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Letters to the Editor...

Highest corruption in Manipur

Dear Editor,

I read January 16-31 issue of Kamal Sandesh. I read article on corruption of UPA Government in that issue. In my assessment, there is highest corruption in Manipur. We have to pay huge amount of illegal money to do any right work. I think each department of government whether be it hospital or bank we have to pay illegal money to get the work done. We have to pay 50% of total amount of loan to concerning officer to get that loan sanctioned. Congress MLAs ask their share in these corruptions instead of sorting out our problems. The corruption forces youth to wander here and there. Poors like me are looking towards BJP.

Nongthombam Prem Kumar Singh
Kabowakching Makha
Bishnupur (Manipur)

Left rule turned West Bengal in to 'waste' Bengal

Dear Editor,

The recent efforts made by the BJP to make its presence felt in the state of West Bengal need to be appreciated. More than three decades of left rule has ruined the state and has turned West Bengal in to 'waste' Bengal. One of the prosperous states at the time of independence, West Bengal has turned out to be a laggard in every sphere of development now. With the emergence of BJP as a serious player in Bengal the political discourse will definitely see a radical shift for the better in the coming years. Lotus blooms in muddy water and the political water in Bengal has become so muddy that it has become conducive for lotus to bloom in the state sooner than later.

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India needs a strong, not a helpless Prime Minister

Editorial...

“How can one hope of a strong India from a helpless Prime Minister?” It is not a question being raised by the Opposition but now haunts the mind of every citizen. The Prime Minister himself has accepted before the editors of electronic media that he is helpless and whatever is happening in the country is due to his helplessness. Should such a helpless and weak person be the Prime Minister of India? Have the people given mandate to the Congress to make such a puppet the Prime Minister of India? Congress should not have done this. “My dictates should be accepted, whatever I wish should be done, and for it a puppet should be made the Prime Minister of the country” – can such thinking be considered fit for the office of the Prime Minister. Should there be a check on the freedom of expression of any Prime Minister anywhere in the world? Should he be dependent on anyone? Should any Prime Minister think that Congress is bigger than the country? The Republic is entering its 62nd year and the Prime Minister of India is still under the chains of Congress president. What an irony? People hope to see the reflection of India in the image of the Prime Minister of the country. Congress becomes uncomfortable when Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is called a bureaucrat or an economist. Had he been a political leader, such a situation would not have been created.

It is true that in 2004 Lok Sabha elections mandate was not sought in his name. Congress had sought a mandate in the name of Soniaji. Had Congress went to the people in the name of Manmohan Singh, it would have not got the seats it could then win. But Sonia Gandhi by enacting a drama of ‘reluctance’ secured a ‘committed’ Prime Minister making him to realize that he had occupied the chair given by her. A ‘follower’ Prime Minister could not have done more. By occupying the chair which he never deserved, he even lost his original profile for which he was known. Congress could have managed even then had the government been in majority. The situation in which Manmohan Singh today finds himself due to his inexperience and lack of political knowledge is his logical denouement. He was a ‘parasite’ and even now he is a ‘parasite’ so India has no hopes from him. This is the reason why instead of presenting his strong points he preferred to show his helplessness. India needs a strong Prime Minister and not a helpless one.

The country will now have to rethink as to how long it will be led by helpless Prime Minister? Can the nation remain secure in the hands of such helpless Prime Minister? What kind of image India will have before the entire world? Can such a helpless Prime Minister solve the problems of the country? Therefore it is the need of the hour that Congress should hang its boots and desist from continuing a helpless and weak person as Prime Minister of the country. No one will have any objections.

BJP sweeps by-elections

The results of the recent by-elections clearly indicate that UPA is now on its way out and NDA is slowly coming back. In Gujarat, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh BJP has been able to retain its seat but it was really commendable in Madhya Pradesh. In Madhya Pradesh BJP not only snatched the tribal dominated seat held by Leader of Opposition in the State but in Sonkutch it won the SC dominated seat earlier held by Deputy Leader of Congress. While in Kukshi the margin of victory was 16,151 votes,

it was nearly 20,000 votes in Sonkutch. Both the seats had become traditional strongholds of Congress. It was not easy to win. The victory on both the seats not only was a setback for Congress but a message was also sent that the work of BJP is becoming all embracing with increasing support among SC/ST sections. It is to be noted that BJP State President Shri Prabhat Jha and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan are working tirelessly among the SC/ST and backward sections with strong organizational work and effective implementation of the development works initiated by the government.

The *Vananvasi Samman Yatra* of Shivraj ji is being seen in this context. The victory of BJP in Madhya Pradesh and other States has re-kindled the hope of the people who now feel that the future of BJP is bright. The victory of Trinamool Congress in Manipur whose candidate was supported by BJP is also a welcome sign. Congress may refuse to learn lessons from the results of these by-elections or even after being beaten in Bihar elections but the BJP should not become over-enthusiastic and over-confident. Accepting victory with humility BJP should continue working for the people as ever before. If BJP *karyakartas* prepare for coming elections with a sense of unity, collectivity and coordination then the BJP will definitely form governments in many states. In 2014 Lok Sabha elections also BJP can win seats as per its expectations. ■

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## Govt. to setup JPC to probe 2G scam

Accepting the Opposition demand, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in Parliament on February 22 announced the setting up of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to look into the 2G scam. Earlier unrelenting pressure from the Opposition and the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on the issue forced the then Union Communications Minister A Raja to quit the Union Cabinet on November 14 last year.

There have been four investigative JPCs so far:

- The first was instituted to inquire into the Bofors scam on a motion moved by then defence minister KC Pant in the Lok Sabha on August 6, 1987. The Rajya Sabha endorsed it a week later. The committee, headed by B Shankaranand, held 50 sittings and gave its report on April 26, 1988. Opposition parties boycotted the committee on the ground that it was packed with Congress members. The JPC report was tabled in Parliament, but it was rejected by the Opposition.
- The second investigative JPC, headed by former Union minister and senior Congress leader Ram Niwas Mirdha, was set up to probe Irregularities in Securities and Banking Transactions in the aftermath of the Harshad Mehta scandal. The motion was moved by then minister for parliamentary affairs Ghulam Nabi Azad in the Lok Sabha on August 6, 1992. The Rajya Sabha concurred with it the next day. The recommendations of the JPC were neither accepted in full nor implemented.
- The third investigative JPC was assigned to probe the market scam. Then parliamentary affairs minister Pramod Mahajan piloted a motion in the Lok Sabha on April 26, 2001, to put it in place. Senior BJP member Lt Gen Prakash Mani Tripathi (retd.) was named the chairman. The committee held 105 sittings and gave its report on December 19, 2002. The committee recommended sweeping changes in stock market regulations.
- The last JPC was set up in August 2003 to look into pesticide residues in soft drinks, fruit juice and other beverages and to set safety standards. The committee, headed by NCP President Sharad Pawar, held 17 sittings and submitted its report to Parliament on February 4, 2004. The report confirmed that soft drinks did have pesticide residues and recommended stringent norms for drinking water. ■



## BJP punches a stunning defeat to Congress

# Sweeps Assembly by-elections

From Our Correspondents

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on February 17 made a clean sweep of five assembly seats in party-ruled Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand where by-polls were held, while the Trinamool Congress, emerged triumphant in one seat in Manipur with the backing of BJP. Congress failed to retain a single seat it held earlier. This is an indicator which way the electoral wind is blowing in the country. It is all the more creditable that BJP has snatched seats from Congress. The Rahul impact was absent and the gimmicks of Congress National General Secretary Shri Digvijay Singh stood rejected by the masses in no uncertain terms. The Congress has failed to recover from the humiliating defeat which it received in the Bihar elections. After being reduced from nine seats to four seats in the Bihar assembly elections, the results of the by-elections is again a severe blow to the Congress which now stands completely tainted by corruption, scam and the loot of public funds. The day the results of the by-elections were announced, the BJP workers started celebrations for having defeated Congress on all the seats it contested. While BJP retained its seats in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat, the victory in Madhya Pradesh was something which the Karyakartas wanted to celebrate emphatically. Both the seats in Madhya Pradesh were snatched from Congress and that too in a very convincing manner. These seats had emerged as Congress strongholds and considered very tough for the party to win. However, the commitment and dedication of the Karyakartas resulted in victory for the party. It was a remarkable victory. The message is clear from every nook and corner of the country, the Congress has dashed the hopes of the people and now they are completely disenchanted by its programmes and policies.

### Jharkhand



Jharkhand Chief Minister Shri Arjun Munda won the Kharsawan Assembly by-poll defeating his nearest Jharkhand Vikas Morcha rival, Krishna Gagrai, by a margin of 17,366 votes.

BJP's sitting MLA Mangal Singh Soy had quit the seat to facilitate the election of Munda – party's MP from Jamshedpur – to the Assembly.

This was Munda's fourth win from Kharsawan Scheduled Tribe constituency since 1995.

