from respectable families as do I wish from the dalit and downtrodden families to give them a position of respect in the BJP. During my tours my only anxiety is to reach the women at the

lowest level of society. I appeal to women in villages to involve themselves more actively in politics.

We are planning to organize a workshop to ensure political training to women. *Nari Shakti Kendras* are being constituted. Through these *kendras* we shall launch a campaign for health, education and employment for women. We are also campaigning for permanent commission to women in the army. It is a matter of regret that the government is ignoring even the court verdict. Women are being deprived of their right of parity with men. We are taking up this issue on priority. Demands of women are pending for long. Government has given a deaf ear to these. We are also extending free legal assistance on our own. I wish to state that BJP is the only party which has been trying to solve the problems of women even while being in the opposition. Women want results, their rights and justice. They are not interested in empty rhetoric.

**Since becoming the President about six months back, which are the States you have visited in the country?**

I have extensively toured the country from Kanyakumari to Jammu and Wagha to Dimapur I have visited Punjab, Delhi, Gujarat, Tamilnadu, Kerala, West Bengal, Jammu-Kashmir, Karnataka, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh etc. I wish to cover the whole country, including Andaman and Nicobar islands by the end of the year or by January. Extensive touring has made me understand the ground realities of politics. This will help me in formulating next programme of action.

**Passing the Women Reservation Bill in Rajya Sabha has proved to be a hoax played on women. Despite tall claims government has failed to prove its sincerity by getting it passed in Lok Sabha.**

Women have seen through the Congress game. It stands fully exposed in the eyes of women. For Congress the Women's Reservation Bill is just a slogan. It is trying to befool women on the issue. On the contrary, BJP stands fully committed to women reservation. In Rajya Sabha the Bill was passed only because of

BJP support. By amending its constitution, BJP has shown how honest is it towards this matter. BJP is the first and the only political organization which has granted 33 percent reservation to women at all levels in the organization. I challenge the Congress to follow the BJP example and grant 33 percent reservation to women in the organization. Congress has reserved only the post of Congress President to Smt. Sonia Gandhi only because of dynastic considerations till her son takes over.

**In politics, who is your role model?**

Atalji is my role model. He commanded great hold over the organization; people love him the most. He proved to be a world statesman. He did not come off a political family but from an ordinary one. He rose by dint of his hard work and intelligence. He made a place for himself in the country and the world.

Besides him Advaniji is also my *margdarshak*. I also derive inspiration from Sushmaji and Arun Jaitleyji. Presently, I am working under the guidance of our national President Shri Nitin Gadkari from whom we have to learn a lot.

**India is passing through twin problems of female foeticide and ever-increasing population. Despite best efforts the results are not encouraging. What, in your view, should be done?**

For us in the BJP female foeticide is a social sin and we are in the forefront to fight it. In Gujarat a social programme was launched against this curse. It was ensured that those who indulged in this crime were punished and imprisoned. In Madhya Pradesh innovative schemes like *Ladli Laxmi Yojna* have had a positive impact We need to strike at this evil from all angles.

**And to control population?**

We have to come forward with bold steps We have to stop playing politics on the issue. If China and other countries can do it, why can't India? Otherwise this population bomb is going to explode on our face.

**The society and government owes a lot to do to prevent atrocities and crimes against women. Is there anything that women need to do at their level to prevent such shameful incidents?**

Atrocities against minority Hindu community in WB

## BJP delegation visited areas affected by serious communal disturbances in West Bengal

*Press Release issued by Shri Chandan Mitra, MP (Rajya Sabha) on the visit of the BJP Parliamentary Delegation to communally disturbed areas of West Bengal on September 10, 2010*

**A** BJP Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Chandan Mitra, MP (Rajya Sabha) and Prabhari of West Bengal and Shri Uday Singh MP (Lok Sabha), visited the Deganga Block and adjoining areas of Basirhat and Barasat in the North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal on September 9, 2010. They were accompanied by Shri Rahul Sinha, President, West Bengal State BJP, Shri Tathagata Roy, former State President WBJP and other senior office-bearers of the party's West Bengal unit.

The Parliamentary Delegation visited areas affected by serious communal disturbances earlier this week. They surveyed the disturbed localities of Deganga Bazar, Kartickpur and several interior villages to examine the situation first hand and also provide reassurance to the terrified victims of the wanton violence selectively unleashed on members of the Hindu community by anti-social elements acting under the direction of the



Basirhat Trinamool Congress Party MP, Haji Nurul Islam.

The Delegation found more than 250 shops and houses had been vandalized and/or set on fire by the miscreants. The victims tearfully narrated their heart-rending tale and bitterly complained of violence and humiliation at the hands of goonda elements brought in from outside. Victims also complained of police inertia on the first day of violence, that is September 6, 2010. Although the State Police, RAF and even the Army have since been deployed, an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty prevails. The Army conducted a flag march only along

the main highway, while the police apparently claimed that they were under orders not to use force against the rioters. Only on Tuesday, after sustained violence against the targeted community spread

to interior villages did the RAF swing into action and manage to bring the situation under tenuous control.

