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The mighty chariot warriors will consider that you retired from the battlefield out of fear and for those whom you have been held in great esteem you will fall into disgrace.
 – (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 35)

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“The Centre has not only failed miserably on the economic front but has also turned out to be a complete failure on internal and external security front as well.”

–Rajnath Singh

“India got freedom in 1947 from the British, it needs to become free from nepotism, arrogance stemming from power, corruption, price rise, obsolete mindset and this atmosphere of mistrust.”

–Narendra Modi

Letter to the Editor

Govt. under Congress party at the Centre is not in the country’s interest

Dear Editor,

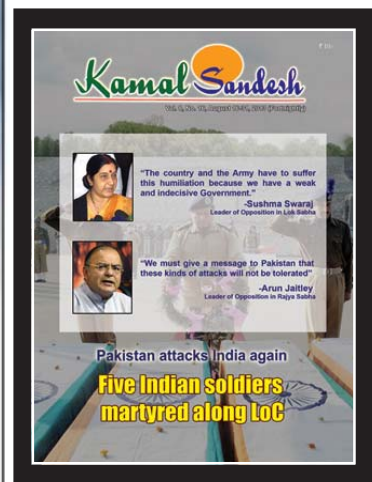
Hard hit by corruption and increasing inflation, the aam aadmi is understandably angry with the Congress and is most likely go for a change. That ‘change’ will be the Bharatiya Janata Party and it is the only alternative and viable option for *aam aadmi* . The pathetic state of the economy, policy paralysis and the coalition compulsions of the Congress-led UPA regime lend credence to the feeling that a coalition Government under Congress party at the Centre is not in the country’s interest.

Hope the BJP must reach out to all sections of the society and it’s rank and file will join hands for a massive BJP victory under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi.

Abhaya Kumar
 Bokaro, Jharkhand



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Missing Coalgate files unmask Congress led UPA game plan

It is a matter of grave concern that crucial Coalgate scam related files are missing from the records. It only shows that very soon people will make the file of UPA also vanish from the scene. What more can an irresponsible government can do? It is looting the nation with impunity. Entire UPA government is neck deep in Coalgate, the biggest scam of the country. The files that are missing are related to Congressmen. The face of UPA chairman Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Congress Vice President Shri Rahul Gandhi and Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh is blackened by the Coalgate scam. Had these files not vanished, they would have been under arrest like A. Raja. The slips personally written by the private secretary of Sonia Gandhi, Shri Ahmad Patel are said to be present in these files.

BJP has rightly raised the issue of 'missing files' in both the houses of parliament. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj said that since Prime Minister was in charge of Coal Ministry so he is the person responsible for it. PM had earlier assured the house on this issue but still files are now reported to be missing. So it is his responsibility and he should tell the house as to how files are missing from the records. And how these files will be recovered? At the same time Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha said that files are not missing, they have been made to vanish.

The time Congress led UPA has formed government at the Centre it has been indulging itself from one scam to another. It is now even difficult to count as to how many scams have happened during UPA rule. But Coalgate scam has surpassed all other records. There was huge corruption in coal block allocations. No transparency was maintained. On what basis mines were allocated is still a mystery. Scams of millions of rupees have taken place and along with it files were made to vanish from the records. Congress led UPA's gameplan is now completely unmasked in Coalgate. But even then stooping down shamelessly Congress is trying to cover up the scam.

Congress' hand and face is now completely blackened in Coalgate scam. The face of the entire government today is blackened. Today discussion is taking place from streets to parliament about the black deeds of Congress. People are in anger. UPA will have to face the consequences. It is very unfortunate to note that Congress remains indifferent even to the criticism of highest court of the country and continues to defy all ethics when issue of corruption comes to the fore. It has not only refused to act on the cases of corruption, it actively tries to shield the corrupt by manipulating the law of the land. The missing Coalgate files are indicative of its conspiratorial acts of omissions and commissions.

The people of India are now aware of the misdeeds of Congress led UPA government at the centre. The nation is in deep anguish and pain. It wants to express its anger through ballot. The entire country is looking with hope towards BJP. It is not only large number of scams, but failure in controlling price rise and mismanagement of economy. The rupee is experiencing unprecedented devaluation but no one is concerned in the government. The economy of the country is worst hit when an

economist Prime Minister is at the helms of affairs. People now remember the NDA government led by ShriAtalBihari Vajpayee. They have not forgotten the stable price regime, a vibrant economy with hope for future and era of strong and stable rupee. That was an era of development and good governance, the economy was brimming with confidence. The Congress led UPA government has ruined the prospects of our economy and brought down its international standing. Almost all the rating agencies have downgraded our economy and the edge which was gained under the able leadership of ShriAtalBihari Vajpayee has been wasted away. Who is responsible for this? Now Congress led UPA government cannot escape from taking responsibility of its misdeeds, mismanagement and misgovernance.

The Congress led UPA government has also failed on foreign affairs front. Intrusions from China and Pakistan have become routine affairs. The government is not bothered about the killings of our soldiers on LoC and it remains a mute spectator when the heads of our Jawans are severed by the enemies. It has become a meek and spineless government which never intends to respond to the challenges from across the borders. To add insult to injuries its ministers give irresponsible statement instead of teaching a lesson to the intruders.

The days of the Congress led UPA are numbered. People are waiting for the first occasion to throw this government forever in the dustbin of history. BharatiyaJanata Party has to play a historic role in realizing this wish of the people. BJP has to move in accordance with the wish of the people so that Congress free India becomes a reality. It is not possible for India to progress and acquire its rightful place in the comity of the nations unless and until Congress is removed. Congress today only represents a party rotten with corruption and dynastic politics. It is today misfit in a democracy and cannot lead India towards development. So all the BJP *karyakartas* should now gird up their loins and move resolutely to play their historic role in making India a prosperous, strong, self-reliant and vibrant nation. ■

India facing biggest crisis since Independence :

Dr. Joshi

Hitting out at the UPA government, former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi on 19 August 2013 said the nation is facing its “biggest crisis since the time of independence”. “In 60 years of my political



career, I have not seen such a crisis,” Dr. Joshi told a gathering of state party workers in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

“We are facing security problems from all four sides of our international borders...Our soldiers are being killed at the borders,” he said.

“Rupee is shrinking...The market is going down. Is this not a crisis? The PM should at least reply as an economist,” he said. “Rupee’s continuous devaluation against US dollar, rising inflation, unemployment problem, FDI in retail, and attack on India’s cultural and moral values have gripped the nation led by UPA and its allies.

“This is an illegal government which has been born out of corruption, made for corrupt people, and nourishing corrupt people in all kinds of scams like oil, rail, sports, and coal,” Dr. Joshi said.

Calling upon BJP party workers to uproot the corrupt governments at both Centre and states, Dr. Joshi said, “If you want to save the nation, its border, devalued rupees, FDI’s threat, reduce inflation and check prices, get united now and bring the party in the states and at the Centre”. ■

Chhattisgarh has become a model state for the nation : Sushma Swaraj

From Our Correspondent

Amidst the mild monsoon showers 19 August 2013, Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh inaugurated and laid foundation of various development projects worth nearly Rs 106.26 crores in the programmes organized at Aarang, during Vikas Yatra in Raipur district. Leader of Opposition of Lok Sabha Smt.Sushma Swaraj graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh performed Bhumi-Pujan

about across the country. She said that in the leadership of Dr. Raman Singh, Chhattisgarh has become the first state of the nation to introduce the first food security act for poor families. Today, India is considering Chhattisgarh as a model state for overall development of the country as well as for the progress and prosperity of the crores of poor people here. Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh has formulated various welfare schemes for poor people, farmers and all other sections of society,



for the residential colony to be constructed by CGHB under State Government's Atal Vihaar Yojana in Aarang to benefit about 1347 families and distributed possession-letter to 110 families for newly-constructed houses under Deendayal Aawas Yojana. The daylong VikasYatra to the district was inaugurated by Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj in Aarang.

Smt. Sushma Swaraj reached Raipur today in the afternoon via special flight and was accorded a warm welcome by Chief Minister and other Senior Leaders at Vivekananda Airport, Mana. Later, Chief Minister and Smt. Swaraj reached Aarang around 3.15 pm, where they were welcomed by the overwhelming crowd of people. In her address to the massive gathering, Sushma Swaraj said that under the competent leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh, Chhattisgarh has set the milestones of development in various fields over the period of last nine and a half years. This drastic progress of Chhattisgarh is being talked

and has also converted the objectives of the schemes into ground reality by ensuring effective implementation of the same.

On the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Singh welcomed Smt.Swaraj and also addressed the massive public gathering saying that to solve the problem of disparity and backwardness in this region and to associate this region with the mainstream of development, the then Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee formed the new Chhattisgarh state in year 2000. The dreams and the vision, with which Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee formed Chhattisgarh state, is being realized with the support and cooperation of 2.55 crore people of this state. Chief Minister also said that between year 2003 and 2013, Chhattisgarh has set the benchmarks of success in various fields with the support of hard-working people of the state. And now Chhattisgarh has entered its teenage. As it is said that one undergoes drastic development during the teenage of one's life, Chhattisgarh state

will also witness the golden era of its development during the period of its teenage. In next five years, Chhattisgarh will become one of the few most developed states of the nation.