"The people of Kharsawan have made their preference public. We will try to live up to their expectations", said Shri Munda after the win.

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While Gagrai had the backing of the Congress and Rashtriya Janata Dal, no Opposition party, in an apparent bid to engage Munda in a straight contest on his turf, fielded any candidate against him. The results are an indication that the development works initiated by the BJP led coalition government in Jharkhand is being received well by the people and they are now hoping to see the State emerge from the regime of corruption and crisis backed by Congress government at the centre.

### Madhya Pradesh

In Madhya Pradesh BJP maintained its winning spree and gave a stunning defeat to the Congress by wresting both the seats Congress held earlier. It wrested both Assembly seats from the Congress. The Kukshi seat in Dhar district was held by Leader of Opposition Smt. Jamuna Devi whose death in September last year necessitated a by-poll. The tribal-dominated seat had been sending a Congress member to the State Assembly for over two decades, but this time the Congress lost by a huge margin of 16,651 votes to BJP nominee Shri Mukam Singh Kirade. The BJP also won the Sonkutch seat election to which was necessitated following Shri Sajjan Singh Varma's election to the Lok Sabha. The Congress had fielded Shri



Varma's cousin Shri Arjun Varma. As a matter of strategy the BJP had put a new face Shri Rajendra Varma, whose father and former MP Phoolchand Varma had lost the 2008 Assembly elections by a narrow margin.

**In both the cases, the sympathy factor failed to work wonders for the Congress party.**

**This win in Madhya Pradesh is a stamp of approval to the development work done by BJP government led by Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and organizational programmes initiated under State BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha to reach out to every section of the society including tribals, backwards and other marginal**

groups.

### Chhattisgarh

BJP in Chhattisgarh won the Sanjari Balod bye-election with its candidate, Smt. Kumari Bai Sahu, retaining the seat for the party by a margin of 9,965 votes.

The election to the seat was necessitated following the death of sitting BJP legislator Shri Madan Sahu. The BJP fielded his widow. The bye-election has once again indicates the popularity of the Raman Singh government in Chhattisgarh which is working tirelessly for the development of the State through the implementation of pro-poor schemes and programmes which fighting the Naxal\_Maoist menace at the same time.

### Gujarat

Shri Bhushan Bhatt retained the Khadia Assembly seat for BJP in Gujarat by a margin of 2,419 votes. The seat had fallen vacant due to the death of Speaker Shri Ashok Bhatt, father of Bhushan Bhatt, in September, 2010. Shri Bhushan Bhatt is the sitting municipal councillor from Khadia ward. Shri Ashok Bhatt had won the seat for a record eight consecutive times.

**BJP got nearly 17 per cent votes in Muslim-dominated Raikhad for the first time.** It shows the increasing popularity of BJP government in the State led by Shri Narendra Bhai Modi among the minority community. ■

## Verdict gives a degree of assurance that law and justice has prevailed : Ravi Shankar Prasad

*Thirty-one people were on February 22 convicted and 63 others, including the main accused Maulvi Umarji, were acquitted by a special court in the 2002 Godhra train burning incident that left 59 people dead and triggered violence in Gujarat. The trial conducted inside the Sabarmati Central Jail in Ahmedabad began in June 2009 with the framing of charges against 94 accused in the carnage*



The BJP welcomed the Gujarat special court verdict. BJP spokesperson Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad said it had "exposed the nefarious designs" of the UPA government which "tried to cover up" the entire episode. "Certainly, there has been a degree of assurance that law and justice has prevailed. There were elements who were trying to belittle it. There have been politicians who tried to abuse it," BJP Chief Spokesman Shri Ravishankar Prasad said interacting with media persons. He slammed the Justice Shri U.C. Banerjee Committee report, which found that the fire was lit from inside the coach. The Banerjee Committee, appointed by then Railway Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav to probe the causes of fire in the Sabarmati Express in Godhra, had found that the fire was "accidental." "You remember the Banerjee committee report. A retired judge of Supreme Court gave a collusive report that the fire was lit from inside," Shri Prasad told reporters outside Parliament. "It was a sham report at the time of 2005 elections," he added. ■

## BJP Govt. in Karnataka completes 1000 days in office Exposure of black money would blacken faces of many Congress leaders : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

To mark the completion of 1000 days of Shri BS Yeddyurappa led BJP Government in Karnataka the State BJP organised a massive Janathaa Vandan-Karyakartha Abhinandan rally in Bangalore on February 20, 2011. Around 4 lakh

blacken the faces of many Congress leaders”.

Referring to Rs.1.76 lakh crore scam in spectrum case he said, “One can imagine how miraculous an impact can be made on India’s poverty if the Supreme Court can compel the

Indian states and especially Karnataka, which is facing water shortage and will make it a green and abundant region. He said resources for the proposed river-linking project would be raised by bringing back the black money of Indians stashed away



party Karyakartas from every polling booth of the State participated in the Rally.

Addressing the huge gathering BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said the Congress led UPA Government did not disclose the names of people with money in foreign accounts, he added that, “The Government says it cannot disclose the names of people with foreign bank accounts as it would bring a bad name to the country. The only reason that I see in the Government’s helplessness is that any disclosure in this matter would

Government to get back all this wealth.” He quoted the Global Financial Integrity’s evaluation, which pegs India’s wealth in Tax Havens at around 20.75 lakh crore.

He promised to bring back the entire black money in foreign accounts and “use it for the welfare of poor” if the BJP is voted to power in the next elections.

BJP National President promised that the BJP, if voted to power in the next parliament election, will interlink the Ganga and the Cauvery rivers to solve the water shortage in south

in Swiss Bank accounts.

He further said, “I am confident that tomorrow belongs to the NDA and we are sure to form the government at the Centre in the next polls,” he said while remarking that “if there is a political party which can change the country’s future and effectively handle the menace of terrorism, it is the BJP.”

Shri Gadkari attacked the UPA government at the Centre by accusing it of failure in several key areas including price rise, national security and poverty alleviation. Shri Gadkari ridiculed Prime Minister



Manmohan Singh for his statement that: "I am not as much as a culprit as I am being made out" and asked him to specify, "what is the percentage of his culpability." Taking exception to Dr. Singh blaming coalition politics for not being able to take stern action with respect to several issues, he wondered why the coalition *dharma* should come in the way of prevention of corruption and acting against corrupt people.



Alleging that the scams involving the UPA government were to the tune of Rs 4 lakh crore as against the central budget size of Rs. 10 lakh crore, he said the UPA's image was dented with these scams.

He said Shri Yeddyurappa, who recently led the BJP to a resounding victory in the panchayat elections will complete his full term in office. Shri Gadkari also praised Shri Yeddyurappa for his pro-people policies - including farm loans at 1 per cent interest and creation of more job avenues by attracting investment of around Rs 7 lakh crore.

He urged the party workers in Karnataka to take a pledge to ensure that the party swept all

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## Highlights of Kamalada Mane – Pradarshini (House of Kamala – an exhibition)

- An exhibition was planned during the convention.
- The Pradarshini was named as Kamalada Mane (House of Lotus) & it was spread over an area of 60,000 sq.ft.
- The Government departments were invited to put up stalls to showcase their achievements.
- Three wings were there in the Pradarshini – Vichara, Vikasa and Anthyodaya.

**Vichara:** This depicted BJP's history, Growth, Struggles, Programmes, Publications, Periodicals, Cartoons & rare Photos. Almost a hundred political cartoons were written by Sri

Ramadhyan, our Chitradurga MP Sri Janardhana Swamy & other senior artists were exhibited at the exhibition, displayed. A wing was dedicated to Kannada poets & Kingdoms of Karnataka.

**Vikasa :** This wing consisted of 22 stalls depicting achievements of Karnataka BJP Government the Stalls had sufficient information regarding the performance of different departments.

**Anthyodaya:** In this section the concept of Anthyodaya and also some of the projects undertaken by our senior workers were exhibited.

- The Inauguration was itself eventful. Traditional lamp was lit by BJP National General Secretary Sri Ananth Kumar. Chitradurga MP Sri Janardhana Swamy drew a cartoon about the agricultural budget. State BJP President Sri K.S. Eswarappa unveiled the Chart that consisted the names of all Presidents since Bharatiya Jana Sangha days.
- More than 60,000 workers visited the 'Kamalada Mane'. Many were in tears & the atmosphere was nostalgic.
- Workers from IT Cell, Mahila & Yova Morcha workers worked as volunteers in 'Kamalada Mane'
- There were two theaters each with 200 seating capacity. In one theater Party videos viz., Sri Atalji speeches, CDs of various other Programmes, CDs on Kashmir, Ayodhya, Naxalisam were exhibition. In another theaters Advertisements of Government were shown.
- BJP National President Sri Nitin Gadkari, BJP national general secretary and Karnataka *Prabhari* Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, BJP national general secretary Shri V. Sathish & the entire cabinet members of the legislative visited the exhibition.