The disturbances began with a deliberate attempt to disrupt erection of a Durga Puja pandal at Chattal village although the site has been used for performing a community puja for the last 40 years and a permanent temple also stands there. The site adjoins a Muslim graveyard and recently attempts have been made to stop the Durga Puja at its traditional site on the ground that ownership of the land is disputed.

Taking advantage of the disturbances unleashed by Haji Nurul Islam's goons, the rioters mounted a mike atop the Deganga Bazar mosque

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in violation of a High Court order prohibiting the use of a microphone at the shrine. The local Hindu community is seriously aggrieved and agitated over this action especially because the police have not intervened to dismantle the mike despite its promise to the community leaders. The BJP Delegation was also taken to the Kali temple at Kartickpur which has been severely vandalized by the miscreants.

The Delegation visited the Deganga thana and interacted with I-G Sanjoy Mukherjee and SP Rahul Srivastava. While appreciating the police's concern to restore normalcy first, the MPs demanded that the miscreants be promptly apprehended in order to restore confidence.

The BJP has demanded immediate arrest of TMC MP Haji Nurul Islam who, from all accounts, incited the mob into communal frenzy and has been named in the FIR lodged by local people. The Party Delegation also demanded prompt compensation for people whose houses and shops have been looted and burnt, in many cases beyond recognition. The BJP leaders sought proactive intervention by security forces to ensure that the

terrified local populace feels secure once more. It pointed out that many people, particularly young women, had been forced to flee the locality fearing molestation and worse. Conditions for their return to their homes must be created forthwith, the Delegation demanded.

The Party leaders were pained to hear from many victims that they were forced to migrate from Bangladesh some years ago to escape religious persecution in that country. They said they were facing the grim prospect of becoming refugees once again because of communal hatred being preached by certain political leaders. Further, it was astonishing to learn that none of the other political parties had made any effort to provide succour to the thousands of victims and the administration had adopted a hands-off policy.

The BJP leaders demanded immediate intervention by the Government of West Bengal to arrest the culprits, provide compensation to the victims, restore the status quo with regard to local disputes and usher in a sense of security in the troubled area. ■

## **OFBJP-USA condemns the riots and atrocities against minority Hindu community in WB**

**O**FBJP-USA vehemently condemns the serious and atrocious communal disturbances earlier this week in the Deganga Block and adjoining areas of Basirhat and Barasat in the North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. The victims are terrified of the wanton violence selectively unleashed on members of the Hindu community by anti-social elements acting under the direction of the Trinamool Congress Party MP from Basirhat, Mr. Haji Nurul Islam. The goons, under the direction of this rouge MP, vandalized more than 250 shops and houses and humiliated Hindus with all sorts of indecent and inhuman methods violating all norms of human rights. The disturbances began with a deliberate attempt to disrupt the erection of a Durga Puja pandal at Chattal village, although the site has been used for performing a community puja for the last 40 years and a permanent temple also stands there. The site adjoins a Muslim graveyard and recently attempts have been made to stop the Durga Puja at its traditional site on the ground that ownership of the land is disputed. The local Hindu community is seriously aggrieved and agitated over this action especially because the police have not intervened. The Kali temple at Kartickpur has been severely vandalized by the miscreants. OFBJP demands immediate arrest of the TMC MP Haji Nurul Islam who, from all accounts, incited the mob into communal frenzy and has been named in the FIR lodged by local people. The OFBJP also demands prompt compensation for people whose houses and shops have been looted and burnt, in many cases beyond recognition. Many people, particularly young women, had been forced to flee the locality fearing molestation and worse. OFBJP demands that conditions for their return to their homes must be created forthwith. OFBJP also demands arrest of local ruffians Maqbur Rehman, Mintu Sahji and TC leader Ratna Chowdhury who was pressuring the police not to take any action against the erring mob which selectively looted and ransacked shops of minority Hindu community. ■

# Anatomy of a riot foretold

By Chandan Mitra

Some readers may think this is cynical, but riots and violence have rarely moved me to get emotional. Covering Punjab in the late-1980s and early-1990s was a numbing experience. I saw so much blood spilt all around me that I became somewhat blasé about it. Almost at the same time, I travelled frequently to Bihar in connection with mounting caste-related massacres and the rise of private armies. Then came the build-up to Ram Janmabhoomi and its aftermath. Maybe it was the long gap between the years of riot coverage and my new role as a party MP that caused a somewhat different reaction when I spent last Thursday at the Deganga Block in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district to witness the savage fallout of pre-planned communal violence.

Arguably, the disturbances were relatively minor by Indian standards. I had witnessed more cathartic violence earlier. But it shocked me to discover the deliberation and diabolical planning that went in behind the stirring of communal frenzy in an otherwise peaceful part of West Bengal. The linkage between the motivated triggering of the rampage and the forthcoming State Assembly poll was so palpable that it shook my sensibilities as a human, notwithstanding the fact that I am now mostly a

*After decades of communal harmony, as the violence in Deganga shows, West Bengal could be imploding due to competitive vote-bank politics*

political person who is not supposed to have such feelings.