Development projects worth Rs 106.26 Crores Inaugurated in Aarang

On the occasion, Chief Minister inaugurated and laid foundation of 42 development works worth Rs 106.26 crores in Aarang. This includes foundation laying of 20 development works worth Rs 99.43 crores and inauguration of 22 works worth Rs 6.82 crores. Chief Minister laid foundation of seven road construction works worth Rs 1.15 crores under Mukhyamantri Gram Gaurav Path Yojana, construction work of two Panchayat buildings worth Rs 10 lakh each in Gukhera and Dhaurabhata, training centre cum assembly hall in Rasni, Gullu, Chandkhuri and Bhaisa at the cost of Rs 10-lakh each, pipeline renovation work worth Rs 17.93 lakh in village Pacheda, water-supply augmentation scheme worth Rs 31.64 lakh in Amsena, works worth Rs 65.63 lakh under Nal-JalPradaayYojana in Chikhli, Baihaar, and Piparhatta, and construction work of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Multipurpose Farmers Information Centre worth 54 lakh. Likewise, Chief Minister also laid the foundation of the 1347 houses to be constructed under AtalVihaarYojana at the estimated cost of Rs 96 crores. On the occasion, foundation laying and inauguration of the following constructions works will take place at hands of Chief Minister. This includes foundation laying of high school buildings in Chhatera, Rasni, Kharora, Pacheda and Chataud at the estimated cost of Rs 2.32 crores, Panchayat buildings worth Rs 10 each in Jaraud and Bhilai, Rajiv Gandhi Service Centre worth Rs 35.70 lakh in GidhwaBhansojBirbira, sub-health centres worth Rs 113.64 lakh in Gullu, Kurud, Akolikala, Nara, Pharphaud, Kutela, Khauli, and Khorsi. Nal-JalPradaayYojana worth Rs 34.97 lakh in Ganau and worth Rs 14.94 lakhs in Sandi, 8 platforms constructed by Cooperative Society Godi at the cost of Rs 23.69 lakh, and 110 houses constructed

under DeendayalAawasYojana at the cost of Rs 2.07 crores were also inaugurated today during VikasYatra. In the programme organized today, distribution of goods to 1371 beneficiaries under various beneficiary-oriented schemes also took place. This includes distribution of sewing machines to 500 female labourers, bicycles to 500 female labourers, and tool-kits to 300 male labourers. On the occasion, Food Minister and In-charge of Raipur district PunnulMohile, School Education and PWD Minister BrijmohanAgrawal, Housing and Environment Minister Rajesh Moonat, Agriculture Minister ChandrashekharSahu, Member of Lok Sabha from Raipur Ramesh Bais, Member of Rajya Sabha JP Nadda and DrBhushanLalJagde and President of JilaPanchayat Raipur Lakshmi Verma and other senior public representatives and officials of various organizations were also present.

Chhattisgarh Government has taken several steps to save public from the burden of inflation : Dr. Raman Singh

Chief Minister left Aarang around 5.30 pm and thereafter, he graced the VikasYatraprogrammes organized in Navapara, Abhanpur, Mana and Boriyakala with his presence. At last, the VikasYatra procession led by Chief Minister reached Mana Camp around



midnight and during the programme organized there, Dr Singh inaugurated and laid foundation of various development and construction worth Rs 15 crores. This includes bhumi-pujan of hospital building. All the way during VikasYatra, Chief Minister Dr Singh was accorded warm welcome by the public at various places. Overjoyed with the employee-oriented decisions of state government,

crowd of Shikshakarmis, government employees and Kotwars expressed their gratitude by weighing Dr Singh with heaps of laddoos. Moreover, thousands of farmers also welcomed Chief Minister in public gatherings with their traditional dance performances and thanked him for the announcement of bonus distribution on paddy procurement at support price every year.

Chief Minister addressed the public gathering at Mana around

Chhattisgarh Government has taken several result-oriented initiatives to relieve its people of the increasing financial burden due to inflation. Chhattisgarh Government introduced the first food security act of the country to ensure monthly supply of 35 kg rice and 2 kg salt to each of the 42 lakh poor families of state. In tribal areas, beneficiaries are provided 2 kg grams at nominal rate of Rs 5 per kg and in non-tribal areas, they are provided 2 kg of pulses at the rate of Rs 10 per kg only.

12 in midnight, but despite the odd hours of night, thousands of people enthusiastically gathered at the venue to listen their Chief Minister speak. In his address to public, Dr Singh threw light upon the public welfare policies and schemes of state government. Talking about the rising inflation in country, Chief Minister Dr Singh said that it is the ineffectiveness of the Centre's economic policies that is causing the sharp increase in inflation at national-level. Even the basic

requirement of common people's daily food habit i.e. onions is disappearing from the market, and its price is soaring high. He added that nowadays, even the sisters insist their brothers to gift them a few kilograms of onions as gift on the occasion of Rakshabandhan. On the other side, Chhattisgarh Government has taken several result-oriented initiatives to relieve its people of the increasing financial burden due to inflation. Chhattisgarh Government introduced the first food security act of the country

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farmers at nominal interest rate of 1 per cent. During VikasYatra Programmes in Aarang, Navapara, Abhanpur, Boriyakala and Mana Camp, Chief Minister inaugurated 58 completed construction works worth nearly Rs 662.58 crores and laid foundation of 36 new construction projects worth nearly Rs 232 crores. Inauguration and foundation laying of as many as 11 construction and development projects worth Rs 418.57 crores

was done in Navapara. In Abhanpur, state's first organic fertilizer factory was inaugurated. This factory has been constructed by Chhattisgarh State Seed and Agricultural Development Corporation at the cost of Rs 2 crores.

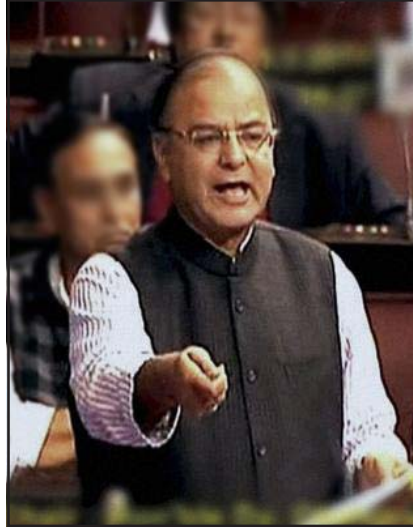
During VikasYatra to Raipur district, Chief Minister inaugurated and laid foundation of various residential colonies constructed/to be constructed by Chhattisgarh Housing Board in Aarang, Abhanpur and Boriyakala. This includes the construction of huge residential colony in Boriyakala near capital city Raipur, comprising about 3301 houses, at the cost of about Rs 275 crores. Chief Minister inaugurated and laid foundation of construction and development projects worth Rs 106.26 crores in Aarang, Rs 458.57 crores in Navapara, Rs 78.64 crores in Abhanpur and of Rs 15 crores in Mana Camp. Besides, under various beneficiary oriented schemes of state government, goods and materials were distributed to a large number of beneficiaries. This includes distribution of irrigation pumps and advanced agricultural equipments to farmers, free bicycles and sewing machines for female labourers, tool-kits for male labourers engaged in construction works, ration cards to new beneficiaries under food security act, bonus cheques for tendupatta collectors etc. Chief Minister also performed bhumi-pujan of residential colony to be constructed in Aarang at the cost of Rs 96 crores under AtalVihaarYojana for about 1347 families. ■

Kishtwar clashes are related to India's sovereignty and integrity : Jaitley

Sir, I am extremely grateful to you for allowing me to raise an issue which is extremely sensitive and extremely important for this country. It is an issue which is not merely relating to relations between two communities in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, but I take it as an issue which relates to India's sovereignty and integrity.

Sir, unfortunate developments took place 23 years ago. They were selectively targeting a community. It turned into a mass protest and one community was compelled to leave the Kashmir Valley. We are even today extremely sad about those developments. This country is still struggling to restore the status quo ante and send those people back; but we have not been able to do so. But, fortunately, in the last few months, the situation, as far as terrorism is concerned, within the Valley, has, somewhat, improved and we are all encouraged by that factor.

We want the situation to improve further so that in a state of tension there are anti-national elements which try and take benefit we don't want them to take the benefit. But, then, two important developments, in the last few days, have taken place. One on which the Hon. Defence Minister, a few days ago, made a statement, namely, that there has been an increased pressure from across the border on the LoC and that the number of incursions



The Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley raised the issue of Communal clashes in Kishtwar in Jammu & Kashmir on August 12, 2013. Here are excerpts of the speech:

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have increased. The second one is, even though the Valley was relatively peaceful, there has been some activity in the hilly regions of Jammu which has been a matter of huge concern even before the recent developments that took place. Now, Kishtwar is a district of mixed population, as most of the districts in that

region are. Historically, the community relationships in those districts have been extremely cordial. Tension between communities, etc., have been very rare.

There were a few instances of tension. Five years ago, during the Amarnath Yatra, there were some, but they were all short lived. And, finally, the situation there also had improved.

For the past few days, several anti-national activities in Kishtwar, which was otherwise a peaceful area, had increased. On the day of the holy festival of Eid, small instances led to a protest, a demonstration, and what took place there after has been extremely unfortunate and sad. The procession again started selective targeting, and when selective targeting started, it was brought to the notice of the Government of India at the highest level. The hon. Prime Minister was spoken to within, literally, minutes of these instances because between 1990 and 2013 there is a difference; people communicate on mobile phones; and now, they communicate on the Twitter, on email. And, within minutes, the information started reaching Delhi as to what had happened. People were crying out of helplessness and the Police was a mute spectator. There were complaints that a senior functionary of the State Government could have been involved, and that is a matter which requires to be investigated.