The exhibition won the hearts of workers, drew the attention of media and made everyone go through the bylanes of history of BJP.



## Coalition *dharma* doesn't mean outsourcing a department : Gadkari

**B**JP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari reacting on Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh's Press conference, said, "The Prime Minister's press conference was very disappointing and shows his helplessness. Coalition *dharma* cannot mean support to corruption. And coalition is related only to 2-G. What is the relation between coalition and the case of ISRO (S-band allocation), Commonwealth Games and Adarsh cases?"

"In a way, an effort has been made to cover-up corruption. He has accused the media and opposition of spreading misinformation while maintaining that all is well. He has expressed his helplessness."

He termed as "laughable" the Prime Minister's charge that the BJP was attacking the government to vent its anger at the action taken against a Gujarat Minister (Amit Shah).

"On JPC issue, he (PM) has tried to blame the opposition for not allowing Parliament to function. If today the government has indicated that it is ready to think of a JPC, then why did it waste one month (winter session)," Gadkari said.

"Why did you not agree to it (JPC) earlier? If you are ready to appear in front of any committee... That you are agreeing to now... Had you done this earlier this situation would not have arisen," Gadkari said.

Shri Gadkari alleged that the Prime Minister had failed to

check corruption in his government and was trying to indirectly shield former telecom minister A Raja.

"To support corruption in this manner in the name of coalition *dharma* and to 'outsource' a department to a coalition partner.... For the first time, PM has said all decisions taken by A Raja had

the support of the Finance Minister. What support is there of the UPA and the Congress in this? This means everybody is responsible," Gadkari said. He insisted that as head of Group of Ministers, it was the Prime Minister's responsibility to check



**BJP National President's response to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Press Conference on February 16**

this.

"Was just writing a letter once (to Raja) his solution?...This is his failure," Gadkari said.

"He has accepted with an open heart that he is helpless, not able to take decisions, there is pressure of coalition partners, and (he is) not able to stop this corruption. This is a very honest expression from him. I appreciate

it," Shri Gadkari said. The BJP also said the comparison of the 2-G Spectrum prices with subsidy for fertilizers, gas and oil, foodgrain is unfair and maintained that 2-G spectrum allocation was not subsidy but a way of making money. (FOC) ■

### BJP upset over delay in revision of teachers' pay

The Manipur unit of BJP has demanded the resignation of Chief Minister O Ibobi Singh alleging that he had failed to keep up his word on the issue of payment of revised pay bands of the Sixth Pay Commission to teachers. Interacting with media persons on February 20, 2011 in Imphal state BJP President Shri Shanti kumar said that while the Chief Minister had agreed to pay the revised pay to the teachers a year ago in January, he has now washed his hands off the case saying there was no money to execute the promise. He recalled that after the signing of the MoU between the striking employees and the Government, the Chief Secretary had issued an order on January 16, 2010 regarding the implementation of revised pay bands recommended by the Sixth Pay Commission.

Shri Shanti kumar said, "How could the Chief Minister object to the payment of revised pays to the teachers without revoking the order of the Government? This shows that the CM is talking irresponsibly" he added.

## **Fight against corruption will continue irrespective of JPC formation : Advani**

From Our Correspondent



The National Democratic Alliance's Acting Chairman Shri L.K. Advani, has asserted that the fight against corruption will continue irrespective of the constitution of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to probe the 2G spectrum allocation scam, and urged the people to play a central role in it.

Addressing a public meeting dubbed as a 'Mahaparatam' at the Nizam College grounds in Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) on February 15 as part of the NDA's anti-corruption rallies in different parts of the country, Shri Advani said India could achieve progress only if corruption was totally rooted out, and that it was the duty of every citizen not to compromise on any type of corruption and dishonesty.

Referring to Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh's remark on coalition compulsions, he said that former Prime Ministers Morarji Desai and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who had also headed

coalition governments, never compromised on corruption while upholding the coalition *dharma*.

Mentioning scams relating to the Commonwealth Games, 2G-spectrum allocation and the Adarsh housing society, he said that for the first time, Parliament did not function even for a day during the winter session.

Shri Advani said that hints had been given that a JPC would be constituted, but its terms of reference and chairman were yet to be finalised. It might be constituted on the second day of the budget session, he added. Telangana issue

Shri LK Advani reiterated the Bharatiya Janata Party's stand in favour of the creation of a separate Telangana State. Though it wanted to create the State while carving out Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand during the NDA regime, the party could not go ahead because the Telugu Desam, a partner in the NDA at the time, had opposed it.

Addressing the huge rally BJP National President Nitin Gadkari said 2010 would go down in the history as year of scandals and corruption. He wanted to know why Dr. Singh failed to act despite knowing about corruption in 2G spectrum allocation.

Accusing the Congress of betraying the people on the creation of Telangana, Shri Gadkari said the NDA would come to power at the Centre and would fulfil its promise in this regard.

NDA Convenor and Janata Dal (United) National President Shri Sharad Yadav said the NDA, if returned to power, would eliminate corruption and jail those involved in the scams.

Former BJP National President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Shiromani Akali Dal National General Secretary Shri Balvinder Singh Bullor, State BJP president Shri G. Kishan Reddy and others addressed the rally.

# UPA regime most corrupt in history of the Nation : Sushma Swaraj

From Our Correspondent

The Congress-led UPA government at the Centre has emerged as a synonym of corruption and it is high time the country got rid of the government that has created innumerable problems for the *aam aadmi* said Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj while addressing a massive state-level *Mahasangram* Rally organised by the State unit of BJP in Rohtak on February 20, 2011. She said the Prime Minister has been trying to cover up scams for the survival of the government and the Congress government has turned out to be the most corrupt government in the history of the nation.

Urging the people to join hands to uproot the corrupt UPA government at the Centre, she said that scams and corruption were the gifts given by the government to the people in return for the faith reposed by the voters in it in the last elections.

Criticizing the Manmohan Singh Government over the alleged scams during his tenure, Smt. Swaraj said it was strange that the Prime Minister was claiming that he was not responsible for all that has been

going on.

She said the BJP and the NDA would not backtrack on their demand for a JPC probe into major scams, including the 2-G and the Commonwealth Games scams

She further said that the democracy was having a hard time in the country and the Opposition would raise the issue

(United) President Shri Sharad Yadav said the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, is heading the most ever corrupted Union Cabinet in the history of India. Under his corrupt regime all four pillars of Democracy-Legislature, Executive, Judiciary and Media had come under great threat.

Shri Yadav further said this



of corruption with full force during the Budget Session of the Parliament, commencing on February 21.

She also asked the Prime Minister not to protect corrupt people and ministers in the name of coalition compulsion.

Addressing the rally the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) convenor and Janata Dal

was for the first time in the history of Indian politics when so many Ministers of the Union Government had been found indulging in scams of thousands of crores of rupees and despite all, the chief of the Government claims that he had been providing corruption-free government and doing enough

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# Indian democracy and institutions upholding it imperiled

The Bharatiya Janata Party expresses its concern and anguish at the prevailing national crisis: An unimaginable series of corruption, unbridled rise in inflation, lack of credibility of the Government and its policies, disregard and dilution of institutions, a complete lack of governance, and the deafening silence of those in power. As a result there is a sense of helplessness in the minds of the people leading to cynicism and desperation.

Indian democracy and the institutions upholding it are imperiled. This happened once earlier in the '70s when the Congress declared a state of Emergency. Now, again thanks to the Congress led United Progressive Alliance (UPA), India is being pushed to the brink. There is a crisis of confidence in the minds of our citizens.

Administration has come to a standstill. Remedies and solutions are not forthcoming for months, now two years, even on an issue such as the food price inflation.

Growth or Inflation? Can attend to only one!

This government's obsession on growth, uncaring as it remains about the rising food

prices was not justified even by the Reserve Bank of India when it observed, "inflation needs to be controlled if growth has to be sustained..."

It may not be out of place here to remind that during the rule of National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, inflation was

near 15%-18% in the last 24 months. They have failed to take any substantial remedial steps to curb inflation. They shifted the blame by saying that hoarders and black marketers were states' responsibility.

In fact even on that matter, the non-Congress States were far better in clamping down on



*Political resolution passed by BJP National Office Bearers meeting in Kolkata on 15 February 2011*

kept well reined in. Based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), the year-on-year December rate of inflation clearly indicates that since the UPA came to power, inflation is only rising and stubbornly remains now for 3 years continuously near or over 10%.

A cruel reminder is that the Food Price Inflation has hovered

these operators, but their actions were not supported by the Government at the centre. Worse still, the faulty policies of the central government in exporting food grains and sugar at lower prices without an understanding of the demand and supply position, and then importing the very same commodity at prices three times higher have only

complicated the matter. The worsening fiscal deficit and the growing external borrowings are further weakening the economy. Money laundering adding to inflation?