Deganga is approximately 50 km from Kolkata's Dum Dum airport, past the busy suburban town of Barasat. As our motorcade veered off onto the road to Basirhat, urban bustle yielded place to rural serendipity — lush paddy fields with the crop almost struggling to keep its head above the standing water, thatched huts, goats and hens frolicking on the roadside, curious bystanders watching a procession of vehicles zipping past, noisy buses and motorised rickshaws seeking to pick up passengers from the middle of the road, and the ubiquitous teashop, the hub of village gossip and political argument: In other words, typically agrarian Bengal.

As we approached Deganga, the scenario changed rapidly, disturbingly. Rows of burnt shops, ransacked kiosks, burnt scooters and shuttered commercial outlets lined the highway, town after town. Deganga thana resembled a

fortress. Army trucks were lined, with men in fatigues, cocked rifles in hand patrolling furiously. We saw at least three police vehicles charred almost beyond recognition close to the sprawling police outpost. We proceeded without stopping to the epicentre of the violence, Deganga Bazar, a big cluster of shops and pucca houses. As we descended from our vehicles, crowds gathered not quite knowing if we were sarkari inspectors, since three police jeeps were part of our convoy. After understanding that it was a BJP team that had come to inspect the ravaged town, the crowd virtually burst out in pain, anguish, hatred and anger.

We were the first political delegation to reach the violence-torn region. Surprisingly, none of the three major political forces in the State — ruling CPI(M), challenger Trinamool and also-ran Congress — had ventured here since the trouble began last Monday. At times, we had to face the wrath of angry locals who demanded to know what took us three days. Some even hurled abuse asking if we had arrived merely to milk their misery for political gain. Many eventually calmed down, realising the BJP was too small an entity in the State as of now to gain significantly by exploiting the situation even if it wanted to. So anger gave way to appreciation and plaintive appeals for help. That two MPs had come all the way from Delhi

and the party's State leaders had accompanied them aroused hope that their sufferings could be addressed at last.

Particularly poignant was the shrill intervention by a young woman, not more than 18 years old, who said her family wanted to send her out to a distant relative's place, but she refused because this was her home and she had a right to stay there and defend it. Between sobs she said her mother (who stood stoically

Kali temple lay mutilated on the floor. People's anger exploded as we expressed our outrage at this unpardonable crime: In secular India, nobody has a right to desecrate a place of worship, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian or any other for that matter. We were virtually dragged into the interior by a frenzied crowd that wanted us to see the wanton burning of houses and hutments by mobs who came from outside to "teach a lesson" to members of a community.

Congress, in the 2009 Lok Sabha poll. And Deganga has been a victim of communal polarisation ever since.

The journalist in me looked for the "root cause". It was extremely frivolous. A community Durga Puja has been held on a patch of land close to the thana for the last 39 years. This plot happens to be next to a graveyard. The Durga Puja pandal is erected annually in front of a pucca Shiv Mandir. Apparently the land originally belonged to the legendary Rani Rashmoni, patron of Ramakrishna Paramahansa, mentor of Swami Vivekananda. Haji Nurul Islam had promised his core constituents that (a) he would expand the graveyard and (b) a mike would be installed atop a mosque in Deganga Bazar in defiance of an express Calcutta High Court order. When he faced resistance at the puja site, he unleashed wanton destruction and taking advantage of a demoralised police, a cowering CPI(M), and terrified Hindus, executed his mike installation agenda.

As we left Deganga on our way back to the Kolkata Airport, I wondered if my beloved Bengal was on the verge of being torn asunder by communal frenzy in the years to come.

The State, which has been remarkably free of caste and communal passion, despite the bitter legacy of partition, seems headed for an implosion. West Bengal is at the crossroads: And every choice seems fraught with dangerous and bloody consequences. The future indeed augurs ill. ■

*Courtesy: The Pioneer*

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next to her) was equally determined not to become a refugee again: "We came here from Bangladesh about a decade ago to escape religious persecution. Will you make us homeless again? Is there no justice, no security, in democratic India?" Our delegation, comprising Lok Sabha MP Uday Singh, State BJP president Rahul Sinha, past president Tathagata Roy, other State party leaders apart from myself, was left speechless in the face of her angry but articulate queries.

We had not intended to visit Kartickpur, a small qasba beyond Deganga town. But the crowd insisted we see the vandalism unleashed there by goons at the instigation of local Trinamool MP, Haji Nurul Islam. [The idol at a roadside](#)  
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BJP memo to PM regarding the unprecedented floods in Uttarakhand

# Declare Uttarakhand as Disaster struck state

Release relief package of Rs five thousand crores as demanded

*Memorandum submitted to Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on 20th September 2010 regarding the unprecedented disaster Uttarakhand faces.*

Uttarakhand has been struck with an unprecedented disaster with incessant rains. In the last twenty-four hours more than 61 people have died from Almora (more than 34 casualties) to Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Nainital and other far-flung areas.