After this was reported, the matter was immediately brought to the notice of the highest in the Government, the hon. Prime Minister. In the early afternoon, we were all told that the situation was tense and the Army was being moved in. We kept telling everybody who communicated with us that the Army was being moved in and, hopefully, the situation would come under control. The functionaries of the district, whether it was the District Magistrate, the Collector or the Senior Superintendent of Police, were all spectators. They

understand that the Home Ministry and the Defence Ministry went into action and said that the Army should be moved in it was only till late evening that the Army, which was otherwise present close by, got into positioning. And in these six seven hours, there was mayhem in the town of Kishtwar and, obviously, when the word spread - now you have more means of communication - there was tension in all the neighbouring areas as a result of this. I do understand that the two concerned officials, the District

Shivraj Patil had taken a delegation of Members of Parliament there. We went to both the regions; we tried to cool down tempers. Thereafter, when the stone throwing agitation took place, Mr. Chidambaram had taken an all Party delegation which tried to meet everybody so that people exhausted their anger. And here, we have an approach, 'let us just put an iron curtain on the State; let us not allow anybody to enter the State; and whoever is entering the State is only entering with the idea of disturbing!' The media does not publish anything saying that you had this kind of a mayhem in the State. This was not merely a problem between communities. I can tell you, if it does not stop in this region, it would send a signal of the kind it happened in the Valley in 1990 which still hangs around our neck as a garland of shame - when you had tried a system by which nobody came to know of what is happening.

**Do we impose censorship so that nobody comes to know? Do we have an ostrichlike approach, that media would not be allowed, nobody would be allowed into those areas? I do remember, Sir, when the Amarnath movement took place and there were vast protests both in the Jammu region and in the Valley, Mr. Shivraj Patil had taken a delegation of Members of Parliament there. We went to both the regions; we tried to cool down tempers.**

took no action. As of yesterday evening, that is, three days after the incident, you have hundreds of shops being burnt, you have houses being ransacked and you have dozens of people injured. They could not be treated in the Civil Hospital that was the extent of tension - and they had to be taken to the Army Hospital. Some of them had even to be moved out. You had vehicles being burnt. Also, you had some innocents who lost their lives. This situation should have been immediately brought under control. But, for the next few hours, whereas we were saying that there was an assurance from the Government of India that the Army was being moved in I do

Magistrate and the SSP, had to be moved out because of their complicity or inaction. A friend of the BSP has been complaining that the son of their District President has, unfortunately, died. I am sure, this would have happened to some others also. We sympathize with them.

Now, what do we do in a situation like this? Do we impose censorship so that nobody comes to know? Do we have an ostrichlike approach, that media would not be allowed, nobody would be allowed into those areas? I do remember, Sir, when the Amarnath movement took place and there were vast protests both in the Jammu region and in the Valley, Mr.

What happened to me personally yesterday, I consider it absolutely secondary. But, let me tell you, Sir, that even on that issue, the State of Jammu and Kashmir is not a personal property of one family. It is an integral part of India. And, you will have to decide how it is to be governed. One and a half years ago I and my colleague from Lok Sabha, Smt. Swaraj, went there. I respect Shri Chidambaram's acumen as a lawyer also; please examine it. Now, Section 144 is used to prevent our entry into the State! What did we go for? We wanted to address a rally in Jammu where the National Flag was to be hoisted. Section 144 is

used to prevent our entry into the State; the two of us were physically lifted and sent outside the State. Externment order under Section 144 was issued. Started this practice. This is exactly what happened yesterday. What if the BJP Governments start imposing section 144 to prevent the entry of any AICC leader into their States? Will the media, which has been maintaining a stunning censorship on the issue, have the same double standards? India is not a banana republic where you can say that section 144 will be imposed and you will extern people from the State and prevent their entry.

I was stunned to read the order; the order banning me from entering the State was open ended and indefinite. It is not even limited in terms of a date. This is the plight of democracy in that State. And, this is happening. Forget Kishtwar, you can't even enter Jammu which was otherwise absolutely peaceful.

What have we done earlier when we had gone to Srinagar and Jammu when tensions were on? You go to guest houses and circuit houses, you call the people, you bring tempers down, you listen to them, you find out what the facts are. And these details should have been known.

Sir, this whole incident requires to be investigated. This incident is not merely, I repeat, an intercommunity disturbance. In an intercommunity disturbance, flags of a neighbouring country are not brought out. Those who have waged a war against this country

and have been given death sentence, their photographs are not displayed. It is not a law and order situation. This is an issue of India's sovereignty. Therefore, I would urge the hon. Home Minister and, especially, the Finance Minister who is replying, to please treat it in that manner. Though who have suffered must be compensated and the guilty must be brought to book, we would also like to know, with the levels of accountability that we are being

told, with regard to other States where all this has happened, why people are not arrested there so far. As of yesterday, I was told by informed sources that that was the position; if something has happened overnight after yesterday when I was given this information, I would be too happy to know this. It is a serious matter and, I think, if the Government of India takes it lightly, then, we will have to pay the same price that we paid in relation to the Valley in 1990. ■

### **Riots takes place in Kishtwar**

Separatist slogans stirred up communal riots, that ravaged Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar town, left three dead. The trouble started in the otherwise peaceful town of Kishtwar, over 200 km from here, when a procession of locals from adjacent villages entered the town on August 9 to join others at the Eidgah grounds to offer Eid prayers. Reports said the procession was shouting anti-India slogans when some Hindus resented this and started pelting stones at the procession and provoking them. After the news about this reached those already present at the Eidgah grounds they rushed to the spot and joined the riots. Three people were killed and properties worth millions including over 100 shops were gutted. Home Minister of the state Sajjid Ahmad Kichloo was present at Kishtwar town. His licensed gunshop was looted by mob. But some alleged that he himself allowed loot of his gunshop to help a particular community. The Bar Association in Jammu has also sought an investigation. Association alleged that his shop was either allowed to be looted or was thrown open for rioters before the situation took an ugly turn after Eid prayers. To save his face or intending to achieve some kind of a political martyrdom Kichloo has resigned from the post of Home Ministry.

While Shri Arun Jaitley was on the way to visit riots affected area to find out real situations on the ground, he was detained at Jammu Airport.

BJP alleged the Jammu and Kashmir government with playing politics on the Kishtwar riots and cautioned that this was another Pakistan design in which separatist forces were involved.

"The Jammu and Kashmir government is playing bad politics over the issue. It is an anti-India flare-up in which anti-India slogans were raised. The separatists have gone on a rampage. It is yet another Pakistan design. We do not want to inflame the issue," BJP spokesperson Prakash Javadekar told reporters. He maintained that Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley should have been allowed to visit the riot-affected areas of Kishtwar. ■

## Congress has done nothing inclusive, it has only excluded people : Narendra Modi

Addressing the *Nava Bharata Yuva Bheri* at Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium in Hyderabad Shri Narendra Modi wonderfully laid down his *Mantra* of the ideal ethos a Government should embrace. In his speech that

the Congress refuses to walk on the path of development because they cannot answer the people. "Congress has done nothing inclusive, it has only excluded people," affirmed the Chief Minister.

Shri Modi said the nation

for most of the sixty years but has failed to do anything for the common man and woman.

Shri Modi talked at length about the good governance initiatives of NDA and other Non-congress States and criticized the lack of development

under the UPA. He questioned why the Central Government refuses to bring back black money into the nation when a leader of the stature of Shri LK



showcased aspiration and celebrated the power of good governance Shri Modi said, "A Government has one religion-India first! A Government has one holy book and that is the Constitution, the Government must be immersed in only one *Bhakti- Bharat Bhakti*, the Government has one strength and that is *Jan Shakti*. Their only ritual is the well being of the 125 crore Indians and the code of conduct of the Government should be '*Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas*.'"

Shri Modi affirmed that development is the solution to all the problems. He said that

dreams of a "Congress Mukta Bharat" and added that the farmers, youngsters and the poor are determined in making this a reality. Paying tributes to former Andhra Pradesh CM Shri NT Rama Rao, Shri Modi stated, "When I come here, I remember NTR. He did one big thing for the nation- he gave a strong boost to anti-Congress politics. It was due to him that a non-Congress Government became a reality in New Delhi." He called for anti-Congress forces coming together to bring an end to dynasty politics, corruption and misgovernance. He avowed that one family has ruled the nation

Advani ji embarked on a Yatra for it. Shri Modi went on to say, "There is no trace of efforts to enhance skill development in Andhra Pradesh. You do not like Gujarat but see what Dr. Jayalalithaa has done in Tamil Nadu. Dr. Raman Singh showed the way in giving food to the poor in Chhattisgarh. Even the Supreme Court lauded him. How to start a movement to give dignity to the girl child, go to Madhya Pradesh under leadership of Shivraj ji to learn that. See the *Ladli Lakshmi Yojana*."

Giving instances of the mismanagement of the Congress,



Shri Modi shared that he once asked the Prime Minister to call a meeting of all states that are on coastal areas to discuss how we can strengthen the economy by spearheading the development of coastal areas but what has instead happened is that the price of the Rupee against the Dollar has touched the age of the Finance Minister, when it was equal when we attained Independence. He recalled that earlier scholars from across the world came to India to study but now even our students are going overseas to study. He said this is not only a brain drain but also a drain of finances as these students have to pay exorbitant fees for their education. Likewise, he commented on the shortage of doctors saying that while our country produces enough medicines, it lacks those who can prescribe it. He shared that the maximum farmer suicides are actually in Congress ruled states most notably Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. "All of this- the

lack of food, clothing, shelter is due to the Congress and to change this we need to walk on the path of development," affirmed the Chief Minister. He described the Congress a party immersed in votebank politics, which empties the coffers before elections with the sole aim of getting maximum votes.