As the facts and figures of the series of scams are opening up, money trails are being established. They show that since 2007 slush and illegal money from tax havens are coming through various routes and most financial sentinels had not even blown the whistle, until the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) flagged off such issues both on 2G spectrum and the CWG scandals.

Money laundering, like never before has emerged in India. The blatant nexus of realtors, corporate builders, bureaucrats and politicians is threatening India. But not the UPA! It took more than a year, even after sustained media and Opposition pressure for the Government to file a FIR, albeit, without naming anyone!

India is a member of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on Money Laundering. This is an inter government body with an objective to develop an international response to combat money laundering. FATF lays special emphasis on monitoring transactions with Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs). Notwithstanding, under the UPA, institutions have been silenced that they failed to raise an alarm on the large scale money laundering by the scam beneficiaries. They have allowed transactions to carry on. Even today their perpetrators move about freely and with impunity. Black Money abroad

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evaded money and crime money are both stashed abroad. The UPA after coming to power in 2009, promised to act within a 100 days to initiate steps to get the crime money back. The Finance Minister is well aware that black money became a matter of debate at the G20 meet in 2009. India is yet to ratify the UN Charter on Corruption. By ratifying, India stands to gain when demanding information on black money abroad. Clearly, there is a hesitation on the part of the UPA to move forward!

One list of Indians who held money in Liechtenstein, it is claimed, reached GOI two years ago. Not till the Supreme Court came down on the Government for failing to act on the matter did the UPA start its effort. Even then, it formed only a multi disciplinary group to estimate the actual quantum of black money abroad and to suggest the way forward. The Supreme Court's observation said it all: "It is a pure theft of the national money...a mind boggling crime, is plunder of the nation and that is the pure truth." The Global Financial Integrity claims that Indian money in Swiss banks alone is estimated to be Rs 20.85 lakhs crores. Roughly, Indian black money abroad is estimated to be more than 10 times India's foreign debt.

The black money and the Indian wealth stashed abroad is a very serious matter of great national concern. Indian government is only taking half-hearted efforts to get this wealth back to this country. Hasan Ali's name stands out as the top tax defaulter in the country with over Rs 76,000 crores as tax dues from him. He is roaming free and

only a few days ago the Supreme Court observed that the prosecuting agencies should ensure that he does not leave the country.

### A Series of Unbridled Corruption

A series of unbridled corruption beginning with the disbursement of 2G Spectrum, Commonwealth Games (CWG), Adarsh Housing Society and the now shocking ISRO-Devas scandal have shattered the faith of the common man. In each of these scandals the nation's exchequer was looted of lakhs of crores of rupees. Scarce national assets were frittered away or sold for a song to ineligible fly-by-night operators. The UPA government is legally and morally responsible for the proliferating corruption.

The 2G stands out for the loss in astronomical figures and for the realtor-politician nexus, the actual kick back earned is yet to be ascertained. It revealed how systematically authorities were by-passed, regulations were tweaked and manipulated, advisories brazenly rebutted allowing arbitrariness completely to overwhelm the system. All the while the concerned minister affirmed that he had obtained the due and necessary clearances. In the name of collective responsibility and being the first among equals the Prime Minister owes the nation an answer on the various omissions and commissions in this matter. The loss to the nation is shocking and the PM's silence on the matter deafening!

The CWG stood out for the nepotism and the kickbacks earned at various levels. Equally,

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## My Priority is Chhattisgarh's Peace & Prosperity : Raman Singh



**In your first tenure, you came to be popularly called the 'chawal wale baba'. What are your achievements in the present tenure?**

I am continuing to serve the people with the same spirit and zeal and, to an extent, in a much better way. I have behind me the strength of the love and support of the people, helping hand of the BJP organisation and the blessings of the senior BJP leaders at the Centre and that is why my government has been able to make a mark during the present tenure too.

My government is doing all it could for every section of the people. We are extending loans to farmers at 3 percent per annum, lowest in the country. To provide employment to the youth, about 27,000 recruitments have been made in police department. In education about one lakh persons has been provided jobs. Much more is in the pipeline.

PDS system has been strengthened. Under CM's *khadyaann sahayata yojna* 35 kilograms of ration per month is being provided to about 37 lakh poor families. 2 Kgs of salt is being

*Speak less, work more. That seems to be the motto of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh. Holding a degree in Ayurvedic Medicine, Dr. Raman Singh joined Bharatiya Jana Sangh as a young worker in the then Madhya Pradesh. He made his debut in electoral politics when he won as a councilor. Twice elected to MP Legislative Assembly in 1990 and 1993, he was elected to Lok Sabha as a BJP candidate from Rajnandgaon seat and became a Minister of State for commerce and industry in NDA government led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. After the new State of Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh, he became the State BJP President. It was under his command that the Congress government of Shri Ajit Jogi was ousted and BJP came to power in 2003. The United Nations recognized the good work done by him and gave its highest award to Chhattisgarh in recognition of its human development model. National Convener of BJP Literature & Publication Cell, Amba Charan Vashishth interviewed him in Delhi last week for fortnightly Kamal Sandesh. Here are the important excerpts:*

distributed free. The poorest of the poor families get rice at a rate of ₹ 1 per Kg. I am planning to add supply of gram too to make the food nutritious. I have discussed this matter with the Union Food Minister recently. APL families too are being helped.

In tribal areas, we are opening a school for every ten children in a village.

**What about the economic growth in the State?**

Chhattisgarh achieved a GDP growth of 11.49 percent in 2009-10 which is higher than the national average and in other States. On an average the State registered a growth rate of 10.9 percent during the last five years. The per capita income in the State has almost doubled to ₹ 34,483.

**There was a great furore over the conviction of Dr. Binayak Sen. What would you say?**

I have nothing to say. I have full faith in the



judiciary and I am sure they will do nothing but justice and justice only.

**Your state is suffering from the Naxalite menace. What are you doing to tackle it?**

I am doing all I could and I should. But this problem is not confined to one State; it is a problem for the whole nation. The Naxalite-Maoist challenge should be faced by the whole nation collectively and not single-handedly by a State like Chhattisgarh. It is good that the Prime Minister too has recognised that it is a biggest threat to the nation's internal security.

In the recent meeting of chief ministers convened by the Centre to face the Naxalite-Maoist threat, I demanded that the State should be reimbursed ₹ 700 crore it had to bear in providing security to the life and property of its citizens. The Border Roads Organisation is not performing the job assigned to it for construction of roads in affected areas.

**Your resolve?**

As long as my government is there, we are committed to usher in peace in the Naxal-affected areas. I have decided that the State administration will extend its authority in about 5000 sq. Km Aboojhmaar dense forest area during the next one year. At the same time, the doors of my government are always open for a dialogue provided they shun violence and stop killings of innocent. My priority is peace and prosperity.

**How do the people view the situation?**

People are fed up with everyday violence. Hundreds of innocent men, women and children have lost their life. Naxalites are the enemies of the innocent, peace-loving, law-abiding citizens. They are standing in the way of rapid development of the area because they don't allow government functionaries to perform their duty to help the needy people. The entrepreneurs also feel discouraged to invest because of Naxalite threat. Had Naxalites helped create peaceful environment conducive to industrial development, poverty, unemployment and illiteracy would have been a thing of the past.

**Yet, your government has been able to attract quite a number of industrial houses to your State.**

That is true. Because of the rich tourist potential

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and mineral wealth, numerous entrepreneurs have ventured to put up their units in the State. Some industrial units have come up too. As a result, more and more employment opportunities are being generated.

**To what extent are you getting financial or other support from the Congress-led UPA government in the matter of development of the State?**

The fact is that Congress led UPA government is discriminating against non-UPA state governments in the country. Chhattisgarh is the worst hit. We are not getting adequate supplies of essential commodities to run the PDS system more smoothly and efficiently. In spite of that we are implementing our policy of providing rations to poor sections at subsidized rates. Even in the matter of allotment of funds under *Indira Awas Yojna*, *MNREGA*, *PM's Gram Sadak Yojna* and the like the State is being made to starve of funds.

**Your State is rich with vast mineral wealth. Yet, it has not helped usher in prosperity to the mineral-rich areas.**

The mineral rich States, like Chhattisgarh, suffer from two handicaps. One, minerals are present in forest areas which can have just scanty agriculture. The local population needs to be compensated for the fact of their suffering due to existence of minerals. Two, under the Constitution, laws on minerals can be enacted only by Parliament while their implementation is the responsibility of the States. In view of our extant socio-economic conditions, the country needs a law that, apart from providing for a transparent and domestic industry-friendly licensing regime, is also people-centric. Its implementation should make the local inhabitants feel that presence of minerals in their area is not a curse, but a boon by nature. The exploitation of minerals should usher in prosperity not only to those who exploit the minerals but also to the people inhabiting the area and the State. The present situation is generating strife and discontentment among the inhabitants. Central government needs to devise a mineral policy in consultation with the concerned States so that it fetches prosperity to the people of the area and revenue to the State for overall development. ■

## States ruled by Congress and Left mired in corruption : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent



Addressing a huge rally in Kolkata held at the completion of the 15-day Navjagran Yatra that started from Cooch Behar in North Bengal on January 30 BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said, "While farmers were committing suicide and youths were roaming jobless, the likes of A Raja and Suresh Kalmadi were giving shape to the Commonwealth Games and 2G scandals, devouring lakhs of crores." Without dropping any name, he wondered "who their godfather and godmother were".