In the last one month massive landslides, floods, water logging, flash floods and cloud burst have resulted in the loss of one hundred & fifty human lives, damaging private and public properties to the tune of more than Rs. five thousand crores. Last month 18 children had died in a cloud burst rendering hundreds homeless in Pithoragarh.

More than one thousand roads have been devastated making all the border areas unapproachable.

Communication systems and contacts have been seriously jeopardized in this sensitive border state neighbouring Nepal and China and the only way left is to use wireless system.

The transport and communication network in the entire state has been disrupted. The generation and transmissions of power, water supply has also been completely disrupted. All state roads, national highways and BRO roads have been washed off at thousands of places. The access to international borders also stands jeopardized. Incessant rains, together with disruption of basic infrastructural network have seriously hampered the pace of relief and rescue efforts. Many areas of the State are cut off from rest of the world and the administrative machinery is facing serious challenge in maintaining the supply of essential commodities in these areas. At the same time large number of pilgrims and tourists are stranded at various places due to blockade of transport network.

The State Government is taking all possible steps for immediate management of all the disaster situations. Large number of people in Haridwar, Tehri, Garhwal, Nainital, Almora and Udham Singh Nagar districts have already been evacuated and accommodated in temporary relief camps but much more is yet to be done. Apart from ITBP, SSB, the Army has been deployed for relief and rescue work. Three companies of NDRF have already reported to help support the relief and rescue efforts.

The Tehri dam has attained its maximum permissible level, i.e. 830 mts. incessant rains in the upstream of river Bhagirathi and Bhilangana with their tributaries have presented serious threat in the downstream areas where river Ganga has already crossed the danger level. The other major rivers in the state like Yamuna, Gomti, Koshi, Saryu, Kaali, Dhoul, Sharda etc. all have also been flowing above the danger level and are still rising. Agriculture, horticulture, industry and other important service sectors are also badly affected.

The most emergent measures to be taken are requested as below:-

1. Rs. Five thousand crores be immediately released.
2. Additional support, manual, material, technical and financial, to strengthen and reinforce to Border Road Organization (BRO) be immediately put in place. Similar action is required

- to be undertaken with respect to NHAI.
3. A team of experts from Central Water Commission be stationed to oversee the status of Tehri dam and to manage the consequential outcomes if Tehri dam goes in auto mode.
  4. The Uttarakhand sub-area of Indian Army, which is already rendering immense assistance to Govt. of Uttarakhand, may please be directed by MOD to continue to extend such help as and when requested by Govt. of Uttarakhand. Similar action is required to be taken by MHA with regard to ITBP and SSB.
  5. Western Command of I.A.F. be directed to provide four helicopters i.e. 02 Chetak and 02 MI 17 to Govt. of Uttarakhand for a fortnight for food, medical and other relief related aids.
  6. Monitoring of the flood situations be carried out by CWC and NDMA and additional companies of NDRF be provided to the state to assist the relief related efforts.
  7. A central team may immediately be sent to Uttarakhand to assess the disaster induced losses.

Hundreds of villages have to be relocated, homeless people have to be given houses and new roads, communication system, schools, and hospitals have to be built immediately. In this regard the Chief Minister Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has already written a letter to you. We fully endorse that letter. Already the winter is setting in. The misery of the people, who have been bringing laurels to the nation winning Victoria Cross to Param Vir Chakras and hundreds of other medals for their brevity and martyrdom, the state must be helped immediately in this hour of unprecedented crisis.

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## Solar Cycle Rickshaw Demo

On the occasion of the National Meeting on Antyodaya Programme of the BJP on September 17, 2010 BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari watched a presentation and demonstration of Solar-Cycle Rickshaw, designed and manufactured by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

Under BJP's Antyodaya Programme, the party desires to reach out to the poorer and disadvantaged sections of the society and redress their grievances. Accordingly, Party President Shri Gadkari wants to extend all possible help to cycle rickshaw pullers. Known for his passion



for alternative energy sources, Shri Gadkari keenly watched the presentation and demonstration and discussed relevant issues with the CSIR Officials at the Party Head quarters in New Delhi. BJP National General Secretary Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda was also present at this occasion.

# Change for whose sake?

By Jagmohan

In the course of a debate in the Lok Sabha on Kashmir recently, some MPs pleaded for autonomy for the state as if it was a panacea for all the ills that have been plaguing the Valley. To a large extent, the current turmoil in the Valley owes its origin to the vested interests in J&K that want to related stories.

New rising hardliners to reject J&K concessions exploit the issue of autonomy to build a power-base for themselves. More often than not, these interests have erased the line between autonomy and azadi.

After the execution of the Instrument of Accession in 1947 and adoption of the Constitution in 1950, J&K was brought under the jurisdiction of India. Article 370 provided for special relationship but it was temporary. The sum and substance of this Article 370 is that, in addition to the items included in the Instrument of Accession, the Parliament can make laws with regard to the subjects of the Union and Concurrent Lists, but only with the concurrence of the state.