Commenting on the issue of the division of Telangana, he made it clear that the BJP is committed to Telangana and that it stands for the development of both the Telangana and Seemandhra regions. The growth of one region should not be at the cost of the other. Shri Modi attacked the UPA on the trust deficit that has emerged in the nation over the last decade.

During the public meeting Shri Modi sought the blessings of a freedom fighter and the octogenarian mother of an NRI who requested on Twitter that his mother wishes to hear Shri Modi speak in Hyderabad. He said these are experiences he will

never forget in his lifetime. Shri Modi congratulated the Andhra Pradesh BJP for using this public meeting for raising funds Rs. 5 each for Uttarakhand flood relief and congratulated the youth who contributed to this endeavour.

Among others former BJP National President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Andhra Pradesh BJP President Shri G Kishan Reddy and former Union Minister Shri Bandaru Dattatreya and other senior leaders were present.

Shri Modi's youth conclave drew huge crowd to the LB stadium in Hyderabad on 11 August. The stadium was filled to its capacity by 2 p.m. Before the start of the grand programme, cultural events were held off-stage. Those who could not be accommodated in the stadium were advised to gather in the nearby Nizam College Grounds where the BJP put up LED screens to telecast the public meeting live. (FOC)

# Nation is impatient to get rid of Congress misrule : Nadda

*BJP has the responsibility to restore the dignity of the nation*



*BJP National General Secretary and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda represents the emerging youth leadership of Bharatiya Janata Party. Coming from a rural background from Himachal Pradesh he was inspired by the JP Movement in his early youth hood and joined the Chhatra Sangharsh Samiti as a Secretary and later joined the A.B.V.P, Patna University in 1977-79. As a youth leader he has handled many responsibilities in the ABVP, BJYM and BJP successfully. As the*

*President of the National BJYM from 1991-94 he consistently raised his voice on issues concerning the youth and resisted all such attempts of the Congress government aimed at weakening the country. He has taken up relentless struggle all along his political career through democratic means to highlight the failure of the system. Infact, Shri Nadda was detained for 45 days for leading a campaign for up-grading schools.*

*Shri Nadda was elected to the Himachal Assembly several times and he left his mark in the State as an efficient young Minister in several capacities. He became the National General Secretary of the BJP in May 2010 and got Elected to Rajya Sabha in May 2012. As the Prabhari of Chhattisgarh, he is currently deploying all his political experience to ensure a third straight victory for the Party in the upcoming elections for the State Assembly.*

*In a special interview for Kamal Sandesh with Editorial Member Shri Ram Prasad Tripathy, Shri Nadda revealed the gravity of the present political situation and candidly expressed his views concerning the people of the country who are reeling under the Congress misrule. He also highlighted the plans and state of preparedness of the BJP to dethrone the Congress led UPA from the centre and bring India back on the path of development. Excerpts:*

**Q: Under the leadership of Dr. Raman Singh the BJP has consistently performed well in Chhattisgarh. As BJP Prabhari for the State do you think the Party will be able to repeat its past performance and register a hat-trick win in the upcoming elections?**

The track record of the Raman Singh Government in the field of development and in the implementation of welfare schemes have been appreciated by the people of the State as reflected in repeated electoral successes of the Party. The credibility of the BJP government has generated a favorable atmosphere for the Party in Chhattisgarh and so there is no doubt that BJP will get a hat trick this time in the upcoming assembly elections.

**Q: The NIA report on the recent Naxal attack in Bastar has revealed the**

**involvement of some of the Congressmen in the ghastly attack as published in the media. In the aftermath of the Naxal attacks the Congress leaders of the State have tried to score some political points over the ruling BJP. How BJP is going to expose this nefarious game plan of Congress before the masses?**

The BJP Government has dealt with the Naxal issue very firmly and without any political bias. The Chief Minister has always tried to solve this issue through a humanist approach. Because of this, even the Congress leaders have reposed trust on Dr. Raman Singh's decisions. What happened in Bastar was unfortunate; however, the NIA Report as appeared in the media has put the Congress in the dock. The report has raised many questions like, who changed the route of the Yatra and on whose permission the venue of the rally was changed at the last minute? Who sent information to the Naxalites regarding the route of the Yatra and who were those prominent leaders missing prior to the attack on the cavalcade at Bastar? People know these answers and they will respond at the appropriate time.

**Q: BJP lost three states in 1998 due to rising onion prices. Now in 2013, onion prices have surpassed all previous records. Do you think onion is going to be an issue in the upcoming Assembly elections?**

This is just one issue, but, the issue of price rise in general, devaluation of Rupee, slowdown in industrial outputs, the condition of farmers and agriculture, the challenge of unemployment and the mishandling of the economy by the UPA are equally vital issues. The BJP will certainly take these issues to the people's court. In 1998 there was only one issue of onion price rise but in 2013 there are host of issues before the nation to seek answers from the UPA Government.

**Q: The Misgovernance, price rise, corruption and inefficiency of the Congress led UPA Government has derailed country's development. Price rise has broken the back bone of Aam Adami. Congress has always tried to escape from these issues. Do, you think that BJP will be able to expose**

**the misdeeds of the UPA Government?**

The BJP has relentlessly opposed the anti-people policies of the Congress and has tried in every possible way to expose the real face of the Congress Government before the people. We will keep doing it till the people dislodge the Congress from power at the Centre. On massive corruption issues like CWG, 2G, Adarsh, Antrix scam, Coal-gate, Rail-Gate, dubious defence deals and the missing of Coal-gate files the main opposition Party has fought vociferously both inside and outside Parliament. We forced the hands of the government for JPC and court monitored investigations. However, the UPA has been trying to protect the culprits by hook or crook. The BJP will not relent till the culprits are sent behind bars.

**Q: Today the youth of the country is frustrated with rising prices, massive corruption, economic slowdown and unemployment. How the BJP is planning to address the issues concerning the youth?**

Our Governments in Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have given a new direction to the youth. If the popularity of these governments is any indication then it is apparent that the BJP governments have delivered excellent administration which has been appreciated by the youth. The youth today desperately wants good governance, corruption free administration and performance and we have delivered on all these fronts and will endeavour to carry it forward.

**Q. You represent the youth leadership of the Party. Do you think the BJP has taken enough steps to groom youth leaders in the Party?**

If you see the composition of State and National organisations of the BJP, then one thing is very clear that BJP has given enough opportunity and abundant space to youth leaders. If we compare it with other political parties then BJP is the most youthful Party in India today. We are further trying to infuse new blood in various capacities in the Party in recent times.

**Q: BJP has laid much emphasis on social media. Can social media replace the ground and booth level work of our Karyakartas or how**

**do you think the Party will maintain a balance between the two?**

Both have their own importance and one cannot be pursued at the cost of other. We will give equal importance to both traditional mobilization and mobilization through social media in the upcoming elections.

**Q: BJP is considered as an urban middle-class Party and poll pundits believe that its presence in rural areas is not encouraging. How BJP is going to reach out to the rural voters this time?**

I reject this theory that BJP is an urban middle class based Party. BJP is the Party of the people. We came to power in various states like in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Karnataka in the past. It became possible because of the strong roots we have developed both in the urban as well as in the rural areas. Most of our leaders also come from rural background and so I think this is not fair to call the BJP as an urban based Party.

**Q: Prior to the 2009 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress brought popular schemes like the farm loan waiver scheme and this time also the Congress is adopting the same policy. Now again it is planning to bring popular schemes like Food Security Bill, Direct Cash Transfer and Land Acquisition Bill etc. How the BJP is going to counter these freebies and popular schemes offered by the Congress?**

The Congress has always tried to confuse the electorate before the elections and this is typical Congress game plan. People know these clever techniques of Congress very well. Even the Food Security Bill in its present form has serious flaws in it. If the Union Government is really committed for the welfare of the people then first it must adopt the well-accepted Food Security system of Chhattisgarh and then bring this Bill to the Parliament. Whatever schemes Congress has brought over this period of time like MGNREGA have only encouraged corruption. So, I believe that the present popular schemes are less for the welfare of

the people and more intended for political gains.

**Q: Will BJP support the Food Security Bill of the UPA Government in its present form?**

We support the philosophy behind the Food Security Legislation. But, the Bill has serious lacunas in its present form. However, we will support the Bill if it is modified on the lines of the Chhattisgarh food security model which has been praised by the Supreme Court of India and the World Bank.

**Q: Is the BJP mulling to increase its numbers and strength on its own? Do you think the Third Front can pose a challenge to the BJP?**

If our Party performs well, alliance partners will naturally come and we can give a stable government. So, we are now concentrating on getting more number of seats on our own fighting independently. It is clear that BJP is going to form the government this time and no political party is a threat for BJP. Third Front is a failed experiment and a myth and it will remain a myth forever.

**Q: How do you see the current political situation in India and the role of BJP in this?**

The current political situation is undoubtedly chaotic. The common man of India is impatient to get rid of Congress misgovernance and corruption at the earliest. BJP is trying to fill up the void. We are confident of getting the positive public support of the people and form the government at the Centre. BJP has given good governance in the past and BJP is the only political Party in India which can give good and stable government.

**Q: What is your message for the BJP Karyakartas who are fighting on the ground for the upcoming elections?**

Today there is a historic responsibility for the BJP to end the decade of misgovernance, lapse in national security, vote bank politics, massive corruption and inflation left behind by the Congress led UPA government. The country has made up its mind to throw the UPA out of office. For that we must fight the Congress unitedly to uproot this corruption ridden anti-people regime and restore the dignity of this great nation.