Shri Gadkari said while BJP-ruled States were recording phenomenal growth, those ruled by the Congress and Left were mired in corruption. He added that this graft was the root cause of under-development.

The BJP President also demanded to know why the Centre is not giving the names of those who have kept lakhs of crores of black money in foreign banks. He further said it is

evident that the BJP is taking the West Bengal election seriously and advised the *karyakartas* to work relentlessly till the goal is achieved.

Launching a frontal attack, BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani lambasted the Congress led UPA for giving the country the grandmother of all scams and said the party had allowed its leaders to plunder the nation and stash the loot away in foreign banks.

Speaking out against Dr. Manmohan Singh's inherent weakness in dealing with crucial affairs, Shri Advani reiterated that he had seen several Prime Ministers but no one as weak as the present one. "I was told that the Prime Minister was hurt because I called him a weak person. He may be a good person but he is the weakest Prime Minister because he could not stop corruption taking place in front of his eyes" he added. Shri Advani pointed out that it was

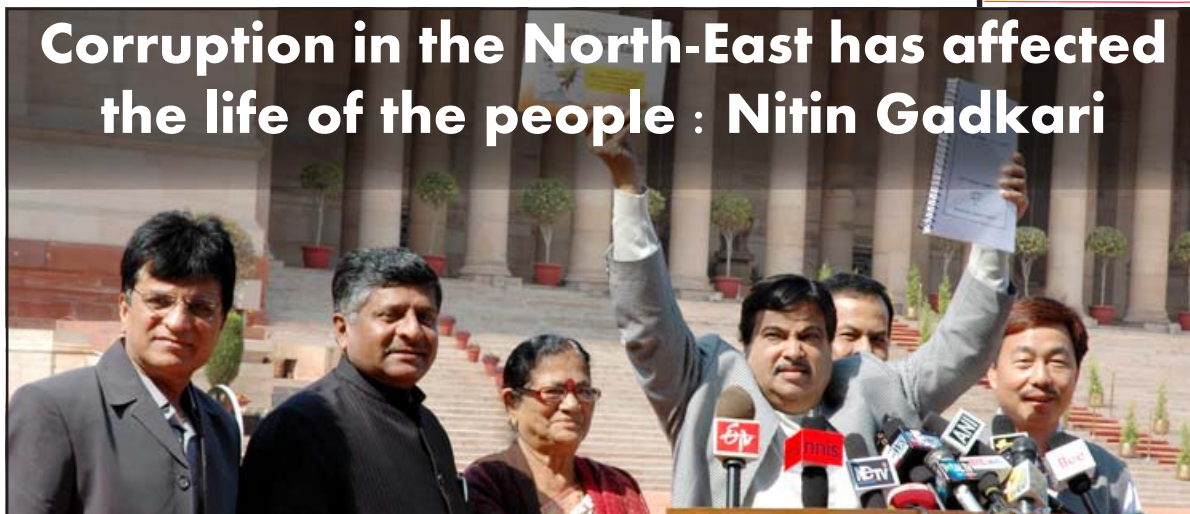
during Dr. Singh's regime that a Prime Minister had to file an affidavit in the Supreme Court to explain his conduct.

He demanded that JPC probe should be ordered to cover all cases of corruption, including 2G spectrum, CWG and Adarsh Housing scam.

Recalling his comments made during the 2009 Lok Sabha elections when he had said Manmohan Singh is the weakest prime minister India has had since independence, Shri Advani criticised the PM for not acting against corruption. "When I said this, many people came to me and said I should not say so because he is a good man. It's nice to be a good man, but what if the man is weak and does nothing to stop corruption?" he said.

Linking corruption with continued price rise, former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said, "While the Congress had repeatedly given the nation

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## Corruption in the North-East has affected the life of the people : Nitin Gadkari

*BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari led a delegation to the Rashtrapati Bhawan to hand over to the Hon'ble President Smt. Pratibha Patil a memorandum on the scams in Congress ruled states in the North East region on February 18.*

**Her Excellency Mrs. Pratibha Patil**

**Hon'ble President of India**

Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi

**Sub: Corruption in North East affecting development & poor people**

**Ref : BJP's Fact Finding Committee Report on the Scams of North East**

Your Excellency,

The whole Nation is worried about the scams taking place in India. It is said that 2010 was the year of scams. Confidence of the common man is shaken. Scams are affecting the development and pushing up the prices/*mehangai*.

Thousands of crores corruption in the North East States has affected the life of people. Development is suffering. Chief Minister, Ministers, Executive have been charged for corruption. Resources/funds of social welfare schemes, public distribution system are misappropriated, embezzled. Hardly 15% of the eligible poor, BPL families are getting foodgrain of PDS in north east. Rice to be distributed through public distribution system goes straight to black market and Bangladesh from FCI godowns. Transport contractors are none other than the family members of Ministers.

BJP appointed a Fact Finding Committee to find out and compile the quality and quantum of scam /corruption in North East. The Committee, after detailed work, field visit, interaction with experts and authorities, has submitted the Report to me. The Team visited Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and other parts of the North East to unearth & document the various scams in the North East. The Report says: **Hydro power Scam is another 2G Scam, 63,000 Crore Scams in North East states.**

The Hydro Power projects are of Rs 4,00,000 crores. Kickback is given per mega watt. Direct MOU signed, projects allotted for highly technical projects of hundreds of crores with just formed companies.

**Scams....**

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| Hydro Power Projects   | Rs.4,00,000 Crore | Hydro Kickback | Rs.20,000 Crore |
| Assam Scam             | Rs.20,000 Crore   | Manipur Scam   | Rs.5,000 Crore  |
| Arunachal Scam         | Rs.10,000 Crore   | Sikkim Scam    | Rs.3,000 Crore  |
| Nagaland, Mizoram Scam | Rs.5,000 Core     |                |                 |

Total corruption/ kickback is more than Rs 63,000 crores.

All the investigative agencies, regulators, authorities, social activists, NGOs, Opposition Parties have raised questions/concern about these scams. Courts have passed orders, CAG has passed strictures in their Reports, March 1-15, 2011 ○ 19



CVC and SIT (Special Investigative Team appointed by the Court), Media have castigated the authorities. Dozens of CAG reports on almost all the States reported the scam of thousands of crores.

**BJP Demands.**

- ▶ Special Courts to speed the judiciary process and to punish the Scamsters.
- ▶ Special investigation system and speedy and coordinated investigation by NIA, CBI and other agencies.
- ▶ Special audit of all these scams.
- ▶ Time bound action plan by the Government on the observations / strictures of Courts, CAG and other investigative agencies.
- ▶ Seizing the property of the scamsters and recovery of the public money.
- ▶ Strong action against the Ministers and officials found involved in Scams / Loot.

I take this opportunity to present this Report to you. As the Constitutional Head, I would urge you to ask the concerned authorities to have detail investigation and action to stop this misappropriation, embezzlement of public money. You are aware of the sensitivity of North East. Such scandalous administration affects people's faith in the democracy.

We are confident your directives will help to bring down corruption in the North East.

With kind regards,

**Yours  
Nitín Gadkari**

**Major Scams of North East**

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**Hydro Power Scam another 2G Scam**

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# Do a China on China

By Vikash Anand

In an article published in *Qiushi Journal*, official Organ of the Central Committee of ruling Communist Party of China, has termed increasing co-operation between US-India as 'unbearable'. It argued that Beijing must send a clear signal to these countries that it is ready to go to war to safeguard its national interest. Throughout the history of the new China (since 1949), the article states, peace in China has never been gained by giving in, but only through war. Safeguarding national interests is never achieved by mere negotiations, but by war.

It is well known that China is a belligerent and irresponsible power with imperialistic designs. For its national interest means nothing but grabbing territories of others. History is full of such examples, which prove its imperialist nature. India already has been a victim of Chinese imperialistic thrust. We have already lost about 38000 square kilometers of our territory to China in 1962 war.