To define these constitutional legal, financial and administrative relations, the Delhi Agreement was signed in 1952. Soon thereafter, unfortunately, Sheikh Abdullah started changing colours. Whatever provisions of the Agreement suited him, he got them implemented. But with regard to items that related to

the linkages between the Union and the State, he adopted an obstructionist attitude. Those who accuse the Centre of 'breach of promises' will do well to ponder over the events of 1953. If they do so, they would discover that the real breach occurred at that time and it was caused by the excessive ambition of Sheikh Abdullah and his proclivity to hob-nob with foreign powers.

It was only after the coming into being of the new state government, headed by Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad, that the

Minister of J&K became anachronistic. It was, therefore, considered necessary to change the nomenclature and mode of appointment of 'Sadar-e-Riyasat' and also the nomenclature of the PM and the necessary changes were made in 1966.

In the changed circumstances arising out of India's triumph in the Bangladesh War, Sheikh Abdullah threw hints for returning to the mainstream and an agreement, known as the 'Kashmir Accord', was signed

***Those who are now asking for the 1952-53 status are forgetting this fact. Nor do they explain how, if only defence, foreign affairs and communication remain with the Centre, the financial needs of the State would be met. At present, it is the Union finances that provide funds for the State's Five-Year Plans and also for a substantial part of the non-Plan expenditure. In fact, while the State's share of India's population is 1 per cent, it has been receiving about 11 per cent of all grants disbursed by the Centre.***

process of implementation of the Agreement began. Apart from establishing financial links between the Union and the State, the jurisdictions of the Comptroller and Auditor-General, the Supreme Court and the Election Commission of India were extended to the State; Articles 356 and 357 were also made applicable.

With these 'extensions' and 'applications', the nomenclature, status, functions and mode of appointment of 'Sadar-e-Riyasat' and the Prime

in 1975. The only concession made by Indira Gandhi was to review any specific proposal, if received, in respect of 'extensions of the Indian Constitution made to the State with adaptations and modifications'. But neither the governments of Sheikh Abdullah nor that of Farooq Abdullah could send any proposal for 15 years, primarily because the changes made earlier were necessitated by practical considerations.

Those who are now asking

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# Doubting Thomas

By A Surya Prakash

When the Palmolein import scandal rocked Kerala in the early-1990s, he was the Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies, and a member of the Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation which signed the controversial deal with a Malaysian firm. Later in his career he was Telecom Secretary in the Union Government when the 2G Spectrum scandal broke out. The role of Telecom Minister A Raja and others in this scam, involving under-pricing to the tune of ₹70,000 crore, is currently being probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation under the aegis of the Central Vigilance Commissioner and the matter is before the Supreme Court.

It has also come to light that just a month ago the Telecom Department he headed secured legal opinion that institutions like the CVC and the Comptroller and Auditor-General cannot probe policy decisions like the allotment of spectrum licences. He has now been appointed the CVC and he will 'supervise' the investigations into what is arguably India's biggest scam which happened during his tenure as Telecom Secretary. As they say, this can happen only in India! Meet Mr PJ Thomas, the Kerala cadre IAS officer, who has been chosen by the United Progressive Alliance

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Government to head the statutory anti-corruption body, the Central Vigilance Commission.

This decision of the Government not only betrays its scant respect for norms but for judicial verdicts as well. The Central Vigilance Commission, which came into being in 1964, acquired statutory status following the judgement of the Supreme Court in Vineet Narain vs Union of India. The court declared that the commission would supervise the work of the CBI and the CVC would henceforth be selected by a committee comprising the Prime Minister, the Home Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. The procedure prescribed by the court for appointment of the CVC was incorporated in Section 4(1) of the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003.

But, as the controversy surrounding Mr Thomas's

appointment as CVC shows, the Government has merely ensured technical compliance with the court's order by making Ms Sushma Swaraj, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, a member of the committee. The spirit of the judgement was lost when the Prime Minister and the Home Minister used their 2-1 majority in the committee to overrule Ms Swaraj's objections regarding Mr Thomas' candidature.

The decision to ignore the opinion of Ms Swaraj, who had no objection to any of the other short-listed candidates, is not only graceless but unlawful as well if one cares to understand the principle underlying Section 4(1) of the Act. The process of selection would have been credible only if the Government had included Ms Swaraj in the decision-making process in the real sense. Heavens would not have fallen if someone other than Mr Thomas had been chosen for that office because there were other worthy candidates.

This brings us to the issue of 'inclusiveness' that the Congress keeps talking about. As this episode shows, it does not mean taking everyone along or respecting other shades of opinion, even when the apex court directs the Government to do so. 'Inclusiveness' has a different connotation in the Congress's lexicon. In matters of governance, it means the

inclusion of persons whose adherence to the party's policies is not in doubt and whose allegiance to the Nehru-Gandhis, who own and control the party, is never in doubt.

On the policy front, 'inclusion' just means inclusion of religious minorities in Government schemes and programmes. It is strange that leaders of the Congress fail to comprehend that religious diversity is not the only form of diversity that exists in this country. The concept of diversity extends far beyond religion. It includes linguistic diversity, gender (read the Delhi High Court's brilliant exposition of this idea in its judgement on Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code), race and most important of all – politics.