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## BJP gives a call to make success "Mission 272 +"

National Office bearers, State Presidents and other important leaders held day long deliberations on the preparedness for the ensuing 5 Assembly and Lok Sabha Elections in Delhi on August 18.

Inaugurating the meeting, BJP National President Shri

national economy. The speech delivered by the PM on 15th August was uninspiring and has further eroded the confidence of domestic as well as international investors. The decision to introduce capital control is a regressive method and will further hurt the economy.

Rajnath Singh said that Congress is interested only in political security for themselves and not in economic, internal and external security of the country.

Campaign Committee Chief and Gujarat CM Shri. Narendra Modi guided the deliberations about the effective campaigning and urgency to reach out to each voter. He exuded confidence of a comprehensive win for the BJP as the people in the country are up and against the Congress misrule. He observed that people are eager to throw Congress out of power at the first available opportunity.

Shri . Modi said that the prescription to achieve a comprehensive win is planning in details and implementing it in full. He also said that worker and organization is the mainstay of the BJP. All out effort



### **Salient points of speech by Shri Rajanath Singh and Shri Narendra Modi at NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi**

Rajnath Singh gave a call to make success "Mission 272 +" for Loksabha elections and win 4 assembly elections. The mood of the nation reflects this mission as an achievable target.

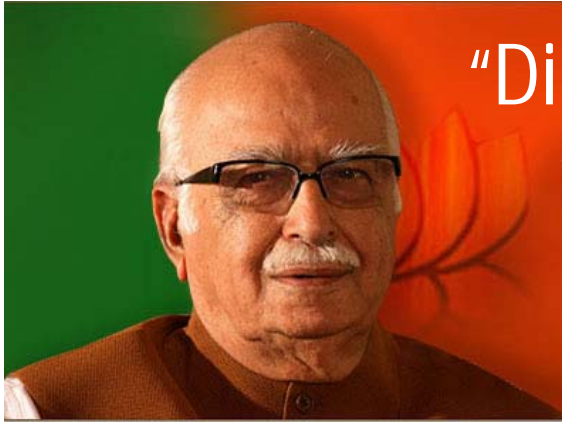
Shri Rajnath Singh lambasted the Prime Minister for failing in managing the economy which is resulting in more pains and hardships for the common man. The inflation which is ruining the family budgets is likely to rise further. The continuous depreciation of rupee is a symptom of comeprehensive failure of this Government in managing all the contours of

Shri Rajnath Singh demanded that the Government should not enter into any dialogue with Pakistan till it gives a solemn promise that its land won't be allowed to be used for terror activities against India and also promises to stop skirmishes on the border. According to Rajnath Singh, this stand is imperative on the backdrop of 18 ceasefire violations along the border in the last 10 days, ambushing Indian patrolling jawans, instigating separatist to foment trouble in Kishtwad and giving cover to the rising number of infiltrators.

should be made to take all sections of society with the party and strengthen the organization in the next 200 days. He appealed that all the committees appointed to reach out to various sections of society should function with more speed.

The BJP meeting was discussing the programs to be taken up immediately to achieve the target. Mass rallies, constituency level congregations, campaign to go to each and every doorstep were discussed. Shri Lal Krishna Advani guided the deliberations at the concluding session.(FOC) ■





# "Dirty Money : Indian Economy's Achilles Heel"

By L.K Advani

Sitting beside me at the Independence Day function at the Red Fort last week was Admiral R.H. Tahiliani, India's 13th Chief of Naval Staff, who retired in November 1987. Last year also we were seated together at the same function, and my daughter Pratibha promised to send him her TV documentary on our National Flag, titled Tiranga. He

growth and foreign policy issues, particularly as they concern developing and transitional economies.

Baker is an enthusiastic champion of the Free Market Economy, generally called Capitalism, as opposed to Communism. As I am writing this blog, I have before me this morning's papers of New Delhi (August 17), one of which carries

the Free-Market System." The title itself sums up the theme of the book.

Achilles was the hero of Homer's epic poem called the Illiad. He was a brave and relentless warrior. Legend has it that his mother Thetis was a Sea-goddess who dipped him into the mythological river Styx when he was just born, to make his body invulnerable. The legend goes that when Thetis put him into the water she was holding him by his heel, which therefore remained vulnerable. Achilles met his death when an enemy shot an arrow into his heel.

According to this book, a free market economy is highly desirable, provided it is scrupulously protected from the evil of dirty money, which afflictions like corruption and money-laundering generate.

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Half a dozen states are to face their five yearly poll before the year 2013 is out.

And early next year Dr. Manmohan Singh will be completing his second five year term in office. Last week, New Delhi's leading English magazine India Today has published an elaborate opinion

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prominently a two-page article on the sick state of the Indian economy.

thanked her for the D.V.D., and expressed great appreciation for her film.

He then asked me casually: "What book are you reading these days, Mr. Advani?" "Only yesterday, I have received a book on 'Dirty Money' which I have commenced reading", I told him. The book's author is Raymond Baker. Baker is an American businessman, who is the Director of Global Financial Integrity. He has been for many years an internationally respected authority on corruption, money-laundering,

This article is publicized on page one of the issue alongside the Prime Minister's picture with the announcement "Free Market in Free Fall". In fact, all papers have highlighted how the Rupee has plunged this week to a lifetime low of 62.03 against the Dollar. Similarly, the drop in the BSE index last Friday was 769.41, the sharpest single day fall since July, 2009.

As mentioned earlier I am presently reading a book on Dirty Money. The book is titled "Capitalism's Achilles Heel: Dirty Money and How to Renew

poll on the Mood of the Nation, in which a full page picture of the Prime Minister carries the caption "HONEST BUT INEFFECTIVE : It is time for the PM to step down, say voters."

On the same page, the replies given to the question: "What are Manmohan Singh's failings?" read as follows:

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and Sri Lanka as 'failed or failing states', the writer says about India:

"India's democracy, by any measure, continues to astound, as despite all kinds of pressures free and fair elections are held and control of the government changes hands regularly. Unlike all its neighbours no one can argue that India is a failing or failed state."

The paper has been written by Lant Pritchett who is a Professor at the Kennedy School. He has served also with the World Bank, and was for some time based in New Delhi.

Lant Pritchett writes in this paper:

"The Government of India and its personnel at the top levels in the elite institutions are impressive indeed. The Indian Supreme Court, the Indian Institutes of Technology, the All India Institute of Medical Science, India's nuclear program, to name a few, are all world class institutions. The IAS is full of officers who have passed an entrance examination and selection process that makes getting into Harvard look like a walk in the park....

"And yet, as I describe more fully below, the capability of the Indian state to implement programs and policies is weak – and in many domains it is not obvious it is improving. In police, tax collection, education, health,

power, water supply – in nearly every routine service – there is rampant absenteeism, indifference, incompetence,

and corruption. This is true of even relatively routine services, even more so for more sophisticated ones like networked irrigation or groundwater management."

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"a nation-state in which the head, that is the elite institutions at national (and in some states)

level remain sound and functional, but that this head is no longer reliably connected via nerves and sinews to its own limbs."

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The 46-page Harvard paper on India carries the title: Is India a flailing State?"

The paper begins with a synopsis of the Indian novel Q&A in which an uneducated working class waiter wins a billion rupees in a game show, a novel later converted into a successful movie, Slumdog Millionaire.

After opening his piece with this reference to Slumdog Millionaire, Pritchett sarcastically comments:

"As one reads the novel in each instance in which the hero's life intersects with agents of the government – he is treated with the same mix of venality and casual brutality. This is especially striking for two reasons. First, the bad behavior of the government is not a theme of the book nor is it ever remarked upon, rather these descriptions are there to provide verisimilitude of a real person's life – to make the book seem realistic and in-touch with the "true" India. Second, the novel was written, not by an estranged radical, but by an active duty member of the Indian Foreign Service.

To understand the Indian state today one has to read fiction because non-fiction, the streams of government reports and commissions and documents produced by official agencies (including those of foreign agencies working with the government) are truly fiction."■

# The wrong way to food security

By Nitin Gadkari

Let no one misunderstand this, and I state this at the very outset. The Bharatiya Janata Party is not opposed to a food security law. Indeed, the BJP will support the bill in Parliament, with some amendments, when it comes up for discussion. But we are concerned about the manner in which the law is going to be implemented. We also do not mind if the Congress believes that it is a political game changer that will help it navigate the electoral battle in 2014, or whenever elections are held.

We must appreciate that the current situation of high food prices, huge stocks of foodgrains, the sight of tonnes of foodgrains rotting in the open and the poor being deprived of two square meals is a complex amalgam of constant policy failures for decades. Even while paying lip service to the farmer and the consumer in the name of the much-harassed aam aadmi, the UPA government has failed to come up with a coherent food and farm policy that protects the people's interests. The result has been that farmers do not get remunerative prices for their produce and at the same time, consumers pay exorbitant prices for their daily needs. Above all, there is the endemic problem of reducing any debate into an NDA vs UPA contest. Now let's get real. Ten years is a long time, and the UPA masters should muster the courage to own up to their track record instead of

taking shelter behind the statistics of the NDA period.

It is the primary responsibility of the state to ensure that the elementary needs of its people – food, shelter and health – are fulfilled. Towards this end, a law that makes it a right for the people to have access to foodgrains is welcome. However, there are issues to be considered and resolved.