The present UPA government does not seem to be keen to learn from the past experience with China. India continues to be complacent from emerging threat to her from China. To this article threatening war, our defence minister A. K Antony articulated that India was "not unduly worried" over China's military modernization. It is noteworthy that such threat

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is not new. An official meeting held at Leh on January 10, 2010 attended by officials from the Jammu and Kashmir government, Ministry of Home Affairs and Army had agreed that we lost substantial amount of land on boarder to China during the 20-25 years and encroachments on Indian Territory by Chinese troops are slow but nonstop. China is also developing a rail link near Indian borders. The article also warns that China is preparing for war. The development surrounding India manifests that China wants to encircle India from all sides. Nepal is strategically very important for India. There too, we seem to be a loser. Maoist's alliance has formed government in Nepal, which has proximity to China. Both these countries together provide logistic support to Indian insurgent groups. In spite of all these developments our Defence Minister says no need to be unduly worried over the new developments. The present UPA government at the Center seems to be toeing Nehruvian line in its policy towards China. Pandit Nehru had always been unconcerned about threat from China. His carelessness cost India a war in 1962 and loss of her territory to China.

The neighbour continues to prick India at every point it can. However, India is ready to go another mile to extend her hand of friendship. During the

recent visit of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to New Delhi, India establishment was patting its back that though India is not gaining on the political front yet, at least her trade with China is increasing. At that time both pledged to increase bilateral trade by \$100 billion from 49.5 billion dollar by 2015. It is notable that our trade relation with China is a zero-sum game. Indo- China trade is badly skewed in favour of China. That is why China is interested in increasing trade relation with India.

Now, the time has come to restructure Indian defence policy towards China keeping uppermost the interests of the nation in mind. Thrust of defence policy must move away from being more Pakistan centric and less China centric. We should increase our defence expenditure. China is far ahead of India in terms of expenditure on defence. China's defence budget, pegged at \$77.5 billion, is more than twice that of India's \$32-billion. We spend just 2.3 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product against China's six per cent. Chinese has high-tech security and surveillance system. But India does not seem to be keeping pace with China's strategic threats in high-tech surveillance system. For example, we take our police system. China provides mobile to the level of a constable, what India has not done so far while India provides an official mobile to the level of Sub divisional police officer.

India must formulate a 20-year plan to take on China. If we start from today then we will

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# Gadkari launches 'Water Management Cell' of BJP

**A** two-day seminar on 'Water Resources Management in India - Challenges Ahead' was held in New Delhi on February 18 and 19 to deliberate on adoption of innovative irrigation practices to overcome future challenges.

The seminar was organised by Water Management Cell of the BJP, which was launched by BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari on the same day. In his inaugural speech BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said, "It is a very important subject and with your discussions and deliberations, I am sure we will get a finite direction to work in some States on this front. If there was any biggest mistake that was done on the planning side in this country then it is not giving enough importance to water. We always talk about industrial growth rate but not about

agriculture growth rate."

He added, "When BJP comes to power at the Center, we will give top most priority to fix this mistake of neglecting the water management and agriculture growth rate. Currently, irrigation sector is in the states list. With limited resources available at their disposal, States are not able to do enough allocation to this crucial irrigation sector. This is leading to migration of rural population to urban areas which led to increase in urban poverty, increase in commodity prices etc. If 'water and irrigation' subjects are moved into the concurrent list, then the central government can help in financing the states on this crucial front."

He advised BJP ruled State governments to introduce the water conservation in the elementary, middle and higher education schools. "In Maharashtra, Nagpur

municipality is won by BJP. We are planning to give 24 hours of water supply to the citizens of Nagpur. With the same amount of water as available before, we are planning to get this accomplished. We can supply city's sewage water to the power plant near Nagpur and utilize the good waters that are being utilized by the power plant for drinking and irrigation purposes. Thus, management of water is an art and we can get the best out of it proper management," he added. He asked the cell to suggest appropriate inter connectivity projects and water conservation methods and come up with a blue print so that these can be implemented in the BJP ruling states right away and also can be implemented by the NDA Government when it comes to power at the Center.

BJP National Vice President





Smt.Najma Hephthulla and BJP National General Secretaries Smt. Vasundhara Raje Scindia and Shri J.P.Nadda, BJP National Spokesperson Shri Prakash Javadeker and All - India Coordinator of Morchas & Cells Shri Mahendra Pandey also took part in the sessions. Shri T.Hanumantha Rao, retired Engineer-in-Chief, AP and UN Consultant former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu and Shri Rajendra Singh the keynote speakers. In his address Shri Suresh Prabhu stressed the need for interlinking of rivers which was given importance during the earlier NDA Government but later was abandoned by the UPA Government. Shri Rajendra Singh, Ramon Magsaysay Award winner and the 'water man of India' spoke on the traditional water bodies and management. Shri Anil Dave, Member of Parliament from Madhya Pradesh also spoke on the individual and social responsibility to protect the water bodies. The Irrigation Ministers of NDA ruled state Shri Prakash Pant of Uttarakhand, Shri Basavaraj Bommai, Karnataka, Shri Jayant Mallayya, Madhya Pradesh, Shri Nitin Patel, Gujarat, Shri Satyanan Jhan Bhatul, Jharkhand, and Mr Hemachand Yadav, Chattisgarh gave presentation in the session on their state's policy regarding water management. The Seminar was conducted by National Convenor of Water Management Cell Shri Ram Vedire. (FOC) ■

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## UK OFBJP General secretary no more

### *Gadkari expresses deep sorrow on his demise*

Shri Anil Pota, General Secretary of overseas friends of BJP in the UK has died following a rare ailment, his family said on February 13. Shri Pota, a retired businessman, was 72 and is survived by his wife, three sons and five daughters. On his demise BJP National President expressing deep sorrow, said "I am deeply saddened by the news of untimely and unfortunate demise of Shri Anil Pota (General Secretary, Overseas Friends of BJP, UK). Shri Anil Pota has been sincere and committed party worker. He has contributed immensely in strengthening Overseas Friends of BJP's network not only in UK but all over world. He added, "Shri Pota's death is an irreparable loss to the party and his friends and family. I extend my heartfelt condolences and pray to God for solace to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family to bear the loss." ■

### **Gadkari appoints committee to examine and evaluate Electoral Reforms**

BJP President, Shri Nitin Gadkari on February 19 has appointed a committee under the Chairmanship of Party Vice President Shri. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi to consider all relevant issues concerning Electoral Reforms. The committee will be working under the guidance of senior Party leader Shri L. K. Advani. The committee comprises Shri Thawarchand Gehlot, Dr. Kirit Somaiya, Shri Anil Dave, Shri Ramapati Ram Tripathi, Shri Banwari Lal Purohit, Shri Satyapal Jain, Shri Ramakrishna Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe and Shri G. V. L. Narsimha Rao. ■

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leave China behind in 2030. We have also edge over China in young manpower. India has more young population than China.

We should do a China (Prepare and wait for your turn) on China. 'Prepare and wait for your turn is the thrust of China defence strategy in post cold war era. Any bilateral security concern that involves India with another country (mainly China and Pakistan) on her borders should be considered an enduring security concern regardless of how pacific the situation is at the moment or promises to remain in the future. We must always be in readiness to deal with a war every day.

Although India needs strong and visionary leadership to streamline its strategy and policy, India needs a leadership like that of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee who dared to conduct nuclear test and made India nuclear power. It placed India in P-5+1 nuclear club. Our pursuit of peace and good neighbourly relations should not mean surrender of our national interests and failure to protect them. ■

## Eradicate poverty, provide food, cloth and shelter to everyone : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

To distribute low cost food grains to BPL and APL families in Uttarakhand BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari launched '*Atal Khadyan Yojana*' in Dehradun on February 18, 2011.

Launching the *Yojana*, which envisages providing wheat at Rs ₹ per kg and rice at ₹ 3 per kg to the people, Shri Gadkari said it would benefit around 30 lakh in the State and has a potential to emerge as a model scheme for other States. "If you are in politics, your aim should not be to just become an MLA, a Minister, or a Chief Minister. Instead, you should aim at eradicating poverty and providing each and every person with food, clothing, and shelter," he said. Referring to the rotting of grain worth '58,000 crore due to lack of storage space, Shri Gadkari said it only reveals the extent of misrule by the Congress led UPA Government.

Shri Gadkari said he is proud to launch the scheme on the *punyatithi* of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay. Citing the progress witnessed by Uttarakhand since its inception with its GDP shooting from 2.1 to 9.41 per cent and per capita income growing from '14,000 to '42,000, he expressed hope that the Government will ensure leak-proof execution of the scheme so that the citizens can reap its benefits.

The BJP National President offered the example of



Chhattisgarh, where the public distribution system has won the appreciation of the Prime Minister. He asked the State food and supply department to follow the Chhattisgarh model while implementing the scheme. To make this scheme successful if you need to increase the commissions of PDS dealers then you increase their commission, Shri Gadkari said.

Addressing the gathering State Chief Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said the Government is committed to ensure that every citizen gets a square meal. Under the newly launched scheme, a BPL cardholder will be entitled to get 25 kg of rice at ₹ 3 per kg and 10 kg of wheat at ₹ 2 per kg. Those hit by natural disasters have been unable to cope with the current price rise and it is they who will be benefited by this

scheme.