Taking the last point first, it must be noted that social diversity has translated itself into political diversity in a big way over the last 25 years. The number of political parties in the Lok Sabha (12 in 1957 and over 40 in 2007) bears eloquent testimony to this phenomenon. The growth of political parties has also reduced the Congress's vote base by about 15- 20 per cent during this period. In recent years, the party's share of the national vote hovers around 28 per cent and it is a well established fact that around

72 per cent of the electors do not support this party. Yet, the system allows this party to put together a coalition, control the Government and carry on with its age-old policy of inclusion of supporters and exclusion of non-supporters.

As we have seen since the days of Mrs Indira Gandhi and

Secretary unfortunately joins the league of persons who are seen as Congress partisans. Going by the sequence of events, anyone with rudimentary political sense can see that Mr Thomas has political clout going all the way to the top (and the 'top' should only be construed in a de facto sense in the present

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the Emergency, the Nehru-Gandhis and the Congress have never accorded space to persons who disagree with them politically. In this party's scheme of things, unless you are a Congress partisan and a certified Nehru-Gandhi family loyalist like Mr Navin Chawla, Mr HR Bhardwaj or Syed Sibte Razi, you stand excluded. This is the Congress's 'inclusiveness' in practice.

Returning to the issue at hand, since the Prime Minister and his Government have displayed such contempt for the opinion of the Leader of the Opposition and announced the appointment of Mr Thomas as CVC, the former Telecom

political context), for the Prime Minister to be so dismissive of the opinion of Ms Swaraj. It is not difficult to discern who his mentors are.

In another age and another time, a civil servant in Mr Thomas's shoes would have declined the appointment given the controversy surrounding it. The Government, too, would have yielded to saner counsel and picked someone else. But we live in different times – in an era of 'inclusiveness' as practised by the Congress. That is why citizens like this writer display such skepticism. So, sorry Mr Thomas for being a Doubting Thomas! ■

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should be able to participate for saving the region from going into wrong hands. Finally, he thanked & gave his best wishes for success of the campaign.

Among others BJP Senior leader Dr. Murlu Manohar Joshi MP, National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, National Joint General Secretary (Organisation) Shri V. Satish, National General Secretary and in charge of BJYM Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Co-In charge of BJYM Shri Navjot Singh Siddhu MP also addressed the Executive Meeting.



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relating to the Ayodhya dispute will pronounce its verdict on September 24, just on the eve of my visit to Somnath.

Everyone is keenly awaiting what the three-judge Bench of the High Court decides in respect of the several title suits before the Court. At a Parliamentary Party meeting some days back, I advised all MPs not to indulge in any speculations about the possible verdict and whatever be the outcome, let the party reaction be restrained and low-key. Partymen have generally heeded this advice.

For me personally, 9/12 and 9/25 may be important. But for the world, no other date this month can be more important than 9/11, namely, the 11th of September, 2001.

A year earlier, on the 14 September, 2000, Prime Minister Vajpayee in his address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress had said:

“No region is a greater source of terrorism than our neighbourhood. Indeed, in our neighbourhood –in this, the twenty-first century-religious war has not just been fashioned into, it has been proclaimed to be, an instrument of state policy. Distance and geography provide no nation immunity against international terrorism. You know, and I know: such evil cannot succeed. But even in failing it could inflict untold suffering.”

How prophetic were Vajpayee’s remarks!

In the ugly history of terrorism there has been nothing as earthshaking as the horrendous terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre, New

York, and on the Pentagon, executed by hijacked aircraft used as missiles, causing the death of nearly 3000 people, more than one hundred of them Indians.

Yet another hijacked plane was intended to target the White House, but thanks to the valour and patriotism of the passengers on board, the terrorist designs were thwarted and the plane crashed in a field in rural Pennsylvania.

In January 2002, I undertook a trip to the United States of America. During my stay in New York, I visited

Ground Zero commemorating 9/11, and paid tribute to the unflinching determination of the Americans to defend their nation in the face of the worst ever terrorist attack in human history.

Later addressing a Press Conference at the Indian Embassy in Washington DC, I described India and USA as the twin towers of democracy and added: “The terrorists may have destroyed the steel and concrete structures of the World Trade Centre, but they can never harm the structures and the spirit of our two democracies.” ■

## BJP National President congratulates Mary Kom for winning gold medal

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has congratulated the national woman boxer MC Mary Kom for winning her fifth gold medal at the World Championships in Bridgetown (Barbados) on September 18, 2010.

Shri Gadkari said that Mary Kom is a role model for the youth and has done the country proud by achieving this historic feat. Hailing her victory, he said, “We expect her to do well in forthcoming London Olympics 2012.”