As someone engaged in public policy and keen to promote the politics of

panchayats having precedence in running PDS outlets.

But then the UPA does not believe in a proven format of good governance. It wants to introduce a public welfare measure with an eye on EVM machines. My limited concern is, should we play politics with the hunger of the poor? Should we also look at our votes when we provide food to the people? Must we always play politics?

When you play politics, your real intent is laid bare before the

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development, I am still not able to fathom the reason behind the UPA's refusal to even take a look at the Chhattisgarh model of food security. It has been lauded by independent experts and has worked well for several years now. Among its strong features are: sensible use of technology, like full computerisation of PDS and the use of GPS devices for tracking the movement of vehicles carrying grains; greater transparency through public scrutiny of all records; and a higher level of accountability, with local bodies such as gram

people. This bill is a clear indication that the UPA is only interested in getting propaganda mileage on food security, and is not really committed to the task of ridding the country of hunger.

Let us look at this aspect. The manner in which the targeted beneficiaries are chosen exposes the Manmohan Singh-Sonia Gandhi team's game. This is perhaps the first law under which the number of beneficiaries to be covered in each state has been decided, instead of creating eligibility criteria. The guidelines for the

eligibility criteria have not been decided by the Central government, but have been left to the states. This would create anomalies in implementation. So, a group of people eligible for benefits under the act in one state may find that they are not covered under it in another state. The impact of this provision is that in one stroke, 1.47 crore people who were getting the benefit of subsidised foodgrains in Gujarat have been taken out

release mechanism, prices would not be optimal for either the farmer or the consumer. An effective policy would require the government to buy the grains when prices are low to help farmers, and release them into the market when the prices go up, to help consumers. But the government has missed out on both occasions. Its policies serve neither the farmer nor the consumer.

The development of ample

a storage facility near farms, reducing transportation costs and saving the grains from rotting.

Similarly, the government has been waiting for FDI in multibrand retail to set up the back-end infrastructure for the farm sector. But what prevents it from launching a scheme that involves local vegetable growers coming together to have cold storage facilities and chains that prevent the wastage of national produce on the fields? We have seen farmers throwing away potatoes, bananas and other produce on the streets simply because they do not have access to cold storage facilities.

The government has also shown a marked aversion to encouraging agricultural exports. It is scared of formulating a policy approach that strikes a balance between domestic needs and export markets. But careful and skilled handling of the situation can ensure that farmers benefit from tapping export markets as well.

In a nation that runs on a federal structure, lawmakers have the responsibility to take into consideration all the diversities before putting into place any legal framework. But when politics takes precedence over governance and people's welfare is overshadowed by propaganda, such flaws are an inevitable outcome. The food security bill is yet another manifestation of the UPA's intent to camouflage poor performance with much-hyped propaganda. But then, people are able to see through it. ■

*(The writer is former National President of BJP)*

**I am of the firm view that the difference between the cycles of production and consumption of the farm produce is at the root of anomalies in the pricing structure. The crop comes once in a year, but it is consumed throughout the year. So, unless there is an adequate storage and release mechanism, prices would not be optimal for either the farmer or the consumer.**

of this scheme. This is because the Centre shall determine the number of persons that shall be covered in each state in urban and rural areas. In the case of Gujarat, before the food security ordinance was enacted, 5.11 crore people came under the subsidised foodgrains scheme. After the Central law was put in place, the number declined to 3.66 crore. So, the food security bill has actually deprived 1.47 crore people in Gujarat of subsidised foodgrains.

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storage facilities, cold storage and the use of technology to enhance the shelf life of perishable foodgrains and vegetables is the only option. Sadly, the government has shown a complete lack of imagination in evolving people-friendly solutions that would lead to win-win situations. It would be a good, workable idea to encourage farmers to build proper storage facilities, rather than to leave the entire procurement and storage business to the Food Corporation of India, which has made a mess of it. Farmers could use their lands as their share of investment in the storage facility, be offered credit on soft terms to build it and then the place could be hired by the government. A cluster of villages would then get

# Appeasing Pakistan at the cost of National Interest

By Kanchan Gupta

A feckless Prime Minister can only be expected to cut corners with India's interest and security. But that does not mean we should let Manmohan Singh do so unchallenged and unquestioned

The outpouring of rage across the country after Pakistani soldiers sneaked across the Line of Control in the Poonch sector and ambushed an Indian Army post, killing five jawans, earlier this week, could have only been missed by a criminally callous Government like the one which currently presides over India's steady but steep decline and decay. Hence it's not surprising that Defence Minister AK Antony stumbled so badly in articulating the UPA's response to the dastardly deed by Pakistan in our Parliament.

Instead of pinning the responsibility for the murder of our soldiers on Pakistan, Antony first sought to absolve those guilty of the crime by describing them as "persons in Pakistani Army uniform". It is now believed the Defence Minister's statement, which marked a sharp departure from the Defence Department's statement blaming the Pakistani Army, was vetted and cleared by the National Security Adviser and senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs. That followed their meeting with diplomats of the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi who had been ostensibly summoned

to South Block to register India's protest.

We will never know what prompted the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of External Affairs to rush to Pakistan's aid and put a gloss over its crime. Friends in the Ministry of External Affairs who are appalled by the Government offering an escape route to Pakistan say Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is desperate to broker 'peace' at any cost, even if it means cutting corners with India's national interest.

The reasons for this desperation are no secret. Manmohan Singh believes that if he tries hard enough, he can secure the Nobel Prize for Peace. For that he needs the US's endorsement. The US, in turn, wants him to turn a Nelson's eye to Pakistan's offences and accept Islamabad's terms for a rapprochement, no matter how tenuous that may be. Pakistan, meanwhile, has let it be known that it shall persist with its policy of inflicting a thousand cuts and India could either take it or leave it. Manmohan Singh, clearly, is more than willing to take it if it means a pat on the back by US President Barack Obama and an invitation to the glittering Nobel ceremony to collect this year's

Peace Prize.

For a man whose inaction, chicanery and incompetence has dragged India's economy back to the pre-1990s (Morgan Stanley says this year's growth could be as low as 3.5 per cent) and whose crafty pandering to crass minorityism to keep his political boss (Congress president and NAC chairperson Sonia

**The outpouring of rage across the country after Pakistani soldiers sneaked across the Line of Control in the Poonch sector and ambushed an Indian Army post, killing five jawans, earlier this week, could have only been missed by a criminally callous Government like the one which currently presides over India's steady but steep decline and decay.**

Gandhi) happy has caused buried communal fault lines to resurface, this is the only road to securing a place in history. Little does he realise that once he demits office, which he will have to, he shall be reduced to no more than a footnote of history, a reminder that India was misgoverned by a gang of thieves for nine years with Manmohan Singh playing Ali Baba.

Yet he persists in search of the proverbial 'sim-sim', the magic code that will allow him entry to the world of immortality. If that means the truth should be subverted and national security

compromised, if it requires playing fast and loose with India's pride and dignity, he is game. We have seen this in the past too – when he travelled to Havana and declared, along with General Pervez Musharraf, that Pakistan is not the tormentor and perpetrator of terror as Indians believe it is, but a victim of terror; when he agreed to the shameful joint statement dictated by Yousuf Raza Gilani, then

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Prime Minister of Pakistan, and issued from Sharm el-Sheikh; when he slyly bypassed the national consensus that there should be no talks with Pakistan till it brings the masterminds of the 26/11 Mumbai carnage to book; when he allowed Pakistani Ministers and officials to pour scorn and ridicule on India while standing on Indian soil. The tailoring of the Defence Minister's statement is, therefore, understandable, as is the rush to whitewash Pakistan's sin.

Thankfully, an alert Opposition spotted the difference and the BJP pilloried the Government till it ate crow and the Defence Minister made a second statement, this time accusing "specialist troops" of the Pakistani Army for the killings: "We all know nothing happens along the Line of Control without the support... direct involvement of the Pakistani Army," he added for good measure. The revised statement followed reports, planted (or leaked, as some would prefer) by 'sources', that Sonia Gandhi was mighty displeased with the Government for playing ducks and drakes.

A revised statement implicating Pakistan directly for the killing of our jawans, however, does not mean corrective action on the policy front. It was expected that Manmohan Singh would, in the least, call off his scheduled meeting with Nawaz Sharif in New York in late September when he is there for the United Nations General Assembly's annual jamboree. It was also expected that the Foreign Secretary-level talks, which had been put on hold after the brutal slaying of two Indian jawans (one of them was beheaded; the other disfigured) by Pakistani soldiers at Mendhar, will remain off the radar for the foreseeable future.

But no, that's not happening. We are told Manmohan Singh will meet

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The alternative to the craven approach adopted by Manmohan Singh (he can't stand up and be counted either at home or abroad) is not to go to war with Pakistan, as is mockingly and jeeringly suggested by his flag-wavers, especially in media. Nor is it to halt all interaction with Pakistan. It is to adopt a calibrated approach, making it abundantly clear to both Islamabad and Rawalpindi that every cut inflicted on India comes attached with a price to be paid by Pakistan. We could start getting there by insisting that if Pakistan wishes to talk, it should agree to joint secretary-level dialogue which would be restricted to comparing notes and no more.