Speaking on the occasion former Chief Minister Maj Gen BC Khanduri said that the programme of providing rations at cheaper price began during the regime of NDA headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Former Chief Minister Shri ND Tiwari also expressed his happiness at the naming of the scheme.

Food and Civil Supply Minister Shri Diwakar Bhatt said that the Government is dedicated to implementing this scheme on the ground level. To ensure leak-proof distribution, it has made preparations at the district level.

Following inauguration of the scheme, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Chief Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and others distributed 35 kg of foodgrain to beneficiaries. Cheques were also distributed to a few *Atal Awas Yojana* candidates. ■

## Efforts should be made to understand the mindset of new generation : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

Releasing a book named “Journalism and Deendayal Upadhyay” on Pundit Deendayal Upadhyay Punyatithi on 11 February 2011. BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said, “The most

key areas and we are now witnessing the consequences of it,” he added.

On the present economic scenario in the country, he said, “Government is buying Rs 70,000 crore aeroplanes when

country should ensure betterment of these people. If the country had followed this vision and thinking of Deendayalji, there would not have been the economic imbalance that we see today,” added, Shri Nitin Gadkari.

The book was edited by Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma. Published under the *Deendayal Samagrah*, a project started by the BJP recently, the book highlights the contribution and vision of Deendayalji in journalism. Apart from a galaxy of senior leaders intellectuals, writers and scholars, former Governor Shri Kidarnath Sahni, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Prof. Vijay kumar Malhotra, BJP National General Secretary Smt. Vasundhara Raje, Delhi BJP President Shri Vijendra Gupta and National Convenor of *Deendayal Samagrah* Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma were also present on the occasion. ■



polluted field is that of politics and for this, not individuals but political parties are at fault”.

“An effort should be made to understand the mindset of the new generation. They also have potential. If they are not working properly, it is not their fault, it is ours,” he said.

He said that even communism has changed across the world. “I do not want to comment on any ideology. Communism had fallen in its own backyard.

It (communism) has changed in Beijing. But in Kolkata, it has not changed. May be because of political reasons.

“Nehru was an intellectual. But his economic model did not give the required focus to development of village economy, irrigation and many

people are starving and farmers committing suicide”.

Shri Gadkari said there should be no gag on the media.

Pandit Deendayalji always thought for the welfare of economically deprived people, villagers, farmers and labourers. He wanted the policies in the





# He's *majboor* & 'guilty', admits Manmohan Singh

By Ram Prasad Tripathy

No one today, probably, understands the idiom "*bitter truth better not said*" better than Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. And the bitter truth is that the seven-year-old Congress-led UPA government of Dr. Manmohan Singh is crumbling under the weight of internal bickerings, unraveling of multiple scams and scandals, soaring prices and inflation and pathetic governance. His septuagenarian foreign minister mistakenly read another country's speech at the United Nations recently. Many of his colleagues are actively involved in corruption. His own name is getting smeared by the scandal over the sale of telecom licenses that caused huge loss to the national exchequer, the appointment of a 'tainted' person as CVC by him that have raised eyebrows on his sincerity and capacity to fight corruption. His former telecommunications minister A Raja was sacked and arrested and the Supreme Court took the unprecedented step of censuring the PM for failing to act sooner. Dr. Manmohan Singh has been charged with acting like a lame duck prime minister. All these probably happened for the first time in the democratic history of the nation. Until recently very few doubted the honesty of the Prime Minister as an individual despite his

government's pretty ordinary track record in governance and miserable performance on the economic and internal security fronts. But, the recent spate of scams and inaction by the Prime Minister has reduced his regime as the most corrupt in independent India's history. Antrix-Devas S-band spectrum scam is an issue where the Prime Minister's Office itself is under the scanner.

Today the Prime Minister is a shadow of his former self. Unearthing of humongous scams of monumental proportions carried out under his very nose has not only sullied his and his government's reputation, even the country has earned a bad name for all this with governance taking a back seat.

Never the one among the most articulate of speakers, a battered and beleaguered Dr. Manmohan Singh on February 16 decided to break his silence on several charges of scams to face the media and clear the air. Millions of ordinary Indians watched from beginning to the end PM's televised interaction with selected television journalists. But it only ended up in showing his helplessness and left the entire nation more disappointed with giving rise to more questions than providing answers.

The Prime Minister had hardly spoken to his countryman, the *aam aadmi* of India, on the various scams which have rocked the country one after the other. The only source of information to the common man has been the media or the voices from the opposition parties like the BJP. The nation hoped that this time the Prime Minister will be candid to clear the air and explain what went wrong with his government and how he intended to arrest them. The nation hoped for an inspirational leadership from the Prime Minister to reverse the rot that has set in with continuing decline in the credibility and image of India as a result of these scams. The media exercise turned out to be an exercise in futility with an intention to divert the attention of the nation from the charges of scams and more specifically to insulate the Prime Minister from these scams.

The nation was looking forward desperately for answers and not apologies from the Prime Minister who had an excuse for everything that went wrong. His excuses not only sounded illogical but juvenile too. The Prime Minister's blame on 'coalition dharma' as the cause for the ills afflicting India sounded miserable and made him appear as a man under siege. The PM perhaps forgot the

fact that the Commonwealth Games, the Adarsh Housing Society, the S-band spectrum scams, all lead the trail to his party and party colleagues. Though the acceptance of scams committed under his government was implicit in his speech, yet he appeared like a man not in command and who had been left to fend for himself: hapless and helpless. At a time when the nation was looking forward to Dr. Manmohan Singh talking tough talking and taking drastic action, it did not help his brighten his image when he said, "I am not as big a culprit as I am being made out to be". In other words, he did confess that he is "a culprit", but not that "big as being made out".

The Prime Minister seems to have completely ignored the constitutional provision which makes him and his council of ministers "collectively responsible". It is the accepted prerogative of a prime minister – and Dr. Manmohan Singh has reiterated it at times – to choose his team. But on appointment of former telecom minister A Raja the Prime Minister expressed his helplessness before the will of the coalition partner. Raja was the DMK party choice and hence he had no alternative but to bow before DMK wishes and had no authority to object to Raja's appointment. At the same time, it is also a fact that it was Dr. Manmohan Singh and Congress President Mrs. Sonia Gandhi who had both given Raja a clean chit saying he had done no wrong and had acted according to the policy of government.

Prime Minister declared: "I am not afraid of appearing before any committee, including a JPC.

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## Swaraj raises the issue of killing of Indian fishermen

The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj met Shri Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka at her residence on February 11. During this meeting, Smt.



Swaraj raised the issue of killing of Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy. She apprised the High Commissioner about her recent visit to Pushpavanam, Distt. Nagapatnam. During her visit, the families of the killed fishermen and other villagers informed her that they do not enter Sri Lankan water. However, some times the wind pressure pushes them inside that territory. The Leader of Opposition apprised the Sri Lankan High Commissioner about the people's anger and anguish relating to this issue.

The Sri Lankan High Commissioner informed Smt. Swaraj that his Government disapproves these killings. Further, he promised to convey her concerns to the highest authorities in Sri Lanka. (FOC) ■

And this is an entirely wrong impression that I was the one blocking the agreement on a JPC." If this was so, the Prime Minister owes an explanation to the nation as to why it took him more than three months to spell out his stand on JPC and after a full session of Parliament had been wasted.

Only in May 2010 the Prime Minister had volunteered to make way for Rahul Gandhi whenever the Party asked him to do so. But during his interaction he stressed his determination to complete his present term and complete his task. He is content

and comfortable in leading a scam tainted and scandal ridden government. The Prime Minister's silence on various scams has been as stunning as his media interaction to dissociate himself from all these.

The Prime Minister deliberately chose not to raise his voice on many issues lest that is seen as an assertion of his authority. But, it did raise the question whether our Prime Minister has a voice of his own? He is in office, as Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha once said, but not in power. ■

it lowered the national prestige and image in the international arena.

An investigation of the Defence ministry into the Adarsh Society scandal itself underlined the nexus between the builder, bureaucrat, politician and a few senior army officers. The impunity with which defence land meant for war widows was usurped for private purposes without a thought about its security implication is serious.

The ISRO- Devas has several dimensions – a cabal driving a fraud within the ISRO, a scarce national resource given for free, diversion of public fund for building custom-made satellites for private commercial use, etc. But the most frightening is the fact that a ‘golden band’ of spectrum -2.6 GHz- used by the Coast Guard and Intelligence was for the first time given for private commercial use! And this has happened, without following a transparent and accountable procedure.

The Department of Space under who the ISRO functions belong to a Ministry held by the Prime Minister himself. It is unacceptable that the PM does not seem to care for the principle of first among equals to take the ultimate responsibility for the cabinet decision. But in the S-Band scandal, it is a ministry directly under him. His silence on this matter too raises serious questions of complicity and culpability.