The Manipuri, who had won her four earlier titles in the 46kg category, this time won in the 48kg class beating her Romanian opponent Duta Seluta 16-6. ■



## Condolence message from Nitin Gadkari on the demise of nuclear scientist Dr. Homi Sethna

The BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has sent a condolence message over the passing away of Nuclear Scientist Dr. Homi Sethna on September 08, 2010 and described him a pioneer of India's Atomic Energy Programme. In his message from Moscow, Shri Gadkari said, Dr Sethna made India proud when he led the team of distinguished scientists like Raja Ramanna, P.K Iyengar & R. Chidambaram to conduct India's first nuclear test at Pokhran in 1974. ■

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Women should avail themselves of the institution of *Nari Shakti Kendras* we are organizing. They should raise their voice against women exploitation. Where necessary FIRs should be filed and pursued to their logical conclusion. We are ready to extend financial and legal support to destitute and poor women. We will educate women about their rights enshrined in the Constitution. Women are no longer delicate and weak. We will make them stand on their legs; make them self-confident and self-sufficient.

**Are you content with being a woman or do you envy the lot of men?**

I feel proud that I am a woman.

**Do you subscribe to the general impression that more and more women are getting influenced by the western way of life and culture ignoring our native social values and ethos?**

I feel that women do purchase Chinese goods from the market, yet they remain glued to their roots and culture. They continue to worship goddess Laxmi and others. I admit some women are getting drifted to western culture which is wrong. Through our own conduct, we have to present a model to protect our culture and traditions. Only then will the families be groomed to our *samskaras*.

**Acting is your profession, what is politics to you?**

Politics is a powerful medium of change and service of the society. Ideology to me is a family inheritance. My family initiated me into discharging my social obligations smilingly. Even in film career, I always kept the social interest uppermost in my mind. One should enrich one's life through the values and *samsakar*s of Indian way of life.

**There is a woman behind every successful man. Is it the vice versa also?**

Yes, it is. In my case it was my *naanaji*. I inherited the capability to understand the society and the country from him. From the age of seven, I had started accompanying him to the RSS *shakha*. Sangh is a social organization committed to nationalist ideals and the welfare of the nation. Every *swayamsevak* makes a constructive contribution according to his will. After *naanaji*'s death and my marriage, I continued my work as before. I can never forget his contribution in my upbringing and grooming into nationalist ideology.

It is generally said that *kisi ko mukammal jahan nahin milta. Kahin zamin to kahin asman nahin milta*. But I am fortunate that I have been blessed with booth. I did keep my ambitions high, yet my feet always remained on earth. I only wish to work to see country strong and powerful. I pray to God to keep me steadfast as ever and never falter. ■

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for the 1952-53 status are forgetting this fact. Nor do they explain how, if only defence, foreign affairs and communication remain with the Centre, the financial needs of the State would be met. At present, it is the Union finances that provide funds for the State's Five-Year Plans and also for a substantial part of the non-Plan expenditure. In fact, while the State's share of India's population is 1 per cent, it has been receiving about 11 per cent of all grants disbursed by the Centre.

Further, the proponents of autonomy do not care to address certain questions. Do the Kashmiris not have all the fundamental rights that are available to individuals in modern liberal democracies? Has their identity, culture, religion or language been undermined by the constitutional arrangements that have been in existence for the last several years? How would the common Kashmiri be benefited by changing the nomenclature of Governor to *Sadar-e-Riyasat* and of chief minister to prime minister? How would requirements of national security be met and how would certain other contingencies be dealt with if Article 356 is not applicable?

If all issues concerning Kashmir autonomy are subjected to considerations, it would be found that no material change in the existing arrangements is warranted. The nation is already paying a heavy price for the mistakes made in the past under pressure. Let us not add another one to them by falling into a trap of those who, for their own narrow ends, are out to exploit the constitutional illiteracy of the masses on the subject of autonomy. ■

MADHYA PRADESH

## Prabhat Jha slams Union Govt. on Kashmir issue

State Bharatiya Janata Party President Shri Prabhat Jha MP on September 13, 2010 cautioned the Congress led Union Government against diluting the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the Kashmir Valley, without addressing the concerns voiced by security officials.

In a statement issued in Bhopal Shri Jha said that the proposal of diluting the AFSPA had lifted the spirits of separatists in the Valley.

He further said that the manner in which separatists used the occasion of Eid to launch anti-India demonstrations and hoisted Pakistani flags was a result of the confusion prevailing in the Union and State Governments.

Casting aspersions, Shri Jha questioned as to how the Omar Abdullah Government fell to a separatist conspiracy by allowing them to convert a religious procession into political one. And sought answers on why the incident should not be viewed as surrender by the State Government.

He further said that the recent incident had elevated the courage of separatists and contended that the security forces suffered due to confusion of State Government.

Recalling that the AFSPA was a step, initiated by Nehru Government to control separatism, he said that questioning the act in such a condition amounted to a mockery of the nation's integrity.

He further contended that separatist leaders, who were engaged in anti-national activities and demanding the lifting of the AFSPA, were playing in the hands of Pakistan. Referring to the goal, for which Home Minister Mufti Mohammad Saeed in VP Singh Government brought the AFSPA in force in Jammu & Kashmir, was not yet fulfilled.