That, however, would require guts. And a Prime Minister who is not as feckless as Manmohan Singh. Unfortunately, for the moment we are stuck with him. All that we can do is raise our voice and say 'No' to him. He is unlikely to listen, but at least our conscience would be clear. ■

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# Shivraj gets massive support and love from people

By Govind Maloo

**M**asses don't always need a language to speak, emotions have no language – people exchange their feelings with their leaders with faith and affection in their hearts. One who fails to understand this relation is called a novice in politics. If Congress has failed to understand it even

solidarity and support by chanting slogans with enthusiasm while ShriShivraj Singh Chouhan's Jan Ashirwad Yatra passes through different parts of the state establishing direct contact with the people. I have been moving along with the yatra as its media in-charge as per instructions of

came to the fore in full strength. But believe me this time it is a different feeling; a leader who has made place for himself on the basis of his hard work in the heart of the people is remarkable.

It is around 1.30 AM in the night, leaders and activists are tired of the day long yatra but chief minister still wants to meet people." People have come to meet me defying heavy rain and sleep with hope to meet me" – so ShriShivraj Singh Chouhan is meeting everyone. While passing through AkodiaMandi, Bolai, Bodigaon of Shujalpur region of Shajapur district, large number of people from children to elders were seen waiting. Even in the night people were seen full with enthusiasm with large crowd waiting to greet the chief minister. Children dance to the tune of musical instruments while women are out in the night to welcome the yatra. Public meeting in Sailana in midnight was unprecedented, a large crowd had gathered there. A locale, Ramchandra told me that he had never seen such a large gathering in the night earlier. People were raising slogans, "Khali kar do raste, Shivraj Singh ke waste" (clear the roads for Shivraj Singh).

While beginning from Jirapur, the yatra moves towards Padav, Ranoganj, Fulen, AkodiaMandi, Sarangpur, Badodiya and then Shajapur. People gather in large numbers, lining by the side of roads to have to glimpse of ShriShivraj Singh



after 65 years of its being in politics then it is its misfortune. But BJP is lucky that it has a leader like ShriShivraj Singh Chouhan who can understand the feelings of the people. If the surging crowd in the Jan Ashirwad Yatra is taken into account it may be rightly said that Congress has lost its battle against ShriShivraj Singh Chouhan in Madhya Pradesh. It has no leader like ShriShivraj Singh Chouhan who can understand the feelings of masses.

People express their

the organization. I was there in the last Jan Ashirwad Yatra also but there is huge difference between the two yatras. The enthusiasm of people has multiplied many times. It is definitely due to the favourable results of the welfare programmes started in Madhya Pradesh. People are more emotional than before which simply means that people are now feeling more attached to the chief minister. I'd also participated in Ram Janma Bhoomi movement in which nationalist sentiments

Chouhan and to welcome his yatra. The masses connect with him with love and affection, they see a kind of bond, a kind of attachment with their leader. It cannot be explained in words, the scene is electrified with the presence of large number of people in the month of *sawan*. *Sawan*, the month of Shiv, when there is rain all around, somewhere it is pouring and somewhere it is just falling down in drops - but everywhere the yatra is greeted with enthusiasm and love.

The road through which the yatra passes reverberates with the slogans - "Shivraj tum sangharshkaro, hum tumharsaathhain". The yatra which started from the city of Lord Mahakal, Ujjain was greeted with same fevour everywhere. When ShriShivraj Singh Chouhan asks from the people as to whose government they will vote for in the coming elections - only one word reverberates in the sky - "Shivraj, Shivraj". The support which the people are giving to the yatra is unprecedented. A large number of youth and women are seen participating in the yatra. Rajgarh, Ratlam, Jhabua, Mandsaur, Shajapur, Ujjain - everywhere the scene is almost same. Large numbers of people are gathering in public meeting and welcoming the yatra throughout the state. All places are competing with each other in making public meeting a grand success. People are throwing garlands and showering flowers in the path of the yatra. At one place Bohrasamaj came forward to welcome the chief minister. The

women were not behind as large number of minority community came forward to support the chief minister. It was a fitting reply to the detractors of BJP who dub it anti-minority.

As the yatra moves forward the enthusiasm of people also increases and many times ShriShivraj Singh Chouhan comes down from the ratha and mingles with people accepting their greetings.

BJP is fortunate that it has got a leader like ShriShivraj Singh Chouhan as its chief minister in Madhya Pradesh. He can read the minds of the people

and grasp their feelings. He knows how to respond to the love and affection of the people and how to bring cheers on their faces. He has gained his popularity through his hard work and innovative welfare programmes meant for the people. The large crowd gathering at his public meeting and the manner in which people are welcoming his yatra, it clearly indicates the love and respect he has earned from the people. ■

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## Delhi BJP sells cheap "Onions" at Town Hall

**T**o highlight the apathy of the Congress government towards tackling the onion crisis in the Capital and to press for making "Onions" available at affordable prices for common households in Delhi, the Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party on August 18 sold onions at Town Hall at Rs 25/Kg. The Delhi government is selling onions between Rs 50-55 at its outlets while the price of onions in retail markets has shot upto more than Rs 80/kg. The Delhi BJP demands that the food and civil supplies minister should be immediately sacked for his complete failure to perform the duty. It also condemns the inaction on the part of Chief Minister and deplores the way she has been expressing helplessness to take any action. Addressing the large number of BJP leaders and cadres on the occasion, Delhi BJP President Sh. Vijay Goel said when onions become luxury for common household, that itself is a telling statement on the state of governance. Worst, this government is so insensitive that it has tried to garner publicity and brush this issue under the carpet by selling onions which are rotten and not fit for consumption. It is evident the Delhi government's claims regarding onion crisis are like mirage. There is no impact visible on the ground. Most of the so-called 1000 outlets which this govt claimed will distribute onions are not even visible. Those who are visible are dysfunctional. It is the duty of the government to regulate prices and ensure smooth supply of essential commodities. But today the prices of all essential commodities have skyrocketed due to corruption and gross inefficiency of the Congress government.(FOC) ■







## Aam aadmi wants Congress to go : Rajnath

In a show of unprecedented strength at Ramlila Ground, the Delhi BJP on August 11 organized a massive and historic "Bijli Rally" and gave a call for ouster of the corrupt, inefficient and insensitive Congress government in Delhi. The party reiterated its promise of 30% reduction in power tariffs in Delhi after coming to power and explained to lakhs of people how it is going to do it. The BJP leaders who spoke at the rally exposed the misrule of Congress government with a promise that the wrongs done by the Congress would be set right when BJP comes to power in Delhi.

Addressing the rally BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh declared that the writing on the wall is clear that the common man wants Congress to go. Shri Singh said that the Congress government has been complicit in continuing the power fraud on people of Delhi. The BJP National President emphasized that it is shocking that despite the fact that Smt Sheila Dikshit has been the Chief Minister of Delhi for the last 15 years, a vast majority of the residents don't have access to basic civic amenities. Shri Singh promised that the BJP will

provide all the basic amenities including electricity, health, water, education, roads and proper drainage to all the residents of the national capital when it comes to power.

Referring to the audacious aggressions by Pakistan killing Indian soldiers on the borders, the BJP National President said that the Congress-led UPA government under Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh has grossly compromised the security of the nation. He demanded that the diplomatic relations with Pakistan be scaled down and that the Prime Minister must not talk to Pakistan Prime Minister Shri Nawaz Sharif on the sidelines of the UNGA in the US next month. The BJP National President announced that the party will support the Food Security Bill in Parliament as the party does not want to give any excuse to the Congress party for not attending the poor of the country. Shri Singh said that the Congress's policy is to perpetuate poverty in India without realizing that the India youths are being praised worldwide for their talent and hard-work.

Addressing the rally, Delhi BJP President Shri Vijay Goel

underlined the insensitive attitude of the present Congress government. Shri Goel said that the Congress government has connived with the power Discoms to secure an unprecedented hike of upto 72% in power tariff in Delhi over the years. Shri Goel said

that the Congress government has kept under the cover its approval for power tariff hike by a humongous 300% just after the assembly polls as the government has accepted the Rs. 19,000 crore regulatory losses as proposed by the power distribution companies. He warned that unless this design by the Congress government and the power Discoms was not defeated, the future generations would be paying for the "power shocks" being given to the people of Delhi right now.

Addressing the rally, the leader of opposition in Delhi Assembly Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra said, "The Congress government has committed a big fraud in the name of regularizing unauthorized colonies. There are atleast 116 colonies which do not exist and yet they are announced to be regularized. Lakhs of rupees have gone into Congress leader's pockets."

Dr. Harshavardhan, former Delhi BJP President said, "The Congress government in Delhi has failed on all fronts-power, water, Yamuna cleaning, environment, food and civil supplies, transport etc. (FOC)■"

### UTTAR PRADESH

## SP Govt. decisions are influenced by religion: BJP

Charging that administrative anarchy prevailed in Uttar Pradesh, the Bharatiya Janata Party said the state Government's decisions were influenced by religion and it was allowing corrupt officers to go scot free. Interacting with media persons in Lucknow BJP State spokesman Shri Vijay Bahadur Pathak said, "Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav should clarify the yardstick his Government was adopting in taking action against officials".

"Akhilesh Yadav himself has admitted that he wanted to take action against two district magistrates but the decision was put on hold after much hue and cry was raised over suspension of Durga Shakti Nagpal. What does it mean?" In an interview to a magazine, the Chief Minister had said that he wanted to suspend two district magistrates and many chief development officers for anomalies in MNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Act) schemes but refrained from going ahead with the decision in view of the furor over suspension of Durga Shakti Nagpal, he said.

"Suspension of officials for reported anomalies in MNREGA schemes is an administrative decision but the Government felt shy in taking action against the officers concerned. Instead, it took action against a trainee because she ordered demolition of a mosque wall constructed on Gram Sabha land," Shri Pathak said.