Just when the UPA government was about to withdraw a case against Ottavio Quattrocchi, an Income Tax Appellate Tribunal came out with a tax claim on the money earned through the Bofors transaction.

In other words there were kickbacks given and taken. Media produced witnesses on Mr Quattrocchi had unquestioned access to the first family of the Congress Party. The people of India are still waiting for answers on Bofors!

In each case, we find that in varying ways, the checks and balances built in the system have been by-passed or evaded. In a few cases, they have even been brazenly challenged! But nothing made the UPA to assert or correct course. Till date they have no coherent answers for their failures. They are either in a denial mode or completely silent. Their ministers speak out of turn, confuse and mislead – all aiming at covering up the scandals.

Clearly, only a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) can identify where the omissions and commissions have taken place- systemic failures, policy failures, the role of lobbyists in re-designing regulations and executing policies, and their role also in taking away what essentially is the prerogative of the PM-choosing his cabinet. Infrastructure development paralysed

During the NDA rule infrastructure was given high priority. The Golden Quadrilateral was built and completed in record time. Together with this the Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak

Yojana (PMGSY) was also taken up as top priority. All this has come to grinding halt, under the UPA. In fact, the Congress manifesto 2009 did not even talk about rural infrastructure.

At the end of UPA I nearly construction of nearly 33000kms

under the National Highway Development Project (NHDP) was stalled, as private investors stayed away. The minister had promised 35000kms of highways in five years. This could have been achieved only if at least 20kms/day was completed every day. Now, not even 8kms/day is being completed. The running feud between the Surface transport and the Planning Commission on target achieving capability of the ministry is well documented.

Building of minor ports has also suffered, everywhere; Gujarat alone due to its dynamism has succeeded in completing several minor ports in the state.

It is common knowledge that Air India is suffering and it is as if it is left to suffer with only occasional life saving cash infusions. A comprehensive package to revive the national carrier is absent. Even the private airlines have seen strikes and air safety continues to remain a matter of serious concern. It is reported that the Indian Railways, the largest employer in the world, is in deep financial crisis. Freight charges are going up but again passenger safety has been a continuing concern. The number of new lines awaiting clearance is growing, while those sanctioned are being built at snail's pace. Indian Business Partly Moving Out?

The flip-flops in decision making and the disconnect between the concerned ministries such as Industries, Environment, Home and Finance is sending out wrong signals. Obstacles to obtaining permissions are now becoming



insurmountable. Policy commitments made in the parliament are altered or being newly nuanced. State governments' decisions are being selectively questioned and sometimes even quashed.

There is a clear lack of cohesion in the government. Procrastination and staggering of decisions on matters of critical import are confusing investors. The time for furthering second generation reforms is running out. Corruption and nepotism at high levels are holding back investors. Absence of an enabling environment and lethargy in infrastructure development are casting doubts among industrialists.

Industries which are trying to set up manufacturing units are unable to get litigation-free land. Investor friendly states are being given step-motherly treatment. Unwritten taboos prevent PSUs from benefitting from vibrant economies within India.

In the words of an eminent banker, "The big boys are looking outside because it is easier to do business; it is simpler to do business..."

While it will be welcome for Indian business to expand outside India, they should not be discouraged from operating in India due to our corruption, nepotism or red tape.

Observing the recent trend, both agricultural and manufacturing sector have shown a decline in their growths. This again is a matter of worry and does not augur well for the investors.

"Ethical and Governance Deficit"?

These are the words of the  
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Home Minister P Chidambaram in an interview. As he rightly points out even if these concerns have existed for a long time, the efforts put in place by the present government to address them have been totally inadequate. There is a complete lack of governance.

Government's decisions lack credibility. Policies are framed too loosely and approvals obtained are being questioned subsequently. The appointment of the Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) was controversial and is now subject of legal scrutiny. However, his stubborn continuation in office and the government placing misleading half-truths in the apex court are worrisome. Leaders of Opposition treated unlawfully

Leaders of Opposition in the two houses of the parliament, Smt Sushma Swaraj and Shri Arun Jaitley who went to Jammu to address a rally were not even allowed to get off their aeroplane. They were without proper papers or authority made to wait in the tarmac of the airport and subsequently late in the night bundled out of the state of Jammu & Kashmir. The National Conference and the Congress led alliance government in J&K clearly denied their rights and were highhanded in mistreating leaders holding constitutional positions.

The ban on the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morch (BJYM) Tiranga Yatra and the hoisting of the national flag at the Lal Chowk is a shame. Clearly, it was an attempt to yield to the pressure of the separatists. This justified the very call for the yatra itself, which wanted to question this

psyche of those who appease the separatist and suppress the nationalists. They object to every symbol of national pride from the Kashmir valley.

### **Phone tapping on an unprecedented scale**

The disclosure by a private telecom operator on the scale of telephone tapping in the country is very serious. Telephones of individuals are tapped with due permission, only under security considerations or when issues of national security are involved. But tapping in this scale and number is frightening and raises serious questions about under what considerations they are being undertaken. The BJP demands a comprehensive official response from the government on this matter.

This government is suffering from a leadership deficit. The BJP charges the Congress led UPA government as totally responsible for the prevailing situation. It is unable and unwilling to lead and govern; sadly it wants only to remain in power! It does not take responsibility; it does not feel accountable except to itself and worse, it does not want even to answer.

The BJP demands

A Joint Parliamentary Committee to investigate the corruption scandals of this government. A statement from the Prime Minister specifically on the ISRO-Devas deal

### **Immediate steps to reduce food prices**

An official statement from the Government of India on the telephone tapping revelations which a private telecom operator has come out with. ■

corrupt regimes, the CPI(M) and Trinamool Congress have helped it in its corrupt acts at different times.”

The Congress has stashed away lakhs of crores in foreign banks and the Trinamool and the Left have propped it at the Centre at different times, he noted.

Shri Singh added that the BJP would bring all the black money back to India and earmark between Rs 15 crore to Rs 20 crore for each village for its development.

Congratulating West Bengal BJP President Shri Rahul Sinha for his good work in bringing the party alive, party in-charge of the State Shri Chandan Mitra MP said, “The BJP has come to Bengal not to leave halfway. We have come to the State with our eyes set on the Writers’ Buildings.”

While the CPI(M) has unleashed a reign of oppression and terror and rendered the State poor, by inviting the Maoists to Bengal, the Trinamool claims itself to be an alternative but is the other side of the same coin, Shri Mitra said.

Shri Mitra said the State was suffering from lack of growth on all sides - from health and education to industry and employment - he said, adding that Trinamool was equally corrupt and tyrannical. The situation is such that the people have to choose between the devil and the deep sea, he said.

The BJP rally, the biggest in recent times in West Bengal, was attended by a galaxy of senior leaders, including the Chief Ministers of Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. ■

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the 28 Lok Sabha seats in the State to help NDA come to power at the centre.

BJP National General Secretary Shri Ananth Kumar alleged that a cold war had started between AICC President Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The ministers were issuing contradictory statements on various issues while the UPA constituents were feeling that they had been let down by the Congress, he said.

Addressing the meeting Chief Minister Shri BS Yeddyurappa said that his Government was pro-poor and announced his decision to bring a separate agriculture budget this time.

He said the Congress used different means, including misuse of Raj Bhavan, to destabilise the BJP Government. But we are confident that BJP will continue to serve people the way he has served them in the last three years.

Earlier on February 18, 2011 a small booklet “*Karyakartara Kaidivige*” (Handlamp for workers) was released by the Chief Minister. This booklet along with a small booklet containing the achievements of the Government in 1000 days along with a small handout containing Vande Matharam, Nadageethe & Raittha Geethe was distributed to all invitees and *Karyakartas* on the occasion. ■



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for the overall development of the country.

Describing Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh as a shadow PM, Shri Sharad Yadav said despite second consecutive term of the UPA at the Centre, it is yet to clear as to who is actually running the Government.

Blaming the Congress for price rise, the NDA convenor said that there has always been high rate of inflation with the Congress rule. The prices were under control when Shri Morarji Desai and Shri A B Vajpayee were Prime Ministers, he maintained, and alleged that the Congress always come to loot the people and the country.

Addressing the gathering former Rajasthan Chief Minister and BJP National General Secretary Smt. Vasundhara Raje Scindia criticized the land acquisition policy of the Congress government in Haryana and said that officials who had been opposing or exposing scams were being victimized. She said that a scam worth Rs 27 crore had been unearthed in the implementation of the MNREGA scheme in Ambala district. At the national level, this scam could run into around Rs 15,000 crore, she added.

Among others Akali Dal leader Shri Manjit Singh, Shiv Sena leader Shri Anil Kulkarni, State BJP President Shri Krishanpal Gujjar, BJP National Secretary Shri Kirit Somaya, National BJP Kisan Morcha President Shri Om Prakash Dhankar were among those who addressed the rally. ■