## Spread Indian values : Shivraj Singh



Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan on September 13, 2010 described Indian values and philosophy as the only recourse for humanity against excessive materialism. He was speaking on the concluding day of the national convention of Indian Media Centre governing body in the State capital Bhopal.

Shri Chouhan said the media has a pivotal role to enact in ensuring that the country's values and nationalist ideals were preserved and propagated. Noting the efforts to weaken Indian values and traditions, the Chief Minister said that the media was also to blame for the trend. He exhorted the media to assume a more responsible and dignified role and recalled the four phases of journalism in the country.

While describing the role of the media during the pre-Independence era as that of creating mass awareness, he said that the media became development-centric in the post-Independence phase. Terming the role of the media during the emergency as that of the custodians of democracy, Shri Chouhan said that journalism these days was caught between commercialisation and social responsibility. He remarked that corporate houses were venturing into the media to safeguard their businesses.

He called on the media to highlight the anti-India ploys employed by the country's neighbours and also to help citizens realise their responsibilities and imbibe in them virtues like nationalism and patriotism.

Presiding over the session, IMC Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of The Pioneer Shri Chandan Mitra said that Indian values stem from the glorious history of the country and added that the erosion in values was an outcome of the neglect meted out to the country's magnificent past. He said that the media was also responsible for attacking Indian values and weakening nationalist sentiments.

DELHI

## Congress Government must refund money meant for Dalit Welfare

More than 3,500 BJP workers under the leadership of their respective District Presidents, Councilors and Mandal Presidents staged demonstration in dalit colonies of New Delhi on September 13 demanding to refund money meant for the dalit welfare.



It may be mentioned that Sheila Government of Delhi allowed the loot of about 680 crore rupees of indivisible dalit welfare fund in the name of Commonwealth Games. Thousands of BJP workers under the leadership of Shri Pankaj Jain, President New Delhi District organized demonstration in the dalit colonies situated in Kotla Mubarakpur, Ambedkar Basti and Kasturba Nagar Mandal. Workers raised slogans against the Congress Government. Councilors Shri Jadish Mamgain, Shri Anil Sharma, Shri Manish Aggrawal, Shri Hari Om participated in this programme. BJP has warned that if the money of dalit welfare fund is not refunded immediately then the BJP will start another phase of its movement.

Under the leadership of Karol Bagh District President Shri Rajesh Bhatia thousand of workers took out Padyatra in the dalit colonies of Delhi Cantt and Rajendra Nagar for creating awareness. The effigy of the Chief Minister was burnt on this occasion. The workers distributed pamphlets among the dalits and told that how the Congress Government has played fraud with the dalits. The Government claims to be well wishers of the dalits but its activities are against the interests of dalits. In this programme of Padyatra and effigy burning Pradesh Vice President Shri RP Singh, Vice Chairperson of Cantt Board Shri Anupama Tripathi, Councilors Shri Sanjeev Naiyar, Shri Omwati Lohia, Shri Lalchand Mehraulia, Smt. Nina Sharma, Mandal Presidents Shri Rajesh Goel, Shri Ramesh Asiwal were present.

In Keshavpuram District under the leadership of District President Mrs. Rekha Gupta the workers organized dharna in Haiderpur, October 1-15, 2010 ○ 30

Wazirpur J.J.Colony and burnt the effigy of the Delhi Chief Minister.

On this occasion the SC Morcha Pradesh President Shri Krishan Lal Dhilod, BJP State General Secretaries Shri Ashish Sood and Shri Pravesh Verma, Former BJP State President Shri Mange Ram Garg, Councilors Shri Raj Kumar Poddar, Shri Harbansh Uppal, Shri Mahender Nagpal, Mrs. Mamta Dheeka, Shri Suresh Bhardwaj along with thousands of people of dalit colonies were present.

ODISHA

## Naveen Patnaik comprehensively failed to check cholera epidemic: Oram

To monitor the grave situation created by cholera epidemic, which already affected 2500 people in 317 villages of 87 Panchayats of South Odisha, a ten member BJP team led by State unit president Shri Jual Oram has visited for two days the affected districts and has alleged



that the epidemic is spreading rapidly and the State Government has completely failed to provide health services to the tribal people of south Odisha. It is noteworthy that in the cholera epidemic, the toll in Rayagada district of South Odisha alone has been 78 on September 21 as per sources. The epidemic is fast spreading in various districts of South Odisha and one or two deaths are being reported every day. Interacting with media persons Shri Oram said that the team would assess the chaotic cholera situation due to which nearly 78 persons have died and more than 2500 people have been affected in 317 villages of 87 Panchayats of Rayagada district.

He said that while the ruling BJD Government mobilised and misused Government machinery for holding rallies in Lanjigarh for its publicity, its failure in controlling epidemic situation is quite unfortunate. Flaying that the medical delivery system has completely failed in Odisha, he said the people of the affected areas have not received PDS items since long. "The State Administration is only giving lip service to the stricken poor. The situation demands relief and rehabilitation on a war footing," he urged. ■