Criticizing the Chief Minister, he said that Akhilesh Yadav was always blaming others for his mistakes.

"He blames others but does not say what action his Government has taken against officials who failed to control communal riots," Shri Pathak added.

Moreover, the Government's decisions have a communal angle. The Government announced that innocent Muslims would be released. Innocent is innocent why divide it on religious lines?" he asked, and added, "The Government should stop looking at decision from communal angle and start working for the development of the state."

## BJP inducts 200 Muslims into the party

There is an environment in the country for change. In view of betterment of Muslims Chief Editor of Agriculture Today & General Secretary of the Peace Party Dr. M J Khan with his 200 supporters joined the BJP on August 19 in Lucknow.

BJP President Shri Rajnath Singh welcomed Dr. M J Khan, a General Secretary of the Peace Party, and around 200 of his supporters into the party. Shri Singh said, "Today, Muslims believe they are the most secure and progressing in all sectors in BJP-ruled states like MP, Chhattisgarh, Goa and Gujarat." He maintained that it is not BJP but Congress which needs to answer why Muslims have been lagging behind in all aspects inspite of 60 years of Congress rule.

"To meet the target of winning more than 272 seats, the party will run a campaign to reach out to youth, especially Muslim youth," Shri Singh said. He claimed M J Khan's joining BJP is "a big step" in this campaign of the party.

Slogans in the name of Rajnath Singh and Narendra Modi were raised at the programme after Khan joined BJP.

### MADHYA PRADESH

## BJP Govt. took several people friendly decisions on eve of Independence Day

The Madhya Pradesh Government announced creation of a new district Agar-Malwa, taking the total number of districts in the State to 51. The decision was taken in a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The new district will have a total area of 2785 square kilometers and population of 4.80 lakh. The Cabinet also gave its approval to the required posts of Collector, Superintendent of Police and other necessary posts for the new districts.

The Cabinet also endorsed *Mukhyamantri Yuva Engineer-Contractor Yojana* announced by Chief Minister Shri Chouhan at Yuva Panchayat. Under the scheme, 500 young engineers holding civil and electrical engineer's degree will be imparted six months' internship training. Public Works

department has been appointed as a nodal department for the scheme. Intern should be a domicile of the State. If number of applicants is more than their selection will be made through lottery system. In the selection, reservation quota prescribed by the State Government under *Sewa Bharti Niyam* for SC, ST and women will be adhered to. The Cabinet also decided to continue scheme to provide short-term interest-free loans to farmers through cooperative banks during the current fiscal year 2013-14. It also decided to set due date for re-payment of loans distributed for Kharif season as March 28, 2014 instead of March 15 under the scheme. This will facilitate farmers to re-pay loans in time.

## KERALA

### Solar scam : BJP has documentary evidence

Kerala Bharatiya Janata Party General Secretary Shri K. Surendran has said that he is in possession of 'documentary evidence' to prove that a statement made by solar scam accused Saritha S. Nair from the Pathanamthitta jail had been tampered with to protect Union and State Congress Ministers and some senior bureaucrats.

Interacting with media persons in Kozhikode on 23 August Shri Surendran said that he had with him a letter from the jail superintendent, received in response to a request made under the Right to Information Act, which said that Saritha's statement was cut short in jail from 21 to just three-and-a-half pages. Demanding that his charge be brought within the ambit of the proposed judicial inquiry into the scam, he said the 'original statement' contained names of Congress Ministers and bureaucrats and that these were removed before the statement was submitted to court. He alleged that some Congress leaders were behind the moves to scuttle the case.

He demanded that the Chief Minister should not wait for further humiliation and must step down immediately to preserve the sanctity of the constitutional post he held and make the judicial inquiry into the scam transparent.

## TAMILNADU

### Provide educational aid to Hindu students on par with minorities : P. Radhakrishnan

Tamilnadu BJP President Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan highlighted the need for extending educational assistance to poor Hindu students in schools on a par with minorities. Interacting with the media persons in Tirunelveli on 12 August Shri Radhakrishnan said that the BJP had been insisting the Central government on this demand over the past three years. He said the final phase of this protest for extension of the educational assistance would be held in Coimbatore next month and the BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh and Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi were expected to participate in the programme. He demanded that the Tamil Nadu government should also adopt a resolution in Assembly in favour of extending the educational assistance to the poor Hindu students. The assistance for minorities was being contributed by State Government with 25 per cent and 75 per cent from Central government. Referring to the murder of party's state general secretary Shri V. Ramesh in Salem he said the police investigation revealed that suspects were nabbed from Melapalayam in Tirunelveli. On a series of brutal attacks and murders of BJP cadres, he said this posed a challenge to national security. ■

### Cyber espionage by China threatened National Security

The working group of National Security Cell of BJP met on August 22 with Prof. S.V. Seshagiri Rao, Chairman, presiding. Lt. Gen. N.S. Malik, (Retd.) PVSM Shri Ashok Sahu, IPS (Retd.) Shri Manavendra Singh, Shri P. Chandrashekhar Rao, Convener, National Security Cell, BJP were present. The working group discussed at length the recent incursions by China in Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh and by Pakistan in Jammu & Kashmir. The working group also discussed the security scenario of Indian Ocean region and strengthening the Navy and the cyber espionage and cyber warfare by China. Cyber espionage by China is penetrating every sensitive area of National Security and the government is not countering it effectively. The group would prepare a comprehensive note on National Security by October for the consideration of the party. ■

# The Source of Happiness

By Swami Sivananda

**T**here is no happiness at all in any of the objects of the world. There is not an iota of happiness in objects, because they are insentient. Even the sensual pleasure is a reflection of the Atmic bliss only. It is sheer ignorance to think that we derive any pleasure from the sense-objects or from the mind.

When there is a desire in the mind, the mind is filled with Rajas. It is in an agitated condition. It is restless and unpeaceful. It will be restless till the desired object is attained. When the object is attained and enjoyed, when the desire is gratified, the mind moves towards the Inner Soul. It ceases functioning. It is filled with Sattva. All thoughts subside for a split second; the mind rests in the Soul within. The Soul's bliss is reflected in the intellect. But the ignorant man thinks that he is getting the happiness from the object; just as the dog which is biting a dry bone imagines that it is getting the pleasure from the bone that the blood is oozing from the bone, whereas in reality, the blood comes from its own palate.

## REAL HAPPINESS IS WITHIN

Real happiness is within you. It is in the Atman. It is subjective. It manifests when the mind is concentrated. When the Indriyas are withdrawn from the objects outside, when the mind is one-pointed, when there is Vasana-kshya and Manonasa, when you become desire less and thoughtless, Atmic bliss begins to dawn, spiritual Ananda begins to thrill.

*The musk is in the navel of the deer, but it runs here and there to smell it. The chain is in the neck of the damsel, but she runs hither and thither in search of it. The precious diamond is within you, but you run after the broken glass-pieces in vain. Even so, the ocean of bliss is within you; the fountain of joy is within you; and yet, you run here and there in search of it. The Sun of suns is ever shining in you, but your blind eyes cannot behold it. The eternal sound is ringing within you, but your deaf ears cannot hear it.*

Go wherever you may, to Gulmarg or Pahalgam in Kashmir, to Darjeeling in Simla, to Vienna or the Alps. It is all the same. You will not find any real rest. The charming scenery may soothe the retina for a second. Raga, Dvesha, jealousy, passion and greed are everywhere. You will find the same earth, the same sky, the same air, and the same water. And you carry with you the same mind. Imagination and change of place have deceived not a few. O man! Be contented. Live where you may, but discipline the mind and the senses. Meditate on the Inner self, the Antaratman, ceaselessly. Here you will find everlasting peace. Mind will stop deceiving you now.

Raja Bhartrihari, Raja Gopichand, Lord Buddha deserted kingdom and all pleasurable objects, palaces, music, children, wife, etc., to attain Atmic bliss which is everlasting. They attained immortality. They are not fools. Had there been real happiness in objects, they would have stuck to this world. The difficulty is that the worldly men with gross Vyavaharic Buddhi are not able to understand or comprehend a supersensual spiritual bliss that exists beyond the senses, mind and intellect. ■

(Courtesy: The Divine Life Society)

# BJP leader Dilip Singh Judeo no more

Former Union minister and Chhattisgarh BJP MP Shri Dilip Singh Judeo died on 14 August at a Gurgaon hospital where he was being treated for liver and kidney infection. He was 64. A member of parliament from Bilaspur constituency,



Shri Judeo belonged to the erstwhile royal family of Jashpur and was minister of state for environment and forests in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA government.

He is survived by wife and two sons. Shri Judeo had devoted his entire

life for the welfare of the Tribals of Chhattisgarh and engaged himself in the reconversion of tribals from Christianity. He was a Member of Parliament from Bilaspur and also served as Minister of State for Environment and Forests in the NDA Government. Condoling his death, BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said, "I am deeply saddened by the news of Shri Dilip Singh Judeo's sudden demise. His death has left a big void in Chhattisgarh state politics. He was very popular among the poor and tribal people of Chhattisgarh. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family."

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi condoles the demise of BJP leader and former Union Minister Shri Dilip Singh Judeo. He said, "Sad to know of demise of former Union Minister & BJP leader Shri Dilip Singh Judeo. Condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace".

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh has also expressed profound grief over his demise. The Chief Minister said Shri Judeo's contribution to politics will remain unforgettable and his death is irretrievable loss to the state.

His last rites were performed in Jashpur, Chhattisgarh on August 16. ■